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CLASS OF 2023 *Closes Out a Chapter*



Valedictorian Jack Langan

Boasting a GPA of 105.6957, Jack Langan is a member of Global Ambassadors, the Key Club and the National Honor Society. He is the founder of the school's esports team and president of the Quiz Bowl team, and works at Susan E. Wiley Elementary School and the district's Saturday program. He will be attending Princeton University in the fall on a pre-med track.



Salutatorian Edison Peguero Rosario

With a GPA of 105.1218, Edison Peguero Rosario is salutatorian for the Class of 2023.

A National Honor Society member, he is also the captain of the school's wrestling team, vice president of the Science Research Club, secretary of Key Club and president of the Science Olympiad team. He received a News 12 Scholar Athlete Award and was a participant in the Farmingdale Science and Technology Entry Program. He will be attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study engineering/political science.



Top 10: Where They Are Going...

1. Jack Langan, *Princeton University*
2. Edison Peguero Rosario, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
3. Venessa Seguino, *University at Albany*
4. Richard Reyes, *University of Miami*
5. Antanina Petroglia, *Hofstra University*
6. Nayshawn Ferebee, *Johns Hopkins University*
7. Yaselin Pichardo, *Hofstra University*
8. Alice Sztabinski, *University of Connecticut*
9. Genesis Canenguez Mejia, *Farmingdale State College*
10. Marcel Mazurek, *Stony Brook University*



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The Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School Class of 2023 celebrated the 64th commencement exercises on June 22 at the arena at Suffolk County Community College's Brentwood campus.

Led by administrators and members of the faculty, the students marched into the ceremony to "Pomp and Circumstance." Board of Education President Kenneth Urban offered congratulatory remarks about the 13-year journey that led them to this day, while Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kathleen Bannon shared her wishes for the students to continue down the successful path they have forged.

Class of 2023 salutatorian Edison Peguero Rosario and valedictorian Jack Langan addressed their classmates, and Principal Joseph Agosta expressed his sense of pride at the growth he has witnessed during their years in Copiague.

After all names were called, Mr. Agosta instructed the students to turn their tassels and pronounced them graduates of the Class of 2023.





Salutatorian Edison Peguero Rosario
 "The first thing I learned from Mr. Cipriano is how to prioritize the important things in life. He said your first priority is your family, your second priority is school and your third priority is everything else. The second lesson: 'Be 1% better today than you were yesterday.' Lastly, excuses are glorified reasons for failure. Don't let those past and future trials and tribulations hold you back from your future success, whatever you define as success."

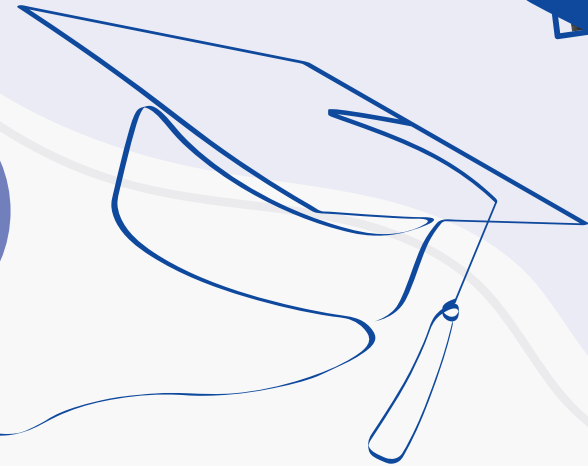


Valedictorian Jack Langan
 "If there's one lesson our hindsight and reflection can teach us it's that great and wonderful things lie behind that sense of worry. Fear is not something that should hold us back; we should embrace it. For fear is a sign that we're growing, that we're challenging ourselves, and that we're stepping outside of our comfort zones. Use that strength to fuel your future endeavors and navigate through our dynamic and ever-changing world."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kathleen Bannon
 "You have excelled in the classrooms, on the field, on the stage and everywhere in between. You are to be commended for the positive energy, effort, flexibility and dedication you put into everything you accomplished while you were here. I've watched you grow over the last 13 years, and I know you are leaving us more than ready to embark on the next chapter in your lives."



Number of Graduates: 344



Class of 2023

Board of Education President Kenneth Urban
 "Everything that has happened during your school years with us was part of your education and learning process, regardless of whether it was in our schools or out. It has all prepared you for what lies ahead. The Class of 2023 lost the bulk of their high school years due to the pandemic. Possibly one of the greatest takeaways is nothing can stop you from achieving greatness."

Number of Students Attending College: 207



Number of Students Entering the Military: 9



Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School Principal Joseph Agosta
 "Looking forward, much is expected from you, and I have great confidence in your abilities. As you continue forward on your journey, I hope you look back at your years in high school with fond memories. I charge you with the task of continuing to put what you have learned to good use and to be a positive force in your community."



Number of Students Attending Trade School: 14