Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilman Dan Panico joined over 200 guests as the Town of Brookhaven's Black History Commission celebrated its 20th Anniversary in the auditorium at Town Hall. The evening's program included the recognition of Brookhaven's top African-American high school seniors who achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better. 88 students were honored with Student Academic Excellence Awards and thirteen students were featured as Top of the Class Seniors and given the opportunity to read essays describing their personal stories of achievement and their dreams for the future. "These young people are the future leaders of our Town," said Supervisor Lesko. "Their achievements in the classroom are outstanding. They are a credit to their teachers and parents as well as role models to their peers. I congratulate each and every one of them for their success and wish them all the best in the future."

"It was my distinct honor to spend part of the evening with some of the brightest children and their families in Brookhaven," commented Councilman Dan Panico. "The Town's Black History Commission put together a great night that highlighted the talents of these fine young men and women. In speaking to many of these students it was readily apparent that their futures are very bright and I wish them the very best in all of their future endeavors."