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Overcome Obstacles to Achieve

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to the 2018 valedictorian and salutatorian from Sacred Heart High School. Valedictorian Kristen Rodriguez graduated with a grade-point average of 101.1. Her favorite subject is English and her favorite teacher is Mr. Word, because “he inspired me and guided me,” she said. “He was there to challenge me along the way.”

Rodriguez took four college-level courses and her extracurricular activities included Campus Ministry, Pre-Lífe, ASPLA Club, Newspaper Club, Student Council, and assisting with the Student Ministry. She was also involved in the Spanish Club, Student Council, and the Drama Club.

The Enrico Fermi Educational Fund of Yonkers, which is a non-profit organization that was founded more than 55 years ago. It began as a vision of several parents, led by Michael Vitulli, to generate financial support for Italian-American students. The organization offers additional financial support for Italian-American students and now offers grants to students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement.

Today, the organization offers grants to students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and commitment to academics and their communities. It aims to help students achieve their academic goals and provide them with financial support.

To date, the organization has provided scholarships to several students throughout Westchester County. Each year, $40,000 in scholarships is given to students who demonstrate outstanding commitment to academics and their communities.

Yonkers 2018 Pride Flag Raising & Festival

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The City of Yonkers completed another stressful budget process that resulted in a more than $1 billion spending plan that will raise property taxes by 6.2 percent, including a last-minute infusion of $8.8 million in state aid, and will not reach any layoffs in either the Yonkers Public Schools or at City Hall.

Mayor Mike Spano and the City Council worked and waited until Monday night for word from Albany and the Division of State Budget, which is the governor’s office. Governor Andrew Cuomo’s office. Spano made several visits over the past few months to Albany to confer with elected officials, state budget employees and the governor to plead the case for Yonkers.

“Today’s welcome address, and the Rev. Victoria Sirota and London Reyes. The event emcee was Angelique Piwinski, co-chairperson of the Fermi Scholarship Committee.

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Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano recently joined members of the City Council, Yonkers Board of Education, Yonkers Federation of Teachers, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin Quezada to present the School of the Month Award to the deserving administration, faculty, staff, parents and students at Yonkers Montessori Academy in the City of Yonkers.

Under the leadership of Principal Dr. Eileen Rivera, YMA, which serves pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, is achieving great success through its many programs and opportunities that offer hands-on experience both in and outside of the classroom. The academy boasts a 94 percent graduation rate and received more than $7 million in college financial aid secured by the 2018 senior high school class.

In addition, students at YMA have recently participated in an intensive field study Intersession Program, offering courses that enable them to investigate and explore different areas of the world, history, cultures and industries outside of the classroom.

Also, community engagement and volunteerism has remained a prominent goal of the academy within the local community and beyond.

“Yonkers Montessori Academy has achieved academic success consistently this year in each grade, and that’s started at the top with its leadership and made its way down to the students,” said Spano. “The administrators, teachers and staff should be proud of the work they’ve accomplished.”

Yonkers Montessori Academy Named School of the Month

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Hostos students enjoy books that they can read over the summer, thanks to the Irene Steinberg Book Club of Scarsdale.

The children of the Stein Afterschool Program at Hostos Elementary School in Yonkers were recently given the opportunity to choose half a dozen books each from more than 2,500 books at the school’s end-of-year book giveaway. These books, all in excellent condition, were donated by the Irene Steinberg Book Club of Scarsdale in memory of the Steinberg family, who passed away on New Year’s Eve in a plane crash while on vacation in Costa Rica.

The book drive was organized by members of the Irene Steinberg Book Club, including Naomi Talish, Vanessa Brosgol, Valerie Malsch, Michelle DeLong, Melissa Berridge, Lori Losardo, Lisa Nelson, Linda Weitzel, Jill Hyman and Erika Hostos Students Enjoy Book Giveaway

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Senior Summer Show Is Better Than Ever

Helen Henkel, Ronnie Cox, County Legislator David Tubiolo, City Councilman John Rubbo, Yonkers City Council President Mike Kreitler, and Foley Chain-Chenela, the general counsel of Thailand and other attendees.

By Eric W. Schlein

An open letter to Westchester County Executive George Latimer...

Westchester Red Light Cameras? Oy!

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Vito Pinto, left, and Tiny Milano in their coconut bikinis.

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State Sen. Shelley Mayer accepts the Excellence in Leadership Award from the Early Care & Learning Council.

State Sen. Shelley Mayer recently accepted the Excellence in Leadership Award from the Early Care and Learning Council statewide advocacy organization, which recognizes individuals who have shown exemplary leadership in advancing high-quality early child care and education.

Mayer was nominated for the award by Kathleen Hildes, executive director of the Child Care Council of Westchester, in the category of legislative/government. She was recognized for her leadership in the state senate’s effort to bring awareness to, and address the pressing needs of working families – especially quality child care options.

“Thank you to the Early Care and Learning Council for your hard work on behalf of all working families with child care needs,” said Mayer. “Accessible, affordable, and quality child care is one of the most pressing issues suffering New York families, and I am pleased to accept the Excellence in Leadership Award. I have worked hard during my time in the New York State Legislature for many years to ensure that child care, after-school programs, and early learning initiatives are part of the economic development conversation.

“We know that every dollar we invest in child care and early childhood education is repaid to the community seven times through the long-term benefits these programs provide. From increasing high school graduation rates to the long-term benefits these programs provide.

“While the benefits are clear, the challenges we face are many. The priority must always be ensuring that our children get the highest-quality care and education possible. I am pleased to accept this award because it is a reflection of our state’s commitment to ensuring that every child has access to the resources they need. This is especially true for our hardworking families who are dedicated to providing the best possible care for their children.”

Mayer has worked tirelessly to increase access to high-quality child care and early childhood education, and is a strong advocate for policies that support working families. She has been instrumental in bringing awareness to the critical importance of child care, early learning, and after-school programming.

“On behalf of all of us at ECLC, we are honored to recognize Senator Shelley Mayer as the 2018 Excellence in Leadership Award recipient,” said Kathleen Hildes, executive director of the Early Care and Learning Council. “Senator Mayer has been a passionate advocate for high-quality child care and early learning, and her leadership and commitment to ensuring that all children have access to high-quality care and education is unparalleled.”

The Early Care and Learning Council is a nonprofit organization that advocates for policies that support working families by increasing access to high-quality child care and early learning opportunities. The council works to ensure that every child has access to the resources they need to succeed in life.

Mayer has been a leader in the state senate, working to advance policies that benefit New York families and children. She is particularly proud of her work on child care and early learning initiatives, and is pleased to accept this award as a reflection of her commitment to ensuring that all children have access to high-quality care and education.
By Mary Hoar

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 Undocumented Residents

By Frank spotorno

Villaviencio decided to come forward to the bar, before he showed his New York City identification card to the guard as he had done several times before, but ran into problems and he didn’t have proper ID. He explained, “I was holding a new beer and it looked like a ‘week with a check’,” which revealed there was an active New York City Police Identicard in his possession to call ICE.

Congressman Crowley has done nothing to bring about immigration reform, and your claim that the NYC ID would protect undocumented residents was not true. Because of your inaction, one of your constituents is facing deportation.

I would organize a protest for Villaviencio outside of our office. He’s a fellow veteran, a member, you no longer live in the district. He has two young daughters who were born in the United States, has spread across our country. Villaviencio had nothing to do with him, but now he needs a new home. I say it’s very pleasant and like people for other kids, but it is not a list of cats.

Feelings of deportation are normal, and that includes you, Congresswoman. Villaviencio to demand that our nation’s leaders sit down with each other and, once and for all, end the crisis.

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The facts about Alzheimer’s are staggering, said Peter Ross, CEO and co-founder of Senior Helpers, a premier provider of in-home care services, including supervision and personal care as the disease progresses.

"The difficult reality of Alzheimer’s is that today, there are no therapies that significantly delay the progress of the disease," said Ross. "But active management of Alzheimer’s and other dementia can significantly delay the disease and delay the onset of cognitive symptoms, and significantly improve quality of life for families and caregivers."

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The citizens of Yonkers, the environment, and public peddling community, friends of area parks, and the LGBTQ community have lost a great leader.

He introduced thousands of students to the river in a kayak with friend Chevaughan Dixon.

He was a great teacher then as well as now. He always looked at both sides of the issues before formulating his opinions. Everyone always said you were a good listener, and you were always looking at both sides of the issues before formulating your opinions. We always expected you to answer our questions thoughtfully and honestly.

Your words of advice to young students?

"Don't just go through life, grow through life. Take advantage of every offer that comes your way. Take advantage of the opportunities that are available to everyone. Don't be afraid to take risks.

"It's not easy, but it's worth it."
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