

SCHOOL NEWS

Schools name winners of 1st-time awards

In a previous edition of this newspaper, the valedictorians, salutatorians and Barstow and Scott Moss award winners from Great Neck North and South High Schools were recognized.

Special recognition is also given to students who received new awards.

There were three, first-time awards granted this year—Dennis Young Memorial Award at North High, and Marjorie Urciuoli Senior Award and Theresa McCormack Memorial Award in Mathematics, at South High.

Dennis Young Memorial Award

Kashfia Ehsan is the recipient of the Dennis Young Memorial Award. This award was established by Susan Babkes, current North High social studies department head, in memory of Dennis Young, the husband of Barbara Young, former social studies department head. The senior chosen to receive this award should “exemplify a love of history and a commitment to scholarship and the arts.” Kashfia has been described as a “natural leader” within her school community, bringing new ideas to classroom discussions and being actively involved in many activities and clubs, including Peer Leadership, Interact,



Daisy Hernandez

Animal Rights, Creations for Donations, Asian Club, DECA (business), and SAVE (environmental protection). She has also volunteered at Head Start and at an orphanage in Bangladesh. She is an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar with Distinction (earning perfect scores on her five exams), a National Merit Commended Student, 2011 AP US History Student of the Year, and a National Spanish Exam winner. Kashfia will be attending the University of Pennsylvania this fall.

Marjorie Urciuoli Senior Award

Daisy Hernandez is the recipient of the Marjorie Urciuoli Senior Award, given to a special educa-



Kashfia Ehsan

tion student for post-high school studies. She was vice president of the Hispanic Culture Club and a member of the National Technical Honor Society. Daisy was also an active member of the Varsity Soccer, Spring Track, and Winter



Shelby Samuel

Track Teams. She will be attending Queensborough Community College.

Theresa McCormack Memorial Award in Mathematics

Shelby Samuel is the recipi-

ent of the Theresa McCormack Memorial Award in Mathematics. This award was presented to a senior who has “faced and conquered challenges in his/her life and who has demonstrated by his/her hard work and enjoyment that he/she appreciated the beauty of mathematics.” Shelby was secretary of Christian Seekers Club and a member of South High’s Robotics Team. He was an active volunteer at local soup kitchens and in food and clothing drives. He has also done missionary work through his church, India Christian Assembly, that involved rebuilding homes and helping less privileged people with hygiene, food, water, and clothing. His missionary work has included trips to China, India, London, and Mexico. Shelby will be attending Nyack College.

Lions Club awards two seniors

As it does every year, the Lions Club of Great Neck presented scholarships to students who gave their time and efforts for the community at the

Senior Awards Night at both North and South High Schools.

Surya Bakshi of Great Neck South High School and Steven

Carbone of Great Neck North High School each received a check in appreciation of all they have done for their communities.