



# Horizons

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## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMI-FINALISTS AND COMMENDED STUDENTS

The following students were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program:

Satvik Karanam  
Sahishnu Sagiraju  
Jaikar Sai Muppidi

These students were part of the group of 16,000 Semifinalists in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million dollars that will be offered in the Spring. Jaikar Sai Muppidi was not present as he was an early graduate in 2021.

Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without govern-



*Pictured left to right: Kristy Pagliari, Danielle Montera, Joseph Wieckhorst, Dr. Tim McCarthy, Dr. Donald Murphy, Joseph Tasman, Sahishnu Sagiraju, Satvik Karanam, Heather Hiotis, Marisa Wanatick, Kathleen Bartlett, Joy Ferrara*

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ment assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 400 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

High school juniors entered the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

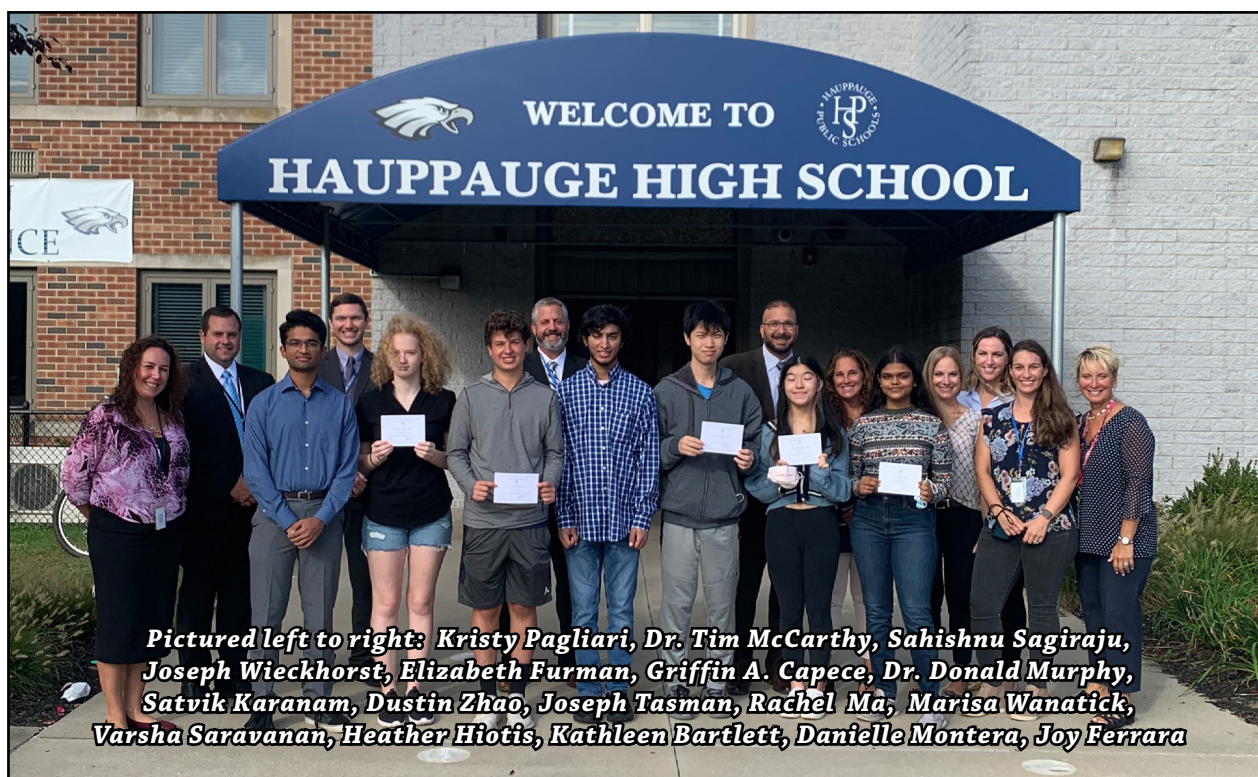
To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT® or ACT® scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. We wish them well as they continue to the next level.

The following students were recognized as 2022 National Merit Scholarship Commended Students:

Griffin A. Capece  
Elizabeth Furman  
Rachel Ma  
Varsha Saravanan  
Dustin Zhao

Although these students did not continue in the competition for the National Merit Scholarship awards, they placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Students who are named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success. We wish these academically talented seniors all the best as they finish out their high school careers.





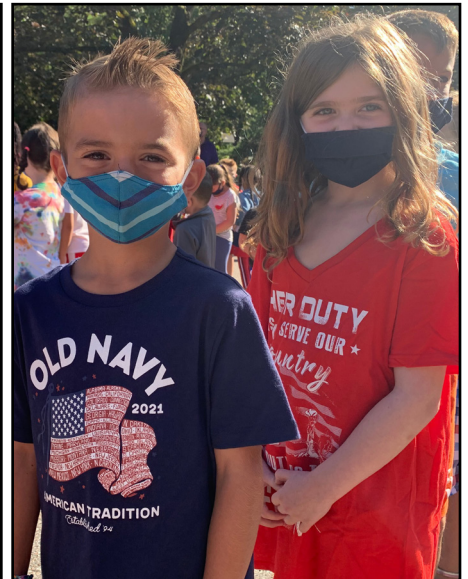
## PINES STUDENTS HOLD SPECIAL 9/11 REMEMBRANCE

On Friday, September 10th, Pines staff and students dressed in patriotic clothing, said the "Pledge of Allegiance" together at the flagpole in the front of the school, and sang patriotic songs to commemorate September 11th.

Mr. Tom Burke, Pines Head Custodian, lined the Pines halls with American Flags. Bagpiper, Kevin McManus, husband of Pines teacher Jeanne McManus, gave a surprise performance! Mr. McManus has been bagpiping for 34 years. He has performed in several Pipe Bands throughout his career. Mr. McManus performed Amazing Grace, The Marine Corp Hymn, and Caissons Go Rolling Along. He was a wonderful addition to the Pines ceremony!



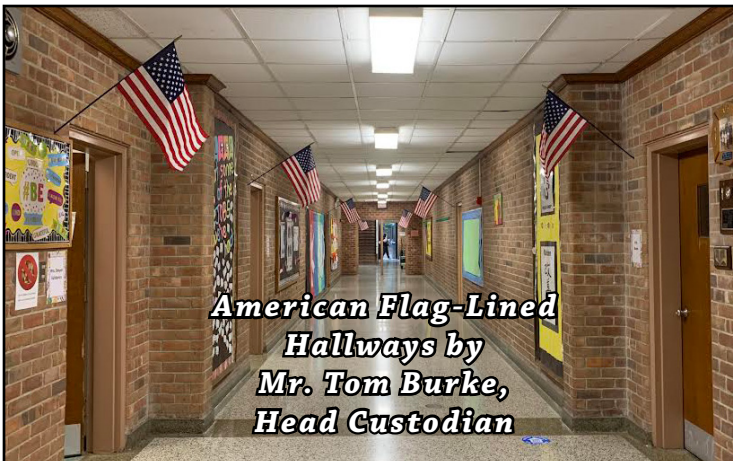
Here are some wonderful photos of the children commemorating this solemn occasion. Thank you Karen Kerr, Pines Secretary, for taking these photos!



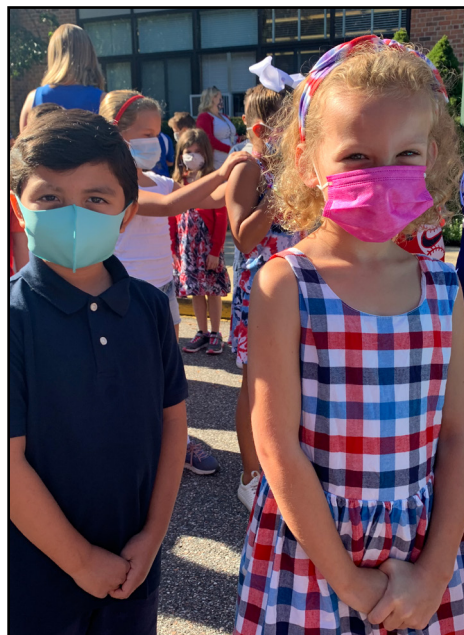
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# PINES 9/11 REMEMBRANCE



*American Flag-Lined  
Hallways by  
Mr. Tom Burke,  
Head Custodian*





## HIGH SCHOOL CLASS PRESIDENT GETS A SPECIAL VISIT FROM A FORMER CLASS PRESIDENT OF HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL

High School Senior, Aleyna Altinerlielmas, is the President of her Senior Class. She recently had a special visitor at the high school; Elisa DiStefano of News 12 Long Island! Elisa is a graduate of Hauppauge High School and also served as President of her graduating class!

Elisa DiStefano visited Hauppauge High School recently for a *News 12* story to talk to Aleyna about the concerns of the graduating class and what that looks like going into their senior year. Aleyna said she is looking forward to all of the typical things such as college and activities, and being class president. She said that one of her main challenges is how is she going to keep the class morale up and keep her fellow seniors motivated. She and the Student Council are busy planning events to do just that.

When asked how this year is different for her class, Aleyna said, "It is different because of all of the restrictions we have to follow and where we can get the most leeway in selecting venues to host events that will have the most normal feel. Two of our upcoming events are Senior Breakfast and Homecoming. We didn't have Homecoming last year."

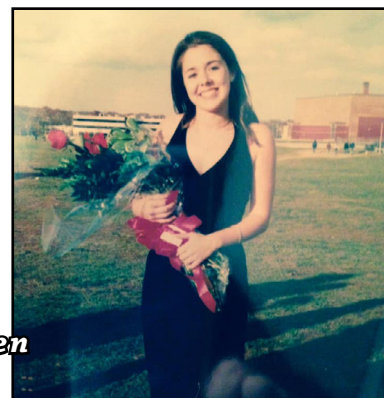
In addition to being the President of the Senior Class, Aleyna is Captain of the Color Guard which she absolutely loves being a part of. She is also involved in Ignition and Drama Club. Aleyna is a member of the National Honor Society, and the Science, Math, English and Rho Kappa (Social Studies) Honor Societies.



Aleyna is happy to be sharing her Senior year and experiences with her brother, Dilan. Aleyna and Dilan are part of a "triplet" and their third sibling attends a different school.

Regarding her college plans, Aleyna is hoping to get an early acceptance to one of her top choices which are NYIT Long Island, Hofstra University and Stony Brook University. She is planning on studying to be a Physician's Assistant.

We wish Aleyna and the Class of 2022 a great year! [Click here](#) to watch the story!



*Elisa DiStefano, Now and Then*





# 2021-2022 Hauppauge Reopening Plan

This list of protocols will be reevaluated and realigned as necessary.

## **Health & Safety**



- Universal masking will be required for all students and staff when indoors.
- Masks will not be required when outdoors and may be removed during meals and mask breaks.
- There will be a minimum 3 feet of physical distancing between students in classrooms. Band and chorus classes will maintain 6 feet of distance.
- Daily health screening and temperature checks will not be required.
- Daily cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms, buildings and buses will continue.
- Anyone with symptoms associated with COVID-19 should stay home and seek medical attention.
- Only symptomatic students are required to be sent home; asymptomatic family members/siblings are allowed to remain in school.
- Symptomatic students may return to school once cleared by a physician or a negative COVID-19 test.

## **Contact Tracing/Quarantining**



- The district will continue to contact trace for COVID-19 cases and report positive cases to the Suffolk County Department of Health.
- Parents or guardians will be notified if contact tracing of a positive case results in their child being deemed a close contact.
- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must remain in isolation for 10 days from the date of symptom onset or test date if asymptomatic.
- Students in a classroom who are within 3 to 6 feet of a student who tests positive for COVID-19 are excluded from the definition of a close contact and not required to quarantine if both students were wearing masks.
- Adults separated by 6 feet or greater are not considered a close contact and will not need to quarantine.
- Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine after contact with a positive case unless symptomatic; testing recommended 3-5 days following exposure.





## 2021-2022 Hauppauge Reopening Plan

### **Instruction**

- All students will return to 5 days per week of in-person instruction.
- There will be no dedicated hybrid or remote learning option; buildings will provide learning opportunities for quarantined students.
- Elementary specials (music, art, library, STEAM and physical education) will take place in traditional settings.
- Lockers in grades 6-12 are available for students' school supplies/belongings.
- Physical education locker rooms will only be used for sports teams; students will not change for physical education classes.
- Visitors to schools will be limited; any visitors will be required to wear a mask.

### **School Activities**

- Field trips, after-school programs and extracurricular clubs will be in place in accordance with health and safety protocols.
- Athletics will continue in the fall with home and visitor spectators. Indoor spectators are expected to sit 6 feet away from other family units and remain masked. As of today, COVID-19 testing of athletes will not be required.
- Concerts, plays and ceremonies will return with potential capacity limits.

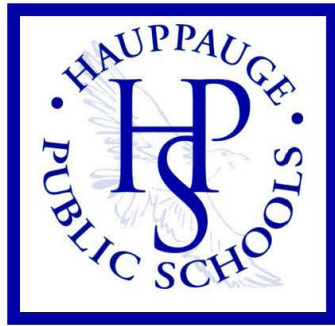
### **Food Services**

- School lunch will be available for free to all students.
- Physical distance will be maximized as much as possible.

### **Transportation**

- Students, bus drivers and driver assistants will be required to wear masks while riding on the school bus.
- Bus windows will remain open, when possible, to increase fresh air and ventilation.
- Members of the same household are encouraged to sit together.
- Late buses will be available when events, clubs and activities commence.





## Hauppauge School District

### REFERENDUM VOTE

Sale of Whiporwil School Building  
495 Hoffman Lane

Thursday, October 21, 2021

The Hauppauge School District will be holding a "Referendum Vote" on Thursday, October 21, 2021 regarding the sale of the Whiporwil School Building. Below are some important dates of informational sessions that will be held for the Hauppauge Community to learn more about the sale and upcoming vote.

October 6, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. at Hauppauge High School Auditorium

October 19, 2021 - 8:00 p.m. at Board of Education Meeting

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#### Referendum Vote

Thursday, October 21, 2021 - 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Please join us to learn more about this important matter and how it will impact the Hauppauge School District.



# **TRUNK-OR-TREAT**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH FROM 1-3**

**WHERE: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PARKING LOT**

**ENTRY FEE: \$5**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SHARE & CARE AND THE  
MICHAEL SEDA SCHOLARSHIP**



**PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE ITEM FOR OUR  
THANKSGIVING BASKETS.**

**RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, 10/31 1-3 PM**





# HAUPPAUGE HOMECOMING

# 2021

October 2nd





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