

NOTE OF THANKS

The Spring 1998 volume of *Educational Change* marks the fourth year that I have edited the journal for the N.Y.S.F.E.A. As I look back over these years with this project, what I find most striking is the commitment of many individuals—the essential social dimension—which is the *sine qua non* of efficacious action. For this, there are many people to thank, the members of our association, the contributors, a dedicated editorial staff and many colleagues at SUNY Oneonta and elsewhere whose comments, as well as the mere give and take of casual conversations, contributed far more than can be quantified or estimated.

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Further, I am delighted to report that the N.Y.S.F.E.A. has been able to hold its first essay competition for teachers K-12. Three essays were chosen by a panel (Joseph DeVitis, Jane F. Morse, and Anthony Roda) and awards of \$100, \$75 and \$50 were distributed to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries which were submitted by Thomas Gajewski of the Ithaca City Schools, James J. Carpenter of Union Endicott High School and Carol Dean Nassau of Oneonta City School

District respectively. All three presented their work at the association's annual meeting held at SUNY Geneseo (April 3-4, 1998), and the first place essay will be published in our journal in the Spring 1999 volume.

N.Y.S.F.E.A. is grateful to Dr. Michael Merilan, Dean of Science and Social Science at SUNY Oneonta whose office provided financial support and enabled the association to hold its first essay contest. In addition, thanks are due to Dr. Anne Federlein, Provost at SUNY Oneonta, who was first approached with the project and whose supportive response created a receptive climate for the proposal.

One result of this initiative has been a gracious offer by Dr. Linda Bemier, Dean of Education at SUNY Binghamton, to help defray the costs of the association's second essay competition. The entire association is grateful for this financial support which will help establish continuity at this early and critical stage of this project.

Finally, thanks to Dr. Alan Donovan, President of SUNY Oneonta, whose steadfastness in his pursuit of a better SUNY Oneonta has inspired and paved the way for many small initiatives such as the one before you.

The Editor