

RP kicks off CAP program

Career Advisory Partnership gives students advice

ROCKY POINT—Last month, Superintendent Carla D'Ambrosio welcomed over 40 business people, educators, administrators, Board of Education members, teachers, school-related professionals, and students to the first Career Advisory Partnership (CAP) meeting of the 2006-2007 school year. The CAP program is now entering its third year under the guidance of Michael Poveromo and Roseann Bufalino, CAP's industry co-chairs.

CAP's primary goal is to provide students with the tools necessary to learn about different career opportunities through workshops and meetings with local business people. The program adviser and educational chairperson, Susan Wilson, spoke about lifelong learning, while student Lydia Belanich was impressive in her role as the newly elected CAP president. Lydia and her executive board conducted the meeting following parliamentary procedure, demonstrating the importance of preparing for the future. The students dressed in business attire, showing their commitment to meeting the goals of the organization.

During the meeting, members participated in a brainstorming session discussing dates and topics for workshops and the annual career brunch. Résumés, interviewing, etiquette, dressing for success, business ethics, wellness in the workplace and stress reduction were on the top of the list of workshops that will be offered this year and



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Members of this year's Career Advisory Partnership program at Rocky Point High School.

facilitated by the business and industry members. New members Thomas Ianello (local chiropractor and CDM member), Anthony Pellegrino (Windows on the Lake, Lake Ronkonkoma), and Rocky Point Civic president Diane Burke each volunteered to host an after-school workshop. Veteran members Ann Marie Gianni (North Fork Bank), Betsy Whitney (Astoria Federal Savings), Jeff Davis (Rocky Point Funeral Home and Rotary), Chris Reino (Lions Club and Coughlin,

Foundotos, Cullen, & Danowski, CPAs), and Jane Bonner (Board of Education member and legislative aide to Legislator Daniel Losquadro) also stepped up to run workshops this year.

This year's CAP brunch is slated for Wednesday, April 25, at The Inn at East Wind. The CAP program is looking forward to its biggest and best year yet. If you are interested in joining this group, call Ms. Wilson at 744-1600, ext. 3067, or e-mail rpcap@rphsbusiness.org.