

## Students honored at prestigious Silver Knight Awards Event



Congratulations to three NSU University School seniors who were honored at the 2016 Silver Knight Awards Ceremony. Rachel Bomser (pictured left) won an Honorable Mention in World Languages and Michelle Langone (pictured middle) won an Honorable Mention in Drama. Sophie Septoff (pictured right) was one of 30 students named a Silver Knight winner, taking home the honor in the Music and Dance category.

The Silver Knight is a prestigious, 58-year-old prize awarded annually by the Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald to outstanding high school seniors who have not only maintained good grades, but have contributed significant service to their schools and communities. Hundreds of students were nominated across Miami-Dade and Broward counties. For taking home the top honor, Septoff received \$2,000, a medallion, and a Silver Knight statue. In being named a Silver Knight winner, she now joins a prestigious group that includes Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, local artist Xavier Cortada, and retired U.S. Ambassador Frances Cook.

It never occurred to Sophie Septoff that her blindness would keep her from excelling at dance, though plenty of others stood in her way. The NSU University School student is an award-winning choreographer and shares her love of the arts with other blind kids through Dance in the Light, a program she started at Lighthouse of Broward. Septoff is heading to Georgetown University to study issues of social justice.

Holding the Silver Knight statue, she said: "I now have the responsibility to honor this, and to go out to make sure that on a larger scale, kids growing up can just be kids and not have to deal with the same stuff I did."