

## Seastar Candies Recognizes Teacher and Student at the TCTC



On Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> Patti Krivosh, the instructor for the Career Path for the Teaching Profession Program, received several unexpected surprises. At approximately, 9:30 there was a knock on her classroom door. Krivosh quickly discovered that it was not a message from the office. Instead, Mark Monstrola from Channel 21, arrived to present her with the Class Act Teaching Award. He was followed by a thong of well wishers. Krivosh was featured on the morning news on Wednesday, November 4.

Krivosh is a National Board Certified Teacher who has received numerous honors and awards throughout her educational career. She is a co-chair of the Senior Project and a member of the school's leadership team. In February of 2010 Krivosh and four of her students were selected to present at the National Future Educators Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Before assuming her duties at the Trumbull Career & Technical Center in 2003, she was a Special Education teacher in the Niles School District.

Michael Mansell, a junior from Lakeview, enrolled in the CPTP program, nominated Krivosh for the Class Act Award. He wrote a letter to the television station describing the positive impact of his teacher. He stated, "She is a very nice person who makes learning fun. She creates many opportunities for her students to do good work and provides the time to make sure that you get it right. Failure or poor performance is not an option in her classroom." Mansell said that he particularly enjoys the field experiences in the program that allow the students to serve in mentoring capacities in area elementary, middle and high schools.

Mansell is very familiar with the Class Act Teaching Award. Krivosh is the fourth educator that he has nominated for this honor. As a student at Lakeview High School, he also nominated Mrs Jane Page, Mrs. Denise Omerad, and Mrs. Monica Hawley. **All of them were also selected to receive the Class Act Award.** Michael's willingness to go the extra mile in support of educators has captured the attention of the TCTC Board of Education. They will recognize him at their meeting on Thursday, November 12.

Seastar Candies, located in Champion, provided a sweet touch to this event. Krivosh and Mansell each received a one pound box of premium chocolates from the company. Their willingness to share the candy with others created additional smiles all around. One student commented, "A good day just got better."

