



# West Broward High School

## PTSA Newsletter

April 2017

### WBH PTSA Awards and Appreciation:

With the 2016/2017 school year nearing completion, the WBH PTSA has been busy giving and receiving awards.

Our very own Red Carpet Awards celebrated the accomplishments of WBHS Students and recognized the efforts of our members. Awards in recognition for achievements and appreciation were also handed out by the BCC PTA/PTSA at it's Annual Awards Banquet and the Elinor Adler "Pat on the Back" Awards.

The WBH PTSA also expressed appreciation to members with Membership Chair, Barbara Valdes dishing out cake during lunch to students and a cake was cut for WBHS staff. The WBHS Staff was given a fabulous Appreciation Luncheon by the WBH PTSA on May 5th.

Thank you to all our members!

Without your support there would not be a WBH PTSA!

### General Meeting: January 26, 2017

Our January General Meeting drew quite a crowd as parents and students came out to be part of a College Admissions Workshop with information on everything from the application process to finding and qualifying for various scholarships. Nicole Jobson, of International College Counselors, presented and led the informative discussion. Following the presentation, Ms. Jobson answered questions and held a drawing with winners receiving helpful books.

For additional assistance with college application procedures, you can contact Nicole Jobson at [nicole@internationalcollegecounselors.com](mailto:nicole@internationalcollegecounselors.com) or 954-414-9986.



Left: Nicole Jobson

Right (l-r): Shannon Dillehay, Naseema Outram, Nicole Jobson, Janet Edwards, and Eva Maloney.



**May 18, 2017 - Please join us for the last General Meeting of the 2016/17 year at 6:30 p.m. in the WBHS Media Center.**

Board Member Elections for the 2017/18 year will be held as well as a Teen Driving Safety Workshop.



### 2016/2017 PTSA BOARD MEMBERS

President: Eva Maloney  
Vice-President: Belinda Berginz  
Principal Designee: Richard Gonzalez  
2nd VP Membership: Barbara Valdes  
3rd VP Student Representative:  
Kat Dillehay  
Treasurer: Stephanie Ciocca  
Recording Secretary: JoAnn Cavazos  
Corresponding Secretary: Vacant  
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Historian: Tami Vandeman  
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Heather Levin  
Reflections Chair: Debra Lumia  
Reflections Liaison: Janet Edwards  
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## Red Carpet Awards, April 26, 2017:

The WBH PTSA hosted their annual awards ceremony honoring outstanding WBHS students on their achievements. Senior Scholarships, Bobcat Awards, and Reflections recipients were called to the stage and presented with their awards.

The ceremony was hosted and organized by Red Carpet Awards Chair, Heather Levin, Bobcat Awards Chair, Mercedes Holtzman, and Senior Scholarship Chair, Maria Trotto-Mark.

Also at the awards this year, the Florida PTA, through nominations by WBH PTSA President Eva Maloney, saluted Board Members with Florida PTA Honorary Lifetime Memberships for their outstanding and meritorious volunteer service. These awards, presented by BCC PTA/PTSA President Wendy King and BCC PTA/PTSA Immediate Past President Maxine Lewers, honored WBH PTSA Board Members Belinda Berginz, 1st VP, Janet Edwards, Reflections Liason, Barbara Valdes, 3rd VP Membership, Betty Del Rosario, Hospitality Chair, and JoAnn Cavazos, Secretary.

Cake and refreshments were provided by Vicki's Bakery, 15955 Pine Blvd.

The entire Red Carpet Awards Ceremony program can be found at the end of this newsletter.

### Senior Scholarships:

This year the WBH PTSA awarded 7 exemplary WBHS Seniors with \$500 Scholarships. Presented by Maria Trott-Mark and program sponsors, the 2016/17 winners are: Maryam Iqbal, Ryan Williams, Hunter Di Paola, Charles Gilbert, Katrina Scott, Megan Backman, and Silvia Bardales.

The Senior Scholarship Program, funded entirely by area businesses and PTA's/PTSA's, is one way the WBH PTSA gives back to it's members. A heart felt thank you to all of this year's sponsors.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all the participants!



Senior Scholarships (l-r):  
WBH PTSA President  
Eva Maloney, Hunter Di  
Paola, Ryan Williams,  
Chales Gilbert, Katrina  
Scott, Silvia Bardales,  
Maryam Iqbal, Megan  
Backman, and Assistant



Above (l-r): BB's Italian Ice and Ice Cream Delites Owner Barbara Valdes, Megan Backman, AP Wendy Mola, and WBH PTSA President Eva Maloney

Right (l-r): Scholarship Chair, Maria Trotto-Mark, AP Wendy Mola, Ryan Williams, Silver Trail Middle School PTSA President Brandi Ippoliti, and WBH PTSA 1st VP Belinda Berginz



## Bobcat Awards:

The Bobcat Awards, handed out at the Red Carpets Award Ceremony, celebrates students for being model citizens at school and in the community. They are recognized for their positive contributions making the world around them a better place in which to live.

This year the WBH PTSA Bobcat Awards Chair, Mercedes Holtzman, presented 35 students with this honor.

Way to go Bobcats!!



Above: Bobcat Awards Chair Mercedes Holtzman (announcing) and Red Carpet Awards Chair Heather Levin



Above: Some of this year's Bobcat Award recipients.

**\*\*For a complete list of award winners, please see the program at the end of this newsletter.**

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## Reflections:

Reflections is an art program sponsored by the National PTA. This year WBH PTSA submitted 22 pieces of original artwork from WBHS students in various categories including photography and visual arts. Four WBHS entries placed in their respective categories at the County Level: Darnell Jean-Louis and Ivy Bremer placed 1st; Kylee Moncayo and Rowena Brenneman placed second. Ivy Bremer also placed at the State Level as a Merit winner. The Reflections participants received Certificates of Appreciation from the WBH PTSA at the Red Carpet Awards.

Thank you to all our students that participated in this fantastic program!



Left (l-r): Reflections honorees Stanley Freihofer, Rowena Brenneman, and Brianna Lerner.

Right: Cake for event provided by Vicki's Bakery,



Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this year's event a huge success!

# Broward County Council of PTA's/PTSA's Annual Awards Banquet



This year's banquet was held on April 26th at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in Plantation. The theme for the 86th Annual Awards Banquet was Vegas Night! The banquet recognizes and awards Broward County PTA's and PTSA's for achievements and commendable actions throughout the year. Area PTA/PTSA Board members come together with school administrators to celebrate these accomplishments with fun, food, games, and prizes.

This event is closer to the hearts of WBH PTSA as our very own 1st Vice-President, Belinda Berginz, also serves on the BCCPTA board as Vice-President of Organization. Her responsibilities include organizing and arranging the banquet. Belinda was honored this year by the Council with a plaque and a brick on the Florida PTA History Walk of Fame in Orlando. Belinda was also presented with a birthday cake as the banquet coincides with her birthday on April 30th.



Belinda Berginz with Appreciation Plaque



Above (l-r): BCCPTA Past President Maxine Lewers, Florida PTA President Cindy Geharddt, BCCPTA VP of Organization and WBH 1st VP Belinda Berrginz, BCCPTA President Wendy King, and BCCPTA Past President Linda Nestor

**Congratulations Belinda! Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated!**

Awards also given at the banquet to the WBH PTSA include an award for our Parent Program and an Award of Excellence for our Historian Book.

Tami Vandeman, WBH PTSA Historian, accepted the Historian Award for her hard work and efforts



in creating the best Historian Book WBH PTSA has seen thus far. This is Tami's first year at WBHS and she has already made an impact to the school and community. She quickly says "yes" when volunteers are needed and helps us and others in any way she can.

As well as serving as the WBH PTSA Historian, she volunteers in other groups at WBHS including SAC/SAF and assisted with organizing the 2016 Ted Talks.

Thank you Tami for creating such a phenomenal book and for all your hard work for the PTSA!

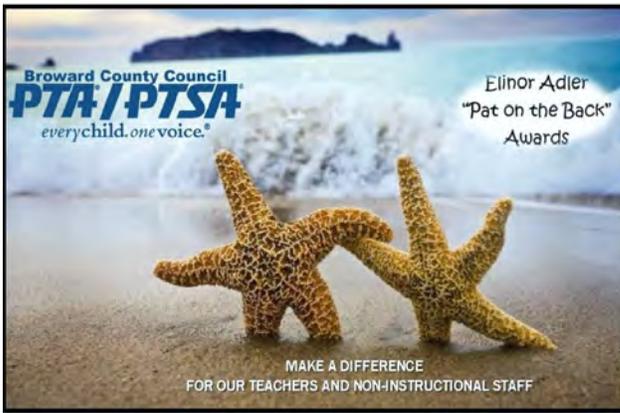
Above: Eva Maloney, Historian Tami Vandeman, Wendy Mola, Interim Secretary Stephanie Ciocca, and Barbara Valdes.

Left: 2016/17 Historian Book

Right: WBH PTSA Banquet Attendees  
Standing (l-r): Lisa Romero, Barbara Valdes, Stephanie Ciocca, Katie Soto, JoAnn Cavazos, Shannon Dillehay, Janet Edwards, Tami Vandeman, and Wendy Mola.  
Seated (l-r): Naseema Outram, Eva Maloney, Belinda Berginz, and Carole Mysorewala



## Elinor Adler “Pat on the Back Awards”, March 23, 2017



The “Pat on the Back” Awards recognizes and celebrates outstanding instructional and non-instructional staff of Broward County Schools.

Sponsored by the BCCPTA/PTSA, this honor was brought into fruition and named for Past BCCPTA/PTSA’s President Elinor Adler who saw a need to acknowledge, not only hard working dedicated teachers, but also express appreciation to behind the scenes employees.

The WBH PTSA nominated

Administrative Assistant Carie Persan for this year’s award. Carie, a WBHS employee for four years, was presented with the “Pat on the Back” Award in a ceremony at McArthur High School on March 23, 2017. Besides being an asset to the staff and students of



Above (l-r): Eva Maloney, Carie Persan, and Belinda Berginz

WBHS, Carie has supported and assisted with the PTSA program at WBHS in ways too numerous to list. We appreciate all the help Carie gives and especially appreciate the kindness in which the help is given. Her great attitude and commitment to helping in any way possible makes her a pleasure to work with. Ms. Persan was also presented with a medal and starfish trophy at the Staff Appreciation Luncheon on May 5th.

Thank you Carie for your selfless dedication to WBHS and to the WBH PTSA!



Above (l-r): Belinda Berginz, Eva Maloney, Phyllis Shaw, Carie Persan, and WBHS AP Richard Gonzalez



### Membership Appreciation, April 27th:

WBH PTSA Membership Chair, Barbara Valdes, dished out cake to student PTSA members proving that membership has it advantages. PTSA member volunteers helped with the event during A and B lunches.

The same day, a cake was also served to staff as a way to express appreciation for their membership as well.

PTSA Membership helps pay for wonderful programs such as Senior Scholarships and Bobcat Awards. Help support these and many other programs by becoming a member

Left: Student members line up to receive a piece of cake.

Right (l-r): PTSA member volunteers assisting with the Student Membership Appreciation event. Evelyn Lopez, Tania Gomez, and 2nd VP Membership, Barbara Valdes



## Staff and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, May 5, 2017:

The WBH PTSA hosted it's Annual Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon on May 5th. Teachers and staff came together to be recognized for their dedication and commitment as educators and mentors shaping our children for the future.

Romeu's Cuban Restaurant, 6800 Dykes Rd, catered the main meal while an abundant variety of desserts were donated by WBH PTSA members.

Hospitality Chair, Betty Del Rosario, with help from PTSA member volunteers decorated and set up the dining area with a Cinco de Mayo theme.

Drawings for prizes were held with Staff PTSA Members winning discount cards to various places.

The WBH PTSA appreciates the WBHS faculty for all they do in helping to make our children, not only strong academically, but also in making them better citizens in the community and the world.

Thank you to all the hard working teachers and staff at WBHS!



Left (l-r): PTSA Volunteer servers Katie Soto, Stephanie Ciocca, Tania Gomez, and Hospitality Chair, Betty Del Rosario

Center: Historian Tami Vandeman pointing out one of the Historian Book covers she created.

Right: Belinda Berginz and Tania Gomez holding prize drawings.

Photos from Left to Right:

Left: Evelyn Lopez and Barbara Valdes standing by with desserts.

Center: Some of the Delicious Desserts

Right: Teachers and Staff enjoying lunch.



Left (l-r): Having a blast at the luncheon teachers Diane Harrison, Geri Lopez, Holly Belkin, Cecilia Rogers, and Lillian Distefano.

Right: Carie Persan is presented with the Pat on the Back trophy by Belinda Berginz.



# West Broward High PTSA

*proudly presents*

**PTSA  
Bobcat**



**Awards  
Ceremony**

Wednesday, April 26th, 2017  
6:00 P.M. West Broward Theatre  
Mrs. Teresa Hall, Principal

# **West Broward High PTSA**

## **2016-2017 Red Carpet Awards**

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*“Excellence is not a destination, it is a lifelong journey”*

### **Introduction**

Mrs. Carole Mysorewala, Past President, West Broward High PTSA

### **Presentation of Colors**

JROTC

### **Welcome**

Principal Teresa Hall

### **Presentation of Scholarship Awards**

Mrs. Maria Trotto-Mark, Scholarship Chair

Assisted by Mrs. Belinda Berginz, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

### **West Broward High PTSA Student Service Recognition**

Mrs. Eva Maloney, President

Mrs. JoAnn Cavazos, Recording Secretary

### **PTA Service Recognition**

Mrs. Wendy King, President, Broward County Council of PTAs/PTSAs

### **Presentation of Bobcat Awards**

Mrs. Mercedes Holtzman, Bobcat Red Carpet Awards Chair

Assisted by Mrs. Heather Levin

### **Pat on the Back Recognition to Carie Persan & Debra Lumia**

Mrs. Wendy King

Assisted by Mrs. Katie Soto and Mrs. Carole Prozor

### **West Broward PTSA Reflections Recognition**

Ms. Debra Lumia, Reflections Chair

Ms. Janet Edwards, Reflections Liaison

Assisted by Mrs. Barbara Valdes, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.

### **Congratulations & Closing**

Ms. Wendolyn Mola, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal

*All award recipients please stay for group pictures for the school website*

## **Senior Scholarship Recipients 2016-2017**

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*We would like to thank our esteemed judges: Mary Dietz-Batchelor,  
Debbie Fitzell and Annette Suarez*

Megan Backman	Charles Gilbert	Katrina Scott
Silvia Bardales	Maryam Iqbal	Ryan Williams
Hunter Di Paola		

## **Bobcat Award Recipients 2016-2017**

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Simon Anderson	Emily Coisnard	Hayden Miller
Megan Backman	Daisy Deleon	Victoria Nelson
Myles Backman	Demi Del Rosario	Skylar Prozor
Aldo Bardales	Kaitlyn Dillehay	Uzair Qureshi
Silvia Bardales	Charles Gilbert	Emily Saris
Leah Barnes	Carlos Gonzalez	Nicholas Saris
Jack Bart	Brandon Holtzman	Armando Uribe
Ian Berginz	Maryam Iqbal	Ivan Valdes
Kelly Carpenter	Noah Levin	Sol Vandeman
Mackenzie Cates	Gabriella Lopez	Eryn Ward
Alyssa Cavazos	Kaleb Maloney	Ryan Williams
Amanda Ciocca	Milani Martinez	

## **Reflections Award Recipients 2016-2017**

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Ethan Acevedo	Cairo Crawford	Brianna Lerner
Yulia Burns	Stanley Freihofer	Eric Lorenzo
Ian Bisson	Jonathan Galindo	Brianna Oliveira
Aine Bridges	Emily Galvan	Hannah Stanley
Mia Caballero	Kristen Hernandez	Randy Toolsie
Melissa Conway	Alexis Klassy	Natasha Vazquez

Ivy Bremer & Darnel Jean-Louis - tied 1st Place at County Level

Ivy Bremer - State Level Merit Winner

Rowena Brenneman & Kylee Moncayo - County Level Merit Winner

**West Broward High PTSA  
Would like to thank our wonderful sponsors:**

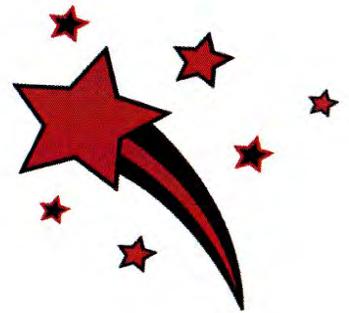
**Gold Sponsors:**

**Chapel Trail Elementary School PTA**

**Silver Trail Middle School PTSA**

**West Broward High PTSA**

**Planet T Uniforms**



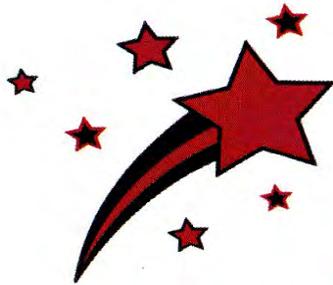
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**BB`s Italian Ice and Ice Cream Delites**

**Exquisite Catering by Robert**

**Iris Siple, Commissioner**



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