

# S2C...Baldwin School District's School-to-Career Advisory Breakfast

Fall 2009

## First Nursing Assistant Graduates

Sandra Mahoney, VP of United Way of Long Island and former administrator at SUNY Farmingdale, praised the nine Baldwin High School students who completed the certified nursing assistant (CNA) program at SUNY Farmingdale this past summer. Ms. Mahoney noted that the three-week course taught by nursing faculty was followed by a three-week internship at Huntington Hills Nursing Home.

This is the only program of its kind for high school students on a college campus, and the students needed an 85 average to qualify for clinical training.

CNA student Allisson Espinal said her new skills in patient care were tested at the nursing home, but she truly enjoyed listening to residents reminisce about poodle skirts and World War II. "I have learned to be patient and



*Mrs. Mahoney (center) with (left to right) Pamasia Kellam, Sherise Ming, Vashty Smith, Allisson Espinal, Natalie Brown, and Nia Campbell. Missing from photo: Jennifer Villalabos, Yanci Interiano, and Erika Duran*

sympathetic as I continue on my career path toward being an RN," said Allisson.

## Baldwin Teacher and Student Soar in Space Camp

Baldwin High School science teacher Christopher Sheehan and Baldwin Middle School student



*Northrop-Grumman Community Rep Vicki Payne, Arlethia Hayes and Chris Sheehan*

Arlethia Hayes talked about their experiences at space camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Alabama last summer, sponsored by Northrop-Grumman.

While Mr. Sheehan simulated replacing cracked tiles on the Space Shuttle and experienced lunar gravity, Arlethia reenacted the role of observing engine glitches as a Mission Control

Specialist and rode stomach-turning machines that made her feel like she was truly in space. Said Arlethia, "Astronaut training is fun but challenging," as she learned many formulas that will be helpful in Earth Science. Mr. Sheehan also participated in several professional development workshops that he will incorporate back into the classroom curriculum.

## Teens are on the Job

The Teens-on-the-Job Shadow Day is set for February 2, 2010. This will be the 16th year that Baldwin students will participate in the program. Sophomores will travel in pairs to job sites throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties to experience a typical work day. Home and Careers teacher Margaret Hill said that although the Mentoring Partnership of Long Island lost its funding to sponsor the program this year, Baldwin has received resources from the organization to continue this popular shadow day.

## Thanks for the Mentoring

A round of applause was given to all the volunteers in the Mentoring Program for their time, including State Farm for their on-going financial support. "Your warm embrace helps our students to shine," said Assistant Superintendent for Instruction James Scannell.

### UPCOMING DATES..

Nov. 16 - Mentoring Training Workshop  
Nov. 19 - Deloitte Touche Shadow Day

## Hofstra Accounting Program Adds Up

Eight Baldwin High School students who excelled in the College Accounting class went



*Cara McConnache, Tony Michael Jones, Ana Tokic, Stacey Jallall, James Lowe, and Dejanaey Brown with Arlene Isaacs-Lowe. Missing from photo: Alyssa Khan and Nick Salamone*

through a formal interviewing process to be selected for the Hofstra University Career Opportunities in the Accounting Profession (COAP) program last summer. The students attended classes in business and accounting and lived on the college campus. Mr. Rudish introduced James Lowe, who participated in COAP and enjoyed taking classes as if he were really in college. James said the classes

were very informative and he learned the important skill of networking. The program helped him focus on his goal - a college degree in business management so he can start his own business.

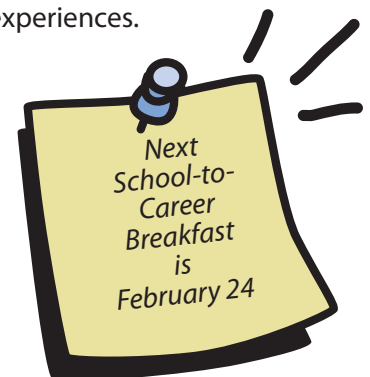
Accounting teacher Jason Rudish gave special thanks to Arlene Isaacs-Lowe, Baldwin resident and member of the New York State Society of CPAs, who supports Baldwin students in this program.

## Introducing the Career Academy Concept

Starting this year, Baldwin High School is piloting an ambitious new S2C program - Career Academies in Engineering, Business and Medicine. Assistant Principal Rich Miskiewicz explained this will create small learning communities that will allow students to more deeply engage in an area of study and relate their school work to a future profession. Science Chairperson

Barbara Riess said students will start their academy preparation in 9th grade. This year, there are 18 students enrolled in engineering, 48 students in medicine, and 15 students in business. The curriculum will be immersed with career activities and have a computer component. Business partners Motorola, Northrop Grumman, South Nassau Communities Hospital, Mercy

Medical Center and Citibank will provide shadow and/or work experiences.



## School to Career Objectives



The S2C theme for this school year is "Teaching 21st Century Skills." The objective is to help students acquire the tools they need to succeed in the current job market through teamwork and networking between our business partners, district administration, teachers and support staff.

### Special Tech Project with Jones Beach!

*Students in Scott Peritz's Advanced Woodworking class have been invited by Jones Beach State Park to build a 10x14-foot garage that will house a 4-wheel drive lifeguard vehicle. The students will build the structure parts during class and assemble the garage on site in the spring.*

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