

## Guidance Q & A—Featuring College Now

### Q. What is "College Now?"

A. "College Now" is a nationally recognized school-to-college partnership between James Madison High School and Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, New York, a branch of the City University of New York (CUNY). The program offers rigorous freshman-level college credits and developmental coursework without cost to high school juniors and seniors at their home schools. These courses

- increase students' awareness of the demands of the higher education
- prepare students for post-secondary education without remediation
- facilitate a smooth transition between the two educational systems

### Q. Who can take "College Now" courses?

A. Juniors or seniors with an average of 80 or higher can take "College Now" college credit courses.

Q. What if my child has an average below 80? Can he or she take a "College Now" course?

A. Any junior or senior with averages below 80 can take a "College Now" high school credit course entitled, *College Now Basic Writing*. Once he or she passes this course, he or she is eligible for "College Now" college credit courses.

## Congratulations to ...

Daria Slavina, who is the winner of the extremely competitive *New York Times Scholarship Award*. Daria will receive a \$7,500 per year scholarship, a laptop and a paid internship at the school of her choice.

Senior Qiao Yun Li, who is the winner of the *Albert Shanker United Federation of Teachers Scholarship Award*. The nomination process was very competitive and Qiao Yun will be awarded a total of \$5,000 over a four year period.

Monica Chai, Darya Ivanova, Silvia Lew and Michelle Yam, who were Silver Key winners in the 2009 NYC Scholastic Art Awards presented by the *Alliance for Young Artists and Writers*. This year there were 2200 submissions, the largest number to date, and our four students were among only 147 Silver Key winners.

Shirley Mui, who has been accepted into the ACE Mentor Program. Shirley will work with a mentor from a top architecture, construction or engineering firm in New York City.

Priscilla Naraine, who completed the *High School Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program*, offered through Weill Cornell Medical College. Her group leader commented that Priscilla was a dedicated and valued participant of the program.

Ravin Joseph, who won a Silver Medal in the Sculpture category of the *New York City ACT-SO 2009 Olympics of the Mind*.

Andriy Dashenyck, whose artwork entitled, *Blinded by the Light* was selected by the Museum of Modern Art to be part of its exhibit titled, *The Way I See It*. Andriy's artwork was one of fifty pieces chosen to be shown out of over 300 works entered.

