



Laughter, Tears & Pride as District 95 Honors Its Own



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There was laughter, tears, tissues and the music of the Black Eyed Peas as the staff members of Community Unit School District 95 gathered at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Lake Zurich High School on the morning of May 18 to honor retirees, applaud award winners, and recognize years of dedicated service.

The annual Staff Recognition Program kicked off a day of school improvement planning on a day when students were not in school. Starting with a short music video set to "Let's Get It Started" by the Black Eyed Peas, Superintendent Dr. Brian Knutson kicked off the event which recognized nine award winners in three categories, those who have achieved specific years of service (10, 15, 20, etc.), and the 10 staff members who are retiring at the end of the school year.

This year's honorees, by category include:

Distinguished Service Award

- Daryl Barry**, Transportation
- Marcel Graham**, Performing Arts Center
- Annette Jacobsen**, Office of Communications & Community Relations

Meritorious Service Award

- Jan Boden**, reading specialist, Seth Paine School

Dottie Jagers, eighth grade, Middle School North
Mary Beth Mirock, gifted math, Seth Paine School

Teachers Make a Difference Award

Joyann Clemens, second grade, May Whitney School
Patrick Flynn, English, Lake Zurich High School

Kim Samford, science/social studies, Middle School South

Retirees

- Sylvia Bath**, fourth grade, Isaac Fox
- Hank Ezel**, Industrial Arts, Lake Zurich High School
- Martha Hanson**, fourth grade, Charles Quentin
- Audrey Iwaszuk**, bus driver, Transportation
- Dottie Jagers**, language arts, Middle School North
- Lyn Keeter**, Spanish, Lake Zurich High School
- B.J. Lange**, social studies, Lake Zurich High School
- Ardelle Pate**, English, Lake Zurich High School
- Sandy Serafin**, consumer education, Lake Zurich High School
- Judy Wagner**, music, Seth Paine

Years of Service

10 Years of Service

- Vicki Arason**, *High School*, Special Education Assistant
- Jacqui Bevan**, *High School*, Fine Arts Teacher

Right: District 95 retirees are (from left): **Judy Wagner**, **Sandy Serafin**, **Ardelle Pate**, **Lyn Keeter**, **B.J. Lange**, **Dottie Jagers**, **Audrey Iwaszuk**, **Martha Hanson**, **Hank Ezel**, and **Sylvia Bath**.

District Honors *cont.*



10 year staff

10 Years of Service (cont.)

Sharon Brown, *Middle School North*, ELL Teacher
Marion Clauser, *May Whitney*, Secretary



15 Year staff

Joyann Clemens, *May Whitney*, 2nd Grade Teacher
Molly Connor, *Sarah Adams*, 5th Grade Teacher
Maria Corrigan, *Charles Quentin*, Special Education Teacher
Marcia Day, *Middle School North*, Language Arts Teacher



20 Year staff

Carmela Esser, *Isaac Fox*, First Grade Teacher
Ellen Finer, *Sarah Adams*, Special Education Teacher
Judi Galske, *Administration Center*, Bookkeeper
Jim Hamick, *Middle School South*, Special Education Teacher
Kim Klipstein, *Middle School North*, Special Education Teacher
Linda Krueger, *May Whitney*, 4th Grade Teacher
Anne Kuehl, *Isaac Fox*, Library

Media Specialist

Bonnye Lapotka, *Isaac Fox*, One-on-One Special Education Assistant
Nancy Liewald, *Transportation*, Bus Driver
Paula Littell, *Charles Quentin*, 5th Grade Teacher
Gael Loncrini, *Middle School South*, Social Worker
Jody Lucchesi, *Charles Quentin*, Health Office Aide
Cara Lummis, *Spencer Loomis*, 3rd Grade Teacher



25 Year staff



30 Year staff

Toni Mathisen, *Seth Paine*, 4th Grade Teacher
Christine McOmber, *High School*, Science Teacher
Laurie Michaels, *High School*, Nurse
Robert Moore, *High School*, Science Teacher

Troy Myers, *Middle School North*, Physical Education Teacher
Patti Nishimura, *Spencer Loomis*, 5th Grade Teacher
Jan Powers, *Seth Paine*, Special Education Teacher
Robin Reinstein, *Seth Paine*, 1st Grade Teacher
Tara Rittner, *Spencer Loomis*, 2nd Grade Teacher
Laura Sheahen, *Charles Quentin*, Secretary
Diane Slonski, *Sarah Adams*, Nurse



35 Year staff (not pictured: **Barb Wielgus**)

Julie Walger, *Middle School North*, Special Education Teacher
June Weber, *Transportation*, Bus Driver
Karen Willsie, *Middle School South*, Special Education Teacher

15 Years of Service

Megan Bajor, *High School*, English Teacher
Joanne Biondi, *High School*, Special Education Teacher
Debbie Blasco, *High School*, Teacher's Assistant
Patty Boddy, *Middle School North*, Language Arts Teacher
Andye Bonkowski, *Isaac Fox*, District Nurse
Pollie Greenhalgh, *High School*, Secretary
Kathy Jamison, *Middle School South*, Physical Education Teacher
Carl Krause, *High School*, Science Teacher
Pat Polcyn, *Administration Center*, Accounts Payable Clerk
Lisa Siedentop-Wing, *High School*, Special Education Teacher
Steven Stenzel, *Middle School North*, Instrumental Music Teacher
Suzanne Weider, *Charles Quentin*, 1st Grade Teacher
Luba Woelke, *Administration Center*, Special Education Secretary

20 Years of Service

Tracy Albert, *May Whitney*, Art Teacher
Nancy Huntington, *May Whitney*, Secretary
Mary Kaus, *Charles Quentin*, 2nd Grade Teacher
Terry Kivisto, *Middle School North*, Math Teacher
Carol Layton, *Isaac Fox*, 3rd Grade Teacher
Terry Peraino, *Isaac Fox*, 4th Grade Teacher
Sue Shepard, *Sarah Adams*, 3rd Grade Teacher

25 Years of Service

Dottie Jagers, *Middle School North*, Language Arts Teacher
Al Willer, *Middle School South*, Industrial Technology Teacher

30 Years of Service

Patricia Bole, *High School*, Art Teacher
Christine Franson, *High School*, Librarian
Sarah Hudson, *May Whitney*, Reading Specialist
B.J. Lange, *High School*, Social Studies Teacher
Susan Mosoff, *Middle School South*, Special Education Teacher
Ann Marie Nova-Hebda, *May Whitney*, Music Teacher

35 Years of Service

Deborah Keys-Hughes, *High School*, Foreign Language Teacher
Barb Wielgus, *Middle School North*, Physical Education Teacher

Five Honored by INSPRA



The Community Unit School District 95 Transportation Department received the Award of Excellence and four individuals were honored with the Award of Merit in the 2006 Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) program held today, May 19, at the Five Seasons Country Club in Burr Ridge, IL. The five awards for District 95 were the most won by any one school district in this year's statewide DSA program.

Award winners, by category, were:

- Team – **Transportation Department**, Award of Excellence
- Administrator – **David Gardner**, Principal Middle School, Award of Merit
- Community Member – **Chris Misik**, Award of Merit
- Support Staff – **Laura Copp**, Special Education Aide, Award of Merit
- Parent – **Sandy Smith**, Middle School South PTO Pres., Award of Merit

Emceed by NBC Channel 5 news anchor **Dick Johnson**, the annual DSA program is sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA).

According to INSPRA president **Melea Smith**, the statewide DSA program honors individuals who have consistently “gone the extra mile” on behalf of their schools and school districts, and whose efforts have enhanced education and conveyed its importance to the community at large.

All five award winners were nominated by Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson** and his administrative cabinet after reviewing staff and community recommendations.

The award winners were joined at the luncheon by Dr. Knutson, Assistant Superintendent **Dr. Beverly Smith**, Sarah Adams Principal **Christopher Finch**, Communications Director **Jim Jennings**, family members and friends.

Lake Zurich Tops in US

America is learning what District 95 has known all along—that Lake Zurich is a great place to live, learn and raise a family.

Specifically citing the high quality of the public schools in Lake Zurich, Frommer's has listed Lake Zurich as one of the best places to raise a family in the United States. Lake Zurich and Oak Park were the only two Illinois communities listed in the top 100.

Frommer's, a publisher of travel books and other guides, ranked Lake Zurich in the top 100 of “Best Places to Raise Your Family, 1st Edition.”

The news is no surprise to Lake Zurich resident and school district superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson**.

“Great communities build great schools, and great schools build great communities,” said Dr. Knutson. “It is an intertwining relationship. We have great children in our schools who are supported by great parents, a supportive community, and topnotch teachers and school staff.”

Lake Zurich and other communities were chosen based upon their standard of living, education quality, health and safety, and population profiles. District 95 schools received a high ranking for their quality and the fact that test scores were significantly higher than state averages.

MSN Calculates Success

Every spring, hundreds of middle school students compete in the Illinois State Math League Contest. This contest, sponsored by the Mathematics League of Illinois, focuses on showing student strength in the areas of “Concept Understanding.” Whereas, many traditional state tests emphasize development of computational skills and basic concept understanding, the Illinois Math League Contest measures depth of student abilities to combine concepts and successfully negotiate more of the abstract materials covered in Math. This contest tends to be a “Barometer” or “Measuring Stick” of the overall direction of a particular school's math program.

The Illinois Mathematics League of Illinois lists the top 25 schools at each grade level. This year, Lake Zurich North was listed in the top-25 category at each grade level. These were the results:

- MSN Sixth grade came in 20th out of 195 schools (10.3%)
- MSN Seventh grade came in 21st out of 187 schools (11.2%)
- MSN Eighth grade came in 16th out of 187 schools (8.6%)

Left: Honored by INSPRA for their distinguished service to education were (from left): **David Gardner**, **Karen Logan** (representing Transportation), **Laura Copp**, **Sandy Smith** and **Chris Misik**.

SA Shows Its Character



As part of its Character Counts program, students in each grade level at Sarah Adams School took on a project for Earth Day. Some cleaned up around school, spread mulch, and other "Earth friendly" projects. The school's third graders used recycled materials to create new items. Showing their ingenuity, the students created planters, squirt guns, a rainmaker, car, birdhouses, and much more.

MSS Plays Chicago Field



The Middle School South Orchestra recently performed at the Chicago Field Museum, soothing both visitors and beasts.

Gallagher Elected Pres.

At the 42nd Annual Illinois SkillsUSA Leadership & Skills Conference, held in Springfield, Illinois, in April, **Alexandra Gallagher** was elected as the High School Division State President of the Illinois Association of SkillsUSA for the 2006-07 school year. Alexandra is a junior at Lake Zurich High School and is enrolled in the Technology Campus' two-year Cosmetology program. Alexandra will be attending the National SkillsUSA Leadership & Skills Conference on June 19-24, 2006, in Kansas City, MO., as a voting delegate for the Illinois delegation. In July, 2006, Alexandra will represent SkillsUSA at the Illinois Coordinating Council for Career Technical Student Organization's summer leadership program, which is co-sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education.

SkillsUSA is a national organization for trade, industrial, technical, health, and public service occupations students with leadership, citizenship, and character development programs and activities. Students competing in the SkillsUSA Leadership & Skills Conference have the opportunity to win medals, ribbons, college scholarships, and other prizes as they display their job skills and leadership abilities.

Michael Anstedt, a junior, from Lake Zurich High School, who is enrolled in the Technology Campus' Building Trades program, won a gold medal, in the Illinois SkillsUSA Carpentry competition. As a gold medal winner, Michael will be competing at the National SkillsUSA Leadership & Skills Conference, to be held in Kansas City, MO., on June 19-24, 2006.

Are You a Key Communicator?

Do you like to know things before others in the community? Do others seek your opinion? If so, then you are a perfect candidate for the Community Unit School District 95 **Key Communicator Network**.

Our Key Communicator (KeyCom) program is a network of community residents, leaders, opinion shapers and watchdogs whose opinions are well respected by friends, colleagues and neighbors. We are not looking for cheerleaders, but people who care about our schools and want to be kept informed and are then willing to share that information with others.

As a Key Com, you will receive timely, factual information via a regular newsletter e-mailed to



you about the work we're doing and the issues affecting your school district and your schools.

Because this is designed to be a two-way communications network, we encourage you to give us your input and share your opinions. As a KeyCom member, your responsibility will be to share the information with friends, neighbors and colleagues. To become a KeyCom member, simply call,

email or fax:

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