

## STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL MEDALS IN ARTS COMPETITION

Two JC ARTS students and one McNair Academic student were awarded National Medals in the 2014 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The contest, which



is the country's

Lester Sanchez, MAHS

Vicky Chau, JCAHS

Toni Marie Camacho, JCAHS

longest-running and most prestigious award and recognition program for creative students in grades 7-12, is run by the nonprofit Alliance for Young Artists & Writers.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- ❑ **4/23**, Elementary school report cards/conferences, 6-8 p.m.
- ❑ **4/24**, Board of Education meeting, PS 11, 6 p.m.
- ❑ **4/28**, Middle school report cards/conferences, 6-8 p.m.
- ❑ **4/29**, High school report cards/conferences, 6-8 p.m. (not including Snyder HS)
- ❑ **4/30**, Snyder HS report cards/conferences, 6-8 p.m.

Toni Marie Camacho and Vicky Chau of JC ARTS HS and Lester Sanchez of McNair HS each received Silver art portfolio medals. National winners and their teachers will be attending the celebration at Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 6.

“It is our honor to share in these defining moments of achievement for our nation’s teens and to elevate their unbelievable talent on the local, regional, and national levels. We see it as a privilege to support them on their journey to becoming artists, writers, designers, doctors, business owners, or any aspiration they are determined to realize,” said Virginia McEnerney, Executive Director of the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, the

administrator of the Scholastic Awards.

## JERSEY CITY PLEDGES CONTINUED SUPPORT OF B.B.B.S.



PS 17 students are flanked by (from left) Councilwoman Diane Coleman, BBBS Vice President Michele Williers, Councilwoman-at-Large Joyce Watterman, BBBS President Carlos Lejniaks, Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop, Perry Cecchini, NJCU President Dr. Sue Henderson, PS 17 Principal Robert Brower, Saint Peter's University President Dr. Eugene Cornacchia, and Freeholder Junior Maldonado.

The Jersey City Mentoring Conference took place at Joseph H. Brensinger PS 17 in January. The conference highlighted the continued efforts of the Jersey City Public Schools and Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties. An informative discussion took place by students (mentees) and adults (mentors) who explained how their lives have been forever changed by the power of mentoring. President/CEO of BBBS, Mr. Carlos Lejniaks, congratulated mentors for their incredible efforts to foster mentoring among youth in Jersey City. Mayor Steven Fulop expressed how mentoring by a teacher was so instrumental in his development and success in life and pledged the full support of the municipal government of Jersey City and a continued partnership with BBBS.

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## JERSEY CARES & VERIZON VOLUNTEER AT PS 37

Rafael de J. Cordero PS 37 once again had the pleasure of a visit from *Jersey Cares* on March 13. Volunteers from Verizon spent their day painting the school's auditorium, creating canvas murals, painting murals on planters, creating fleece blankets, and assembling benches. Volunteers also made homemade lasagna and cookies in the kitchen, which were distributed to those in need.





## PS 3 DRAMA STUDENTS PERFORM FOR NJEA & ELC

The Conwell Kidz Drama Program at Frank R. Conwell PS 3 was chosen to represent our district at “Kids In Concert” presented by New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) and Educational Law Center (ELC). Since 1997, ELC has partnered with NJEA to present “Kids In Concert” to celebrate the



extraordinary talents of New Jersey’s public school students by providing them with the opportunity to showcase their abilities on stage. This year, students performed select scenes from their musical “Peter Pan, Jr.” PS 3 Principal Darren Mischel stated, “I am extremely excited for our students to represent the district in this most prestigious event!”

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## HUDSON SUBARU “SHARES THE LOVE” WITH OUR DISTRICT



PS 15 students holding their \$3,874.89 donation check from Hudson Subaru are flanked by (from left) Difeo Customer Relations Manager Christina Difeo, Teacher Assistant Randolph Gilchrist, LCSW Olga Leon-Lobello, Teacher Melisa Cook, and Hudson Subaru Customer Relations Manager Kathy Pagan.

a portion of the auto sales’ proceeds would go. This was the first time that Subaru of America, Inc. allowed their local dealerships to select a local program to be provided with funds from their annual “Share the Love” campaign. JCPS Director Dr. Gerry Crisonino stated, “Our school district and students are grateful for Hudson Subaru’s partnership in this program. Their generosity will allow countless students to benefit, educationally, from the funds they raised.”

On March 27, students from Whitney M. Young, Jr. PS 15 accepted a generous \$3,874.89 donation from Hudson Subaru through their “Share the Love” campaign at their dealership on Communipaw Avenue. Hudson Subaru gave customers who bought vehicles a choice as to which organizations (our district being one) a

## PS 38 STUDENTS EARNING VALUABLE FINANCE LESSONS



On March 13, the students of James F. Murray PS 38 attended the Junior Achievement Finance Park, a special program they work on during their lunch period that involves real-life mathematics.

Under the advisement of teachers Marissa Bulger, Yasmin Mebarez, and Elliot Bryant, forty-three (43) seventh and eighth

grade students received a program that will help empower them to own their economic success. Their culminating trip to the Capital One/JA Finance Park simulated city, in tandem with the in-class curriculum prior to their visit, provided each student with more than 24 hours of financial literacy education.

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## STUDENTS “POWER UP” AT CONFERENCE & COMPETITION

On March 20 and 21, students from PS 17, Ferris, Lincoln, and Snyder High Schools participated in the 67<sup>th</sup> spring “Power Up” Leadership FCCLA Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Thirty-six students from our district were among the 700 in attendance competing at the

conference. Our talented students brought home a total of 36 Medals. Three Ferris High School students, under the tutelage of Rebecca Posey, fashion design teacher, received scholarships totaling \$15,000 from Johnson & Wales University and Centenary College. Two of these students also received the opportunity to participate in a four-week Summer Fashion Lab at the Laboratory Institute of Merchandising in New York City.





## PS 41 STUDENT WINS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ORATORY CONTEST

Renata Thomas, a seventh grader at Fred W. Martin Center for the Arts PS 41, won First Place in Jersey City's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Oratory Competition held on February 27. Renata was crowned victorious, representing the Grades 6-8 Division and competing in two rounds held over two days in the council chambers of City Hall. Congratulations on a job well done, Renata!

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## PS 12 MAKES DONATION TO ANGELA CARES

Julia A. Barnes PS 12 presented a check for \$70.60 to Angela McKnight of *Angela Cares*. PS 12 students who volunteered for *Angela Cares*' "working lunches" organized a food drive and fundraiser to provide food baskets to our elderly community members. The money presented to *Angela Cares* will be used to purchase supplemental food items to be included with the food provided by the students of PS 12.



Pictured from left, Angela Cares representative Ms. Keyes, Angela Cares President Angela McKnight, student Serenity Jackson, PS 12 Service Broker Ms. McPhater, and PS 12 Principal Annie Graham.

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## **NOTICE**

**On March 20, 2014, the Jersey City School Board voted to extend the school year to June 26 to compensate for days lost to snow this winter. The last three days of the school year are half sessions, going until 12:45 for teachers and students. This means that June 17, 18, 19, 20 and 23, will be full days, and June 24, 25 and 26 will be half sessions. High School Graduation Day will be June 26.**

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