

## City School District of Albany

### Celebrating the important role of parents in student achievement

#### Jenifer Pratico

#### Thomas O'Brien Academy of Science and Technology (TOAST)

Jenifer served as PTA vice president in 2008-09 and has been a strong supporter of the school. She participated in every key meeting during TOAST's unexpected relocation to swing space at the start of the 2008-09 school year. When things at times became very emotional for people, Jenifer could be counted on as a mediator and voice of reason. Above and beyond that, she quietly worked behind the scenes and volunteered her time whenever she could, whether for the PTA or a special event, or coming to newly formed committees such as the TOAST Tech Team. Jenifer represents the statement, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going," and she's been going and going for TOAST!



*"I volunteer at school as much as my schedule allows. It is important to get to know your child's teacher and all the staff who support them. That is one of the reasons I joined the PTA; by working with other concerned parents, teachers and staff you can truly make a difference."*

*"Parents can be leaders for their children by collaborating with teachers, faculty and support staff. If you have engaged parents, motivated teachers and willing administrators, our children can reach any academic, personal and life-long goal."*

