



Horizons

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HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS SPECIAL MILITARY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Hauppauge High School graduating seniors who are entering the military were honored with a "Special Military Commencement Ceremony" on Wednesday, June 21st. The graduates were presented with a Certificate of Recognition. They are:

John Anthony Augusta
United States Navy

Eian Crean
United States Marines

Edward Goutink
Army ROTC - University of Delaware

Kevin Holtje
Army ROTC - Dickinson College

Michael Manikas
United States Marines

Melody Zhu
United States Naval Academy at Annapolis



High School Assistant Principal, Joy Ferrara, welcomed the graduates and their families, as well as accompanying military personnel and high school and district administrators. Staff Sergeant Jordan Martinez, U.S. Army and Staff Sergeant Christopher Caruso, U.S. Marine Corps, addressed the graduates on Leadership and Commitment. High School Principal, Joseph Wieckhorst, also addressed the graduates, as well as Assistant Principal, Joy Ferrara.

We congratulate these students on their graduation, and honor them as they continue on this special path of serving our country. We thank them for their service.



*Melody Zhu and her family with
Blue and Gold Officer, Mrs. Anderson,
and HS Assistant Principal, Joy Ferrara*

"SPECIAL MILITARY COMMENCEMENT"



***Kevin Holtje with his family and
Staff Sergeant Jordan Martinez, United States Army***



***Dr. Donald B. Murphy, Superintendent,
with Rebecca Bilski, and Brigid Siena***



***Dr. Murphy congratulating Eian Crean,
United States Marines***



***Eian Crean with his family
and Joy Ferrara***



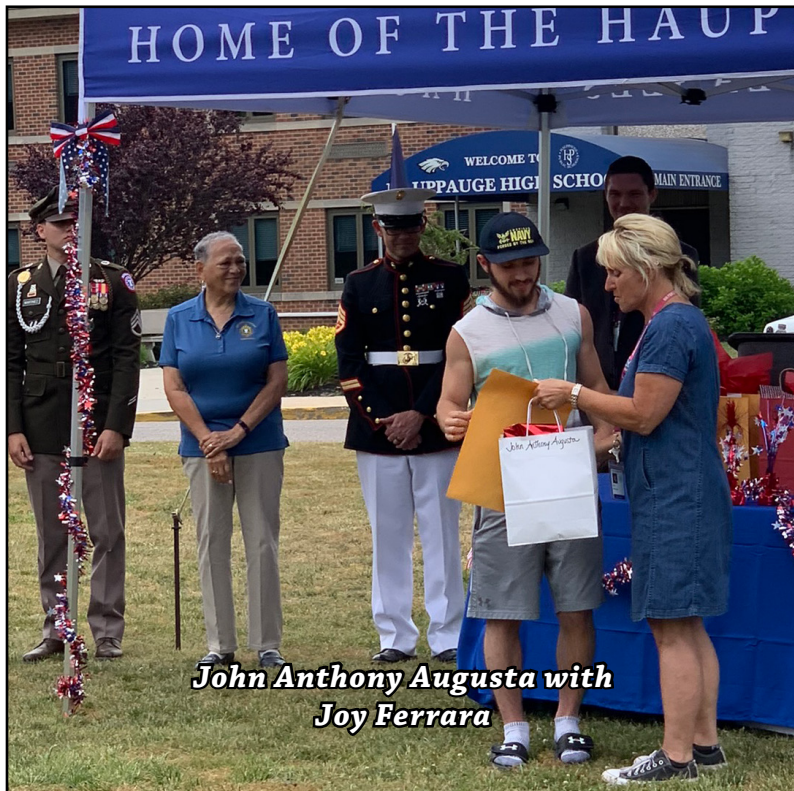
***Edward Goutink with his family
and Joy Ferrara***

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"SPECIAL MILITARY COMMENCEMENT"



***Michael Manikas with his family
and Joy Ferrara***



***John Anthony Augusta with
Joy Ferrara***



***High School Chamber Choir
"National Anthem" and
"God Bless America"***



***High School Wind Ensemble
"Armed Forces March"***

BRETTON WOODS, FOREST BROOK, AND PINES FIFTH-GRADERS TAKE A "STEP UP" INTO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Congratulations to our fifth-graders in Bretton Woods, Forest Brook and Pines Elementary schools! They had their "Stepping Up" ceremonies on Wednesday, June 22nd, and they are now officially ready to enter Middle School! We wish them well as they continue on their academic journeys!

Here are some photos from the festivities!

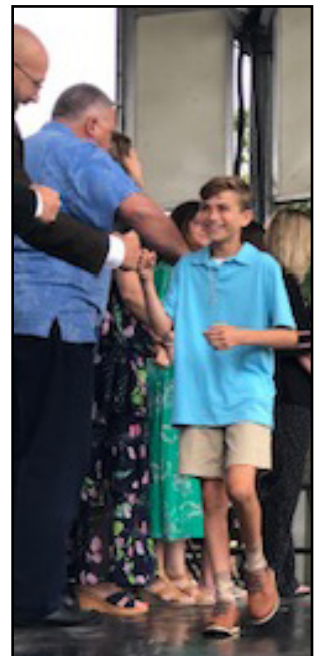
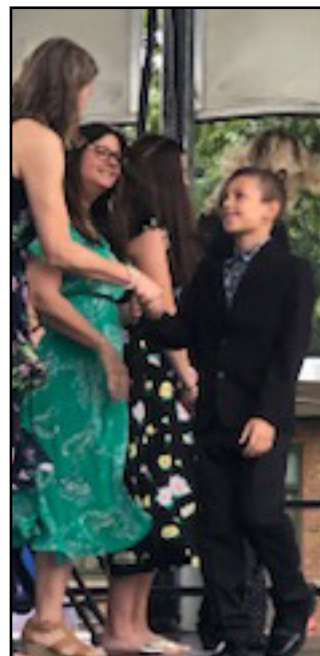


**George Gagliardi,
Principal**



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"FOREST BROOK STEPPING UP"



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"PINES STEPPING UP"



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"PINES STEPPING UP"



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS FROM BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY

Elementary students who won awards at their respective school science fairs were entered into the Brookhaven National Lab Science Fair. The following students received trophies from BNL for winning first place for 1st and 2nd grades respectively:

First Place - Violet Radonis - First Grade - Pines
(Bad Hair Days..No More! Let's Learn About the "Land of the Rapunzels")

First Place - Taran Sathish Kumar, Second Grade - Bretton Woods
(Cleaning Up Oil Spills Using Natural Organic Sorbents)

There were a total of 4 students that received Honorable Mention Awards:

Matthew McHugh - Third Grade - Pines
(Light My Fire)

Riona Mittal - Third Grade - Bretton Woods
(How Sharp Our Senses Are)

Maxim Vetoshkin - Third Grade - Forest Brook
(Keepin it Fresh: Why Do Apple Slices Turn Brown After We Cut Them and
How Could We Keep it Looking Fresh?)

Mihir Sathish Kumar - Fifth Grade - Bretton Woods
(LED Traffic Signals- An Energy Smart Choice for Cities)

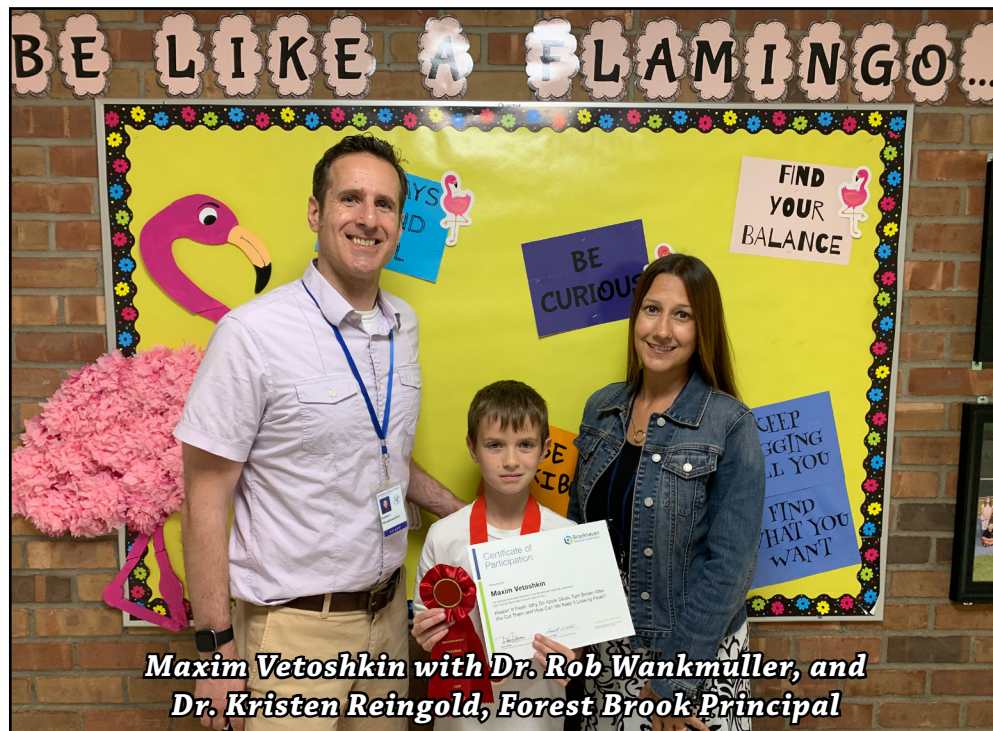


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“BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY”

As part of this process, students submitted their projects virtually and were interviewed about their individual projects by Dr. Wankmuller, our Director of Science, Technology and Research. These students' projects were then selected to be entered at the Brookhaven National Laboratory. The goal of the Science Fair is to generate an interest in and excitement about science and engineering for all ages. This contest provides an opportunity for students to showcase their projects to peers and judging teams consisting of Brookhaven National Laboratory scientific and engineering staff and elementary school teachers. Students gain experience using science and engineering practices, as well as the scientific method or engineering design process.

Congratulations to these students and their families. Only time will tell what future scientific endeavors await!



FOREST BROOK FIFTH-GRADERS ARE CRAZY OVER RUBIK'S CUBES

Some of the students in Mrs. Braglia's 5th grade class at Forest Brook have gone crazy over Rubik's cubes! Daniel Paolillo, Joseph Acquavita, and Michael Messana demonstrated their skills for their class by solving different types of Rubik's cubes:

Joseph solved an "Ivy Cube" in 6 seconds

Michael solved a "2x2" one handed in 1 minute and 9 seconds

Daniel solved a "3x3" in only 29 seconds

These kids are really into Rubik's cubes, practice a lot, and spend time learning algorithms. Daniel likes it so much he went to a "World Cube Association" competition at Hershey, Pennsylvania, this past weekend. He competed in pyraminx, 2x2, and 3x3 divisions. He solved a 2x2 in 5 seconds! WOW!!!

This article was written by Joseph Acquavita, Michael Messana, and Daniel Paolillo, who are pictured below, left to right.



Joseph Acquavita, Michael Messana, and Daniel Paolillo

"RACHEL QUINN KINDNESS AWARD" IS PRESENTED TO HAUPPAUGE STUDENTS

By, Danielle Sukoff
Bretton Woods Teacher

Rachel was a proud Hauppauge graduate and returned to her hometown to teach the students of Hauppauge after receiving her degree in Elementary and Special Education. Rachel strongly believed that a good teacher could create a lasting and positive impact on a child's life. She inspired her students every day with her creativity, patience and most of all, her kindness. After her sudden passing last June, her devoted husband vowed that he would find a way to carry on Rachel's legacy of spreading kindness and continuing to be a positive force in the lives of children. Thus, the "Rachel Quinn Children's Foundation" was born! I am proud to serve as a board member of this Foundation, which helps underprivileged children of Long Island, by providing them with school supplies and educational resources.

Rachel was a beautiful person inside and out with a true heart of gold. She has touched the lives of all those who were lucky enough to cross paths with her. Rachel approached everyone she met with open arms and only saw the best in people. We wish to promote the values that Rachel inspired by giving out the "Rachel Quinn Kindness Award" to a graduating student who embodies the same kindness and empathy that Rachel modeled in her classrooms. With great honor, we presented this award to the following Hauppauge students:

Ella O'Shea
Maxwell Kwakye
Michael Messana
Evan Lombardi
Danielle Ingrassia.



HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR NAMED "SUFFOLK COUNTY SOFTBALL FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR"

Congratulations to high school junior, Stefania Abruscato! Stefania was recently named "Suffolk County Softball Field Player of the Year," as well as an All-County performer and Conference MVP.

Stefania was also a finalist for the "Gatorade NYS Player of the Year." She is pictured below with Hauppauge Varsity Softball Coach, Eric Ericksen, and JV Softball Coach, Reagan Lynch.



Stefania Abruscato with Coaches Eric Ericksen and Reagan Lynch

BRETTON WOODS THIRD-GRADE CLASS BRINGS PUPPETS TO LIFE

On Friday, July 17th, students in Mrs. Beutel's third-grade class performed a puppet show for a room full of guests! Each student designed and decorated their puppet to fit their character and used their "Reader's Theater" voices to bring the puppets to life! The students performed five different stories and tales from all around the world.

Here is a wonderful photo of the class with their puppets!



Mrs. Beutel's Third-Grade Class

PINES FIFTH-GRADERS EARN 100% MASTERY IN REFLEX

Congratulations to all of the students and teachers of Class 5-1 at Pines ES! Each and every student has achieved 100% mastery of all of their multiplication and division facts within Reflex math. This is the first class in Hauppauge to earn this incredible distinction! We are super proud of the hard work that these students have demonstrated while earning their daily "green lights."

Students have accomplished many milestones along the journey. As a class, this group began the year with 25% fluency and worked to solve over 147,000 math facts between September and June!

The growth in these students is tremendous! This group had a growth mindset and their hard work has paid off! Their teachers treated them to a pizza party to celebrate!! Way to go Class 5-1!!

Adaptive and individualized, Reflex is an effective and engaging platform for mastering basic facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division for grades 2+. It has games that students love and helps them quickly gain math fact fluency and confidence. Reflex also has reporting that allows students and teachers to monitor progress and celebrate success throughout the year.

CONGRATULATIONS!



PINES FIFTH-GRADERS REFRESH THEIR COURTYARD

Since April, fifth-grade students, with the help of Jeanne Beyer and Tracey DeRose, have been working hard on beautifying the courtyard. They used their recess time to help weed, rake and plant new flowers.

While cleaning they made some discoveries! "While weeding, we found hidden art, decorative stones and memorials left from past years, said fifth-grade student, Rebecca Millman. Mrs. DeRose added, "While weeding we found a hidden bird's nest full of eggs. It was in the rose bush about knee high. We were so excited when the birds hatched a week later."

In addition to those finds they helped to dig up and re-pot pine tree seedlings that were popping up among the perennials.

The thought is to hold a Pine Tree Auction as a fundraiser for courtyard maintenance.

Mia Scarfo said, "We all enjoyed helping the environment and making the courtyard look beautiful. We also met so many turtles!"

The students even named the turtles they met. They will miss Henry, Scar, Jeffrey and Sharon. Here are some great photos of the students and their hard work.



Baby Birds



Mama Bird



BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS ENJOY A CARNIVAL

The Bretton Woods PTA recently hosted a Carnival for the students at Bretton Woods. As you can see from the photos, the students and staff had a enjoyable and memorable day!



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"BRETTON WOODS CARNIVAL"



BRETTON WOODS PTA HOSTS INAUGURAL "DESSERT DAY" FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

On Tuesday June 21st, following the Bretton Woods carnival that took place the week prior and for the first time in two years, the Bretton Woods PTA hosted an inaugural "Dessert Day" for all students, teachers and staff to enjoy! It was a fabulous fun day for all commemorating the last full day of school and first day of summer!

The delectable desserts were brought to the school grounds by Mac's Snack Shack, a food truck experience owned by Hauppauge Dad, Martine MacDonald Jr. On the truck helping for the day were Mr. MacDonald's son and Bretton Woods alum, Martine MacDonald III, who graduated Hauppauge High School in 2021, and Alishia Glace, who graduated Huntington High School in 2018.

Thank you Mac's Snack Shack and Bretton Woods PTA for the delicious dessert day! Follow @mac's snack shack on Facebook and Instagram to see where the food truck experience is off to next!



MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLDS GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THEIR EIGHTH-GRADERS WHO ARE HIGH SCHOOL BOUND

On Tuesday, June 21st, middle school eighth-graders were given a lovely graduation ceremony. They are now officially ready to enter the high school in September! After the ceremony, the students were treated to a dance in the high school cafeteria.

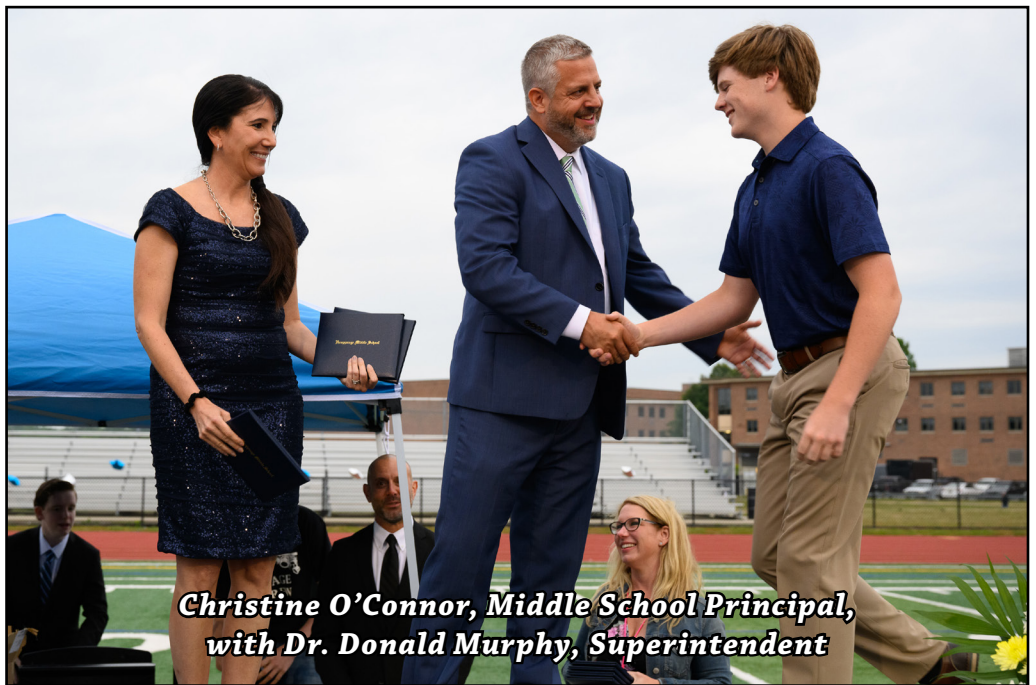
Here are some GREAT photos courtesy of Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photography! We thank him for all of the photos he has taken for us this past year, and many years prior.



Christine O'Connor
Middle School Principal



Dr. Lawrence Crafa
School Board Member



Christine O'Connor, Middle School Principal,
with Dr. Donald Murphy, Superintendent



"MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION"



"MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE"



“SALUTE TO SENIORS”



**NIA
WRIGHT**



**LIBERAL ARTS
AND SCIENCES**

*Nia Wright will be attending SUNY Delhi where she will study Liberal Arts and Sciences.
During high school, Nia was a member of Multicultural Club.
Congratulations, Nia!*



**LEILA
KAUFMAN**



BUSINESS

*Leila Kaufman will attend the University of South Florida where she will study Business
on a USF Green and Gold Scholars Scholarship.
During high school, Leila was an AP Scholar and a member of Spanish Honor Society.
Congratulations, Leila!*

“SALUTE TO SENIORS”

**CASSANDRA
PIAZZA**



PSYCHOLOGY

*Cassandra Piazza will attend Binghamton University where she will study Psychology.
During high school, Cassandra was the German Club Scholarship Recipient.
Congratulations, Cassandra!*



**EMMA
ORTIZ**



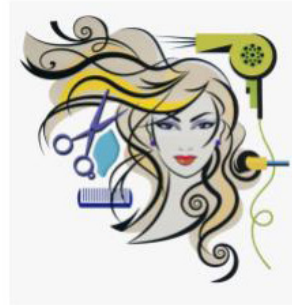
MARKETING

*Emma Ortiz will attend Penn State University where she will study Marketing while also competing on the Penn State Figure Skating Club. During high school, Emma was an IB Diploma Candidate, a Double Gold Medalist in US Figure Skating, and was inducted into the National Honor Society, English Honor Society, and Dance Honor Society.
Congratulations, Emma!*

“SALUTE TO SENIORS”



**MEGHAN
MARONEY**



**COSMETOLOGY
AND HAIR CARE**

*Meghan Maroney will attend Trade School for Cosmetology and Hair Cair.
During high school, Meghan was a member of Stage Crew, a member of Drama Club,
a member of the Swim Team, was on honor roll, and received the Michael Seda Scholarship.
Congratulations, Meghan!*



**JOE
D'AMICO**



COMPUTER ENGINEERING

*Joe D'Amico will attend SUNY Binghamton University where he will study Computer Engineering
on a NYS STEM Incentive Program Scholarship.
During high school, Joe was an AP Scholar and an IB Diploma Candidate.
Congratulations, Joe!*

“SALUTE TO SENIORS”

**NATHAN
ORECHOVSKY**



HISTORY

*Nathan Orechovsky will attend SUNY Oswego where he will study History.
Congratulations, Nathan!*



**SAIFUL
SAMAD**



BIOLOGY

*Saiful Samad will attend Stony Brook University where he will study Biology.
During high school, Saiful was an IB Diploma Candidate.
Congratulations, Saiful!*

"SALUTE TO SENIORS"



**EMILY
SHERIDAN**



**EARLY CHILDHOOD AND
SPECIAL EDUCATION**

*Emily Sheridan will attend Dominican University where she will study Early Childhood and Special Education while competing as a member of the Lacrosse Team on both Academic and Athletic Scholarships. During high school, Emily was the Girls Varsity Lacrosse Captain, Ignition President, member of French Club, member of History Club, an AP Scholar, and was inducted into the National Honor Society, English Honor Society, and History Honor Society.
Congratulations, Emily!*



**DIANA
MORRA**



**DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL
SONOGRAPHY**

*Diana Morra will attend Monroe College where she will study Diagnostic Medical Sonography on a Trustees Scholarship.
Congratulations, Diana!*

"SALUTE TO SENIORS"



**MELODY
ZHU**



ENGINEERING

Melody Zhu will attend the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis where she will study Engineering while also competing on the Navy Women's Club Ice Hockey Team on a Full Scholarship.

*During high school, Melody was an AP Scholar with Honor, a senior with a GPA greater than 100, NSDC Youth Leadership Council, All League Varsity Swimming, President of Spanish Club, Co-President of Chamber Orchestra, member of WISE (Women In Science and Engineering) at Stony Brook University, member of the Robotics Club, member of Girls Varsity Golf and Swimming, and was inducted into National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math National Honor Society, English National Honor Society, and Tri-M Music Honors Society.
Congratulations, Melody!*



**NYA
SIMONDS**



**INDUSTRIAL
PSYCHOLOGY**

*Nya Simonds will attend the University of Connecticut where she will study Industrial Psychology on a Leadership Scholarship. During high school, Nya was a member of Yearbook and was inducted into the National English Honor Society and Rho Kappa Honor Society.
Congratulations, Nya!*

“SALUTE TO SENIORS”

**DANIEL
CAPLAN**



**TECHNICAL
THEATER**

*Daniel Caplan will attend Suffolk County Community College where he will study Technical Theatre.
During high school, Daniel was a member of Drama Club, member of orchestra,
member of Stage Crew, and was an Eagle Scout.
Congratulations, Daniel!*



**SARAH
DIXON**



PSYCHOLOGY

*Sarah Dixon will attend SUNY Cortland where she will study Psychology.
During high school, Sarah was on High Honor Roll, a member of Varsity Swim and Dive,
a member of History Club, a member of French Club, and was inducted into English Honor Society.
Congratulations, Sarah!*

“SALUTE TO SENIORS”



**THOMAS
KELLINGTON**



ACCOUNTING

Thomas Kellington will attend Florida Atlantic University where he will study Accounting. During high school, Thomas participated in Junior Achievement. Congratulations, Thomas!



**MATT
PENNINO**



**GRAPHIC DESIGN/
ANIMATION**

Matt Pennino will attend Kutztown University where he will study Graphic Design/Animation on an Outstanding Scholar Scholarship. During high school, Matt was an AP Scholar and Eagle Scout. Congratulations, Matt!

“SALUTE TO SENIORS”



**SATVIK
KARANAM**



**COMPUTER
SCIENCE**

*Satvik Karanam will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he will study Computer Science.
Congratulations, Satvik!*



**DIA
BODDU**



**ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCE AND
CRIMINOLOGY**

*Dia Boddu will attend Hofstra University where she will study
Environmental Science and Criminology
on a scholarship and grant.
Congratulations, Dia!*

“SALUTE TO SENIORS”

**WILLIAM
MANGAFAS**



**PHYSICAL
EDUCATION**

*William Mangafas will attend Suffolk County Community College where he will study Physical Education.
During high school, William was a member of the Varsity Football Team.
Congratulations, William!*



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