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## Salute to Framingham

## **Celebrating Sixteen Years**

March 13th, 2008 Framingham Sheraton Tara

## Salute Honorees

1993 Pam Jezukawicz Connie Sullivan George Wheeler

1996 Francis Galvani Joseph Perini III William Summers

1999 Steve Ryder Ann Stacie Dr. Eugene Thayer

> 2002 Ann Lamb Chris Petrini Elaine Robert

2005 Patrick Dunne Joan Rastani Bob Jachowicz 1994 Kennedy Clark Dr. Jean Avery Jack O'Rourke

1997 Si Babineau Barry Bograd Sherwin Greenblatt

> 2000 Rob Healey John Poles Phil Read

2003 Joan Kelley Betty Mattarazzo Sally Smith

> 2006 Margo Deane Pam Hulme Jim Carney

1995 Ron Burton Tom Click Tony Colonna

1998 Robert Campion Barbara Gray Charles Long

2001 Mark Goldman John Hart Kathy Herrman

2004 Robert Brown Jim Carey Pat Zucchi

2007 Joe Casperowitz Mike Phipps Jim O'Connor

## *The Salute to Framingham Celebrating Sixteen Years*

Beginning as a vision just over sixteen years ago, the Salute to Framingham has grown into one of Framingham's most anticipated annual events. Each year, three individuals are honored for their outstanding commitment and service to Framingham's youth. This year's honorees join a select group of people who have made a real difference in the lives of our children.

Over the years, the Salute program has been expanded to show our appreciation to teachers, school support personnel, and volunteers who make each day "special" in the Framingham Public Schools. We also recognize graduating FHS students who have shown leadership in a variety of ways.

In 2004, the Jim O'Connor Service Award was introduced as a tribute to the Salute's founder. This award is given to individuals, organizations or families who work as a team to serve the youth of Framingham. Recipients exhibit the passion, vision, commitment and leadership which Jim O'Connor exemplified throughout his career.

On its sixteenth birthday, the event is getting an exciting new look. Attendees will be treated to a multi-media extravaganza including a slide show of programs and activities which benefit from the Salute's fund-raising and highlights of each recognized student's accomplishments, and featuring pre-recorded remarks from the honorees. The familiar "You Are Special" awards will continue in their popular form. There will also be a few live and recorded surprises!

The Salute to Framingham is the largest single fundraiser for Framingham High School. As always, all proceeds from the event are used to support activities, the arts, and athletics which benefit FHS students.

Many thanks to all of you for attending this dinner and to our community hosts and sponsors for making this evening a great success.





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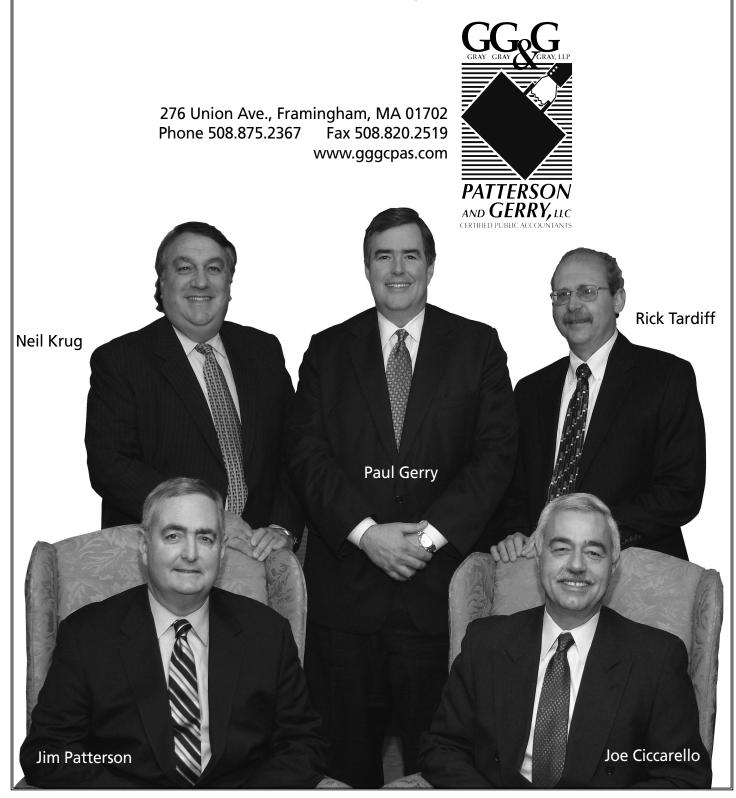
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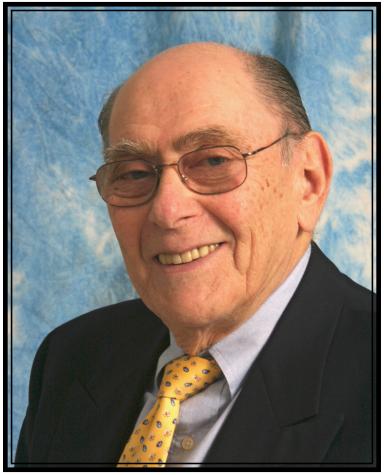


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## Roni Cronin

Roni Cronin is Framingham through and through. She attended Framingham public schools for 12 years, graduating with the Class of 1959, and enjoyed a remarkable 37-year teaching career at the Juniper Hill School. Now, she is a dedicated volunteer at the Framingham Historical Society & Museum, a role that seems to be perfect in that it combines her love of history, Framingham and teaching. The Framingham Historical Society & Museum is a vital part of town. Since 1975, it has collaborated with the Framingham public school system on a "History of Framingham" program for third-grade students. The program is not lecture-based, but instead designed to help students experience their hometown, and understand Framingham's history as part of American history. Through her passion for teaching, history and Framingham, Roni is an integral part of the effort.



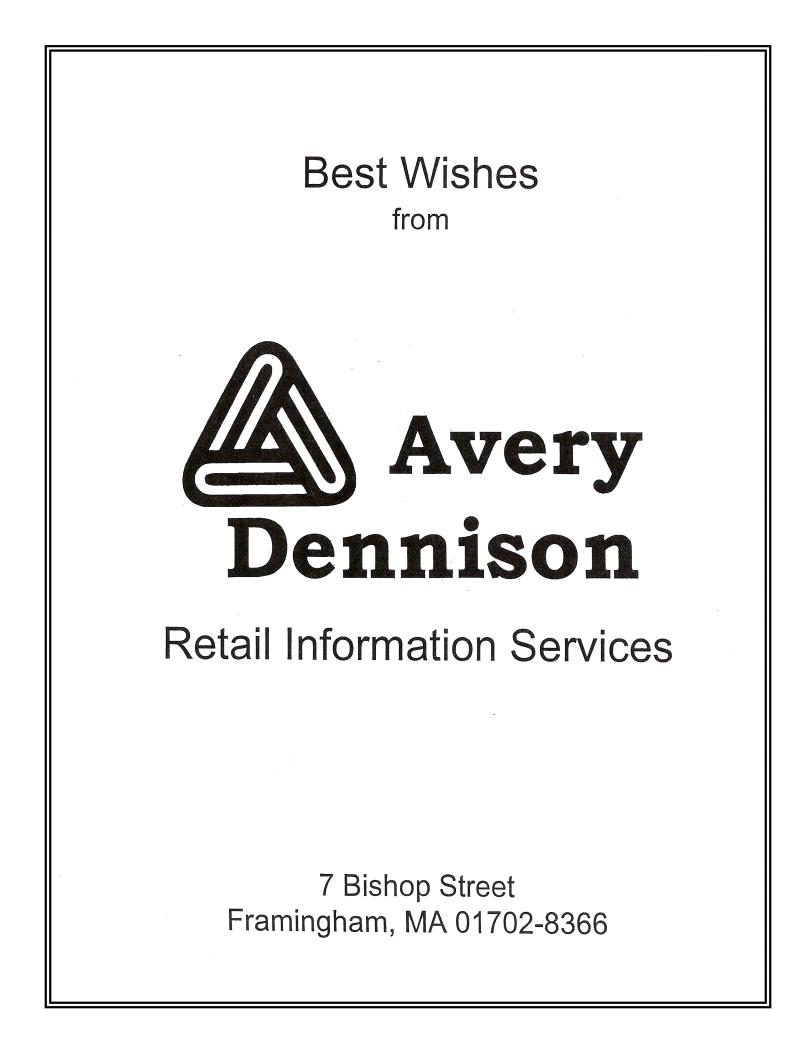
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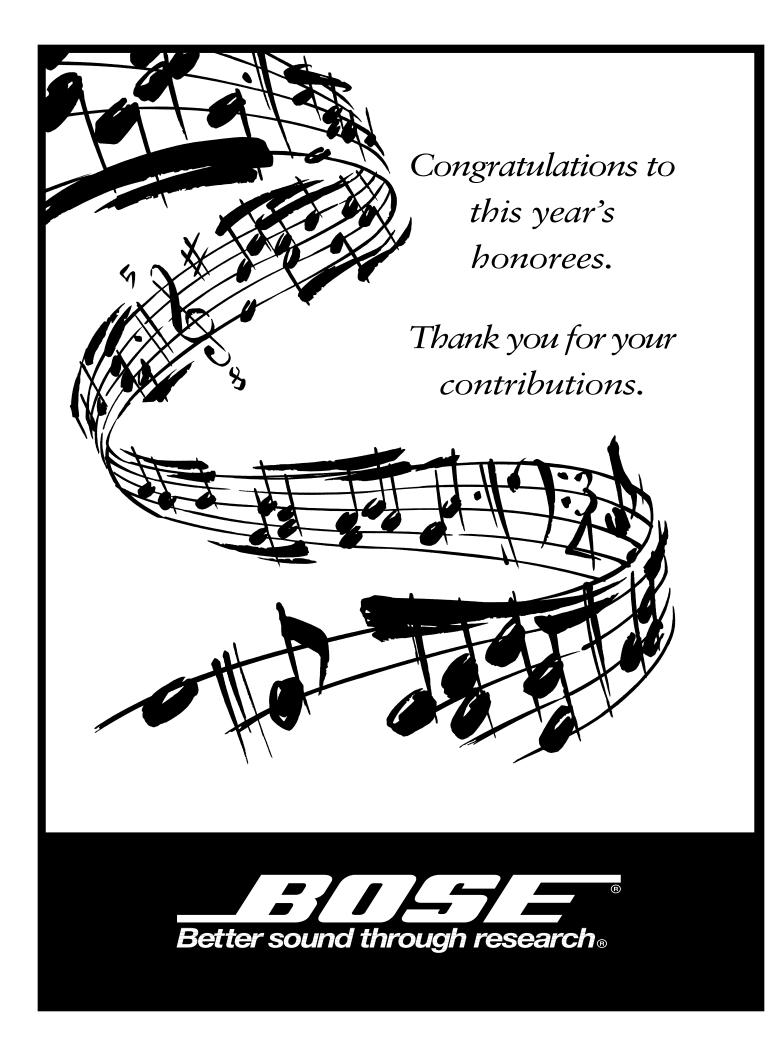
When Lowell Mazie started the John Andrew Mazie Memorial Foundation in 1997, along with his wife Barbara and daughter Linda, the hope was to carry on his son's legacy by helping to positively impact the lives of students. The results have been remarkable. Since the foundation was founded, more than 270 sophomores at Framingham High have been matched with volunteer mentors from Framingham and surrounding communities as part of a program that would make John proud. John, who worked at APM in Framingham, had always expressed concern about the plight of underprivileged youngsters. Through the foundation and the continued efforts of Lowell and his family, more than 100 students at Framingham High have received laptop computers as an award for achieving their college research goals, and 53 are now in college receiving their annual \$500 scholarship awards. Each year, 40 new students are accepted into the program.



Pat Walker

Pat Walker has been a valuable employee at the Danforth Museum of Art for the last 29 years, earning a well deserved reputation for going above and beyond her regular responsibilities. That additional work is a significant part of her being an honoree, as the Salute to Framingham committee will annually be seeking one honoree that it feels reflects the always-doing-more approach of longtime Framingham High School teacher and Salute committee member Rich Rebecchi. When Pat started at the Danforth Museum of Art, teaching a painting class, she couldn't have envisioned how fulfilling her tenure would become. From seeing youngsters learning about art for the first time in the museum's children's gallery, to 700 Framingham Public School third graders exploring the museum's Native American collection, to high school students in Portfoili classes, Pat appreciates the efforts of those who make Danforth Museum of Art a special place in which the importance of art is reflected in the town of Framingham.







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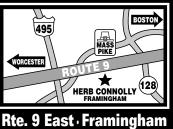
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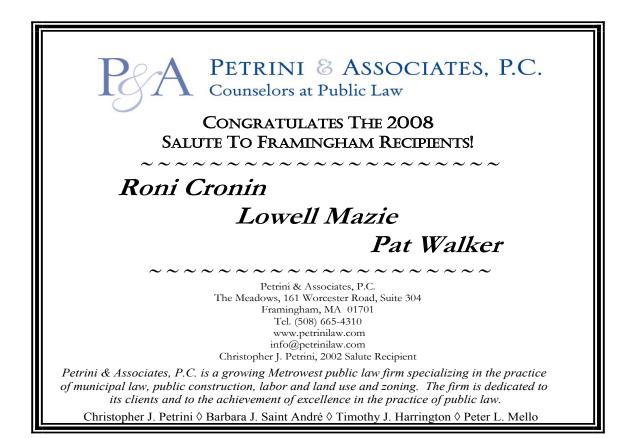


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Cocktail Reception & Strolling Supper The dinner buffet will be open at 6:15 and stay open until 8:15 with desserts and coffee being served 8:15 thru 9:00. Feel free to go to the buffet at any time.

#### 7:00 PM

Presentations Begin National Anthem by Cloud 9 (Girl's A Capella) Ringmasters for the Evening: Barry Bograd and Mike Reiss Welcome by Superintendent of Framingham Public Schools Dr. Eugene Thayer

#### 7:15 PM

#### Class of 2008 Student Recognition Michael J. Welch, FHS Principal

and Frank Rothwell, FHS Sr. Class Vice Principal

Laura Bird Matt Caron Addie Darrah Kevin Dynan Andrea Eversley Isabel Famania Hope Feldman Michelle Gerard Cara Goldstein Tucker Howard Anna Monzon Jocelyn Morales Sasha Neal Caitlin O'Connell Albert Park Rajni Salhotra Meghan Seaman Karan Sharma Mirarai Sithole Ariel Spigel Aziza Temple Caroline Vivat Lulu Wang Daniel Westwater

#### Program

#### 7:30 PM

2008 Salute to Framingham Award Presentations Salute to Framingham, Co-Chairs Mark R. Albright and Gary Doherty

> RONI CRONIN LOWELL MAZIE PAT WALKER

#### 8:00 PM

2008 James O'Connor Service Award Temple Beth Am Brotherhood Represented by: Richard Steckloff & Len Brenner

#### 8:05 PM

\*You Are Special\* Faculty and Staff Recognitions Dr. Eugene Thayer

Sue Ames, FHS Linda Bebeau, Dunning Anne Bilotti, McCarthy Will Cook, FHS Will Jantzen, Walsh Lanny Kim, FHS Anne Mangini, Cameron Chuck McInnis, Stapleton Jean Nolan, Fuller James Parr, McCarthy Bonnie Player, FHS – Thayer Carol Virdinlia, Fuller

#### 8:35 PM

#### Raffle Drawings

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SUE AMES has been one of the driving forces – a true advocate - for the health and physical education department at Framingham High School for fifteen years. She does not let the department rest on its laurels and is a true believer in continuous improvement. This approach has been instrumental in developing and sustaining a quality health education program that is a highlight of the Commonwealth. Sue regularly scans the literature looking for the latest health and PE research to distribute to students and staff, resulting in a curriculum that is up-to-date, vigorous, and informative. Sue Ames believes her role, the seminal role, of an educator is to teach the importance of respect, responsibility, and being a self-advocate. Her actions are a clear validation of this belief as evident in her passionate teaching style and her willingness to do "what needs to get done" to complete a task. She is an active member of the district Health Advisory Council and the FHS Wellness Policy Council and also referees both field hockey and lacrosse at both the high school and college level. When an objective and sound shoulder is needed, Sue is available to listen and help students and colleagues organize their thoughts to make a reasonable decision. Sue Ames, Framingham would not be the same without your dedication and passion. Sue Ames, "You Are Special.!"

LINDA BEBEAU - Working at Dunning School since 1984, Mrs. Bebeau has dedicated herself to the development of excited, skillful learners. Mrs. Bebeau has supported first grade students as they confront the many learning challenges but especially the daunting task of unlocking the literacy code. Her enthusiasm and talent provide a classroom that welcomes every student and brings outstanding results. Mrs. Bebeau's warmth for and investment in her students is completely genuine. Families are informed and their children rewarded under the care of Mrs. Bebeau. In addition, her knowledge and flair are a resource for the entire staff. Mrs. Bebeau provides guidance to whoever requires assistance but does so in such a professional and unassuming style. She acts as informal mentor to her first grade colleagues and combines the wisdom of experience and the energy of innovation.

Mrs. Bebeau is a fixture amongst the Dunning community plainly putting that extra effort in everything she does. She is a positive and motivating force not only for her learners but for all that encounter her. In the age of data and test scores, we have lost sight of the importance of relationship and connection within the learning dynamic but spend fifteen minutes in Mrs. Bebeau classroom and you quickly remember the critical importance of those qualities. Mrs. Bebeau, "You Are Special.!"

ANNE BILOTTI accepted a permanent assistant teacher position at McCarthy Elementary School in 1994, and, since that time, she has distinguished herself as a dedicated, involved educator. Anne is always willing to assume extra tasks to support the social, emotional, physical, and academic growth of her students. She established an after school homework club and a very successful after school MCAS tutoring program. She even tutors children before school begins. Anne consistently acts on the belief that all students can learn. She played a critical role in developing an extremely effective inclusion program which has become a model for the school. Currently, she assists the regular educators and the special educator in planning and executing teaching units in fourth and fifth grade classrooms. In addition, she works with small groups of students and utilizes a variety of teaching strategies to engage them and to help them experience success. The positive and supportive relationship that she has established with her students serves to enhance their self-esteem and their ability to learn. McCarthy students have benefited greatly from her commitment and devotion to each and every one of them. Mrs. Bilotti, "You are Special!"

WILL COOK has worked as an English teacher at Framingham High School for the past fifteen years. For the past five years, he has been the English Department Chairperson. Will is an excellent teacher and a strong department chair but his greatest gift may be his ability to have a positive influence on teaching and learning through the many roles he fills in the school as well as in town.

Will has upheld the high standards set by his predecessors Jack Donovan and Linda Shevrin in the English Department. He works extremely hard to recruit high quality faculty and to foster their growth in the department. Throughout the summer months, Will can be found volunteering his time in the English bookroom, meeting with new teachers or at his desk getting things organized so his staff can have a smooth opening in September. He challenges his own students and has displayed a passion to teach all students, regardless of their ability or learning desire. In the building, Will has been a volunteer building representative for the teacher's association and most recently served on the bargaining committee and fought for a fair contract. When some students discussed a desire to form a sailing club several years ago, Will and Bob Curnan rented vans and trekked students back and forth to the Charles River in Boston after school. During its six years the club never became a varsity sport but the Framingham students competed successfully against other Bay State varsity programs. His willingness to help students athletically continues as he most recently has volunteered his afternoons in the fall as the assistant golf coach. Seeing that educators were under-represented in town meeting, Will decided to run so that the voices of more teachers could be heard. He has served proudly for three terms and does a fine job speaking out for the schools in Framingham either in formal town meeting or by caucusing with other town meeting members. Will has helped improve the educational experience for students in Framingham in many different ways. He has a solid record of fighting for teachers, students and for the schools. Will Cook, "You Are Special.!"

WILL JANZTEN is being recognized because of his many exceptional qualities. This young man, a U.S veteran of the Afghanistan conflict and trained EMT, possesses a level of maturity far beyond his years. As an aide for a student with special needs, he has used his sensitivity, patience and innate abilities to establish an extraordinary bond with this student who requires extensive assistance in many areas throughout the day. Will provides this support with consistency, while aiding both the teachers and other students in the classroom. His positive attitude and willingness to help out wherever needed, make him invaluable to Walsh. He works in both the Study Zone after school program as well as the LEAP club program. His experiences at Walsh have allowed him to see future possibilities for himself in the field of education. He is contemplating continuing his education and becoming a teacher. Walsh teachers have encouraged him to pursue his career as he has demonstrated many ideal characteristics of an exemplary teacher. Will Jantzen, "You Are Special.!"

LANNY KIM has been a member of the Framingham High School Mathematics Department for only the past three years. During this short time, she has distinguished herself as an incredible teacher; one, who students adore and colleagues admire. Lanny's brings an energy and enthusiasm to her classroom that is unmatched. Her commitment to her students is inspiring to all of us that work closely with her. She clearly loves her work and makes the study of mathematics equally enjoyable and rewarding for all of her students. Toward this end, Lanny creates thoughtfully constructed lessons that engage students in discovering the beauty of mathematics. Her classroom is a perfect balance of high expectations combined with a supportive tone. This atmosphere helps all of her students achieve at their highest level. As the coach of our high school's dance team, she has helped create another avenue for students to shine! It is this ability to make students feel confident and successful in any endeavor that truly makes Lanny stand out. Lanny Kim, "You are Special!"

ANNE MANGINI is one in a million! There is not a student, staff member or parent who is not aware how hard Anne works and what a wealth of information she holds. Her title, according to the Framingham Public Schools, is that of a "library aide" but we all recognize she is more than just a librarian. Anne has read every book in the library and remembers each story. She knows all the students in the school, year after year, and she has a personal relationship with each staff member. Her ability to connect with people is uncanny. She is always there to help create posters for the reading challenges, do decorations for fundraisers, wrap gifts for the holiday presents for students from low-income families or bake cookies for math night. Anne sets no limits on what she does to contribute to the learning of students. She is the core of the school and everyone respects her, loves her and thinks she is worth her weight in gold. Before Anne worked in the library she was a teacher so she appreciates their needs and how challenging their job can be. She still contributes to the monthly book club meetings, places books in adult mailboxes as a must read, and continually updates the staff about the many new acquisitions that she purchases and reads immediately. There is no one more knowledgeable about authors and various genres. Anne Mangini is a priceless gem and Cameron Middle School students and staff consider themselves incredibly fortunate to work with her each day! Anne Mangini, "You Are Special.!"

DR. CHARLES MCINNIS- Over this past decade as the principal of the Mary E. Stapleton School, Dr. Charles McInnis has expanded upon the theme of excellence that has categorized the Stapleton School. Among his many accomplishments have been the establishment of a two-teacher inclusion model for K-5 at Stapleton and his working with the Saxonville community to bring to reality the dream of former principal Carol Getchell, a nature trail to enhance environmental education for the students of Stapleton and the greater Framingham community, as well.

Dr. McInnis maintains a consistent approach to every issue, always focusing upon the impact decisions have towards the students we are educating. He strives to connect with every student on a personal level and is approachable and available to families. His reasoned approach to issues has made Dr. McInnis a valued voice at the district administration level. In addition, he has selflessly shared this leadership approach with several administrators as both a formal and informal mentor as well as a mentor to other colleagues. Chuck McInnis's strong sense of professionalism, his intellectual curiosity, and his keen sense of humor contributed to ten great years of growth for students, their families, and the faculty alike. For these reasons and many more, Dr. Charles McInnis, "You Are Special.!"

JEAN NOLAN began working as a social worker at Fuller Middle School in 1998. Over the past ten years, she has been an advocate for all kids and a reassuring sounding board for staff. Jean does a great deal of valuable outreach to families, visiting homes frequently. She also provides mentoring to new guidance personnel and co-leads the ROPES program with Fuller middle schoolers. Jean's fluency in Spanish has greatly contributed to the successful work she has done with the Wellesley College research team examining issues concerning adolescent bicultural identity. Her professional discretion, dedication, and diligence all contribute to her well-respected reputation at Fuller and across the district. Jean Nolan, "You Are Special.!"

JAMES PARR - Ultimately, the measure of a teacher's effectiveness and success is the impact that they make on their students. The impact that Mr. James Parr, a teacher at McCarthy Elementary School, has had on his students is best described in the words of one of his former students in her college admissions' essay: "Mr. James Parr, my fifth grade teacher, introduced me to my two passions: the study of history and the theatre. His classroom was a place where one could ask questions, go beyond basics, and focus on what you really wanted to know. Mr. Parr supported me one hundred percent. I don't think he even knows what a year in his classroom did to me, how much it shaped me to be the person I am today, but I am forever grateful." Mr. Parr's successful classroom theater arts productions led to the development of an after school program called H.A.A.M., Hilarious Acting At McCarthy. In addition, Mr. Parr proposed the first McCarthy Student Council to promote citizenship and involve students in community service learning projects. Mr. James Parr, "You Are Special!"

BONNIE PLAYER has been with Framingham High School's Thayer Campus for six years. Bonnie is a versatile educator. She wears many hats at our alternative school. Not only is Bonnie the assistant teacher for many subjects but she also runs our work-study program and has found jobs for most of our students. Bonnie's cheerful, caring demeanor has such a positive impact on our young people. She makes a difference at Thayer Campus. Bonnie Player, "You Are Special.!"

CAROL VIRDINLIA was a student teacher at Fuller in 2003, after making a career change from private industry. Her love of Social Studies and classroom skills were evident right from the start. She became a full-time teacher of 7th grade the following year. Since that time, Carol has become the lead coach of the Fuller Falcons, co-coordinator of the building's professional development, a regular participant in all school events, and a champion of involving parents in the many creative units of study she has designed. In its second year, the "Edible Australia" project has become a tasty Fuller tradition. Her love of kids and music combined makes Coach V. a precious favorite. Carol Virdinlia, "You Are Special!"





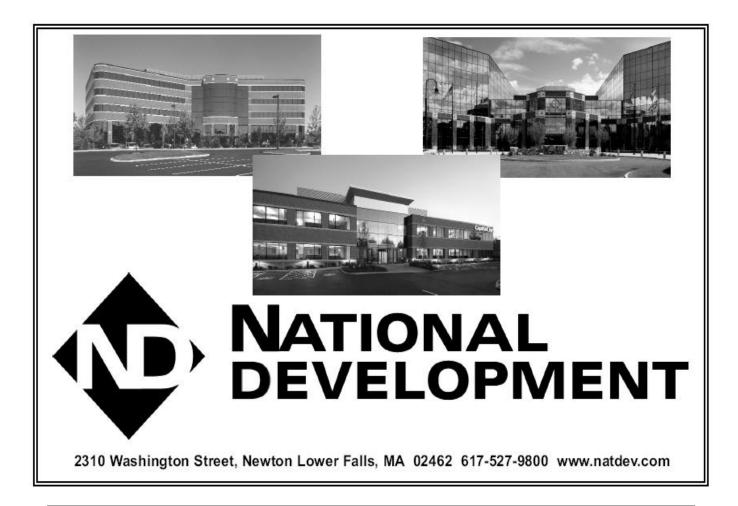
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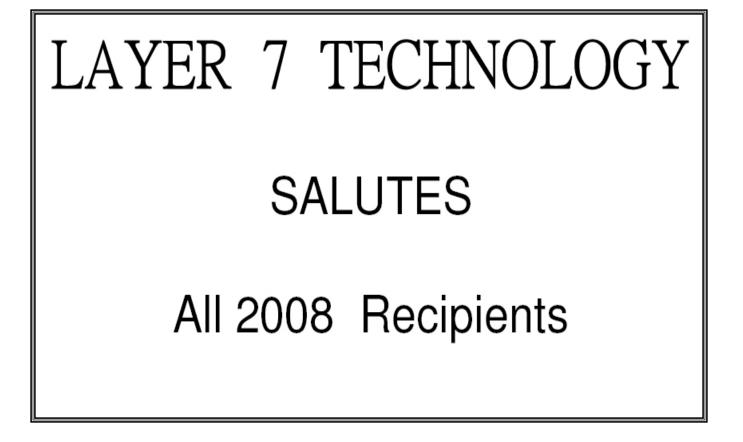
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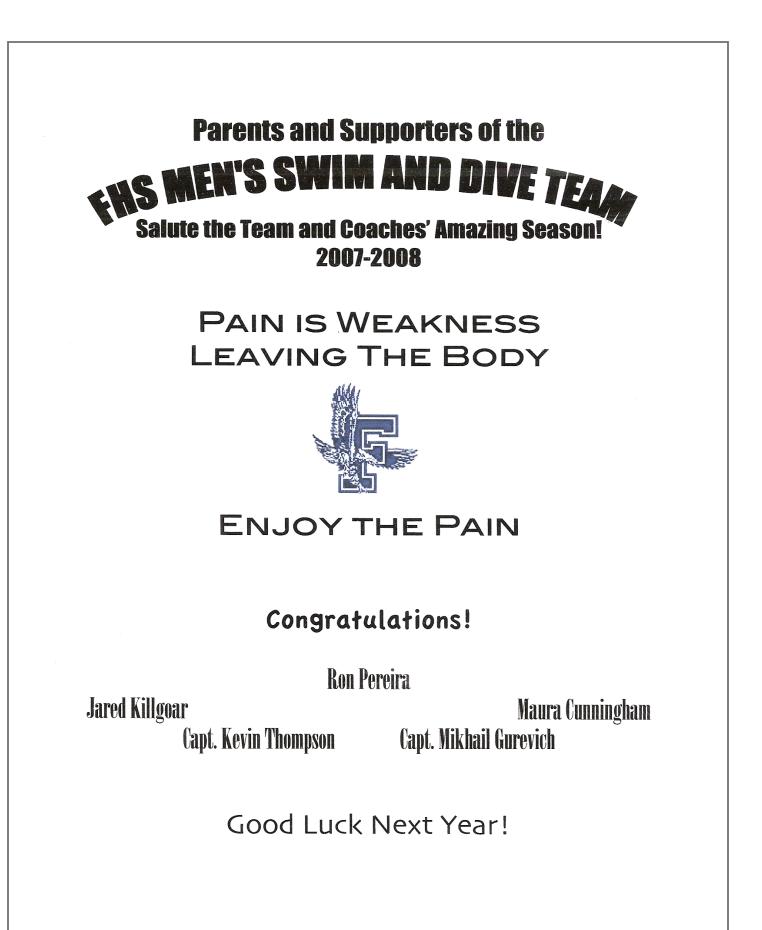


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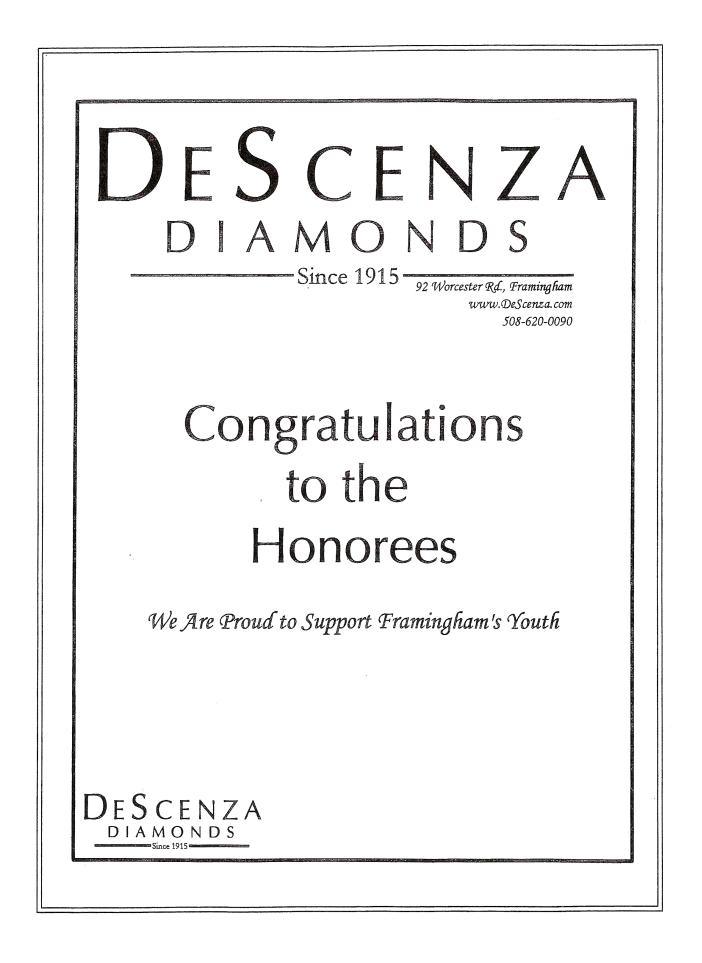


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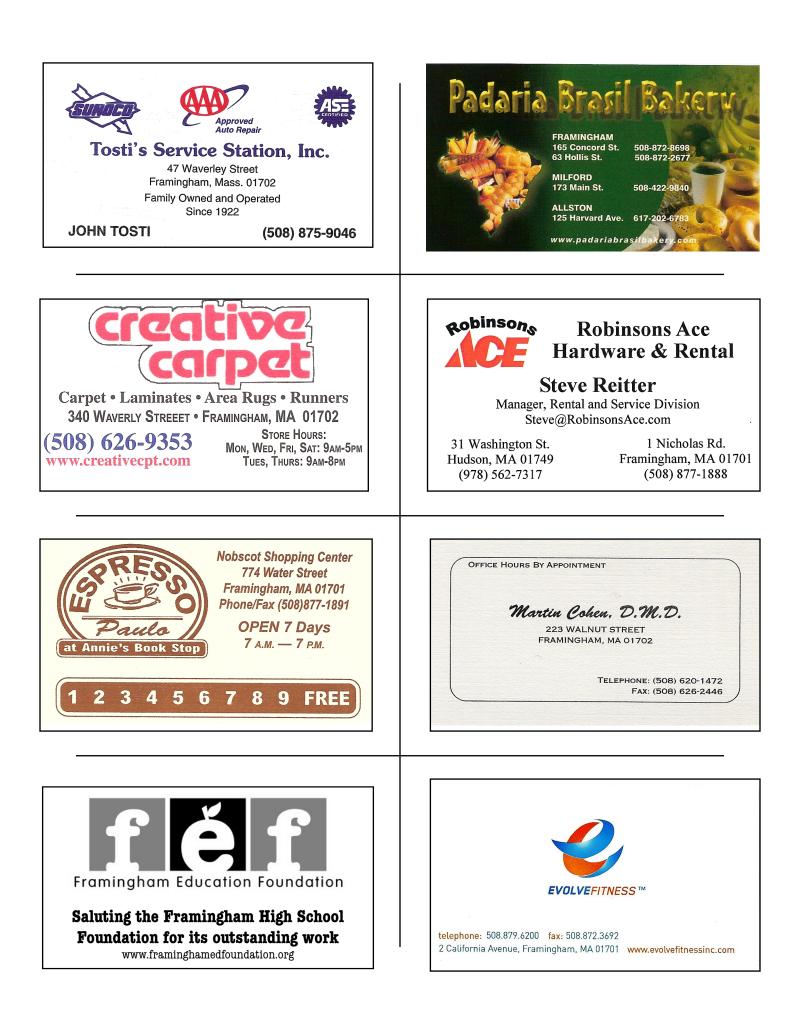
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- •Congratulations to all the Seniors!!! We are so proud of you! - Ms. Hendry & Mr. Rothwell
- •Thank you Katerina Floridia for all of your hard work. -FHS Athletic Department
- •Re-elect Joel Winett Town Moderator
- Good Luck Boy's Lacrosse Phillip Washington
- •The Mad Handyman
- Wet Paint (Interior & Exterior)
- Boy's Lacrosse 2008
- •Roni, Love and congratulations to you on this recognition of a job well done!! Susan O.
- •Best of Luck to Boy's Lacrosse 2008
- Jason, Where's My Smile?
- Greeting from Studio Optics
- •Congratulations to Roni Cronin & Bonnie Player "You are very special ladies" - Chris Peterson

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- •Congratulations Anne Bilotti for receiving the well deserved "You are Special Award" Nancy
- Good Luck Boy's Lacrosse Phillip Washington
- Good Luck Brendan Uncle Andy
- •Brendan, Have a great season. Nana Ree Ree
- •Go Brendan Flyers Golf
- •Congratulations Lowell Mazie from your friends at the Metrowest Nonprofit Network
- •Andrea's Pizza
- Good Luck Girl's Lacrosse Phillip Washington
- •Thanks Coach Peledge and Coach Cook for a great golf season!
- •Ann, Love and congratulations to you on this recognition of a job well done!! Susan O.
- •Ms. Yang would like to wish her BC Calculus class the best of luck on their last leg of the marathon. (Good luck on the AP exam!)

## Student Performers

FHS Jazz Combo

Tyler Ebeling Alex Mendoza Luke Reitz Andrew Swartz Jeff Wuerthner

## Cloud Nine (A Capella)

Anna Àrata Annie Styles Meghan Seaman Molly Wexler-Romig Monica Wiles Sandra Bates Sarah Zakrzewski Kayla Andrew Kara Andrew

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