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Kornreich ELC Celebrates *10th Anniversary*

The Kornreich Early Learning Center celebrated its 10th moving-up ceremony on June 6 at Jackson Avenue School. Members of the first graduating class, along with past and present district administrators and John and Janet Kornreich were present for the milestone event of this unique program.

The Kornreich Early Learning Center teaches key fundamental learning tools, at no cost to the district, to three-year-old children in the Mineola Union Free School District. Daily classes at the Kornreich Early Learning Center, taught by Ms. Divya Narvekar, focus on the development of the children's language and cognitive,

social and motor skills necessary for successful entry into pre-kindergarten.

The program is funded by Mr. and Mrs. Kornreich each year.

"For 10 consecutive years, Mr. Kornreich has shown unconditional support for this community and for that we are so thankful," Superintendent of Schools Michael P. Nagler, Ed.D. said in his speech to guests. "The second integral piece



of this program is Ms. Divya. She is legendary in our community as a parent, as an active community member and as the driving force of the Kornreich Early Learning Center."

Mineola is the only district in Nassau County to offer this specialized learning opportunity to its community.



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9th Year as Best Community for Music

For the ninth consecutive year, Mineola School District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. The Best Communities Music Education designation is awarded to districts that serve as a model for other districts and demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

"Each year, I have to reflect upon the work of our teachers and students and why we are deserving of this recognition," said District Director for Music and Fine Arts Joseph Owens. "We consistently earn this designation because of the dedication of the teachers in the classrooms, the students and

families, the music parents, district administration and the Board of Education. We teach conceptually instead of by rote and we go above and beyond. We are involved in a true learning community that believes in the importance of music (and arts) education. We know that it's not an "extra," it's an imperative."

To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Mr. Owens submitted detailed information about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs.



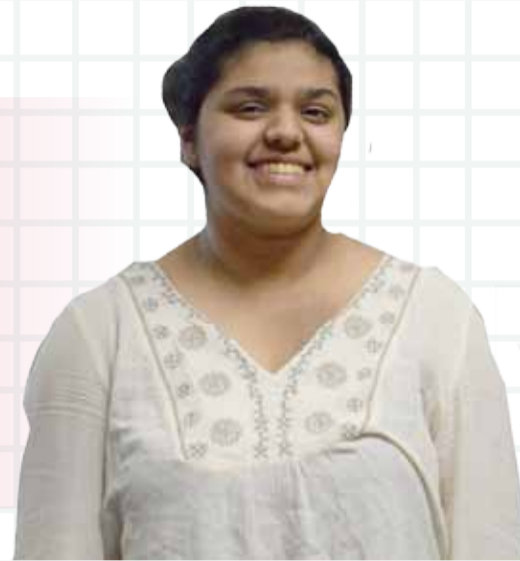
SENIOR PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Sonia Zia

SENIOR PROJECT: Interned at Williston Park Animal Hospital

“I didn’t know I could intern at an animal hospital until I took senior project. I always wanted to be a veterinarian and this was a good opportunity for me. Seeing with my own eyes how the work helps the animals and the owners solidified that this is what I wanted to pursue and how I wanted to go about it.”

COLLEGE PLANS: Becker College in Massachusetts - pre-veterinary track



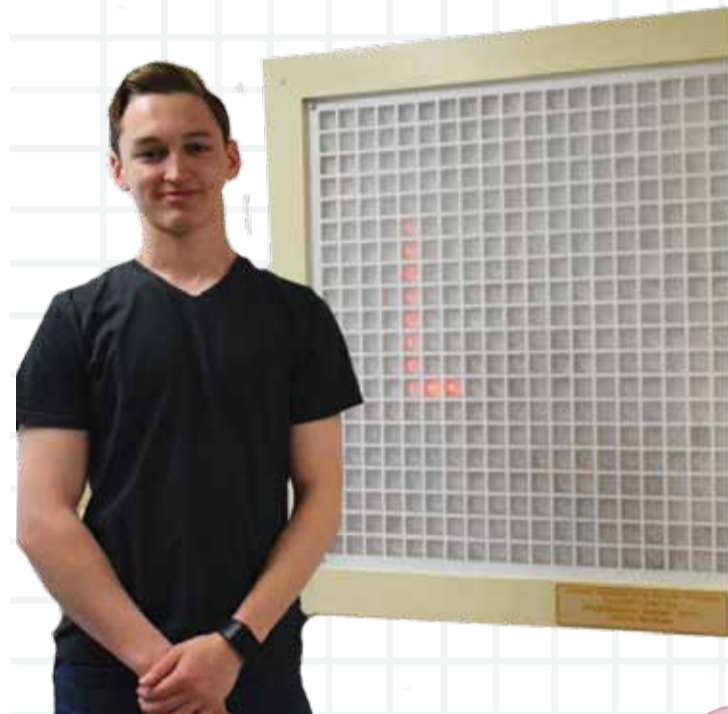
Every senior is required to complete a senior project, which is meant to provide an important transition from high school to college and the world of work by having students extend their learning in an area of personal interest beyond the school’s walls. Each senior has the ability to create their own learning plan and choose between a research paper (with or without field work), an internship, a creative endeavor or a service project. Although every senior project is unique, all seniors are required to develop a portfolio and presentation of their experiences as a culminating assessment. Students have one full semester (two quarters) to complete the project. Listed here are just a sampling of the senior projects from this year.

Andrew Desiderio

SENIOR PROJECT: Created an LED matrix display for Fab Lab

“I like to do projects and I got to practice many of my favorite skills. I built it to better the area of the Fab Lab and for the experience.”

COLLEGE PLANS: Binghamton University - Engineering



Monika Waszczuk

SENIOR PROJECT: Shadowed a pediatric emergency physician

“I don’t know that this is something I would have sought out on my own, but I had the best time and decided that I definitely want to do this in my future.”

COLLEGE PLANS: Hofstra University – Biology Major w/Pre-Med Track



Michael Cappeller

SENIOR PROJECT: Shadowed a programmer and software developer

“I learned that there are a lot of jobs beyond just a software developer and that they can be very specific. I still want to pursue this field and believe I got a lot out of the experience.”

COLLEGE PLANS: Stony Brook University - Computer Science



Rachel Leone

SENIOR PROJECT: Set design for “Seussical”

“This was done from all of my creative work over the course of 2-3 weeks after school, so when I got to step back and see it as part of the final show, it was an amazing experience. Art is something I like to do periodically, but it’s not something I want to do all of the time.”

COLLEGE PLANS: Geneseo - Undecided

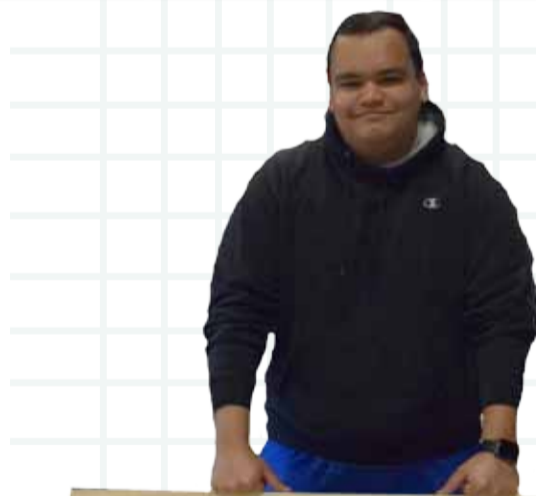


Brandon Ayende

SENIOR PROJECT: Built a bench using the CNC Router

“I had never really worked with the computer side of wood working and the Fab Lab allowed me to explore the tech side more by working with AutoCAD and Aspire. It gave me practice using these programs, which I will likely use a lot in the future.”

COLLEGE PLANS: Hofstra University - Mechanical Engineering



Anne Cripps

SENIOR PROJECT: Shadowed a financial advisor

“I learned that whatever I end up doing, I really have to love it. Everyone there liked what they did and were always seeking to refine their skills. They helped me with my resume and advised me to be passionate about whatever I decide.”

COLLEGE PLANS: University of Delaware – University Studies





Valedictorian
SANDRA PINTO
Adelphi University –
Biology



Salutatorian
ELIZABETH RYAN
U.S. Air Force Academy –
Biology



2017 Class of 25 TOP

One senior was recognized by the Nassau County Art Supervisors with their senior scholarship

Elizabeth Ryan and Erica Sze-Tu had their research selected as finalists in ISWEEP, the world's largest science fair focused on renewable resources

One senior named All-State vocalist

Salutatorian accepted to both Airforce Academy and West Point

9 Senior athletes going on to play sports at the collegiate level

5 Seniors named All-County athletes

Virtually all students complete some internship experience during their senior project class

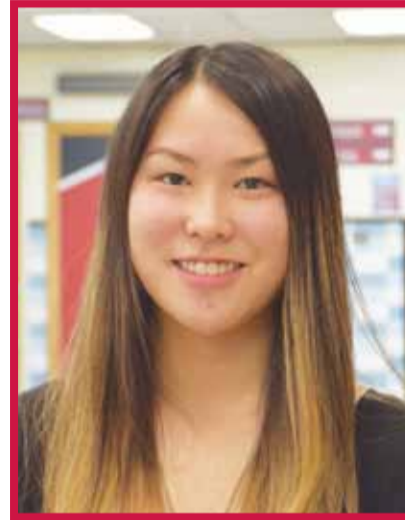
Seniors have news articles published on National Platform (fusfoo.com)



3. ZACHARY SLOAN
Wagner College –
Theatre Performance



4. SERENA BERGER
Hofstra University –
Physician Assistant



5. ERICA SZE-TU
Northeastern University –
Biology



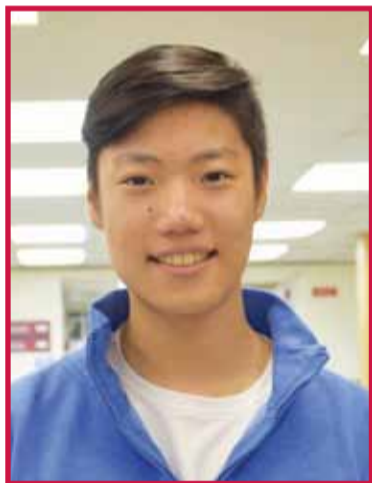
6. JILLIAN PALMA
Quinnipiac University –
Biology



7. MICHELLE VANDE STOUWE
University of Maryland –
Biology



8. GABRIELLA MARTINEZ
Georgetown University –
Politics



9. DAVID LEE
Binghamton University –
Business Management



10. REESA RENE
LIU Brooklyn –
Pharmacy



11. MONIKA WASZCZUK
Hofstra University –
Biology Pre-Med



12. CHRISTINA CARDINAL
Hofstra University –
Physician Assistant



13. BRIANNA LOPES
Clemson University –
Nursing



14. ERIN TALTY
Stony Brook University –
Engineering



15. KAYLEIGH DIPIETRANTONIO
Northeastern University –
Chemistry



16. VALERIE COBOS
Hofstra University –
International Business



17. ERIN SERVINKAS
Stony Brook University –
Undecided



18. COURTNEY SCHEUER
Molloy College –
Nursing



19. MICHAEL VALENTE
Stony Brook University –
Biomedical Engineering



20. NEAL REZZA
Virginia Military Institute –
Applied Mathematics



21. EMILY COMITO
LIU Post –
Undecided



22. ZACHARY TARAB
Northeastern University –
Engineering



23. ANNE CRIPPS
University of Delaware –
University Studies



24. ATHENA COLACITO
Farmingdale State University –
Dental Hygiene



25. ANDREW DESIDERIO
Binghamton University –
Electrical Engineering

Congratulations Class of 2017



16 SENIORS
Received NYS
Seal of Biliteracy



\$79,000
in Community
Scholarships

2,000+
Community
Service Hours



97%
Continue Education
at a 2-year or 4-year
College



AROUND *the* Schools

MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL



OPEN HOUSE

The high school hosted an Open House on May 2 for all students, staff and community members. The successful and enjoyable evening included a tour of the new Fab Lab, music rooms, award-winning library and turf field, and culminated with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Fab Lab.

MINEOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL



LIVING MUSEUM

As part of a seventh-grade Humanities project, students researched a famous American in history. Detailing their life from childhood to their most notable accomplishments and impact on our country, the students were not only required to complete a research paper, but to bring the person to life. The Living Museum was open



for peers and guests to walk through and learn about various famous historic individuals.

JACKSON AVENUE SCHOOL



THE STUDENT CIRCUS

During the last week of school, Jackson Avenue hosted the National Circus Project for a series of interactive workshops with students. The daylong program began with a schoolwide assembly and introduction followed by class lessons. Students received training in skills such as stilt-walking, juggling, plate spinning, and balancing. The workshops serve to build confidence and foster teamwork.



HAMPTON STREET SCHOOL

FIDGETING WITH STEAM

Kindergarten through second-graders working with STEAM teacher Denise Maynard at Hampton Street had the unique opportunity of creating their own fidget spinners. Prior

to creating their spinner, the class discussed its components, including the importance of the bearings and how to balance the weight. Students were given recycled materials such as pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, bottle caps, tape, clay, paper clips and toilet paper rolls to create their spinners.



MEADOW DRIVE SCHOOL

Food Pantry Donation

Second-graders at Meadow Drive took part in a yearlong community service project that culminated with a food shopping trip and a visit to the food pantry at St. Aidan's. Throughout the year, students in Mrs. Brennan's class recycled bottles and cans from around the school, which yielded approximately \$240. The class used the money to purchase food and then delivered the items to the food pantry. Ms. Cavallaro, a representative from St. Aidan's, explained to students how the food pantry works and whom it helps.





ATHLETIC AWARDS 2016-2017

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Andrew Ariza
Anne Cripps

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

Brandon Mendes
Erin Meehan

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Serena Berger
Christina Cardinal
Michelle Vande Stouwe
Victoria Ondris
Brianna Lopes
Danny Pires
Anthony Macchietto
Michael Valente

P.E. STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Matteo Itri
Victoria Ondris

TRI-PARENT ASSOCIATION SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Jillian Palma
Philip Pereira

THE "OLD RELIABLE" AWARDS

Matteo Itri
Jillian Palma

STUDENT ATHLETE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Matteo Itri
Anne Cripps

US ARMY NATIONAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

Michael Valente
Elizabeth Ryan

US MARINES

DISTINGUISHED ATHLETE AWARDS

Anthony Macchietto
Serena Berger

US NAVY ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Dimas Alvarenga Cabrera
Erin Meehan

MINEOLA COACHES ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Luis Tinoco
Brianna Lopes



Dimas Alvarenga Cabrera



Luis Tinoco



Brandon Mendes



Anthony Macchietto



Matteo Itri



Andrew Ariza

SPRING SPORTS WRAP-UP

SOFTBALL

ALL-COUNTY
Sara Tramonte

HON. MENTION

ALL-COUNTY – Erin Meehan

ALL-CONFERENCE

Emily McGuire

BOYS LACROSSE

ACADEMIC ALL-COUNTY

John McMahon

ALL-CONFERENCE

Kevin Dunleavy
Jonathan Salamone

ALL-ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

Christopher Shannon
Joseph Carr

GIRLS LACROSSE

HON MENTION

ALL-COUNTY

Caroline Perri

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

Michelle Vande Stouwe

ALL-CONFERENCE

Allison Mendes
Annie Cripps

UNsung HERO

Nicole Pereira

BASEBALL

ALL-COUNTY

Justin Bestler

ALL-CONFERENCE

Christopher Wiercinski

ALL-LEAGUE

Anthony Macchietto

HONORABLE MENTION

ALL-LEAGUE

Stephen Clancy
Michael Conway

SPRING TRACK

ALL-COUNTY

400 IH Hurdles, Andrew Ariza

110 HH Hurdles

Andrew Ariza

3000 Meter

Steeple Chase, Matteo Itri

ALL-DIVISION

400 IH Hurdles

Andrew Ariza

110 HH Hurdles

Andrew Ariza

SCHOLAR ATHLETE

TEAM AWARDS

Girls Spring Track

Boys Spring Track

Girls Lacrosse

Softball

VICTORY CHALLENGE

A team of seventeen students districtwide participated in the annual Nassau County Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged held at Mitchel Field this spring. Referred to as the Victory Challenge, students were teamed with a buddy and participated in various track and field challenges such as discus throwing, 400-meter races and distance kick.

Participating for more than 12 years, this year marked the biggest showing of supporters for the team, which is coached by district physical therapist Dana Franklin and occupational therapist Tara Lynch.

"I think the parents really value the event and they want to see their student participate," said Ms. Lynch. "We've had really great parent involvement every year. It's a great day for the students and their families."

Although the full event is three days long, Mineola participates only in the Friday portion. Each team member participates in five different field events throughout the day and has the opportunity to earn first- through fifth-place for each one. There is no fee to the students or district for participation in the event.



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