

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Samuel DeLucia won third place in the Martin J. Kelly Writing Contest of the Irish Cultural Society. He was one of a group of 588 talented writers who wrote an analysis of the rhetorical strategies used by the writers of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic—independence from the United Kingdom—read aloud at the Easter Rising in Dublin 100 years ago.

Jessalyn Chuang, secretary of the Manhasset CASA's Youth Club, was awarded first place for her 30-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) entry in Nassau County's 3rd Annual Drug Alternatives PSA Contest.

The contest invited Nassau County high school students to create a 30-second public service announcement that addressed common issues facing teens today. A total of 290 students participated in this year's contest from 10 high schools in Nassau County. First, second and third place prizes were awarded to students in categories that demonstrated a message of hope, ways to find help and positive alternatives to risk-taking behaviors often associated with bullying, depression or stigma.

The video contest was coordinated by Nassau County Supervisor Edward Mangano and sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Nassau County, Suffolk County National Bank and the EAC Network. To view Jessalyn Chuang's winning PSA, go to www.youtube.com/Eyz7a-KfMRA.



From left: Eugene A. Petracca, Jr., Manhasset CASA president; Cathy Samuels, project director of Manhasset CASA; Traci Ledour, advisor for Manhasset CASA Youth Club; Jessalyn Chuang, Manhasset CASA Youth Committee Club secretary; Paula Pontrelli, supervisor of Nassau County Department of Human Services; Dr. Caryn Sawyer, executive director, Manhasset CASA; Dr. Dean Schlanger, Manhasset High School principal and Regina Rule, Manhasset Board of Education president

COLLEGE NOTES

John Broderick of Manhasset, a member of the class of 2019 at Washington and Lee University, was recently inducted into Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, which is limited to students who complete the first term of their first year with superior academic records.

To be eligible for Phi Eta Sigma, a student must be in the top 20 percent of the class at the end of his or her first term. Sixty-nine first-year students were initiated at a ceremony held during W&L's Reunion Weekend.

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Merrimack College will celebrate the achievements of more than 750 students who will receive their bachelor's degree at the college's 66th Commencement Exercises on

Sunday, May 22, at the Merrimack Athletics Complex on the North Andover campus.

The Honorable Charles "Charlie" D. Baker Jr., governor of Massachusetts, will present the Commencement speech.

Christopher Brzozowski will receive a BSBA in business administration.

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Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York congratulates alumna **Karen Du**, '15 (Hunter College), for receiving a Fulbright Award. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers research, study and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries to recent graduates and graduate students.

Du, whose family now lives in

Manhasset, double majored in elementary education and creative writing. She has received an English Teaching Assistant Award from Fulbright and will be teaching English and American values in Taiwan.

"I couldn't believe it was real," said Du upon receiving her official notice from Fulbright. "As a developing educator, I hope to hone my teaching skills. To me, it is important to not only familiarize myself with the American culture and education system, but that of other countries, too."



Karen Du

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Alexandra Wysota graduated from Emerson College on Sunday, May 8. Wysota earned a Bachelor of Arts in animation and motion media.

At Emerson's 136th Commencement ceremony, approximately 970 bachelor's degrees were conferred during the undergraduate exercises and more than 350 master's degrees were conferred during the graduate exercises.

Acclaimed novelist Alice Sebold, accomplished investigative reporter Juan Gonzalez, and celebrated poet and essayist Danielle Legros Georges, '86, each received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Sebold gave the undergraduate address and Legros Georges gave the graduate address.

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