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CLASS OF 2021 VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, AND 100+ GPA STUDENTS ARE ANNOUNCED BY HIGH SCHOOL, PRINCIPAL, CHRIS COOK

High School Principal, Chris Cook, is proud to announce the Class of 2021 Valedictorian, Salutatorian and those students who maintained a 100+ GPA during their high school careers.

Valedictorian
Melody Cheng



Salutatorian
Alexander Vasilakopoulos



Students with a 100+ GPA

*Vivian Chen
Kathryn Dolce
Vincent Gerardi
Colin Happe
Luca Iallonardi
Sreevarshini Karthikeyan
Emily Kelly
Danielle Liu*

*Andrew Maiorini
Jalaj Mehta
Melissa Oliver
Nicole Petrocelli
Shivani Rao
Tyler Rutley
Noah Schwartzapfel
Emma Vasilakopoulos*

Valedictorian, Melody Cheng's GPA throughout the end of her junior year was 105.4. Salutatorian, Alexander Vasilakopoulos' GPA throughout the end of his junior year was 105. Congratulations to these academically talented high school seniors!

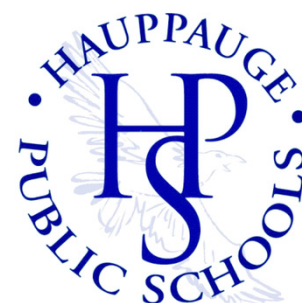
100+ GPA Students



NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

This week, October 19th to the 23rd, has been School Board Appreciation Week. This is a time for school districts to acknowledge the important work performed by school board members.

The Hauppauge School Community would like to recognize and thank our Hauppauge Board of Education Members for their hard work and commitment to the students of the Hauppauge Public School District. Below are the members of the 2020/2021 Board of Education.



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TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION SPECIALIST WORKS WITH STAFF TO ADVANCE THEIR KNOWLEDGE

If you have a school email account, you are very familiar with the name, Leslie Brophy, our Technology Integration Specialist. Her “Tech Tip Tuesdays” have become “must read email” providing our staff with ways to make their computer experiences more knowledgeable and easier to navigate.

Leslie’s main role as a Technology Integration Specialist consists of supporting teachers with technology integration. This can be in the form of 1:1 support, department meetings, “lunch and learns,” and providing Professional Development during Superintendent’s Conference Days. In addition to being a Technology Integration Specialist, Leslie is also an Assistive Technology Specialist which consists of evaluating, recommending and consulting on assistive technology for students with special needs.

When asked what her favorite aspects of the job are, Leslie said, “I enjoy working with and supporting my colleagues. I love when I can show them a technology or a strategy that they see value in and how it can either save them time, make them more productive, or enhance their teaching.”

Regarding this year, Leslie said, “This year has been very challenging for teachers. They have had to learn new technologies, protocols, procedures, and ways of teaching in multiple environments. For me, trying to figure out the best way to support them while not overwhelming them has been my biggest challenge.”

Leslie started her career at Hauppauge teaching Home and Careers at the middle school. She also taught a Career and Consumer Readiness class at the high school. Last year, Leslie became a Technology Integration Specialist, while still teaching. In the Spring when we went remote, Leslie’s job transitioned to supporting the District which is her role again this year.

Technology was a big part of Leslie’s career prior to becoming a teacher. She said, “I had a desktop publishing business and worked at a financial training company creating digital training materials. I received my Associate degree in Culinary Arts from Suffolk Community College and went on to attain my Bachelor degree in Family & Consumer Science Education at Queens College. I received my Master’s in Educational Technology from LIU Post. For the past few years I have been teaching online classes through various teacher centers on blended learning and technology.”

When asked what she does in her spare time, Leslie said, “I enjoy cooking, dining out, and spending time with my family and friends. My summers are spent boating and going to the beach and winters going up to Vermont as often as possible.”

When asked why she chose Hauppauge schools, Leslie said, “I am always impressed with how many staff members live and work in Hauppauge. It shows what a great community it is. I am glad to be a part of it.”



FOREST BROOK PTA SHOWS APPRECIATION FOR THEIR TEACHERS

The Forest Brook PTA recently showed their appreciation for the teachers at Forest Brook Elementary by providing a teacher appreciation breakfast. Although they were not allowed to set up and all rally together as they have done in the past, they were able to provide a great breakfast for this awesome group of teachers and staff.

Thank you, Jennifer Tholl, for your work in setting up this breakfast! We know it was very much appreciated.



FRESHMEN TRACK MEMBERS COMPLETE "RED BANDANA 5K RUN"

Freshmen members of the Varsity Cross Country Team, Shannon Ilnitzki and Tara Murphy, have made tremendous improvements in their running over the past few months. The girls ran the 5K "Red Bandana Run," this weekend virtually!

The run is sponsored by Boston College each October and honors the "Man in the Red Bandana," Welles Remy Crowther, a hero who died saving the lives of others on September 11, 2001. He was 24 years old.

As a child, Welles would watch his father get ready for church and then wrap a small comb in a blue or red bandana, which he kept in his right hip pocket. When Welles was six, his dad gave him a red bandana that would become his trademark. He wore it under all his sports uniforms in high school.

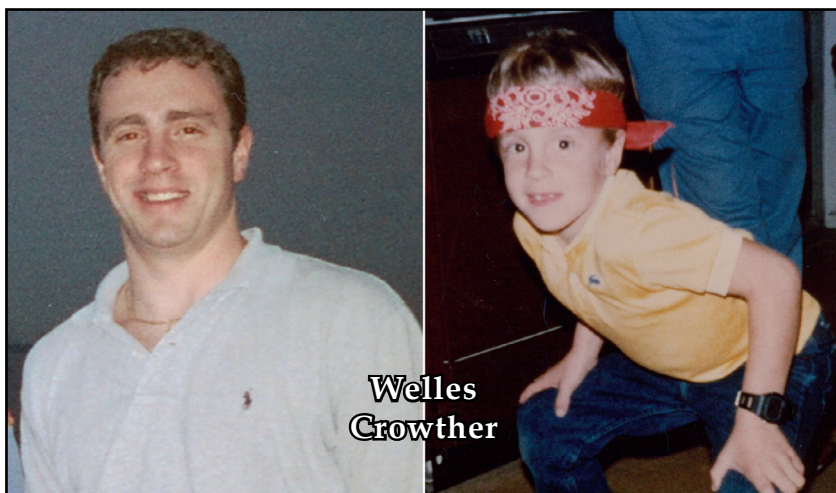
Welles attended Boston College and after his graduation, he moved to New York City working for Sandler O'Neill and Partners on the 104th floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

On September 11th, after a plane hit his building, Welles made his way down to the 78th floor Sky Lobby and encountered survivors. He led them to safety down the only working stairway. He brought them down 17 floors and then he returned again to help others. He wore a red bandana around his nose and mouth to protect himself from smoke and haze survivors said. He assisted as many as 18 people according to survivor accounts, before that tower fell. He was found two months later with members of the FDNY. They had been making their way back up the stairway with a "jaws of life" tool to help free victims trapped under debris.

President Barack Obama, during his May 15, 2014 dedication of the 9/11 Museum, said of Crowther, "They didn't know his name. They didn't know where he came from. But they knew their lives had been saved by the man in the red bandana. He called for fire extinguishers to fight back the flames. He tended to the wounded. He led those survivors down the stairs to safety, and carried a woman on his shoulders down 17 flights. Then he went back. Back up all those flights. Then back down again, bringing more wounded to safety. Until that moment when the tower fell."

One of Crowther's bandanas is on display at the 9/11 Museum.

Both Shannon's brother and their coach attended Boston College. We congratulate these students on their running in such a worthwhile event.

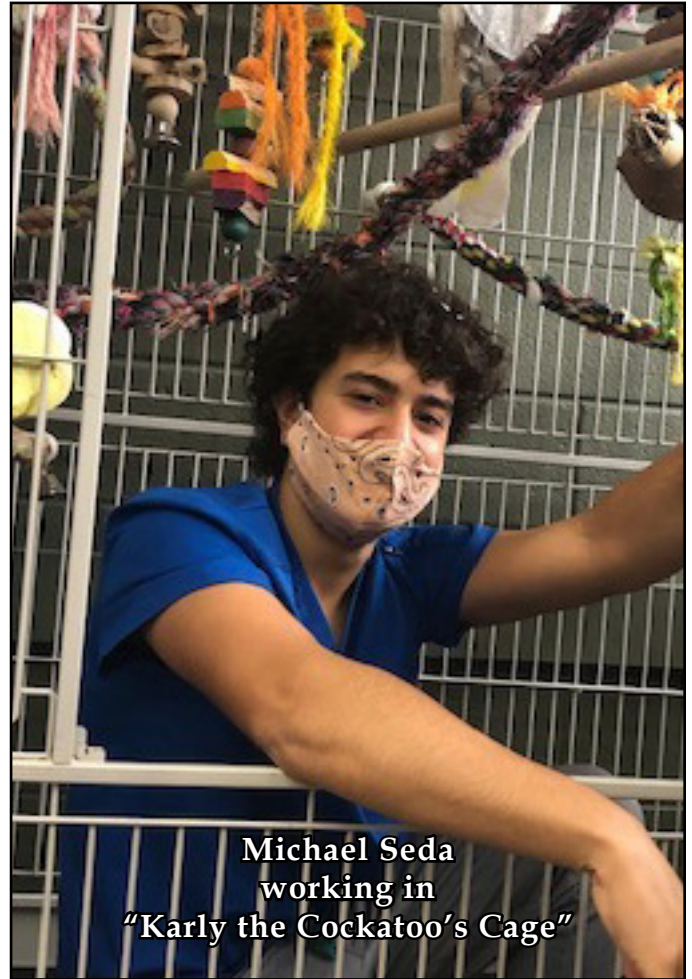


HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECEIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Nicole M. Zergebel, Assistant Principal of the Eastern Long Island Academy of Applied Technology at the Gary D. Bixhorn Technical Center, recently contacted us to announce that our high school senior, Michael Seda, who attends BTC in the Animal Science 2 Program, has been named their "Employee of the Month."

Ms. Zergebel said the following regarding Michael, "The title 'Employee of the Month' was established to recognize those students whom their instructors would want to hire! This is not necessarily the individual with the best skills, but the one who shows professionalism, and has the desire to be trained. Being selected as an 'Employee of the Month' is an honor, and these students serve as leaders and role models among their peers. We look forward to great things from Michael again this year!"

We congratulate Michael on this awesome achievement!



Michael Seda
working in
"Karly the Cockatoo's Cage"



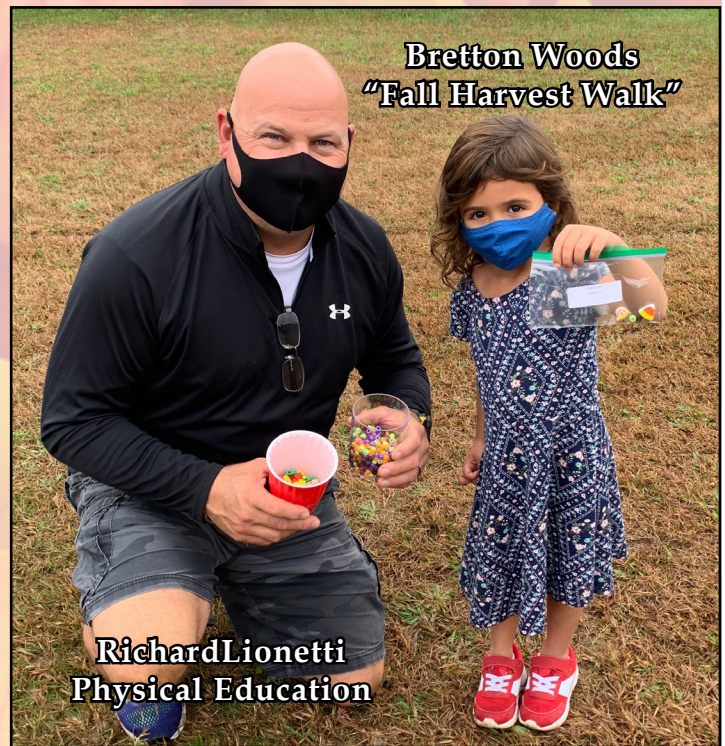
BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN "THE FALL HARVEST WALK"

Bretton Woods students participated in the annual "Fall Harvest Walk," a week-long fun activity to promote a more active and healthy lifestyle. The event which was formally called "The Straw Walk," was modified due to COVID-19 and was re-titled "The Fall Harvest Walk." Students were now given a bead for their quarter-mile laps and on their completion of their mile, they received a Halloween themed charm.

Beads and charms are tallied to obtain the total miles walked by each class. Ms. Casale and Mr. Lionetti are encouraging their students to, along with family members, get out and walk during this time of the year. "Walking, jogging and running as a family encourages a healthy lifestyle that everyone at every age or skill level can participate in anywhere and anytime," said Mr. Lionetti.

Ms. Casale said, "Many families have walked during COVID and will continue to walk together around their neighborhoods, parks, hiking trails and our high school track."

Here are some great photos of the fun!



PINES STUDENT IS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS EFFORTS IN THE “STOP THE SUMMER SLIDE CHALLENGE”

Congratulations to Pines 5th grade student, Roman DeCristofaro who was an Outstanding Participant in the “2020 Stop the Summer Slide Challenge.”

This challenge ran for nine weeks over the summer. While it was important that students spend the summer enjoying time with family and friends, and playing outdoors, Roman carved out some time to read using LightSail and Sora to avoid the summer slide, and logged over 1,000 minutes of reading!



FOREST BROOK ART STUDENTS BRIGHTEN THE HALLS

Thank you to Art teacher, Ms. Elisabeth Anziano, for the stunning art work that is hanging in the halls of Forest Brook Elementary! Here are a few photos!



STUDENTS ENJOY SOME OUTDOOR LEARNING TIME

Our students have been able to make a break from the classroom and enjoy some outdoor learning time! Tents have been installed at our buildings and our teachers are making the most of them. Enjoy these great photos!



**Bretton Woods Students in Mrs. Trapanotto's
Class Are Learning About Gravity**



Bretton Woods Elementary

BIG SMILES AT FOREST BROOK ON "PICTURE DAY"

It was "Picture Day" at Forest Brook Elementary. Students had their photos taken outdoors. Here are some great photos taken by Dr. Kristen Reingold, Principal at Forest Brook, giving us a "behind the scenes" look at some big smiles!



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