



## **Saint Viator Student and Teachers Named Hearts of Gold Winners**

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Kevin Seifert (right), chairman of Arlington Heights' Special Events Commission, personally delivered the news to Saint Viator junior Kevin Schreiber during an assembly for the junior class. (Photo by Saint Viator senior Chris Santucci.)

He learned of the honor on Tuesday, when school administrators recognized him in front of the entire junior class --- and his parents Gregg and Nadine --- who were gathered in the school's auditorium.

He joins Saint Viator theater teacher, Kate Costello, and members of her production team, assistant director Tony Calzaretta and costumer Mary Woods, who together will share the "Educator Heart of Gold" award.

Costello is in her 11<sup>th</sup> year as director of the school's theater department and its annual fall play and spring musical. This year's production, "Sound of Music," drew nearly 200 students --- making it the largest single activity from across all grade levels and nearly every co-curricular activity.

"The shared tradition of working together to put on a play --- through good and difficult times, in and outside of the theater --- will surely help these fine young people as they go forward in life," Costello says.

Nearly since the start, Costello has worked with Calzaretta and Woods in managing the large numbers of students involved and pulling together a quality production.

"Their work as educators and mentors in our fine arts department has been outstanding," said the Rev. Robert M. Egan, C.S.V., president. "These are truly prestigious awards and, in these cases, are richly deserved."

These members of the Saint Viator community will join the other eight award winners from the community at the Hearts of Gold dinner, slated for Feb. 11 at the European Crystal Banquet Center.

Last spring, Saint Viator junior Kevin Schreiber of Rolling Meadows urged school administration members to be pro-active in their detection of heart disease among students. So it follows, then, that Schreiber finds himself among this year's Hearts of Gold winners, announced recently by the Arlington Heights Special Events Commission.

He urged them to partner with the Lake County-based Max Schewitz Foundation and its Screen for Teens program, which uses EKG tests to screen for undetected heart problems.

"A test like this seems like a small price to pay," Schreiber said at the time.

His classmates and their families agreed. In September, more than 600 students were tested at Saint Viator, with only one needing follow up medical care.

As the result of Schreiber bringing the potentially lifesaving program to the school, he earned the community's "Young Champion Heart of Gold" award.