

Congratulations, SCOTY Award Winners

Eighty-three students from West Cook County Schools are the SCOTY (School Citizen of the Year) Award winners for 2000.

SCOTY Award winners are students from fourth through twelfth grades who are selected by their teachers as "good role models for other students to emulate." Only one student is selected per school.

On March 8, the SCOTY Awards were presented at the Riverside|Brookfield High School auditorium. The auditorium was packed with students, families, teachers, administrators and friends who came to celebrate this important event. Each SCOTY Award winner received a medal and certificate. Every attendant received a copy of the SCOTY honor roll, in which all SCOTY winners are profiled. SCOTY recipients also received congratulatory letters from the Governor, the Illinois Attorney General, and from local dignitaries. Each student was individually recognized on stage. Everyone enjoyed entertainment and a reception following the ceremony.

West 40 sponsors the SCOTY awards which celebrate the "positive achievements of today's youth." To date, over 300 students have been recognized. Congratulations to the SCOTY award winners for 2000:

Aaron De La Torre, Roosevelt School, District 99, Cicero;

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Winning Sisters, Winning Family

This year, the Hillside School District 93 SCOTY Award winner was Valerie McElroy. Like all SCOTY winners, Valerie is an exemplary school citizen. So is her sister, Jessica, who graduated from Hillside last June. In fact, Valerie is following in Jessica's footsteps. Jessica was the 1999 SCOTY Award winner from District 93! Now success like this isn't an accident. Parents David and Marla encouraged their children from the moment they were born, and according to Jessica, "helped us to prepare for everything in life." But the family isn't all work: they find time to play, too. The sisters have a younger brother, Greg.

(L to R:) Marla, Valerie, Jessica and David McElroy

Summer Professional Development Courses

Take the time to check out the Summer Professional Development catalog, sent to schools in April, for West 40 courses. Also, West 40 is now offering Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) for all its courses in addition to the graduate courses offered for many programs. New courses include:

Chicago Wilderness at Brookfield Zoo

An exploration of life in the oak savannas, wetlands, sand dunes and prairies of the Chicago area. Participants will also visit Sand Ridge Nature Center in South Holland. Mondays, July 10 and 17. For K-8 teachers.

Curriculum Alignment Process: Standards-Led Classrooms and Learning

A five-day institute with a model for school improvement planning which includes alignment to Illinois Learning Standards and Workplace Skills Standards. Mon. - Fri., June 26-30, at Oak Meadows Country Club, Addison.

The Impact of Learning Styles on Teaching, Learning and Behavior

Teachers will learn to expand their knowledge of teaching and learning styles to create an environment where diversity in teaching and in learning are celebrated. Tues. and Weds., June 13 and 14, Riverside/Brookfield High School.

For further information on these or on any West 40 Professional Development Courses, call 708/447-6070.



Two West Cook Students are National Award Winners

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) organization selected two West Cook students as winners of their national scholarship competition. They are the only first place winners in the nation, and are recognized by the FCCLA as “national leaders at work in food service.”

Seniors **Quiana McJunkins**, Oak Park-River Forest High School, (teacher/sponsor **Darlene Kabat**), and **Kevin March**, Riverside|Brookfield High School, (teacher/sponsor **Julie Morley**), will each receive a \$40,000 scholarship to prestigious Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island. Quiana will major in hospitality management, while Kevin aspires to be a chef and restaurateur. The students submitted winning projects to FCCLA through the Leaders at Work in Food Service national program after qualifying as FCCLA national outstanding leaders. ■



Quiana McJunkins (right) and Kevin March (center) this year's only first place winners in the national FCCLA scholarship competition, with Alonzo Blunt (sophomore, Oak Park-River Forest High School), FCCLA Illinois State President.

Save the Dates

August 16

IASA/West 40
Superintendents'
Breakfast

November 28

Maximizing Learning
for Low Achieving
Students Conference

Students Participate in Gifted Talent Searches

West 40 held several gifted talent searches in spring. Hundreds of students from West Cook schools joined in friendly competition. Congratulations to all of the students and teachers who participated in these exciting events.

The Junior Math Olympiad was held at Forest Park Middle School on February 5. Students from grades one through eight tested their math skills. In all, 168 students from 13 school districts competed in individual, team and mental math events. Participants received a ribbon and certificate, while the highest scorers in each grade division received a medallion. The top three teams at each grade level won plaques.

On February 19, braving a snowstorm, 575 students in grades five through eight came to Riverside|Brookfield High School for the annual **Speech and Drama Festival**. Students made presentations in diverse categories like drama, humor, readers' theatre, and others. Winning teams received a trophy for their school.

Writing Talent Search winners were recognized at a ceremony at Riverside|Brookfield High School on May 3. For this talent search, 247 students from grades one through eight submitted their original prose or poetry manuscripts. Each participant received a certificate and an individualized critique. Ten finalists in each category were invited to the Awards Ceremony and received a ribbon and an anthology of the first place manuscripts. Students placing first, second, and third in each category also received a plaque. All participating districts received an anthology of the first place manuscripts.

Introducing Tim Nosal: An Officer and an Associate Technology Consultant

One could say Tim Nosal lives a double life. However, a common thread runs through all of his activities: helping others. Since February 1, he has worked full-time as West 40's Associate Technology Consultant. But one weekend a month he dons a uniform and serves his country as Ensign Nosal, an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Tim works closely with teachers and administrators from West Cook County school districts to help determine their technology needs. He helps them with the E-Rate program and provides assistance with the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grant (TLCF). He is available to answer teachers and administrators' tech questions, troubleshoot hardware, software, and network problems, and recommend professional tech companies and consultants when the need arises. For West 40, he compiles reports from data and tracks services. Recently, he helped set up the computer lab for a district's Regional Safe Schools Program, a pro-

gram West 40 administers. The duties of Tim and Technology Consultant Gerry Zeller sometimes overlap. Meeting the challenges of an evolving computer technology keeps them both busy.

Tim's road to West 40 has been circuitous and filled with many achievements. He has served with the Navy and with the Coast Guard, active and reserve forces, for 13 years. In the Navy, he was commissioned in November 1999 and is a Navy journalist, who has had articles published in base newspapers, on the Navy wire and even one for AP. His military career took him to many cities in North America and to Haiti.

In his spare time, he managed to earn three degrees. He holds a BA in History from Castleton State College, Vermont; an MA in Early American History from Miami of Ohio, and a Master's in Education from the University of Illinois, Chicago.

With a background in social studies, he was the social studies department chair and instructor at Lourdes High School in



Chicago, and, for a brief time before joining West 40, the technology coordinator at Immaculate Heart of Mary High School in Westchester. He learned desktop publishing in the Navy. Most of his computer savvy came from hands-on technology use in his classroom and from professional development courses.

Tim and his wife, Ellen, are the proud parents of Stacy, their 17-month-old daughter. He doesn't have much time for hobbies, but does enjoy Revolutionary War reenacting.

Although the Navy will

always be near and dear to him, he also loves working at West 40. "It is a great place to work, with great people," he remarked. "It is exciting to work with so many different school districts. It really gives you a view of the big picture, which you may not get as a teacher." He is committed to education as a career.

When Tim helps you solve a technology problem, you may feel like saluting. Go ahead, he's used to it.

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Adriana Navar, Melrose Park School, District 89, Melrose Park; Alex Puente, Betsy Ross School, District 91, Forest Park; Alexandra Surasky, Roosevelt Middle School, District 90, River Forest; Alexandra Zaverdas, Field Stevenson School, District 91, Forest Park; Alison Zdarsky, Komarek School, District 94, Broadview; Amanda Salzinger, West Leyden High School, District 212, Northlake; (Amanda) Mandi Baronas, Robinson School, District 103, Lyons; Amanda Rose May, Elm Middle School, District 401, Elmwood Park; Amber Vorlicky, Home Elementary School, District 103, Stickney; Brittney Burks, North Elementary School, District 84, Franklin Park; Catherine McLaurin, Irving Elementary School, District 89, Maywood; Chimere Perry, Proviso East High School, District 209, Maywood; Christa Buffa, John Laidlaw Elementary School, District 101, Western Springs; Christian Harris, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, District 88, Bellwood; Claire Johnson, Washington Irving School, District 97, Oak Park; Colin Nivens, Charles E. Piper Elementary School, District 100, Berwyn; Dana Cebular, S.E. Gross Middle School, District 95, Brookfield; Dana Seliga, Seventh Avenue School, District 105, LaGrange; Darren Taylor, Garfield Elementary School, District 89, Maywood; Dominique Campbell, Washington School, District 89, Maywood; Elizabeth Ruiz, Hodgkins School, District 105, Hodgkins; Emma Forsberg, Brook Park School, District 95, Brookfield; Erin Scott-Haines, Riverside | Brookfield High School, District 208, Riverside; Gabriella Serrano, Komensky School, District 100, Berwyn; Gina Waight, J. Sterling Morton West High School, District 201, Berwyn; Greg Dudzik, Forest Hills School, District 101, Western Springs; Jaclyn Richert, Westchester Intermediate School, District 92.5, Westchester; Jacqueline Jasinski, James Giles School, District 80, Harwood Heights; Jeffrey Blockson, Lindop School, District 92, Broadview; Jennica Garcia, Pershing Elementary School, District 100, Berwyn; Jessica Radek, Passow Elementary School, District 84, Franklin Park; Jordan Calderone, Garfield School, District 91, Forest Park; Karina Rodriguez, Northlake Middle School, District 87, Northlake; Karla Keller, Riley School, District 87, Northlake; Kathleen Hacholski, Lyons Township High School, District 204, LaGrange Park; Katie Coleman, East Leyden High School, District 212, Franklin Park; Katie Dudek, Field Park Elementary School, District 101, Western Springs; Keira Chambers, Lincoln Elementary School, District 88, Bellwood; Kirsten Quinn, River Grove Elementary School, District 85.5, River Grove; Kristal Williams, Irving Elementary School, District 100, Berwyn; Krystle Strader, Sunnyside Elementary School,

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