

# CELEBRATIONS

**Collena Kelly**, a student at Marietta-Cobbidge Junior/Senior High School, won a Lead Student in a Play Award for her role of Marie in "You Can't Beat the Blues," presented at the high school.

**Elizabeth Williams**, a student at William Floyd High School in Middle Beach, has been selected to represent William Floyd and the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory 2016 Learning Center's Bermuda Long Island Student Research Program at the National Institutes of Health Citizens Science Symposium. It is held this month in Washington, DC.

**Cary Hyman** has been named as the new executive director for Performing Theatre for the Performing Arts. Hyman previously worked at the Bay Street Theatre in Sag Harbor.

**Hunter Malachuk**, a student at Longwood High School in Middle Island, received the New York State Senate Youth Leadership Recognition Award. The award

was sponsored by Senator Kenneth P. LaValle.

**Isabelle Wells**, a graduate of Northport High School, was presented with the Award of Educational Academic Excellence Award from Governor Letitia Stivers. Wells received the award during the school's 40th annual Teacher Awards Ceremony, held on June 8.

**Karen S. Postolone**, a US Air Force National Guard Airman, 1st Class and a 1984 graduate of Brentwood High School, recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

**Laura Star**, a resident of Berkeley, was Emma's Clark Memorial Library's Instagram Photo Contest. Star's photo will be featured in the library's lobby for the summer.

**Francis Donaganda, Nicholas LaGrasso, and Natalie Bezzari** were named as the Class of 2017 valedictorians, salutatorian and exhortation speaker, respectively, at Rocky Point High School.



**Madeline Gaffney** was named as the valedictorian of the Class of 2017 at West Jolly High School. As a student, Gaffney was a member of the school's National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society, English Honor Society and Principal's List. She was also named Student of the Month for science. The MS Gaffney will attend Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. There she will pursue a five-year physician's assistant program.

**Donaganda** will attend Stuy Brook Business College, LaCrosse will attend the University of Southern California and Bezzari will attend Georgetown University.

**Shane Di Vincenzo**, a student at East G. Vandergriff High



**Isaac Malachuk**, a resident of Southampton and a board member and former executive director of School-Business Partnerships of Long Island Inc. (SBPI), received the organization's 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award. Malachuk joined SBPI in 1990 as an advisory board member. He has served as the organization's vice president of event coordination, 2007-2009, president, 2010-2011, executive director, 2012-2014, and interim executive director, 2016-2016.

**School** in their fall term, took fifth place at the NY's Academic City Tournament, held at Red Bull State Park on June 21. He finished with a score of 79.

Donaganda currently works for Long Island Sound Hospital.