

December 12, 2005

**RECOGNITION:** Assistant Superintendent **Joseph Casbarro** presented a plaque to **Sergeant Howard Tribble** in recognition of his dedication, commitment and service to the students of White Plains. Sergeant Tribble played a key role in the High School as School Resource Officer during the last five years, under the auspices of the White Plains Department of Public Safety. He has received a promotion and returned to the Police Department.

Superintendent **Timothy Connors** congratulated Coordinator **Joan Kass and the ESOL Staff** for receiving the Jack and Ina Marash Distinguished Service Award from the White Plains Commission on Human Rights. The award was for contributions to improve the quality of life for residents of White Plains and for commitment to the principle that full access to educational opportunity is a fundamental human right. Mr. Connors read a statement from Mrs. Kass, expressing appreciation for everyone's efforts to support newly-arrived students and their families.

Athletic Director **Nick Panaro** introduced the coaches of six fall athletic teams to honor 99 Scholar-Athletes who achieved 90 or better averages. Teams represented were: Women's Soccer, coached by **Carlos Mejia**; Men's Cross Country, coached by **Fred Singleton**, Women's Cross Country, **Dan Furry**, Coach; Field Hockey, **Joan Behrends**, Coach; Women's Tennis, **Brian Golden**, Coach; and Women's Swimming & Diving, **Patty Gilmartin**, Coach. Mr. Panaro congratulated seven athletes from the two teams which did not qualify for Scholar-Athlete status, as well as eight Cheerleaders who achieved 90 or better but whose sport is not recognized by the State Public High School Athletic Association. .

Mr. Panaro congratulated the Men's Soccer Team on an outstanding season, reaching the State Semifinals. Senior Captain **David Piedrahita** was named New York State Class AA and Region 2 Player of the Year, Region 2 All-American, and Journal News Player of the Year. The newspaper also named **Marcel Galligani** Coach of the Year.

Board Vice President **Michelle Trataros** attended the Transition Ceremony at the Newcomer Center as well as the Annual Football Dinner, and congratulated both groups of students. Both events were very well attended.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Connors announced that a documentary is being made on the life of the late **Jonathan Larson**, WPHS Class of '76, and his musical, "Rent." Permission is being arranged to use photos from the High School yearbook in the film that SONY will release in the spring.

**Terrance Schruers**, Assistant Superintendent for Business, reported that Moody's has given the district a very positive bond rating of Aa2 in the recent \$8 million bond sale. This money is from previous bond authorizations in 1999 and 2004, to pay court-ordered tax certiorari refunds.

**DONATIONS:** The Board accepted a donation of art books and periodicals from **Martha Schaeffer**

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the High School Art Department, and a microwave/convention oven from **Rabbi Tom Weiner** for Post Road School. Mr. Connors thanked these donors for their generosity.

