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2016 Emma Carey	2000 Doretta Raffio	1984 Noreen Reilly	1968 Debra Drummond
2015 Keri Balnis	1999 Meghan Elliott	1983 Noreen Reilly	1967 Sue Garofola
2014 Kayla Knight	1998 Laura Procida	1982 Brenda Butler	1966 Antonia Zarrogina
2013 Angelica Balitsos	1997 Jennifer Gabriel	1981 Jeanne Cacciabauda	1965 Linda DePasca
2012 Hailey Orgass	1996 Linda Cleet	1980 Margaret Esposito	1964 Suzanna Hunt
2011 Kara Arena	1995 Sari Schenker	1979 Jennifer Craig	1963 Dorothy Langhans
2010 Kelley Garland	1994 Cristina Lashuk	1978 Nina MacGinn	1962 Susan Stromberg
2009 Eden Held	1993 Carrie Anne Lorenz	1977 Maureen Kavanagh	1961 Lorraine Dainotti
2008 Katina Mountanos	1992 Diana Wille	1976 Valerie Georgalas	1960 Joan Bieler
2007 Mary Kleshefsky	1991 Gerrie Murphy	1975 Terry Clark	1959 Laurel Conlon
2006 Erin Dempsey	1990 Andrea Weinstein	1974 Robin Howard	1958 Virginia Burling
2005 Kristina Doucet	1989 Coleen Walsh	1973 Rita Curran	1957 Carol Doyle
2004 Marisa Porcelli	1988 Elise Henderson	1972 Nancy Sotelo	1956 Lynn Clayton
2003 Samantha Spindel	1987 Lucine Humes	1971 Adela Sotelo	
2002 Briana Kane	1986 Lynn Ohlander	1970 Barbara Bowdish	

Women of Wantagh **(W.O.W.)**

Program



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National Anthem

Welcoming Address

Elected Officials

Junior Miss Wantagh Club Installation

Presentation of Awards

Miss Wantagh Court Moms

Musical Tribute to Wantagh

Women of Wantagh

Wantagh Court

Miss Wantagh Samantha Walsh

1st Runner-up Grace McKenna

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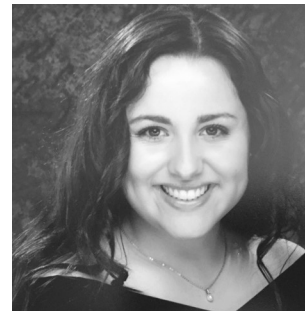
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Samantha's Message



Miss Wantagh 2017

Good evening and welcome to the 4th annual "Women of Wantagh" event. At this event the members of the Miss Wantagh Court will each be honoring one exceptional woman in our community.

Over the past few years, women have risen up together to show that they are strong, intelligent, and hardworking. The women that we are honoring tonight display all of these characteristics and many more. The 10 women being honored tonight have consistently put others before themselves and have strived to make Wantagh the tightly knit, active community we call home today.

The exemplary diligence displayed by these 10 women have not only impacted our present day community, but has inspired many young women in Wantagh. These young women looking up to our honorees will encourage them to follow in their footsteps leading to a bright and successful future for Wantagh.

On behalf of the Miss Wantagh Court and Wantagh, I would like to thank all 10 honorees tonight for being such an inspiration and never being afraid to take charge, because even in a small community you all have made the largest difference.

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the drive, compassion and kindness of the Women of Wantagh.

Samantha

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CONGRATULATIONS
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Miss Wantagh 2017

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Ilene Corina

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Nolan**
7th Grade



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McKenna**
7th Grade



**Madeline
Sammut**
7th Grade



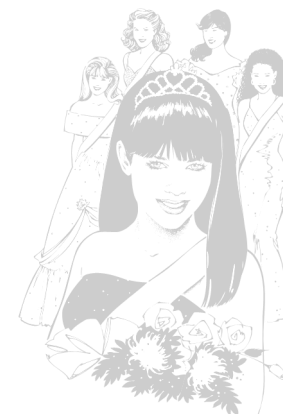
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8th Grade



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Dear Women of Wantagh Honorees, Guests and Friends,

Having been born and raised in Wantagh, I know what a special place it is. That's because the essence of Wantagh is community, with so many residents, businesses and civic leaders working together to keep Wantagh a great place to live, work and raise a family.

As we near the conclusion of our national celebration of Womens' History Month, it is fitting that we recognize the many contributions made by the exceptional women being honored tonight at our community's 4th Annual Women of Wantagh celebration, sponsored by the Miss Wantagh Pageant.

It is with great pride that I join all Wantagh residents in congratulating Ilene Corina, Laura Memisha, Dr. Barbara Rosinsky, Julie Argueta, Maria Reilly, Debbie Kaufmann, Lori Gottlieb, Barbara Breen, Marlena Schein and Cathleen Schmidt, who have spent their lives serving as strong role models and shaping the Wantagh Community through their endless and undivided commitment to community service. It is because of you that no matter what happens in the world around us, Wantagh will always remain America's hometown, where neighbor knows neighbor and we are there for each other in a time of need.

Beyond tonight's celebration, however, it is important that each of us allow the stories and accomplishments of these amazing women to inspire us to follow in their footsteps and learn from their example.

I would also offer a very special thank you to Ella Stevens; to our reigning Miss Wantagh Samantha Walsh and her Court for organizing tonight's tribute. These future leaders continue to demonstrate that our future is indeed bright.

Warmest Regards,

Steven D. Rhoads
County Legislator – 19th District



Julie Argueta

A lifetime resident and Wantagh graduate, Julie Argueta participates in so many activities.

When her daughter was in elementary school, she was an active member of the PTA, did the birthday board, called for bingo night at Wantagh Elementary School and continued the elementary schools' teacher volleyball game even after her daughter was out of the school. She chaired the Wantagh Elementary School Installation Dinner for 5 years and organized the "Shop and Dine" fundraiser for the school.

When her daughter was in middle school she became active in the 6-12 association, ran the 6-12 holiday fair several years in a row and when her daughter was in high school she was the co president of the WDPAA and went to every board of education meeting to get theatre put into the budget and she succeeded. Even after her daughter graduated she still helped at the concession stand at the high school shows.

She was a Girl Scout Leader for many years, taught religion at St. Frances for 15 years and still teaches to this day with help from her daughter.

She co-started the 'Field of Honor' on Wantagh Ave. by the old train station that commemorates veterans, living or dead, on Memorial Day and the flags stay up until after the 4th of July.

And she works full time...

No matter what is going on in Julie's life, she won't hesitate to help someone else in need.

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Wishing all the honorees
of Wantagh the very
best!



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Cathleen Schmidt

Cathleen Schmidt, a mother of 2 has been an active member of the community for over 10 years. Whether it's driving her kids to sports or saving lives, she is constantly serving others in the community.

Throughout the years, Cathleen has attended various Girl Scout events and together with her late mother Rose, was present at every one of them.

As a sister to 5 brothers, Cathleen has served as the binding glue to her family, keeping everything together in light of the passing of her brother and mother. She also helps to take care of her father.

Cathleen lives for her kids and for all members of the Wantagh community. She served as CYO coach of volleyball for her daughters' teams. She would never let a kid go without. If she heard they were in need of something she would get it for them.

As if she isn't busy enough raising 2 girls, Kayla and Jessica, Cathleen has been working as a Physicians Assistant at Saint Francis Hospital in Upper Brookville for more than 20-years. She diagnoses and treats patients with acute illness and is a pivotal force within Saint Francis, leading a team of doctors. Cathleen and her husband work separate shifts to make sure the girls have someone at home to take care of them.

Cathleen embodies the characteristics of a perfect role model. Her giving is endless.

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Dear Ella,

As you begin the 62nd year of Miss Wantagh, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the endeavors you and the Miss Wantagh Court take on each and every year! Your hard-work and dedication is part of what makes Wantagh a great place to live and raise a family!

Wantagh is very fortunate to have this long-standing tradition! Each year the pageant showcases the many talents of high school aged girls who wish to be the next Miss Wantagh. These girls have participated in school clubs, taken on community service projects, and participated in many other activities, all while maintaining academic excellence. Through the Miss Wantagh Pageant the lives of the people of Wantagh have been enriched by the outstanding community service projects that are completed each year. At Wantagh events you can always find Miss Wantagh and her court helping out and putting smiles on everyone's faces. This presence at Wantagh events inspires countless young girls to participate in our community and provide their service to Wantagh, so that one day, they will have the opportunity to participate in a Miss Wantagh Pageant, and continue this glorious tradition.

It is only natural that Miss Wantagh and her Court would like to honor women living in Wantagh who make it great. It is important to remember and recognize women in our town who tirelessly help make Wantagh an amazing place.

Congratulations to all the extraordinary honorees, Ilene Corina, Laura Memisha, Dr. Barbara Rosinsky, Julie Argueta, Maria Reilly, Debbie Kaufmann, Lori Gottlieb, Barbara Breen, Marlena Schein, Cathleen Schmidt, and Heidi Beth Felix! Thank you for your unwavering dedication to put others and Wantagh first. Our town is a better place because of all the good you do each and every day!

Wishing the Miss Wantagh Pageant many more exciting years!

All the best

Erin King Sweeney
ERIN KING SWEENEY
Councilwoman



Lori Gottlieb

Lori Gottlieb, virtually a lifetime resident of Wantagh attended Forest Lake Elementary School, Wantagh Middle School and Wantagh HS. Lori's dream to become a teacher in Wantagh came to pass in 1997 when she started teaching at Wantagh Elementary. Now, Lori is back at the elementary school she attended, but as a teacher.

Lori does all she can to make her class lessons fun while providing her students with a nurturing environment. Some of the fun activities Lori works into the school year include having her students recycle newspaper into paper they can use, building robots from recyclable materials, Teddy Bear Day, Apple Math, Pumpkin Math, and a living museum where the students dress up as their favorite character from a book they have read. Lori and the rest of the 1st grade teachers at Forest Lake work together as a team and collaborate to ensure that the students are learning to the best of their abilities.

Lori likes reading to her Wantagh students at Barnes and Noble, attending back to school BBQ's and doesn't miss the opportunity to cheer on her Forest Lake team in the teacher volleyball game (she says she isn't coordinated enough to play, but since she was a Wantagh HS Cheerleader, she has the experience to root her Forest Lake teacher to victory).

Each year Lori raises money for MS research and marches in MS walk to support her best friend, another life long Wantagh resident who is stricken with this debilitating disease.

While hundreds of students have benefitted from Lori's teaching and leadership, none have benefited more than her children, Aaron, Alex and Addison.

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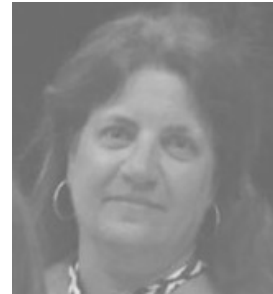


Congratulates all

Past and Present Nominees of

Women Of Wantagh

*Thank you for ALL you do for
our community!*



Maria Reilly

Maria Reilly, a mom of 4, has been very active in Wantagh. Ever since her oldest son began school she knew she wanted to be kept busy. Maria started her journey on the Birthday Board Committee at Wantagh Elementary school and from there her involvement took off.

Maria has been an instrumental person in the annual book fairs held at the elementary school and middle school. She became the chairperson for the book fair because of her extensive efforts in organizing this beloved event every year.

Maria has been the treasurer for the Wantagh Sports Booster Club for the last 4-years. She is also on the board of the 6-12 Association where she holds the place of HUGS chairperson. HUGS helps support families in a time of need. In addition to chairing HUGS, Maria held the positions of treasurer and committee chairperson. With the 6-12 Association and Sports Booster Club, she has helped raise funds for the Wantagh Schools through numerous events.

Outside the walls of the Booster Club and 6-12 Association, Maria has taken part in helping out the Girl Scouts and the Cub Scouts. She served as a Girl Scout Leader and Cub Scout Den Leader. She even took her efforts as far as being the committee chairperson for the Scouts. In her church community she took time during the week to teach and educate youth about their religion through religious education.

Maria can be found at the field, pool, or in the gym when cheering on our esteemed Wantagh Sports teams. Especially the cross country, track and field, swim, cheerleading, and soccer teams, in which her children are very involved.

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***Congratulations to the amazing
Women of Wantagh:***

Irene Corina

Laura Memisha

Dr. Barbara Rosinsky

Julie Argueta

Maria Reilly

Debbie Kaufmann

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Barbara Breen



Barbara Breen has worked with the Wantagh Elementary PTA for many years as their historian. She was the chairperson of the Fall Jamboree and still chairs the Wantagh Middle School Book Fair. She has organized countless fundraisers for the school over the years and volunteered for several school committees for over 20 years.

Barbara has also volunteered at Saint Frances's Vacation Bible School as an Arts and Crafts teacher and in registration. Most recently, Barbara has become incredibly important to Saint Frances's Theatre Group as she has become head of fundraising for the group as its Special Events and Business Director.

Thanks to Barbara devoting countless hours of her time and planning, not to mention her devotion to the group, that the St. Frances Theater Group's Teen Group was among the many entertainers that performed on the Disney Spring Marketplace Stage. They performed a 25-minute Disney musical medley for an international crowd. A few weeks before the group was to leave for Disney, Barbara found out they needed to record tracks and was able to find a local music producer who offered his studio.

In addition to the hours of practice, recording sessions and untold amount of phone calls Barbara made to Disney, the group also had to come up with about \$20,000 in fees and travel costs, so numerous fundraisers had to be held.

Barbara has truly touched the hearts of so many families throughout Wantagh.

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Debbie Kaufmann



Debbie Kaufmann, a resident of Wantagh for over 20 years, raising her two lovely girls while working full-time, has been fully involved with our school community.

Before her oldest daughter entered kindergarten, she was instrumental in launching the Scope Program in Wantagh Schools. Once her daughter entered Kindergarten, she hit the ground running as a passionate volunteer at Wantagh Elementary.

It all started with Bingo and ended with Bingo! There has not been too many committees she wasn't involved in and/or chaired. Whether laminating children's books, working the holiday fair, organizing the fall jamboree, planning activity nights or chairing a field day committee, Debbie was there, wearing her Wantagh colors with pride. These are just a few of a long list of committee involvements during her tenure at Wantagh Elementary. Most importantly, however, is that while serving the district on these committees, she also held a position on Wantagh Elementary's Executive Board. She was instrumental with the fundraisers for the Big Toy in the back of Wantagh Elementary and the Kindergarten playground.

When her eldest moved up to the Middle School, she immediately involved herself in the 6-12 Association and the Sports Booster Club while still remaining on the Wantagh Elementary Executive Board. She got involved with helping the 6th grade BBQ, Staff Appreciation Day, college fairs, the senior breakfast, Homecoming, tournaments and Sportsnite.

Although she led 6-12 as Co-President, she still found time to attend all of her children's sporting events.

*This Truly a Wonderful Way to Celebrate
Women's History Month*

Great Job Miss Wantagh Court

&

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And a special Thank You to

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**Heidi Beth Felix for all you do for the
community**



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Laura Memisha



Laura Memisha has lived and worked in the Wantagh Community for several years. Laura is a mother of two children, who have now graduated Wantagh High School. When her children were younger, Laura was always standing on the sidelines at countless PAL basketball and flag football games, supporting them no matter what.

Within the community, Laura can be seen running around Wantagh, being a part of many different aspects of the community. Laura is a real estate agent with Realty Advisors, intriguing and generating interest for families to move into our community and welcoming them. Laura has been a huge advocate in Wantagh Schools, especially the music program. Laura has been a part of numerous PTAs (elementary school, middle school and high school). All in all, Laura has a very generous and big heart for not only her own children but for the children of our community in order to make Wantagh the best community in which to live.

Laura serves as trustee for Wantagh Public Library, was voted Wantagh's Citizen of the year and invests in Wantagh's youth through her involvement with the Wantagh Scholarship Fund.

Outside of her involvement in Wantagh Schools, Laura has been known for various involvements within Homeowners' Association, the Wantagh Chamber of Commerce and much more. Laura is without a doubt someone who our community looks up to, as she embodies what it means to live and be from Wantagh.

This past Holiday season, Laura was crucial in getting the beloved snowflakes hung up in Wantagh.

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Ilene Corina

Ilene Corina is the president and founder of PULSE of New York, a grassroots patient safety advocacy group formed in 1997. She runs support groups and workshops for survivors of medical injuries and community members and develops patient safety programs for medical professionals and consumers of health care. A graduate of the American Hospital Association/National Patient Safety Foundation Patient Safety Leadership Training, she developed Long Island's first Patient Safety Advisory Council.

In 2002, she spearheaded the first Patient Safety Awareness Week to shed light on the importance of partnerships between patients and health care professionals to reduce medical errors. She is a board member of The Joint Commission and has served on the commission's Health Literacy Public Policy Roundtable, the Accreditation Committee, and the Future Value of Accreditation Work Group.

Ilene speaks regularly at medical conferences, hospitals, and health care organizations throughout the country. She discusses patients' role in patient safety and changing culture to form partnerships to improve outcomes. She also helps health care professionals work with patients and their families after a medical injury or death has occurred and has developed curriculums on disclosure of medical errors, which has been used at medical conferences and in resident training.

Ilene has appeared as a patient-safety expert on several TV and radio news shows. She's been interviewed by newspapers and magazines alike and has had many of her work published. She also developed the first training program focused on Family Centered Patient Advocacy.

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Dr. Barbara Rosinsky



Dr. Barbara Rosinsky has been a resident and practicing chiropractor in Wantagh for over 30 years (since 1987). She is a very dedicated and hardworking woman and has been a wonderful role model for her daughters. One of the things her daughters say they admire the most is the way that she has managed to combine motherhood and career so successfully. She always found time to give them 100% while giving her patients 100% as well.

Barbara is passionate about teaching people about health. Her famous quote when speaking to patients is, “I want you to be healthier next year than you are right now.” She accomplishes this by not only providing them with great chiropractic care, but by also guiding and coaching them on how to exercise, eat well, sleep better and keep stress levels down. It can be said that Wantagh may very well become a healthier community because of her.

A staunch believer in the importance of good health, Barbara helps to keep Wantagh healthy by offering free community service lectures on how to stay healthy. She attends local races and works with the runners by instructing them on stretching - before and after the race.

She is a member of the New York State Chiropractic Association, American Chiropractic Association, International Pediatric Chiropractic Association and the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America. Aside from her chiropractic practice Barbara is also as a certified Aerobics Fitness Instructor .

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Marlena Schein



If you are or have been a resident of Wantagh at any time during the last 30 years, the chances are your life and those of your family and neighbors have been touched by Marlena Schein. A Wantagh native for longer than she'd like to admit and a prolific residential real estate professional in our hamlet for over a quarter century, Marlena has been instrumental in helping many of our residents make Wantagh their home both personally as well as professionally.

However, her contributions go far beyond populating our community. As an active civic leader, she has also played a significant role in the shaping of our culture and traditions. As a board and committee member of the Wantagh Chamber of Commerce, she is actively involved in promoting the growth of local business and, in turn, prompting our local merchants and business people to give back to our community through various fundraising events and activities that benefit all our residents and families. Also an active Wantagh Kiwanis Club member, Marlena is instrumental in programs and activities that involve and benefit our children and our schools. At holiday time, whether a tree or menorah lighting, Marlena is routinely involved in organizing and participating in the public ceremonies of the season. In spring, she is busily involved in making sure the holiday eggs are not too cleverly hidden so as to allow their discovery by our all too eager hunters.

Additionally, but certainly not finally, Marlena annually participates as a speaker and mentor to our high school students regarding what she seems to know best – careers in Real Estate sales.

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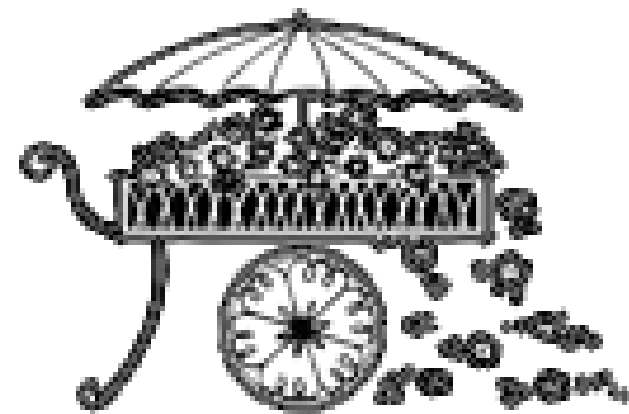
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