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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

### “DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SPEAKER” IS ANNOUNCED

Each year, Hauppauge High School hosts a Distinguished Alumni Speaker. This year, we are proud to announce that Tom Postilio of the Class of 1988 will speak at this year's Class of 2019 Graduation.

Tom Postilio has been named by the Wall Street Journal as one of the top real estate agents in the country, well-known for brokering high-end, luxury real estate to celebrity clientele and having starred on the hit HGTV reality television show, *Selling New York*. But long before that, an adoration for Frank Sinatra, and the relationships cultivated at Hauppauge High School, led Tom on a journey he couldn't have predicted when he was only 18 years old.

His family moved from Ozone Park, Queens to Hauppauge in 1986, just before Tom's junior year, and he graduated from Hauppauge High School in 1988. He became a fan of Frank Sinatra at an early age and entered talent shows singing songs made famous by the legendary crooner, with a dream of becoming a singer himself. During his days at Hauppauge High School, Postilio entered and won the Newsday Teen Talent Showcase in 1987 and was featured in the New York Times when he was 19 years old. He graduated from Suffolk County Community College with an associate degree in 1990, but opted to halt



**Tom Postilio**  
**Distinguished Alumni Speaker**  
**Class of 1988**



Tom Postilio performing during his show  
“This Time Around,” at Feinstein’s  
at Loews Regency  
Credit Michelle V. Agins/The New York Times

his college education at the age of 20 when he was invited to tour worldwide as the featured vocalist with the Glenn Miller Orchestra and sang before 18,000 people at the Hollywood Bowl. For the next twelve years, Postilio toured actively singing songs from the *Great American Songbook*, performing in such respected venues as New York City's Algonquin Hotel, Tavern on the Green and The Rainbow Room, and in showrooms from Atlantic City to Las Vegas, as well as Long Island's very own Westbury Music Fair.

After a performance at the Algonquin Hotel's Oak Room, the New York Times said, “[Postilio’s] carefully syncopated phrasing and exuberance suggest a softened echo of the late-50’s Sinatra in his swinging mode.” Postilio recorded two albums titled, *What Matter Most* and *Dream*. Over the years, he appeared on The Today Show, PBS's Great Per-

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formances and Showbiz Tonight. Before transitioning into the real estate business, his last professional singing engagement was in the Off-Broadway hit musical, *Our Sinatra*.

He entered the real estate profession in 2003, and over the last 16 years has sold over \$2 billion worth of real estate, being ranked among the top real estate agents in New York City, and the country. Tom Postilio and his husband, Mickey Conlon, now partners in business and in life, consistently rank among the top teams at Douglas Elliman, the No. 1 real estate brokerage in New York. Company chairman Howard Lorber stated that, "Tom & Mickey are two of the brightest superstars in the business." They are known for working with celebrity and high-net-worth clients, including Carl Icahn, Jim Carrey, Liza Minnelli, Barry Manilow, Joan Collins, Michael Feinstein, Lady Gaga, and David Sanborn, among others.

Postilio has appeared on numerous television shows as a real estate commentator and host, including Bravo's *Watch What Happens Live!* with Andy Cohen, *The Real Housewives of New York*, CBS's *Living Large*, Fox's *Good Day New York*, NBC's *Open House*, ABC's *Good Morning America*, and CNBC's *Mega Homes Report*. In print, he has been profiled by *The New York Times*, *New York Daily News*, the *New York Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *The Hollywood Reporter*, and a variety of real estate trade publications.

Recently, Mr. Postilio and his husband built a home in Nissequogue, returning closer to his Hauppauge roots. We look forward to Tom Postilio's visit and his address to the Class of 2019!



**Tom Postilio, Billy Joel and Mickey Conlon**



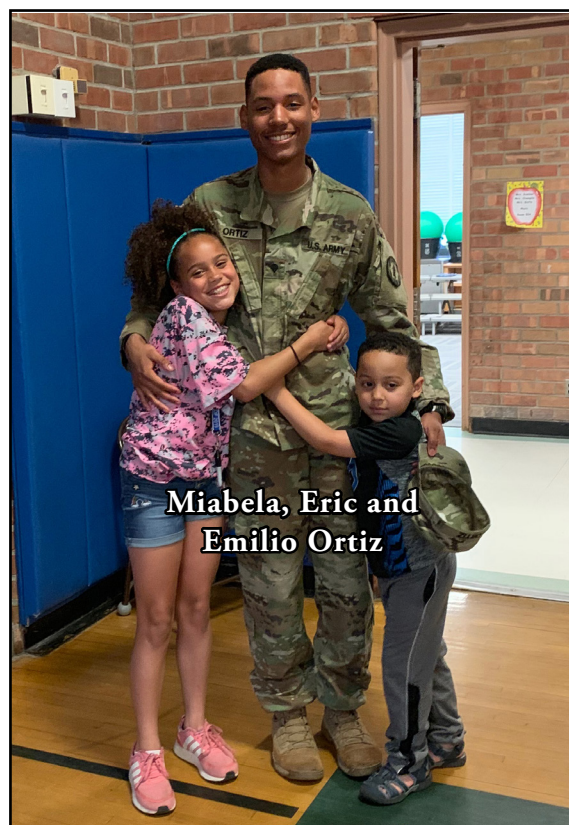
**Tom Postilio and Mickey Conlon**  
*Selling New York*

## FOREST BROOK ELEMENTARY PULLS OFF A HUGE SURPRISE FOR TWO OF THEIR STUDENTS

On Tuesday, June 18th, a HUGE surprise took place at the Forest Brook Elementary School. Three, 5th-grade students were selected to read about their heroes at an assembly; Brayden Beltrani, Manny Manteiga and Miabela Ortiz. Brayden read about his Poppy. Then, Manny read about his Dad. Miabela was the third to read and while reading about her brother, Eric Ortiz, who is an Army Military Police Officer stationed at Fort Hood in Texas, she received a beautiful surprise when her brother walked through the door! Her younger brother, Emilio, a Kindergartner who was in the audience, wasted no time in getting in on this group hug!

Eric is a 2017 Graduate of Hauppauge High School and entered the military one month after his graduation.

This was the sweetest surprise! We are so happy for the Ortiz family!



**Miabela, Eric and  
Emilio Ortiz**



**Miabela  
Ortiz**

**Manny  
Manteiga**

**Brayden  
Beltrani**



# PUPPET SHOW BY BRETTON WOODS THIRD-GRADERS SAYS “HELLO TO ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD”

On Friday, June 10, Mrs. Beutel's class performed their puppet show, "Hello to All the Children of the World." The children were excited to share different stories and tales from around the world for their parents and guests.



## **PINES ELEMENTARY ART STUDENTS EXHIBIT WORK AT “2019 COLORS OF LONG ISLAND”**

The Pines Elementary School artists, Krista Cummo, Irina Bellassai, Vincent Farina and Jonathan Catanzaro exhibited their group artwork at the “2019 Colors of Long Island,” at Stony Brook Museum from February 22nd - April 14th. This year’s annual student art exhibition included 240 works of art by 263 students from 127 schools across Long Island Teachers were asked to submit up to two pieces from their students.

The public had the chance to meet the artists and teachers on March 24 at an artists’ receptions. "It is my greatest pleasure for our young Artists to exhibit their artwork and shine" said Ms. Elisabeth Anziano, Elementary Art Education.

Congratulations to these students on this wonderful achievement and recognition!



## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS TAKE A SPECIAL WALK BACK IN TIME AND SHOW OUR FUTURE GRADUATES WHAT AWAITS THEM

As in years past, the Class of 2019 took part in a special tradition. On Friday, June 14th, the HS Seniors assembled to board buses at 9 am which would take them back to where it all started for them; their elementary schools! When they arrived, they donned their blue caps and gowns and took a special walk back in time in the halls of Bretton Woods, Forest Brook and Pines elementary schools.

Lining the hallways were the current elementary students, ready to give “high-fives” to those who went before them. Also, hugs and hellos from the former teachers of the Class of 2019.

This is a special tradition that has been established in the Hauppauge Schools and was the start of a wonderful day for our Seniors and elementary students!



Bretton Woods



Forest Brook



Pines





## ... AND JUST LIKE THAT, IT'S OVER

Friday, June 14th, was the end of regular classes for our high school Seniors and they certainly had a wonderful and fun-filled day!

First, the Class of 2019 boarded buses at 9:00 am which took them to their former elementary schools where they donned their caps and gowns and took one last walk through the buildings to get high-fives and hugs from the students and staff at Bretton Woods, Forest Brook and Pines.

After returning to the high school, the Seniors were treated to a variety of activities which included yearbook signing, field games and a DJ. They received a delivery of lunch, italian ices and other deserts.

At 1:45 pm, they started to make their way to the football field where the clock was counting down. At 2:15, the 10 second countdown began and just like that, it was over!

What a great day for our Senior Class of 2019!



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