

The evening of Wednesday May 2, Ocean County Prosecutor's Office hosted a Student Recognition Awards event at Frog Pond Elementary School in Little Egg Harbor Township. The event, which was also sponsored by the Ocean County Association of School Administrators, recognized exceptional "Unsung Hero" students from 33 schools across the county. The students, their families, school administrators and guidance counselors attended the ceremony, which was presented by Ocean County Prosecutor Joe Coronato; Ocean County Association of School Administrators President Loren Fuhring; and Ocean County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Judith Destefano-Anen.

Students were recognized for a variety of reasons, from impressive personal accomplishments to overcoming extraordinary adversity.

**Lesely Yupa** came to High School North last year as a junior to live with her father after growing up in Ecuador with her mom. She faced many challenges at HSN; she was entering a new country, a new home, and new high school, and mastering a different language all at once. Right from the beginning it was easy to see Lesley would be successful due to her drive and determination. She quickly assimilated to life at North both in and out of the classroom. She earned her way onto the honor roll, was a member of the basketball team, and a great resource for her fellow ESL classmates. Lesley became the Guidance Office's go-to person to translate and show new Spanish-speaking students around school. She will become a United States Marine after graduation this June. She reports for training in September 2018, when she will begin her four years of active service, followed by four years in the reserves. High School North is extremely proud of Lesley and all she has accomplished in her two years at the school. She brightly represents all that HSN stands for, and she will continue do so as she serves our country.