

In the schools

■ The Longport Educational Foundation awarded its first scholarships to two Longport graduating high school students. Dana Lee DiPentino, who will graduate from Holy Spirit High School, received a \$2,000 scholarship. She was accepted and will attend Temple University. Colleen O'Donnell, who will graduate from Atlantic City High School, received a \$1,000 scholarship. She was accepted and will attend LaSalle University. The first annual scholarship awards were presented at the Longport Commissioners meeting May 2.

■ North Main Street School in Pleasantville has earned the distinction as a "Just for the Kids — New Jersey Benchmark School, 2006." District Superintendent Clarence Alston, school Principal Ada Barlatt, and teachers from the school were honored April 25 at the fourth annual Benchmark Schools Celebration Ceremony at the Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn in Jamesburg. Giving the keynote address at the Celebration Ceremony was Lucille Davy, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Education. Based on the performance of North Main Street School students on the state's

standardized tests, the school has outperformed other schools of similar size and with similar student populations. North Main Street is one of 69 schools statewide that were recognized as Benchmark Schools.



ELDRED

■ Alexander "Sandy" Eldred, of Egg Harbor Township, a junior at Charter Tech High School for the Performing Arts, was inducted into The National

Honor Society on May 15.

A top student, he also has an impressive history of community service, much of which involves performing on his bass guitar.

He regularly performs as part of an outreach program at the House of Blues in Atlantic City. He is the son of Marie and Edward Eldred.

