

# The Youth Informer

*Orange Youth Services is recognized as the central agency for the development, implementation and coordination of programs and services for the youth of the Town of Orange.*

## **Youth Services Advisory Board Student Representatives Display an Admirable List of Achievements**



**Pictured are the Youth Services Advisory Board Student Representatives from left to right: Rachel Marcus, EmilyRose Martino, Miranda Demirjian, and Matt Schmitt.**

**-EmilyRose Martino** the seventh grade Advisory Board representative is a student at Amity Middle School. She has done community service for the Town at the Pumpkin Palooza, Country Fair, Tree Lighting ceremonies, Veteran's Day activities, and Flag Day. EmilyRose has won many awards such as the D.A.R.E Essay Award, Reflections Contest (second place), first place in Hockey at State Tournament Pee Wee Division, the Character Education Award at Peck Place School, and Most Improved in World Language 2008-09 and 2009-10. Also, she is involved in school sports such as Wonderland Wizards Pee Wee Hockey, Spring CT Yankees Girls Hockey, Wicked Fast Pitch softball, and Milford Mustangs Girls Lacrosse team. Emily also participated in various clubs such as Dream Team which helps Special Needs students, Peer Reading, and the Allergy Club which informs younger students with help on allergies.

**-Matthew Schmitt** is the Advisory Board eight grade representative and a student at Amity Middle School. He was recently elected school president. Matthew has consistently attained high honors in school. He was the recipient of the "Connecticut Association of Superintendents" award in June, 2010. Matthew has received Character Awards as well. He has been a spelling bee participant winner and has attained a Black Belt (first degree) in Taekwondo and is working on a second degree belt. He has played travel basketball for the "Orangemen" and enjoys archery.

**-Rachel Marcus** is a High School representative at Amity High School. She has volunteered her time with Youth Services in regard the Art Colony and food pantry. She has served as a school Home Room Representative as part of the Student Council and

served on the Lunch Committee. Rachel is an Honors student, a member of the freshman class council (student government), Amity Cancer Research, Asian Club, JSA Debate Club, Animal Care Society and Habitat for Humanity. She also was accepted into the Honors Science Research Program at Amity.

**-Miranda Demirjian** is also a High School representative at Amity High School. She is an exceptionally active volunteer in regard many Youth Services events such as the Middle School dances, Pumpkin Palooza, K-6 Art Exhibit, food pantry, Art Colony and more. She has been a participant in the AHS S.M.I.L.E. Club which raises money for underprivileged youth, a helper for the Halloween Fair at Peck Place, raised money for breast cancer by selling bracelets, running in the *Relay For Life* fundraiser, the Bracelets For Benefits Club which raises money for charitable causes, assisted with Christmas wrapping at HPCC, winner of a D.A.R.E. award essay contest, and volunteer at the Lion's Club dinner.

### ***"Harvest Hoedown"* Dance Enjoyed by 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

AMS Students enjoyed the Youth Services *"Harvest Hoedown"* dance held in November. Entertainment was provided by Hot Roc, food, refreshments, and some raffle prizes were also provided.





### Our Student of the Month



Amy Kemp

Amy Kemp is an 8th grade student at Amity Middle School. She is a member of "Fabulous Friends", which is a group of Amity students who plan upcoming events for students from other schools (aces program).

The members of Fabulous Friends meet every Thursday after school to plan the events. So far they have had a Halloween party and also a Christmas party where they helped the other students make gingerbread houses, gingerbread men and picture frames.

Amy has also volunteered for the Pumpkin Palooza, and a Halloween Parade/Fair at Peck Place. She also helped the volunteers at Holy Infant Religious Education program.

### Student Artists get Professional Art Instruction in Drawing Class

Youth Services held the Artist Colony Drawing class in December for Amity 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Students received professional Art instruction from Graham Dale as well as all materials and lunch. A trip to an art museum and a recognition dinner is also planned for May. Youth Services has openings in the April Drawing Colony and interested parents should email John Ulatowski [julatowski@orange-ct.gov](mailto:julatowski@orange-ct.gov) . Space is limited.



Students posed for group photos with Drawing Instructor Graham Dale.

### **Babysitting Students Attend December Class**

Students, ages 12-14, from Amity Middle School recently took part in the Youth Services Babysitting December class. Students were given instruction in babysitting techniques, materials, and also acquired First Aid certification. Classes are also scheduled for February and April vacations. Space is limited.



Recent graduates of the Babysitting class posed with First Aid instructor Mickey Reid.

***Come, Share, and Maybe Be Famous!!!***  
***The Youth Services newsletter "Youth Informer" is seeking submissions from students! Photos, drawings, poems, essays, favorite book or movie review, jokes, favorite hobbies info ...All newsletter submissions should be emailed to YS Coordinator [julatowski@orange-ct.gov](mailto:julatowski@orange-ct.gov) for our future editions. Subject email: newsletter. Thanks!***

