



# Greater Nassau Chorus

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## Northport Teacher Receives Professional Achievement Award



Torie Kramer of East Northport was presented with a Professional Achievement Award from the Northport-East Northport School District on June 15, 2009.

Kramer, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Earth Science and General Science teacher at East Northport Middle School, was selected for the award in recognition of her participation in the Open Space Stewardship Project which will focus on engaging students in research at a local saltwater estuary in Crab Meadow. Funding for this project was obtained through a Toyota Tapestry grant from the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). Kramer was recognized for these efforts at the annual NSTA conference in New Orleans, Louisiana in March of 2009. Ms. Kramer believes in the importance of expanding the classroom to an outdoor learning environment and exposing students to new and unique life experiences.

When Ms. Kramer is not developing or expanding her science curriculum, you will find her running through the streets of East Northport or singing with her chorus in Baldwin. Many of the values that Ms. Kramer shares with her students have been developed through participation in these musical and physical activities: In her spare time, she sings with the award-winning Greater Nassau Chorus of Sweet Adelines International ([www.greaternassauchorus.org](http://www.greaternassauchorus.org)) and her quartet, In A-Chord. She also challenges herself by racing with the Northport Running Club.

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“As an educator, I have daily opportunities to reach children at all levels. My goal is to share with them my love for learning and the skills necessary to prepare them for being important members of society. I see this work at Crab Meadow as an opportunity for students to become involved with their local environment and hope that they will develop a sense of appreciation and ownership of their surroundings.”