

# SKOKIE REVIEW

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## **Skokie resident hears Workforce Development award**

Natalia Revinskaya of Skokie received one of 26 awards given at this year's annual Illinois Workforce Development Awards Banquet & Ceremony in Springfield on Oct. 22.

Each year, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Workforce Development presents Individual Achievement Awards to recognize the accomplishments of Illinois residents who have overcome significant obstacles in achieving their personal career goals.

Revinskaya came to the United States in late 2008 from Belarus. An accomplished pianist and accompanist, she was not able to find employment as a professional musician. Despite active participation in the computer classes and job workshops held at the Evanston One-Stop center, Revinskaya could not find sustainable employment in her field.

Realizing she needed to change careers, Revinskaya attended the medical assistant program at Billing and Dental Assisting Inc. She chose a career in the health

care industry because she wanted to work in a field that was stable and could provide her with employment opportunities that would help her provide for her family. Revinskaya completed the medical assistant program in April and was immediately hired as a medical assistant at an ophthalmologist's office located on the North Shore.