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LSH Award Goes to Hartford Teacher

Marilyn Rosario-Cosme, Hartford schools graduate, fifth-grade teacher, and outstanding role model, received Hartford's annual 2003-04 Language, Speech & Hearing Student of the Year Award, presented by the Language, Speech & Hearing Department at the Board of Education meeting, May 4, 2004 at Kennelly School.

While a student at Barnard-Brown Elementary School in the mid-1980s, Marilyn had articulation and speech intelligibility difficulties which were of concern to her fifth-grade classroom teacher and to Marilyn herself. Marilyn aspired to finish her public school education and pursue higher education. She believed that her speech difficulties hindered her ability to adequately and comfortably communicate verbally, and she felt that this problem would impede her ability to progress in school. Marilyn became an exemplary Speech-Language student. Because of her hard work and innate desire to succeed, Marilyn was successful in mastering her goals and achieving excellent conversational intelligibility.

Marilyn went on to Quirk Middle School and graduated from Hartford Public High School. She often returned to Barnard-Brown, to visit with former teachers and to work with students in her capacity as assistant director of the San Juan Tutorial program. Marilyn obtained a Bachelor's Degree and did her student teaching at Quirk Middle School, returning yet again to the neighborhood in which she grew up.

In nominating Mrs. Cosme for this award, Barnard-Brown Speech-Language Pathologist Lisa A. Berke said, "Marilyn is presently a fifth grade teacher at Barnard-Brown School. She worked diligently against some significant odds. She overcame her communication disorder and went on to be a successful educator. She embodies the principles of hard work, discipline and dedication. It is with tremendous pride that I work just two doors down from a woman who was once my student and who is now my friend and colleague."

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Since 1927, May has been designated Better Hearing and Speech Month. Anything that hurts your ability to communicate limits your life. If you or your child is one of the 14 million Americans who have problems expressing your ideas or understanding others, call your school's speech-language pathologist or the Hartford Public Schools Language, Speech and Hearing Department at (860) 695-8452.

Barnard-Brown's Speech-Language Pathologist Lisa A. Berke, with Marilyn Rosario-Cosme and Superintendent Robert Henry. Ms. Rosario-Cosme was presented with the 2003-04 Language, Speech & Hearing Student of the Year Award at the Board of Education meeting, May 4, 2004 at Kennelly School.

Premio LSH para Profesora de Hartford

Marilyn Rosario-Cosme, egresada de las escuelas de Hartford, profesora del quinto grado y sobresaliente modelo para sus alumnos, recibió el premio anual Estudiante del Año en Lenguaje, Habla y Audición para el año escolar 2003-2004, presentado por el Departamento de Lenguaje, Habla y Audición en la reunión de la Junta Educativa celebrada en la Escuela Kennelly el 4 de mayo de 2004.

Mientras estudiaba en la Escuela Primaria Barnard-Brown a mediados de los años 80, Marilyn sufrió de trastornos de articulación y coherencia del habla, causando preocupación tanto a su profesora de quinto grado como a la propia Marilyn. Ella aspiraba a culminar sus estudios de secundaria y pasar a la educación superior. Consideraba que sus problemas del habla le impedían comunicar verbalmente de manera adecuada y cómoda, y temía que este problema afectara su capacidad para avanzar en sus estudios. Entonces, Marilyn se convirtió en una alumna ejemplar de Habla-Lenguaje. Gracias a sus enérgicos esfuerzos y su intenso deseo de triunfar, Marilyn logró sus metas y adquirió la habilidad para hablar de forma perfectamente coherente y comprensible.

Marilyn continuó sus estudios en la Quirk Middle School y se graduó de bachiller en la Hartford Public High School. Regresó con frecuencia a Barnard-Brown, para visitar a sus antiguos maestros y ayudar a los alumnos, como subdirectora del Programa Tutorial

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San Juan. Recibió su licenciatura y cumplió sus obligaciones de docente bajo supervisión en la Quirk Middle School, una vez más regresando al vecindario donde se había criado.

Al postular a la Sra. Cosme para este premio, la patóloga de habla-lenguaje de Barnard-Brown, Lisa A. Berke, dijo: "Ahora Marilyn es profesora de quinto grado en la Escuela Barnard-Brown. Se esforzó con gran diligencia para superar obstáculos formidables. Resolvió su trastorno comunicacional y llegó a ser una docente exitosa. Ella encarna los principios de trabajo duro, disciplina y dedicación. Me siento sumamente orgullosa de trabajar a solo dos aulas de distancia de una mujer que antes era mi alumna y ahora es mi amiga y colega."

Mayo ha sido el Mes de Mejor Audición y Habla desde 1927. Cualquier cosa que afecte la capacidad para comunicar limita la vida de una persona. Si usted o su hijo es uno de los 14 millones de norteamericanos que tienen dificultad para expresar sus ideas o comprender a otras personas, llame al patólogo de habla-lenguaje de su escuela, o al Departamento de Lenguaje, Habla y Audición de las Escuelas Públicas de Hartford, al teléfono (860) 695-8452.