



ERIN MATTOON SELECTED TO REPRESENT NEW YORK AT THE GLOBAL YOUTH INSTITUTE

Erin Mattoon, a freshman at Southern Cayuga High School, was selected to serve as a NYS delegate at the Global Youth Institute next month. The Global Youth Institute is sponsored by the World Food Prize Foundation. Erin, her parents and her teacher (Mr. Brennan) will travel to Des Moines, Iowa where she will participate in a program to defend her research on the topic of the Irrigation Crisis in Ethiopia.

Erin and seven of her classmates, in their High School Success class, wrote essays about how to reduce world hunger. By writing essays they were registered and qualified for New York's Youth Institute which was held on Saturday, September 19 at Cornell University. As part of a class assignment, students chose a food security issue and wrote an essay where they presented a solution to their chosen problem. At the New York Youth Institute, students presented their essays in a round-table forum where they received feedback on their work from Dr. Per Pinstrup-Anderson, H.E. Babcock Professor of Food, Nutrition and Public Policy at Cornell University and a panel of Humphrey fellows. Of the more than 60 registrants in grades 9 - 12, Erin was one of four and the only grade 9 student selected by the committee to serve as a delegate at the Global Youth Institute. In her 3,000 word essay, Erin discussed how assisting Ethiopia with irrigation technology would provide more food and more income for the country.

Please read the full story in our fall edition of the Rambling Reporter, which will be in homes on October 30!

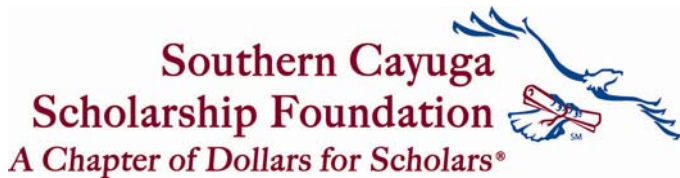
Pictured above are: World Food Prize Director of National Program Development & Outreach - Keegan Kautzky (left), SCCS Student - Erin Mattoon (center) and SCCS Teacher - Pat Brennan (right)

For more information about the Global Youth Institute visit <http://www.worldfoodprize.org/youth/index.htm>

Reminder:



The deadline to file a Free & Reduced Price Meal application is October 1. If we haven't received an application for this school year, your child will change to full price. If at any time in the school year your income decreases, you can fill out an application.



2009 "Dollars for Scholars" Awards

The 2008-2009 "Dollars for Scholars" awards were given out at the end of last spring. Each student chosen received \$1,000 toward their college expenses. All funds awarded were raised through our annual Phonathon in February, proceeds of which totaled over \$11,000, allowed us to make eleven awards to deserving Southern Cayuga students and graduates. We are very grateful for the continued support from our community for our awards program, even during a very challenging economic period. With college costs rising, the financial need is great, and there are so many deserving district students to whom we would like to be able to provide support for their continuing education. This past year, 28 applications were submitted for consideration.

"Dollars for Scholars" applicants are evaluated on a combination of work experience, school and community involvement, academic performance and the quality of the applicant's essay about their aspirations and goals. The Board sincerely thanks the members of the Awards committee: Chair Kathleen Mahaney, Kathie Owens, Cathy Patella, Susan Sloan and Elsie Torres for their diligent, careful review of all of those applicants. Many thanks too are extended to Bernie DeGraw and Paula Schmitt in the SCCS High School Guidance office for their support for the application process.

Six '08-09 SCCS graduates received \$1,000 awards this past year: Elizabeth Tyrrell, Lianna May, Brian Littlejohn, Caitlin Rejman, Rebekah Ortquist and Elizabeth Rocker. Unlike many scholarship programs that support only the first year of College education, district graduates may reapply during their undergraduate college years and be considered for "Dollars for Scholars" financial awards. SCCS graduates currently in college receiving \$1,000 awards this year are: Brittnie Chidsey*, Abigail Tyrrell*, Emily Aguilar, Tiffany Green* and Erin Weber*.

The George Peter Service Award is given in memory of founding Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation Board member George Peter, who passed away in 2008. George Peter left the legacy of a lifetime of dedicated and selfless service to others, and countless contributions of time, energy, expertise and enthusiasm to many organizations. A student who is awarded the George Peter Service Award has demonstrated their own commitment to service to their school and their community. This past year's recipient of the George Peter Service Award was Caitlyn Rejman.

At its June 9 Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors elected its officers for 2009-10: Marian Brown; President, Bernie DeGraw; Vice President, Steve Zabriskie; Treasurer and Meghan Mason; Secretary.

*denotes that these SCCS graduates were previous "Dollars for Scholars" award recipients.

Wells College Fall Event



Kids' Night Out

Friday, October 23

6 - 9 pm

Wells College - Schwartz Athletic Center

Cost - \$15 first child; \$5 each additional child in family

Enjoy an evening of fun and play at the Wells College athletic facilities. Activities include swimming, kickball, basketball and more. All children between Kindergarten and 5th grade are welcome.

Certified Red Cross Lifeguards are on staff during the pool session to secure the safety of your child.

Snacks will be provided. All children must be picked up and dropped off by parent/guardian or other designated adult.

Please pre-register by calling or emailing Trish George. (Pre-registering not required)

For all inquires please contact:
Trish George at 315-364-3413 or pgeorge@wells.edu

All proceeds from Kids' Night Out!!! and the Car Wash & Bottle/Can Drive go to the Wells College Swim Team towards their training in Florida January 2010.

Thank-you for all your support!

CALLING ALL CREATIVE MINDS...

We are looking for people interested in coaching an Odyssey of the mind team or students interested in being on a team.

Odyssey of the Mind provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students. Creative problem solving is a results-oriented method of learning. It encourages students to analyze a situation, imagine all the possibilities and then synthesize the best qualities of their ideas into a workable solution. They generate ideas and then apply their skills and talents to bring those ideas to fruition. In a nutshell, Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving competition for students of all ages. Kids select a problem, create a solution and then bring their solution to competition against other teams in their age/grade category. Teams are formed by division according to age or grade and compete against other teams in the same division and problem.

- Division I -Less than 12 years of age OR in grades 3-5.
- Division II -The team member does not qualify for Division I AND is less than 15 years of age OR in grades 6 through 8.
- Division III -The team member does not qualify for Divisions I or II AND is attending grades 9 through 12.
- Division IV -Collegiate. All team members must have a high school diploma or its equivalent and be enrolled in at least one course at a two-or four-year college or university

If they really do well they can go on to the states and then world competitions. It's great fun.

There must be at least 5 and no more than 7 on a team and they must have an adult to coach. Teams must be together and registered by November 1, but the regional competition is not until March. If you would like to coach and/or have a team together please let Jacqueline Webster or Sharon Botsford know ASAP so we can get you registered and introduce you to the program. Please call us at 364-7621 or e-mail Websterj@southern cayuga.org or BotsfordS@southern cayuga.org.



Senior Class Magazine Sale

The Southern Cayuga Class of 2010 will conduct the annual senior class magazine sale from September 14 until October 5. The seniors use the profits from this sale to help defray costs for the graduation cap and gown, the yearbook and other related senior class activities. This sale is the primary source of funding for the Senior Class of 2010.

The sale is conducted through QSP, a subsidiary of Reader's Digest. New subscriptions, as well as renewals are offered. The company will also match any special offer that you have received in the mail.

Please welcome our seniors if you are approached about purchasing a subscription.

If you are not contacted and wish to purchase or renew a subscription, please contact Maureen Holmes or Pat Armstrong at the High School.

PRESS RELEASE:

Article Written by: Benjamin C. Davis

Summer Fun with Southern Cayuga Country Kids

The Southern Cayuga Country Kids 4H Club showed calves at the Cayuga County Fair in July. We had projects at the County Fair. Some projects were bulletin boards, painted reindeer, achievement books, hats and floral decorations.

We were in the Wheat Harvest Festival parade in August. We decorated a hay wagon with green streamers and balloons. A tractor pulled us. We threw candy at children watching the parade.

That is what the Southern Cayuga Country Kids did this summer.



For more information about 4H, contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County at 255-1183.



Pesticide Application Notification

Dear Parent, Guardian and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notifications to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Southern Cayuga Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Non-volatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Non-volatile insecticide baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other non-volatile ready-to-use pastes, forms or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets.

In the event of an emergency, applications necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to Martha Stevermer, the Southern Cayuga Central School District pesticide representative at: 2384 State Route 34B, Aurora, NY 13026, Phone - 315.364.8711 ext. 1103 or Fax - 315.364.7863.



Southern Cayuga Central School District
Request for Pesticide Application Notification
(Please Print)

School Building: _____

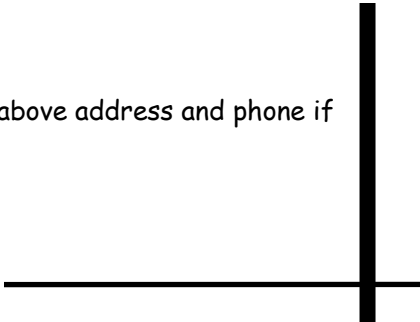
Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please feel free to contact Martha Stevermer, our district representative at the above address and phone if you have further questions on these requirements.



- Positions Available... Substitute School Bus Drivers -

We are accepting applications for substitute school bus drivers.

Hourly rate is \$17.76.

Number of hours per week will vary according to need.

CDL license is required and training will be provided.

Send letter of interest to Ron Leonard, Transportation Supervisor.

2384 State Route 34B, Aurora, New York, 13026; (315) 364-8711, extension 5108.

Southern Cayuga Central School is an equal opportunity employer.

Changes this year to the Rambling Reporter

You will find only 5 issues in your mailboxes this year. The first of which you have already received, which was the initial mailing of the District Calendar including pertinent information in it regarding the beginning of school and basic information for the year. If you would like to be placed on an email list for the district newsletter, please contact Nynette Adams at 315.364.7111 ext. 1100 or email her at adamsn@southerncayuga.org. The remaining 4 issues that will be mailed directly to you are as follows:

Fall Edition - November 1

Winter Edition - February 1

Spring Edition - April 1

End of Year Edition - June 1

In between these dates, you will find monthly updates to the Rambling Reporter on the school website at www.southerncayuga.org under the community section. Also new this year will be a new face to the Southern Cayuga website which will give each teacher, principal and administrator the opportunity to also have a web page to bring you up-to-date news and information. Be sure and check it out!