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Behrens captures image & award

Shoreham-Wading River High School student, Miranda Behrens, was named one of 12 award winners in Astoria Federal's annual Teen Photo Contest in May. She was selected for her close-up photo taken of a smiling girl with a pet tarantula, which aptly represented this year's theme, "People and Their Pets."

Close to 900 entries were received from teens in Suffolk, Nassau, Brooklyn, Queens and Westchester, who entered either independently or through their school art programs. "This year's contest was so well received," said Astoria

Federal Senior Vice President and Director of Marketing Brian Edwards. "We were impressed by the teens' technical skills and originality, and enjoyed seeing the unique approaches they took in portraying the theme. Their creativity really came through!"

Pictured at the awards reception hosted by Astoria Federal at its corporate headquarters in Lake Success are (left to right): Astoria Federal Savings Wading River Branch Manager Angelica Hondropulos, Shoreham-Wading River High School student Miranda Behrens of Shoreham, art teacher Jason Andria and Astoria Federal Senior Vice President and Director of Marketing Brian Edwards. Miranda received an award and check for \$250, while her teacher was awarded a \$100 grant for classroom use.



Internet smarts

Cablevision's Power to Learn, along with NYS Senator Kenneth LaValle and NYS Assemblyman Dan Losquadro, today recognized students at Albert G. Prodel Middle School in Shoreham, who are now certified as Internet Smart. Seventh-grade Student Council students tackled the subject of Internet safety through presentations that covered a variety of topics, including digital permanence, misinformation, online predators, cyberbullying and social networking. LaValle and Losquadro spoke to the students regarding responsible use of the Internet; a Q&A followed. Students then signed a pledge for Internet safety awareness. The students worked through the Internet Smarts lessons and multiple case studies on online safety topics including cyberbullying, social networking and copyright fair use.

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North Country Road Middle School brings history to life

The sixth grade students at North Country Road Middle School in the Miller Place School District concluded their Social Studies unit on Ancient Greek and Roman culture with a Greek and Roman toga festival. Students dressed in togas, gladiator uniforms, or as their favorite god, goddess, hero or creature. They also competed in various Olympic games, both physical and mental.