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MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM EARNS MEDALS, 4TH PLACE OVERALL AND A TRIP TO THE NYS COMPETITION IN APRIL!

The Middle School Science Olympiad Team led by Maryann Mullen and Sheilah Schumann had an impressive finish at the recent Eastern Long Island Regional Science Olympiad Competition. The team earned 18 medals and placed 4th overall. They are now bound for the New York State Competition on April 5th and 6th!

Congratulations to this hard-working team! GO EAGLES!!!

Here are their medal winners below!

Game On

Matvey Baranov, Sambit Das - 1st

Write it Do it

Krithika Vulavala, Sreeja Geevanagari - 1st

Glider

Sri Sagiraju, Sambit Das - 3rd

Density Lab

Krithika Vulavala, Sreeja Geevanagari - 3rd

Battery Buggy

Sreenand Mallisetty, Ryan Capece - 5th

Solar System

Arav Prabhu, Sadiq Shaik - 5th

Road Scholar

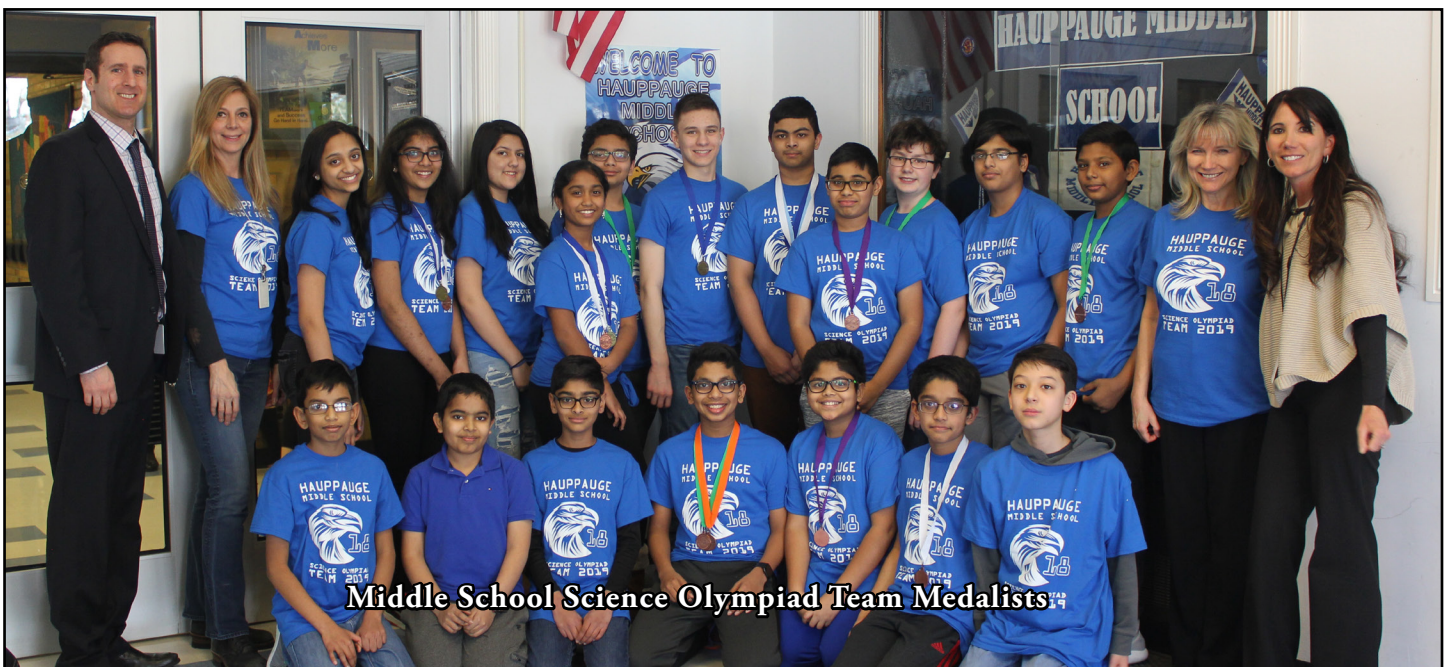
Sai Lanka, Kashi Benkal - 6th

Circuit Lab

Sambit Das, Arav Prabhu - 7th

Boomilever

Navya Gautam, Arav Prabhu - 8th



Middle School Science Olympiad Team Medalists

"TEACHER SPOTLIGHT"

Megan Champlin

Music & Instrumental Teacher, Band Director
Bretton Woods and Forest Brook Elementary



Why did you want to become a teacher?

I wanted to become a band teacher because of my passion for music. Music has always been a part of my life and something I've worked hard at it. My teachers encouraged me to strive for success and pushed me to challenge myself. I wanted to make a difference in music education and be a role model to students.

Where did you go to college?

I attended SUNY Potsdam, The Crane School of Music in Potsdam, NY. It was the best time of my life where I grew into the person I am today. The professors and community there are warm and welcoming and I knew it was the right fit for me. From Hauppauge it is about an 8 hour drive but from where I grew up in the Hudson Valley it was only about 5 hours away.

What did you like about college?

I loved the community at Crane. Everyone had a love of music and everyone was so friendly. It was fun to be in concerts all of the time and perform in various groups. I loved living and being surrounded by my friends all of the time. It was nice to create your own schedule of classes and study the subject area you love.

What is the best part of your job?

The best part of my job is watching my students grow into young independent musicians. I love when a student is able to play a song all on their own after not being able to make a sound out at all. It is when a student can create music on their own with their own tools and musical knowledge that I know a connection has been made. I feel a lot of responsibility to give students a solid musical foundation and it's also very rewarding. Students with a good musical foundation can then go on and play at NYSSMA, SCMEA All County festivals, etc. Attending these events makes me proud as a teacher. I also love conducting the concerts where I hear the students hard work come to life on stage.

How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching 8 years. I taught 3 years in the Monroe-Woodbury School District in the Hudson Valley and moved after getting married and have been teaching in Hauppauge for five years.

Do you have any traditions or superstitions regarding the first day of school?

I do not have any superstitions or traditions regarding the first day of school but I usually try to take a first day of school picture as I'm rushing out of the door.

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What makes a good day at school for you?

A good day at school for me would be having all of my students leave my room smiling or humming the pieces we are learning as they are walking out. I love it when a student says, "Thank you" as they leave, or I get a hug from a 2nd grader in general music. Then I know I am doing something right.

What accomplishment fills you with pride so far this year?

Our Forest Brook and Bretton Woods Advanced Bands will be performing at the LI Music Festival in May again this year for the second year in a row, where they will be adjudicated. I am so proud of their hardwork and dedication so far. The bands also performed at their first tree lighting performance in Smithtown back in December which made me so proud to hear them play for the community.

How does technology make teaching more simple or difficult?

Technology allows me to project music up on the smartboard so that everyone can look at a piece together. We can edit our music together and address things as a large group. I can also play recordings easily or show a video without wasting much time. We are lucky to have so much technology at our fingertips in Hauppauge.

If you could sit in on another teachers class for a day, who would it be and why?

If I could sit in on another teachers class it would be Mrs. Sancho's kindergarten class. I believe I would learn a lot of new classroom management ideas and it would be eye opening to see what her day to day looks like. She must have a lot of patience as a kindergarten teacher! I love to learn from other teachers to see what works for them and what doesn't. Observing other teachers is the best way to grow in your own teaching.

Is there a piece of wisdom you would pass on to your students?

I would tell my students to never give up. Working hard at something is part of your journey and you don't have to be perfect. Learn from your mistakes and try to overcome the obstacles. Say positive things to and about yourself and surround yourself with good friends and family. If you make a commitment, stick with it. Listen to your teachers and parents because they know what is best for you and just be yourself. Don't let others peer pressure you.

If you could take your students on a field trip anywhere in the world, where would it be?

If I could take my students on a field trip it would be to Walt Disney World, where it's warm, and they could hear professional musicians perform Disney music and perform in a Music in the Parks festival.

What is one of your best memories of being a student?

I was given the opportunity to conduct our High School Wind Ensemble when I was in 12th grade at NYSSMA Majors. My band teacher chose me because I was going into music education and thought I would do a good job. It was an exciting and memorable experience. The thrill of conducting made me excited to pursue this as my career. I also loved going on the Disney trips and marching in the parade on Main Street.

Do you have a favorite thing about your classroom?

I love how big and bright my classroom is. I also love my new desk and chair. My favorite thing about my classroom is that it feels warm and inviting.

What advice would you give to new teachers

My advice for new teachers is to be visible. Go to school events, walk around the halls, and eat in the lunchroom. Talk with the custodians and secretaries in your buildings. This is important for others to get to know you and for you to get to know your colleagues.

What would students be surprised to find out about you?

I love tennis and used to play in middle school, high school, and even into college. I also took dance since I was in elementary school. Tap dancing was my favorite.

What word would describe you best when you were a student?

Conscientious.

Do you have any favorite books you would recommend to students to read?

Harry Potter is a must read! I love the books, characters, and movies.

Why did you choose Hauppauge Schools?

Hauppauge chose me! My fiance and I were getting married but he was teaching in Connecticut and I was teaching in the Hudson Valley. Two days before my wedding I received the call from Hauppauge to accept the position and ever since my life has changed drastically. Hauppauge has allowed me to start a life and family here on Long Island. I am extremely grateful for the opportunities Hauppauge has given me.

Thank you, Megan, for a very nice interview!

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FIND CREATIVE WAY TO ENHANCE THEIR FORMALIZED SPEAKING EXPERIENCE

The Middle School ENL / ELA class, co-taught by ENL teachers, Linda Katsiotas and Marisa Femia, as well as Special Education teacher, Tanya Bellia, is using the Green Screen app by Do-Ink to create presentations.

Linda Katsiotas discovered its many uses while pushing into Deb Parrett's 6th grade ELA class where the students were making TED talk video presentations. Ms. Katsiotas said, "It's an app several 6th grade teachers have been using. However, it quickly became apparent that this particular app could widen the ENL students' opportunities for formalized speaking experience."

In the ENL / ELA classroom, students who ordinarily would prefer not to speak in front of peers soon became engaged in this activity where the class is collaborating as a team to present the plot outline of the current book they've been reading. Students have become script writers, editors, video producers, and performers. Ms. Katsiotas also said, "The end result is an entertaining presentation in which students have had materials differentiated to their specific language needs for producing a product of which they are all proud creators!" Nice job!



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, TRENTON BURR IS THE NYS CHAMPION FOR THE 100 BACKSTROKE!

A HUGE congratulations to Hauppauge High School Swim and Dive's Trenton Burr who is a NEW YORK STATE CHAMPION! Trenton won the 100 Backstroke at the NYS Swimming Championships!

A well deserved honor. Go Eagles!



Trenton Burr
New York State Champion!
100 Backstroke

FOREST BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAKES THE “BRAIN CHALLENGE”

Forest Brook Elementary School recently hosted an assembly for the students to participate in called “Brain Challenge.” As you can see from these photos, students and staff not only learned a few things, but had great fun doing it!



HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS SHARE WAYS FOR STUDENTS TO HELP EACH OTHER



HOW to have a CONVERSATION

1

"I must talk to you about (name of individual)"

2

"She/He has threatened (explain)"

"I am noticing (explain) warning signs or signals."

Share support or personal notes

3

"I need your help now to get her/him help."

Share where an adult can find the individual, parent's name and contact information (if known)

Resources:

"If I am in school and am concerned about the safety or well-being of another person, go to...."

- Main Office
- Security
- Nurse
- SAS (Rm 251)
- Teacher
- Counseling Office
- School Psychologist (Rm 252)

"If I am outside of school and am concern about the safety or well-being of another person, call..."

- Police (911) or for non-emergencies (631) 852-COPS
- Response Crisis Center Call 24/7 (631) 751-7500
- School Watch - Anonymous Tip Line (631)548-8232
- Bully Beware - Report an Incident

<https://www.bullybeware-zone.com/>

WHAT IS A WARNING SIGN?

- Withdrawal from others
- Bullying or Hitting
- Negative Role Models
- Excessive Anger
- Extreme mood changes
- Feelings of rejection
- Thoughts or plans of harming self or others
- Blames others for own failures
- Fear of riding the bus / going to school
- Will not forgive or forget the wrongs of other people
- A big personality change
- Feelings of isolation
- Dramatic changes in physical appearances

WHAT IS A WARNING SIGNAL?

- Give away possessions
- Fascination with suicide
- Rigid beliefs
- Brag about access to guns
- Fascination with weapons
- Fascination with school shootings
- Fascination and/or writings and drawings of death
- Recruit friend to join an attack
- Warn a friend to stay away from school or an event
- Bragging about an upcoming attack



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“TWELFTH NIGHT”

CAST, CREW AND ORCHESTRA PUT ON AWESOME PERFORMANCES

The cast, crew and orchestra of the high school theater production “Twelfth Night” put on two very awesome performances to an excited audience! The play was performed on Friday, March 1st and Saturday, March 2nd. The show was under the direction of High School Theater Educator, Ruthie Pincus.

“Twelfth Night” is a comedy by William Shakespeare. It takes place in the kingdom of Illyria and revolves around a nobleman, Orsino, and his pining for his lady love, Olivia. Another woman, Viola, is swept onto the Illyrian shore after a shipwreck and masquerades as Olivia. This is where the play takes off!

Congratulations to everyone who helped to make this a great event that was enjoyed by all!



FOREST BROOK ELEMENTARY HOSTS “WWII VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT”

Forest Brook Elementary School hosted a special visitor today. Principal, Kristen Reingold, was happy to have back for a second visit, Benjamin Mack-Jackson who is the founder of the “WWII Veterans History Project.” Benjamin is just 16 years old and is an 11th grade student. He dedicates his time to preserving the memories of WWII Veterans and educating his generation about the importance of their history and remembering their past. Benjamin is an avid motivational speaker and has made an impact on thousands of students across the country through educational presentations.

As stated in their mission statement on their website, “The WWII Veterans History Project, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that strives for historic preservation of the memories of the men and women who saved our country and the world during the Second World War. Our founder, Benjamin Mack-Jackson, was moved to educate and inspire his generation and future generations to better understand and appreciate the sacrifices made by the “Greatest Generation.” He is sharing his life-changing experiences, educating the public with the Traveling Museum of WWII and encouraging other young people to find their passion and create a voice for themselves.” Starting when he was just 13 years old, Benjamin has conducted over 65 interviews with WWII veterans and collected hundreds of original WWII artifacts for display in the “Traveling Museum of WWII.” His collection of historical memorabilia has proven to be a valuable educational tool for people both young and old.

When it comes to Veterans, Benjamin said it is about “Respect, Honor and Giving Back.” Benjamin also encouraged his young audience to talk to veterans, view artifacts they may have and interview them. He also encouraged them to visit historic locations in their own area.



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**Kristen
Reingold
Principal**

**Benjamin
Mack-Jackson
Founder**

**WWII Veterans History
Project**

**Ms. Reingold is holding the
donated artifact
"Army Good Conduct Medal"**

Benjamin brought with him today his "Museum in a Box" for students to view and experience "hands-on" with white gloves he provided so that students could really see these items on a personal level. He will be leaving the box at Forest Brook to be on display in the school library for 10 days. Also, Benjamin was generous in donating an artifact to the school to keep on display in the library. It is a Army Good Conduct Medal that is "history to pass on to the next generation."

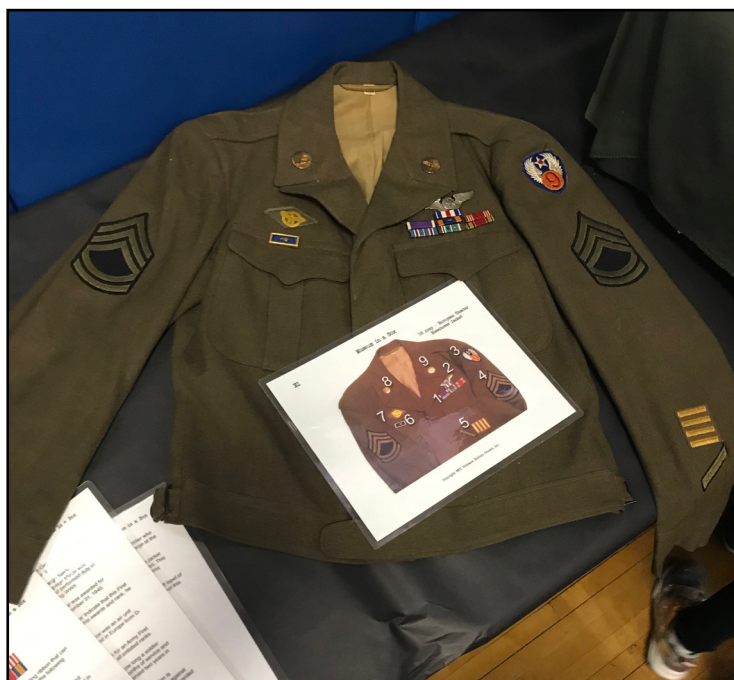
During his presentation, Benjamin played a video which included clips of several of his interviews with veterans over the past few years. It was sad to see at the end of the video that many of the veterans he had interviewed were no longer with us. Time is quickly running out to be able to hear their stories.

Forest Brook Elementary School Nurse, Deborah Wissman, in conjunction with Principal, Kristen Reingold, brought a special club, "Veterans' Voices" to Forest Brook. The members of the club interview local veterans in various nursing homes in the area and create biographical booklets which they

construct and craft from the memories of those who have served in the military. They then present the veterans with their personal books to have as keepsakes to pass on to family members. The "Veterans Voices" club was made possible with a grant from the Hauppauge Educational Foundation. This visit by Benjamin Mack-Jackson was also made possible by a grant from the Hauppauge Educational Foundation.

The Forest Brook students were all able to attend several assemblies by Benjamin throughout the school day. He is a great curator of an important collection which brings WWII history to life.

If you would like to visit Benjamin's website to see more and watch his extensive collection of interviews, click on the link <https://ww2veteranshistoryproject.com>. Thank you, Benjamin, for this wonderful visit to our students!



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND NYS DECA CONFERENCE IN ROCHESTER, NY THREE ARE INDUCTED INTO THE DECA 2019 HONOR SOCIETY

The DECA State Career Conference is being held March 6-8th and it is the largest New York DECA event of the year! Members of DECA from across New York State gather each year for competitions, workshops, State Officer campaigns and networking. The best competitors at this State Career Conference will qualify to attend the International Career Development Conference in April which will take place in Orlando, FL.

While at this conference, three of our high school students were inducted into the DECA 2019 Honor Society. Congratulations to Brad Hays, Michael Poma and Jared Shelby on this outstanding achievement!

DECA is a club offered at the high school. The advisors of the club are business teachers Frank Hufnagel and Michelle Alvarez.

DECA, an association of marketing students, has maintained a strong membership of well over one hundred students for the past ten years. Students compete in county, state, and international contests in career and entrepreneurial areas such as TV commercial production, advertising campaign, radio advertising, apparel and accessories, marketing mathematics, finance credit, travel and tourism, public speaking, sales demonstration, economics, accounting, sports marketing, and job interviews. Some contests require students to make oral presentations, while others are evaluated using written exams and role-plays. There are also contests that require pre-submitted reports. All contests have a presentation component in which they have the opportunity to present their knowledge to judges.

DECA offers students an opportunity to earn scholarships, be a part of the Hauppauge community, gain leadership skills, compete, travel, and have fun. All students taking a business course are encouraged to join DECA.

Congratulations to the new inductees of the DECA 2019 Honor Society. We look forward to hearing more from this club on their achievements!



Michael Poma Brad Hays Jared Shelby

DECA 2019 Honor Society Inductees

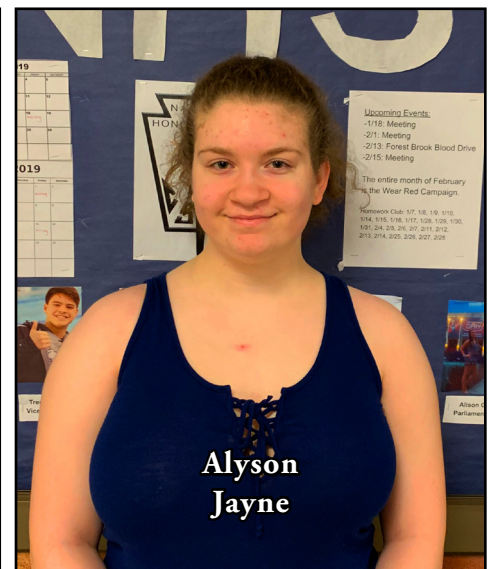
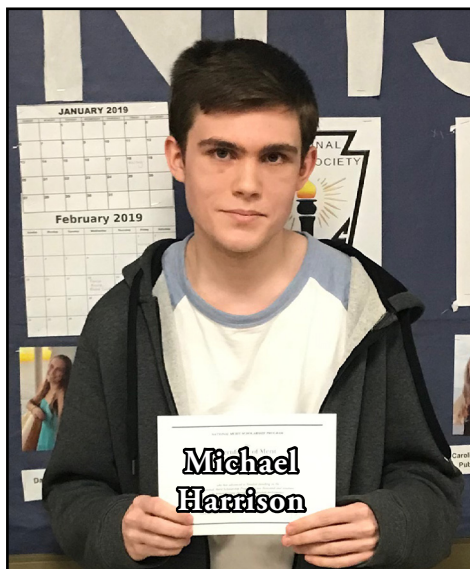
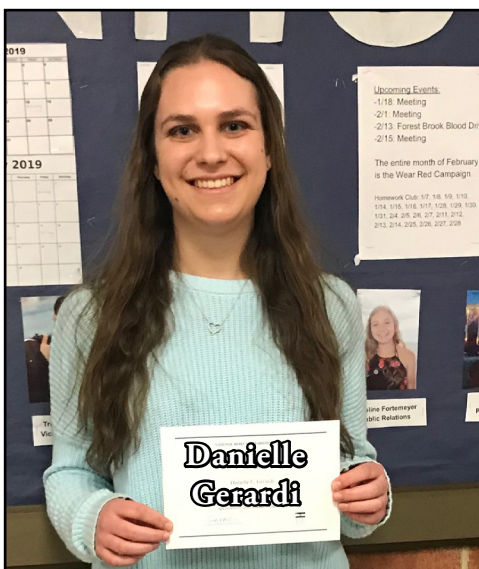


THREE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

Hauppauge High School has announced that three High School Seniors have been named National Merit Scholarship Finalists! All Finalists will now be considered for the National Merit Scholarships offered in 2019. Our Finalists are Michael Harrison, Danielle Gerardi and Alyson Jayne.

The National Merit Scholarship Program named 16,000 Semifinalists in September of 2018 and these students advanced to the Finalist portion of the competition. There are now 15,000 Finalists from which 7,500 Merit Scholarship winners will be selected in the Spring.

We look forward to the results and congratulate these high-achieving High School Seniors on their outstanding accomplishments thus far!



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