

PRESS RELEASE

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ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDERS CONGRATULATE TEACHER FRANK IANNUCCI, JR.

**West Orange H. S. Teacher is Recipient of prestigious Milken Family Foundation
“National Educator Award”**



West Orange H. S. teacher Frank Iannucci, Jr., (center) was honored by the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders during its December 14, 2011, meeting held at the Hall of Records. Mr. Iannucci was congratulated for having been named the recipient of a prestigious Milken Family Foundation “National Educator Award” and \$25,000 prize. The Board’s commendation was presented by Freeholder Patricia Sebold of Livingston (right) and Freeholder Leonard Luciano of West Caldwell (left). (Photo by Glen Frieson)

(Newark, NJ) – The Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders honored Frank Iannucci, Jr., a West Orange High School math and computer science teacher, during its December 14, 2011, meeting held at the Hall of Records. He was congratulated for having been recently named the recipient of a prestigious and nationally-recognized Milken Family Foundation “National Educator Award” and \$25,000 prize.

The Board’s presentation was co-sponsored by Freeholder Patricia of Livingston, a retired English teacher who also taught at West Orange High School for 30 years, and Freeholder Leonard Luciano of West Caldwell, a Library Research Specialist with the Newark Public Schools.

The Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards in the nation's pre-eminent teacher recognition program, having honored more than 2,500 K-12 teachers, principals and specialists coast-to-coast with over \$63 million in individual, unrestricted \$25,000 awards. It is intended to cast a national spotlight on highly effective educators who are recommended by a blue-ribbon panel appointed by each state's Department of Education. The first award was presented in 1987, and Mr. Iannucci is only the 22nd teacher from New Jersey to be selected as a recipient.

Frank Iannucci began his teaching career in 2003 at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Bloomfield and then moved on to Ridgefield Park Junior/Senior High School before joining the staff at West Orange High School in 2006, where he has been a standout educator ever since. There he joined the Middle States Committee as a co-chair and assisted in helping West Orange receive accreditation in 2008; he has also chaired the Future Educators of America Club, the Math Team and the Junior Statesmen of America Club. Mr. Iannucci was also responsible for bringing the National Mathematics Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, to West Orange High School, which led to the implementation of the Homework Help Club through which honors students assist math teachers in offering after-school help, as well as a Big Brother/Big Sister program, which connects freshmen, one-on-one, with upperclassmen who meet with them to review and tutor on a weekly basis.

Mr. Iannucci is the school's Mathematics Supervisor and also serves as Coordinator for the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Program, which is designed for students who have the determination and ability to become honor students but need some assistance in study skills and organization. Additionally, he assists fellow teachers by offering many professional development opportunities on integrating technology into the curriculum, cooperative learning strategies, and differentiating instruction, and by mentoring newly-hired teachers and working with college students during their student teaching experiences. He is also working with the West Orange School District to build an on-line learning management system to promote on-line home instruction for students and professional development for staff.

Mr. Iannucci, who currently resides in Mine Hill, earned his B.S. degree in Computer Science and later an M.A. degree in Education Leadership, both from Montclair State University. He also holds certifications for Principal, Supervisor, Teacher of Mathematics and Elementary School Teacher.

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