

Board President's Report **February 23, 2017**

Moment of Silence

Former Franklin High School Principal Marvin Lee Blaustein of South Plainfield, passed away on February 10, 2017. Mr. Blaustein was Principal of our high school from 1975-1985. He had a long history in education and won such recognition as the Princeton University Prize for outstanding teaching, the Rutgers University Engineering Award, the Rutgers University Science Fair Administrator Award, the Rutgers University Extension award for teaching excellence, The Barringer Award from Brookdale and the NJ College SID recognition.

He is survived by his three daughters, a sister and extended family. His family has our condolences and gratitude for Principal Blaustein's years of service to our district.

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Our own Board of Education Student Liaison, Jada Edwards, is the recipient of a one-time non-recurring \$1,000 2016 Dr. Marian Croak STEM Scholarship Award from NETwork NY/NJ, an AT&T employee resource group.

JROTC

Our Franklin High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) unit has earned the honor of being recognized as a Junior ROTC "Honor Unit with Distinction" during School Year 2016 – 2017. The Department of the Army presents this award to the JROTC units that maintain an exceptionally high standard of performance. The evaluation of JROTC units is a multi-faceted process which supports the accreditation of JROTC Programs under the oversight of Cadet Command.

Our JROTC Program's designation of "Honor Unit with Distinction" represents a significant achievement. Our Senior Army Instructor will be able to nominate candidates for acceptance to the Military Service Academies. That nomination is equivalent to a recommendation from a Senator or Congressman. Congratulations to Major Jacqueline Vazquez, Retired, our Franklin High School JROTC Senior Army Instructor; Sargent First Class, Samuel Bobe, Retired, our Franklin High School JROTC Army Instructor and our JROTC Cadets on attaining this honor.

Franklin Middle School

Deborah Cooke, English Language Arts teacher, has been chosen as a 2017 Teacher who Makes Magic by radio station Magic 98.3. Deborah's name was announced on the radio earlier this month and will join other teachers in a celebratory dinner later this school year.

The FHS production of Sister Act will take place on March 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 7:30 PM and on March 12 and 19 at 2:30 PM.