



# APWEF NEWS

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## Foundation Offering \$500.00 Scholarships to Class of 2008

*Two Scholarships will be awarded to students at the Annual Senior Recognition Program on June 10th*

Nine college-bound seniors have applied for one of the two \$500.00 scholarships being offered by the APW Educational Foundation for 2008.

The awards will recognize two students who not only exemplify a commitment to academic performance, but also a desire to serve others by demonstrating good character in their community and school life.

Nathaniel Hart, a 2007 graduate, was last year's recipient. He is currently attending SUNY Oswego majoring in communications. He is a member of the SUNY Oswego Cross Country team and is also a sports anchor for a bi-weekly, half-hour newscast, on WTOP, the campus television station.

"Our Board of Directors congratulates Nate for this recognition and his success in college," said Thomas Benedetto, President of the Foundation. Nate is just one example of the many wonderful and talented individuals who make up the student body at APW – which makes it extremely difficult to select just one or two of them for an award like this. It could easily go to so many students," he said.

Funding for the scholarship program originated with the donations that were made to the Foundation by the many alumni, businesses and others who supported the inaugural Gala held in April 2007.

### SAVE THE DATE

The Foundation will be holding a "wine and cheese" event on **September 26, 2008 6-8 p.m.** at East Coast Resorts. The theme will be "A Taste of New York's Wines" and will feature products from several New York Wineries and other area vendors. Plans for the evening include a silent auction and entertainment. Watch for further details in the mail and local newspapers.



Thomas Benedetto, President of the Foundation, congratulates Nathaniel Hart, 2007 Scholarship winner.

Winner(s) of the 2008 scholarships, who will be announced at the annual Senior Night recognition awards program scheduled for June 10, 2008. ❖

## APW Students Benefit from Special Classroom Funding

*Three Mini-Grants were awarded to teachers to fund special projects in their classrooms*

Mini-grants were awarded to three (3) teachers for the current school year to fund special classroom projects. The grants totaling \$500.00 each were awarded Barb Brescia (High School Business), Linda Sanefski (Middle School News Team), and Nick Lee (Middle School Science).

These grants allow the teachers to provide additional opportunities for their students through the purchase of classroom materials which were not available to them in the district's budget process. Mr. Lee, in thanking the Foundation said, "We will be planting a pumpkin patch with our grant money. The funds not only benefit the science students by allowing them to study the growth and development of the pumpkins, but the extra pumpkins will also benefit other curriculums such as Consumer Sciences and Art. Teachers in those classes will be able to use the pumpkins for projects at no additional cost." ❖


## “HOW CAN I HELP THE APW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION?”

In 2005, a small group of concerned alumni, community members and school administrators came together in recognition of the increasing threat facing our public schools from declining state funding. Over the course of several meetings, they established the A.P.W. Educational Foundation, a not-for-profit volunteer organization.

The primary mission of the Foundation is to improve the quality of education in the APW school community by raising funds for school projects that would have a broad-based, substantial and lasting impact on our students.

The Foundation is committed to raise the bar on the quality of education by assisting educators with new tools and techniques and supporting those programs and curriculum that produce exceptional results. We hope to make a positive impact in every classroom.

In 2007, the Foundation raised over \$25,000. Our goal for this year is to match that amount. However, we cannot do it without your help. Please consider making a *tax deductible* contribution to support the Foundation. You may send a check or money order, payable to **“APWEF, Inc., P.O. Box 192, Parish, NY 13131.** Questions may be directed to: Thomas Benedetto, President, or you may call him at (315) 964-2970. ❖

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

## Nominations needed...

Last year the Foundation’s Board of Directors started what it hopes will become an annual tradition, to name one or more deserving individuals as a *“Rockin’ Rebel”*. Last year’s recipient was Grant Decker, who taught Physical Education at APW for over 30 years.

This year, the Foundation Board is seeking nominations of deserving individuals who have made a positive impact on the APW School community.

To nominate someone, please send a detailed letter outlining this person’s accomplishments, including contributions to the APW School Community or other noteworthy achievements.

The Board will be making its selection by August 30<sup>th</sup> and honor the individual(s) as part of the Foundation’s Fall event, planned for September 26, 2008. Nominations should be mailed to *“Rockin’ Rebel Award”*, APWEF, Inc., P.O. Box 192, Parish, NY 13131. ❖



**THE A.P.W. ALUMNI BANQUET WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008**

Information from the Parish / APW Alumni Association is enclosed – Please plan to attend!