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Veterans speak to pupils

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Four veterans from the Central New York chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America recently visited some 10th-graders at Baker High School.

Their visit to Katie Vecchiarelli's English classes coincided with the students reading "Fallen Angels," by Walter Dean Myers. The novel depicts the experiences of several young men during the Vietnam War.

Veterans Ron Fairbank, Don Benack, Dave Holihan and Peter Bronstad shared many tragic and humorous stories about their personal experiences with war. They also discussed the meaning of war and unity in adversity, which were themes in the book.

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Student wins scholarship

Timothy Quartier, a senior at Cicero-North Syracuse High School, recently won a \$1,000 Syracuse Area Live Theater Scholarship.

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The scholarship is given to nurture talented young people and provide financial assistance as they pursue a bachelor's degree in theater arts. Quartier, 17, will attend Ithaca College this fall to study musical theater.

Art show May 19

All are invited to the Art Opens Minds to the World event from 9:30 a.m. to noon May 19 at Elmcrest Elementary School.

The show features 400 pieces of artwork by children from Kiryu City, Kurohone Elementary School, in Gunma, Japan and Elmcrest.

Art teacher Deb Dahlin went to Japan in November. She participated in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Grant Program. She took her pupils' work and asked Japanese schoolteachers for typical art from their children.

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