



*A special  
celebration of the*

**Nassau BOCES**

**“Education  
Partner”**

*Awards*

**2010 Nassau BOCES  
“Education Partner” Awards**

*You are cordially invited to join us  
as we pay tribute to the*

*Most Influential People for  
Public Education in Nassau County*

*Thursday the sixth of May  
six-thirty in the evening*

*Crest Hollow Country Club  
Woodbury, New York*

*R.S.V.P. by the fifth day of April  
Black tie optional*

**I**t is our distinct pleasure to honor those who share our commitment to providing the best possible education for learners of all ages and abilities.

On behalf of the 225,000 students we serve, as well as our board members, administrators and 4,300 employees, please join us in a salute to the 2010 Nassau BOCES “Education Partner” awards honorees:

**Patrick Boyle**

*Executive Director  
Gateway Youth Outreach Inc.*

**Lisa A. Gatti**

*Founder and Executive Director  
Pal-O-Mine Equestrian Inc.*

**Dr. Herb R. Brown**

*Superintendent  
Oceanside UFSD*

**Jean Kelly**

*Executive Director  
The INN  
(Interfaith Nutrition Network)*

**Bruce Castellano**

*Creator and Director  
Increase the Peace*

**Paula R. Lein**

*Principal  
Archer Street School  
Freeport UFSD*

**Zefy Christopoulos**

*Press Secretary  
Nassau County Legislature*

**Linda M. Lopez, Ph.D.**

*Psychologist  
Nassau BOCES*

**Cheryl Davidson**

*Executive Director  
Long Island Works Coalition*

**Kathleen Sottile**

*Principal  
Floral Park Memorial High School  
Sewanhaka CHSD*

**Gerard W. Dempsey Jr.**

*Superintendent  
Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD*

**Daniel Yuengling**

*Volunteer  
Plainedge UFSD*

**Donna J. Donahue**

*Secretary  
Fine and Performing Arts Department  
Island Trees UFSD*

**E**stablished in 1967, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (Nassau BOCES) is a public agency that serves 225,000 students in the 56 local school districts of Nassau County. Nassau BOCES creates, develops and implements those programs and services that would otherwise be too costly for individual school districts. It offers more than 130 cost-effective, shared programs and services, including career training for high school students and adults, special education, alternative schools, technology education, and teacher training, as well as dozens of programs to expand educational opportunities and to help districts operate more efficiently.

### **About the Award**

The 2010 Nassau BOCES “Education Partner” award recipients were chosen for this honor from among 85 nominees. The selection was made by a committee of distinguished educators and community leaders seeking individuals who personified the spirit of educational partnerships and/or demonstrated measurable impact on public education in Nassau County.

One of the nicest things about the program is that—just like Nassau BOCES itself—it is open to people from all walks of life. In fact, alumni of the program, now in its fourth year, include educators, coaches, moms and dads, business executives, school volunteers, secretaries, college professors, nonprofit leaders, legislators and retirees, to name a few.

### **Mission Statement**

To partner with all Nassau County school districts in providing leadership and the highest quality educational and support services. We are committed to ensuring a successful, challenging, caring and safe environment that enables students of all ages and abilities to achieve their maximum potential.