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Middle School academic award winners hosted at breakfast

Huntington – Gateway Regional Middle School students who had earned Good and Excellent Effort Awards for the third marking period, were treated to breakfast at the school on Friday, May 12. They were also inspired by comments from Trooper Michael Mazza, a 30-year veteran with the Massachusetts State Police.

Currently, Trooper Mazza supervises State Police Fire & Explosion investigators covering the four Western Counties in Massachusetts. As a Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI), Trooper Mazza has investigated approximately 2,000 fires and explosions, both accidental and incendiary, costing millions of dollars and claiming numerous lives.

Guidance Counselor William Romani thought that the students appreciated their guest speaker. “I could see the students eyes light up listening to Mike’s first-hand account of being on site at the Boston Marathon bombing and 9/11,” Romani said. “It was really powerful and enlightening for the students to learn about him and his career path.”

Trooper Mazza has a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Western New England University. He has been the recipient of several awards including the Hampden County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Jason Finnie, Principal of the Gateway Middle School in Huntington has announced the awarding of the schools’ Quarter 3 “Excellent and Good Effort Awards” for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Grade 6-Excellent Effort
Cecelia Balboni, Laura Dudukal, Ordell Luetschwager, Jacob MacLeod, Nancy Mueller, Lucy Pitoniak

Grade 6-Good Effort
Rachael Austin, Liam Bowler, Tori Brakey, Tristan Burke, Jacob Charbonneau, Corrin Christensen, Nevaeh Damon, Jordyn-Michelle DuBour, Sean Forgue, Aaron Gallagher, Hailey Krassler, George LaMountain III, Laney Marcil, Andrew Minchuk, Madison O’Connor, Nico Paulson, Audrey Saalfrank

Grade 7-Excellent Effort
Leo Balboni, Allison Berge, Preston Coffey, Laine Gardner, Chloe Govoni, Nicole Hannigan, Connor Hourihan, Adaline Kopacz, Katrina Nakaya, Stephanie Paiva, Landon Richard, Nathan Small, David Vasilchenko
Grade 7-Good Effort
Zachary Ames, Seth Boissonault, Rebecca Boszko, Madison Clark, Joseph Federici, Nicholas Jacob, Grace LaMountain, Aiden Mann, Ariana Marchese, Adrienne Marchetto, Julio Martin del Campo, Samuel Mazzaferro, Ryan Morin, Vitaliy Samoylenko, Leah Santiago, Dominic Scapin, Zackary Schipper

Grade 8-Excellent Effort
Katelyn Bean, Jessica Bush, Madison Carpenter, Jenna Desormier, Hannah Duggan, Benjamin Hyjek, Rebecca Hyjek, Larissa Kingsley, Victoria Kot, Amy Lafosse, Kylie LaMora, Melinda Main, Heather McEwan, Sierra Russell, Kendyll Wing

Grade 8 Good Effort
Fiona Bowler, Emily Bryant, Greta Calkins, Nathan Crane, Sofia DeLaCruz Rivera, Brian Forgue, Mia Gozgit, Clarissa Grzybowski, Daniel McKellick II, Ella Moreau, Madison Morgado, Matthew Morin, Henry Nakaya, Nicholas Symmons, Juliya Usataya, Tyler Whitman, Logan Willemain

Students who have earned the School Effort Recognition Award have received comments from their teachers on their report cards which indicate that they display positive work habits, complete their work consistently on time, are prepared and attentive in class and are motivated to achieve.

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Photo: MSP Trooper Mike Mazza
speaks with Middle School award winners over breakfast in the Gateway cafeteria.