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# Outreach

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## A Return to Tradition...

# Together!

Back at our traditional Tilles Center venue, our seniors graduated to being alumni of the district on Saturday, June 25. Filled with pride and joy, parents and guests relished in the celebration inside this beautifully decorated and climate controlled venue. The speeches all echoed the same sentiments of resilience and not being afraid to fail, and reflections on time and coming together. Highlights from some are featured on page 4. We are #MineolaProud of our students and their numerous accomplishments during their time in our school district.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022! We wish you all the best on your future endeavors.



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# Congratulations to Our Academic Leaders

from the

# 2020

CLASS OF



Valedictorian Alvin Tsai



Salutatorian Katherine Ahn



Magna Cum Laude



Benjamin Ayende Victor Baley Jason Carvalho



Nicole Chan Jennifer Joaqui-Almendarez Benjamin Joseph

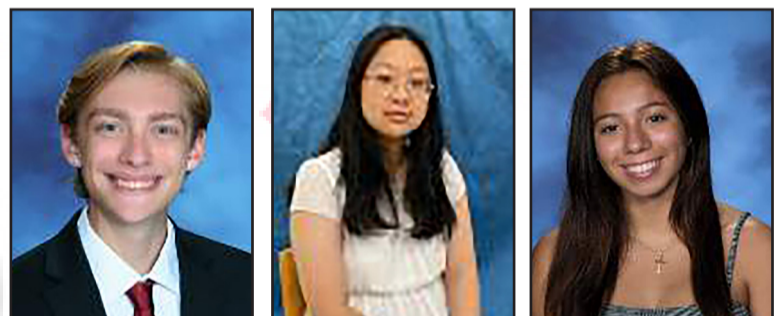


Melissa Leung Brendan Morrison Elizabeth Ricardo



Kevin Romero Rubio Mia Wasnofski

Summa Cum Laude



Jake Chesna Alice Li Nicole Pastoressa



Urja Patel Andrew Paternostro Keira Talty



Julia Therassi Arruda Abigail Walters

Cum Laude



Sofia Amador Natalie Barbosa Stephanie Bell Thomas Catania Ava Cohen Aalam Dhingra Grace Faley



Isabella Galan Jocelyn Herrera Esther Jacob Irene Kostalas Jimmy Lara Romero Aidan Levin Daniel Londono



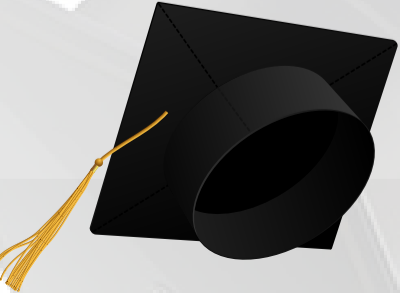
Arwen Lopez Maggie McMahon Brent Muessig Julia O'Connor Julia O'Donnell Emma Palumbo Brianna Pires



Deanna Polosino Andreas Rodriguez Alison Sandoval Anthony Schnaufer Sophia Schrader Bethany Shatz Daniella Speranza



Benjamin Stiehl Kerri Sullivan Madison Tullo Spencer Wu



"Humans are inherently social creatures; this is why collaboration truly brings the best out in all of us... When people come together, something truly magical happens: We are more open minded, we accept each other's ideas, we listen to feedback and we collectively achieve our goals."  
 - Alvin Tsai, Valedictorian



"As we enter the unknown future that is the new chapter of our lives, we must reflect. The fear we once experienced slowly turned into feelings of joy and pride, and it is crucial to take that confidence with us. These rare moments of reflection, where past and future meet, are when we must remember the cooperative friendliness that the community of Mineola taught us."  
 - Ava Cohen, Senior Class President

"Going through everything, we don't realize the significance of the memory being made in that moment, but sometimes the things we are least expecting become the most memorable. Nevertheless, we've also faced ineffable obstacles, but we have overcome them together. This is not without the community of Mineola. These traditions, which greatly define it, will always provide us with fond memories of our time here... We are part of a community of support and unity. I can also say proudly that I am glad to be graduating from a school district that encourages so much comradery. I'm thankful to Mineola for the memories and for being a home to me throughout my adolescent years. Let us continue to enjoy the unexpected or seemingly ordinary moments of our lives."  
 - Katherine Ahn, Salutatorian



"Try everything. Don't be afraid to fail."  
 - Whitney Smith, Ed.D., Principal (quoting Shakira's "Try Everything")



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