

Community Partners

IPEI Awards to Students, Teachers, and Programs Announced



Each year Ithaca students, teachers, and school programs receive awards and scholarships in June totaling more than \$5,000 from special funds managed by IPEI. Established to preserve the memory of those honored and to enhance education in the ICSD, these PEI grants are distributed annually based on each funds' criteria.

The recipient of the **Carol J. Buckley Scholarship for Students in the Arts** is Sequoya Lee, a senior at LACS. Established by Buckley's family and friends, the \$3000 scholarship provides assistance for talented students pursuing advanced study in the arts. The fund also provides support for arts-related educational programs.

The **Noreen Moore Memorial Award** was awarded Pre Dee Hser. The \$500 scholarship is presented annually to a graduating student who has the potential and desire to make the world a better place. Moore was an active member of the school district staff and community and an advocate throughout her life for families in need.

The **Ithaca High School Senior Class Fund** recognizes both a new teacher who exemplifies enthusiasm and creativity and a school club that makes a positive impact on student life. This year's **New Teacher Award** went to science teacher Nicole Sosnoski. The **Student Organization Award** went to SWIS (Strong Women Impacting Society). Plaques listing the recipients of the Senior Class Awards since 2004 are in the high school library.

Erika Uchigasaki, an Ithaca High junior, received the **Raymond C. Loehr Environmental Science Award**. The \$150 award recognizes an underclass student who shows promise in environmental science.

Fifth grade students throughout the ICSD are the beneficiaries each year of the **Ian Alberta Fund** award of \$500 that purchases books that complement their *Kids Discover the Trail!* activities at the Cayuga Nature Center.

