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A New Path for Success With Certifications

Mineola continues to pave the way for excellence and opportunity for all our learners with increased course offerings and diversification in where those courses lead. “We are empowering our learners’ options to set their own course for success,” Director of Instructional Technology and Assessment Whitney Smith, Ed.D., said. “We have college-credit courses, Advanced Placement courses, and now certification courses that give our learners an edge in whatever they decide to pursue after graduation. We are giving them all the tools to pursue excellence, in every way imaginable.”

Coordinator of Career, Community and STEAM Opportunities Nicole Culella, Ed.D. noted that, “In addition to our Autocad and new Cyber-security course being offered this year that can result in learners getting an industry-standard certification, the district is offering an EMT course with real-life, hands-on training. These certifications will make our students more skilled, employable and prepared for life after high school.”

EMT Program Provides Hands-On Training

Seniors in Jacque Ambadjes’ EMT class at Synergy are gaining real-life experience and are on track to earn statewide certifications that will be invaluable as they navigate their postsecondary and career plans. Plus, the skills they are learning could help save a life!

Mr. Ambadjes, who spent over three decades as a paramedic in the South Bronx and Nassau County before becoming a certified instructor

coordinator for Nassau County EMT Academy, starts the program with an intense focus on safety, including protecting against germs and hazardous materials, effective handwashing and proper use of protective gear.

From there, the students learn basic anatomy and physiology and experience the brand-new Anatomage Table, a state-of-the-art 3D interactive anatomy visualization system that allows them to learn about the human body like never before.

As the urgency of their critical new skills come into focus, students practice patient assessment techniques, including what to look for in a medical emergency, how to determine the cause of the distress and how to prepare to assist the patient. They learn how to carry a stretcher and how to fill out a patient care report, a



vital skill for an EMT professional. They learn how to stay calm in high-stress situations and gain experience performing CPR on a high-tech dummy, assessing patients and administering medication and giving supplemental oxygen. At the end of class every day, the students take each other’s vital signs and record them on a chart, including blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate and skin condition.

To pass this course and earn the EMT certification, students are required to sit for a NYS certification exam. Additionally, they must pass two practical exams, two written exams, CPR and first aid certifications and perform 10 patient assessments in either the hospital or on an ambulance. Through a partnership with Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corps, our students will be able to ride along on their ambulances, gaining real-world experience.

Upon completion, these learners will be well on their way to a career as an EMT or other health care professional with life skills that could be lifesaving.

Learners Embark on MedVoyage

On Oct. 30, 11th grade learners in Mineola High School’s inaugural Introduction to Healthcare program were joined by administrators, teachers and Northwell Health representatives for the official launch of the MedVoyage program, an innovative educational initiative designed to provide high school students with a transformative exploration of the dynamic world of healthcare.

This collaborative program focuses on career exploration and hands-on experience, giving students the opportunity to gain practical knowledge and skills vital for success in the healthcare industry and to make informed decisions about their future.

In addition to their daily Introduction to Healthcare class held at the district’s Synergy building, the 26 students will make 11 trips to Northwell Health locations, including EMS Operations, North Shore University Hospital, Northwell Core Lab and others. Each visit will include a tour of the operation, as well as presentations from the staff and the opportunity for students to ask questions.

The program concludes with the students turning their experiences into multimedia presentations which will be presented to Northwell Health representatives and management.



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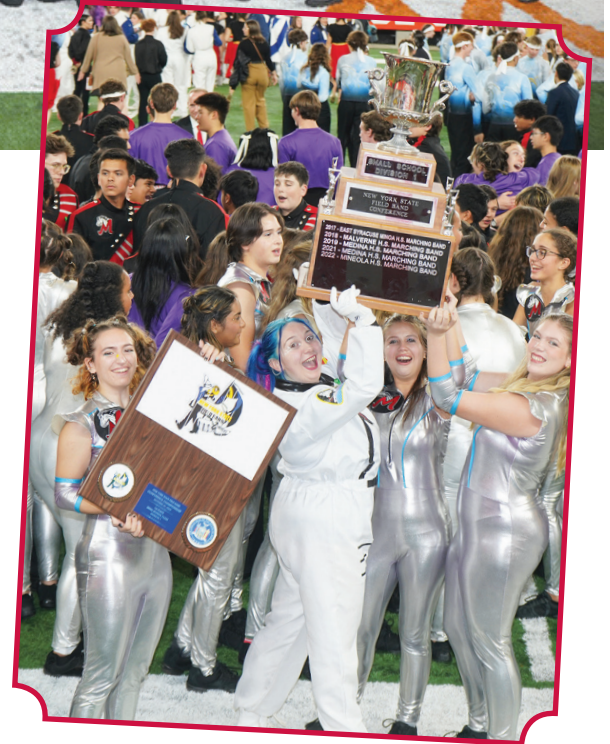
MARCHING BAND SCORES SECOND CONSECUTIVE SS1 CHAMPIONSHIP

For the second year in a row, the Mineola High School Marching Band has won the Small School Division 1 (SS1) championship at the New York State Field Band Conference held on Oct. 29 in Syracuse, New York.

Under the direction of Marching Band director Chris Toomey and assistant director Zach St. John, the band, consisting of 144 students, scored the

coveted SS1 trophy for their performance, "Odyssey: Through Space and Time," which features original music composed by Ken Kamping, a member of the Mineola music department staff.

In addition to two consecutive state championships, the Mineola Marching Band also dominated the local competitions and achieved a second undefeated season.



VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The district congratulates high school sophomore Justin Spera on being selected as a candidate for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Student Visionaries of the Year honor.

Justin has been a supporter of LLS since middle school and has raised over \$7,000 to date through events and fundraisers in memory of his cousin Thomas, who passed away from Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Justin credits his memories of Thomas and the support of his extended family for motivating him to dedicate his time, energy and spirit to the fight against blood cancers. His team name is "Changing TOMorrows," an homage to Thomas.

Student Visionaries of the Year is a seven-week fundraising and leadership-building campaign running from Feb. 1 through March 21, 2024, where student visionaries



build a team, reach out to contacts, plan fundraisers and engage sponsors to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

An inspiration to the entire Mineola community, Justin truly embodies what it means to contribute positively to a global society. We wish you the best of luck on your efforts to attain the Student Visionary of the Year title and look forward to lending our support and being a part of your team.

LEARNER LIGHTS UP BROADWAY

We are incredibly #MineolaProud of our superstar student Brady Wagner who is performing the part of Frank Jr. in the Broadway production of "Merrily We Roll Along," alongside Daniel Radcliffe and Jonathan Groff.

While Brady's acting skills are top-notch, he also gets rave reviews for his starring role as a first grader at Hampton Street School, according to Principal Leigh Shaw. Despite his rigorous rehearsal and show schedule, Brady is committed to his schoolwork and demonstrates the persistence and respect that makes him a picture-perfect HAMPTON Helper.

Mineola is a family affair for Brady, who looks forward to one day sharing the stage with his sister Elena, a Jackson Avenue learner, and cousin James, who is also part of the Hampton Street family and is lending a hand by making sure Brady gets all his homework sheets even when he misses a day of school.

We look forward to a bright future for this little learner who embodies our Mineola Mission Statement to its fullest.



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