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NYSUT AWARDS

Celebrating Excellence Among Our Members

The FFT was recognized for the following awards at the NYSUTRA on May 3, 2024:

Local Community Service Awarded to the FFT under the leadership of Cordelia Anthony, President

The Farmingdale Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2023, they demonstrated this by:

- Contributing more than \$5,000 to charities, including Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, Autism Speaks Walk, and other notable charities.
- Awarding over \$6,000 in scholarships to students.
- Sponsoring Farmingdale High School DECA Club, Farmingdale baseball/softball league, Farmingdale Community Summit and Health Expo, Farmingdale Fire Department, St. Kilian Church Outreach, St. Baldrick's, and Farmingdale Playcrafters.
- Participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and Autism Speaks walks at Jones Beach, 2023 Special Olympics Long Island Spring games, Dalers Deck the Halls Community Breakfast, and Daler Strong Candlelight Vigil.

The **NYSUT LIFE LINE HONOR ROLL Award** recognizing members who helped to save a life:

Awarded to David Abrams, Matthew DeMasi, Erica Hartmann, Philip Scanze, and Jennifer Tower for the heroic efforts following the Farmingdale Band Camp bus crash on September 21, 2023.

FFT Distinguished Members Recognized for Exemplary Work and Service:

Congratulations to **FFT President Cordelia Anthony**, who was honored with the **SCOPE Education Services "Shining Stars" Award** on Monday, March 18, 2024. Cordelia Anthony was recognized for outstanding service to education and the school district community.

The **2024 Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award** honoree was the late **Gina Rose Pellettiere**. Nassau BOCES Education Partner award recognizes individuals who have had a measurable impact on public education in Nassau County.

Melanie Viskoc, HMS, was honored with the **LIFACS Promising New Professional Award**.

Jennifer Londino, FHS, was awarded the **Distinguished Teacher Award**, from the Harvard Club of LI.

Jacqueline Verre, FHS, **Best Guidance Counselor** from Bethpage Federal Credit Union.

Rosalia Mesuraca, FHS, was awarded the **Teacher of the Month** from AATI-LI.

Lynn DiAndrea, FHS and HMS, was honored with the **LISTEMELA Star STEM Teacher Award**.

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