

THE Notebook

TOGETHER TOWARD THE FUTURE

SUMMER 2023



Hats Off to the Connetquot Class of 2023

School pride and appreciation for family, friends and faculty were evident as 433 seniors from Connetquot Central School District's Class of 2023 proudly processed onto the football field and into the bleachers on June 22 for the district's annual commencement exercises while the high school band, under the direction of Gregory Johnson and Stacy Stollberger, played "Pomp and Circumstance."

After the students settled into the bleachers, the Connetquot High School senior chorus sang the national anthem and "Brave Connetquot," the school's alma mater, under the baton of Brad Drinkwater, James Nagle and Nicole White.

In his welcoming remarks, Principal Michael Moran thanked parents and faculty for their support of the graduates during their high school tenure. He said the Class of 2023 was a "collection of some of the most friendly students and an outgoing group" in his memories as principal.

Board of Education President Jaclyn Napolitano-Furno encouraged the graduates to "embrace change," "ask questions" and to remember that Connetquot will always be their home.

New York State Sen. Alexis Weik, a Connetquot graduate (Class of 1990), urged the graduates to talk to their neighbors and listen to their stories. She also noted that

"Life should not be cookie cutter," she said. "Each of you is an extraordinary individual. Each of you has purpose."

Mr. Moran then formally introduced the Class of 2023's top 25 students, which led to the valedictory and salutatory addresses. Salutatorian Fariha Annass told her peers that she enjoys learning.

"The best part of learning is not just in the books. Recognizing the strengths among all of you and learning alongside you helped me grow as a person," she said

Valedictorian Edward Fieseler likened his experience and high school to his membership with the track and field team and the ups and downs of competing. "Everyone is at their best

when things get easy," Edward said. "Continue to be at your best when things get hard, and you will find success."

As class president, Edward also announced the class gift, the expansion of the food pantry to a wellness pantry for the community.

Mr. Moran then called up Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lynda Adams for the certification of graduates, prior to the presentation of diplomas by Board of Education trustees and 12th grade advisers Jennifer Bay and Eileen Gering.

The Connetquot Central School District congratulates each of the graduates on this milestone and extends best wishes for success.



Celebrating Top Two Graduates

VALEDICTORIAN

Valedictorian Edward Fieseler graduated with a weighted GPA of 104.86. He is an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction and a member of the National Honor Society. During his high school tenure, Edward was president of the Class of 2023, founded and was the president of the National English Honor Society, vice president of the World Language Honor Society and a member of both the history and math honor societies. He is a first-chair cellist of the school string quartet and symphony and chamber orchestras and a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Edward also excels athletically as an All-County and All-State track member, team captain for indoor and outdoor track and field and a member of the Sprint Medley relay national champion team. Edward will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall where he plans on pursuing a career in physics and computer science with an emphasis on quantum physics research.



SALUTATORIAN

Salutatorian Fariha Anness graduated with a weighted GPA of 103.94. Fariha is also an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction and a member of the National Honor Society, as well as the math (Mu Alpha Theta), National Art, Rho Kappa (social studies) Science National and World Language honor societies. She was the recipient of the New York Institute of Technology mini research grant and a Long Island Science Congress honors award. Fariha is a founding member and president of Educational Opportunity for Underprivileged Students, Science Olympiad treasurer and a former member of the Anti-Bullying, Helping Hands, Interact and SADD clubs. This fall, Fariha will attend Stony Brook University where she will study bio-health sciences on her way to pursuing a career as a cardiologist.



- 433 total graduates
- 99% graduation rate
- 87% Class of 2023 graduates attending two- and four-year colleges and universities this fall
- 47 athletes signed to compete at Division I, II and III colleges and universities.
- 93 graduates were members of the National Honor Society.
- 111 students graduated with the Seal of Civic Readiness.
- 44 seniors graduated with a Technical Endorsement.
- 54 graduates were named Advanced Placement Scholars by the College Board.
- Graduates received \$ 108,200 in local scholarships.

Oh the Places They'll Go

Members of the Connetquot High School Class of 2023 are headed to some of the nation's top colleges and universities this fall. Below is a listing of many of the schools our graduates will be attending.

Adelphi University
Alfred State College
American University
Arizona State University
Barton County Community College
Belmont University
Binghamton University
BOCES
Bridgeport University
Caldwell University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of Saint Rose
Commonwealth University
Cornell University
Culinary University of America
CUNY John Jay
CUNY Queens
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Farmingdale State College
Felician University
Five Towns College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
George Washington University
Georgian Court University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Indiana University
Iona College
LIU Post
Lynne University
Manhattan College
Marist College
Minnesota State University-Manakato
Molloy College
Mount Saint Mary's University
North Carolina State University
North Carolina State University – Raleigh

Neumann University
Northeastern University
Notre Dame University
Nova Southeastern University
NYIT
New York University
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Rhodes College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Sacred Heart University
SCAD
Scranton University
Siena College
Southern New Hampshire University
St. John's University
St. Joseph's University (NY)
St. Joseph's University (PA)
St. Thomas Aquinas University
Stevens Institute
Stony Brook University
Suffolk County Community College
Suffolk County Community College
Honors College
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY Cobleskill
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Delhi
SUNY ESF
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY Maritime
SUNY Morrisville
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Old Westbury
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Purchase
Syracuse University
Temple University
Towson University

Trinity College
University at Albany
University of Alabama
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Illinois
University of Massachusetts at Amherst
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of North Dakota
University of Rhode Island
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida (St. Petersburg)
University of Southern Florida
University of Tampa
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Widener College



Congratulations, Graduates CLASS OF 2023

Michael Abbamonte
Mario Acosta
Isabelle Adamo
Muteeba Ahmed
Gabrielle Aiello
Fatima Alam
Justin Alicea-Rexach
Isaiah Alleyne
Raya Alnsour
Benjamin Altonji
Julianna Alvarado
Farah Amarando
Kaitlyn Andersen
Thomas Anderson
Fariha Anness
Giuliana Anzelmo
Shahroze Arain
Anthony Armenia
Robert Asche
Marlon Ayala
Isabella Baaske
Matthew Badenius
Matthew Banegas-Gioelli
Dominick Barbara
Duvier Barcenas Menendez
Carly Bedford
Daniel Benitez
India Bennett
Jonathan Biangazzo
Larissa Bieler
Mariella Bigelow-O'Brien
Anthony Bjelke
Vlada Blashishin
Joseph Bouab
Colin Brennan
Hannah Brexendorf Persaud
Nolan Britt
Kayle Brophy
Olivia Brown
Claudia Brulinski
Henry Bruno-Bradley
Logan Bub
Stephen Bubier
Kaylyn Burchard
Caitlyn Burger
Jordan Butler
Thomas Buzzitta
Victoria Buzzitta
Jason Cafarelli
Andrew Caputo
Thomas Caputo
Carrie Cardenas Morales
Nicholas Carlson
Samantha Carr

Maximiliano Carrion Tietjen
Kristin Carroll
Nicholas Carulli
Emily Cashel
Gianna Castrogiovanni
Joseph Catalano
Michael Catalano
Brianna Catera
Ella Causin
Colin Cavanaugh
Anabella Cenci
Ryan Cerone
Ava Chesnowitz
Jus n Chesnowitz
Ashley Chimbay Sailema
Morgan Chirchirillo
Afsara Chowdhury
Juliette Christophel
Samantha Ciaccio
Nicholas Ciatto
Alyssa Ciccarelli
Kyle Cochran
Jessica Cochrane
James Coenen
Augustus Colobong
Alexa Colondona
Charlotte Condit
Aidan Conroy
Kennedy Cooper
Malik Cooper
Stephanie Cortez
Mikayla Coster
James Coyne III
Daniella Cregg
Gianna Cross
Ryan Cuccurullo
Ziwen Cui
Corey Dale
Anthony Daniels
Jake Daniels
Francesco De Tomasso
Randy Dean
Matthew Del Monte Barajas
Madison Del Valle
Casadee DeLeon
Evarechah Delmas
Melissa DeLuca
Abigail DeMarco
Luke DeMarco
Alex Denaroso
James Derenches
Giovanni Derenzo
Daniel DeRienzis
Charlotte DeSimone

Joshua Devery
Megan DiBiasi
Melissa DiBlasi
Michael DiBlasi
Nolan Dideriksen
Angelina DiStefano
Matthew Dixon
Thomas Doll Jr.
Matthew Donaldson
Michael Doner
Harrison Dore
Haylie Dorr
Joseph Doyle III
Olivia Drapala
Michael Dugan Jr.
Erick Duignan
Scott Duignan
Madelyn Eads
Cassie Eggert
Amanda Elia
Brooke Elizalde
Robert Elliott
Alexander Ellison
Jessie Engvaldsen
Oscar Escamilla Hernandez
Carrie Euceda-Luna
Mackenzie Evans
Olivia Evans-Trimarco
Cassandra Fastag
Edward Fieseler
Paul Fiorvante Jr.
Isabella Fitzgerald
Patrick Fitzgerald
Liam Flaherty
Melanie Florez
Colin Foerschner
Marissa Freeman
Gianna Freisem
Jack Friedman
Aidan Friel
Emma Gagliardi
Julianna Gallagher
Tiffany Gao
Carlene Gaul
Cadence Gentile
Vincent Gerbino
Gabrielle Giel
Patric Gleason
Caleigh Gobetz
Kamryn Goncalves
Jaikary Gonzalez
Yesenia Gonzalez
Sienna Graham
Logan Gray

Samantha Gregory
Jonathan Greci
Nicholas Greci
Olivia Greci
Cristiana Grob
Jennah Gross
Justin Gutierrez
Paul Gutierrez-Vaz
Giovanni Guzzo
Cole Handley
Tasnim Hasnat
Mohammad Hassan
Anna Hauser
Jason He
Ava Henn
Adrian Hernandez Rodriguez
Jeremiah Hewitt
Matthew Hippler
Olivia Hirt
Cara Hodulick
Aubrie Hoffmann
James Holmes
Gianna Hughes
Justin Hummel
Melanie Humsjo
Enes Hurol
Nathaniel Hussain
Gianna Infantolino
Matthew Iparraguirre-Tiza
Waseh Irfan
Deborah Issaint
Jahiem Jackson
Camy Jean-Baptiste
Andrew Johnson
Noah Johnson
Olivia Jonas
Sanaa Jones
Darien Joseph
Marilyn Justiniano
Vincent Keddy
Alyssa Kelloff
Mackenzie Kelly
Caitlin Kemp
Imaan Khalid
Bilal Khatri
Sophia Kim
Nasiriyah King
Michael Kokolakis
Melisa Kolenovic
Lauren Konzen
Shawn Kovarik
Nicholas Krall
Alexandria LaBarba
Devin Lane

Kai Langford
Jake LaPlaca
James Latini
Gabrielle Lautato
Andrew Le
Jason Le
Jack Leary
Tharuki Leelaratne
Ciaran Lenihan
Gianna Lerner
Elijah Lewis-Villano
Christina Li
Anna Liberchuk
Brandon Liberchuk
Kiara Licera
Lilia Livolsi
Lauren Longo
Jhonny Loor Garcia
Danny Lopez
Lexa Lopez
Tiffany Lopez
Jack Loubier
Michael Loughlin
Ryan Lozada
Miguel Lozano
Emily Lynch
Mirza Mahim
Suhaib Maksud
Nicolas Maldonado-Molina
Thomas Mallon
Ryan Malone
Thomas Malvagno
Jack Mannoia
Matteo Marchese
Vittoria Marchetti
Gavin Maron
Liam Maron
Brian Marra
Lucas Maron
Kylie Martinez
Jason Materazo
Paris Maxwell
Anna McAteer
Ryan McCallan
Tyler McCarthy
Tyler McGahan
Jason McKay Jr.
Gianna McKiernan
Hannah Meehan
Alexandra Melchiona
Angelina Melomo
Joseph Meyer
Sophia Miller
Ava Mini

Emma Mirabal
Sadia Mithila
Riley Moger
Emily Monaco-Vezeris
Jack Monahan
Ryan Monahan
Julia Monkan
Mikayla Montalvo
Louis Mon
Tyler Moore
Kellyanne Moran
Tyler Mosoff
Ryan Muckle
Jack Murphy
Michael Murphy
Sophia Murphy
Leah Naccarato
Alexander Nitzsche
Ainsley Noonan
Scott Northrop
Jeremy Nunez
Luke Obert-Thorn
Aidan Oliveira
Luke Olsen
Joseph Olweck
Michael O'Mara
Maria Emilia Ordonez Bustamante
Anthony Ortiz
Emilia Padilla
Katelyn Padilla
Robert Page
Anthony Palminteri
Michael Palminteri
Anthony Palomino-Coronel
Emmanouil Paravalos
Joseph Parise
Michele Pasquarella Jr.
Krish Patel
Samantha Pellegrino
Summer Perry
Dominick Pirraglia
Nathaniel Pittman
Brien Plachcinski
Matthew Plana
Nicole Platti
Olivia Plummer
Lindsay Plunkett
Isabella Portillo
Katherine Prince
Jenna Prusi
Madison Pyke
Joseph Quillo
Reagan Quillo
Vashma Raja

Tyler Ramos
Faith Rand
Delaney Randberg
Erich Reineking
Brianna Reingold
Payton Rhodes
Dominick Ricca
Sven Ritter
Larry Rivera Jr.
Camila Rivera-Leiva
Ryan Robayo
Meaghan Rocovich
Justin Roddin
Alexander Rodriguez
Matthew Rodriguez
Matthew Rodriguez-Camilo
Sean Rogalle
Amber Rogers-Wakefield
Mikayla Romano
Nicolas Romero-Luna
Hannah Rosenberg
Anna Rostkowski
Kacey Ruais
Jonathan Russo
Thomas Russo
Sara Sabatino
Emil Sabovic
Giovany Saint Surin
Joseph Saracino
Emma Savino
Anthony Scarabino
Adriana Scaringi
Anastasia Schandel
Christopher Scharfenberger
Matthew Schindlar
Lauren Schmitz
Steven Schmitz
Julia Schneider
Donald Schnetzler
Brooke Schoppmeyer
Vincent Schottler
Vincent Seria
Justin Serrano
Al Shad
Muhammad Shah
Ayaan Shaikh
Timothy Sherman
Hunter Silhan
Andrew Silvia
Edwin Smith
Jordyn Smith
Katlyn Smith
Paige Snyder
Kenzi Sorensen
Tiffany Soriano

Nasir Stallworth
Jake Stanley
Tobias Stephens
Trinity Stich
Brooke Strafford
Brody Streames
Margaret Sullivan
Kayla Swanwick
Avery Tabigue
Daniel Taccetta
Vienna Talbot
Shane Tarpey-Gronert
Jake Tavernise
Morgan Taylor
Samantha Tedeschi
Alexia Temps
Ryan Thoden
Dylan Thomasson
Jermaine Thompson
Luke Thomson
Eva Titone
Alaina Tomanelli
Christian Toth
Sarah Tribley
Brian Tricario
Juliette Trincerri
Tyler Tripi
Lauren Trotta
Dominique Turner
Jacob Unger
Christopher Ungro
Kayla Unterweiser
Nicolle Valencia
Thomas Valerio
Ezekiel Vasquez
Brandon Vecchia
Thomas Vidal
Adam Vinogradov
Andrew Vitale
Alex Wagner
Tori Walsh
Zachary Walsh
Michael Watson
Kathryn Watts
Elizabeth Wetzel
Daniel Widing
Justin Wilkinson
Chanz Williams
Alyssa Wright
Kasey Wynn
Aiden Yambao
Daniel Youmans
Kymerly Zambrano-Nivicela
Anna Zimmermann
Bryan Zmroczek

Moving Up to New Adventures



BOSTI ELEMENTARY



CHEROKEE STREET ELEMENTARY



DUFFIELD ELEMENTARY



IDLE HOUR ELEMENTARY



JOHN PEARL ELEMENTARY



SLOCUM ELEMENTARY



SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY



OAKDALE-BOHEMIA MIDDLE SCHOOL



RONKONKOMA MIDDLE SCHOOL

ACE Family Foundation Scholarship
Liam Flaherty and Aidan Conroy

Alexandra Radziul Engstrand Memorial Scholarship
Olivia Drapala, Sophia Murphy, Isabella Portillo, Reagan Quillo, Sara Sabatino, Samantha Tedeschi

Alice Schaefer Memorial Scholarship
Nicole Platti

Alison Wilhelmy Memorial Scholarship
Charlotte DeSimone and Emily Lynch

American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of the American Legion Bohemia-Post 1146
Isabella Baaske and Ava Henn

Association of Teaching Assistants of Connetquot Award
Daniel Widing and Thomas Buzzitta

Barney Stejskal Memorial Scholarship
Sara Sabatino

Betty J. Dicker Memorial Scholarship
Luke Olsen

Bohemia Civic Association Community Service Award
Olivia Drapala

Bohemia Fire Department/Alfred Clifton Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Cochrane

Bohemia Historical Society: William Tmay, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Olivia Drapala

Bosti Elementary School PTA: Barbara Lightstone Achievement Award
Vincent Keddy

Bosti Elementary School PTA: Gail Dobert Memorial Scholarship
Olivia Drapala

Bosti Elementary School PTA: Robert P. Huffine Memorial Scholarship
Gianna Castrogiovanni

Bosti Elementary School PTA: Robert Smith Achievement Award
Carly Bedford

Brian McGee Memorial Scholarship
Ryan McCallan and Amanda Elia

Captain Merrill H. Masin and Graham D. Masin Memorial Scholarships
Hunter Silhan and Nicolas Maldonado-Molina

Cherokee Street Elementary School PTA Award for Academic Excellence
Tiffany Gao

Cherokee Street Elementary School PTA Award for Special Accomplishments
Trinity Stich

Cherokee Street Elementary School PTA Incentive Award
Olivia Brown

Cherokee Street Elementary School PTA Steven Ditata Memorial Scholarship
Luke DeMarco

Claire & Robert Ross Memorial Scholarship
Angelina DiStefano

Connetquot Chapter of the Foreign Language National Honor Society Pina McCarthy Memorial Scholarship
Marissa Freeman

Connetquot Chapter of the National Honor Society Scholarship
Thomas Anderson, Sophia Miller and Brendan Vecchia

Connetquot Council of PTAs Joan Wixted Memorial Scholarship
Mackenzie Kelly

Connetquot Council of PTAs Lucille Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Ella Causin

Connetquot Council of PTAs Rosemary Weaver Memorial Scholarship
Carlene Gaul

Connetquot High School PTSA Award for Academic Excellence
James Latini

Connetquot High School PTSA Community Service Award
Olivia Drapala

Connetquot High School PTSA Eric L. Martinsen Award
Justin Wilkinson

Connetquot High School PTSA Fine Arts Scholarship Award
Katlyn Smith

Connetquot High School PTSA Giveback Scholarship Award
Sara Sabatino

Connetquot High School PTSA Trade School Scholarship Award
Ryan McCallan

Connetquot High School Science National Honor Society Scholarship
Sara Sabatino, Ella Causin and Summer Perry

Connetquot Teachers Association Scholarship
Victoria Buzzita, Charlotte DeSimone, Olivia Jonas, Angelina Melomo, Christopher Scharfenberger and Daniel Widing

Craig B. Priemer Foundation Scholarship
Olivia Drapala and Gabrielle Giel

Danielle Whalen Humanitarian Scholarship
Nolan Dideriksen and Gabby Aiello

Darren P. Corby Memorial Scholarship
Luke Olsen and Alexa Colondona

Dayton T. Brown Scholarship
James Latini

DeLorme Family Scholarship – In Honor of Frances and Edward DeLorme, Parents of Retired Teacher Edward DeLorme
Tyler Mosoff

Donna Fielbig Memorial Award
Kayla Unterweiser and Vincent Keddy

Douglas Sposato CHS Wildlife Garden Scholarship
Ciaran Lenihan

Edith L. Slocum Elementary School PTA: Academic Achievement Award
Brandon Liberchuk

Edith L. Slocum Elementary School PTA: Academic Excellence Award
Katlyn Smith

Edith L. Slocum Elementary School PTA: Incentive Award
Cadence Gentile

Genna Martinez Meaningful Life Award
Carrie Cardenas Morales

Giavanna Marie Melomo Memorial Scholarship
Maria Emilia Ordonez Bustamante, Vincent Keddy, Angelina Melomo, Sophia Murphy and Samantha Pellegrino.,

Gina Blenk Memorial Business Scholarship
Olivia Drapala

Glen K. Pettit Memorial Scholarship
James Coyne III

Helen B. Duffield PTA Children's Memorial Scholarship
Isabelle Adamo, Nicholas Carulli, Sophia Murphy

Helen B. Duffield PTA Scholarship in Memory of Rosemary Terino
Angelina Melomo

Idle Hour Elementary School PTA Scholarship
Ainsley Noonan and Aidan Conroy

Island Federal Credit Union
Anna Rostkowski

James Edmonds Memorial Scholarship
Katlyn Smith

James Stapleton Memorial Scholarship
Luke Thomson

John Pearl Elementary School PTA Scholarship: In Memory of Jake Hill
Sara Sabatino

John Pearl Elementary School PTA Scholarship: Susan P. White Legacy

Award
Carlene Gaul
Jon-Michael Lasher Memorial Fine Arts & Music Scholarships
Camila Rivera-Leiva (Fine Arts) and Vincent Keddy (Music)

Lakeland Fire Department Arthur McCutchan Scholarship Award
Mackenzie Kelly and James Coyne III

Lakeland Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship
James Coyne III

Locust Avenue Farm Inc. Scholarship
Logan Gray

Lucille M. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Marilyn Justiniano and Anna Hauser

Lucy Puglin Memorial Music Scholarship
Melanie Humsjo, Katlyn Smith and Alexia Temps

Michael B. Friscia Memorial Scholarship
Thomas Caputo, Ryan McCallan and Luke Thomson

MJ Shortall Memorial Award
Ryan McCallan

Northrop-Grumman Propulsion Systems and Controls: Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) Scholarship
Carlene Gaul

NYSIR Cristin Ann Bambino Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Wetzel

Oakdale-Bohemia Middle School PTA Scholarship



Gavin Maron

Oakdale-Bohemia Middle School PTA Scholarship: In Memory of Joan McGarry
Olivia Drapala and Sara Sabatino

Oakdale Civic Association Scholarship Award
Charlotte DeSimone

Oakdale Historical Society Scholarship
Charlotte DeSimone

ORBBA-Oakdale-Ronkonkoma-Bohemia Boosters of the Arts
Charlotte DeSimone, Gabrielle Giel, Kamryn Goncalves, Melanie Humsjo, Marilyn Justiniano and Katlyn Smith,

Pastor Kevin Foss Scholarship
Jessica Cochrane

Pat Troniar Memorial Award
Michael Abbamonte

Perfect Bodies Tradesman Scholarship
Ryan McCallan

Ronkonkoma Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
Ava Chesnowitz

Ronkonkoma Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Business Student
Tiffany Soriano

Ronkonkoma Middle School PTA High Academic Scholarship
Cristiana Grob

Ronkonkoma Middle School PTA Scholarship
Angelina Melomo and Tyler Mosoff

SCOPE
Avery Tabigue

SEPTA Merit Scholarship
Francesco DeTomasso, Robert Elliot, Brooke Schoppmeyer and Justin Wilkinson

Shaun Bezmen Memorial Scholarship
Anna Rostkowski

Special Education PTA (SEPTA) Scholarship: Christine Delevan Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Wetzel

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Scholarship
Edwin Smith

Suffolk Association of School Business Officials Scholarship
Olivia Drapala

Suffolk County Chapter of NYS School Facilities Association Scholarship
Margaret Sullivan

Suffolk Transportation Scholarship
Anna Liberchuk

Sycamore Avenue Elementary School PTA Community Building Scholarship
Angelina DiStefano

Sycamore Avenue Elementary School PTA Fine Arts and Music Education Scholarship
Shawn Kovarik

Sycamore Avenue Elementary School PTA Scholarship
Melissa DiBlasi

Tom & Jo-Ann Croci Memorial Scholarship
Thomas Caputo, Kayla Unterweiser and Justin Wilkinson

West Sayville Fire Department Glen K. Pettit Memorial Scholarship
Logan Gray

West Sayville Fire Department Harry D'Onofrio Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Hippler

West Sayville Fire Department Robert Suckow Memorial Scholarship
Brian Marra

Congratulations
CLASS OF 2023



ART
Outstanding Ceramics Student
 Gianna Cross
Outstanding Advanced Ceramics Student
 Hunter Silhan
Outstanding Advanced Sculpture Student
 Isabella Baaske
Outstanding Art Portfolio Student
 Gianna Cross
Outstanding Advanced Art Portfolio Student
 Olivia Plummer
Outstanding Photography Student
 Aidan Conroy
Outstanding Computer Graphics Student
 Gianna Castrogiovanni
Outstanding Advanced Computer Graphics Student
 Tyler Ramos
Outstanding Computer Graphics-Independent Study
 Camila Ignacia Rivera-Leiva
Excellence in Film 1
 Camila Ignacia Rivera-Leiva
Excellence in Film 2
 Noah Johnson
Excellence in Film 3
 Joseph Parise
Outstanding AP Art History Student
 Nicolas Gabriel Maldonado-Molina
Outstanding Studio in Media Student
 Krish Patel
Outstanding Studio in Art 2D Student
 James Derenches
Outstanding Studio in Art 3D Student
 Sadia Mithila
Outstanding Broadcast Journalism Student
 Danny Lopez
Outstanding Studio in Art 3D Student
 Sadia Mithila
Outstanding Broadcast Journalism Student
 Danny Lopez
SCALA Senior Scholarship
 Gianna Cross

MUSIC
John Philip Sousa Band Award
 Amber Rogers-Wakefield
Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award
 Marilyn Justiniano
The Director's Award for Band
 Gabrielle Aiello
Outstanding Band Musicians Awards
 Lucas Martin
Outstanding Band Service Award
 Alexander Nitzsche
The National School Marching Award Marching Band Award
 Maximiliano Carrion Tietjen
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award
 Vincent Keddy
Woody Herman Jazz Award
 Ryan Cuccurullo
Outstanding Jazz Musician Awards
 Michael Murphy
National School Orchestra Award
 Katlyn Smith
Director's Award for Orchestra
 Andrew Silvia
Outstanding Orchestra Musician Award
 Edward Fieseler
Outstanding Orchestra Service Award
 Jason Le
National School Choral Award
 Lauren Longo
Fred Waring Director's Award for Chorus
 Cassie Eggert
Outstanding Treble Choir Musician Award
 Melisa Kolenovic
Outstanding Concert Choir Musician Award
 Charlotte DeSimone
Outstanding Choral Service Award
 Luke Olsen & Logan Bub
Outstanding Vocal Jazz Musician Award
 Kamryn Goncalves
Outstanding 7th Street Singers Show Choir Award
 Gabrielle Aiello

Outstanding L.I. Voices Show Choir Award
 Lauren Longo
Outstanding Musical Theater Award
 Olivia Hirt
Quincy Jones Musicianship Award
 Vincent Keddy
Atlantic Wind Symphony Award
 Ryan Cuccurullo
Tri-M Music Honor Society Award (In Honor of Maria Sapienza)
 Vincent Keddy
Tri-M Music Honor Society Award (In Honor of Eric Martinsen)
 Marilyn Justiniano
SCMEA Scholarship
 Katlyn Smith
NYSCAME Scholarship
 Lauren Longo

ENGLISH
Outstanding English Student
 Lauren Schmitz
Outstanding English Student
 Giovanni Guzzo
Outstanding English Student
 Brandon Vecchia
Outstanding English Student
 Nicole Platti
Excellence in AP Lit. & Comp.
 Nicolas Maldonado-Molina
Excellence in AP Lit. & Comp.
 Colin Cavanaugh
Excellence in AP Lit. & Comp.
 Lilia Livolsi
Excellence in AP Lit. & Comp.
 Kylie Martinez
Literary Magazine Award
 Samantha Tedeschi
Literary Magazine Award
 Emily Lynch
Theatre Arts
 Gabrielle Aiello
Theatre Arts
 Cassie Eggert
Theatre Arts
 Anna Hauser
Theatre Arts
 Kamryn Goncalves

Theatre Arts
 Marilyn Justiniano
Sports Journalism Award
 Ryan Muckle
Academic Achievement Awards
 Robert Elliott
Academic Achievement Awards
 Tori Walsh
Academic Achievement Awards
 Francesco De Tomasso
Academic Achievement Awards
 Hannah Brexendorf Persaud

WORLD LANGUAGE
Outstanding French Student
 Daniella Cregg
Outstanding Italian Student
 Vashma Raja
Outstanding Italian Student
 Stephania Cortez
Outstanding Spanish Student
 Jack Loubier
Outstanding Spanish Student
 Erich Reineking
Outstanding ENL Student
 Maria Emilia Ordonez Bustamante
Multi-Language Award
 Marissa Freeman
World Language Honor Society
 Lilia Livolsi
World Language Honor Society
 Sean Rogalle
World Language Honor Society
 Trinity Stich

BUSINESS
Outstanding Accounting Student
 Amber Rogers-Wakefield
Outstanding Finance Student
 Ryan Lozada
Outstanding Finance Student
 Nolan Britt
Outstanding Business Law Student
 Melisa Kolenovic
Outstanding Business Law Student
 Carly Bedford
Special Recognition in Business Award
 Margaret Sullivan

Special Recognition in Business Award
 Nicholas Carulli
Outstanding Overall Business Student
 Emily Cashel
Outstanding Marketing Student
 Tiffany Soriano
Outstanding Marketing Student
 Riley Moger
Outstanding Virtual Enterprise Student
 Emily Cashel
Outstanding Virtual Enterprise Student
 Madison Pyke
Outstanding Work-Based Learning Student
 Matthew Badenius
National Business Honor Society Student
 Emily Cashel
National Business Honor Society Student
 Ainsley Noonan
Outstanding DECA Student
 Alyssa Wright
School Store Awards
 MorganTaylor
School Store Awards
 Margaret Sullivan
School Store Awards
 Carrie Euceda-Luna

MATH
Excellence in AP Computer Science
 Thomas Anderson
Excellence in Computer Science
 Ryan Cuccurullo
Excellence in BC Calculus
 Gavin Maron
Excellence in BC Calculus
 Nicole Platti
Excellence in AB Calculus
 Lilia Livolsi
Excellence in AP Statistics
 Isabelle Adamo
Outstanding Math Student
 Shawn Kovarik
Outstanding Math Student
 Hunter Silhan

Outstanding Math Student
 Matthew Donaldson

SCIENCE
Excellence in Biology
 Sara Sabatino
Excellence in Chemistry
 Sara Sabatino
Excellence in Physics
 Lilia Livolsi
Excellence in Environmental Science
 Gavin Maron
Outstanding Science Award
 Thomas Buzzitta
Haskell/Lewis Award
 Lilia Livolsi
Rechler Equity Science
 Erich Reineking
NYS Family & Consumer Science Educators
 Giovanni Guzzo
NYS Family & Consumer Science Educators
 Iman Jawad Khalid
ACS (Junior Award)
 Shayaan Ahmed (11th grader)

SOCIAL STUDIES
AP United States History
 Edward Fieseler
AP United States History
 Brandon Vecchia
AP Government/Politics
 Nicole Platti
AP European History
 Jack Loubier
AP World History
 Lilia Livolsi
AP World History
 Sven Ritter
Outstanding Social Studies Student
 Nicolas Maldonado-Molina
Outstanding A.P. Economics
 Gavin Maron
Outstanding A.P. Psychology
 Julianna Alvarado
Outstanding Foreign Policy Expert
 Charlotte DeSimone
DAR Award
 Kylie Martinez Mon



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Thanks and Best Wishes to Our Retirees



With more than 1,000 years of collective work, the district bid farewell to the following staff members at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Your years of service have supported countless members of the Connetquot school community, and you will be missed. Best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

Administrative Retirements:

Lynda Adams, Superintendent of Schools
Timothy Dungate, Director of Plant and Facilities
Lisa Farrell, Duffield Elementary School Principal
Joanne Sharrott, Director of Purchasing

Teacher Retirements:

Diane Boccio, John Pearl
Diane Boyle, Bosti
Heidi Burke, Slocum
Nancy Burns, Slocum
Lori Forgione, CHS
Lainie Goodman, Idle Hour
Charles Hafner, Cherokee
Patricia Koster, Bosti
Brad Lindell, CHS
Alicia McNulty, Slocum

Peter McNeil, CHS
Lauren Merdinger, John Pearl
John Nielsen, CHS
Kenneth Ohrtman, CHS
Linda Pennington, Slocum
Susanne Pers, Slocum
Heather Popovich, CHS
Maureen Striffler, Bosti

Clerical Retirements:

Debra Dziedzic, CHS
Linda Farrell, Sycamore
Doreen Jeanes, DO
Judith Leibowitz, CHS
Carol Mariella, Bosti
Christine Umpa, CHS

Custodial Retirements:

Salvatore Annunziato, Idle Hour
Robert Heal, Buildings and Grounds
Steve Mott, Building and Grounds
Carlos Rojas, John Pearl
Randal Sedler, Cherokee

Transportation Retirements:

Patricia Barnes
Michael Bloom
Linda Cooper
Anita Devalle
Joan Galeazzi
MaryEllen Garbarino
James Long
Carol Troiano
Marcia Ospitale
James Walters
George Weidner

Teacher Assistant Retirements:

Deborah Aprigliano, Bosti
Rita Booras, CHS
Margaret Deliso, CHS

Aide Retirements:

Catherine Alia, John Pearl

Food Service Retirements:

Reidun Rasmussen, CHS
Georgia Mikromastoras, Slocum

Service-Bound Graduates

The district commends the following Class of 2023 graduates who will be entering the armed forces following graduation. We thank you for your service, dedication and bravery in protecting our nation and community.

Student

Henry Bruno-Bradley
Alex Denaroso
Jake LaPlaca
James Latini
Emily Monaco-Vezeris
Matthew Rodriguez-Camillo
Justin Serrano

Military Branch

Marines
Coast Guard
Army
Air Force ROTC
Air Force
Marines
Marines