

## Press Releases

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### 02-18-11 Pine Bush HS Junior Receives Youth Recognition Award at NYS Conference

Amanda Allspach, a Junior at Pine Bush High School, was the recipient of the Association of New York State Youth Bureau's Ann M. Irvin 2011 Youth Recognition Award. The award was presented to Amanda at the 2011 Youth Leadership Forum held in Albany earlier this month.

"On behalf of the Orange County Youth Bureau and the people of Orange County, it is my pleasure to congratulate Amanda on receiving the NYS Youth Bureau's Youth Recognition award," said County Executive Edward A. Diana. "While still in high school, Amanda has already proven herself to be an outstanding advocate for the young people in our community and a dynamic force committed to positive change. I applaud her efforts and encourage her to keep up the good work," added Mr. Diana.

Amanda has served on the Youth Leadership and Service Council (YLSC), a countywide leadership organization run by youth in conjunction with the Orange County Youth Bureau. She has served in various positions on the YLSC and participated in its annual National Youth Service Day hygiene drive. She is also a graduate of the 2010 Pine Bush High School Leadership Academy.



**New York State Senator John Bonacic congratulated Pine Bush High School Junior Amanda Allspach (center) on receiving the Association of New York State Youth Bureau's Ann M. Irvin 2011 Youth Recognition Award. Amanda is joined by Joy Hansen, Orange County System of Care Youth Engagement Specialist .**



"I'm very proud of Amanda and her accomplishments," said Carol Chichester, Executive Director of Orange County Youth Bureau. "She has worked hard to ensure the voice of Orange County's young people is heard and recognized and serves as an excellent role model for others," continued Ms. Chichester.

Following the Youth Leadership Forum, Amanda met with NYS Senator John Bonacic who congratulated her on her award.

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