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A monthly profile of talented students selected by Long Island Arts Alliance.

Andrew Ku - Suffolk County



Andrew Ku, a **Huntington High School** senior, started learning cello in the fourth grade. He won third place in the 2008 New York Music Competition. He was Assistant Principal Cellist for the Long Island String Festival Association and the Suffolk County Music Educators Association for the 2008 - 2009 season, and garnered an Honorable Mention at the 2010 CW Post Chamber Music Festival. He is currently the principal cellist of the Huntington High School Symphony Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra. Along with three of his friends, Andrew formed The Huntington Low Strings Quartet. They have performed at school and community functions, including the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education Annual Gala.?

Andrew is a member of the National, Tri-M, Math, Science, English and French Honor Societies and was recently named a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist. Andrew plans to major in science and minor in music in college.



Cynthia Lau - Nassau County



Cynthia Lau, a **Hicksville High School** senior, has significant talent in the visual arts that has brought numerous accolades including an Award of Excellence at the Long Island Art Teachers Association "Art in Heart" exhibition. She already has experience as a professional graphic designer with a logo she created for the Nassau Center for Health Initiatives.

Besides her artistic talents, Cynthia is an accomplished athlete and was named a scholar athlete on the Varsity Golf, Varsity Indoor Track, and Cross Country teams. She is involved in many school activities including the school newspaper, Ecology Club, Model UN and peer tutoring. Cynthia is also President of Hicksville High School's National Honor Society and actively participates in the Art, Math, English and Spanish Honor Societies.

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