

COPIAGUE *Connections*

A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN



Congratulations, CLASS OF 2018!

"As you move on in life, remember the values, pride and sense of community each member of the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School staff has worked so hard to provide." – Joseph Agosta, Principal

"Tonight is the beginning of the rest of your lives. Please grasp it firmly and head down a path leading to eternal success, which is measured by your happiness." – Laura Gavey, Board of Education President

"Each of us has a purpose in this world; each one of us is a puzzle piece of what we call humanity and the goal is to find where we fit as individuals." – Samantha Sanchez, Salutatorian

"Stay confident in yourself and know that you are capable of being great because everyone sitting in front of me can do amazing things if they set their minds to it." – Alexandra Saczawa, Valedictorian

"You have certainly left an indelible mark on Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School. You are to be commended for all of the positive energy, effort and dedication you put into everything you did while you were in high school." – Dr. Kathleen Bannon, Superintendent of Schools





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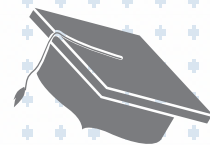
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uates: 370

College Bound: 80%

to Military: 2%

Colleges: 90%



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Valedictorian Alexandra Saczawa has a GPA of 104.04. Alexandra has been a member of multiple clubs in her years at Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School, including Science Olympiad, Math Team, Bringing Unity Through Youth Club, the National Honor Society, and the Global Ambassadors Club. She has served as president of the Key Club since her sophomore year. She has also been the vice president of her class since her freshman year.

Alexandra has played many team sports, including volleyball, field hockey and lacrosse since, 9th grade. She is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a recipient of the Golden Eagle Award for varsity field hockey and a recipient of Excellence in Economic Understanding from the Foundation for Teaching Economics.

Alexandra has also participated in the Science Research Program at the high school for all four years. Through her engagement in science research, she has determined that she wants to major in physics and eventually attend medical school. She will attend Yale University this fall.

Salutatorian Samantha Sanchez is graduating with a GPA of 103.71. Samantha has been involved in



the National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Math Team, Key Club, One Mind Club and the Treehuggerz Club.

As an athlete, Samantha has participated in both field hockey and softball. She has received Honor Roll Recognition throughout her high school career, been recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction and has also been awarded the Suffolk Zone Physical Education Leadership Award.

Samantha has served her community through school clubs and has taken part in trash cleanups, blood drives and visits to the Dominican Village to spend time with the elderly. She has also participated in her church's Vacation Bible School Program and has been a part of the kitchen staff and a counselor in training at Pine Bush Bible Camp. Samantha hopes to become a physician assistant and will attend Stony Brook University this fall.

Where They're Headed

1. Alexandra Saczawa - Yale University
2. Samantha Sanchez - Stony Brook University
3. Kelly Cheung - Binghamton University
4. Osazuwa Eghafona - University at Buffalo
5. Ivan Gonzales - Hofstra University
6. Davina Smith - Hofstra University
7. Jennifer Lopez-Fernandez - Stony Brook University
8. Telisa Washington - Delaware State University
9. Belen Morote - Wesleyan University
10. Giuseppe Dattolo - Curry College

Other popular destinations for the Class of 2018: Adelphi University, American University, Colorado College, Farmingdale State College, Howard University, St. John's University, Syracuse University and Wentworth Institute of Technology

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