

## **Press Clippings 11/15/2018**

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### **Reflejos honors suburban Latino students, business leaders, nonprofits**

**By: Madhu Krishnamurthy**



- Scholarship recipients stand with Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti, second from left in front row, during the Reflejos awards event Wednesday at Stonegate Banquets in Hoffman Estates.

Roughly 40 awardees, including seven suburban Latino students, were recognized Wednesday for contributions to Latino communities during Reflejos' seventh annual Reflecting Excellence Awards.

"There is still a lot of room for us to grow as Latinos," said Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti as she addressed the crowd of more than 200 guests at the Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre in Hoffman Estates.

Sanguinetti talked about many career firsts, including becoming the highest-ranking Latina in Illinois' history and the first Latina lieutenant governor in the country. A daughter of immigrants -- a Cuban refugee mother and Ecuadorian father -- she tailored her message to scholarship recipients.

"Anything is possible," she said. "I would like to see more of you saying, I could see myself serving on school boards ... serving as a judge ... I could see myself doing anything and everything.

"Know that in life you are going to be going through a lot of ups and downs ... but you always have to challenge yourself."

High school seniors Andrea Vera, Jorge Trejo, Jessica Garcia, Ricardo Morquecho from Northwest Suburban High School District 214 and Monserrat Zarco, Caroline Chwalisz and Elisa Arce from Elgin Area School District U-46 received \$1,000 scholarships.

Recipients were chosen by readers of Reflejos, a bilingual weekly publication, based on nominations. Among the other honorees:

- [Elgin High School](#), whose student population is 74 percent Latino, was recognized for marking its 150th year.
- Two Latina McDonald's franchisees -- Carmen DeCarrier and Tanya Lawrence -- received "Latina Leadership" awards. DeCarrier was chosen for her investment in Latino communities around her Chicago franchises. Lawrence was honored for ensuring employees at her family's 12 suburban franchises participate in McDonald's educational benefits.
- Gabriela Vargas, of Algonquin, for sharing her experience, "My Story is Hope," raising awareness about suicide in the Latino community and ways to seek help. Vargas is a volunteer for the Chicago-based nonprofit Hope For The Day and a bilingual interpreter at Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin.
- [Joliet Junior College](#) for being the nation's first community college and for its continued growth and focused outreach to the Latino community.
- [Goya Foods](#).
- [A Safe Place for Help. Ballet Folklorico Huehuecoyotl](#).
- [Elgin Community College's Office of Student Life](#).
- [Harper College in Palatine for its business apprenticeships](#).
- [Waubensee Community College](#) for embracing diversity.
- [McHenry County College's Office of Multicultural Affairs](#).
- [St. Augustine College's](#) social work education.
- The [Lake County state's attorney's office](#).

- The [Kane County Fair](#).
- The [Elgin Hispanic Network](#).
- The [Kane County Teachers Credit Union](#).
- The [Visiting Nurse Associations of America](#).
- [Gail Borden Public Library](#) in Elgin.
- [Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois](#).
- The [Ecker Center for Mental Health](#) in Elgin
- The [Renz Addiction Counseling Center](#) in Elgin.
- The [Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project](#).
- [Russo Power Equipment](#).
- The [Family Health Partnership Clinic](#) in Crystal Lake.
- The [village of Hanover Park](#).

## **---The Courier-News---11/15/2018**

### **Elgin Area Chamber to honor five volunteers at Community Thanksgiving Luncheon**

**Posted by: Carol Gieske**

In the spirit of the season, the Elgin Area Chamber will give thanks to five outstanding local volunteers at its annual Community Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, November 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Building E.

The program will weave "thanks" and "giving" through storytelling as guests begin the holiday season through this longstanding community tradition. This 39th annual Community Thanksgiving Luncheon will feature networking from 11:30 to noon followed by a buffet luncheon and program until 1:15 pm. Table centerpieces will be provided by School District U-46 students.

We will also sing the praises of five unsung heroes in our community. These special volunteers are the very fabric of our community, providing guidance and leadership to organizations in Elgin and South Elgin. Local service clubs and non-profit organizations

will also be recognized at this non-denominational luncheon as they provide critical programs and services to our neighbors.

The following five award-winning volunteers, who were nominated by local non-profit agencies, will be recognized for their achievements by the group's Enhancing Elgin committee:

- Dick Meier, nominated by Habitat for Humanity ReStore
- Rise Jones, nominated by the Enhancing Elgin Committee
- Mark Gibson, nominated by Renz Addiction Counseling Center
- Carla Sattler, nominated by Centro de Informacion
- Pat Hayden, nominated by Habitat for Humanity Build Sites

The featured speaker is Ken Franzese, Principal with Lee & Associates of Illinois and volunteer with our Elgin Development Group. He will share his story of surviving a plane crash on May 6, 2018 as a passenger in a recently restored World War II single-engine torpedo bomber airplane. Franzese and the pilot were bringing the TBM Avenger plane home to Illinois from California when it experienced engine failure over the mountainous terrains of the Gila National Forest about 45 miles from Whiteriver, Arizona. You'll hear Ken's harrowing story of survival, his gratitude and the power of prayer in his rescue.

Sponsored by Shales McNutt Construction, Advocate Sherman Hospital, Elgin Community College and Northwestern Medicine, this annual non-denominational event which celebrates Elgin's non-profit community is open to the public. Tickets are available in advance at [www.ElginChamber.com](http://www.ElginChamber.com).

## **SPORTS SECTION**

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### **Mien sparks Streamwood to opening win over Jacobs**

**By: Dave Hess**

It seemed when Streamwood needed a crucial basket or a key assist three-year starter Mandy Mien was involved.

Mien, the lone starter returning for the Sabres, tallied 19 points with 4 assists and 5 steals as Streamwood steamrolled Jacobs 54-45 in action at the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament Wednesday night.

It was the season-opener for both teams.

"Mandy is certainly one of the best point guards in the area," said Sabres coach George Rosner. "She has been outstanding for us. She does a great job of getting us in our offense and making sure we get a good shot. Her decision-making is outstanding."

Mien, a junior, connected of 7-of-10 shots from the free-throw line.

"We came out with a lot of energy and our eyes were active defensively," said Mien. "It was great to play a game and get a win. I got some good passes from teammates to get some easy shots."

With Mien scoring 5 points, the Sabres jumped out to a 8-0 lead. Jacobs, which missed its first 8 shots, didn't score until Liz Schwartz buried a 3-pointer with 23 seconds left in the first quarter to make the score 8-3. That was the score after 8 minutes.

Streamwood's biggest lead was 33-19 after a 3-pointer from Peyton Hedger with 2:36 remaining in the third quarter.

The Golden Eagles didn't quit and got to within 43-39 on a 3 by Courtney Durben with 2:56 remaining. Jacobs couldn't get any closer as Streamwood scored its final 11 points on free throws including 4-of-4 from Riya Patel 3-of-4 from Hedger. Vickie Kopko made both her free throws.

"I liked the way we knocked down our free throws at the end of the game," said Rosner. "For a first game we did some good things but we are capable of playing better. We are playing a lot of seniors but they don't have a lot of game experience."

Hedger backed Mien with 13 for the winners, who were 27-of-45 from the free-throw line for 60 percent.

Jacobs, 6-of-20 from 3-point range for 30 percent. was led by Durben (3 treys) and Schwartz (two 3s) with 12 points apiece.

"We certainly had the jitters to start the game," said Jacobs first-year coach Jon Reibel. "We didn't give up and kept fighting. I would have liked to have got to the basket and got more layups. We put them on the free-throw line way too much. They shot 45 free throws and that is way too many. We made some defensive adjustments at halftime and I thought we played much better on the defensive end in the second half. We showed growth as a team as the game went on."



- From left, Jacobs' Melissa Fessler, Streamwood's Vickie Kopko, Jacobs' Alecia Valldejuli, and Streamwood's Riya Patel battle for a rebound during Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament action at Dundee-Crown High School in Carpentersville Wednesday night.



- Jacobs' Liz Schwartz moves the ball during Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament action against Streamwood at Dundee-Crown High School in Carpentersville Wednesday night.





- Streamwood's Mandy Mien dishes the ball against Jacobs during Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament action at Dundee-Crown High School in Carpentersville Wednesday night.
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- Streamwood's Mandy Mien, left, tries to grab the ball from Jacobs' Roz Leitner during Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament action at Dundee-Crown High School in Carpentersville Wednesday night.
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- Jacobs' Roz Leitner, left, keeps the ball from Streamwood's Vickie Kopko during Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament action at Dundee-Crown High School in Carpentersville Wednesday night.



- Streamwood's Mandy Mien, right, gets past Jacobs' Courtney Durben during Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament action at Dundee-Crown High School in Carpentersville Wednesday night.