

# MEDINA COMMUNITY OSCARS – And the Winner goes to...



Medina Central School District host the first Medina Community Oscars at the historic Bent's Opera House.

The grand ballroom was simply fashioned with golden gunmetal banquet chairs, flowers that draped the apron of the stage adorned with two life size Oscar statues. As the elevator opened a red carpet ran through the center of the venue, allowing all to have their moment on the "Red Carpet."

The sold out event quickly filled. Daniel Doctor, Community Partnership Director for the Medina Central School District took the stage to welcome attendees and to congratulate all nominees. He then graciously turned the microphone to Julie Webber, Curriculum Director of Instruction for the Medina Central School District who was the Mistress of Ceremony for the remainder of the evening.

The purpose behind the event came to fruition. All individuals, businesses or organizations that either got nominated or won were most deserving. To enhance the excitement of the "opening of the envelope" to expose the winners, the audience found the musical performances more entertaining. Ava Blount, a poised and graceful sophomore at Medina Jr/Sr high school and performer at West Side Academy of Performing Arts and Dance got to repeat her performance of "I Dreamed a Dream" from the 1980 musical *Les Misérables*. Joseph Mangiola, an alumnus of Medina and Worship Leader at Calvary Tabernacle, took command of the stage focused on low tones and soaring vocals sang, "Music of the Night" from *Phantom of the Opera*. Holly Lederhouse, a third alumnus of Medina and performer with BGB Studio, provided the audience with her powerful soprano vocals singing "Never Enough" from the film *The Greatest Showman*. And the final performer Brandon Noreck, song writer, R&B, Pop and Soul recording artist and alum of Medina Central School District showed the audience regardless of what happens, "The

show must go on.” Having to sing “Maria” acapella, due to internet failure, a song from the 1957 Broadway musical **West Side Story**, sung by the lead character Tony which he portrayed for the Medina Musical Theatre Department under the direction of Daniel Doctor did not miss a beat nor note as he effortlessly floated his high tenor voice. Guest speakers in attendance included Mrs. Valley, a retired teacher from Medina who addressed the audience on the importance of volunteering and charging them to, “Think about it first, then do.” And Mrs. Noori Bibi, a volunteer from Project Life who informed the audience of the work that is done in the community of Medina to support children who are in need of receiving an education, medical support and restoration to lost childhood of victims of war and natural disasters. Funds raised at this event will go to Project Life to continue the support for Ahmed, a 9 year old Medina student.

This Medina Community OSCARS was a win! And the winner goes to...

**Spotlight Award** –  
Viviana Neroni

**The Outstanding Service to Veterans Award**  
Jenn Thom

**Arts and Culture Award**  
Medina Central School District

**Outstanding Student Award – (K-2)**  
Winners are:  
Hollis Green  
Landyn Dorgan

**Outstanding Student Award – (7-12)**  
Roosevelt Mitchell

**Inspirational Educator Award** –  
Krista Duhow – Medina Jr/Sr High

**Organization of the Year - Under 10 Employees**  
Mary Lou Touhey-Case-Nic Cookies

**Organization of the Year - Over 10 Employees**  
Medina Central School District

**Unsung Hero Award**  
Nicole Tuohey

**Community Impact**  
Shawn Ramsey- Canal Side Tattoo

**Boy Scout / Girl Scout Troop Award**  
Mindy Cogovan – Troop 82096

**Community Collaboration**  
Todd Eick

**Outstanding Student Award – (3-6)**  
Lauren Allis

**Volunteer of the Year**  
Melissa Valley

**Event of the Year Award-**  
Jim Hancock – Parade of Lights

**Community Service Award**  
Medina Rotary

**Community Leadership**  
Daniel Doctor

**Lifetime Achievement Award**  
Roger Hungerford

**Thank You**  
Kathy Valley