



# Horizons

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## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TAKE A WALK BACK IN TIME





## ***“A Walk Back in Time - Bretton Woods”***

On Thursday, June 9th, our high school seniors boarded buses in the early afternoon to take them to the elementary schools they attended so they could take a “walk back in time.” Each wore the shirt of their college choice.

Current Kindergarten through fifth-grade students lined the hallways to applaud, high-five, and say good luck to the seniors who walked those halls before them. They were able to see what their futures look like, and visualize that some day in the not so distant future they will take their own “walk back in time.”

Here are some photos from this much-loved tradition.



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# ***"A Walk Back in Time - Bretton Woods"***



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# ***"A Walk Back in Time - Forest Brook"***



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## ***"A Walk Back in Time - Pines"***



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## ***"A Walk Back in Time - Pines"***





# FOREST BROOK STUDENTS AND STAFF PAY HONOR TO OUR POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

On Thursday, June 9th, students at Forest Brook were very excited to welcome family members who serve and community police officers, firefighters and first responders for a special parade and recognition assembly.

Parents, grandparents, and relatives who serve in these capacities were in uniform and joined the children for a special parade. Students lined the driveway and held up signs and cheered as they walked by. The Hauppauge and Smithtown Fire Companies brought their fire trucks. The Suffolk County Police were there with vehicles, as well as the Nassau County Sheriff's Department.

After the parade, everyone entered the beautifully decorated gym. Posters from all of the different classes lined the walls, thanking the Police and Firefighters for their service to others. Students made thank you cards for each of the members that attended. It was a beautiful tribute.

Dr. Kristen Reingold, Principal, said, "Police officers and firefighters put themselves at risk everyday to help others. Their courage and bravery is truly admirable. I'm sure these individuals have missed countless celebrations and holidays and have had family time interrupted to respond to an emergency in our community. They make more sacrifices than many of us do in our entire lifetime. We are ever so grateful for your unselfish work. Please know that you truly make a difference and are appreciated."



Dr. Murphy, Superintendent of Schools, thanked Dr. Kristen Reingold, Principal. He said, "I just want to say that days like today do not happen without someone in charge who can quickly manage MANY moving parts. Who has the buy-in of staff and faculty members. Who has the love of the school community. And, who has the passion behind this cause. Time and time again you show this community and district how lucky we are to have you at the helm here."

Dr. Murphy went on to say, "We believe days like today provide a much needed message to our students. Boys and girls - you needn't look far for heroes. When you see a firefighter or police officer, it is okay to be in awe. It is important to really understand what that uniform represents - it means that person has decided to dedicate their time....their lives....to keeping us safe, protecting us from fires, or being there quickly in the event we have an emergency." He then asked the students to applaud these heroes with him, and they did!

As a huge surprise for the kids, the Suffolk County Police helicopter landed on the grounds after the assembly and students were able to get a close up look!

Here are some photos from this wonderful day!

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## ***"Forest Brook Tribute"***



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# ***"Forest Brook Tribute"***





## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN “SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM”

On Thursday, June 2nd, High School Science Research students participated in the 21st annual “Science Symposium.” Students had their research boards on display and discussed their research with the attendees. Varsha Saravanan, Sreenand Mallisetty and Keertana Madhira presented their research via a slide show. The keynote speaker was Dr. Taylor Medwig-Kinney. Dr. Medwig-Kinney had taught Women in Science and Engineering (W.I.S.E.) classes with Hauppauge students and also started Project W.O.R.M.S. which is an acronym for Women for Outreach and Role Models in Science. She related her research, “How cells decide what to become when they grow up” to students making choices that will ultimately shape their future.

Pictured below is the high school science research teacher, Mrs. Handley-Pendleton and the students that participated in the Science Symposium.



**High School Science Research Teacher, Jocelyn Handley-Pendleton with her students,  
Back Row: Despina Cheilas, Varsha Saravanan, Maya McFadyen, Lauren Masaitis,  
Lina Cambardella, Sadiq Shaik, Tommaso Clarke  
Front Row: Ella Walsh, Owen Orechovsky, Sreenand Mallisetty, Keertana Madhira,  
Shannon Ilnitzki, Meghan Barry, Jack Scarfo**



# DRAMA STUDENTS ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR WORK AT "THE TEENY AWARDS"

The Islip Arts Council held "The Teeny Awards" on Sunday, June 5th. The following students were nominated for awards, scholarships and recognition for their work in the Theatre Department.

The nominees were:

Danielle Stallone - Actress in a Comedy or Drama

Evan Maiorini - Actor in a Comedy or Drama

Angelo Vargas - Supporting Actor in a Comedy or Drama

Ben Capilets - Actor in a Comedy or Drama

Isabelle Calvao - Actress in a Comedy or Drama

Jordan Reilly - Featured Actress in a Comedy or Drama  
Featured Actress in a Musical

Sydney Paolillo - Best Actress in a Comedy or Drama

Nathan Orchovsky - Stage Manager

Jayne Donnelly - Stage Manager

Vaishanvi Ravichandar - Art Design

Laura Lima - Art Design

Congratulations to our winners:

Sydney Paolillo - Best Actress in a Comedy or Drama

Jordan Reilly - Featured Actress in a Comedy

Ben Capilets and Jordan Reilly both received Teeny Scholarships





# ***"The Teeny Awards"***



***"The Teeny Award Nominees" with  
Drama Teacher, Ruthie Pincus***





## FOREST BROOK FIFTH-GRADERS RECEIVE TRAINING IN THE USE OF LIFESAVING MEASURES

On Monday, June 6th, Forest Brook fifth-graders received training in the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) and in the use of hands-only CPR. All fifth-grade students will receive this training.

Hands-only CPR is a potentially lifesaving technique involving no mouth to mouth contact. It is best used in emergencies where someone has seen another person suddenly collapse. The hands-only technique increases the likelihood of surviving cardiac emergencies that occur outside medical settings. An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable device that



on placing AEDs in all schools and youth athletic organizations.

CPR/AED Awareness Week is the first week in June. The American Red Cross encourages people to take CPR/AED training to learn how to respond should someone suffer cardiac arrest. The ability to perform CPR and to know how to use an AED can make a lifesaving difference when someone suffers a cardiac or breathing emergency. It could mean the difference between life and death for someone at school, in the community, or in your own home.

Here are some photos of our students receiving this lifesaving training.

checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). SCA is a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating.

This training was received in conjunction with The Louis J. Acompora Memorial Foundation. The Louis J. Acompora Memorial Foundation was formed in memory of Louis J. Acompora, a young athlete who died suddenly as a result of sudden cardiac arrest during his first high school lacrosse game. Following this tragic loss, Louis' parents began a campaign to raise awareness among schools and other public institutions about the importance of having automated external defibrillators (AED), a simple device that would have saved Louis' life. The Foundation was founded to ensure that similar tragedies are prevented. The Foundation is committed to improving sports safety, with a special focus



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# ***"Forest Brook Training"***

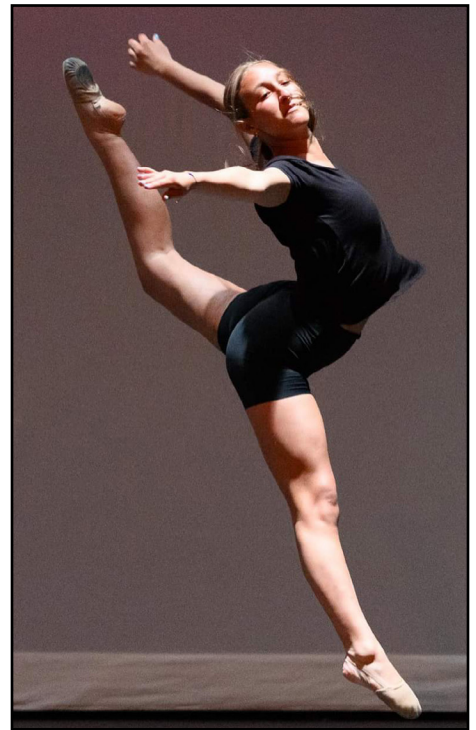




## HIGH SCHOOL DANCE STUDENTS ARE FEATURED IN “EVENING OF DANCE”

On Friday, June 3rd, the high school dance program presented its annual “Evening of Dance.” The “Evening of Dance” is a performance featuring student choreographed works directed by teacher, Carolyn Cavuoto. It was a wonderful night celebrating the hard work of the dancers and highlighting the accomplishments of our seniors.

Here are some beautiful photos of the students courtesy of Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photography.





# HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK TEAM EXCELS AT RECENT COMPETITIONS

The High School Varsity Girls Track Team recently competed in the Section XI State Qualifier Meet.

Lily O'Brien - All County - Pentathlon

Allegra Levine - 6th Place - Long Jump

Adriana Durney - 5th Place - County B Pentathlon

Carlen Kwakye - Undefeated in League 5 Shot Put and Discus

Kate Marietta - State Qualifier Competitor - 1500 Meter Run

Reese Coughlin - 4th Place - County B 2000 Meter Steeplechase ,  
and Qualified for National Track and Field Meet in Oregon in Steeplechase

Also, congratulations to Adriana Durney on being named "Academic All County" along with Boys Track Team member, James Abruzzo.



*"Academic All County"  
James Abruzzo and Adriana Durney*

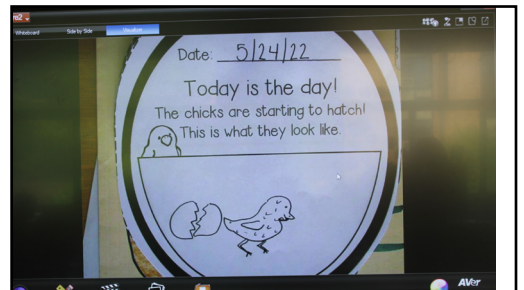


## PINES FIRST-GRADERS EXPERIENCE HATCHING CHICKS

This year the first grade classes at the Pines hatched chicks in their classrooms. Each class received 12 fertilized eggs which were put into the incubators on May 3. It takes 21 days for the eggs to develop and hatch. During development time, the students learned about how the chicks were growing and what they would be like once they hatched.

Baby chicks started hatching on May 24th and stayed in the classrooms for about two weeks. The students were so excited to be part of this experience!

Here are some sweet photos of the students and their chicks!





## IT'S A "SPRING FLING" AT FOREST BROOK

Forest Brook students recently enjoyed a "Spring Fling!" There was fun to be had with games, face painting, bounce houses, a visit from Mr. Softee and much more! The kids had a great time dunking their teachers in the dunk tank!

Everyone had a great time thanks to the Forest Brook PTA! Here are some photos from their day of fun.



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# ***"Forest Brook Spring Fling"***



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# ***“Forest Brook Spring Fling”***





## ***“Salute to Seniors”***



**JULIA  
MARTINEZ**



**AMERICAN SIGN  
LANGUAGE  
INTERPRETATION**

*Julia Martinez will attend the University of North Florida where she will study American Sign Language Interpretation. During high school, Julia was a member of Stage Crew, Mural Club, and was inducted into the English Honor Society and French Honor Society. Congratulations, Julia!*



**KATEY  
PAPIK**



**EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION**

*Katey Papik will attend Suffolk Community College and then transfer to SUNY Cortland, where she will study Early Childhood Education. During high school, Katey was a member of Natural Helpers and participated in Drama Club for productions of Twelfth Night, The Dining Room, and Footloose. Congratulations, Katey!*



## ***“Salute to Seniors”***



**ELIZABETH  
FURMAN**



**GEOLOGY AND BIOLOGY**

*Elizabeth Furman will attend the University of Connecticut where she will study  
Geology and Biology on a STEM Academic Excellence Award.  
Congratulations, Elizabeth!*



**ANDREW  
VALENTINE**



**CONSTRUCTION**

*Andrew Valentine will continue his vocational training in Construction after graduation.  
During high school, Andrew was a member of Best Buddies and  
participated in the Spring and Winter Concerts.  
Congratulations, Andrew!*



## ***“Salute to Seniors”***



**DENNIS  
LYNCH**



**NURSING**

*Dennis Lynch will attend SUNY Plattsburgh where he will study Nursing, while also competing on the Lacrosse team. During high school, Dennis was a member of Varsity Lacrosse, Varsity Bowling, Varsity Golf, Varsity Volleyball, and the Robotics Team. Congratulations, Dennis!*



**GIO  
LUGO**



**CUSTODIAL**

*Gio Lugo will be entering the workforce in the Custodial Field after graduation. During high school, Gio completed a Custodial Internship, was a member of Best Buddies Club, a member of Interact Club, a volunteer at Kicks for Cancer and Homecoming, inducted into National Honor Society, and was the PTSA Scholarship Recipient. Congratulations, Gio!*



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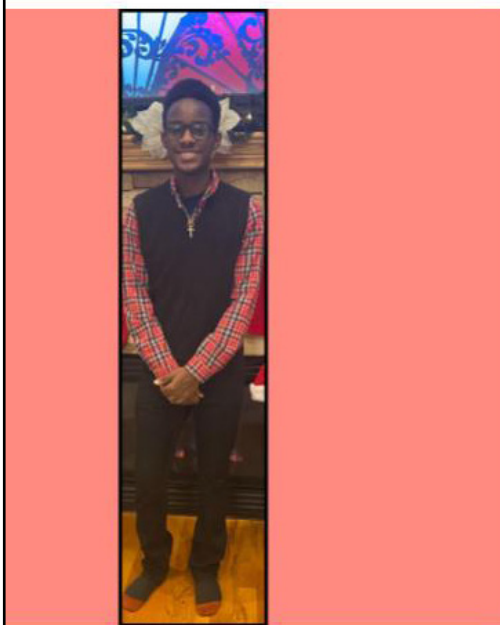


**PHOENIX  
WALKER**



**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

*Phoenix Walker will attend Alfred State where he will study Criminal Justice and compete at the Division III level in Football. During high school, Phoenix was a member of the Wrestling Team, a member of the Football Team, and was awarded 1st Team All Division/2nd Team All Division in Football, Lineman of the Year/Special Teams Player of the Year in football, and 2x All League in Wrestling. Congratulations, Phoenix!*



**MARK  
MERCHANT**



**LIBERAL ARTS**

*Mark Merchant will attend SUNY Old Westbury where he will study Liberal Arts. During high school, Mark was a member of Stage Crew. Congratulations, Mark!*



## ***“Salute to Seniors”***



**SAHISHNU  
SAGIRAJU**



**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

*Sahishnu Sagiraju will attend the University of Texas at Dallas where he will study Computer Science on a National Merit Finalist Full Scholarship. During high school, Sahishnu was an IB Diploma Candidate, an AP Scholar with Distinction, a National Merit Finalist, President of French Club, President of Science Olympiads, a four year Varsity Tennis player, a member of Math Research, and a member of Chamber Orchestra/Select Strings. Sahishnu was also inducted into English Honor Society, Math Honor Society, National Honor Society, Rho Kappa Honor Society, Tri-M Honor Society, Science Honor Society, and French Honor Society.  
Congratulations, Sahishnu!*



**SARAH  
GREGORY**



**BIOLOGY-PHYSICIAN  
ASSISTANT**

*Sarah Gregory will attend Seton Hall University where she will study Biology-Physician Assistant in a 3+3 B.S./P.A. Dual Degree on a University Scholarship. During high school, Sarah was Treasurer of the Class of 2022, Treasurer of Ignition, Treasurer of Orchestra, and was inducted into the National Honor Society, English Honor Society, Science Honor Society, and French Honor Society.  
Congratulations, Sarah!*



## ***“Salute to Seniors”***



**DENIZHAN  
CITIROGLU**



**PHYSICAL THERAPY**

*Denizhan Citiroglu will attend SUNY Oswego where he will study Physical Therapy. During high school, Denizhan was a member of German Club, a member of Varsity Football, Junior Achievement, a member of Varsity Track and Field, and a member of the Youth and Alliance Community. Congratulations, Denizhan!*



**ANDREW  
CASTOR**



**BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE/  
PRE-MEDICINE**

*Andrew Castor will attend the University of Buffalo where he will study Biomedical Science/Pre-Medicine. During high school, Andrew was a member of Chess Club, member of the Tennis team, and was inducted into Rho Kappa Honor Society, English Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and National Honor Society. Congratulations, Andrew!*



## ***“Salute to Seniors”***



**MATTHEW  
PARTRIDGE**



**COMPUTER ENGINEERING**

*Matthew Partridge will attend the University of Illinois AT Urbana-Champaign where he will study Computer Engineering. During high school, Matthew was an IB Diploma Candidate, recognized for graduating with a 100+ GPA, Vice President of Chamber Choir, an Ignition Mentor, Junior Achievement, NYSSMA Majors Festival for Choir where he was awarded “Gold with Distinction”, and was inducted into National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, English Honor Society, and German Honor Society.  
Congratulations, Matthew!*





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