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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETE ON “LE GRAND CONCOURS” (“NATIONAL FRENCH CONTEST”) AND SCORE LIKE CHAMPS!

By Madame Christine Walsh, and Madame Simone Paviledes, , HS French Teachers

Please congratulate the following students who recently competed on Le Grand Concours (The National French Contest) and scored very well. They are ranked in Suffolk as well as in the country.

9th Grade

Vaishnavi Ravichandar: Suffolk County -9th Nationally -12th Award - Bronze

10th Grade

Ligia Camacho: Suffolk County - 8th Nationally - 18th Award - Bronze

Aaryan Chandra: Suffolk County - 8th Nationally - 18th Award - Bronze

Noah Schwartzapfel: Suffolk County - 6th Nationally - 15th Award - Silver

Alex Vasilakopoulos: Suffolk County - 3rd Nationally - 9th Award - Silver

11th Grade

Devin Giordano: ranked 2nd in Suffolk County, 14th nationally, awarded Silver

Lucia Vilchez: ranked 6th in Suffolk County, 18th nationally, awarded Bronze

12th Grade

Linette Kunin: Suffolk County - 2nd Nationally - 14th Award - Silver



The following 9th grade students
received Honorable Mention:

Mackenzie Buscarino	Beth Gatto
Isabella Calvao	Chiara Henselder
Adriana Durney	Varsha Saravanan
	Emily Sheridan

The following 10th grade students
received Honorable Mention:

Prithamsh Katla
Samantha Babich
Maria Williams

The following 12th grade student
received Honorable Mention:

Colleen Nugent 4th in Suffolk & 19th Nationally



l-r: Alex Vasilakopoulos, Lucia Vilchez, Ligia Camacho,
Colleen Nugent, Linette Kunin, Noah Schwartzapfel,
Vaishnavi Ravichandar, Aaryan Chandra

Congratulations to these hard-working students, and their teachers, on this well-deserved honor!

"TEACHER SPOTLIGHT"

Pamela Trapanotto

3rd Grade

Bretton Woods Elementary



Why did you want to become a teacher?

It was always something I knew I was interested in. I've always loved learning new things, and teaching allows you to keep learning. When I was in high school, I remember telling my father that I either wanted to be a teacher or an archaeologist. He talked me out of the archaeologist idea pretty quickly!

Where did you go to college?

I attended Southampton College of Long Island University when it was still a college. The campus is now part of Stonybrook University.

What did you like about college?

College is the time when you have the freedom to figure out who you really are. I loved making my own decisions and facing challenges on my own. I also got to meet so many people that I would normally not have gotten the chance to meet, which was so mind-opening. I think it's the best 4-year opportunity of anyone's life.

What is the best part of your job?

I love that every day is a different adventure, and you never know what your day will bring. The best part of my day with third graders is when I read a book aloud to them. They look so innocent with their faces full of wonder. Looking at their faces in that moment is priceless!

How long have you been teaching?

Too long to admit, so I'll just say that I have been teaching since I graduated undergraduate college. I have been teaching in Hauppauge Schools for 19 years.

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

Many years ago, I made a giant ball of yarn that I take off my top shelf the first and last day of school. I have students make a circle as I explain that we are all a "family" from now until the end of the year, and our actions are connected. I wrap the yarn around my finger and then toss the ball to a student, connecting us. They do the same until we have included everyone in a huge web of connected strings. I gently pull on my string, tugging at many of theirs, showing that our actions affect others in the class as well. When we do the same activity at the end of the year, we see the connections we had, and as I wind the yarn up, one student at a time, I release them to go to fourth grade. It can bring on some tears!

What makes a good day at school for you?

A good day of school is when I have had enough time to teach all the concepts I wanted to with everyone still smiling and happy to be in school.

What accomplishment fills you with pride so far this year?

Every year my class collects and recycles plastic bottles. We use the redemption money to adopt sea creatures that are in rehabilitation with the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation. We have adopted two sea turtles and one seal so far this year.

How does technology make teaching more simple or difficult?

I think that having the Promethean Board in an elementary classroom has made learning more current, interesting and visual for children. If we are reading about a topic, I can Google an image or video to bring the topic to life. This allows students lacking background knowledge to understand the topic better. But honestly, as someone who did not grow up using technology, it can become a real challenge to keep up with!

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

I would love to sit in on a Kindergarten teacher's class for a day. I taught Pre-K before coming to Bretton Woods 19 years ago. I can't imagine what a Kindergarten classroom is like nowadays!

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

My classroom motto is "Making a Difference" so I would encourage all my students to try to make a difference in the world every day. Whether it is making a difference in someone's day (by choosing kindness) or making a difference in the world (like recycling), even kids can make a difference.

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

Either the Amazon Rainforest or Antarctica.

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

One day my fourth-grade teacher, Mr. Bishop, wheeled a motor into the classroom and challenged the class to work in pairs to disassemble and then reassemble the motor. My best friend and I were able to do it in the quickest time which annoyed all the boys in our class. And this was way before STEM classes!

Do you have a favorite thing about your classroom?

My pets! I have a hamster named Flash and a Dwarf African Clawed Frog named Otto. The kids love learning about them and taking turns being Pet Caretakers. It teaches them responsibility and caring for another living thing.

What advice would you give to new teachers?

That there is never enough time in the day to accomplish all you want to with your students, so remember the importance of being flexible with your plans.

What would students be surprised to find out about you?

That I was really shy until I became a teacher.

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

Serious.

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

Shel Silverstein's poetry books. Where the Sidewalk Ends is one of the first books I bought when I got my first teaching position.

Why did you choose Hauppauge Schools?

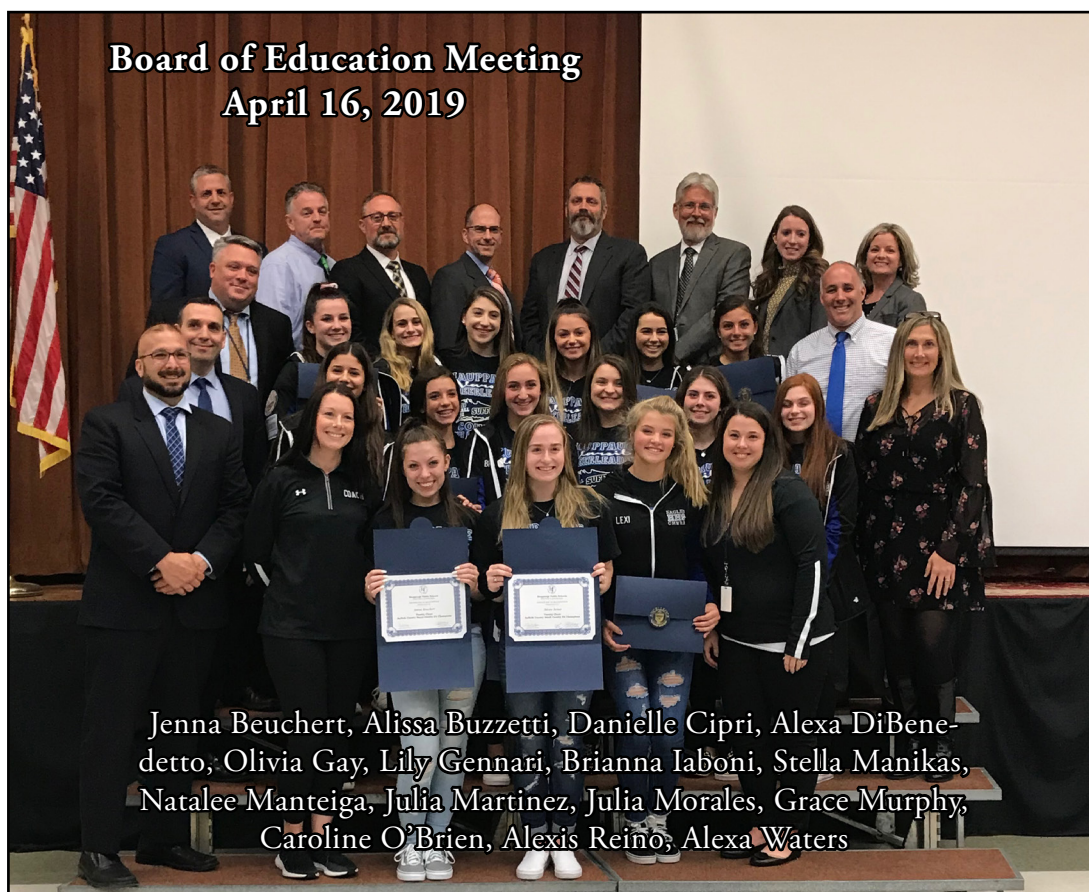
I taught the Pre-K Program for SCOPE in Hauppauge HS for 3 years prior to getting hired by Hauppauge Schools. I liked the environment and beliefs in this district. It was a great segue for me because I came to Bretton Woods already knowing so many BW families. I even had some of my former Pre-K students in my third-grade classes.

Thank you Ms. Trapanotto for a wonderful interview!

HAUPPAUGE CHEERLEADERS RECOGNIZED AND HONORED AT RECENT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

At the recent Board of Education Meeting of April 16th, the Hauppauge Cheerleading Team was recognized and honored. Congratulations to these girls on their winning season! They are the Suffolk County Champs!

GO EAGLES!!!



PINES STUDENTS GET “ZUMBA-ING”

Pines students participated in an Arts in Education Zumba program March 26th - 29th in all Physical Education classes. This program was led by Jeanine Ecklund “The Zumba Lady”.

Zumba fuses Latin rhythms with easy to follow dance and exercise moves. The students, along with physical education teachers, Mrs. Barbieri and Mrs. Kunzig, had a blast moving to this energetic music!



BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS GIVE NEW LIFE TO BROKEN AND USED CRAYONS DURING EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

At the end of each school year, students throw out their broken and used crayons. Those crayons end up in a landfill, and contribute to the 4 pounds of garbage that each person produces daily. This Earth Day, students in Ms. Sukoff's Class 4-4 at Bretton Woods Elementary School learned how to reuse old and broken crayons by melting them together to make new crayons.

Teaching students about reusing and recycling is an important life skill to create responsible citizens that take care of our planet.

"Reduce, reuse, recycle!"



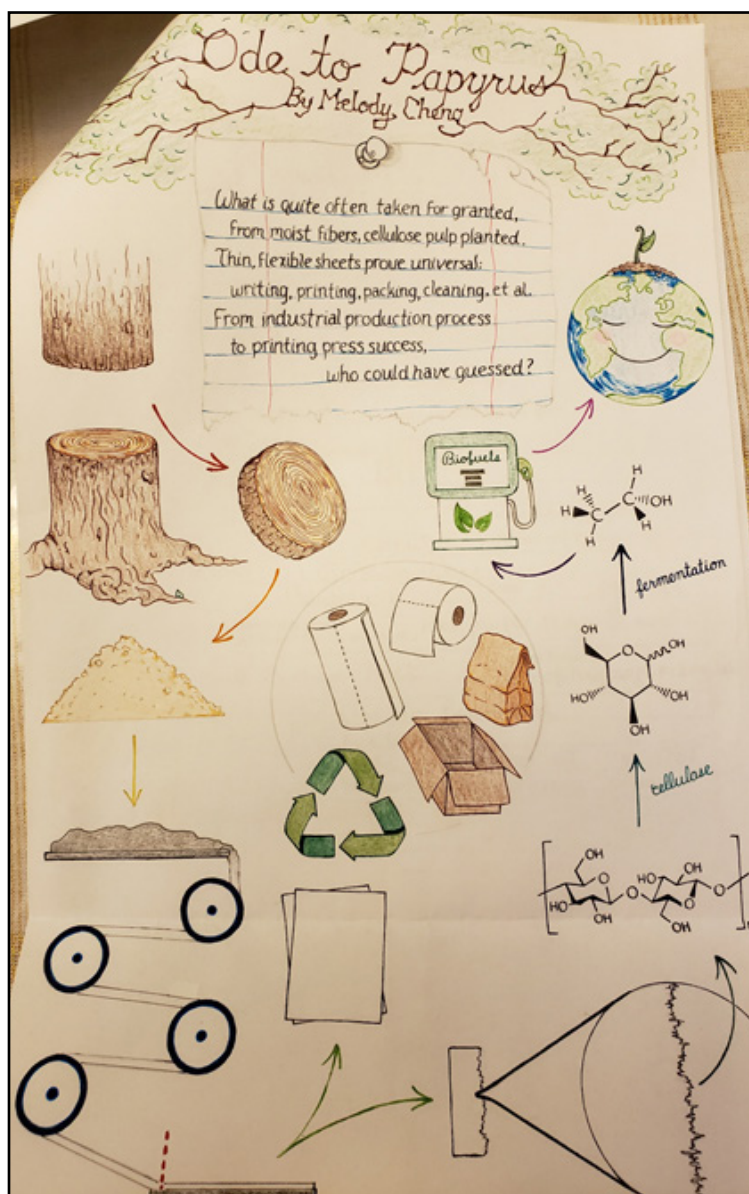
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WINS “2019 CHEMISTS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY” ILLUSTRATED POEM CONTEST

Each year, Carolyn Heck, High School Chemistry teacher, invites her Chemistry students to create and submit an illustrated poem to the Annual “Chemists Celebrate Earth Day” illustrated poem contest. This contest is put on by the New York Chapter of the American Chemical Society. This year’s theme was “paper.”

The winner of this contest this year was Hauppauge High School Sophomore, Melody Cheng! Melody is a student in Ms. Heck’s AP Chemistry class.

Melody will be receiving her award at the New York American Chemical Society Dinner on Thursday, May 9th. Her teacher, Ms. Heck, and her parents will be attending with her. Ms. Heck said, “I am so proud of her!”

Congratulations, Melody, on this wonderful honor!



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PINES STUDENTS TAKE THE STAGE AT METS GAME ON APRIL 6TH

By: Janine D'Elia
PTA Event Coordinator

Congratulations to our Pines Family on their Met Game appearance during opening weekend at Citi Field on April 6th. Everyone enjoyed a gorgeous day at the ball park! Our Pines community took to the stadium in the 2nd Annual Pines Family Outing, where proud 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students illuminated the field with their rendition of the National Anthem.

The excitement and cheers continued in the stands when students from Pines Elementary caught a few home run balls in the outfield! There was really an amazing feeling in the air as students, parents, and staff demonstrated the community spirit and family atmosphere that makes our district shine.

"Congratulations to all the students who participated in the singing of the National Anthem, as well as Mrs. Wray-Dolgin, who lead her students at the New York Mets game," said Mrs. D'Elia, the PTA Event Coordinator. "We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Mets next year.

[Click here](#) to view a video of their performance!



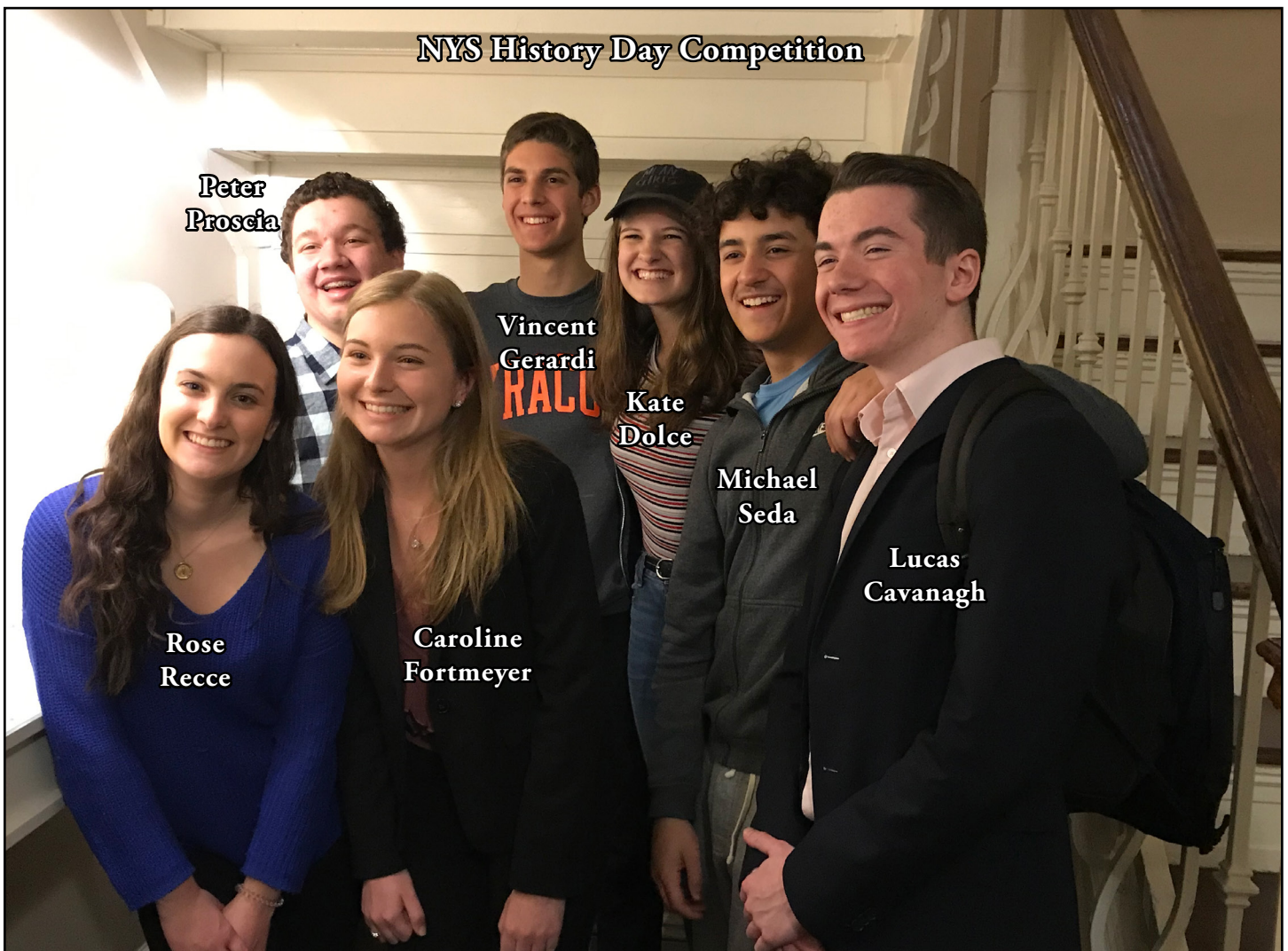
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS “MAKE HISTORY” AT NYS HISTORY DAY COMPETITION

By, Doreen Gordon, Director of Social Studies and Business

Hauppauge High School students competed at the NYS History Day Competition held in Cooperstown recently. Congratulations go to Lucas Cavanagh who placed first in New York State for his individual documentary on Ryan White. Congratulations also go to Caroline Fortmeyer who placed second in New York State for her historical paper on the Love Canal. Both students will be moving on to the National History Day competition in June at the University of Maryland.

Peter Proscia, Rose Recce, Kate Dolce, Vincent Gerardi, and Michael Seda performed on “Audrey Munson” and placed 3rd. They are the first runners up for the National History Day competition.

Special thanks to High School Social Studies teacher, Ellen Robbins, who accompanied the students. Congratulations to all of the students on their extraordinary accomplishments!



IB FILM STUDENTS COMPETE IN SUFFOLK COUNTY “FIRST EXPOSURE FILM FESTIVAL”

High School IB Film students recently competed in the 13th Annual Suffolk County “First Exposure Film Festival.” In a letter from Diana J. Cherryholmes, Chair of the Suffolk County Film Commission, it was announced that Hauppauge High School was “Best of Show.” “First Exposure” is a screen event at Cinema Arts Centre and will feature the winners below:

“Incubator” with students Aidan Ilnitzki and Daniel Clesse

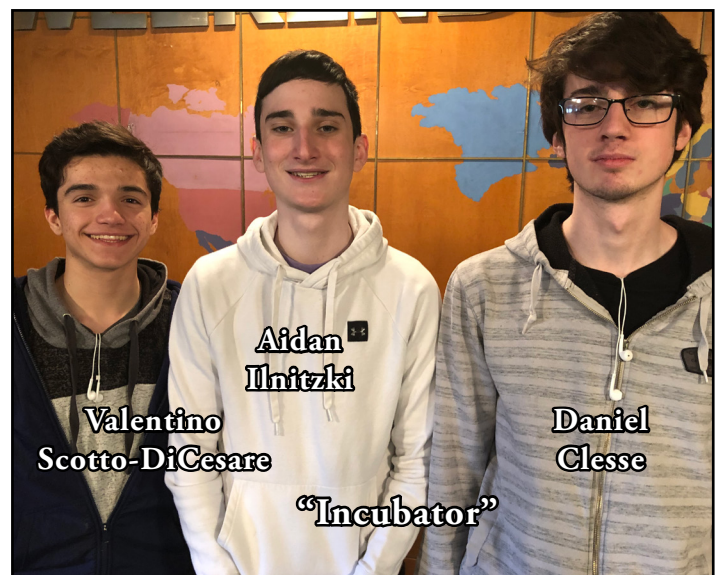
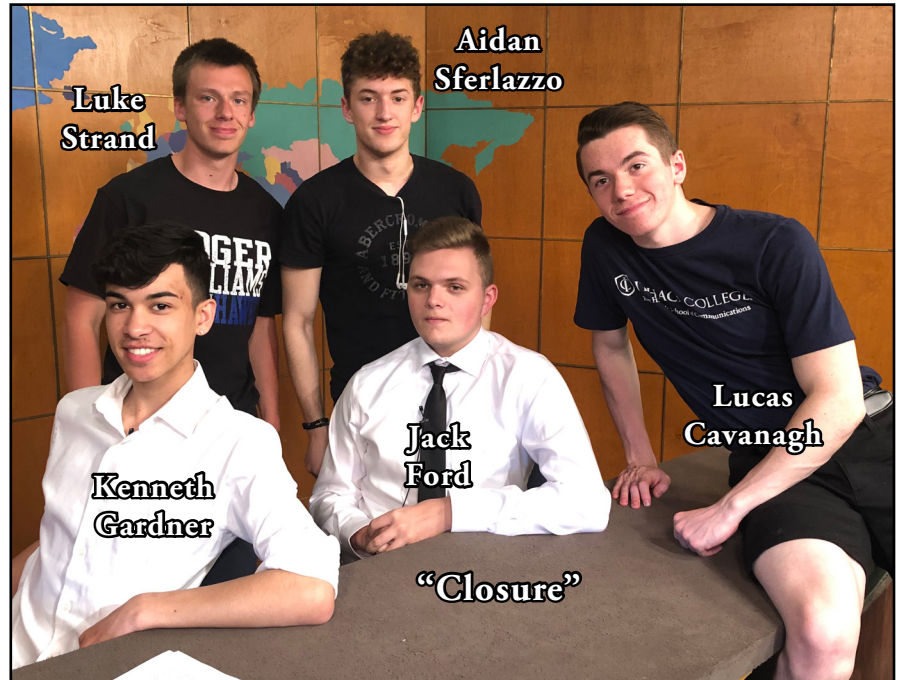
“Vanquished” with students Lucas Cavanagh, Luke Strand and Kenneth Gardner

“Closure” Lucas Cavanagh, Luke Strand and Aidan Sferlazzo

There were approximately 100 student films submitted to this event. Our Hauppauge HS students had three of their films selected. Only 12 films were selected in total, county-wide.

These students will be part of a Free screening to celebrate their hard work and dedication on May 19, 2019 at 2:00 pm at Cinema Arts Centre at 423 Park Avenue in Huntington. Each student in the program will receive a certificate of recognition from Suffolk County Executive, Steve Bellone. These students will also be on a priority list for any internship requests that come through the Suffolk County Film Office.

Congratulations to all of the students on receiving recognition of their hard work and dedication to their films!



PLEASE JOIN US !

Hauppauge Varsity Softball and Varsity Baseball

*will be having a memorial game in honor of Señora
Aigen on May 8th @ 4:00pm*



T-Shirts will be on sale during the week of 4/29 to 5/3

There will be raffles and a bake sale

All proceeds will be donated to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation



National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation

Hauppauge High School Student Council Presents our Fourth Annual....

Spring Fling!

**Excitement
for
ALL
AGES!**



\$5 Admission

- Food
- Bouncy Houses
- Carnival Games and Prizes
- Face Painting
- Fun! Fun! Fun!

**Saturday June 8th
11am-2pm
Hauppauge HS
Track Area**



All proceeds benefit Friends of Families!!

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