

On Friday, October 23, 2009, beginning at approximately 9:30 am, the Manhasset Middle School SCA and High School SCA's Parent Council meeting presented David L. Marcus*, author of **Acceptance: A Legendary Guidance Counselor Helps Seven Kids Find the Right Colleges-and Find Themselves.** The meeting was held in the Middle School Library. Joining Mr. Marcus was the legendary counselor, Gwyeth Smith. The pair addressed a full house with over 120 parents. Mr. Marcus and Mr. Smith shared their expert knowledge and recent college trends with an enthusiastic audience. The Manhasset SCA thanks Manhasset resident David Marcus, and past resident Gwyeth Smith, for the plethora of knowledge and their offer to work with our High School community.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.

*Mr. Marcus has been a journalist, high school teacher and visiting professor at several colleges. He has been on the Today Show and on National Public Radio, a staff reporter at US News & World Report magazine and his writing has appeared in Vanity Fair, Newsweek and the New York Times. As a foreign correspondent for the Dallas Morning News, he shared the Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting. Dave is also a columnist for Newsday.

Mr. Marcus wrote a book about struggling teenagers titled, **What it Takes to Pull me Through.** He's a graduate of Brown University and spent a year as a fellow at Harvard, but he's also proud of his time studying at night at a community college.

Dave lived in Central America and South America for almost a decade. During those years, his window in Colombia was shot out, and he was pistol-whipped during a mugging in Mexico City. He tells us that these days he's very relieved to spend his time writing about teens applying to college. Dave is a new resident of Manhasset and we are happy to have him.