

SPRING/SUMMER 2007



GRPS REPORT CARD

HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY

On June 6, 2007, Mr. Kenneth Rota, Principal of Glen Ridge High School, presided over the 2006-2007 Academic Awards Assembly where over 75 awards and scholarships were presented to the following students:

National Merit Finalist: *Julia Rogers*

Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars Program: *Andrew Bergmanson, Ryan Carlson, Adrienne Cohen, Laura Fileti, Stephanie Freitag, Edan Lisovicz, Kyle Mulligan, Jacob Robbins, Julia Rogers, and Andrew Weckenmann*

National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students: *Andrew Bergmanson, Ryan Carlson, Zach Halpern, Shannon Kiernan and Jacob Robbins*

Isabel M. Hickman 4-year Scholarship by NJ Retired Educators Association: *Julia Rogers*

Robert Buckley Memorial Scholarship: *Max Cadmus*

Glen Ridge Home & School Association Scholarship: *Carolyn Mueller and Alexandra Haigler*

Women's Club of Glen Ridge: *Martel Catalano*

Schweppe-Burgdorff-ERA: *Janeé Banks*

Kelly Curtis Memorial Scholarship: *Leon des Lauriers and Michael Dalton*

Robert Lowe Memorial Award (Rotary Club): *LaShawn Brown*

South End Association Scholarship: *Ashley Weining*

Glen Ridge High School Theatre Arts Award: *Margot Levinson (Acting) and Laura Fileti (Crew)*

Mills Memorial Scholarship: *Andrew Bergmanson*

William C. Schenck, III Memorial Fund: *Anthony Costella, Max Thiele and Anna Greulich*

Sandra Woodhull Schenck Memorial Fund: *Shannon Kiernan, Isabel McLoughlin, Alexandra Kerke and Leah Shapiro*

Hickson Memorial Scholarship: *Ryan Carlson, Aubrey Ellertson and Julia Rogers*

Friends of the Glen Ridge Library Scholarship: *Max Cadmus*

Association for the Cultural Education of Glen Ridge (ACE): *Amanda Alampi*

Mark Buttitta Memorial Scholarship: *Anthony Costella*

GRASE (Glen Ridge Assoc. for Special Education) Scholarship: *Carolyn Mueller and James Gerhardt*

Girls' Club of Glen Ridge Scholarship: *Martel Catalano, Adria DeSimone, Allie Goodchild, Alexandra Haigler, Isabel McLoughlin, Carolyn Mueller, Katherine Mueller, Brooke Schnabel and Meryl Stevenson*

Mary Romeo Memorial Scholarship: *Adria DeSimone*

Gas Lamp Players High School Drama Award: *Margot Levinson*

American Red Cross: *Max Gieser*

Van Wynen Scholarship: *Alexandra Haigler and Leon des Lauriers*

R. Tyler Hodgson Memorial Renaissance Award: *Edan Lisovicz*

John A. Candela Memorial Scholarship: *Max Thiele*

Fairfield University Book Award: *James Levinsohn*

Glen Ridge Seniors Golden Circle Award: *Meryl Stevenson*

League of Women Voters: *Allison Barrentine*

Nutley Chevrolet-Buick Award: *Ashley Weining*

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Teddy Williams Memorial Scholarship: *Amanda Alampi, Anthony Costella, Aubrey Ellertson, Carolyn Mueller and Katherine Mueller*

Glen Ridge Kiwanis Club: *Andrew Bergmanson and Anthony Costella*

Thomas H. Bowden, Jr. Memorial Scholarship: *Adria DeSimone*

The Star-Ledger Scholar: *Julia Rogers*

Glen Ridge Education Association (GREA) Scholarship: *Amanda Alampi, Adrienne Cohen, Anna Greulich and Ashley Weining*

Math Department Award: *Julia Rogers*

English Department Award: *Michele Ross*

Social Studies Department Award: *Adrienne Cohen*

Science Department Award: *Julia Rogers*

Physical Education Department Award: *Andrew Sammon*

Fine Arts Department Award: *Sueann Williams*

French Department Award: *Andrew Bergmanson and Adrienne Cohen*

Spanish Department Award: *Julia Rogers*

Choral Award: *Margot Levinson*

Louis Armstrong Award: *Edward Leigh*

John Philip Sousa Award: *Julia Rogers*

Computer Science Award: *Adrienne Cohen*

2007 U.S.A. Biology Olympiad:
Finalist - *Julia Rogers*
Semi-Finalists - *Jacob Gerbino, Andrew Schulman and Joseph Woodruff*

H.E.R.O. Program Award: *LaShawn Brown*

Student Council Awards: *President - Edan Lisovicz*
Vice President - Michele Ross
Secretary - Adrienne Cohen
Treasurer - Andrew Schulman

GRAPA Art Scholarship Awards:
First Place - *Sueann Williams*
Second Place - *Caitlin Johnson*
Honorable Mention - *Alexandra Pearson, Martel Catalano, Alexandra Kerke and Laura Fileti*

Paper Mill Playhouse 2nd Annual Student Art Contest Award:

First Place - *Sueann Williams*

Honorable Mention - *Martel Catalano and Alexandra Pearson*

Kinnelon Education Association Scholarship: *Jacob Robbins*

Principal's Leadership Award: *Amanda Alampi*

Police Benevolent Association Scholarship: *Lisa Giambrone and Anthony Costella*

R.I.T. Computing Medals: *Amanda Provost and Will Delorm*

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Award: *Vincent Ning*

Rotary Youth Leadership Award: *Max Mitchell and Tommasa Aiello*

Yale Book Award: *Jane Heye*

Academic Achievement Awards Class of 2006:

Tommasa Aiello, Amanda Alampi, Janeé Banks, Andrew Bergmanson, Emily Blanz, Ryan Carlson, Martel Catalano, Adrienne Cohen, Erika Coreri, Anthony Costella, Leon des Lauriers, Aubrey Ellertson, Laura Fileti, Danielle Fleming, Matthew Foster, Stephanie Freitag, Melissa Gill, Alexandra Goodchild, Anna Greulich, Zachary Halpern, Daniel Harris, Caitlin Johnson, Alexa Kessler, Shannon Kiernan, Margot Levinson, Edan Lisovicz, Isabel McLoughlin, Maxwell Mitchell, Karl Molin, Katherine Mueller, John Muller, Kyle Mulligan, John



O'Brien, Alexandra Pearson, Karen Persing, Elizabeth Ritchie, Jacob Robbins, Julia Rogers, Michele Ross, Perri Rossi, Andrew Schulman, Leah Shapiro, Vladislav Shove, Meryl Stevenson, Christopher Valente, Christopher Vitulano, Andrew Weckenmann, Ashley Weining and Lauren Wyatt

Salutatorian: *Andrew Bergmanson*

Valedictorian: *Julia Rogers*

On behalf of the High School Administration and the Glen Ridge Board of Education, we would like to congratulate the award recipients and also thank all the organizations that contributed to these awards and scholarships.



GLEN RIDGE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT & BOOSTER CLUB HONOR SENIOR ATHLETES

On Thursday, June 7, 2007, the Glen Ridge High School Athletic Department along with the Glen Ridge Booster Club, honored senior athletes during their annual awards dinner. The following award recipients were honored:

Glen Ridge Athletic Association Scholarships (GRAA): *Edan Lisovicz, Kyle Mulligan, Katie Mueller and Max Thiele*

Scott Thompson Memorial Scholarship: *Anthony Costella*

Glen Ridge Booster Club Scholarships: *Meryl Stevenson and Kyle Mulligan*

Glen Ridge Athletic Association Outstanding Male Athlete: *Andrew Weckenmann*

Glen Ridge Athletic Association Outstanding Female Athlete: *Karen Persing*

Rotary 4-Year Award (Male): *Andrew Sammon*

Rotary 4-Year Award (Female): *Adria DeSimone*

Glen Ridge Education Association Male Sportsmanship Award: *David Capovilla*

Glen Ridge Education Association Female Sportsmanship Award: *Meryl Stevenson*

Kiwanis George Marshall Award (Male): *Max Thiele and Christopher Vitulano*

Kiwanis George Marshall Award (Female): *Ashley Weining*

Glen Ridge High School Scholar Male Athlete: *Kyle Mulligan*

Glen Ridge High School Scholar Female Athlete: *Adrienne Cohen*

Essex County Athletic Directors' Award (Male): *Kyle Mulligan*

Essex County Athletic Directors' Award (Female): *Adrienne Cohen*

Men of Essex Distinguished Athlete Award: *Kyle Mulligan*

NJ Scholar/Athlete Award (ETS) Male: *Edan Lisovicz*

NJ Scholar/Athlete Award (ETS) Female: *Anna Gruelich and Meryl Stevenson*

NJSIAA Scholar Athlete: *Andrew Weckenmann*

U.S. Marine Distinguished Athlete Award: *Jacob Robbins and Meryl Stevenson*

GRHS SCIENCE TEAM EARNS HONORS

For the second consecutive year, the Glen Ridge High School Biology team finished 1st in the state. The team, coached by Mrs. Mary Jane Roethlin, was composed of Will Younger, Joe Woodruff, Vincent Ning and Hannah Wilson. They competed against students from over 125 other schools in New Jersey. This achievement places the team and its members in a very elite group.

The Biology team was also very successful during the 52nd Annual Merck State Science Day. Juniors Hannah Wilson and Joe Woodruff tied for 2nd place in the state during the competition. They will be honored as "Merck Scholars" at an awards ceremony sponsored by the Merck Corporation.

For a second year in a row, Julia Rogers was selected as one of only 20 students nationally to compete in the National Biology Olympiad. Julia was awarded a silver medal at this year's competition. Andrew Schulman, Jacob Gerbino and Joe Woodruff were semi-finalists in the competition.

The Earth Science team which consisted of 8th graders Julie Hutchinson, Thayer Mukherjee, Christian Dingle, Alexander Darby and Rene Francolini placed 10th in the state of New Jersey while competing against high school students.





Glen Ridge Kitchen Tour and SCRIP Program Fund Projects

Thanks to the generous donations of funds collected through last fall's Kitchen Tour and the ongoing Glen Ridge SCRIP Program, the renovation of the Ridgewood Avenue School auditorium's exterior steps and the replacement of the doors has been completed. The Alternative Funding Committee, an ad hoc committee of the Board of Education that oversees both of these programs, generously donated \$40,820 to this project.

Without the financial help of these groups, many projects would continue to get bumped from the annual budget. We are very fortunate that groups like the Glen Ridge Educational Foundation commit to large-scale projects such as the interior renovation of the auditorium that took place last year. Now, thanks to this most recent donation from the Alternative Funding Committee, the exterior of the auditorium compliments the interior.

The Glen Ridge Kitchen Tour is a biennial event that highlights several kitchens in town, as well as providing a wonderful showcase for local chefs, caterers, and restaurants. Last fall's tour was chaired by Tricia Barrett, who said it was "an honor to work with the dedicated, creative team of volunteers whose great effort made for an incredible event and a lasting result at Ridgewood Avenue School." Ms. Barrett added that she was "thrilled to see the work starting on the auditorium entrance."

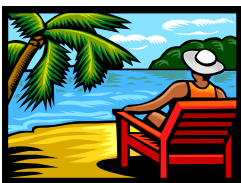
The Glen Ridge SCRIP Program, which runs during the school year with only a brief hiatus during the summer, contributed more than \$8,000 to the auditorium exterior project. Since its inception in February 2003, the SCRIP program has raised more than \$60,000 by encouraging residents to purchase grocery store gift cards in advance of their shopping trips. The grocery stores - Kings, ShopRite, A&P, Pathmark and Stop & Shop - give back 5% of every purchase made with the SCRIP gift cards used at their stores. Also, during the winter holidays and spring season, the program offers additional gift card sales, where residents can purchase cards from various retail, entertainment and dining venues.

"The Glen Ridge SCRIP Program is a win-win for everybody," says Alternative Funding Co-Chair Julie Mason. "Every dollar that you put into SCRIP comes right back in the form of gift cards. There is no out-of-pocket expense. Every time you shop, you can contribute to the schools."

The program usually has inventory available over the summer months, so if you need to replenish your supply, feel free to contact Julie Mason at 973.748.1789 or you can email her at mason346@comcast.net. For more information about the Glen Ridge SCRIP program visit our website at www.glenridge.org.

GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIRE

Four long-standing Glen Ridge Public School employees retired in the 2006-2007 school year. *Anne Avigdor*, English teacher, and *Danielle Chilakos*, Social Studies teacher, both from Glen Ridge High School retired as of the end of the 2006-2007 school year. *Janice Loschiavo*, School Nurse at Forest Avenue School retired in February 2007, and *Gerald Juzdan*, Art teacher at Linden and Forest Avenue Schools retired in May 2007.



Each of these employees has contributed to the lives of thousands of Glen Ridge students during their years of service in the district. Although they will be missed, we wish them the best of luck and good health during their well-deserved retirement.

Congratulations!



GRAF AWARDS INNOVATION GRANTS

Each year, the Glen Ridge Educational Foundation (GRAF) awards innovation grants to the schools for various academic programs. Congratulations to this year's following recipients:

FALL 2006

- *Cynthia Barrow - A Peaceful Pow-Wow*
- *J.D. Ruffilo - Setting the Set*
- *Jack DeWitt & Deborah Fitzpatrick - The Caring, Sharing Library*
- *Lisa Petruzzi - Forest Avenue School's Giving Tree*

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- *Eileen Ippolito - Community Poetry*
- *Collette Pretre - Showcase New Jersey*
- *Erin Goldstein & Jody Walsh - Math & Literature: Perfect Together*
- *Darleen Kennedy - Calculation Island*
- *Mary Lynn Savio - Expanding Our Virtual Library With eBooks*
- *Lisa Walter & Jamie Lally - Reading Resources*
- *Cristina Jerolimic - Language Library*

The GRAF has provided funds for over 200 innovation grants and has raised in excess of \$600,000 for grants and major projects. In addition, they have raised over \$500,000 to renovate the Ridgewood Avenue School auditorium. We thank this organization for their generosity and continued support of the Glen Ridge Public Schools.

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The Glen Ridge Public School District adheres to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which requires that no qualified handicapped person shall, on the basis of handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance.

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