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At the 2015 Commencement Exercise for Orange High School and the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange, on June 24, over 270 graduates, outfitted in black or orange cap and gowns, marched into the Codey Arena to receive their diplomas. The prevailing theme of the graduation was one of achievement, "sticking to the grind," as echoed by the co-Principal, Mr. Jason Belton and one of perseverance, as articulated by the

Principal of the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange, Dr. Erica Stewart. The audience was fully energized when Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, welcomed and congratulated the graduates and their families, before stating, "The class of 2015 is record setting."

The Superintendent proudly detailed that four to five years ago, the four-year graduation rate was approximately 58%, last year the rate was 87%, surpassing some neighboring districts. This year, as he underscored, "This year, the preliminary graduation rate, before we include students who go to summer school, is 91%." There was thunderous applause from the graduates and onlookers. With additional students completing graduation in the summer, the Superintendent indicated that the graduation rate for Orange could rival rates attained in the higher achieving districts in Essex County.









Pictured: Student speakers at the 2015 Commencement Exercise.



The Superintendent further noted that while students are getting into college, at an ever-increasing rate, it is difficult for many students to pay the required tuition and fees to attend

desired colleges and universities. Four to five years ago, students received approximately \$400,000 in scholarships, to aid in their quest for higher education. The 2014 graduates were awarded approximately \$1.4 million in scholarships and awards. The class of 2015 received over \$6 million in scholarships and awards, more than the five preceding graduating classes combined. Cheers resonated across the arena, as Superintendent Lee continued to emphasize the school's achievements.

Superintendent Lee mentioned that at the beginning of the school year, the College Board honored Orange High School as one of 547 school districts in the U.S. and Canada with placement on the 5th Annual AP® District Honor Roll for increasing access to Advanced Placement (AP) classes and improving the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. The College Board recognized Orange as a district that successfully identified students who were prepared for AP opportunities.



Pictured: Keynote speaker, the Honorable Judge Harold W. Fullilove Jr.





Pictured (above): Cheers from graduates and dignitaries during Mr. Lee's remarks.

The latest achievement for Orange High School is being removed from the U.S Department of Education's federal "focus" status list. Schools in this category were identified as needing improvement in certain areas, under New Jersey's waiver from the federal No Child Left Behind guidelines. Being removed from the list means that OHS has improved student achievement per state standards. Orange was among 19 in the state, from a list of 150 schools, to be taken off the warning list. The announcement appeared in the press, on the occasion of the 2015 Commencement Exercise. It was further noted that Orange High School was the only Essex County School to achieve this distinction. "I'm proud of my graduates here today," said Superintendent Lee, as he detailed this milestone. "You have set the standards for the future graduating classes."

Amidst the excitement over the noted accomplishments and the jubilant mood of the graduates and their families, there was further inspiration from the graduates themselves. The Salutatorian, Taguy Mohamed, advised her peers, saying, "Don't let anyone get in the way of your hopes and dreams." The Valedictorian, Kausar Ahmed, envisioning a letter from her future self, proclaimed, "In order to build toward your future, you have to lay the foundation first and congrats, you already have." She ended with the collective sentiments of all the speakers when she told the graduates that she was so very proud of them for what they have accomplished.

With the accolades noted for the 2015 graduating class, Superintendent Lee proudly stated, "If you didn't know, Orange High School is on the move."







Pictured (left to right): Co-Principals Dr. Kalisha Morgan, Mr. Jason Belton and Dr. Erica Stewart, Principal of the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange; Voices in Harmony; Graduates message.





Pictured (left to right): OHS Concert Band; Superintendent congratulates graduate with Assistant Principal, Mr. Dana Gaines looking on.

Park Avenue School Spring Art Show and Concert



On June 15, Park
Avenue School
presented The Annual
Spring Art Show and
Concert. Prior to
entering the cafetorium
for the performances,
visitors were greeted
with a variety of
artwork, including a
topical installation

piece. Art teacher, Mrs. Benay Lipstein explained, "This is an art form that is temporary and changes as the properties move or change. It will never look exactly the same. Janasia Wilson, a sixth grade student at Park Avenue School, moved around as she wished changing the 'look' of the work."

The artwork on display demonstrated the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards used in instructing the students. There were Roosters completed by various grade levels, Pop Art by the 4th grade, Apple and Pear still life by the 4th grade, using mosaic art, and the 7th grade, using watercolor.



Pictured): Art on display at Park Avenue School.



The concert opened with students showing their skills on the recorded. They played Jig, When The Saints Go Marching In and more. Mrs. Marianne Mroz directed them. She also led the Park Avenue Band, assisted by Mr. Peter

Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts (on bass), Mrs. Erin-Leigh Van Orden (trumpet), Mr. Rizzola (drums) and Mr. Halligan (guitar). A few of the selections played were Bandroom Boogie and Little Shop of Horrors. Also played were, My Favorite Things, with K. Cooper on tenor saxophone, and Rock Around the Clock with Valente Etienne on alto saxophone.

The Park Avenue Chorus, directed by Mr. Scott Clark, sang *Pompeii*, *See You Again* and *Home*. He also led Ms. Moore's 1st grade class, singing *Lion Sleeps Tonight*.

The students studying the guitar, a combination of Ms. Beaghen's class and Ms. Moore's classes, played *Outdoors, Count on Me* and *I've got a Feeling,* which featured Giovanni Lockhart, Jade Symart and Courtney Theophile on vocals.



Pictured: Mrs. Mroz directs students playing the recorder.





Pictured (left to right): Tenor saxophone and alto saxophone players.





Pictured: Mrs. Mroz directs the Park Avenue Band.

Forest Street School, Around the World, Spring Concert and Art Show



The opening of the Forest Street Concert, Around the World, was the art display that lined the first floor corridor of the school and the gymnatorium, where the concert was held on June 17. The colorful and detailed art pieces demonstrated

students' learning relating to coral reefs and art associated with India, as noted by Forest's art director, Ms. Avril Bogle.











Pictured: Art display at Forest Street School.

The Spring Concert, Around the World, was a musical and entertainment delight. The program began with The Forest Street School Blues, performed by Alex Larathe, Geverson Derosney and Celine Jobson. Instrumental Director, Mr. Thaddeus Hammond, introduced the students and the instrumental groups that followed. He led the strings group playing a Mozart Melody and Matthew March with a solo by Jahni Williams. Next was the Forest Street School Band playing The Victors and The Lion Sleeps Tonight, followed by the Forest Street Jazz Band playing Blue Bossa, and Portal. Mr. Hammond explained the effort the students have made to learn the art for of Jazz, indicating students were able to participate in programs through ValleyArts.

The choral and guitar students, led by Vocal Director, Mr. Brian Silvoy followed the instrumental segment of the program. The First Grade Chorus sang *Mube* and *Pizza Love*. The guitar students played *Thinking Out Loud*, *Love is Like a Rose* and *Glory*, with vocal accompaniment, including a solo performance by Amanda Sherwood.









Pictured: Scenes from the Forest Street Spring Concert.



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The Dance Director, Ms. Jacqueline Selesky, completed the evening's program, presenting the First Grade Dancers, performing to *One Drop*, and the Forest Dance Ensemble performing to *Dancing Around the Globe*.

Crosta's Jukebox, A Behind the Curtain Concert by Voices in Harmony

Submitted by Mr. peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts

Mr. David Milnes, director of *Voices in Harmony (ViH)*, has been conducting *Behind the Curtain* concerts, as fundraisers, for the award-winning choir for a couple of years. His last concert for this school year was a tribute to the outgoing Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta, who is retiring after 36 years in education.

Mr. Milnes shared with Mr. Crosta that the concept for *Crosta's Jukebox* was student-driven. The *Voices in Harmony* students wanted to thank him for supporting them, and the arts programs, by having him select 15-20 songs that he considered "my favorites" for them to sing. "I was so moved," said Mr. Crosta. "For a musician to select a limited amount of music was a feat near impossible! I couldn't do it, so I gave him nearly 30 selections from which to choose."



Pictured: Voices in Harmony singers and band member (top right).









Pictured: Voices in Harmony singers.

Mr. Crosta, being "the educator," made a point of selecting music that would challenge the students. Songs that would require them to do research, in order to perform. He selected songs from the 50s through the 90s and one "new" song (*All About That Bass*) that they knew of directly. *ViH* learned songs by the Beatles, the Beach Boys, Eric Clapton, the Eagles, Aerosmith, the Drifters, and many more. Mr. Crosta, along with the audience of friends, family, co-workers and *ViH* fans thoroughly enjoyed the show.

"I marveled at each performance that night. Each student spoke a little about the song, it's origin and other factoids about the composer or the selection. I was extremely proud. What's more, Mr. Milnes allowed me to play electric bass during each selection. It was a hobby I started (teaching myself) in December. It was a complete honor, through and through."

Mr. Peter Crosta



Pictured: Voices in Harmony singers. Mr. Crosta and Mr. Milnes (bottom right).



The Voices in Harmony participants were: Jaida Taylor, Serena Martin, Abigail Charles, Danae Green, Bernide Voltaire, Jean Fleurentin, Dunelle Devalon, Clinton Obi, Mareya Drigo, Alisone Jacques, Marlena Browne, Bria Wood, Akia Lewin, Tyler Taylor, Tashaun Brown, Sarahnia Casseus, Alaya Montgomery and alumni, Xavier Littlejohn. The band included Mr.

Milnes, on keyboard, student Howard George, on drums, and Mr. Crosta on bass.

Orange Bridge Club News

Submitted by Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator/Bridge Club Advisor, Park Avenue School

Park Avenue and Oakwood Avenue Schools attended the Woodbridge Bridge Tournament on May 16, 2015. There were 22 students in attendance. The students played against each other and students from various parts of New Jersey and New York. In all, there were nearly 40 students participating in the competition.

Park Avenue's bridge team brought home six trophies. Teammates Yardji Nazaire and Arina Black placed 2nd for E/W; Iyahna Barrett and Salbrina Teal placed 3rd for E/W; Chika Onyiuke and Merly Alcius placed 2nd for N/S.

The students enjoyed a fun day of bridge and friendship. Ms. Barbara Clark and the Youth Bridge Division provided delicious snacks, beverages, and lunch.

Park Avenue School and Oakwood Avenue School bridge teachers, Denise Harlem and Pamela Venable, would like to thank Ms. Barbara Clark for her continued support of the Youth Bridge Program. Without her support, these events would not be possible.



Pictured: Yardji Nazaire and Arina Black (left); Iyahna Barrett and Salbrina Teal (center); Chika Onyiuke and Merly Alcius (right).



Pictured: Park Avenue's bridge team.

Stay tuned for news about the Bridge Club's trip to the National Bridge Tournament in Chicago, Ill, in August.







Pictured: Scenes from the Woodbridge Tournament.

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Orange's Summer Robotics Camps will teach students how to design, build, test, and program robots in a fully supervised environment. Two camps are offered:



- The Lego Robotics Camp begins on July 6th for students currently in grades 4-7 and runs from 9am – 12noon, at Orange Preparatory Academy
- The FRC Robotics Camp begins on July 7th for students currently in grades 8-11 and runs from 9am 12noon, at Orange High School

Both camps end on July 30th.



Montclair State University is running an **all day** STEM camp for grades 4-8 at the Orange Public Library from July 6 to August 14



Luna Stage is running a 2-week **all day** Theater camp for grades 3-8 at Luna Stage from July 6 through July 17.



Young Science Explorers will explore at Heywood Avenue School, from 9am-12 pm, for rising 6th and 7th graders, from July 6 to August 14.

Additionally:

The Orange Education Foundation has sponsored 21 students to attend Frost Valley YMCA summer camp, 36 students to attend NJIT summer Stem Program, and 40 students to attend Turtle Back Zoo summer program.

The Mayor's Circle of Excellence SUMMER CAMP IN ORANGE is offered for a fee of \$50 a week, Campers will take part in Art, Technology, Reading, Science, Language Arts and Athletic Activities such as Basketball, Baseball, Cheerleading, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis...and more, from July 29 through August 7.

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Monthly Board of Education Meeting, June 2015

Park Avenue School opened the Monthly Board of Education meeting on June 12 with the attendees reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, before the Park Avenue Dancers took to the stage. The dancers, directed by Mrs. Deborah Rembert included:

Ahmiyah Carter	Tatiana Pope	Grace Pierre	Keyera Williams
Tamyra Rumble	Courtney Theophile	Janelly Catano	Ariana Thompson
Kamaya Fleming	Kamora Blair	Bryttani Johnson	Emily Urena
Autumn Tarver	Kelly Miller	Khalia Fleming	Giovanni Lockhart
Aitalia Sharpe	Chika Onika	Te'era Williams	Kaylah Toussaint
Dekia Jean Charles	Loudien Charles	Daveigh Hedgeman	



The students gave individual reflections on arts in education, detailing its significance and benefit to academics. To emphasize their statements, they danced in T-shirts scribed with their school name and "College Bound." They were applauded for sharing their thoughts and for the uplifting performance given.





Pictured: Park Avenue School Dance Ensemble at the June Board of Education meeting.

Presentation to Outgoing Board Attorney and Board President

Following Park Avenue School's routine, there were two special presentations. The first was a plaque given to Mr. Melvin C. Randall, Esq, who is retiring as the Board of Education attorney. The Plaque stated, "The Orange Board of Education extends appreciation and gratitude . . . for eighteen years of dedicated legal service to the Orange Board of Education and children of the Orange Public School District and Community."

Mr. Randall, who was a former Board of Education member, complimented the board for the collaboration during his tenure and thanked all for their sentiments upon his retirement. Along with the plaque presentation by the new Board of Education President, Ms. Cristina Mateo and Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Ms. Mateo offered a fruit basket to Mr. Randall, on behalf of the board members.

Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, outgoing Board of Education President, was also presented with a plaque in her honor, along with a bouquet of flowers by Ms. Mateo, on behalf of the board, Mrs. Arthur was recognized for her twenty years of dedicated service and for her status as Master Board Member of the New Jersey Schools Board Association. Mrs. Arthur has represented the Orange Board of Education as a delegate

"The Orange Board of Education Salutes and Applauds, Patricia A. Arthur in recognition of her twenty years of outstanding, dedicated and unwavering service and commitment to Public Education and the children of the Orange Public School District and community. 1995 - 2015."

Mrs. Arthur thanked the Board, the Superintendent, administrators, teachers and students for all that the district has accomplished over the years. She indicated that the work of the board isn't finished and asked them to remain committed to the children of Orange.

The board program continued as Superintendent Ronald C. Lee and the new Board of Education President, Ms. Cristina Mateo, presented students with certificates for being selected Student of the Month (SOTM). On a monthly basis, students are recognized for exemplary behavior, academics and citizenship by their school. The students honored were:

George Cupidon	Orange High School
Erving Lawson	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
Felix Gomez	Orange Preparatory Academy
Ashley Laveriano	Cleveland Street School
Joshua Cordova	Rosa Parks Community School
Emily Urena	Park Avenue School
Pierre Marcelin	Heywood Avenue School
Alonah Carter	Forest Street School
Nydaizyah Hopkins	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Brayan Delgado	Lincoln Avenue School







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Parent of the Month

Ms. Antoinett Hall the Parent of the Month, representing Park Avenue School. On a monthly basis, the school hosting the Board meeting selects a parent to receive this honor.



(Pictured (left to right): Principal Dr. Myron Hackett, Board President Cristina Mateo, Ms. Antoinett Hall and Superintendent Ronald

Ms. Hall is a recent Essex County College graduate and Park's current PTO
President. She has been instrumental in assisting with hosting and presenting events at Park Avenue School and in the community of Orange. She currently serves on the Democratic Committee and the Rent Control Board of Orange, New Jersey. Ms. Hall assisted members of the community with helping families displaced by fire, by serving and gathering food from local businesses and working with the local Red Cross.

Ms. Hall is the proud parent of Marly Watson and Jahiem Watson. Park Avenue School commends her efforts and commitment to the Orange Community.

New Board of Education Members

This past May, the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren appointed two new members to the Board of Education. Their tenure was effective at the May 18 Board of Education Reorganization Meeting.

The two new members, Mr. Jarteau Israel and Mrs. Gloria Fisher, replace the outgoing Board of Education President, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur and Board member Mrs. Marion Graves Jackson. Mrs. Arthur has served in varying capacities on the Board for twenty years and Mrs. Graves-Jackson had been a board member for over 3 years.



Mr. Jarteau Israel



Mrs. Gloria Fisher

Dancing From Your Heart & Soul

On June 17, the Dance Departments of Orange High School (OHS) and Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) presented Dancing From Your Heart & Soul. The various groups that performed included: the OHS Dance Ensemble, the 8th and 9th grade dance classes, the OPA Dance Club, and the OPA Dance Ensemble, with guest performances by the Rosa Parks Community School Dance Ensemble (RPCS) and Marco Farroni, a 2013 Orange High School graduate.

The dancers performed with fluid, passionate and eye-catching movements to dance pieces choreographed by OHS dance instructor, Ms. Tosha M. Brown, OPA Dance instructor, Mrs. Adrianna Nass, as well as RPCS dance instructor, Mrs. Nadia Smith-McCoy and others.

The performances were well presented and featured Dance Ensemble Senior Solo acts by: Natacia Russell, Diamonique Jacobs, Karen Rivas, Sadera Jackson, Toyasia Kates and Ouabisa Neblett.





Pictured (above and right): Scenes from Dancing From Your Heart and Soul.















Images from the dance concert (taken by Mr. Peter Crosta) can be found on the official arts website of the Orange Public Schools,

OrangeArts.net: http://www.orangearts.net/WebGalleries/OHSpringDance15/

Get Up and Dance 2015

The Orange Dance Conservatory (ODC) and the Park Avenue Dance Ensemble presented Get Up & Dance 2015 on June 22. Family and friends packed the auditorium at Orange Preparatory Academy for a lively show that included a special performance by staff members.



Pictured: Scenes from Get Up & Dance 2015.

Dance Director, Mrs. Deborah Rembert presented several genres of dance during the evening. Some of the performances included *Ethnic Dance* to *Follow the Leader*, by the Park Avenue Dance Ensemble, *Hip Hop* genre to *Move It! Move It*, by the ODC (Burgundy Level), *Jazz* genre to *Burning Up* by the Orange Staff Ensemble, *Tap* to *Cotton Eyed Joe*, by the ODC (Blue Level) and more. The program was a diverse offering of dance styles, with colorful costumes and was very entertaining.





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New Jersey Health Initiatives Announce \$2 Million in Grants to Ten Community Coalitions Across the State

Four-Year Initiative Will Help Build a Culture of Health in New Jersey

Orange, NJ (July 14, 2015) – New Jersey Health Initiatives_(NJHI), a statewide grantmaking program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), today announced ten recipients of four-year grants to fund multi-sector, community-focused coalitions during an event in Orange, New Jersey. The aim of NJHI: Building a Culture of Health in New Jersey – Communities Moving to Action is to support communities across New Jersey to make sustainable system changes and policy-oriented, long-term solutions for healthier living.

Spanning the full geography of the Garden State – from Morristown and Orange in the north to Salem and Atlantic City in the south – the ten recipients will serve as laboratories for innovative approaches to sustaining healthy communities.



Pictured: NJHI Director Bob Atkins, PhD, RN, FAAN

"Building a culture of health at the community level requires collaboration – individual groups can't solve health challenges working in isolation," said NJHI Director Bob Atkins, PhD, RN, FAAN. "We've found that communities across New Jersey are already forming coalitions of diverse organizations, including hospital systems, local health and human service agencies, schools, businesses, elected officials, public health officers, and engaged citizens. We're hoping to add to the long-term strength of those community coalitions through not just funding, but also training and coaching."

Grant funded communities have received \$50,000 for their first year, with an additional \$150,000 granted in total over the final three grant years (provided the coalition members raise at least \$35,000 in matching funding during the final two years of the initiative). During the first year, teams from each coalition will participate in a Boundary Spanning Leadership Institute, to develop tools and build skills to work on multi-faceted community issues, culminating in the development of an action plan to collectively address the most pressing needs of their community.

The ten coalitions NJHI selected for this initiative are led by the following organizations:

- AtlantiCare Foundation Atlantic City
- City of Jersey City Jersey City
- North Jersey Health Collaborative Morristown
- Orange Public Schools Orange
- Rutgers The State University of New Jersey Newark
- Township of Irvington Irvington
- United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern NJ Camden
- United Way of Salem County Salem
- YMCA of Eastern Union County Elizabeth
- YMCA of Trenton Trenton

These ten projects were selected to encompass a diverse group based on their location in the state, whether urban or rural, and which populations they serve.



Pictured: Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools, Orange Public School District.

"The Orange School District is honored to be included among these grant recipients," said Ronald C. Lee, superintendent of Orange Public Schools. "We appreciate being recognized by NJHI for the work we are already doing through our public schools, including a recently-opened pediatric treatment clinic, and a community greenhouse that is tended by area families when school is not in session. We're excited to design and implement a Blueprint for Action that will continue us on a path to better health for all residents of Orange."

The NJHI: Building a Culture of Health in New Jersey – Communities Moving to Action project is aligned with the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps model. That program – a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute – ranks health based on four factor areas: health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment.

"This program aligns perfectly with the Foundation's vision of working with others to build a Culture of Health and is a great way to get communities right here in our home state of New Jersey already focusing on health working together," explained Marco Navarro, senior program officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. "We believe in the power of collaboration to create true systemic change and make the healthy choice the easy choice for everyone. We hope this

program, along with others like our annual Culture of Health prize and *Roadmaps to Health*, will help to highlight communities that can serve as best practices for others across the country."



Pictured: Marco Navarro, senior program officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation



Pictured: (top) Orange Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson; student dancers; (bottom) Orange Public Schools' coalition members; Orange coalition members and Mr. Navarro.

Our A'peeling Works: An Orange Publishing Party

The Orange Public School's held its first annual District-Wide Publishing Party, *Our A'peeling Works*, on June 18. The event shared writings of student authors in grades pre-K through 12. Several student authors, seated in the "writer's chair" on the stage of the "gymnatorium" at Lincoln Avenue School, were on hand to read their favorite piece to the public. Some were nervous, at first, but all were proud to read their selection, for the appreciation of the audience.

Additionally, there were writings on display in several genres, including personal narratives, fables, memoirs, informational writings, research essays, editorials, investigative journalism, and poetry. Each school displayed a selection of student work.

The community of Orange was there to support the young authors and to view the level of work and rigor that students practice when writing.



Pictured (left to right): English Language Arts (ELA) Department Director, Ms. Kathy Carter, student Emcee and reader, Andrew Coats and ELA staff members.

The students authors selected to present their work were:

Tashana Noel	Cleveland Street School
Kyree Neblett	Park Avenue School
Selena Jean-Pierre	Orange Preparatory Academy
Heaven Chadwick	Cleveland Street School
Therry Francois	Rosa Parks Community School
Carlos Gomez	Rosa Parks Community School
Allen Mesirin	Lincoln Avenue School
Cyndi Smith	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Ashi Jackson	Cleveland Street School
Isaiah Inniss	Forest Street School
Jayden Honeyghan	Heywood Avenue School
Autumn Tarver	Park Avenue School
Olivia Martinez	Forest Street School
Akasha Baranello	Heywood Avenue School
Tracy Ware Jr.	Lincoln Avenue School
Stephanie Alvarado	Orange High School
Naqyille Cole	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
Neagesti Chance	Rosa Parks Community School











Pictured: Scenes from Our A'peeling Works: An Orange Publishing Party.













Pictured: Scenes from Our A'peeling Works: An Orange Publishing Party, including student authors.

Orange High School, *Honoring Our Students 2014-2015*, Award Ceremony

On June 16, Orange High School held its 2014-2015 Award Ceremony, *Honoring Our Students*. Honor Roll students were recognized for their academic achievement, along with High Honors recipients: Keleen Ashmead, Dinah Beckford, Ana Chacon, Lounie Germain, Gifty Minnow, Taguy Mohamed and Kezia Ofosu-Oware. Each honor roll student received a certificate and a gift bag.

Students who were awarded scholarships, were also recognized, as follows:

The Orange Education Foundation awarded ten \$1,000 scholarships to the following students:

Keshawn Alexander	Candice Mintah
Shammond Ash	Bradley Paul
Melvin Bailey	Amanda Opoku
Diamonique Jacobs	India Williams
Brittany Jean Baptiste	Stefan Wilson

The Orange Education Foundation, serving the Orange Public School District students and staff members were present to award the scholarships. They were: President, Ms. Gail Velox, Vice President, Mrs. Alesia Price, who introduced the recipients and her board members, Treasurer, Ms. Barbara Clark, and members, Rev. Dr. Irving Childress, Mrs. Deloris Tyson, Mrs. Diana Harmon, Ms. Pamela Venable, Ms. Barbara Sair, Ms. Lena Smalls

The Class of '65 Scholarships	Bria Wood
The Class of 00 scholarships	Alaya Montgomer

	Lofaine Bradford
Chevon Moore Scholarship	Kelia Whyte
Orange High School Scholarship Fund	Mikail Volcy
William Nathan Williams Scholarship Fund	Kausar Ahmed
Matthew R. Bocchino Scholarship Fund	Bria wood
Chartwells School Scholarship Fund	Javonie Bond
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarship	Alaya Montgomery







Pictured: Scenes from the OHS Award Ceremony.

The various awards were presented by the program hosts, Dr. Kalisha Morgan, Assistant Principals, Stefanie Matthews, and Mohammed Abdelaziz, along with representatives from the individual scholarships including Ms. Kathryn Carter, Orange's Director of English Language Arts, representing the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Before the ceremony closed, students Kausar Ahmed, the 2015 class Valedictorian and Taguy Mohamed, the 2015 class Salutatorian, were presented with a special certificate of achievement and an award to receive a Google Chromebook.

There was also a ceremonial "passing of the baton" from the Senior Class President, Barakat Olusekun, to rising senior Dinah Beckford, who will serve in that capacity next school year.





Pictured: Chromebook recipients with Dr. Morgan.

The event was held in the cafeteria at Orange High School and included a meal following the student recognition. Co-Principals opened the program, which was attended by students, their families, friends, and OHS staff, as well as district administrators and Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee.





Pictured (left to right): Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Inc. Scholarship recipient with AKA representatives; OEF Scholarship recipients.





Pictured (left to right): Orange Education Foundation members with scholarship recipients; Senior Class President and next year's president.

Rosa Parks Community School, Annual Spring Concert

The Visual and Performing Arts
Department at Rosa Parks Community
School presented their Annual Spring
Concert on June 16 at the Central
Auditorium. The event was a wonderful
display of talent, from beginning to end.,
and opened with Lift Every Voice and Sing
with a trumpet solo by Ulices Gonzales
and piano accompaniment by Mr.
Peterson.







After welcoming remarks by Principal Mrs. Debra Joseph-Charles, the program continued with the instrumental portion of the concert, featuring Beginner Violin Grade 6-7 students, under the direction of Mr. Terrence Thornhill, playing such songs as Twinkle Twinkle Little Stars.

There were several solo violin performances: Christian Severn, French Folk Song, Jimmy Philippe, Allegro.



Next to perform was the Beginner Band Grade 5, playing, among other songs, The Lion Sleeps Tonight with an instrumental solo by Alex Tacuri. The Intermediate Band Grade 7 performed, Little Shop of Horrors, and two solos: Stay With Me with Slomit Ortega on clarinet and WoodJerry Israel on guitar and All of Me with Ryan Delgdo on the saxophone and Kharim Cadeus on the piano. The band students were led by Mr. Sem Etienne.



Mrs. Mariel Johnson's vocal students followed. The *Grade 3 Chorus* sang *Ben* and the *Grade 4 Chorus* sang *Dancin' in the Street*, before the *Grade 5-7 Chorus* and the RPCS Honors Chorus performed a medley of songs from *Motown: The Musical*.













The RPCS Dance Ensemble and various grade level dance groups closed out the evening with several exciting dance pieces, directed by Mrs. Nadia Smith-McCoy. The dancers had the audience energized and involved, capping off an evening of splendid performances.



Pictured (above and left): Scenes from Rosa Parks Community School's Annual Spring Concert.

A Look Back at Orange Preparatory Academy's STEM Family Night



Orange
Preparatory
Academy
(OPA) held
a S.T.E.M.
(Science,
Technology,
Engineering
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Family Night on June 3. Attendees were treated to fun, hands-on activities designed to display the types of science, technology, engineering and math experiences students are engaged in at OPA. Families saw a variety of displays, demonstrations, student science projects, robotics and activities requiring their participation. All were encouraged to visit each exhibit in the OPA cafeteria, as well as the *SmartLab*, and received credit for prizes.





Pictured (above and left): Scenes from Family STEM Night at Orange Preparatory Academy.









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Parent Academy Recognition Ceremony: A Celebration of Family Advocacy!

The Parent Academy celebrated its inaugural year with a festive event for members, on June 16, at Lincoln Avenue School. The event, A Celebration of Family Advocacy, was organized and hosted by, Site Coordinator's for Rosa Parks Community School and Oakwood Avenue Community School, Mr. Barry Devone and Ms. Rachael Bland, respectively, and Oakwood's Family Liaison, Ms. Stephanie Desange. The celebration acknowledged the formation of the Parent Academy with a core group of parents/guardian recognized as leaders and advocates for students, along with the district's commitment to increase parental involvement.











Pictured: Scenes from the Parent Academy Ceremony.

With opening remarks from Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, and closing remarks from Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard, the Parent Academy participants were thanked for their commitment, enthusiasm and dedication to the inaugural *Parent Academy* initiative.

After presentations of Parent Academy banners to each school, by Mrs. Karen Machuca, members received certificates of acknowledgement, diplomas or a trophy for their participation, as follows:

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Parent Academy Members (Attended 10 or more Workshops)

Forest

- Ms. Y. Abigail Rizzo
- Ms. Amanda Sapong

Lincoln

- Ms. Marjorie Gilbert
- Mr. David Armstrong
- Mr. David McKnight
- Ms. Olivienne Evra

Oakwood

- Mr. Jayson Baptichon
- Ms. Lisa Perkins

OHS

Ms. Amber Montgomery

RPCS

- Ms. Dwight Holmes
- Ms. Joycelyn Francis

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- Nicola Cross
- · Nickesha Glaudin

Park Avenue

Ms. Talesha Ward







Pictured: Scenes from the Parent Academy Ceremony.

Parent Academy Members Shooting Stars (Attended 15 or more Workshops)

Lincoln





Pictured: Mr. David Armstrong (top) and Ms. Marjorie Gilbert (bottom) with Superintendent Lee receiving a trophy.

RPCS





Pictured: Mr. Dwight Holmes (top) and Ms. Joycelyn Francis (bottom) with Superintendent Lee receiving a trophy.

Parent Academy Members Honorable Mentions

Cleveland Street School

- Ms. Sharon Ferguson
- Ms. Nicole Nickels
- Ms. Hermencia D'Haiti Ulysse

Forest Street School

- Ms. Grace Martin
- Ms. Charmaine Williams

Heywood Avenue School

- Mr. Christopher Carson
- Ms. Maria Espinal
- Ms. Nerine
 Plummer

Lincoln Avenue School

 Ms. Clementina Julien

Oakwood Avenue Community School

- Ms. Joann Harmon
- Ms. Andrea Harmon

Orange High School

- Ms. Christina Rodriguez
- Ms. Kendra Wells
- Ms. Amber Golden

Orange Preparatory Academy

Ms. Taheerah Brown

Park Avenue Elementary School

- Ms. Antoinette Hall
- Ms. Alicia Johnson

Rosa Parks Community School

- Ms. Alana Baskerville
- Mr. Ehimar Chanza

Scholars Academy

Ms. Dana Moore

The Parent Academy was formed at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year to promote parental involvement and enhance student achievement by offering free workshops and courses to parent leaders. The inaugural group, formed with select parents and guardians representing the district's schools, are addressing three focus areas: student achievement, parenting and advocacy, and personal and individual growth.



Pictured: The 2014-2015 Parent Academy participants (above) and other scenes from the celebration (right).





Staff Recognition Ceremony: *Honoring our Dedicated Employees* 2014-2015

The annual Staff Recognition Ceremony, honoring the Orange Public School District's retirees and individuals attaining 25 years of service, was held on June 17 at the Appian Way in Orange. Mrs. Belinda Scott Smiley, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for Operations/Human Resources, hosted the event with remarks from Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Mr. William Nussbaum, President of the Orange Education Association, Mr. Robert Pettit, on behalf of the Orange Administrators and Supervisors Association and an invocation from Mrs. Shelly Harper, Director of Special Services.

The committee that facilitated the program was acknowledged for their effort. The group consisted of: Peter Crosta, Mary Karriem, Alexandra Protopapas, Linda Siddiq, Belinda Scott Smiley, and Gloria Stewart.

The following retirees were presented with plaques, honoring their many years of dedicated service to Orange Public Schools:

Administrative Building	Pete S. Crosta
Curriculum & Instruction	
Administrative Building	Candace Goldstein
Special Programs	Sheila B. Speller
Administrative Building	Marene M.O. Coye-Baynes
Special Services	Sandra Hawkins
Cleveland Street School	Carol Lukoff
	Barbara Sandford
Forest Street School	Sheena D. DeFreece
	Dr. John H. Young
Heywood Avenue School	Jaclynn J. Garwin
Lincoln Avenue School	Rosemarie Cerrone
	Laura Ciani
	Gloria Ortiz
	Alicia Vetcher
	Keith R. Williams
Oakwood Avenue	Maria Garcia
Community School	Gloria Hill
Orange Preparatory	Dennis Malloy
Academy	
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Pictured: Mr. William Nussbaum.



Pictured: Committee members Linda Siddiq and Mary Karriem.

Also receiving honors for attaining twenty-five years of service was Micheline Philantrope from Orange Preparatory Academy.

Mrs. Karen Machuca, Principal for Scholars Academy, also presented retiring Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta and retiring Director of Special Programs, Ms. Candace Goldstein, with a plaque from the Orange Administrators and Supervisors Association.



Pictured: Mr. Dennis Malloy with Superintendent Lee and Mrs. Smiley.



Pictured: Ms. Jaclynn J. Garwin with Superintendent Lee and Mrs. Smiley.



Pictured: Ms. Gloria Hill with Superintendent Lee, Mrs. Smiley and Principal Robert Pettit.



Pictured: Ms. Yvonne Mitchell with Superintendent Lee and Mrs. Smiley.



Pictured: Ms. Sandra Hawkins with Superintendent Le, Mrs. Smiley and Mrs. Shelly Harper.



Pictured: (above) Mr. Keith R. Williams with Superintendent Lee, Mrs. Smiley and Principal Denise White (right) Micheline Philantrope with Mr. Lee and Mrs. Smiley.



Pictured: Ms. Candace Goldstein with Superintendent Lee and Mrs. Smiley.



Pictured: Ms. Marene C.O. Coye-Baynes with Superintendent Lee, Mrs. Smiley and Mrs. Shelly Harper.



Pictured: Mr. Peter Crosta with Superintendent Lee and Mrs. Smiley.





Pictured: Mr. Peter Crosta, Ms. Candace Goldstein with Mrs. Karen Machuca and Superintendent Lee.

Pictured (below and right): Scenes from the Staff Recognition Ceremony.

















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