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DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SUPERINTENDENT PADILLA SELECTED AS A 2019 LEADER TO LEARN FROM

Congratulations Dr. Padilla! We are proud to announce that Dr. Roberto Padilla, our proud Superintendent, has been selected for Education Week's National 2019 Leaders to Learn From! Dr. Padilla was chosen out of hundreds of nominations from across the country.

An excerpt from the edweek.org article:

Plastered across classroom walls and throughout the hallways of the administration building in the Newburgh, N.Y., school district are two words: "inclusive excellence."

It's a vision statement and call to action for a school district that for too long left behind the students most in need.

The phrase was developed shortly after Superintendent Roberto Padilla's arrival in 2014, during a series of frank and difficult community meetings about why the district has struggled so much academically. Those meetings, which included hundreds of parents, teachers, staff and administrators, touched on issues of race, class, and who over the years had benefited most from the district's resources.



THE DISTRICT'S CTE PROGRAM, LEAD BY LINDA ROY, RECOGNIZED AS A TOP CTE PROGRAM IN THE STATE

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NECSD NAMED BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

The District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Now in its 20th year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FOUR SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOLARS HONORED WITH SOJOURNER TRUTH AWARD AT SUNY ORANGE
 HERITAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO HOSTS PERFECT ATTENDANCE BREAKFASTS FOR STUDENTS EACH QUARTER



Four South Middle School scholars were honored with the Sojourner Truth Award at SUNY Orange. These students were nominated and selected in one of the following areas: Athletics, Citizenship, Creative Arts, Diversity, English Language Arts, Foreign Languages, Mathematics, Perseverance/Effort, Sciences, and Technology.

Heritage Scholars with perfect attendance enjoy a breakfast each quarter compliments of the PTO. The breakfast has been given to those students who had perfect attendance. Students enjoyed fresh fruit, juice, muffins, and apple pies. This is an effort to encourage our scholars to come to school on a regular basis and help them understand the importance of being in school!

These four scholars (Isaiah Lindsay, Taylor Franceschi, Matison Fowlin and Litonya Smith) are outstanding students who exemplify characteristics that have a positive impact on our overall school community. We are very proud of them!

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NEWBURGH FREE ACADEMY NORTH SCHOLAR RECEIVES \$180,000 SCHOLARSHIP

Dylan Dellatore, a 12th grade scholar at Newburgh Free Academy's North Campus was presented a scholarship for \$180,000 by Captain Matt Silverstein, USMC during a senior assembly at Newburgh Free Academy's North Campus on Thursday, December 20, 2018.

Dylan plans to attend Cornell University in the fall to study communications, and will graduate from Newburgh Free Academy's North Campus in June.

MBK FELLOWS AND KAMEREN KING AND KING CONFERENCE PRESIDENT OF

Jeremiah Palemon and Kameran King attended the multi-day MBK Rising event that was focused on bringing together leaders and young men of color to improve lives and break down barriers. President Barack Obama joined and spoke on the progress of the MBK Alliance and his personal experiences as a man of color. Stephen Curry and John Legend also joined President Obama at the first national gathering. The MBK Fellows were escorted by Dr. Rawle Shewprashad, a teacher at NFA Main and West. Pictured with Dr. Shewprashad and former Golden State Warrior, Orlando Magic NBA player and Colgate University Graduate Adonal Foyle.

ADA JOHNSTON, FINALIST FOR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Ada Johnston, a 12th grade scholar at Newburgh Free Academy's Main Campus is a finalist for the National Merit Scholar program. Aside from academic excellence, Ada is involved in a range of extra-curricular activities. Ada is interested in architecture and is considering that for a future major and career. She hopes to attend Columbia University.

All winners of Merit Scholarships are chosen from the Finalist group based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments. NFA North seniors, Martin F. Pettico and Annie Yang were named Commended Students in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program.

REBECCA FERGUSON, #1 BASS TROMBONE PLAYER IN NEW YORK STATE FOR 2019

Rebecca Ferguson, a Senior at NFA who has been All-County: Band, Orchestra and Jazz Band from grades 9-12, Area All State grades 11-12, and All State Band grade 12, has now been named #1 Bass Trombone Player in New York State. Ms. Ferguson is a member of numerous organizations throughout the community and at NFA. She has accumulated a number of important awards and has decided to attend Mercyhurst University for a dual degree in Special Education and Music Therapy.



TWO NFA SENIORS WIN NATIONAL VIDEO COMPETITION

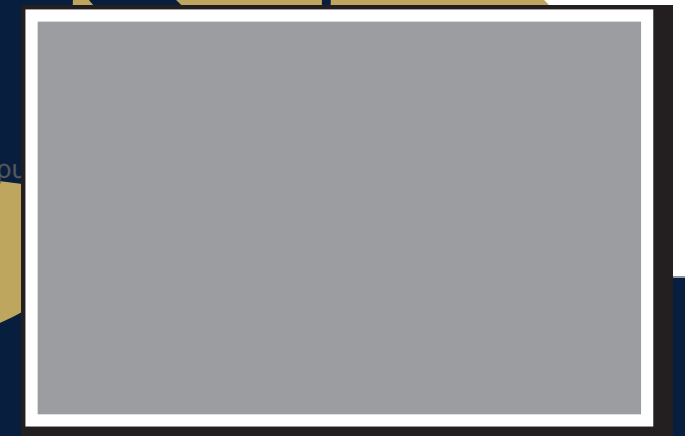
Crystal Ruiz and Therese Fischer, both seniors in Newburgh Free Academy Main Campus' Advanced Video Production class, won the National CareerSafe Youth Safety Video contest last summer. The students and their teacher, Mr. Guy Du Quesnay, were honored at a Board of Education meeting.

Students across the country are challenged to create a video demonstrating safety in the workplace. The winning students will receive a SkillsUSA Prize Pack as well as a scholarship up to \$2,500.



A PTECH SCHOOL "SHE CAN STEM" EVENT FOR GIRLS

High school scholars from Newburgh Free Academy PTECH hosted "She Can STEM," an event that focused on young girls and women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields. Middle school students throughout the District were invited to attend the event that included networking with the high school students and participants from IBM as well as an event that tested their STEM skills.



Over 150 scholars at Newburgh Free Academy's North Campus are participating in a Peer Group Connection mentoring program. The program is a new initiative in the district and is currently implemented at the North and Main campuses of Newburgh Free Academy. Over the summer, the groups of mentors, made up of juniors and seniors, participated in a multi-day training program in preparation of mentoring their younger, freshmen peers this school year.



97% of scholars who attend Newburgh Free Academy, West Campus completed an internship this year. This is an increase of 2% from last year's participation in their internship program. Scholars deepened their knowledge about individual passions or explored options of interest. In addition to the individual area of work, scholars also learned about entrepreneurship, professionalism, and general knowledge about the workings of a business.



FINE & PERFORMING ARTS



300

pieces of student-generated artwork were included in the all-district art show in the Ritz lobby.

80

scholars see Hamilton on Broadway and two perform prior to the show.

85

performing arts events scheduled as the direct result of curricular instruction.

45+

additional performances presented for community organizations, graduations, and community events.

250

NFA Dance Scholars perform nutcracker making it the largest performance at NECS

ATHLETICS

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