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HIGH SCHOOL NAMES 2020 INDUCTEES OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Hauppauge High School recently announced their 2020 inductees into the National Honor Society. They are:

James Abruzzo
Snehal Adabala
Kyle Adams
Aleya Altinerlielmas
Bayden Bruck
Mackenzie Buscarino
Griffin Capece
Reagan Cavanagh
Sophia Doumazios
Adriana Durney
Adrianna Faraguna
Alexandra Ferreri
Kathryn Fine
Elizabeth Furman
Bethany Gatto
Jayci Gaudet
Alina George
Gracie Greene
Sarah Gregory
Chiara Henselder
Luke Humin
Kailey Jenkins
Kiera Kalinsky
Satoik Karanam
Pranav Lanka
Rachel Ma
Ryan Marchese
Joseph Mathew
Gabriella Misciagna

Benjamin Moks
Michael Montemarano
Christian O'Brien
Madison Olachea
Nicholas Oliveto
Emma Ortiz
Jared Palahnuk
Sydney Paolillo
Matthew Partridge
Jesse Ramos
Vaishnavi Ravichandar
Sophia Rosato
Jack Rzepecki
Sahishnu Sagiraju
Gabriella Salvia
Varsha Saravanan
Abigail Savag
Anish Shenoy
Emily Sheridan
Joseph Sheridan
Jonathan Singh
Patrick Sumwalt
Samyuktha Vattigunta
Kaitlyn Vaughn
Meghan Walsh
Alexandra Weiner
Christie Werkmeister
Amanda Williamson
Melody Zhu

HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC STUDENTS ARE SELECTED IN “ALL-NATIONAL HONOR ENSEMBLES”

Congratulations to our high school music students, Luca Iallonardi and Aidan Lobenstein! Luca and Aidan have been named to this year's "All-National Honor Ensembles" by the National Association for Music Education. Their selection was through an audition process, after they had qualified for New York State's 2019-2020 All Star Festival.

Luca and Aidan are among the nation's top performing high school musicians. Only fifteen students were selected from all of Long Island and Hauppauge was the only school with two students selected for this honor.

The ensembles include a concert band, guitar ensemble, jazz ensemble, mixed choir, modern band and a symphony orchestra. Our students participated virtually from January 7th through 9th in this program which was comprised of rehearsals with conductors, workshops with clinicians and the recording of a performance that will be premiered online.

We are extremely proud of these musically talented students!



Congratulations 

HAUPPAUGE STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER IN “PAES LAB”

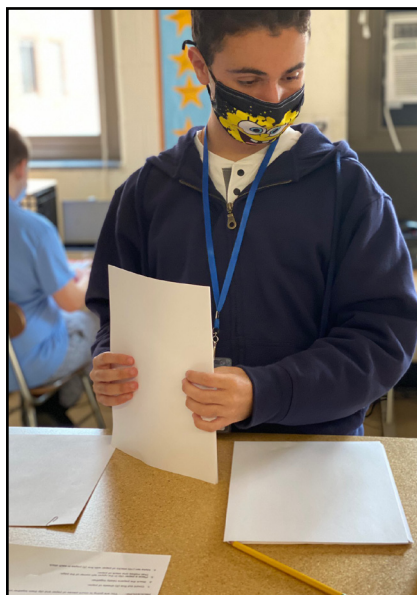
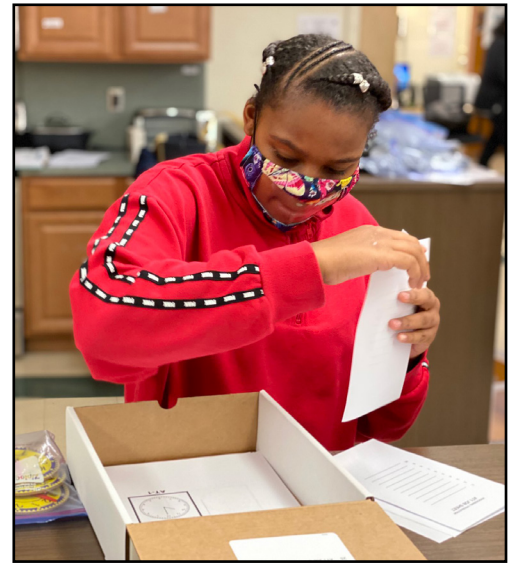
Hauppauge students within our Vocational Program have gained a huge advantage as they transition into the real world. New to Hauppauge High School this year is the Practical Assessment Exploration System (PAES). PAES is a work development lab where students become employees and teachers become employers. The lab is used to assess a student's competitive work potential and interest level, while simultaneously exploring various jobs, using real tools, and developing proper work behaviors in the following five areas:

- Computer Technology
- Construction/Industrial
- Processing/Production
- Consumer/Service
- Business/Marketing

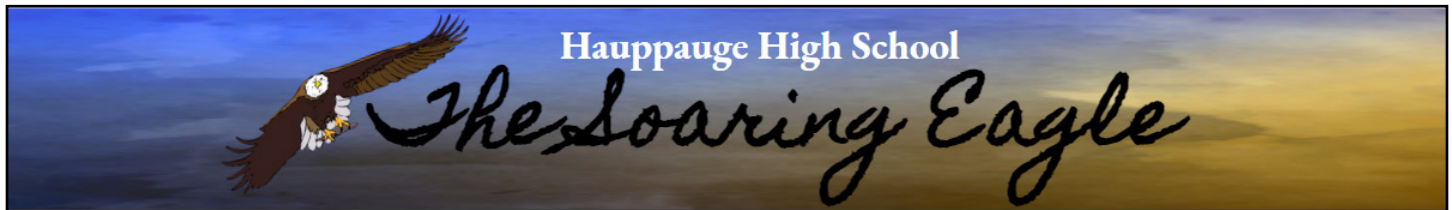
The PAES Lab is set up in a typical sized classroom providing students with a hands-on Comprehensive Work Development Curriculum. The lab also includes strict procedures so students can develop an understanding of work related responsibilities, while simultaneously learning and exploring new career and vocational areas. Each area has a comprehensive array of tasks for the students to perform. The instructor monitors the tasks, providing feedback and assistance where

needed. Students are encouraged to become independent problem solvers and develop higher order thinking skills.

Once a student has finished PAES, a comprehensive report is developed. This report can easily be used to develop Career Development Plans, School-To-Work Plans, IEP's and Transition Plans. PAES provides the foundation basics for School-To-Work Transition Plans and provides students with real knowledge that is relevant to their lives. Students who successfully complete PAES know what careers interest them, the skills they possess and what their strengths are. They learn the work-related problem-solving skills and proper work behavior needed to be successful on the job!



HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT INTRODUCES "THE SOARING EAGLE" NEWSPAPER WEBSITE



There's a new website at the high school. The English Department is happy to announce the premiere of "The Soaring Eagle!"

The newspaper is led by the following staff:

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Special thanks goes to the High School building administration for their ongoing support:

Mr. Christopher Cook
Mr. Joseph Wiekhorst
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If you would like to read "The Soaring Eagle," the website can be reached by [clicking here](#).



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SELECTED AS A “2020-2021 JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT NEW YORK STUDENT AMBASSADOR”

“Junior Achievement of New York” recently held their first-ever *Junior Achievement New York Inspiring Tomorrows Virtual Summit*. Since they were unable to hold their traditional gala this year, Linda Furey, Senior Manager, Programs for Junior Achievement New York said, “We used this opportunity to create an exciting new virtual event that allows us to showcase our mission and work, and bring together our incredible community of supporters. We engaged students, elected officials, entrepreneurs and top corporate leadership for in-depth discussions on the challenges of the present and creating a brighter tomorrow.”

At the virtual summit, high school Valedictorian, Melody Cheng, was named and featured as a “Junior Achievement New York 2020-2021 Student Ambassador” during the “Salute to Innovators” segment. In a recorded message, Joe Peri, President of “Junior Achievement New York,” congratulated Melody on being named a Student Ambassador and also Hauppauge High School Valedictorian.

Melody was selected from a competitive pool of applicants for their involvement in a variety of Junior Achievement programs, including Job Shadow opportunities, Finance Park, High School Heroes, and other programs that prepare students to pursue careers they care about and teach them how to make smart financial decisions. In her Student Ambassador role, Melody will represent Junior Achievement New York at events and speaking engagements throughout the 2020-2021 academic year.

Each day of the virtual event which ran on December 7th, 8th and 9th, there were events ranging from student town halls and panels, to in-depth interviews. Important issues like community engagement; the New York entrepreneurial landscape; and diversity, equity and inclusion in the corporate world were discussed.

Congratulations to Melody on this well-deserved honor!



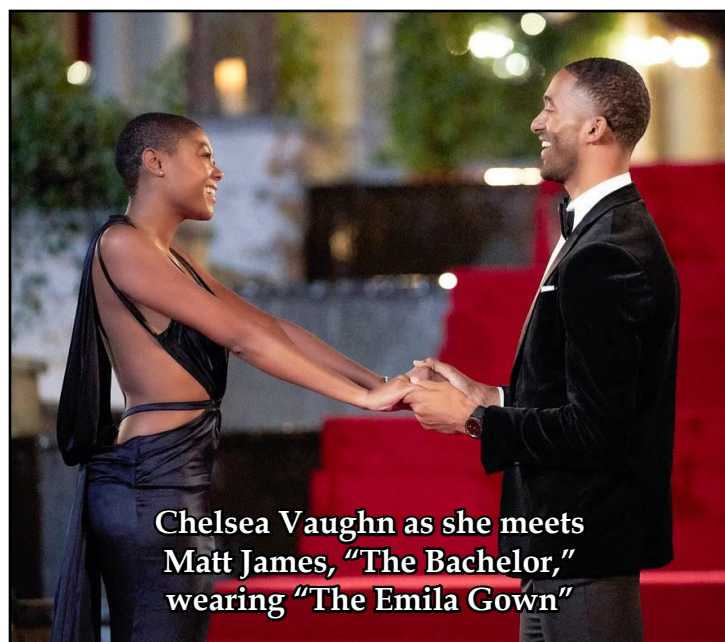
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HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AND FASHION DESIGNER, A'KAI LITTLEJOHN, HAS GOWN FEATURED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION SHOW, "THE BACHELOR"

A'Kai Littlejohn is a high school senior and fashion designer. A'Kai received national television attention on January 4th, when his runway model, Chelsea Vaughn, made an appearance as a contestant on the ABC TV show "The Bachelor." She wore A'Kai's "Emila Gown" on the show.

In an article by Angela Andalaro from "The List," the following was said about A'Kai's dress, "Twitter was immediately abuzz with people dying to know everything about the dress. 'Best dressed in Bachelor history. Can't convince me otherwise,' one Twitter user remarked, earning over 4,000 likes from fashionistas who agreed."

A'Kai's dress is named "The Emila Gown." It is from his Spring 2021 Collection, titled "The Breakwater Collection."



Chelsea Vaughn as she meets Matt James, "The Bachelor," wearing "The Emila Gown"



The Emila Gown from A'Kai's "Breakwater Collection" for Spring 2021



A'Kai is no stranger to the Hauppauge Community. We have been following him for many years now as he continues to make a name for himself in the fashion world. He appeared on "Project Runway Junior" at just 13 years old. He has also debuted several collections at solo shows for New York Fashion Week.

A'Kai received the "2019 Emerging Fashion Designer Award" from "Cine'moi Network's Cine Fashion Film Awards" in Beverly Hills California.

We would like to share more good news from A'Kai! He has been accepted to "Parsons School of Design" via his early submission application! His dad told us, "A'Kai has been working hard his entire life to accomplish this goal. This is the only school he applied to. He first mentioned going to 'Parsons School of Design' at the age of three."

Congratulations to A'Kai on all of his wonderful accomplishments!



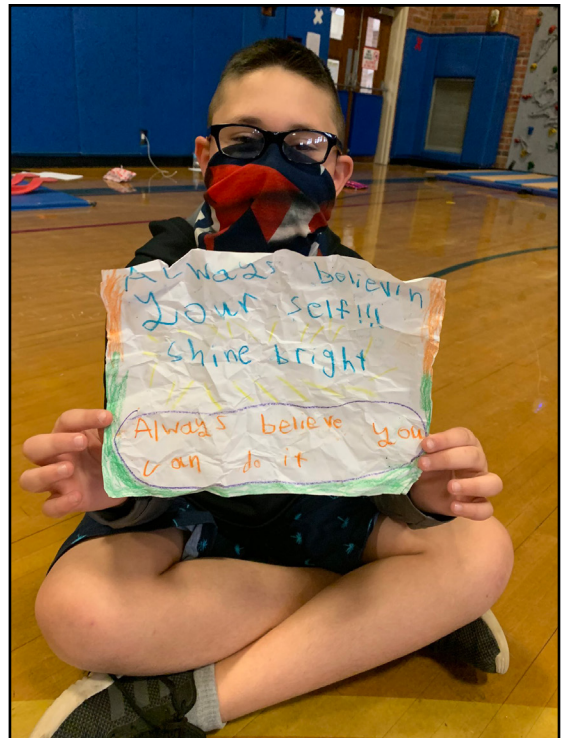
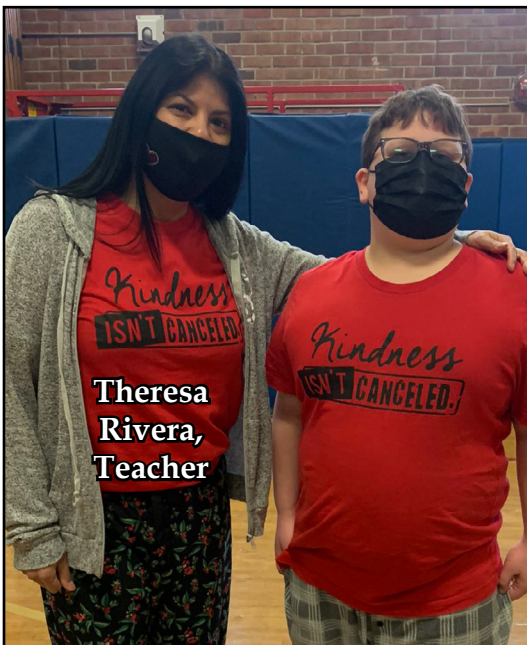
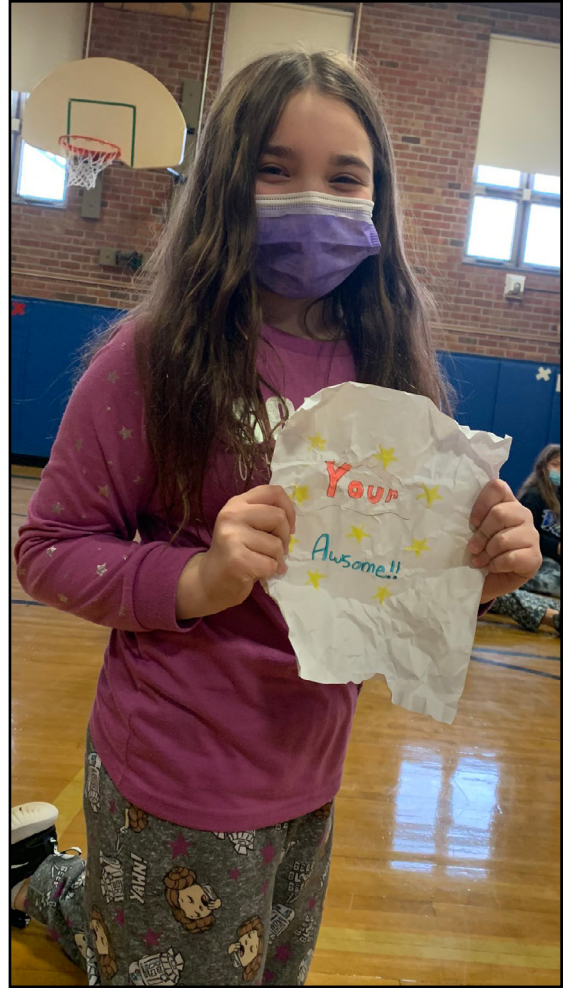
FOREST BROOK CLUB IS TEACHING STUDENTS THAT IT'S "COOL TO BE KIND"

Forest Brook teachers, Theresa Rivera and Cindy Irvine, are the advisors of a very special club at their school. The "Cool to be Kind" club is for 4th and 5th graders. The goal of the club is to encourage and create a culture of kindness at Forest Brook.

The club kicked off this week by having a "snowball fight." The students wrote encouraging messages on paper. They then crumbled up the papers into "snowballs" and gently tossed them to each other in a "kind word snowball fight." After each student picked up two snowballs, they all gathered in a circle and shared each positive message. Some students participated virtually as well.

At their next meeting, the club will talk about the feelings they experienced both when they were kind and when they received kindness.

Thank you to Ms. Rivera and Ms. Irvine for their work in creating a positive atmosphere of kindness at Forest Brook school.



The "Kind Word Snowball Fight"

HIGH SCHOOL 2003 GRADUATE CONTINUES TO MAKE WAVES IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

Christopher Messina graduated from Hauppauge High School in 2003. He has been performing on Broadway and has played both Frankie Valli and Joe Pesci in "Jersey Boys." Christopher was also in "A Bronx Tale" in addition to helping choreograph the show. He also choreographed "The Broadway Show on Television."

Christopher has been keeping busy with his "Boy Band Project" while Broadway has been shut down due to Covid. He was nominated for several "Broadway World Cabaret 2020 Awards." He was selected as the winner for "Best Ensemble Soloist for 2020," and he also won for best song "Jingle My Bells" with his group "Boy Band Project."

Christopher's "Boy Band Project" performs songs of many of the boy bands like "Backstreet Boys," "N'SYNC," "98 Degrees," as well as some of the classics; "The Beatles," "Elvis," "Four Seasons," and more. They travel all over the country and are presently booked to perform in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for two months beginning in February. The band has really taken off!

Congratulations to Christopher on his success!



Chris Messina
performing with
"The Boy Band Project"

BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS TAKE PART IN COLLEGE AND CAREER EVENTS

Bretton Woods students have learned this past week that it's never too early to start planning for college. Students participated in a series of events to encourage them to start thinking about their future.

The planned activities included teachers talking with students about the benefits of continuing their education after high school and also why they chose their universities and careers. Asking students to think about what they want to be when they grow up and what they need to do to achieve that goal was another topic of conversation. Also, teachers and staff were decked out in their college gear to show students where they attended college.

The series of events through the week included:

Monday - College Gear Day

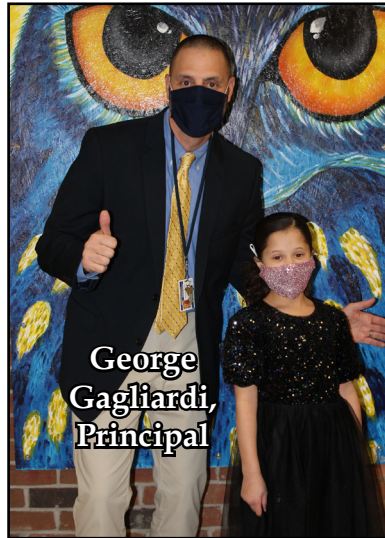
Tuesday - Dress for Success

Wednesday - College Exploration Day - Virtual Tours

Thursday - 5th Grade Career Fair

Friday - My Future is Bright!

The students were great participants in all of the activities and dressed the part each day! Here are some photos from their informative, and fun, week!



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