



# Leyden Letter



MARCH 2010

## and the winners are...



**Best of Category – Graphic Design**  
**Kevin Roemer**  
*Destination*



**Purple Ribbon – \$1,000 Scholarship Award**  
**Becky Kauke**  
*Mr. Sharos*



**Best of Design – Painting**  
**Mayra Orozco**  
*Timide*



**Purple Ribbon – \$1,000 Scholarship Award**  
**Erin Chuang**  
*Landscape*

This January, District 212 art students exhibited their work at two prestigious area art fairs. Once again they confirmed that the visual arts flourish at Leyden.

Leyden artists displayed a total of 128 pieces and won 23 awards at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Elmhurst College High School Art Exhibit. Erin Chuang of East Leyden and Becky Kauke of West Leyden each won a Purple Ribbon Award which earned each of them a \$1,000 scholarship to Elmhurst College. The scholarship is renewable for four years. Chuang won for her graphic design titled *Landscape*. Kauke won for her charcoal drawing, *Mr. Sharos*. Andrew Sharos, the subject of the portrait, is a social studies teacher at the West campus.

Leyden art students accounted for 80 of the 214 pieces of artwork accepted for competition at the annual Triton College High School Art Competition. Artwork was submitted in seven categories including drawing, painting, photography, graphic design, mixed media, sculpture, and ceramics. Mayra Orozco and Kevin Roemer, both of East Leyden, won Best of Category awards. Orozco won Best of Category for her acrylic portrait painting *Timide*. Roemer won Best of Category for his graphic design *Destination*, a digital collage inspired by a family vacation.

Please visit our Web site at [www.leyden212.org](http://www.leyden212.org) for a complete list of winners from both competitions.

# CONGRATULATIONS ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has announced the names of the 2009-2010 Illinois State Scholars. District 212 has a total of 63 students who qualify as state scholars. Our students are among the approximately 147,000 graduating high school seniors from across the nation who have been named as state scholars.

Samantha Affarano	Joseph Fiore	Nikia McMillen	Leonardo Romero
Melissa Aldinger	James Flosi	Amy Michaels	Rigoberto Sanchez
Jessica Alvarez	Anna Galusza	Robert Michalowski	Kruti Shah
Polina Batchkarova	Karolina Gorz	Amauri Michel	Marzena Sroka
Natalia Binkowski	Rebekah Heusel	Ivan Momchilov	Jonathan Stanciu
Adrian Blaszkievicz	Szymon Kesek	Ruben Monarrez	Damaris Stroe
Kimberly Boehm	Kevin Kiengsadaphone	Eladio Moreno	Angela Tenca
Nicholas Boomer	Jenifer Kohl	Svyatoslav Nakonechny	Katelyn Thacker
Felicia Bramwell	Kyle Kost	Carl Olinski	Hilda Warda
Gabrielle Budzon	Karl Kowall	Eric Oliver	Kimberly Wettstein
Brian Chakires	Sebastian Kozlowski	Dorothy Olszewski	Arthur Williams
Christian Dawson	Agnieszka Kubas	Kimberly Payne	Greta Wischmeyer
Edward Delgado	Danielle La Cour	Anthony Pisano	Jenna Wright
Milena Dimitrova	Darren Le	Daniel Pitts	Patrik Zec
Ashley Doody	Jose Lopez	Rebecca Radek	Michael Zito
Ryszard Dyrek	Yulia Maikher	Stephanie Raven	

## WELL DONE TOP 10 PERCENT SCHOLARS

Congratulations to the 88 District 212 scholars who rank in the top 10 percent of the Class of 2010. The scholars were honored at the Rotary Club of Franklin Park's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Top Ten Percent Awards Banquet held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at Villa Brunetti in Franklin Park.

Samantha Affarano	Milena Dimitrova	Karl Kowall	Robert Parker
Jessica Alvarez	Ashley Doody	Sebastian Kozlowski	Kimberly Payne
Todd Anderson	Ryszard Dyrek	Agnieszka Kubas	Anthony Pisano
Sandra Arredondo	Joseph Fiore	Danielle La Cour	Stephanie Raven
Stephanie Barrera	Jessica Flores	Darren Le	Rudy Rivera
Stephanie Bartkowicz	Monika Franeczek	Lazaro Leon	Jairo Rosales
Polina Batchkarova	Anna Galusza	Magdalena Liskowicz	Rigoberto Sanchez
Christina Belmont	Pedro Galvez	Nathan Marcy	Kruti Shah
Natalia Binkowski	Yvette Gaona	Taylor Martinelli	Marzena Sroka
Adrian Blaszkievicz	Kimberly Giannini	Henry Matthiessen	Jonathan Stanciu
Kimberly Boehm	Benjamin Golden	Nikia McMillen	Kristen Suarez
Suzanne Boehm	Paulina Golko	Ivette Mendez	Stephanie Sziel
Nicholas Boomer	Guadalupe Gonzalez	Amy Michaels	Angela Tenca
Felicia Bramwell	Jennifer Granum	Robert Michalowski	Katelyn Thacker
Gabrielle Budzon	Victoria Hallberg	Amaury Michel	Theresa Trousdale
Aleksandra Bush	Rebekah Heusel	Ivan Momchilov	Hilda Warda
Kevin Carli	Robert Hjelmgren	Ruben Monarrez	Kimberly Wettstein
Michael Cronin	Jacob Holtman	Svyatoslav Nakonechny	Arthur Williams
Christian Dawson	Szymon Kesek	Jaime Ochoa	Greta Wischmeyer
Edward Delgado	Kevin Kiengsadaphone	Carl Olinski	Jenna Wright
Charmi Desai	Jenifer Kohl	Eric Oliver	Patrik Zec
Ashley Diener	Kyle Kost	Dorothy Olszewski	Michael Zito

# 2010 FERN AWARD WINNERS

Students, faculty, and staff were honored at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual William H. Fern Awards Ceremony held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the East campus. The ceremony honored students and staff from both campuses.

The awards were instituted by William Fern, a former District 212 teacher who began the award program after he retired from teaching several years ago. Award winners include high school juniors, teachers, and staff members.

## **EAST LEYDEN**

### **FERN AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*Art* – Melissa Olsen, *Business Education* – Piotr Franeczek, *English* – Nick Di Maso, *ESL/Bilingual Education* – Miguel Collazo, *Family & Consumer Sciences* – Josh Goldman, *Industrial Technology* – Brandon Clemons, *Mathematics* – Monika Stanczyk, *Modern Languages* – Carisis Martinez, *Music* – Amy Belluomini, *Physical Education* – Lucero Aguilar and Andres Orrego, *Science* – Veronica Drozdowski, *Social Studies* – Karolina Trzaska, *Personal Achievement* – Brittany Barnett

### **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*Art* – Jonathan Martinez, *Business Education* – Jesus Herrera, *English* – Lucia Ramirez, *ESL/Bilingual Education* – Daniel Aguirre, *Family & Consumer Sciences* – Tony Romero, *Industrial Technology* – Andrew von Schwedler, *Mathematics* – Horacio Gomez, *Modern Languages* – Gloria Carrera, *Music* – Alexis Nieves, *Physical Education* – Angela Harter, *Physical Education* – Kevin Pendleton, *Science* – Joe O'Donnell, *Social Studies* – Matt Jos, *Personal Achievement* – Paul Coronado

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR FERN AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*Athletics* – Amanda Moran, *Physical Education* – Dawid Wisniewski, *Student Council* – Katie Downs, *Significant Student Contribution* – Cody Carini and Denise Paarlberg

### **FACULTY AND STAFF FERN AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Marcy Bouboulinas, Carolyn Dunoon, Ken Reyes, Emily Schader, and Melissa Zapata

## **WEST LEYDEN**

### **FERN AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*Art* – Jessica Froehlich, *Business Education* – Maritza Escalante, *English* – Diana Bonilla, *Family & Consumer Sciences* – Yoiza Pagan, *Industrial Technology* – Kevin Gamboa, *Mathematics* – Elizabet Iontcheva, *Modern Languages* – Scarlett Bueno, *Music* – Jon Nichols, *Physical Education* – Jesus Payan and Jenna Urbaniak, *Science* – Gisel Lopez, *Social Studies* – Claire Neri, *Personal Achievement* – David Farrar and Tramon Thomas

### **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*Art* – Laine Lopez, *Business Education* – Urvi Patel, *English* – Janette Tovar, *Family & Consumer Sciences* – Emilio Ricardo, *Industrial Technology* – Crystal Suarez, *Mathematics* – Erik Davison, *Modern Languages* – Josseline Vasquez, *Music* – Yasmin Ruiz, *Physical Education* – Andy Cordero, *Physical Education* – Holly Ferrari, *Science* – Andrew Castile, *Social Studies* – Rocio Talamantes, *Personal Achievement* – Karen Clark and Christian Diaz

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR FERN AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*Athletics* – Elmer Guzman and Elizabeth Reed, *Student Council* – Tracie Dulceak, *Significant Student Contribution* – Enrique Escarpita and Katie Kowall

### **FACULTY AND STAFF FERN AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Michele Curley, Kristen Navar, William Russell, Caryn Thomas, and Peggy Ventrelli

## **DISTRICT**

### **FACULTY AND STAFF FERN AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Janine Asmus, Katie Diebold, and Joe Hamilton

## ***DENNY RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD***

Jack Denny, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, has earned the Illinois Excellence in Education Award for 2009-2010. This award is given by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI) to recognize one individual in each of the NCA CASI states for his achievements in education.

Denny credits his selection to the cooperative working relationship that exists between administrators, faculty, staff, and the Board. "This award is a reflection of Leyden's commitment to the work we're doing to give our students the best possible environment for learning," says Denny, whose career in education spans 37 years.

The only educator in Illinois to receive the award, Denny was honored for his work regarding the district's curriculum and school improvement plans. In this position, he facilitates school improvement initiatives, coordinates curriculum and assessment activities with local partner schools, directs testing programs, guides faculty development, and prepares and administers grants.

"During my career, my passion has been collaborative work toward continuous school improvement," says Denny, who has worked at Leyden for 11 years and will retire on June 30 of this year. "This service award is a tribute to all those with whom I've worked to make schools a better place for kids."

Established in 1895, the NCA CASI accredits more than 8,500 public and private schools in 19 states, the Navajo Nation, and the Department of Defense Schools. Every year the organization honors educators with the Excellence in Education Award for their contribution to education and the impact their work has on students.

The criteria for this award includes generating a common vision and mission for higher expectations among students, faculty, and the education community as well as demonstrating a record of significant and distinguished contribution to the education profession.



*Dr. Jack Denny*

## **STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE FESTIVAL**

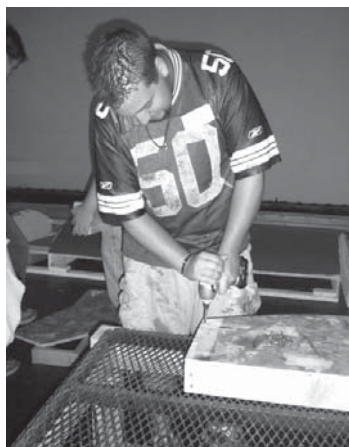
Two Leyden students were chosen to participate in the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois High School Theatre Festival All-State Production of *Urinetown: The Musical*. Rebekah Heusel, a senior at East, and Henry Matthiessen, a senior at West, auditioned for spots on the technical crew of the festival's main stage performance. Of the hundreds of students who auditioned for various positions as cast and crew members, Heusel and Matthiessen were chosen as stage manager and set designer/carpenter respectively.

After their selection, the pair worked with thirty other technicians from August, 2009 until January 7, 2010, when the festival commenced for the three-day event at Illinois State University in Bloomington. At that time, students from all over the state of Illinois performed *Urinetown* in front of an audience of about 4,400 of their peers, teachers, university representatives, parents, exhibitors, and volunteers. The musical, which satirizes everything from capitalism to petty small town politics, proved to be one of the festival's most successful shows, says Victor Pilolla, Leyden's Technical Director.

"Bekka is truly one of the best stage managers that I have seen at the high school level," says Pilolla. "As stage manager, she had the highest position in Tech Theatre. Henry is a wonderful scenic artist and a very skilled carpenter. He also ran the fly rail – another important responsibility.

"Having two of our students picked for such important positions in the show exemplifies their commitment to excellence. We're very proud of both of them," Pilolla adds.

The three-day festival showcased more than 25 different productions created by students attending Illinois high schools. Other highlights included college auditions for high school seniors, more than 150 workshops, professional development for teachers, and a student film festival.



**Henry Matthiessen**  
**Set Design/Carpenter**  
*Urinetown: The Musical*



**Rebekah Heusel**  
**Stage Manager**  
*Urinetown: The Musical*

## **OUTSTANDING CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENTS HONORED AT BREAKFAST**

Students from both campuses who have demonstrated exceptional talent in the areas of Business Education, Family & Consumer Sciences, and Industrial Technology were honored at the Outstanding Career and Technical Education Student Breakfast held on Thursday, February 18, 2010, in the Nardini Library at the East Leyden campus.

The following students were recognized for their outstanding skills and performance in the aforementioned areas. Congratulations to all.

### **East Leyden:**

*Business Education*  
*Family & Consumer Sciences*  
*Industrial Technology*

Anna Galusza and Kruti Shah  
Haley Gavin and Maxwell Schammert  
Radoslaw Figiel and Marcin Komosa

### **West Leyden:**

*Business Education*  
*Family & Consumer Sciences*  
*Industrial Technology*

Melissa Morales and Alexandro Zurita  
Xavier Rodriguez and Vanessa Soto  
Allen Paczynski and Kristen Suarez



Back row left to right: Mr. Michael Grosch, Mr. Dennis Byrne, Dr. Jack Denny, and Franklin Park Mayor, Barrett Pedersen. Front row left to right: Dr. Beth Concannon, Kruti Shah, Anna Galusza, Radoslaw Figiel, Marcin Komosa, Haley Gavin, and Mr. Gregory Ignoffo.



Back row left to right: Dr. Jack Denny, Northlake Mayor, Jeffrey Sherwin, Alexandro Zurita, Mr. Wil Wagner, and Mr. Gregory Ignoffo. Front row left to right: Vanessa Soto, Melissa Morales, Allen Paczynski, Xavier Rodriguez, and Dr. Tatiana Bonuma.

## **LEYDEN SUPPORTS HAITIAN RELIEF EFFORTS**



As of the end of February, Leyden students and staff from both campuses raised \$2,380 to help support the people of Haiti. The methods of raising funds included everything from collecting pocket change during lunch periods, to accepting free-will donations at concerts and the talent show, to selling bakery goods, ribbons, flower pens and hearts, to using club funds. The money has been donated to various organizations, including the American Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, UNICEF and Yéle, Haiti.

“We’re very proud of the way our students responded to the appeal,” says Richard Drobny, one of several staff members who helped students organize the various relief efforts. “And as organizers, we are very proud to be a part of it.”

## **LOYAL EAGLE SERVICE AWARD**

Leyden High School District 212 sponsors the Loyal Eagle Service Award program. The purpose of the award is to honor members of the Leyden community who have provided outstanding service to students in helping them reach their goals. Recipients will be honored at a meeting of the Leyden High School District 212 Board of Education and have their names inscribed on plaques displayed at both campuses.

Leyden employees and community members are encouraged to submit names of candidates for consideration for an award. Please mail a letter or the form provided to Dr. Robert Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Leyden High School District 212, 3400 N. Rose Street, Franklin Park, IL 60131. For further information, please call 847.451.3021.

*Person Nominated for Award* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Area of Service* \_\_\_\_\_

*Person Nominating Potential Award Recipient* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

# Calendar

## Leyden District 212 Board of Education

*Board of Education meetings are in the East Campus Board Room.*



**Row 1:** Mrs. Joan Greinke, Secretary; Mr. Gregory T. Ignoffo, President; Mrs. Gloria Murawska, Vice President  
**Row 2:** Mr. John P. Mick II, Mr. Jack Tobin, Mr. Joseph Trevino, Mr. James A. Lima

As required by S.B. 898, you may go to Leyden's Web site to view our budget at:  
[www.leyden212.org](http://www.leyden212.org)

<b>March</b>	March 5-6	Orchesis Dance Show - 7:00 p.m. (E-Aud)
	March 10	Winter Athletic Awards Night - 6:30 p.m. (E-Aud)
	March 11	Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
	March 15-19	Safe Celebration Week and Spirit Week
	March 19	IHSA Contest Showing - 6:00 p.m. (E-Aud)
	March 23	Jazz Night - 7:00 p.m. (W-Eagle's Wing)
	March 25	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
March 29	Spring Break Begins	
<b>April</b>	April 6	Classes Resume
	April 13	Spring Choral Concert - 7:00 p.m. (E-Aud)
	April 15	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
	April 15	Spring Instrumental Concert - 7:00 (E-Aud)
	April 21	East Leyden Art Exhibit - 6:00 p.m. (E-Little Theater)
	April 28	PSAE/District Assessment - Early Dismissal
April 29	PSAE/District Assessment - Early Dismissal	
<b>May</b>	May 7-8	Musical - <i>The Sound of Music</i> - 7:00 p.m. (E-Aud)
	May 12	West Leyden Art Exhibit - 6:00 p.m. (W-Eagle's Wing)
	May 13	Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
	May 13	Incoming Freshman Athletic Parent Night - 7:00 p.m. (E-FH)
	May 14	Musical - <i>The Sound of Music</i> - 4:00 p.m. (E-Aud)
	May 15	Musical - <i>The Sound of Music</i> - 7:00 p.m. (E-Aud)
	May 19	Spring Athletic Awards Night - 6:30 p.m. (E-Aud)
	May 25	Pops Concert - 7:00 p.m. (W-FH)
	May 27	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
May 31	Memorial Day - No School	
<b>June</b>	June 2	West Campus Graduation - 6:30 p.m. (Rosemont Theatre)
	June 3	East Campus Graduation - 6:30 p.m. (Rosemont Theatre)

State law requires that we inform you of the dates when our lawn and garden areas will be fertilized.  
 The dates to fertilize and weed and feed will be during the following week:

*March 29 - April 4, 2010*

# Leyden Letter

*East Leyden High School  
 Franklin Park, Illinois*

*West Leyden High School  
 Northlake, Illinois*

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