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## SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS HONORED AS EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR



(above) 2025 Governor's Educators of the Year Awardees

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### Livingston Public Schools

The Livingston Board of Education recognized the district's 2025 Governor's Educators of the Year, as well as the Educational Services Professional of the Year and Educational Support Professional of the Year. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) strives to recognize educators who have gone above and beyond in their service to New Jersey's students. Therefore, every school in every district in NJ is encouraged to participate in the Governor's Educator of the Year program to honor the hardworking teachers and educational services professionals for their dedication to their students and the profession. The LPS celebration integrates what the district used to call the "Teacher of the Year" program with the "Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Program" to continue to recognize our state's extraordinary teachers and educational services professionals. Prior to the

ceremony, all of the LPS honorees enjoyed dinner with school board members and district administrators. After dinner, they were joined by family members and friends in the LHS auditorium where school principals introduced the honorees and presented them with a plaque and gift. Following are comments made at the meeting about each honoree.

- Burnet Hill Elementary - Courtney Ferraro
- Collins Elementary School - Danielle Cataldo
- Harrison Elementary School - Lauren Herrera
- Hillside Elementary School - Kristina Dugan
- Mt. Pleasant Elementary School - James Diegnan
- Riker Hill Elementary School - Karen Montalto
- Mt. Pleasant Middle School - Dina Ferraro
- Heritage Middle School - Tom Truscello
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## NEW ADVOCATES INCLUDE THREE LOCALS

### CASA for Children of Essex County

Over the past 12 months, 35 new CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteers have completed intensive training. They have been sworn in to advocate for children in foster care across Essex County by Superior Court Judge Nora Grimbergen. Each has been matched with a child to serve as a consistent, caring adult presence, someone who speaks up for their best interests in court, at school, and in the community.

Volunteers hailed from towns across the county, including Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, Glen Ridge, Maplewood, Montclair, Newark, Nutley, Livingston, Orange, and South Orange, each one stepping up to be a steady voice for a child navigating the foster care system.

Livingston residents include – Bill Friedman, Madelyn Ferrans, and Bijal Shah.

CASA for Children of Essex County is the oldest CASA program in New Jersey and currently serves 332 youth. However, there are nearly 500 children placed in foster care across the county.

“Every time a CASA volunteer steps up, they change the trajectory of a child’s life,” said Marla Higginbotham, Executive Director of CASA Essex. “More than 150 children in Essex County are still waiting for someone to advocate for them in court and in life. Our work isn’t done until every child has a voice.”

As back-to-school season approaches, CASA Essex is also preparing school supply backpacks to ensure the children they serve return to classrooms ready and equipped. The organization is accepting donations of new school supplies and encourages community members and businesses to host drives in support of this effort.

Those inspired to make a deeper impact are invited to join CASA Essex’s next training class, beginning this September. Volunteers come from all walks of life and receive the training and support they need to serve as trusted community advocates.

To learn more, donate supplies, or sign up to become a volunteer, contact Alexis Pugliese at [apugliese@casaessex.org](mailto:apugliese@casaessex.org).



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# JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY



(above) The Livingston Police Department sponsored a Junior Police Academy in July. 49 middle-schoolers experienced an action-packed dive into the world of law enforcement.

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## SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE OVAL

Wednesday nights in August

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**A Minecraft Movie**

A mysterious portal pulls four misfits into the Overworld, a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To get back home, they'll have to master the terrain while embarking on a magical quest with an unexpected crafter named Steve.

Wednesday, August 13

**Mufasa: The Lion King**

Lost and alone, orphaned cub Mufasa meets a sympathetic lion named Taka, the heir to a royal bloodline. The chance meeting sets in motion an expansive journey of an extraordinary group of misfits searching for their destinies.

Wednesday, August 20

**Despicable Me 4**

Gru welcomes a new member to the family, Gru Jr., who's intent on tormenting his dad.

However, their peaceful existence soon comes crashing down when criminal mastermind Maxime Le Mal escapes from prison and vows revenge against Gru.

Wednesday, August 27

**Wicked**

Misunderstood because of her green skin, a young woman named Elphaba forges an unlikely but profound friendship with Glinda, a student with an unflinching desire for popularity. Following an encounter with the Wizard of Oz, their relationship soon reaches a crossroad as their lives begin to take very different paths.

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# LHS DECA SHINES ON INTERNATIONAL STAGE

## Livingston Public Schools

Livingston High School's (LHS) DECA chapter made a significant impact at the highly competitive DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) held in Orlando, Florida. Against a field of 26,000 top DECA members from around the globe, LHS students showcased exceptional talent, bringing home multiple accolades, including the coveted "DECA Glass" award.

DECA, a renowned international student organization, is dedicated to developing future leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance,

hospitality, and management. Through applied learning, community engagement, and business partnerships, DECA programs equip students with vital skills such as critical thinking, communication, and collaboration, preparing them for success in both college and their chosen careers.

In only its third year at LHS and second year competing at ICDC, the Livingston chapter achieved remarkable success. Our students secured five Top-10 awards and three Top-20 placements. A true highlight was junior Ruhaan Munjuluri, who earned second place overall in Automotive Marketing, capturing a prestigious DECA Glass award. Ruhaan was one of only ten New Jersey DECA members to achieve a top-three finish this year, out of over 13,000 statewide members.

## LHS ICDC AWARD WINNERS:

- Ruhaan Munjuluri: 2nd Overall – Automotive Marketing (DECA Glass winner), Top 10 Role Play 1 and Role Play 2 (against 240 students)
- Gabe Turbin: Top 10 Role Play 1 – Food Marketing
- Max Xie: Top 10 Role Play 1 – Personal Financial Literacy, Top 20 Overall
- Mahi Jaladi: Top 10 Role Play 1 – Business Services Marketing, Top 20 Overall
- Max Xie and Mahi Jaladi placed in the top 20 for their events

Additionally, LHS junior Annie Ferrans was elected to the board as Vice President of New Jersey DECA. She will serve as one of seven state officers, representing over 13,000 NJ DECA members. Congratulations DECA competitors and their advisor, Daniel Quackenbush.

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(above, l-r) Mahi Jaladi, Ruhaan Munjuluri, Max Xie and Gabe Turbin, Annie Ferrans

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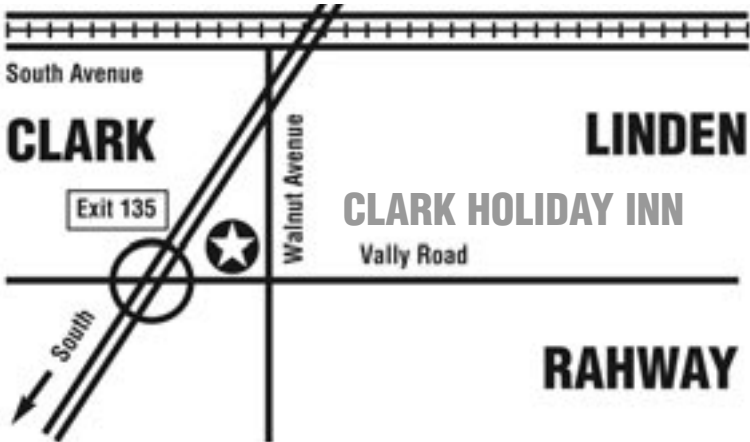
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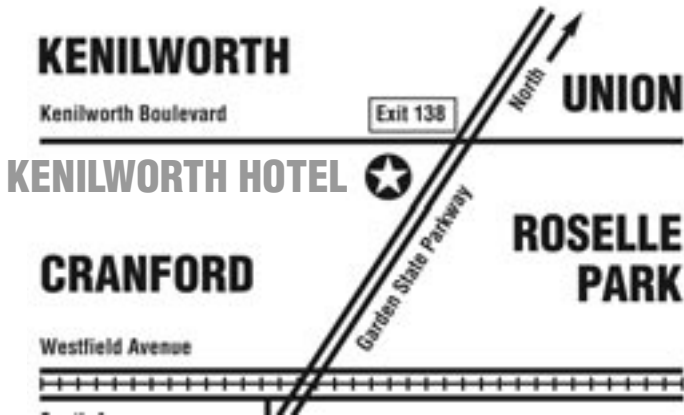
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### THE GOALS OF INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY ARE:

- To provide an opportunity for people to publicly mourn loved ones
- To send a strong message to people who use drugs and people in recovery that they are valued
- To inform people around the world about the risk of drug overdose
- To provide basic information on the range of support services that are available
- To prevent and reduce drug-related harm by supporting evidence-based practice
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Remember: You can’t use Naloxone on yourself because it is administered after an overdose has occurred, when the victim is likely either unconscious or has restricted breathing and movement. Let others know you have it in case you experience an opioid overdose.

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This USATF-sanctioned race is open to runners and walkers of all ages and abilities—including families with strollers and individuals using wheelchairs. Participants will enjoy a vibrant morning of community, fun, and purpose, with proceeds supporting Girl Scout programs that help girls explore new interests, gain real-world skills, and build lasting friendships.

All registrants will receive a custom event T-shirt and medal. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each USATF age category.

Proceeds from the race help fund Girl Scout programs that spark curiosity, build confidence, and foster leadership in more than 13,000 youth from kindergarten through 12th grade. Girl Scout troops from across the region will also be on hand to help bring energy and spirit to the day.

"Whether you're racing or strolling, you're helping create life-changing opportunities for young people," said Natasha Hemmings, CEO of GSHNJ.

To register, donate, or start a fundraising team, visit [www.gshnj.org/irunforgirls](http://www.gshnj.org/irunforgirls).

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Event Details

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- Check-In Opens: 8:00 AM
- Race Starts: 9:00 AM
- Awards: Top three finishers in each USATF age group category
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Registration Fees Category	Sept. 1 - 20	Race Day
Adult Runners (18+)	\$50	\$60
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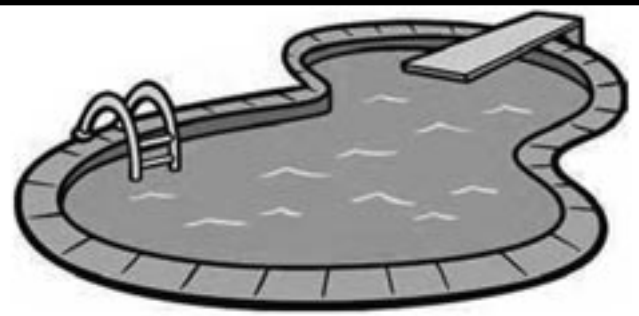
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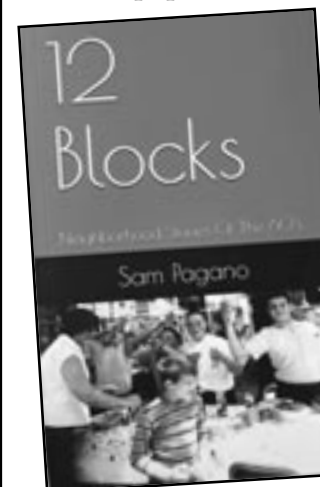
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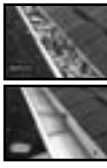
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