



# Horizons

*An Environment for Effective Teaching & Learning*  
*Hauppauge School District - September 2019*

## THE 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS AND IT WILL BE OUR BEST ONE YET!

The 2019/2020 school year has begun! From our youngest learners in Kindergarten to our seasoned pros in their senior year, our students are settling into their new routines and getting prepared for an outstanding year. They are ready to explore, seek and find answers on their new avenues of learning.

Open school nights at Forest Brook, Bretton Woods and Pines Elementary Schools and the Middle and High Schools help to welcome families and share information about exciting educational and social happenings which children will enjoy in the upcoming school year. Parents who attend these are happy to see the wonderfully decorated hallways filled with student artwork.

We wish our students well in this upcoming year. We will keep you updated and informed on all the terrific achievements and happenings in our school district through the weekly "Horizons" newsletter which is available each Friday to you on the parent portal email and on our District website, Facebook page and Twitter page. Also, be sure to check our District calendar and website frequently to keep informed about all that is happening in the Hauppauge School District.

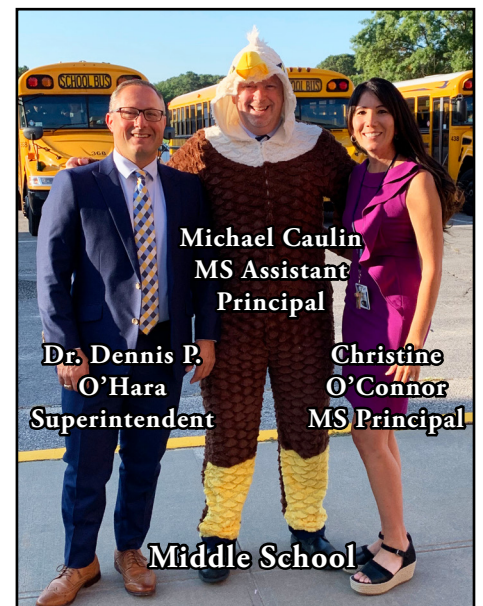
Enjoy these photos of our students on their first day of school!



Pines



Bretton Woods



Dr. Dennis P.  
O'Hara  
Superintendent

Michael Caulin  
MS Assistant  
Principal

Christine  
O'Connor  
MS Principal

Middle School



# HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SEE THEIR FUTURE WITH “20/20 VISION”

## *HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS AHEAD ENHANCE COLLEGE SELECTION AND APPLICATION PROCESS*

Hauppauge High School Seniors have access to rich opportunities when it comes to college and career readiness. Dr. Carolyn Probst is the Assistant to the Superintendent for Educational Services and Student Outcomes. Dr. Probst has lead many programs which are available to our high school seniors, as well as underclassmen. Our Seniors have their eyes set on the prize with “20/20 Vision.”

Over the summer, our seniors had a head start on their college planning. We were proud to present “Camp College” which was back by popular demand and took place during the month of August. Students in the Class of 2020 were invited to attend Common Application Workshops, College Essay Brainstorming Classes and Individual College Essay Conferencing Appointments.

During the upcoming school year, Dr. Probst has arranged for many helpful and informative programs for our students to take advantage of. Some of these include:

- Senior College Application Night on September 12th at 7:00 pm
- Financial Aid Night on September 23rd at 7:00 pm
- Senior IB Night on September 25th at 7:00 pm
- HS Mini-College Fair on October 23rd during periods 8 and 9
- Grade 11 College Night on November 14th at 7:00 pm
- Curriculum Night on January 23rd at 7:00 pm
- IB Information Night on January 30th at 7:00 pm
- HS Career Exploration Fair on February 7th during periods 1-9
- Middle School Career Day on February 14th
- ACT - In-School on February 25th
- Decision Day on May 1st

In addition to these in-school programs, college visits will be offered throughout the year to middle and high school students. Another “Summer College Tour” is in the works so stay tuned for information on that later in the school year.

Always feel free to talk to your student’s guidance counselor about upcoming events or any questions you may have on college and career readiness.

*2020  
Class  
★ with a ★  
Vision*



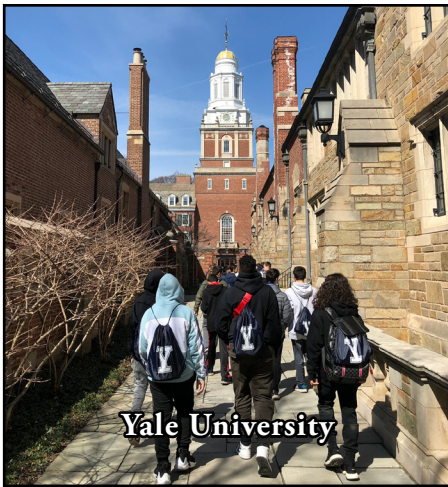


# HAUPPAUGE STUDENTS ARE TRAVELERS ON THE “ROAD TO AWESOME”

## *THIS JOURNEY TEACHES THEM ALL ABOUT THE DESTINATION AHEAD*

Our students learn from the moment they begin their journey through the Hauppauge schools that there is a special destination that lies ahead at the end of the road and that destination is college. Our District cultivates a college-going culture that lets our students know that they are on a special road; the “Road to Awesome!”

The students and teachers throughout the District celebrate “Decision Day” each May. High school seniors wear the college shirts of where they will be at-



Yale University

tending after graduation. Our younger students wear the shirts of where they someday dream of attending college or they wear the shirts of those who have gone before them; siblings and parents.

During the school year, many college trips are offered to students in different grades. Some of the trips our students have had the opportunity to participate in this past year were the 7th Grade Trip to St. John's University, 9th & 10th Grade Trip to The College of New Jersey and Princeton University and the 8th Grade Trip to Yale and Quinnipiac.

Also, during the school year, many events are planned to aid in the college-going process. Some events that took place this past year were two Mini College Fairs at the high school for grades 9-12, “The Admission Game” presentation and the High School Career Exploration Fair.

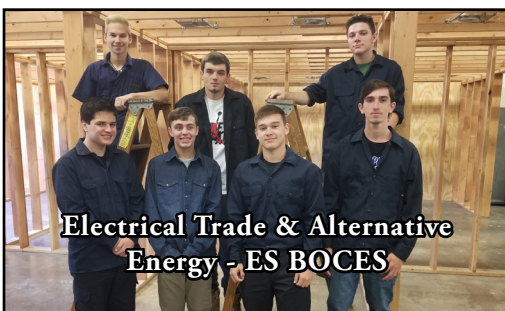
There are several events that take place throughout the school year in order to bring college awareness to our younger students. Some of the events this past year were various College and Career weeks in the elementary schools, Middle School Career Day, “Decision Day” and the “Grad Walk.”

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH AN EYE ON ENTERING THE WORKFORCE AFTER GRADUATION GET PREPARED THROUGH EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES' CAREER CENTER

Each year, high school students take advantage of a multifaceted educational experience. The mission of the ES BOCES Islip Career Center is “to provide quality career education programs that will transition each student from secondary education to competitive employment.” At the Career Center, students have the option to explore a wide variety of career programs. With an increasingly complex job market, students will need to be prepared in all aspects of career education and these programs are designed to help students meet the professional, academic and interpersonal skills necessary to realize their full potential.



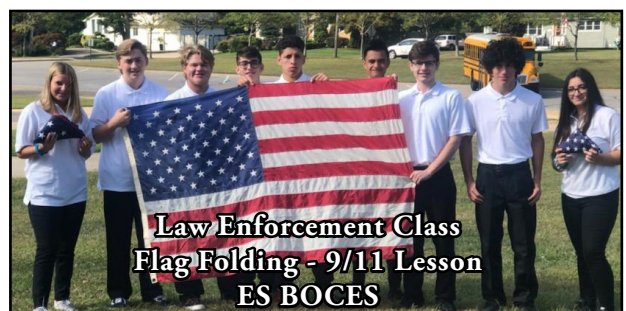
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Flag Folding - 9/11 Lesson  
ES BOCES



# THE INAUGURAL “SUMMER COLLEGE TOUR 2019” WAS AN EXPLORATION OF STUDENTS’ COLLEGE FUTURE

In May, students who will be entering grades 9-12 in the 2019/2020 school year were invited to participate in the inaugural “Summer of 2019 College Tour.” The trip was scheduled for Monday, July 8th through Friday, July 12th. The tour included stops to the following colleges and universities in the Maryland/Washington D.C./Virginia area:

Loyola University - Maryland  
George Washington University  
James Madison University  
University of Virginia  
University of Lynchburg  
University of Richmond  
Christopher Newport University  
College of William and Mary

The cost of the trip was \$595 and included coach bus transportation, hotel accommodations, overnight security, most meals, and evening activities which included a minor league baseball game, movies, trampoline park, and bowling. Also, included on the trip was a visit to the fabulous *Busch Gardens*!

Thirty-nine of our incoming 9th-12th graders took advantage of this wonderful opportunity. The group was accompanied by Hauppauge Schools Superintendent, Dr. Dennis O’Hara and Dr. Carolyn Probst, Assistant to the Superintendent for Educational Services and Student Outcomes. Dr. Probst was the organizer of this trip and she did a wonderful job of taking care of every detail in order to make this trip memorable for the students.

When the tour started, Dr. O’Hara stated, “The young people that got on the bus this morning will be different when they get off the bus on Friday night!”

At each stop of their tour, the students received tours of the college grounds, tours of the dorms, cafeteria and other amenities the colleges have to offer, as well as presentations in admissions. They also were able to enjoy stops for entertainment at a bowling alley, miniature golf, and a trampoline park to name a few.

This truly was a trip on the “Road to Awesome” and made a major impact on these students. Watch for more college trips throughout the year and next summer!



**Christopher Newport University in  
Newport News, Virginia**



**George Washington University  
Washington D.C.**



**University of Richmond  
Virginia**



our nation and for the protection she will soon provide countless Americans.”

Senior Class Officers, Colleen Buckley, Emma Casey, Kaitlyn Moleti, Lauren Romito and Serena Wernert offered their greetings to the Class of 2019 and announced that their class gift will be a tree to be planted on the school grounds to “show the growth of the tree like we have achieved through our time here, too. We also wanted to improve the beauty of the school.”



**Lilyana Minero**  
**Graduate Entering**  
**U.S. Army**

Michael Harrison, Class of 2019 Valedictorian, gave his address to the graduates saying in part, “I hope you will leave tonight feeling optimistic about that destination you’re yet to reach. Looking in the rearview mirror may be tempting, but you will lose sight of what’s in front of you. Know that there is no time like the present to make a difference, pick up some new passengers, and make a U-turn, if necessary. Because when you get right down to it, you will never have more energy or enthusiasm, hair, or brain cells than you have today. (In the interest of full disclosure, I have to say I borrowed that line from a recent commencement ceremony I watched after somewhat frantically googling best jokes for graduation speeches.)”

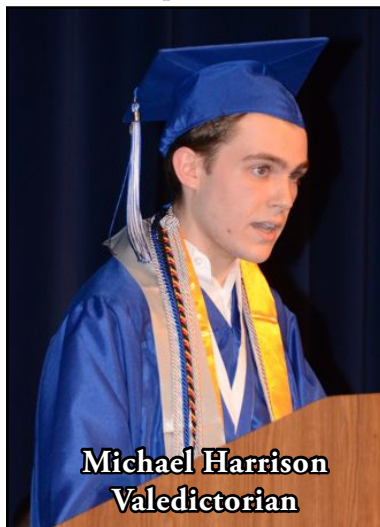
Kaitlyn Moleti, Class of 2019 Salutatorian gave her address to her fellow graduates. She said, “Continuous effort has led all of us to this moment. This moment, in this auditorium, with our blue caps and gowns, is what we have been encouraged to work towards.”

Tom Postilio, Distinguished Alumni of the Year, gave a wonderful, rousing address to the graduates. He said, “Go out there in the world and make a difference! Get involved and make this world a better place!”

Board of Education Member, Stacey Weisberg, told the graduates, “As I look out I see future Doctors, Hair Stylists, Plumbers, Lawyers, Retail Associates, Educators (my personal favorite), Lawyers, Nurses, etc., etc., and could not be more proud – Just remember as you go onto your post High School endeavors – it is not where you are planted, it is how you blossom, it is how you grow....I know you will all make Hauppauge proud but most importantly it is that you make yourselves proud!”



**Wendy Cavanagh**  
**PTSA President**



**Michael Harrison**  
**Valedictorian**



**Kaitlyn Moleti**  
**Salutatorian**

Principal Cook presented the Class of 2019 and the presentation of diplomas began. Dr. O’Hara then certified the Class of 2019!

The graduates filed out of the auditorium and it was the last time the Class of 2019 was going to be together. We wish these young and energetic young people all the best the world they are about to enter has to offer!



**Senior Class**  
**Officers**



**Stacey Weisberg**  
**Board of Education**  
**Member**

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## GRADUATION - CLASS OF 2019

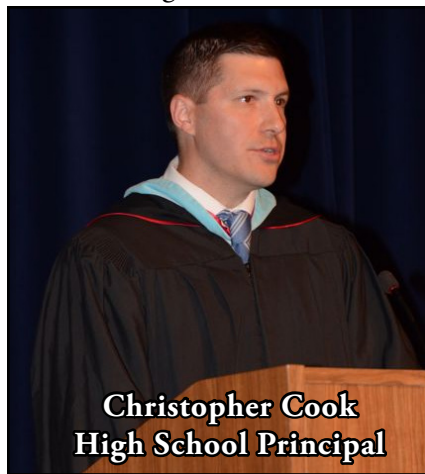
***THE CLASS OF 2019 IS ON THIER WAY AND THEY  
ARE WELL-PREPARED FOR WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS***

On Friday, June 28th, the Hauppauge High School Class of 2019 took their final bow at their Commencement Ceremony which took place in the high school auditorium.

Before the ceremony, graduates arrived with their parents, siblings and relatives. They streamed into the school with much excitement for their final walk.

The gym quickly filled with graduates talking with their friends and taking photos to commemorate what was to be their last occasion of being assembled as the Class of 2019.

At 6:00 pm, the ceremony began with *Pomp and Circumstance* ringing out and our graduates happily filing into their seats. Chris Cook, High School Principal, welcomed all present. It was Principal Cook's first year at Hauppauge HS, and he thanked the graduates and all of those present for making is first year so inspiring.



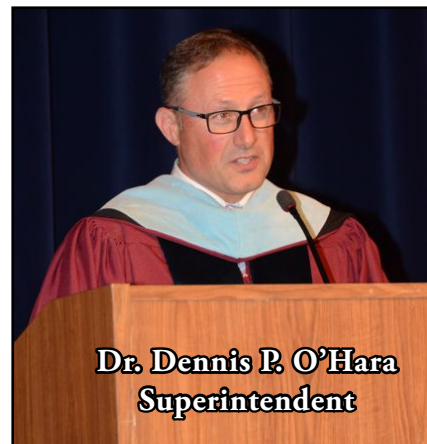
**Christopher Cook**  
**High School Principal**

Principal Cook said, "I am excited by what Hauppauge is, where we are and where we are going!"

After welcoming those present, Principal Cook turned the podium over to Wendy Cavanagh, a former Hauppauge HS graduate, parent of a graduating senior and PTSA President. Ms. Cavanagh said to the Class of 2019, "You did it! You should be very proud of all you have accomplished here. All roads have led to this moment, but remember, this is only the beginning." Ms Cavanagh thanked everyone in the District for their support on behalf of the PTSA over the past year.

Next, Dr. Dennis P. O'Hara, Superintendent, began his remarks. He thanked the Board of Education for allowing him to be "the very proud Superintendent of the Hauppauge School District" and said "Being part of this wonderful community remains as one of my greatest privileges." Dr. O'Hara told the graduates that they are soon to be a part of the "Long Blue Line" of Hauppauge HS graduates.

Dr. O'Hara took a moment after his remarks to pay a special homage to a graduating student. He recognized Lilyana Minero who began her service to our country in the United States Army on Wednesday, July 3rd, when she took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. Lilyana traveled from Brooklyn, NY to Fort Sill, Oklahoma where she began Basic Training as a Private 2nd class. Dr. O'Hara thanked Lilyana "for her service to



**Dr. Dennis P. O'Hara**  
**Superintendent**