



The Achiever

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Looking for great grads:

2nd annual alumni awards

The Stonington Education Fund Board of Directors is again seeking distinguished Stonington High School alumni nominees from the public. SEF intends to honor two Stonington High School alumni with special awards this spring.

SEF's directors initiated the annual award in 2005.

The Alumni Awards will recognize outstanding SHS alumni for accomplishments in their businesses, communities, education, careers or other fields. The awards will be presented at SEF's annual Education Celebration fundraising Dinner Dance and Silent Auction April 8 at the Mystic Hilton.

The board launched the awards in the same year SEF celebrated its 10th anniversary and the year the newly expanded and completely renovated Stonington High School opened.

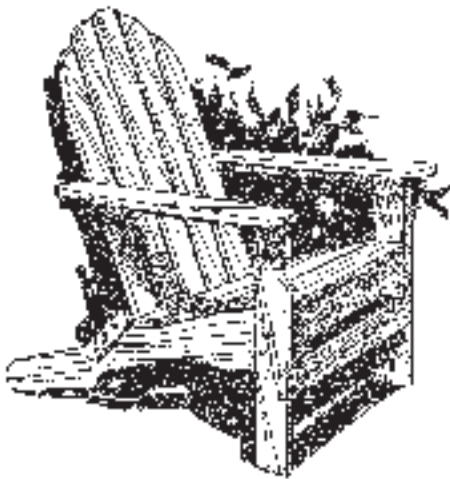
The 2005 alumni award recipients were local businessman Raymond Quinlan, who graduated in 1969; and noted landscape architect Rudy Favretti of Mansfield, who is a member of the class of 1950.

"We received a number of excellent nominees last year and hope the public will again bring many distinguished alumni to our attention," SEF President Paul Sartor said.

SEF intends to present the alumni awards annually.

Any Stonington High School graduate can be nominated to receive an award. Those who would like to nominate a graduate should write in one page or less why they believe the person should receive the award. Nominations can be emailed to: info@stoningtoneducationfund.com. Letters can also be sent regular mail to: SEF, P.O. Box 1922, Pawcatuck, CT. 06379.

All nominations must be received by March 3. For more information contact SEF director Gail B. MacDonald at (860) 599-8654.



SEF grant furnishes SHS courtyard

Dennis Johnson's manufacturing technology students at Stonington High School are building adirondack chairs and other furniture for the school's courtyard, thanks to seed money for the project provided by SEF. Mr. Johnson said the project has allowed students to model a genuine manufacturing operation, from product development and securing materials to building and assembling to manufacturing management and entrepreneurship. After the courtyard is furnished, the students hope to offer their furniture to worthy community organizations and the public.

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Apple Grant Provides Mystic Middle Sound System

Stonington Education Fund has awarded a \$3,428.65 Apple Grant to provide a hard-wired sound system for the Mystic Middle School gymnasium. The grant was requested by the school's physical education and music teachers who use the space for classes and performances.

The gym is also used for a variety of community events. The system will provide more professional sound for the band and choral students.

In addition, the physical education teachers have been using music for the past three years to prepare students for the mile run and physical fitness tests. This system will assist in keeping students physically fit.



*Did you
know?*

Business and individual sponsorships, along with silent auction donations, are vital to the success of SEF's annual dinner dance.

Proceeds from the event directly benefit Stonington students.

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Mission

The Stonington Education Fund seeks to promote excellence in the Stonington Public Schools through the effective use of donations and grants. A further goal is to increase community support for, and understanding of, the educational mission of the Stonington Public Schools. The Stonington Education Fund is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation.



Golden Apples

Great happenings, great achievements. SEF would like to recognize the following:

Patrick Kelly, a grade 8 Mystic Middle School student. He was recently selected to audition to perform in the American Choral Directors Association Eastern Division Honors Choir. He, his family and teacher Ellen Gilbert will attend a 4-day conference in New York City, where the final performance is at Carnegie Hall.

The citizens who have again worked very hard to choose a distinguished group of former Stonington High School athletes to induct into the SHS Athletic Hall of Fame. Eleven alumni and one coach were chosen to be inducted at 6:30 p.m., April 29 at Stonington High School. Thanks to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee: **Sam Agnello, Jim Ballato, David**

Erskine, Charlie Holdredge, Joe McKernan, Steve Murphy, Jen Norcross, Larry Theodore and Kenny Wilcox.

The Stonington Public Schools administrators who listened to concerned parents and hosted a grade one to five math night in January. Some 40 parents attended the event to learn more about the Investigations math curriculum and how they can better help their children learn math.

Alyssa Smallridge, a grade 8 Pawcatuck Middle School student who won her school's National Geographic Society geography bee in January.

All the **Mystic Middle School students** who generously gave their time to entertain residents of one of Stonington's newest communities: Stoneridge.

The **West Broad Street School SBIT**, which will sponsor a mock CMT night for parents in February. As part of its effort to more fully inform parents, it will sponsor the evening designed to demonstrate the rigors of the Connecticut Mastery Test. The event is at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 28 at Stonington High School.

Andrew Ammirati and Genevieve Bentz, Stonington High School students who recently won the Mystic Rotary Club's speech contest.

The **Stonington High School Music Boosters** and all the student performers who made the recent chicken dinner at SHS a great success. Old time radio reigned supreme and diners were entertained with plenty of jazz and swing, as well as comedy and skits.

A special thanks

Stonington Education Fund thanks all those who so generously contributed to its recent annual community appeal.

Your contributions make it possible for SEF to support numerous innovative programs for Stonington students.

It's not too late to donate.
Go to: www.stoningtoneducationfund.com to find out how.

Please join us for: Education Celebration 2006

*Stonington Education Fund's
7th annual dinner-dance and silent auction,
the organization's largest annual fundraiser.*

**April 8,
The Hilton Mystic
20 Coogan Blvd.**

*6:30 p.m., silent auction and cocktails
7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., dinner and dancing to "Prelude"
Tickets - \$75
Call Kathi Murphy for reservations. 599-1980.*

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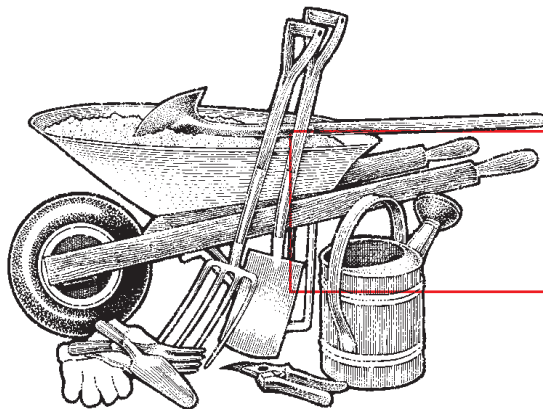
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