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school, but in the community as well. He is an active member of REACH (Reading, Ethnic and Cultural Heritage) and a student representative/speaker at elementary schools. He is also a member of the Student Diversity Committee. Raj has gone to many lengths in the area of diversity including attending Leadership Training seminars during the summer.

Emily Cheung, a member of the Farmington Public Schools, Bilingual Department, Ms. Cheung understands the bilingual students' cultural differences and the difficulties they often face. She also values the beauty of the diversity in the Farmington school system. She encourages every student to receive a good education, in spite of the fact that studying in a foreign language is not an easy task. She helps with any subject and never gives up until the student understands. She is a wonderful liaison between the teachers and the students.

Jeanine Clever, a member of the Reading Recovery/Learning Center at Hillside Elementary School. She has worked hard to create a welcoming environment for all students at Hillside. She particularly felt a need to develop relationships with the bilingual students and parents in an increasing population at Hillside. Jeanine works tirelessly with classroom teachers and support staff to help them develop the knowledge and skills necessary to provide a quality education for bilingual students. She is known for making a difference in the lives of children.

Deb Courcy, team teaches the Second/Third Grade Multicultural classroom at Beechview Elementary School. She is sensitive to the educational and emotional needs of all of her students. Her classroom includes thirteen children who are just beginning English, and represent more than six different countries. She is involved with the Beechview Heritage Festival and lives her acceptance of and commitment to all children and their families.

Bridget A. Dean, is a Bilingual Teacher Consultant for the Farmington Public Schools. Since joining the district in 1999, she has made a tremendous impact on the bilingual program. Her area of expertise is training teachers on how to insure that bilingual children receive the best education given their linguistic and cultural backgrounds. She has joined in conducting a large number of training on a variety of aspects of language and diversity issues. Bridget is respectful of all people regardless of their backgrounds. More importantly she is an advocate of equity for all students.

Irina Elizarova, a teacher at Longacre Elementary, has demonstrated a determination to make the Bilingual Program at Longacre successful. Longacre's population is very diverse and with Irina's support the children gain both academic and cultural understandings of our community. She has supported the students, parents and teaching staff as they strive to enrich their knowledge and understanding of diverse populations. Irina's positive attitude toward working with students at Longacre has permeated the entire staff.

Sharon Ely, is the Secretary for the Bilingual Program for the Farmington Public Schools. In her role as secretary, she han-

dles all registrations for newly arrived immigrant families into the district. She goes out of her way to insure that the students first experience is a positive one. She always treats the families with sensitivity and respect. Sharon always takes the time to familiarize the families with the district's schools, with the bilingual program and with all available options for them. She does this with a smile on her face that makes these families feel comfortable and invited.

Harvey Goldstein, is Department Chair, Elementary Art Consultants, for the Farmington Public Schools. He believes that

the art staff, as a whole, have an opportunity to teach an appreciation for multiculturalism through art. He supplies student art work for the district-wide and state exhibits which celebrate multiculturalism. He is the most dedicated and hard working individual, who is always teaching understanding and an appreciation of others. He has supplied the art work, from the Farmington area students, for the Rainbow Recognition Breakfast for the past five years. He celebrates diversity in his personal and professional life.

Marilyn Greenstein, a teacher at East Middle School and a resident of Farmington Hills, is being honored for her leadership role in promoting multicultural awareness and appreciation at

East Middle School. She has been one of the driving forces at East in helping the school create a healthy, diverse environment in which the students are learning to appreciate and respect differences. She created the Mosaic Club at East three years ago. This group of about 20 students represent the different cultural and ethnic groups that make up our community. Her energy, enthusiasm and dedication now are a part of East's mission.

Margaret Hainesworth, is a Language Arts Teacher at Harrison High School. She has made a real commitment to serving the needs of all Harrison students. Her classroom is a place where students new to this country feel comfortable making mistakes in their struggle to learn the new

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language, as well as asking hundreds of questions about how this strange new land operates. She uses humor, tenderness, and honesty as she leads them to greater confidence. As an advisor to the school newspaper, The Catalyst, Marge has welcomed student articles on various aspects of diversity.

Erin Hendrix, a senior at Mercy High School, has reflected the values that this award stands for. She is bright, articulate and involved. Her positive attitude is a wonderful role model for all Mercy students. She is inclusive and generous, charming and cooperative — a

real gem. She is currently president of Mercy's Student Council and is an effective and respectful leader among the students. She never hesitates to raise or address any issue of concern that the students may have.

Nathan Jamil, is being honored for his work as a member of the Optimist Club of Farmington/Farmington Hills. He has an excellent relationship with the students of Harrison High School. He owns the Mug & Jug Party Stores on 12 Mile Road, across the street from Harrison, and prides himself as a Harrison supporter. He says it's "his school." He is most friendly and willing to help close the gap between American born and foreign born. He has a marvelous outlook on life.

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Brock referred to Clarkson as "an ambassador for our city in every way."

While a bit embarrassed by the accolades, Clarkson also expresses a great deal of pride in the work he's done. His ultimate goal, he said, is to develop the Costick Center into a facility in which community members can take great pride.

But he knows that goal won't be met without hard work.

"I believe in getting the job done," he said. "It sounds corny, but I believe if you're going to do something, do it right."

In accepting his award, Clarkson paid tribute to the man who bestowed the work ethic that earned him recognition and repented his late father's simple advice: "Give 'em a good day, son."

"I've patterned my work ethic after those words of wisdom," Clarkson said tearfully. "Dad, this is for you."