

FOUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS SHARE THEIR WISDOM AND HAUPPAUGE PRIDE WITH THEIR KINDERGARTEN SIBLINGS

There is a small phenomena in the Hauppauge School District, between the high school and Pines elementary school and it is something we are sure is not seen often. Four of our high school graduating seniors have younger siblings who attend Kindergarten; all of them at the Pines!

Jenna Beuchert is getting ready to graduate and her younger, twin siblings, Ryan and Dylan Beuchert, have completed their first year of school at Pines. When asked if Jenna had any advice for her little brothers on getting through their school careers, Jenna said, "My biggest piece of advice would be to just stay true to yourself. Don't let anyone else's opinions get in the way of who you are. You are going to accomplish so much in the next 12 years while you are at Hauppauge Schools. Try to maintain a nice balance of school, sports and everything in between and you will be just fine."

Jenna was also asked where she saw herself in 12 years when she attends Ryan and Dylan's graduation and she said, "It will be 2031, which seems like light years away, but it really does go by so fast! I hope to be happy with where I am at that point in time. I also wish to be settled in my career. While I am not sure what that is exactly, it will involve my interest in math and science."



**Giovanni
"Gio"
Lugo**

**Ismael
Morales**



**Jenna
Beuchert**

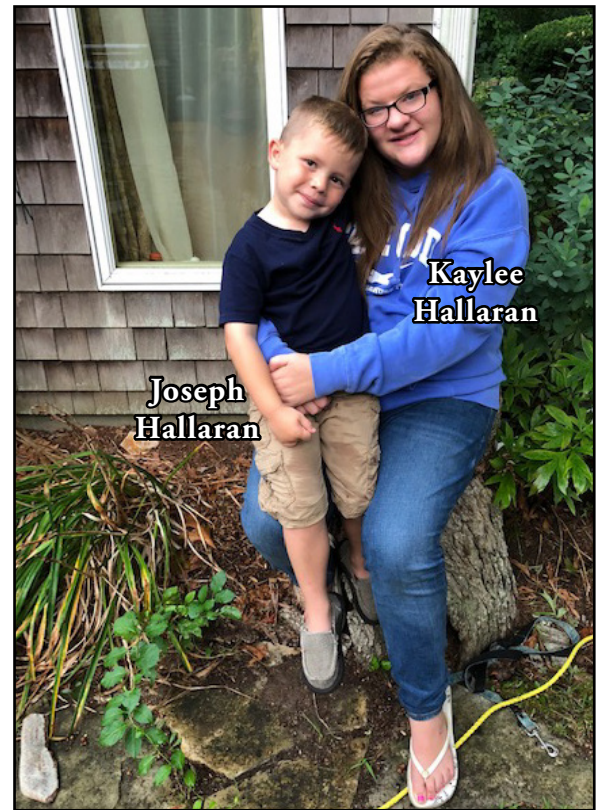
**Dylan
Beuchert**

**Ryan
Beuchert**

Giovanni Lugo, soon to be high school graduate, is big brother to Ismael Morales who also is completing his Kindergarten year at Pines. When asked if he had any advice for his little brother on getting through the next 12 years of school, Gio said, "You should always try to do your best and make sure you communicate with your teachers. Also, you should get involved in school by joining clubs and participating in lots of school activities." When asked where he saw himself in 12 years when he attends Ismael's graduation, Gio said, "I see myself having a job and hopefully working with the MTA."



Christopher Leopold, a senior who is also a few weeks away from graduation, is big brother to Pines Kindergartner, Jake. When asked if he had any advice for Jake on the next 12 years of school, CJ said, "Don't fall behind on your schoolwork. It all catches up with you! Good grades go a long way when applying to colleges. Also, when asked where he saw himself in 12 years when he attends Jake's graduation, CJ said, "In 12 years I hope to have a good job, a new car, a house and a family; and watching you graduate from high school."



Finally, Kaylee Hallaran, soon to be high school graduate, is big sister to Pines Kindergartner, Joseph. Kaylee shared her advice for Joseph as he continues on his way to school and said, "Keep an open mind. It is often that your favorite things are the ones you were skeptical about at first." On where she will be in 12 years when Joseph graduates, Kaylee said, "When Joe graduates high school I will be coming up on my 30th birthday. I believe by this time I will be set in my career and will be a teacher with a classroom of my own."

Thank you to all the graduates, and their families, for helping this story to come together! Special thanks to Mrs. Beuchert!

Good luck to these families as they continue on their way!



THE ROTARY CLUB NAMES TWO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS “STUDENTS OF THE MONTH”

On Wednesday, June 5th, the Hauppauge Rotary Club met for the last time this school year to honor two of our graduating high school seniors. Those honored at a special breakfast at the Paradise Diner with club members, their parents, assistant principal Joy Ferrara and guidance counselor Marisa Wanatick, were Melanie Weisberg and Patrick Caffrey.

Melanie Weisberg is a very active student with an impressive list of participation in high school clubs. Melanie is a member of National Honor Society, German Honor Society, Ignition, Drama, Best Buddies, Youth and Community Alliance and Anti-Bias. Melanie was also very active in Girl Scouts and during her time with them, she earned the Silver and Bronze

awards. Out of a Girl Scout project, Melanie began the “Safe Homes Project.” Melanie said, “This project helps to foster open communication with families in the community to keep kids safe.” The way the project works, families sign a pledge which contains specific ways that they will keep their homes safe by having alcohol and drugs secured, as well as safeguards for any weapons or firearms to have them locked. Also included are other ways to keep their homes safe by having pools fenced, always using seatbelts for all while driving, to name a few. A book is then compiled of the families participating with their contact information and it is distributed to participating families. It helps families by letting them know who is also keeping their home safe so that they can be comfortable in letting their children go to those homes to spend time with friends.

After graduation, Melanie will be attending SUNY Oneonta where she will major in Bio Pre-Med. Melanie will be pursuing her studies to become a pediatric oncologist. When asked how she felt about graduating, Melanie said, “I am excited for graduation, but sad about the friends I will no longer get to see every day. I am ready to have the rest of my life begin and see what it has to bring.”

Patrick Caffrey is very involved in many things at the high school. He also shares an impressive list of clubs, including National Honor Society, Class of 2019, Youth and Community Alliance, Tri-M Honor Society and Drama in which he has participated in all four musicals and two Drama productions. Patrick is also a member of the Chamber Choir and Vocal Jazz. Patrick has a specialty in singing opera. He has taken lessons in the past and hopes to continue.

Patrick will be attending Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania where he will be majoring in Vocal Performance and Theatre and minoring in Education. When asked how he felt about graduating, Patrick said, “It is bittersweet to be graduating, but I am ready to begin the next chapter in my life.”

We wish Melanie and Patrick well as they embark on their new paths in life!



Pat
Caffrey

Janice
Caffrey

Patrick
Caffrey

Melanie
Weisberg

Stacey
Weisberg



Marisa Wanatick, HS Counselor; Carol Lee Igoe, Rotary; Stephanie Ethe, Rotary; Patrick Caffrey, Melanie Weisberg, Joy Ferrara, Assistant Principal; Frank Rossi, Rotary; Annette Savino, Rotary

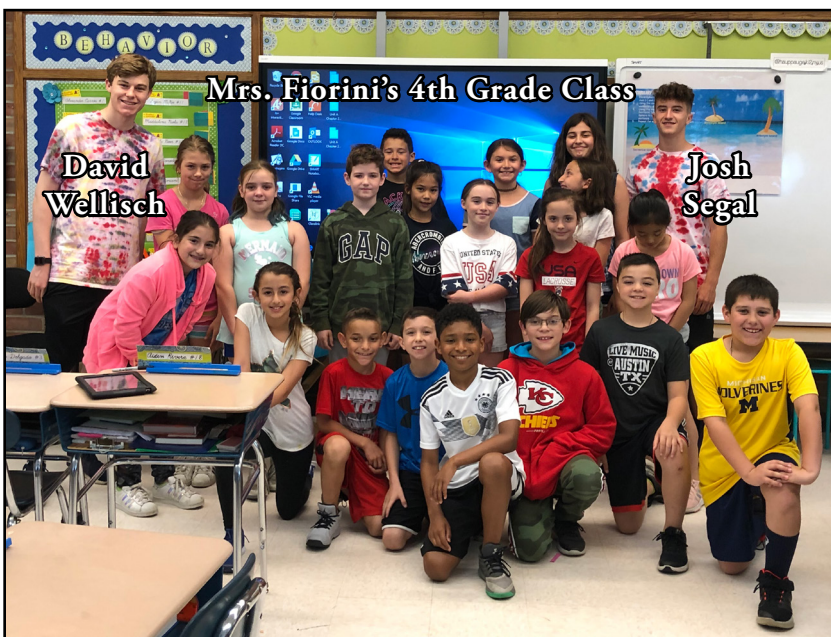
HIGH SCHOOL AP CHEMISTRY STUDENTS WENT ON A SPECIAL FIELD TRIP TO FOREST BROOK

High School AP Chemistry teacher, Carolyn Heck, recently embarked on a very special field trip with her students. The students prepared five unique chemistry lessons/demos/hands-on activities to share with five classes at Forest Brook elementary school.

First, AP Chemistry students, Jalaj Mehta and Chris Kelly were student teachers in Mrs. Brusca's and Mr. Bohle's fourth-grade class. They taught the students about polymers and making slime.

Next, AP Chemistry students, Josh Segal and David Wellisch taught Mrs. Fiorini's fourth-grade class about catalysis and reaction rate and did the "elephant toothpaste" reaction.

In Mrs. Behme's fourth-grade class, AP Chemistry students, Kira Dove and Jenna Hillis

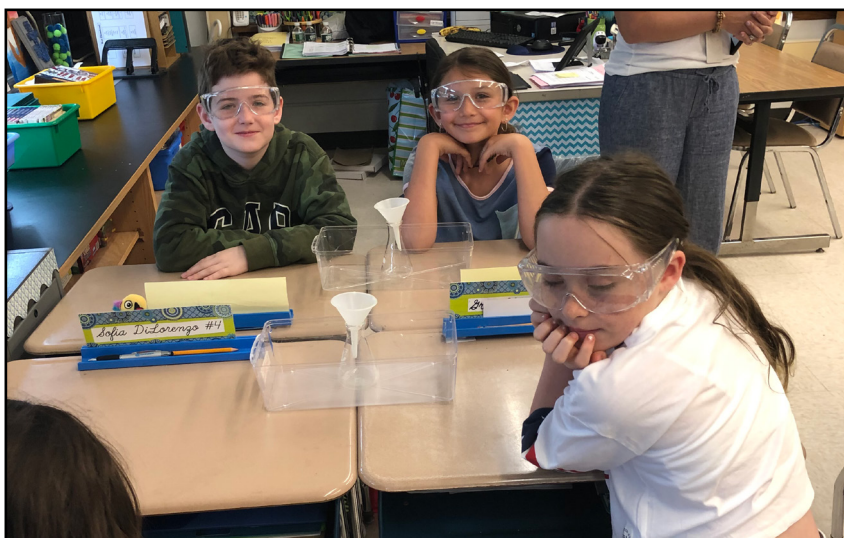
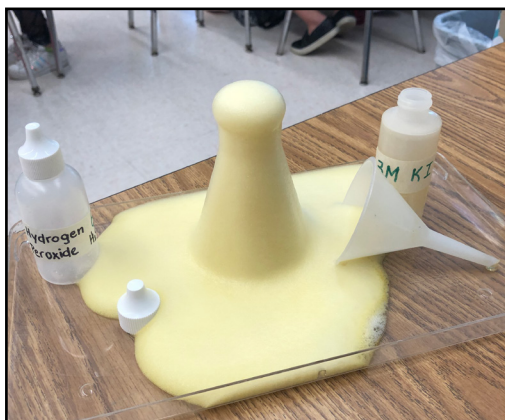


taught the students about Acids/Bases/Indicators with a colorful demo of many household items that are acidic and basic.

In Mrs. Woolsey's Kindergarten class, AP Chemistry students Melody Cheng and Ciara Johnson taught about Freezing Point Depression and made homemade ice cream with the students.

Lastly, in Mrs. Kelly's 2nd grade class, Danielle Gerardi and Jenna Beuchert also taught a lesson on Acids/Bases/Indicators where students used the color-changing properties of phenolphthalein to do an activity on disappearing ink.

The participating AP Chemistry students wrote out formal lesson plans and will be doing a reflection paper on the activity. Mrs. Heck said, "From what I have gotten in terms of feedback, the elementary students, elementary teachers, and my own AP Chemistry students really enjoyed this project!"



HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA GOES TO THE TEENY AWARDS AND THE TEENY GOES TO

Hauppauge High School students attended the Teeny Awards on Sunday, June 2nd. The mission of the Teeny Awards is "To recognize and celebrate the talented theater students in Islip Township, encourage them to pursue their dreams and to stimulate local interest while developing and understanding of the value of theater education in a well-rounded curriculum." These awards reflect a commitment by the Islip Arts Council to recognize the high school theater experience as an opportunity for young people to prepare themselves for the world beyond walls.

Hauppauge High School was selected to perform "You're the Worst" from *Twelfth Night* at this year's Teeny Awards.



Katie Dolce
Winner of
"Supporting
Actress in a
Musical"

Gigi Manta
Winner of
Director's
Choice Award



**High School Drama Students at
the Teeny Awards**

This year's Teen Award winners are:

Katie Dolce - (10th Grade) Supporting Actress in a Musical

Gigi Manta (12th grade)- Director's Choice for her leadership both on stage and backstage on the musical and drama

Also receiving Teeny recognition awards at the ceremony were:

- Jade Kirdahy for her Playbill and Poster design
- Gabriella Cavallaro for her Stage Management
- Hauppauge's Pit Orchestra led by Leah Paese

James Lombardi (12th grade) received a scholarship from the Islip Arts Council Teeny Awards

[Click here](#) to view the list of Hauppauge High School nominees.

Congratulations to all of our nominees and winners!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HONORED BY SUFFOLK COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Suffolk County School Superintendents Association (SCSSA) celebrated educational excellence at a recent luncheon at Villa Lombardi's honoring all Valedictorians of Suffolk County Public High Schools. Hauppauge's Valedictorian, Michael Harrison, attended with his mother, Christine Harrison, High School Principal, Chris Cook and Hauppauge Superintendent, Dr. Dennis O'Hara.

Also attending the luncheon with her parents, John and Linda, was high school senior, Kerry Deasy. Kerry is the recipient of the SCSSA scholarship. Kerry is a high-achieving student that wants to pursue a career in education.

Congratulations to these academically talented students!



THE CIRCUS WAS IN TOWN AT PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The Circus was in town at Pines Elementary School! Kindergarten students gave a spectacular performance at the Pines Annual Kindergarten Circus.

The acts included fierce lions, funny clowns, daring tightrope walkers, skillful acrobats, trained elephants, powerful strong men and talented spotted dogs.

Kindergarten teachers Mrs. Rand, Mrs. Marcus and Mrs. Serocki spent many weeks practicing songs and acts with their students and their hard work was validated by the cheering crowd!

Thank you for such a wonderful event! Enjoy these wonderful photos!



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Ringmaster
Audrey Bullaro



Tightrope Walkers !



The Lions and their Trainer !



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