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CLASS OF 2023!

We are #MineolaProud to congratulate our Class of 2023 learners who turned their tassels and became high school graduates on June 24 at the Tilles Center.

The 132nd Mineola commencement was filled with memories of friendships forged, reflections on the challenges conquered together and the importance of taking risks, striving for excellence and being persistent in the quest for success and happiness.

Our graduates venture into their next chapter as lifelong learners with a sense of purpose and strength of character that comes from their collective experience.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 on your exceptional accomplishments. We wish you the best in all of your future endeavors.



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Congratulations to Our Academic Leaders

from the Class of

2023

Valedictorian Natalie Laszewski

Salutatorian Maya Meola

Magna Cum Laude



Nicholas Chan Chloe Gaglione Ziqing (Abbie) Gao



Grace Gilbert Carolina Guekjian Kayla Lima

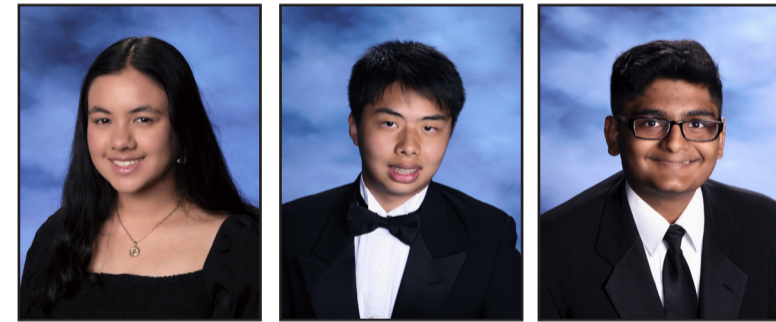


Nicole Luong Lindsey Parrado



Cathreen Paul Jeremiah Valmond

Summa Cum Laude



Sarah Ahmed Ricky Cheng Ishan Lohiya



Cristiano Oliveira Vivek Patel



Amanda Shapiro Jamie Valentino

Cum Laude



Thamirys Acevedo Sanchez Silvia Argueta Joshua Baldeosingh Ben Datys James Desiderio Nikki Dong Thomas Ely



Elizabeth Fernandez Mackenzie Fitzgerald Zirou (Emma) Gao Laurentina Gloria Desiree Grimaldi William Grotheer Grace Iadevaio



Chloe Jean-Noel Nicholas Kostulias Gianna Lubrano Hannah Mathew Catalina Mercado Brianna Nelson Tiffany Quinto



Melanie Rivera Jack Sargeant Rahul Setia Sarah Torgerson Noah Weinstein Jordan Weinstein Sydney Wu

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The district is proud to congratulate Natalie Laszewski and Maya Meola, valedictorian and salutatorian from Mineola High School Class of 2023. Valedictorian is the academic title conferred upon the student with the highest weighted grade point average in each graduating class based upon grade point average. Salutatorian is the student with the second-highest weighted grade point average in the class.

In addition to achieving her status as valedictorian, Natalie was also named AP Scholar with Distinction in spring 2022. As a sophomore and junior, she was accepted to the SUNY Old Westbury Institute of Creative Problem Solving for Gifted and Talented Students, one of the most competitive mathematics programs in the country. Natalie serves as president of the Mineola High School Key Club and Student Service Center, as well as Student Advisory Council member for the Nassau County District Attorney's Office and district intern for Congresswoman Kathleen Rice. She has

been an advocate for female involvement in the golf program, joining the men's varsity team and playing a part in the formation of the school's first woman's team. Natalie plays violin in the String Ensemble and has performed as a soloist at the New York State School Music Association conference and festival.

Maya was named AP Scholar with Honor and Distinction, as well as earned admission to National Honor Society and Science National Honor Society. Her volunteer efforts have included peer tutoring, helping senior citizens with technology as part of the Computers program and supporting the Student Service Center, the Flag Field of Honor and Athletes Helping Athletes. Maya's extracurricular activities include varsity soccer, track and field, and varsity baseball. She has been the recipient of many sports honors, including the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach's Award and Tri-Athlete Award, and was named captain of the JV girls soccer team.



"May we take our curiosity and lessons learned as we move forward to discover and experience all that the world has to offer."
-Salutatorian Maya Meola

"It is up to us to keep our friendships as we venture into different areas, because it's not what we have in life, but who we have in our life that matters."
-Valedictorian Natalie Laszewski



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