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## The 'Next American Idol' Is Chosen In Port Chester, N.Y.

Residents of Port Chester Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre, N.Y., held their very own "American Idol" contest in celebration of National Nursing Home Week last May.

Six resident contestants, aged 75 to 90, spent weeks preparing to sing for the contest and were joined by four staff contestants who also participated. The resident contestants were judged by staff, and the staff contestants were judged by the residents.

Resident winner Giovanna Stalteri was awarded a free cruise around Manhattan on the Hudson River. Staff winner Dawn Lewis scored an iPod.

Carol Spedaliere, Port Chester administrator, noted that everyone at the facility was very excited about the "American Idol"-like event. "We

have many residents who love to sing, and for many it has been a life-long passion," she said. "We truly believe that all contestants are winners!"



Resident Giovanna Stalteri, at left, accepts her Best Resident Singer award and speaks to the crowd, with Lillian Teska, director of activities, helping at the microphone. Staff member Dawn Lewis of Port Chester, N.Y., accepts her Best Staff Singer award as Teska announces her name as the staff winner.