

2014 NYSUT Community Service Awards

Community Service Awards

IN-SERVICE

Timothy Brown

BOCES Staff Association
Rockland County

Lucille Goldsmith

Somers Faculty Association

Judith Thompson

NYSUT United Center
Employee Association

Cathleen Cavanaugh

Patchogue Medford Congress
of Teachers

Debra Kydon

BOCES Staff Association
Rockland County

PSC members of Occupy Sandy

Professional Staff Congress

Marie Wood-Smith

BOCES Staff Association
Rockland County

RETIREES

Helen Anderson

United Federation
of Teachers

Marion Durney

United Federation
of Teachers

Sandra Ostoyich

Retiree Council 13

Gail Rogals

Retiree Council 21

Joseph Bernocco

Retiree Council 12

Ellen Edelstein

Retiree Council 21

Amelia Parrish

Joint Retiree Council 44

Emily Schreiber

Retiree Council 18
ED 17 & RC 17

Andrea Curran

Retiree Council 20

Andrienne Giannadeo

Retiree Council 23

Sharon Peck Silvio

Retiree Council 5

Kathleen Scutt

Retiree Council 7

Anne Devlin

United Federation
of Teachers

Eleanor Martin

United Federation
of Teachers

Mary Raymond

Retiree Council 4

James Stolis

Retiree Council 10

Gretchen Duling, Ph.D

Retiree Council 2

Matthew Ostoyich

Retiree Council 13

Sara Rodland

Joint Retiree Council 44

NYSUT Life Line Honor Roll



Established by NYSUT in 1998, to recognize the brave efforts of our members who risk their own safety to secure the safety of another.

Jennifer Berie

Sackets Harbor Teachers Association

On June 4, 2013, Berie donated one of her kidneys to a former student and helped save his life.

Kathleen Martin

Smithtown Teachers Association

Martin successfully performed CPR and helped save the life of a fellow teacher who was in cardiac arrest.

Robert Kuba

Indian River Education Association

A quick-thinking high school science teacher, Kuba successfully prevented a tragedy from occurring by grabbing a rifle away from a 15-year-old student in his class.

Dominic Narcisco

Somers Faculty Association

Narcisco started CPR on a student while waiting for paramedics to arrive, saving the life of a student.

Local Community Service Awards

Created as a result of a resolution passed at the 1996 NYSUT RA, this award recognizes those locals that have made a collective and sustained contribution to community service during the previous year. The efforts on the part of these locals have not only enhanced the learning opportunities of students, but also enriched the quality of life in their communities.

Amityville Teachers Association

Robert Claps, President

The Amityville Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Amityville Heritage Fair and Fall Festival.
- Contributing \$4,250 to various charities.
- Awarding \$4,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors, and students pre-K-12 for "Excellence in Writing."
- Sponsoring Amityville High School "Sports Hall of Fame."

Arlington Teachers Association

Robert Maier, President

The Arlington Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Rebuilding Together Dutchess County.
- Contributing over \$3,000 to the Arlington Education Foundation.
- Awarding \$500 in scholarships to graduating seniors pursuing a career in education.
- Sponsoring a holiday coat drive to benefit local shelters.

Bay Shore Classroom Teachers Association

Darlene Darch, President

The Bay Shore Classroom Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Contributing \$12,000 to the Dollars for Scholars Scholarships.
- Contributing \$4,000 to the American Cancer Society.
- Contributing \$300 to the Special Olympics.
- Contributing \$100 to the Bay Shore High School drama production.

Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers

Mark Steinberg, President

The Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Live United.
- Contributing a total of \$4,980 to various charities.
- Awarding \$600 scholarships to 10 senior high school students.
- Sponsoring ALS Ride for Life.

Bethpage Congress of Teachers

Karen Thomas, President

The Bethpage Congress of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in an annual senior citizen prom.
- Contributing over \$2,000 for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Awarding a \$200 scholarship to high school students on an annual basis.
- Sponsoring "Safe Halloween."

Buffalo Teachers Federation, Inc.

Philip Rumore, President

The Buffalo Teachers Federation, Inc. consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the BTF annual Thanksgiving food drive.
- Contributing \$3,000 to the Variety Club Telethon.
- Awarding 34,000 books – one to each student in the Buffalo public schools.
- Sponsoring YMCA youth programs.

Carthage Teachers Association

Patricia Sheehan, President

The Carthage Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in a "Stuff a Bus" community food drive for a local food pantry.
- Contributing to various charities.
- Awarding \$2,500 in scholarships to graduating seniors and \$500 annual scholarships in memory of a CCSD Special Education teacher.
- Sponsoring an 8th grade moving up breakfast.

Cassadaga Valley Faculty Association

Stephen Helwig, President

The Cassadaga Valley Faculty Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in an honors dinner for middle school honor roll students and their families.
- Contributing to various charities.
- Awarding \$3,000 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring a team for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

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Central Islip Teachers Association

Michael Romano, President

The Central Islip Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Little League opening day.
- Contributing to the Civic Council food drive.
- Awarding \$56,250 in scholarships to 22 graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring community movie night.

Cheektowaga Central Teachers Association

Jeffrey Kuemmel, President

The Cheektowaga Central Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating at the One Nation March in Washington, DC.
- Contributing to United Way.
- Awarding tenure pins to all newly tenured members.
- Sponsoring quarterly social activities at local restaurants.

Connetquot Teachers Association

Anthony Felicio, President

The Connetquot Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Contributing \$3,726.16 to various charities.
- Awarding six graduating seniors from Connetquot High School a \$500 scholarship.
- Sponsoring a Connetquot youth organization and Sunrise Little League.

Eden Teachers Association

Colleen Kot, President

The Eden Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the boys and girls movie night fundraiser.
- Contributing to the Eden Volunteer Fire Department.
- Awarding a \$1,500 scholarship to Andrea Stayzer.
- Sponsoring the Eden Athletic Association and a softball team.

Erie 1 Professional Education Association

Joseph Borgisi, President

The Erie 1 Professional Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Contributing to various charities.
- Awarding \$1,000 scholarships to 10 EPEA members' dependents.
- Sponsoring the Buffalo Niagara Concert Band.

Faculty Association Suffolk Community College

Kevin Peterman, President

The Faculty Association Suffolk Community College consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Contributing \$1,145 to the American Cancer Society.
- Awarding \$50,000 to the Ellen Schuler Mauk Endowed Scholarship.
- Sponsoring Embracing Our Differences.

Farmingdale Federation of Teachers

Claire Zatorski, President

The Farmingdale Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Farmingdale Community Summit and Health Expo.
- Contributing to the YES counseling center.
- Awarding \$5,750 in scholarships to graduating seniors and elementary and middle school graduates.
- Sponsoring a youth baseball team in Farmingdale.

Harrison Association of Teachers

Karen Magee, President

The Harrison Association of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the "Our Start the Year Off Right Program."
- Contributing to various charities.
- Awarding over \$8,000 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring "It's Great to Live in Harrison" Day.

Hastings Teachers Association

Nate Morgan, President

The Hastings Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the canned food drive at the local A&P.
- Contributing over \$12,000 to VOTE-COPE.
- Awarding \$1,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring Hastings travel lacrosse.

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Hempstead Classroom Teachers Association

Elias Mestizo, President

The Hempstead Classroom Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Toys for Tots.
- Contributing \$6,000 to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and local support through gift cards to families in need.
- Awarding \$4,000 in scholarships to two graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring a Hempstead baseball Little League team.

Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association

Frederic Stark, President

The Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in a "One World" celebration of cultural shares.
- Contributing \$200 to the following charities: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and American Cancer Society.
- Awarding \$500 in scholarships to deserving students who have shown leadership and responsibility to members of our Hewlett-Woodmere community, grades 1-12
- Sponsoring a household food drive to help victims of Hurricane Sandy repair and reclaim their normalcy.

Hicksville Congress of Teachers

Joan Deem, President

The Hicksville Congress of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Hicksville school district's annual homecoming fair and wellness fair.
- Contributing to various charities.
- Awarding \$3,750 in scholarships to Hicksville seniors.
- Sponsoring an annual essay contest awarding \$250 in prizes to four students and one teacher member.

Island Park Faculty Association

Patricia Collins, President

The Island Park Faculty Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Alumni basketball/volleyball game.
- Contributing to Autism Speaks.
- Awarding \$5,400 in scholarships to students who graduated high school in June 2013.
- Sponsoring a needy family and holiday toy drive.

Jamestown Teachers Association

Christopher Reilly, President

The Jamestown Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Contributing \$4,110 to various charities.
- Awarding \$3,000 in scholarships to three high school students going into the field of education.
- Sponsoring the JHS band program ad.

Jericho Teachers Association

Ronald Verderber, President

The Jericho Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in various local food drives.
- Contributing to the Jericho Educational Foundation.
- Awarding \$1,600 in scholarships to the Jericho High School scholarship fund.
- Sponsoring the Jericho Athletic Association team.

Kenmore Teachers Association

Peter Stuhlmiller, President

The Kenmore Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Ken-Ton local clean-up day.
- Contributing to Theater West.
- Awarding \$1,400 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring KTA Beacon Award for 750 deserving K-12 students in the district.

Lawrence Teachers Association

Lori Skonberg, President

The Lawrence Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in a local food drive for community members for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Contributing to the Guide Dog Foundation.
- Awarding \$200 to 10 graduating seniors in June 2013.
- Sponsoring the Lawrence Education Foundation.

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Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

Steve Freeman, President

The Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the 2013 March of Dimes “March for Babies.”
- Contributing to the Long Beach Police Benevolent Fund.
- Awarding \$1,000 in scholarships to two Long Beach High School seniors interested in pursuing a career in teaching.
- Sponsoring a Long Beach Little League team.

Lynbrook Teachers Association

Craig Kirchenberg, President

The Lynbrook Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the 4th annual Child ID program.
- Contributing more than \$8,000 to various charities.
- Awarding \$10,300 in scholarships to graduating seniors and children of Lynbrook teachers.
- Sponsoring Fly With The Owls run/walk event.

Mahopac Teachers Association

Michael Hunt, President

The Mahopac Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Newton fundraiser.
- Contributing to the American Cancer Society.
- Awarding \$5,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring Relay for Life.

Malverne Teachers Association

Michelle Thomas, President

The Malverne Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in a 5K Run for Education.
- Contributing \$500 to various charities.
- Awarding \$1,500 in scholarships to the valedictorian, salutatorian, Malverne Friend of Education and Malverne Elementary School Camp fund for students.
- Sponsoring Malverne education and fitness foundation run.

Marion Teachers Association

Michael Herlan, President

The Marion Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Contributing \$500 to the Angel Tree and Marion Health Aid Fund.
- Awarding \$500 in scholarships to the senior class of 2013.
- Sponsoring the Special Olympics students at Marion.

Massapequa Federation of Teachers

Tomia Smith, President

The Massapequa Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Massapequa’s wellness run.
- Contributing to Massapequa’s music department.
- Contributing to Massapequa’s challenger program.
- Awarding scholarships to students going into education or labor relations fields.

Middle Country Teachers Association

Nadia Resnikoff, President

The Middle Country Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in holiday cards to a local veterans’ home.
- Contributing \$1,500 to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Awarding scholarships to graduating seniors in our district.
- Awarding TA scholarships.

Mineola Teachers Association

Teresa Perrotta Hafner, President

The Mineola Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Chamber of Commerce.
- Contributing \$2,000 to NYSUT and AFT Disaster Relief Funds.
- Awarding \$14,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors of Mineola.
- Sponsoring new teacher orientation.

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Mount Sinai Teachers Association

Mitchell Wolman, President

The Mount Sinai Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Building Hope for Long Island.
- Contributing \$9,800 to various charities.
- Awarding \$750 in scholarships to eight students.
- Sponsoring the Drama Booster Club.

Mount Pleasant Teachers Association

Ellen Igo, President

The Mount Pleasant Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Mt. Pleasant Education Foundation.
- Contributing to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.
- Awarding \$3,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring Sherman Park Little League.

Newark Teachers Association

Mary Daly, President

The Newark Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Newark Teachers Association New Driver Safety Support program.
- Contributing to the United Way Campaign, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and Newark Public Library.
- Awarding a \$500 scholarship to a Newark High School graduating senior who has chosen to enter the field of education.
- Sponsoring a local food drive to benefit/support Newark's Food Closet.

Niagara Falls Teachers

Marcus Latham, President

The Niagara Falls Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.
- Contributing \$500 to Niagara Falls Firefighters Toy fund.
- Awarding \$4,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring a post-prom party at Niagara Falls High School.

North Babylon Teachers Organization

Selina Durio, President

The North Babylon Teachers Organization consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Annex food drive.
- Contributing to "adopt VA hospital."
- Awarding four \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring the Green Beans Cup of Joe program.

North Rockland Teachers Association

Robin Brennan, President

The North Rockland Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in PTA dinner and events.
- Contributing to various charities.
- Awarding \$12,000 in scholarships to seniors at North Rockland High School.
- Sponsoring a Harlem Rockets fundraiser.

Nyack Teachers Association

Donna Ramundo, President

The Nyack Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Toys for Tots.
- Contributing \$1,000 to People to People and Light the Night.
- Awarding scholarships to Nyack seniors.
- Sponsoring seniors Thanksgiving dinner.

Pine Bush Teachers Association

Carla McLaud, President

The Pine Bush Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Relay for Life.
- Contributing \$2,500 to the American Cancer Society.
- Awarding \$19,000 in scholarships to qualifying 2013 graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring a Pine Bush Little League team.

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Rockland BOCES Staff Association

Deborah Kydon, President

The Rockland BOCES Staff Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the community coat drive to benefit St. Peter's Church.
- Participating in Blow-Away Breast Cancer and Prostate Awareness campaigns.
- Contributing \$2,804 to various charities.
- Awarding \$250 in scholarships.

Smithtown Teachers Association

Laura Spencer, President

The Smithtown Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Contributing \$300 to three fire departments in the Smithtown school district.
- Contributing \$100 to a Turkey Trot fundraiser.
- Awarding \$1,000 to the Smithtown Teachers Association scholarship fund.
- Sponsoring the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

Somers Faculty Association

Brenda O'Shea, President

The Somers Faculty Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Special Olympics.
- Contributing to a variety of charities and local families in need.
- Awarding \$7,425 in scholarships to 27 graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring local dress down days for Lymphoma and Leukemia Society.

Spencerport Teachers Association

John Kozlowski, President

The Spencerport Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the STA volleyball tournament.
- Contributing \$2,500 to Junior Diabetes Association and the United Way Campaign.
- Awarding \$15,000 in scholarships to Spencerport seniors through the Spencerport TA scholarship fund.
- Sponsoring the Boys and Girls Junior Baseball team.

Syosset Teachers Association

Kim Pritchard, President

The Syosset Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.
- Contributing to various charities.
- Sponsoring an annual turkey basket drive.
- Sponsoring a high school health fair.

Tonawanda Education Association

Ronald Sessie, President

The Tonawanda Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Contributing to various charities.
- Awarding \$4,000 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring the Boys & Girls Club of the Tonawandas – camp spirit summer program.

United College Employees of Fashion Institute of Technology

Roberta Elins, President

The United College Employees of Fashion Institute of Technology consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.
- Contributing \$500 to the Suffolk Community College Foundation.
- Contributing \$100 to the New York City Labor Chorus.
- Sponsoring the Multiple Intelligence World Symposium.

Wallkill Teachers Association

Richard Shands, President

The Wallkill Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in a district-wide springtime senior citizens breakfast.
- Contributing \$2,370 to the American Cancer Society.
- Awarding \$3,200 in scholarships to four class of 2013 WCSD High School graduates.
- Sponsoring the Shamrock Scramble 5K run.

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West Hempstead Education Association

Barbara Hafner, President

The West Hempstead Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Awareness walk.
- Contributing to the West Hempstead High School year-book.
- Awarding \$4,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors from West Hempstead HS.
- Sponsoring phone banks for school budget vote.

West Irondequoit Teachers Association

Scott Steinberg, President

The West Irondequoit Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Contributing \$735 to various charities.
- Awarding \$2,500 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring the Adam Milne Game (Leukemia Society Fundraiser).

West Seneca Teachers Association

Joseph Cantafio, President

The West Seneca Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Relay for Life.
- Contributing \$1,000 to various charities.
- Awarding \$5,500 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring the Variety Kids telethon.

Western Suffolk BOCES Faculty Association

Ernest Lewis, President

The Western Suffolk BOCES Faculty Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the ALS walk.
- Contributing to various charities.
- Awarding \$3,100 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring the Long Island blood bank.

Whitesboro Teachers Association

Julie Anne Venezia, President

The Whitesboro Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Contributing to various charities.
- Awarding \$5,000 in scholarships to the WTA scholarship fund.
- Sponsoring the WTA/PTO annual dinner.

Wilson Teachers Association

Margaret Thompson, President

The Wilson Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in American Red Cross blood drives.
- Contributing \$6,875 to the United Way.
- Awarding \$4,350 in scholarships to 20 graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring the 31st annual senior citizens breakfast.

Yonkers Federation of Teachers

Patricia Puleo, President

The Yonkers Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2013 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the "National Day of Action" Rally in Yonkers.
- Contributing \$1,000 to Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers.
- Awarding \$9,000 in scholarships to six graduating seniors in the Yonkers Public Schools and three to children of members of the YFT.
- Sponsoring a team for Relay for Life.