

# Orange students score well in N.Y. bridge tournament

## *Park, Oakwood are represented*

Students from Park Avenue and Oakwood Avenue Schools in Orange were winners in a recent youth bridge tournament at the Manhattan Bridge Club in New York City.

Oakwood students Michael Simms and Makell Rainey won first place while Aaron Williams and his Park Avenue partner, Najii Cox, placed third, both in mini-bridge. In contract bridge, Derek Waterton, Kareem Waterton and Barbara Koriecha of Park Avenue School won third place.

Fifteen students from the Oakwood Avenue Bridge Club and four from the Park Avenue Bridge Club competed against 50 students from the New York City area.

The students included:

- Park Avenue Bridge Club: Najii Cox, Barbara Koriecha, Derek Waterton, Kareem Waterton.
- Oakwood Bridge Club: Joseph Awoyera, Chynna Beaumont, Rasheed Boyd, Jada Bozeman,

Barry Calwell, Samuel Cherilus; Also, Stefon Clementson, Chantel Clementson, Ibin Johnson, Princess Lockhart, Makell Rainey, Sanya Richardson, Michael Simms, Shanelle Whyte and Aaron Williams.

School district officials said Barbara Clark, the former director of special services, is an avid bridge player who introduced Orange students to the game.

Pamela Venable, school counselor and adviser for the Oakwood Bridge Club said, "Oakwood Avenue School and Park Avenue School were able to hold their own in this intense competition." She accompanied the students, along with Denise Harlem, Park Avenue's technology coordinator and Bridge Club adviser.

Harlem said she was also pleased with the outcome of the tournament. "The students had a great time and were so happy on the ride home," said Harlem.



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A student from Park Avenue School surveys the table before he makes his next play during a bridge tournament in New York City.