



BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOLS

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Newsletter

PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

Bridgehampton High School graduates will be reflective, compassionate and motivated individuals who combine academic prowess and social tolerance to become successful members of society. The following attributes shall be indicative of the Bridgehampton graduate:

- An effective communicator in written and oral expression,
- An analytic problem-solver; resourceful and efficient when addressing local and global issues,
- A technologically advanced individual, able to meet the challenges of 21st-century society,
- An individual who will face life's challenges responsibly,
- An intrinsically motivated citizen who inspires others to work for the greater good,
- An individual who effectively uses time management and organizational skills,
- A critical thinker who blends life experiences with intellectual scholarship,
- A creative thinker who welcomes opportunities to engage their curiosity of the arts, sciences and humanities,
- A respectful and willing individual who embraces cultural diversity; and
- An individual who actively pursues foreign languages to effectively and diplomatically communicate the exchange of ideas in our global environment.

TWO WOMEN HEAD THE *Class of 2020*

Bridgehampton High School's Madeline Grabb and Jaden Campbell served as the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the Class of 2020.

Madeline's well-rounded high school résumé includes taking numerous college-level, Advanced Placement and honors courses. She is a member of the school's robotics team and the National Honor Society and has taken advantage of many educational opportunities while a student. From being a member of Guild Hall's Teen Arts Council, editing college essays for her peers, serving as a volunteer for The Hampton Ballet Theatre School and Maureen's Haven at Temple Adas Israel, receiving the Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizen Award, serving as a panelist for the East End Youth Leadership Conference and knitting hundreds of premie caps for neonatal units across the country, Madeline lives up to her motto: "If something interests you, spend time finding out why."

Madeline – who expressed gratefulness to her family and teachers for their compassion and engagement – will join the freshman class of Stanford University in the fall.

Jaden has also taken numerous AP, honors and college-level courses in her high school career. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, marimba ensemble, drama club and varsity cheer team. She has participated in various volunteer opportunities, including blood drives, beach cleanups and musical performances at a local retirement home. Jaden is dedicated to maintaining good grades and has consistently been named to the school's High Honor Roll. She is a scholar-athlete and finds if you fully commit to both sports and academics, there is a way to achieve a successful balance.

Jaden left these inspiring words for future graduates of Bridgehampton High School: "Create the future you want for yourself." She will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



MADELINE GRABB
VALEDICTORIAN



JADEN CAMPBELL
SALUTATORIAN

Bridgehampton HISTORY MAKERS

The 109th commencement ceremony of the Bridgehampton Union Free School District was much different from years past. Nevertheless, a time to bid farewell and good luck to a graduating class that is now part of an important moment in history.

In addition to the traditional cap and gown, each student in the Class of 2020 wore a specially made black and yellow face mask that read "We Made History" as they processed out of the high school to join their families under separate tents to enjoy the celebration.

After senior Maximus Tiska led all in the Pledge of Allegiance, Principal Mr. Michael Miller welcomed everyone with his reflective speech and thanked parents, teachers, Board of Education members and the community for their commitment in guiding the students in reaching this important milestone. A special part of the celebration included each student's own words that Mr. Miller read aloud about one important aspect of their high school career, what they learned throughout distance learning and people they wanted to thank. Before welcoming Board of Education President Mr. Ronald White to the podium, Mr. Miller left the students with a thoughtful quote from legendary basketball coach John Wooden: "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts."

Mr. White's articulate and engaging words touched on the K-12 educational experiences of all students in Bridgehampton, saying it was a wonderful place for them to flourish. He was followed by Superintendent of Schools Mr. Robert Hauser, who lauded local community groups and encouraged the students to go out in the world and make changes happen.

Salutatorian Jaden Campbell and Valedictorian Madeline Grabb then addressed their fellow graduates and lauded their power and potential to

make a difference in the future. They thanked their families and teachers before Keynote Speaker Rev. Tisha Dixon Williams spoke of the Class of 2020 as the class who helped everyone see things differently with their 20/20 vision. She mentioned Jimmy Fallon of "The Tonight Show," who earlier in the month sent a congratulatory message on his at-home show to the Class of 2020 and called them legends.

Mr. Miller read through the more than \$40,000 in awards and scholarships that the students were honored with before each graduate walked to the stage to receive their diploma and scholarship from the table.

At the end of the ceremony, friends, families and staff members who were not in attendance at the graduation met at the Bridgehampton First Baptist Church for a car parade into the school district parking lot, with honking horns and lots of good cheer for the graduates.



CONGRATS!

PROUD GRAD

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

THE FUTURE IS *Bright!*

2020

- Franky Bonilla - SCCC and then a transfer to Farmingdale State College
- Isaiah Brodie - undecided
- Jaden Campbell - University North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Olivia Cassone - Bard College
- Julian Cheng - Macaulay Honors College at The City College of New York
- Beatrice DeGroot - undecided
- Madeline Grabb - Stanford University
- Liam Huberty - Bennington College
- Alanah Johnson - American University
- Akeem Leckie - SUNY Morrisville
- Miguel Maradiaga Matamoros - Entering the workforce
- Kimberly Rojas-Cortez - Mercy College
- Maximus Tiska - Norwich University
- William Walker - SUNY Cobleskill

2020

The Suffolk County School Superintendents Association congratulated Bridgehampton High School's Class of 2020 valedictorian, Madeline Grabb. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Robert Hauser presented Madeline with a commemorative program, congratulatory video, a certificate of achievement and a cherished childhood storybook, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss. The program and video, which was created especially for the Class of 2020, featured information about each valedictorian's school district, their formal senior yearbook photo, their college of choice and anticipated major. The choice of the storybook was certainly appropriate, as this year's valedictorians plan to attend some of the most prestigious institutions of higher learning in the nation.

Madeline Grabb
Honored by SCSSA

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Tomorrow's Leaders

The Bridgehampton School District congratulates the pre-K students moving on to kindergarten and the fifth graders moving into the middle school. The district looks forward to guiding their intellectual, social and emotional growth and instilling in them a lifelong love of learning. The best is yet to come!



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