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EAST END COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION

**Join us for our annual
Spring Membership Meeting & Dinner**

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 7
4:00 PM
AT**

THE VINEYARDS
AT AQUEBOGUE

978 Main Road (Route 25)
Aquebogue, NY 11931

Awards for the following will be announced:

- Counselor of the Year
- Administrator of the Year
- Rising Star Award
- EECA Essay Contest Winners
- EECA Scholarship Winners

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by May 31



EECA Calendar

2021-2022

September 2021

Fall General
Membership Meeting
Cancelled

10/14/2021*

Fall College Fair
Riverhead High School
5:00pm - 7:00pm

10/20/21*

Financial Aid & NCAA Night
Riverhead High School
5:30pm NCAA
6:30pm Financial Aid

****These events were held following CDC guidelines for social distancing. Face masks were required.***

11/13/2021

LICAC Virtual Series on
Significant Topics
For Information and
Registration [Click Here](#)
Zoom link will be sent upon
registration.

12/13/2021

Winter General Membership
Stonewalls Restaurant
967 Reeves Avenue,
Riverhead, NY



Over 100 students and their parents attended our Spring College Fair

College Fair Attracts over 90 Colleges and Universities

Westhampton Beach High School once again hosted our annual Spring College Fair on Wednesday, April 27, from 5 pm - 7:30 pm. The fair, open to all students on the East End in grades 9-12, attracted over 100 students from Westhampton, Easthampton, Greenport, Southold, Mattituck, Riverhead, Eastport, Center Moriches, Shoreham-Wading River, Longwood and the Ross School.

According to Joe Garvey, one of the Chairpersons for the event, "We were very pleased with the turnout. College fairs give students and parents an opportunity to meet with college admissions counselors to discuss post-secondary school options in a direct and relaxed setting. We are happy to be able to offer this opportunity again."

This is one of two college fairs sponsored each year by the East End Counselors Association. Students should contact their school counselors for information about these fairs. College representatives interested in attending our fairs are encouraged to contact Caroline Stuke at cmstuke@optonline.net for registration protocols and materials.

EECA Calendar 2021-2022

March 2022

Spring Mental Health
Professional Development
Look for this event next year

04/28/2022

Administrative Professionals
Luncheon 12:30 pm
Cooperage Inn, Baiting Hollow

04/27/2022

Spring College Fair
Westhampton Beach
High School 5-7 pm

April - May 2022

Tour of Colleges and
Universities
Look for this event next year

06/07/2022

General Membership Meeting
and Awards Dinner
The Vineyards at Aquebogue
978 Main Road Aquebogue,
NY 11931

News & Resources

We encourage you to use our **News & Resources for School Counselors** page to find helpful information from local, state and national organizations. We encourage you to reach out to a colleague for support and information as we all remain focused on the emotional, social and academic needs of our students and their families. [Click here for more news and resources >>](#)

ASCA Presents a Webinar on College and Career Support for Students with Disabilities



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College and career-readiness supports are not equitable for all students. Disparities exist for a number of students, including students with disabilities. Those gaps are even more prominent among students of color with disabilities. Learn about results from the National Longitudinal Transition Study 2012, one of the only large-scale data sets that allows for a nationwide examination of these groups during and after high school. The secondary analysis is currently being conducted and continues to show disparities in college and career-readiness supports between students with and students without disabilities. Learn about these findings along with concrete solutions for college and career-readiness program delivery, management and assessment.

Learning Objectives:

After viewing this webinar, you will be able to:

1. Strategize how to work collaboratively with special educators on postsecondary planning for students with disabilities
2. Discuss implications for your school counseling program to be more inclusive of students with disabilities
3. Explain how social/emotional, academic and transitional factors influence the college and career readiness for students with disabilities

Presenters:

Clewiston Challenger, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Professional Practice, school counseling, Rutgers University, and former middle and high school counselor who worked in the middle and high school levels

Allison Lombardi, PhD., Associate Professor of Special Education, Department of Educational Psychology, University of Connecticut, and current president of the Council for Exceptional Children, Division on Career Development and Transition and co-editor of the journal *Career Development and Transition for Exceptional Individuals*

Date: July 26, 2022, 1-2 p.m. EDT

[Click Here For More Information](#)



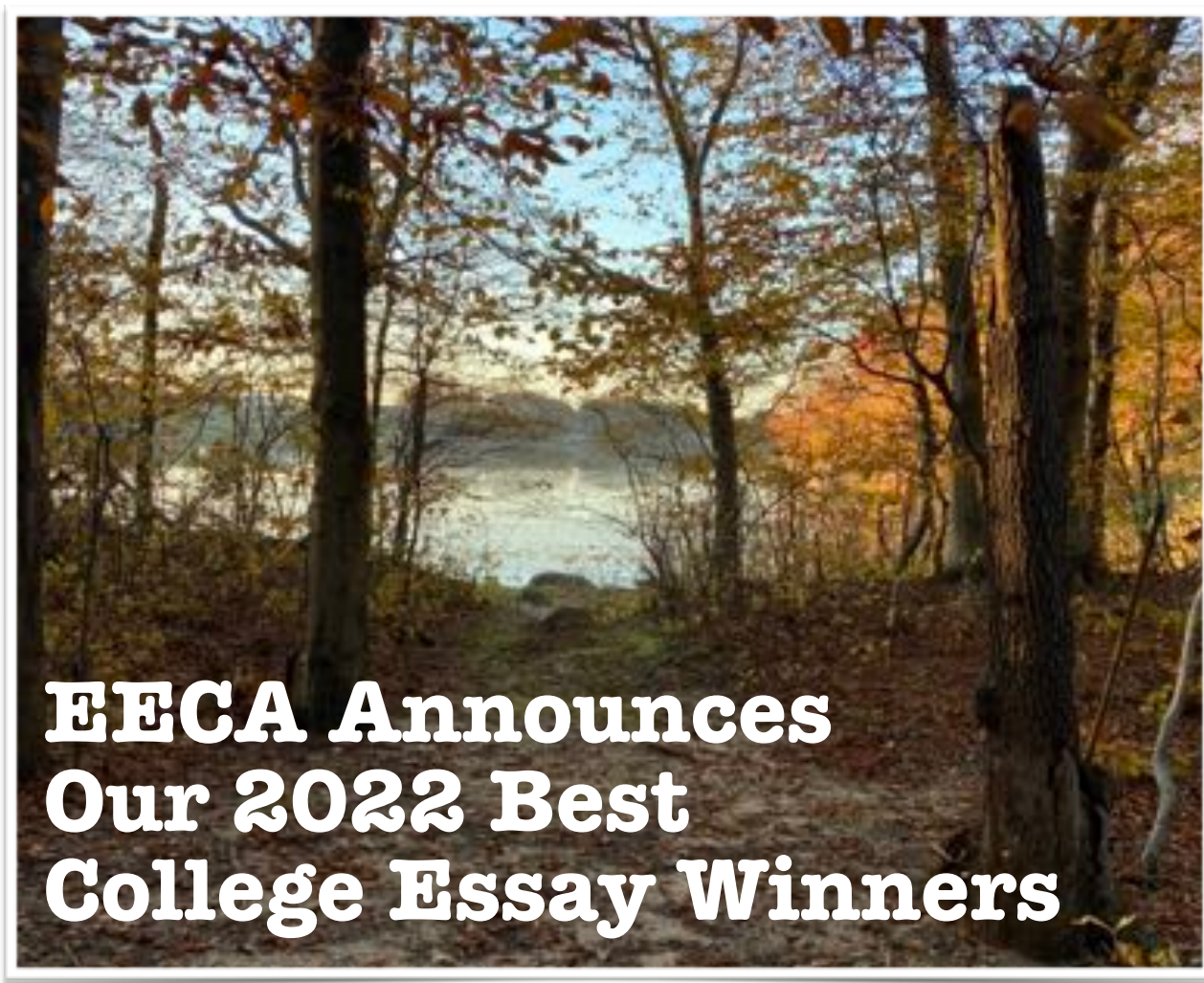
Top photo (Westhampton Beach) from left to right: Standing Counselor Ellen Griffin, Counselor Christine Minnear, Administrative Assistant, Linda Kommer and Counselor Joe Garvey, Seated: Administrative Assistants, Debbie Sorady and Evelyn Overton. Photo left: (East Hampton) Counselor Julie Petersen, Administrative Assistants Stephanie Oddo, Lindsay Roman, and Counselor Bridget Sokolowski. Photo Right: (Suffolk Community College) Counselor Kristen Cosentino, Administrative Assistants, Roseanna Michelsen and Lois Lien.

EECA Honors Administrative Assistants

Each year, school counselors and their administrative assistants gather for lunch to celebrate the outstanding work performed by school counseling assistants. This year's event took place at the Cooperage Inn Restaurant in Baiting Hollow on April 28.

First to greet students and parents who visit the counseling office, they create an atmosphere of

welcome; their diligence and dedication help ensure the success of our programs. Praising their work, Barbara Ackerman, chairperson for the event said, "School Counselors are grateful to have assistants who not only work beside them but share their vision and commitment to children."



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| <p>Winner: Eleanora Alloway Southold High School Counselor: Caitlin Appel</p> <p>2nd Place: Valeria Reyes Shelter Island High School Counselor: Martha Tuthill</p> <p>3rd Place: Lane Dominy Southold High School Counselor: Caitlin Appel</p> | <p>The East End Counselors Association sponsored our third annual <i>Best College Essay Contest</i> this year. The contest was open to any high school student sponsored by a member of the East End Counselors Association.</p> <p>The essays were judged by a team of college admissions officers and Professor Monica Wendel, Associate Professor of Composition and Creative Writing at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, New York.</p> | <p>Contest Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essays were limited to 650 words and were submitted by January 1, 2022• Students identified the prompt they used whether that prompt came from the Common Application or was particular to a given college.• Essays were blind-reviewed. Judges were not aware of the high school a student attended.• By submitting an entry, students gave the EECA permission to publish winning essays in <i>Counselors View</i>, the newsletter of the East End Counselors Association. |
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EECA ANNOUNCES THE 2022 BEST COLLEGE ESSAY

INTERVIEWS FROM 9/11

BY ELEANORA ALLOWAY, SOUTHOLD HIGH SCHOOL

[8:46 am: Flight 11 hits the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Richard Stancs, in a meeting, feels the building sway like it is about to collapse. He runs. (First Interview)]

The screen door closed softly behind me and I gingerly stepped down the brick stairs of the neatly-kept Craftsman cottage. My mother (who must chaperone all these interviews) and I got into her beat-up Chevy and I started to sob as the story replayed in my mind. This was the third interview I had

done for my Girl Scout Gold Award project - a documentary of first-person accounts of the September 11th attacks. This woman had worked for Aon in the South Tower. She was late because she decided to vote

in the primary on her way in, and was irritated that the polling employees had delayed her. 67 coworkers in her office died. As we backed out of the driveway, I heard mom sniffing too.

[9:03 am: Flight 175 hits the South Tower. FDNY Paul Mallery, fresh off a 24-hour shift, jumps out of the shower at Ladder 10, 500 yards from the tower. He puts his gear back on. (Fourth Interview)]

When I decided to pursue my Gold Award, I wanted to remember those who had died on 9/11, as well as those who live with the guilt of surviving. After two years of planning, paperwork, and filming, I gathered over 7 hours of raw footage of thirteen people baring their souls, some telling their story for the first time. Days of editing ensued, constantly replaying tragedy: a lost family member, the smell of burning flesh, a dismembered arm. Rewind. A lost family member, the smell of burning flesh, a dismembered arm. Shift + B. Cut. Shift. Delete. I realized that my 14-year-old self who started this project two years ago had morphed into a guardian, given a sacred commission by these thirteen people to preserve their stories.



[9:59 am: The South Tower collapses. Hillary North comes up out of the Fulton Street station and sees paper flying everywhere. She knows and starts sobbing. (Third Interview)]

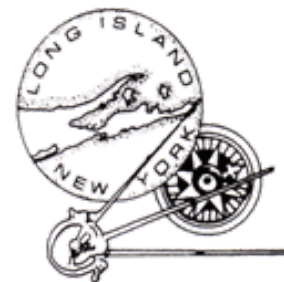
The documentary premiere was Friday, September 10. Decked out in my Girl Scout vest with years of patches, I was shocked to see almost 100 people in the Rec Center, including several of my interviewees. Shaking from nerves, I addressed the crowd then pressed play on my laptop. What if I failed them,

these survivors, who had given me this gift of their story? At first I was constantly criticising my work: that cut was not clean enough, this audio was muddy, the b-roll wasn't long enough there. But suddenly I heard muffled weeping from the rows behind me. My leg bouncing from anxiety stopped, and I let the emotions take over.

[10:28 am: The North Tower collapses. Bernadette Hobin is creeping across the Brooklyn Bridge in her car with four strangers she picked up on her way out of downtown. They start screaming as the collapse shakes the bridge. (Twelfth Interview)]

After the credits rolled, dozens of people came up to me and thanked me, fighting back tears but softly smiling. It was at this moment that I finally realized... I succeeded in preserving a sliver of history that will endure for the world to see and maybe understand; that my generation, born three years after the September 11 attacks, might begin to truly empathize with their parents when they say, "I know exactly where I was." To read a story is one thing, but to immerse yourself in another's experience is the only way to really empathize. As I continue my journey, I hope that I will be allowed to continue to weave this beautiful and heartbreaking tapestry of those I meet in this life, while innumerable tiny threads of me are scattered throughout the world, always infinitely grateful for the story life spins.

The East End Counselors Association Announces its 22nd Annual Scholarship Winners



FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$2,000 ARE AWARDED EACH YEAR TO FOUR GRADUATING SENIORS WHO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL ON THE EAST END OF LONG ISLAND. STUDENTS WHO WIN THESE SCHOLARSHIPS PLAN TO PURSUE A CAREER WITHIN A “HELPING FIELD.”

Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients

Gabriella Zaffino, Southold High School

Olivia Albanese, Eastport South Manor High School

Italia Coffey, Southampton High School

Stephen Sutton, Hampton Bays High School

Criteria

Student must be a graduating senior from an East End High School.

Student must plan to attend a 2 or 4 year post secondary institution.

Student must intend on majoring in one of the “helping fields” (nursing, school counseling, teaching or social work)

Student must submit a one page typed essay, approximately 500 words, answering the following question: “What has the role of being active within your community or school played in your desire to enter into a helping field?”

Selection



Each Guidance department submits one (1) application to the East End Counselors Association Scholarship Committee for review. The Committee selected four winners from all nominations.



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The Following Schools Are Represented On The East End Counselors Executive Board

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