



# Kingsway MONTHLY

(Formerly Parent Briefs)

Kingsway Learning Center and Services

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## Job Site of the Month

### McNaughton's Nurseries: A new, colorful job site

"They're lifesavers!" says Keith, an employee of McNaughton's Nurseries. He's talking about Kingsway students Bryan C., Jacob S. and Connor D. who, under the supervision of Job Coach Theresa Monaco, put in a solid day's work in just a few hours at this recently added Community Based Instruction job site.

"They come in, we give them a job to do and they get right to it," continues Keith.

This new job site introduces students to a number of tasks, including watering plants, weeding, sprucing up the indoor shop and unloading plants from delivery trucks. On this day, mismatched or incomplete flats of flowers are sorted to make complete flats. It's warm in the greenhouse where the students are working, but they focus, listen to Ms.

Monaco's instructions and get busy.

"It's a good job," says Jacob, 17. "We do lots of different things. It's not boring."

Michelle, the self-described "do everything girl" at the nursery, enjoys having Kingsway's students at McNaughton's. "They work really hard and do a great job. I'm amazed at how much they get done in such a short time. And it's great to see the sense of accomplishment on their faces." ♦



Above, Jacob, Connor and Bryan help offload plants--about 500 of them! Left, Job Coach Theresa Monaco and Jacob work on sorting flats of flowers.

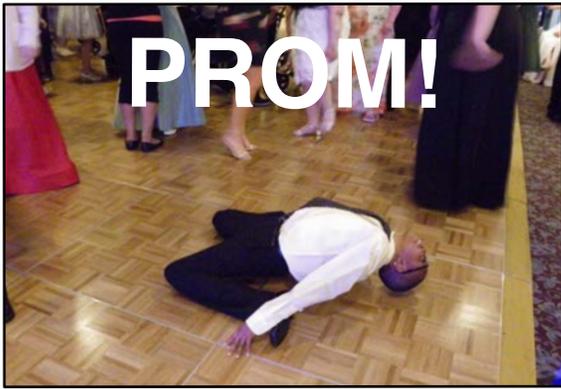
### Art with Sprinkles welcomes families and friends with ice cream, fun and art



Kingsway's spacious, bright hallways offered the perfect venue to display student art at last month's "Art with Sprinkles" family event. Students, staff and families enjoyed ice cream sundaes, games, artwork and great company at this May 30 gathering. More photos from this and other events from last month on pages 2 and 3.

### Parent Briefs is now Kingsway Monthly

With the expansion of Kingsway's services, it seems only right to expand the scope and, therefore, the name of this newsletter to reflect a broader point of view. Events and photos from the school program will continue to be included, but *Kingsway Monthly* will soon cover topics and events of interest to the clients of adult services as well. We welcome your input. Contact Stefanie Mis at the email address at the bottom of the back page.



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# The Photos of May!

Art...



Prom prep... manicures!





...with Sprinkles!



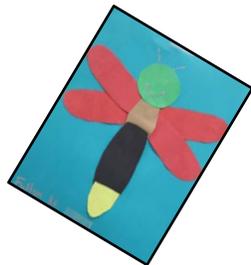
Move-a-thon!



Field Trip:  
Camden  
Children's  
Garden



Memorial  
Day



Alex's  
Lemonade  
Stand



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# Kingsway's new CEO introduced at golf outing

A few weeks ago, Kingsway's Board Chairperson, Jeanne Whalen, announced that Rachel Wiggans Chan had been hired to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of Kingsway Services, Inc. Although Rachel's official start date is July 1, she graciously joined us at Kingsway's May 21 Golf Tournament at Pennsauken Country Club and helped present prizes, meet guests, and pull the winning 50/50 raffle ticket!

Over the next several months, Rachel will work with the Board of Directors and staff to ensure a smooth transition.

Rachel comes to Kingsway with 10

years of experience in non-profit management, policy research and development, and strategic planning. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL and a Master of Public Administration from the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA.

Rachel's experience in education and the nonprofit sector will ensure Kingsway continues to support students, families, sending school districts and staff in building on Kingsway's rich history and proud legacy in the South Jersey region. ♦



*Kingsway's new CEO, Rachel Wiggans Chan, presents a prize to golfer and Kingsway parent, Matt Sweeney (center), along with Kingsway's COO, Phil Rodriguez at the May 21 golf tournament.*

## Kingsway represented at Dare to Dream Conference

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Kingsway students attended the 2019 Dare to Dream Conference on May 31st held at Salem County Community College. This year marked the fifth year that students in the secondary program attended the Dare to Dream student leadership conference hosted by the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education.

This conference is held annually at various locations throughout the state and this was the first year the conference was held in Salem County. Kingsway students were honored and excited to participate.

Three students Connor, Nicole and Nisa helped facilitate a workshop titled "Fill Your Emotional Cup With All You Need to Succeed." This interactive session included a combination of thought-provoking

activities related to identity development, feelings and needs identification, goal setting, asking for help, and self-care planning to assist in fostering self-esteem and improving well-being.

Each conference features keynote presentations from accomplished students and young adults with disabilities who have demonstrated exemplary self-advocacy and leadership skills. The conference includes a variety of concurrent workshop sessions that provide conference attendees opportunities to gain insight into the transition from school to adult life. It gives students the opportunity to participate in workshops led by their peers on topics such as self-discovery, student self-advocacy, learning styles, developing career paths and understanding rights and



*Well represented: The Kingsway crew at the Dare to Dream Conference.*

responsibilities in college. Dare to Dream has long been a positive and empowering experience for thousands of New Jersey's students.

Congratulations to the participants that were selected to attend this year: Luis A., Gabby B., Danielle B., Bryan C., Connor D., Auhnonda H., Nisa J., Nicole M., Miranda N., Ryan N., Griffin R., Sara R., Alexander S., Nicole S. and Jacob S. ♦

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