



BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOLS

Summer 2019 Newsletter



PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

Our graduates will be reflective, compassionate and motivated individuals who combine academic prowess and social tolerance in order 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.

Ready for the Challenge

The 108th commencement ceremony of the Bridgehampton Union Free School District took place under a tent, with the graduating Class of 2019 beaming with pride. Members of the Board of Education, administration, teachers, special guests, seven members of the Class of 1969, family and friends were in attendance to mark the milestone accomplishment.

The unique ceremony included Principal Michael Miller asking each student to share one important and cherished aspect of their high school career, many of which included students reciting grateful remarks for those who have supported them in their goals, including teachers, parents and classmates. Board of **Education trustee Jennifer Vinski** addressed the crowd; renowned landscape designer Edwina von Gol shared words of wisdom and her passion for the earth as the keynote speaker; and Shantel Mungin and Ryeasia Walker sang Teresa Jennings' "An Old Irish Blessing."

"Be a person who brings people together, where no one gets left behind; be an instrument of good in this world," Principal Michael Miller said in his address to the students. To their parents, he said: "You have empowered these young men and women for life, you have sacrificed far more than anyone will ever know. You cannot put a price tag on your child's success or education. You, along with our great teachers, have given your child the greatest gift in life, an education."

Valedictorian James Fairchild delivered the commencement address, citing the individualized experience and the amount of focus that the school offers each student, which in turn makes it incredibly hard not to succeed. In addition to thanking his family, he made special mention of the tireless efforts of the faculty and staff who shaped the school that they were all so fortunate to attend.

In her speech, salutatorian Autumn Coffey pointed to her high school career at Bridgehampton as one she will appreciate always and how, most importantly, the incredibly close-knit school community always felt like a family. Her gratitude to teachers and guidance counselor Danielle Doscher helped to steer her to the right college choice – Stony Brook University – where she will stay in close touch with Bridgehampton High School.

Principal Miller thanked the staff of Bridgehampton High School before scholarships and awards were presented. Lillian Tyree-Johnson, vice president of the Board of Education, was then called to the podium to award the diplomas, after which Superintendent of Schools Robert Hauser confirmed the Bridgehampton Class of 2019 as graduates, prompting them to move their tassels from right to left, signifying a new chapter in their lives.

School Ends. Graduation Arrives.

The writers, artists, scientists, mathematicians, musicians, athletes and business innovators that make u 2019 are a testament to the Bridgehampton School District's mission in inspiring lifelong intellectual curios expression and teaching the essential skills to actively participate in the global community.

With pride in their accomplishments and commitment to their education in our schools, we congratula and encourage them to utilize the skills they learned here to reach and exceed their potential, helping the career ready, global citizens and lifelong learners.

We asked each of them for a few final words as self-expressions on the future, college, career or their education in the Bridgehampton Schools. These are the short, powerful reflections of the Class of 2019.



JAMES FAIRCHILD

Take advantage of every opportunity presented!

> AUTUMN COFFEY Never forget where you came from!



HANNAH BAKER A world of beauty awaits you!



JAHQUR CARR

Life is bigger

than six words.

JANATAN BRAIA The world is your oyster. Representing the Bridgehampto

are valedictorian James Fairchild an James has accumulated an impr which includes taking numerous ho courses. He is also a sportsman and tennis, varsity swimming and junio of the high school's robotics team a



James was

Cornell University and received a B Internship. He will major in compuadministration at Northeastern Uni will be spent in London.

Autumn is excited and proud of the Class of 2019. Her accomplishn challenging Advanced Placement, h and being named to the school's hig She was also a member of the schoo team and was honored as an Acader County student for basketball. She locally in the Bridgehampton Child Recreational Center. Her post-high include majoring in nursing and po abroad. She will begin her freshmar Stony Brook University.



ANIYA COFFEY Do not sweat the small stuff.



JONATHAN DEGROOT Save the Hive, for the kids.



NATHANIEL DEPASQUALE Always live life to the fullest!





Adulthood Begins.

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te each of them em to be college and

primary years of



AZIZA EL Community is family, family is forever.



CLASS OF 2019

Two Students!

n High School Class of 2019 d salutatorian Autumn Coffey. ressive high school résumé, onors and Advanced Placement has participated in varsity r varsity basketball. A member nd Future Farmers of America, oient of the DAR Good Citizens lent's Education Award in unding academic excellence. y, James has taught coding to and has been involved with l History Museum and Nature nderclassmen in the design and an educational aquaponics

named a Borlaug Scholar by orlaugh-Ruan International iter science and business versity, where his first semester

her honor as salutatorian of nents include taking numerous, onors and college-level courses

ch honor roll. I's robotics nic Allis involved Care and school plans ssibly studying studies at



LAURA HAGERMAN Embrace the change with open eyes.

JAVON HARDING Alright fellas, everyone must make it.





JALISA HOPSON Life is what you make it.



PAIGE HOYT High school, over. Next stop, UNC.



SHANTEL MUNGIN I will always miss it here!



MICHELLE LOPEZ Always work hard, never give up!



MONASIA STREET Have a clear mind and soul!

KWAME YIRENKYI Prepared Myself, Presented Myself, Propelled Myself. **Bridgehampton Union Free School District** P.O. Box 3021 2685 Montauk Highway Bridgehampton, NY 11932

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CLASS OF 2019 BY THE NUMBERS

- 17 High School Graduates
- 57 Scholarships and Awards Presented
- 11 Students to Attend College
- 1 Student to Attend Vocational School
- 1 Student Joining the Military
- 1 Bridgehampton Lion's Club Service **Award Recipient**
- \$58,300 in Scholarships Awarded
- 8 Advanced Regents Diplomas
- 8 Senior Honor Society Members

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRE-K GRADUATES



Great job on your first year in our school, our wonderful stars: A'Zavion Clark, Suzannah Ivans, Charles Lillie, Dorothy Marin, Jacqueline Munguia, Kitzia Reyes, Jaylah Scott and Ezrah White.



Valedictorian Celebrat



Bridgehampton School Class of 2019 valedictorian James Fairchild was among Suffolk County's highest-achieving students who were honored by school district superintendents, administrators and parents during the recent Suffolk County School Superintendents Association's 25th annual Valedictorian's Luncheon. Congratulating the students on their hard work and achievements were members of the SCSSA Board of Directors and keynote speaker Suffolk County District Attorney

Tim Sini, who spoke of education's vitality to the security of our communities and nation.

TRIO GRADUATE WITH **TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES**



Three Bridgehampton seniors graduated from HB Ward Technical Center in Riverhead in June. Congratulations to Hannah Baker (cosmetology), Janatan Braia (automotive technology) and Kwame Yirenkyi (audio production) on developing your skills to pursue careers in your chosen fields of study.

Mission

It is the mission of the Bridgehampton School to inspire lifelong intellectual curiosity and respectful individual expression by reaching beyond our school community and teaching all students the essential skills to actively participate in the global community and to flourish in the 21st century.

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