

THRIVE in 95



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A look at the news in District 95

**Awarded the
INSPIRA Award
of Excellence**

Right: **Art Ladenburger** (center), students and LZHS Principal **Dr. Michael Egan** (far right) accept the Teachers Make a Difference Award on behalf of **Kathi Surdynski**, who passed away April _____. The \$400 prize money will be doanted to the Kathi Surdynski Memorial Fund to help foreign language students who travel abroad as part of their learning experience.

Recognizing Those Who Thrive in 95!

Normally calm and collected staff members were surprised when their instruction and daily work was interrupted on Wednesday, April 16, by Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson**, **Dr. Beverly Smith**, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, **Julia Becich**, Director of Human Resources and Communications Director **Jim Jennings**, who



Jack VanNoord, Middle School South Sixth Grade Teacher
Distinguished Service Award
Rich Maionchi, Transportation Dept
Laura Matuszewski, May Whitney Teacher's Aide
Shirley Schaal, Administration Payroll Specialist



had a video camera in one hand and a digital camera in the other. Any annoyance quickly disappeared as they learned that they were award winners in the

district's annual Employee Recognition Program.

More than 100 staff members—a new record!—were nominated for this year's three award categories.

Each of the award winners will be formally recognized May 1, during a special district-wide recognition program at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Lake Zurich High School. With the theme

CELEBRATE!, the program will recognize the award winners, retirees, and those who have achieved specific years of service (10, 15, 20, etc.).

This year's award winners, by category are:

Meritorious Service Award
Jennifer Barz, Lake Zurich High School English Teacher
Sue Moyer, Spencer Loomis Resource Teacher



Teachers Make a Difference Award
Robin Dishkin, May Whitney Kindergarten Teacher
Sherry Fisher, MSN Seventh Grade Science Teacher
John Keyzer, LZHS Applied Arts Teacher
Kathi Surdynski* (LZHS German teacher) *
Posthumous award



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Right: LZHS FBLA students show off their state FBLA awards. (photo provided by Cindy Klebba)

8 From LZHS FBLA Place in State Top 10



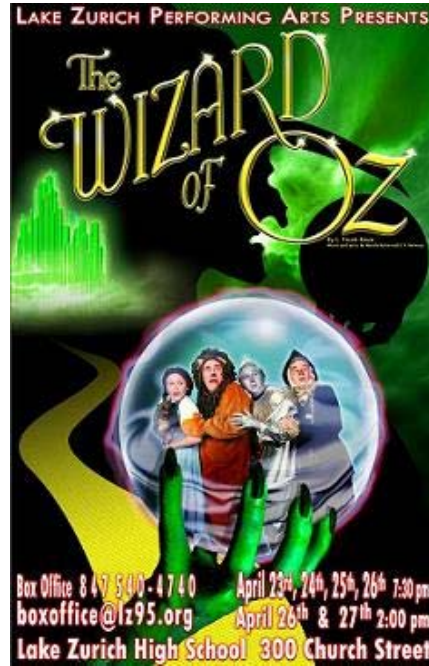
An amazing eight of the 12 Lake Zurich High School students who competed in the recent Future Business Leaders of America state competition in Decatur, IL finished in the top 10! Those who placed in the top 10 were:

- **Sutapa Adhikari, Maggie O'Connor and Kristen Extrom**, First Place in Emerging Business Issues
- **Brian Batten**, second place in Business Math
- **Tom Bohac**, third place in Economics
- **Alexa Haider and Dalia Kawas**, seventh place in the Entrepreneurship team event
- **Kayla Madsen**, ninth place in Business Calculations

Other LZHS FBLA members participating in the state competition included **Audrey Smith, Becky Schmidt, Laura Clugston and Jeff Simnick**. **Cindy Klebba** is the FBLA sponsor for LZHS.

The National Competition will take place in Atlanta, GA from June 26-29.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the PAC



Tap your heels twice and whisk yourself away to the Performing Arts Center of Lake Zurich's presentation of *The Wizard of Oz* April 23-26, 2008, beginning at 7:30 p.m., and April 26 and 27 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for this highly anticipated production are only \$10 for adults and only \$8 for seniors,

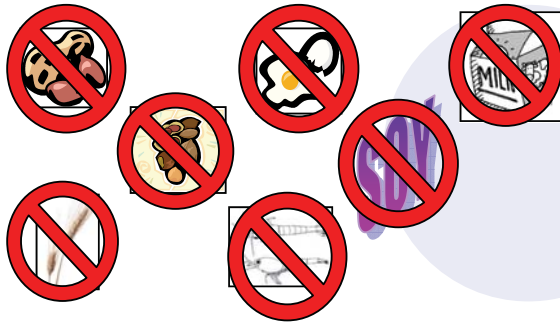
students and children. Call the ticket hotline at 847.540.4740, or order at www.boxoffice@lz95.org and avoid the additional \$2 per ticket at the door.

Staff Award Photos cont.



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What is **P.O.C.H.A** ?

Parents Of Children Having Allergies

Do you have a child with **Food Allergies**?

Then come meet with other parents to share experiences and support.

Monday, May 19th

7:00pm — 9:00pm

Good Shepherd Hospital

Lakeview Room

(right off the front lobby of the hospital)

450 W. Hwy 22, Barrington

Our speaker will be:

Dr. Aaron T. Donnell

Board Certified in Allergy and Immunology

“What’s New in Food Allergies”

Followed by an open Q & A session

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