

School Notebook

2005 ETSRPA Scholarships

by Tom Nolan

On June 13th, the **Ellenville Teachers and School Related Professionals Association (ETSRPA)** honored eleven members of Ellenville School District's Class of 2005 during the **ETSRPA Scholarship Reception** at the Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg. The **ETSRPA** has gifted over \$57,000 to Ellenville students who have excelled in school and who wish to continue their studies in college.

Staff members (Ann Beukelman, Bryan Bonitz, Barbara Hufnagel, Josie Lavia, Robert Oehme, Diane Rogers, Mark Roosa, Jennifer Schoonmaker, Mark Schoonmaker, Hillary Smith, and Kristy Wilson) chosen by the recipients, introduced the award recipients with a few heartfelt words describing the student's character and ability.

The reception provided the teachers the opportunity to thank the most important people in the lives of students. Much of the accomplishments attained by the honorees began with the guidance, support, and efforts of their parents, guardians and family members.

For their tireless work and unconditional love, the **ETSRPA** is extremely thankful. Each of these worthy recipients has contributed to making the Ellenville Central School District a vibrant, interesting and improved place.

Receiving a \$500 college scholarship were (photo, below, left to right): Courtney Blauvelt (for exhibiting exemplary ability at a vocational technical school sponsored by Ulster BOCES), Kayleigh Crawford, (for her interest in human services), Sara Finkbeiner (as a most accomplished student athlete), Will Mirrer (as a most accomplished student athlete), Jennifer Gillette (for scholarship and citizenship), Allison Comentino (who is planning to pursue a teaching career), Andrew Rogers (who expects to attend business school), Celia Barry (for excellence in the area of creative arts), Fallon Pestone (who expects to attend business school), Sara Irwin (chosen for her efforts in the community), and Frankie Rodriguez (who is planning to pursue a teaching career).

EMS Students Net Awards

Special awards were given in June to *Ellenville Middle School* students for their achievement.

The Triple "C" Award, from the State Attorney General's office, recognizing students for exemplary character, courage, and commitment, for students with qualities manifested

by commitment to learning, community, and to fellow classmates, was presented to 6th grader John Paulsen.

The President's Award for Academic Excellence, from the US Dept of Education, for overall GPA of 90 or above with a teacher's recommendation, with recognition of academic success in the classroom, was presented to 6th graders Christian Falk and Sebastian Moraga.

The President's Award for Academic Achievement, from the U.S. Dept of Education, for students who show tremendous growth, improvement, or commitment, but do not meet criteria for President's Award for Excellence, meant to encourage and reward students who work hard, give best effort, often in the face of special obstacles to their learning, was presented to 6th graders Kyle Cardona, Melary Escalera-Cruz, Guy Meyer, and Brandon Stinehour.

The Math, Science, Technology Award, from the United States Air Force, for students who excel in math, science, or technology, was presented to 7th graders Naomi Kennedy, Sabrina Castro, Lauren Lutz, Rita Miranda, and Bryan Nunez.

"High Creations" at EHS

by Stephanie Beaver

The Family Services, Inc. Advantage After-School Program at *Ellenville High School* wrapped up the year with a splash of fashion and a wealth of talent. Twenty-five high school students participated in the four-week program, participating in project-based learning and life skills activities. Not only did students design and model their own creations, they managed the event's budget, show schedule, entertainment, food, and set up.

The High Creations Hip-Hop Fashion show began with a guest performance from the high school's *Step Team* and included approximately 20 models wearing their own designs. Program participants performed two hip-hop dance routines and Elkin Hoyos of *Christina Party Productions* acted as the DJ and MC.

The show was a huge hit with all parents and friends who attended. The students exhibited so much talent, self-confidence and creativity; we can't wait to see what they do next year!

After the performance, a buffet dinner was provided, followed by a dance for all of the students and their invited guests. Many thanks to all parents who provided a covered dish for what was a delicious meal.

We want to thank the students of the *Advantage After-School Program* for their commitment to this project and their ability to pull together a fantastic show. We also want to thank Bryant "Drew" Andrews, Unique Fitness Hip-Hop dance instructor for teaching some of the routines.

