



Horizons

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HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, JOSEPH MATHEW, IS ANNOUNCED AS NOMINEE FOR THE "2022 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM"

New York State Education Commissioner, Betty A. Rosa, has nominated 25 outstanding New York State high school seniors for the "U.S. Presidential Scholars Program." The Presidential Scholar recognition is one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. Congratulations to our high school senior, Joseph Mathew!

"New York's nominees are an impressive group of students who demonstrate academic excellence and distinguished leadership in their endeavors both in and out of school," Board of Regents Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr. said. "Their nominations are a testament to what can be accomplished with diligence to school work and the dedication of fine teachers and mentors."

"I am so proud of these hard-working, talented New York students and I am honored to nominate them for this prestigious program," Commissioner Rosa said. "They are truly among the best and brightest, and I join our legislators in congratulating all of them on this honor."



Joseph Mathew



New York's legislators nominate students from their districts and the Commissioner, as Chief State School Officer, chooses 20 nominees to advance to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) for the general component, and five from Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects honored scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations, and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to high ideals. Application is by invitation only.

The United States Department of Education will issue invitations in late January from among those students nominated by Chief State School Officers, and from a pool based on scores on the SAT or ACT. Semifinalists will be notified in mid-April, and Scholars will be notified in May. Students chosen as U.S. Presidential Scholars receive a medallion.

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General Component Nominees for the 2022 Presidential Scholars Program

Britney Bennett, Elmont Memorial High School, Sewanhaka Central High School District
Leland Blevins, Parishville-Hopkinton High School, Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District
Brandon Campagna, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, NYC Geographic District #2
Lucia Cardona, Fairport High School, Fairport Central School District
Stephanie Espinoza-Perez, Cardinal Spellman High School
Zavier Foster, Baldwin High School, Baldwin Union Free School District
Britney Gramajo Barrios, White Plains High School, White Plains City School District
Jaden Halevi, Saunders Trades and Technical High School, Yonkers Public Schools
Samantha Hart, Northern Adirondack High School, Northern Adirondack Central School District
George Henry, The Clinton School, NYC Geographic District #2
Alana Iacovissi, Rome Free Academy, Rome City School District
Rayna Isber, Fort Hamilton High School, NYC Geographic District #20
Nishaant Jacobus, Amherst Central High School, Amherst Central School District
Caroline Johansen, Saugerties High School, Saugerties Central School District
Kaylee Lacey, Medina Jr.-Sr. High School, Medina Central School District
Joshua Li, Fort Hamilton High School, NYC Geographic District #20
Joseph Mathew, Hauppauge High School, Hauppauge Public School District
Zoe Meister, The Beacon School, NYC Geographic District #2
Justin Shnyder, Staten Island Technical High School, NYC Geographic District #31
Michael Wong, Guilderland High School, Guilderland Central School District

Congratulations to Joseph on this outstanding achievement! We look forward to watching his progress in the coming months.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE RECIPIENTS OF “NATIONAL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AWARD”

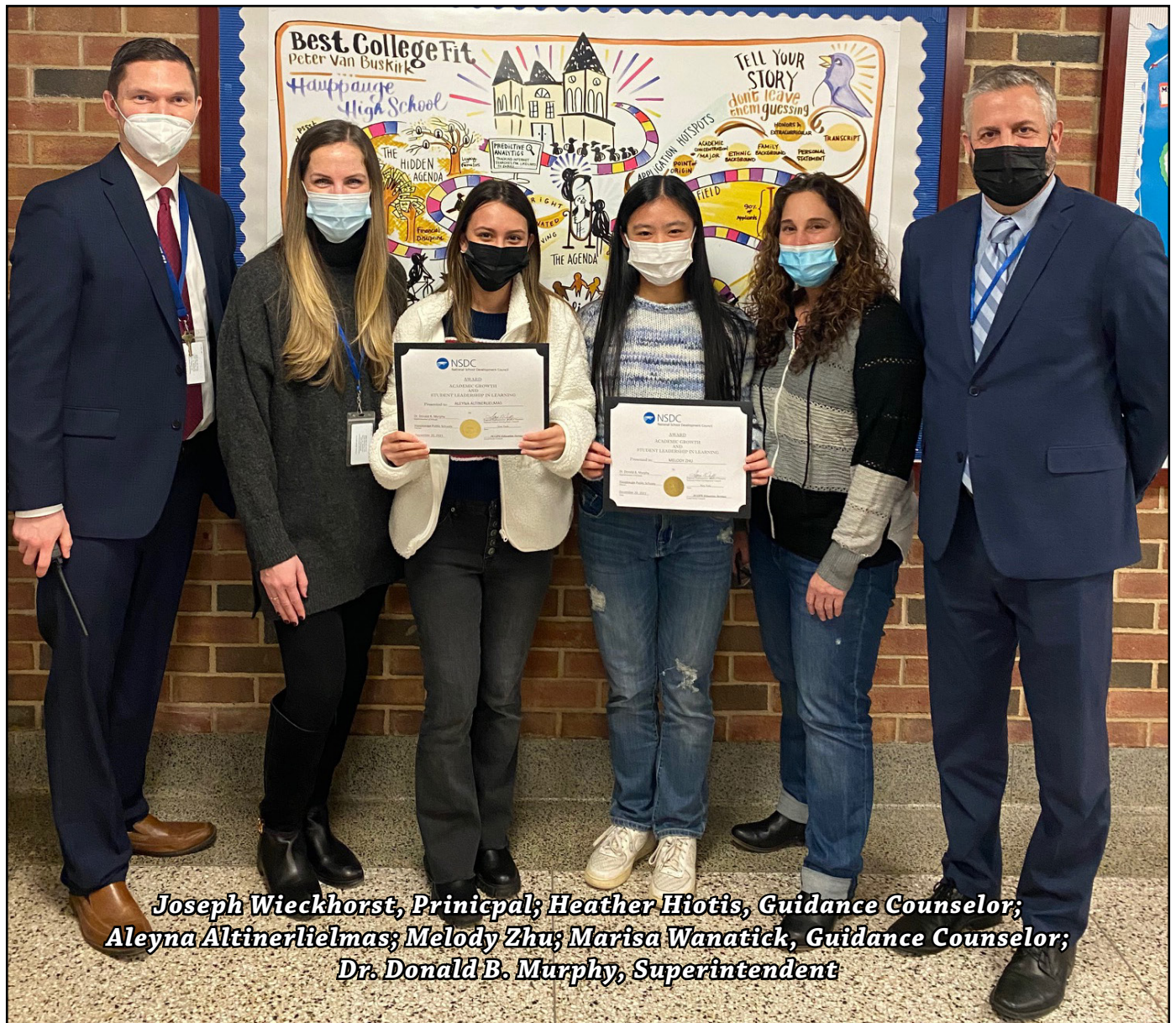
Congratulations to our high school seniors, Aleyna Altinerlielmas and Melody Zhu! Aleyna and Melody have been awarded the “National School Development Council Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning.” They are two very deserving students.

This award is given to high school seniors who have consistently pursued a high level of academic effort, and who have also served as positive role models for the student body by exemplifying leadership and growth in their learning experience.

We are so happy to recognize Aleyna and Melody as recipients of this outstanding honor!



Aleyna Altinerlielmas and Melody Zhu



***Joseph Wieckhorst, Principal; Heather Hiotis, Guidance Counselor;
Aleyna Altinerlielmas; Melody Zhu; Marisa Wanatick, Guidance Counselor;
Dr. Donald B. Murphy, Superintendent***

BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS CELEBRATE "GRATITUDE DAY"

This year, Bretton Woods continues to participate in the "Choose Love For Schools" program. You may recall that Bretton Woods adopted this program last year in an effort to address the social and emotional needs of their students, and promote their academic and personal success.

The school's first "Gratitude Day" was January 19th! This ingredient of the "Choose Love" formula teaches that practicing gratitude has the power to transform the way we view our lives and one another. When we recognize the things we are thankful for, it improves our emotional state and supports well-being.

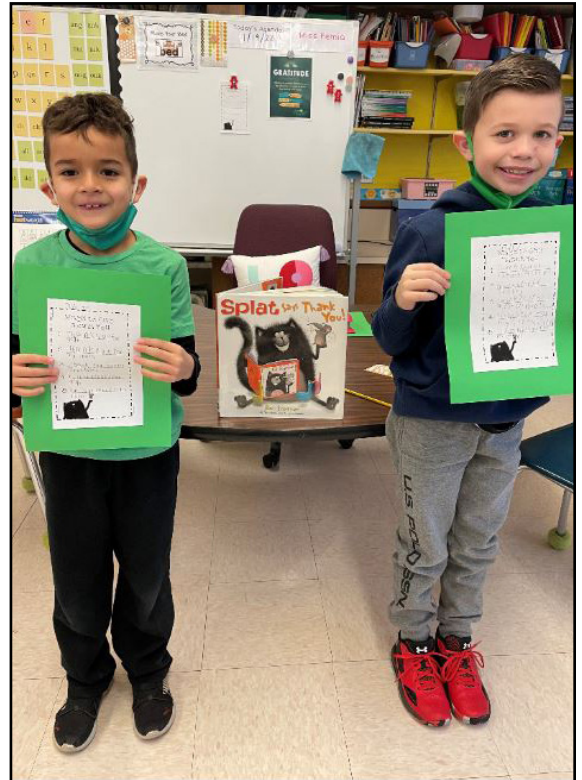
Teacher's incorporated the gratitude lesson of their choice when it best fit their day. They also included the following as part of "Gratitude Day:"

1. Staff Gratitude Jar - Look out for a giant gratitude jar that will be displayed outside of the front office. Grab a gratitude slip next to the sign-in sheet and share what you are grateful for! There will be a basket in the main office where you can submit your slip. Staff messages of gratitude will be added to the jar as they are received. Be sure to include your name!

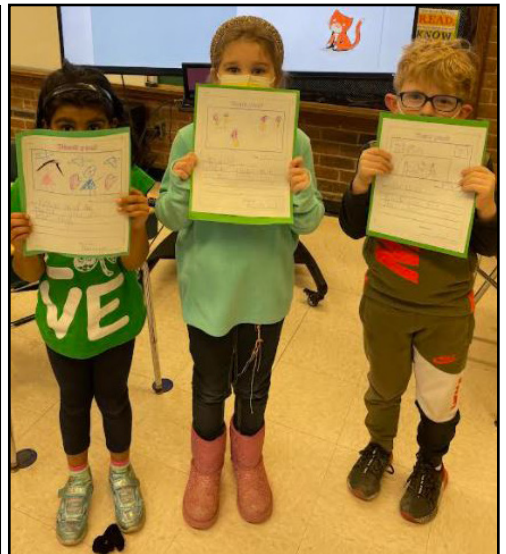
2. Class Gratitude Jars - Each classroom will receive a smaller poster version of the gratitude jar with slips for students to fill out. You can use this resource however it best suits your classroom. We understand that you may already have your own version set up!

3. Spreading Gratitude - In your mailbox you will find gratitude tear off slips. Let's use them to send messages of gratitude to colleagues! Whenever you feel inclined, you can either tear off a message of gratitude and hand it to a coworker or create an original message that shares how you feel.

Students and staff wore green for gratitude. Here are some photos of the students!



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FOREST BROOK AND PINES STUDENTS CREATE BEAUTIFUL ART

Forest Brook and Pines students in Elisabeth Anziano's art classes created some lovely art recently. Here is a beautiful sample of their work!

"Colorful Leaves in Movement"



"Social Emotional Learning Art"



Beautiful

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