

Students find blooming success

Stamford wins horticultural award

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NIAGARA FALLS – Six schools were recognized Friday for their participation in the 2005 Schools in Bloom competition.

During the summer, volunteers from A.N. Myer, St. Paul, St. Michael, Westlane, Stamford Collegiate and Niagara Christian Collegiate beautified their school yards by designing, planting and maintaining gardens.

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Mike DiBattista, The Review

Stamford Collegiate was chosen by the Park in the City and School of Horticulture student volunteers as the winner of the horticultural competition.

“This is a real honour,” said Eli Serbina, horticultural teacher at Stamford.

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The concept of this program was initiated by regional Coun., Anne Angelone and inspired by Michael Vincent CuvIELLO, a student from St. Paul high school and longtime environmental advocate.

“You all should be very proud of contributing to the enhancement of

your school,” said Liz Klose, superintendent of Niagara Parks School of Horticulture, one of the organizations participating in the competition.

“What a challenging season. Albeit, a fabulous summer of record high temperatures and record lows for precipitation, all of your gardens fared very well during your summer vacation, during which you willingly tended the gardens.”

The program was created to educate high school students about the world of horticulture, to cultivate a caring community within the schools and to have them participate and contribute to the beautifi-

cation of their school’s environment. Categories included landscape floral, urban forestry, heritage, tidiness and environment.

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