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Legislator Monica R. Martinez Recognizes Central Islip Students and Their Achievement during Black History Month

Ninth District Suffolk County Legislator Monica R. Martinez honors six African American students from Central Islip High School on February 12, during Black History Month.

The month of February was designated as “Black History Month” in 1926 and since then throughout the month of February, the history and achievements of Black Americans are celebrated. “The contributions whether large or small, helped shape and enrich our country. Black History Month should serve as a reminder of the rich culture and traditions inherited as well as a teaching tool to other Americans in the hopes to eliminate certain barriers that still divide us as being one,” stated Legislator Martinez.

Legislator Martinez advised students to remain focused on their goals and to continue their education. She added, “Education is the gateway to a successful and fruitful future.” She honored students for high academic achievement, community service and overcoming adversity. A special thank you was given to the family of the Central Islip Library for hosting the event as well as Central Islip’s Superintendent Carr and Assemblyman Phil Ramos for attending the event.



(Photo: February 12, 2014, from left to right: Legislator Monica R. Martinez, Toni Hughes, Alicia Hamilton, Malcolm Pridgeon, Jada Nelson, Michael Myers, Davonte Mayes and Superintendent Carr)