

## **BANQUET TO CELEBRATE GOOD NEWS IN DELAWARE COUNTY EDUCATION**

Excellence in teaching and student achievement in Delaware County will be celebrated in A-Plus style when Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit present the county's premier education recognition event – the 2010 Partners in Learning Celebration – 5 p.m. Thursday, April 29 at the Drexelbrook Corporate Events Center in Drexel Hill.

The dinner event acknowledges and promotes academic accomplishment in a way that's similar to recognizing athletic ability. It will honor all students who participated in the 2009-2010 season of the Delco Hi-Q academic quiz competition and their advisors. Among them will be the elite 20-member All Delco Hi-Q Team. Photographs of each representative of the 20 participating schools will appear in the *Delaware County Daily Times*.

To the three winners of the 2009-2010 season will go an engraved plaque and a cash award for their school: \$3,000 for first place Penncrest, \$2,500 for second place Garnet Valley and \$2,000 for third place Haverford.

In addition, 19 outstanding teachers will receive the prestigious 2010 Excellence in Teaching Award. They include one educator from each of Delaware County's 15 public school districts and one from the Intermediate Unit, along with three non-public educators -- one each from an elementary, middle and high school. Each honoree will receive a \$500 cash award, a commemorative keepsake and \$1,000 to benefit his or her school

FMFCU Foundation, in partnership with the I.U., established the Excellence in Teaching Award to give special distinction to those exceptional, innovative teachers in Delaware County who have had a strong and lasting influence on their students.

Also recognized for their accomplishments will be six student winners of the 2010 John D. Unangst Scholarship, established in the name of FMFCU's president/CEO.

John Casertano, a business education teacher at Ridley High School, will be honored as the 2010 Financial Literacy Advocate. Upper Darby High School will be named FMFCU's student branch of the year, and Upper Darby student Latifah Reid will be honored as Outstanding Student Leader.

Additionally, Media attorney/county council Vice Chairman Christine Fizzano Cannon of Middletown will be inducted into the Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor. A member of Ridley High School's Hi-Q team in 1985, 1986 and 1987, she was chosen for the honor because of her distinguished career and exceptional community service.

Located in the conference center of the I.U. building in Morton, the Hall of Honor is sponsored by FMFCU, Delco Hi-Q's primary corporate sponsor.

All honorees, including Delco Hi-Q team members and advisors, will attend the Partners in Learning Celebration at no cost, thanks to the generosity of supporters.

The primary sponsor of the event is Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Distinguished Honor Roll sponsors are Kimberly Clark - Chester Operations and the *Delaware County Daily Times*. Honor Roll sponsors are CCRES and Enterprise Holdings Foundation. Supporters are Neumann University, Crozer-Keystone Health System, Conoco Philips and Liberty Mutual.

The public is welcome to attend and reservations are available at \$45 per person. For information, visit [www.fmfcufoundation.org](http://www.fmfcufoundation.org) or call 610-325-5289.