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Here is our interview with the 2015 KHS
Valedictorian, Maria Cavallo.

Q: How do you feel about this great achievement?

A: Honored, accomplished, and grateful for all of the incredible peers and teachers I have been blessed with along the way who contributed to my success.

Q: Was this a goal for you? Or did this all come just naturally?

A: This became a goal the summer after my sophomore year, at the 4-day RYLA program held at Monmouth University. There was an event where we wrote a goal on a slab of wood, and were taught how to push through it, and break it in half with one hand in an attempt to motivate every person to accomplish something in the next few years. My goal was to graduate at the top of my class, in June 2015.

Q: Were there any push factors that made you want to work your hardest?

A: Going to a 4-year University and living on my own, away from home was always a dream of mine. Getting good grades to obtain a scholarship to the school of my choice was a push factor over the years.

Q: What are your plans after KHS? What about after college? Do you know, or at least have an idea, of what you'd like to major in?

A: After KHS I will be attending the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, majoring in pharmaceutical sciences. After college, I either want to go to med school, or directly into industry with a career in product development.

Q: What are your hobbies outside of school?

A: Homework, tanning, serving people pancakes to make money

Q: What would you like to say to the KHS students you leave behind as you graduate?

A: Make the most of every day here at KHS, four years sounds much longer than it feels. Set goals for yourself, and do not lose sight of what is most important to you.



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Here is our interview with the 2015
KHS Salutatorian, Naomi Wingate.

Q: How do you feel about this great achievement?

A: I feel honored and humbled I am glad to be able to be this class salutatorian. School was not easy for me growing up but hard work and dedication really helped me come to this day.

Q: Was this a goal for you? Or did this all come just naturally?

A: Yes, since my eighth grade year, my brother inspired me.

Q: Were there any push factors that made you want to work your hardest?

A: The fact that so many people believed in me and I believed in me. I wanted to do it for the kids who did not believe in themselves , and hopefully make a difference.

Q: What are you plans after KHS? What about after college? Do you know, or at least have an idea, of what you'd like to major in?

A: My plans are to become a Child Psychologist. I am attending Caldwell University in the fall and am majoring in psychology.

Q: What are your hobbies outside of school?

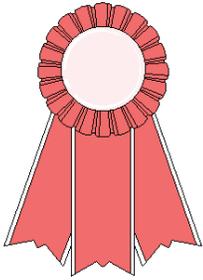
A: I sing in church , as well as working at the Cinemark movie theater in Hazlet . I like to hang out with my friends from time to time and observe life.

Q: What would you like to say to the KHS students you leave behind as you graduate?

A: If you push yourself you'll be surprised how much you can achieve in life and how smart you are. Cherish each moment you have at high school because you'll only have that moment in life. Do not just do assignments to do them, do everything to your best ability. And lastly believe in yourself you are fearfully and wonderfully made , I can believe in you all you want but if you don't believe in yourself the door to success will always be locked.



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SENIOR AWARDS



DEPARTMENT AWARD WINNERS

AP Physics	Maria Cavallo
AP Biology	Nicollette Brady
English 4	Ashley Martinez
AP English 12	Reanna Morio
ESL	Karen Bernadino
English 4 Honors	Krisia Ortiz
Calculus	Josh Vogt
AP Calculus	Maria Cavallo
Algebra II	Timothy Voorhees
US History 2	Nicole Chavez
Phys Ed	Kendra Erving
Phys Ed	Josh Vogt
Desktop Publishing	Cassandra Parks
College Seminar	Lauren Jablonski
Web Media & Literacy	Michael Conti
Sports Psychology	Chase Bright
Psychology	Justin Medoro
Art III	Nicole Sickles
Band	Jake Caverly
Culinary I	Michael Butler
Culinary II	Ashley Sweeney
Fashion I	Samantha Nellis
Food Science & Nutrition	Scott O'Dwyer
Digital Photography	Pascual Cuahuizo
Tomorrow's Teachers	Gabrielle Piccini
Music Appreciation	Naomi Wingate
Raider's Ink	Cassandra Parks

2015 Congressional Arts Award Winners

Pascual Cuahuizo; Krisia Ortiz & Nicole Sickles



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Principal's Honor Roll



Ashlee Caballero



High Honor Roll



Alyssa Christiana
Brittany Lachky
Samantha Murillo
Krisia Ortiz
Dominique White



Honor Roll

Maria Cavallo
Michael Conti
Dy'Asia Dorsey
Kendra Erving
Marina Flores
Scott Gleason
Autumn Iosue
Lauren Jablonski
Jessica Lowther



Ashley Martinez
Verenise Martinez
Justin Medoro
Reanna Morio
Sean Phillips
Gabrielle Piccini
Ky'Era Pryor
Brianna Wilson
Naomi Wingate



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Student of the Month

Class of 2015

- Daniella Martinez
- Brianna Wilson
- Justin Medoro
- Anita Demaj
- Krisia Ortiz
- Rebecca Rose
- Timothy Voorhees
- Daniel Williams

Class of 2015

-SCHOLARSHIPS-

- Mayor & Council of Keyport Award
- Mayor & Council of Union Beach Awards
- American Association of University Women Award
- Robert Buhler Memorial Scholarship
- Charles Prager Memorial Scholarship
- Marjorie Conway Community Service Award of
Community Church of Keyport
- Congressman Frank Pallone Scholarship
- Dino Lambros Memorial Scholarship
- Drew Capichana Memorial Scholarship
- Elizabeth Walling Award
- Fritz Goosemen Writing Award
- Jane M. Jones Award
- Juracky Memorial Scholarship
- Keyport Education Association Scholarship

- Keyport Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Award
- Keyport Civic League Scholarship
- Keyport Democratic Club Award
- Keyport Fire Department Award
- Keyport First Aid Award
- Keyport Indians Pop Warner Award
- Keyport PBA Scholarship
- Keyport Recreation Award
- Keyport Republican Club Award
- Keyport Spanish American Club: Rufino Ramos Scholarship Fund
- Kiwanis Club of Keyport Award
- Leon & Norinne Schanck Memorial Award (KHS Class of 1937)
- Monmouth County Guidance Directors Association Scholarship
- Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement Award
- Red Raider Parent Club Award
- Rotary Club of Hazlet Scholarship
- Union Beach Recreation Scholarship
- Will Hayes Scholarship
- US Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award Program
- U.S. Marine Corps Awards





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KEYPORT TEACHER RECEIVES TOP RECOGNITION

Story Lizz Dinnigan

AMANDA ANDREWS – 7th grade mathematics teacher at Keyport Central School for the last three years (who also spent two years in the Special Education department) - has been named 2015-16 Monmouth County Teacher of the Year.

How did you learn about your designation as 2015-16 Monmouth County Teacher of the Year?

It was a Tuesday morning, and I received a phone call from my building Principal Mr. Anthony Rapolla. He said the State Department of Education was coming to our school to visit the Math Department. I was very nervous, and I made sure I had an exemplary lesson ready to be delivered. At 11:15 am, Mr. Rapolla, along with Joseph Passiment, Interim Executive County Superintendent, and Lisa Savoia, Keyport School District Superintendent, entered my classroom. Mr. Passiment addressed my students and shared the exciting news. He told the students that I was named Monmouth County Teacher of the Year and congratulated me. Later that afternoon, the announcement was made to the entire Keyport Central School staff.

How were you selected? Was there a nomination process, teacher evaluation or was it based on standard-ized test grades?

In order to be named Monmouth County Teacher of the Year, you must first be nominated as the Governor's Teacher of the Year for your individual school. In December, I was awarded the title of Keyport Central School Teacher of the Year. I was nominated by my fellow colleagues. After being recognized as Keyport Central School's Teacher of the Year, I went on to submit a formal packet nominating myself as Monmouth County Teacher of the Year. I had to submit a resume, my summative evaluation rating, as well as four formal papers on various topics. These topics included a professional biography, demonstration of education leadership, my philosophy on teaching and student successes.

What are the benefits of having this special designation?

The benefits are intrinsic. This recognition motivates me to keep doing what I know is necessary to teach students the skills they will need in the future. It validates what I accomplish daily in my classroom. It was also an honor to be recognized by my colleagues, and I look forward to sharing my knowledge and expertise with Monmouth County teachers.

How did you get into this profession?

Out of the countless number of reasons there are to becoming a teacher, the reasons that most greatly impacted me were my parents and my mathematics background throughout my high school experience. My parents and I both valued education, and I knew that whatever career path I chose, my education I received from a young age on was crucial to succeed. My love for mathematics was always prominent during my school-aged days.

I was never a “reader.” I was always calculating prices and solving math problems wherever I went. During high school, I developed an unexplainable passion. This passion is a passion for children, for making a difference in lives, for building relationships that matter. This passion is a passion for opening the doors of success. The passion I had for working with children came from the satisfaction of being able to make a difference in the life of a child. This occurred to me when I volunteered one summer for the extended school year program for children with special needs. Learning from my parents, I was able to effectively help these students with their academics. This passion is the driving force in my desire to teach. If I could make a difference in the life of one student, that it would all be worth it. It's important for teachers to be a positive role model to their students, and I wanted to be the difference-maker. Now I have the best of both worlds: I am able to teach a subject that I truly love.

What do you find most rewarding about teaching?

My greatest rewards in education are not the certificates on the wall or the honors or awards I have received, but the successes I've achieved with my students. The true reward comes from their accomplishments. In my class, accomplishments are not just the mastery of a skill, passing a test or achieving proficiency on a standardized assessment. They are the times I hear my students using what I have taught them outside the classroom. It is the times I see in their eyes the passion for the subject or the times they are truly proud of what they accomplished. It is the times when students return to my classroom with a smile on their face, saying “thank you” for what you taught me.

I am very fortunate because I'm able to do more than just teach mathematics to middle school students. I inspire, challenge, mentor, nurture and counsel. Whenever I have successes with my students in any of these areas, I know I have accomplished much more than just a grade on a report card. I have contributed to a lifetime of learning. Teaching has allowed me to have a positive impact on lives. At the end of the day, I know I tried my best to reach every student who enters my room. I can't think of any other profession that would provide me such rewards.

How do your students inspire you?

Within my classroom, my students inspire me on a daily basis. This occurs when my students answer their reflection activities with enthusiasm about their newfound skills, or when they teach each other the lesson they learned. They inspire me to want to make sure I have a different skill to teach them daily as well help them to reach their potential. Another way they inspire me to keep doing what I have been doing is when my former or current students come and ask me to help them with an assignment outside of my class or just simply come in my classroom to have a conversation.



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A **Huge** Thank You

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