## HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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## Valerie C. Vanenburg-Tutt Class of 1967

Valerie has been a resident of North Amityville for thirty-five years. In 1975 she joined the Suffolk County Police Department and has been a member of the Community Relations Unit for over twenty-five years. Seeing the problem of losing many of its young people to society's ills, she formed the United North Amityville Youth Organization, Inc. The primary goal of this organization is the promotion of educational, cultural, and recreational programs. Presently, Valerie serves as Executive Director.

While raising a family, maintaining a career, and directing a youth organization, she joined the North Amityville Fire Company Ladies' Auxiliary where she served as President. In 1989 Valerie returned to college, receiving her B.A. from Hofstra University in the dual program of History and Education. She was a member of the Alpha Sigma National Honor Society of Part-Time Students, and the National Honor Society of History.

Mrs. Tutt is the recipient of many awards including the 1991 Suffolk County Girl Scout Recognition Award, the Guardian of the Year Award presented by the Suffolk County Police Department Guardians Police Fraternal Organization, and the "Woman of the Year" award from the Town of Babylon. Valerie continues to reside in North Amityville with her husband Willie, a former Chief of the North Amityville Fire Company. They have five children and two grandchildren.

"To Build a Foundation, Support a Child."