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CELEBRATING A DECADE AS A BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

For the 10th consecutive year, Mineola 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 for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that serve as a model for other districts and demonstrate outstanding achievement in providing music access and education to all students.



“I’m proud of our department for being recognized for offering students a top-notch musical experience, one that fosters excellence, exploration, discovery, growth, community, and most of all, a love of music,” said District Director for Music and Fine Art Joseph Owens. “Our teachers, administrators and community work together so well to provide our students with a rich music education.”

To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Mr. Owens answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by the Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

#MineolaProud Day

The district hosted an inaugural #MineolaProud Day on Saturday, May 19 at Mineola High School. The event allowed visitors to explore our K-12 continuum of computer science, coding, robotics and makerspace experiences for Mineola students. In addition, the day included the opportunity for guests to listen to some of our TED-Ed Club’s TED Talks, as well as a tour of the high school’s Fabrication Lab.



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Don't forget to continue to show us all the ways you are #MineolaProud on social media this summer!

Mission:

The Mission of

Start

...to inspire each student to be a life-long learner

Honoring Earth Day

Students throughout Hampton Street School honored Earth Day on Monday, April 23 with a variety of activities. Throughout the entire building, students were engaged in Earth-friendly activities such as creating a compost pile, building an insect house, weeding and cleaning up the gardens, planting flowers, creating bird sanctuaries and learning about animals with Jungle Bob. Students enjoyed



engaging in many outdoor events and expanding the walls of their classrooms into skills they could harness in their everyday lives.

Student TED-Talks

Each of the schools throughout the district held a TED-Ed Club celebration. New this year, the TED-Ed Club provides a unique opportunity to students, which includes choosing a topic they are passionate about and creating a TED-Talk. The club strives to increase research skills while allowing students to express themselves and practice essential presentation skills. These lifelong skills – of being a confident and



Andrew Murray IV from Meadow Drive School presented a TED-Talk on learning new languages.

charismatic speaker – will serve an invaluable purpose as students progress through their educational careers, as well as in their social-emotional growth.

...to exhibit strength of character

Full of PRIDE

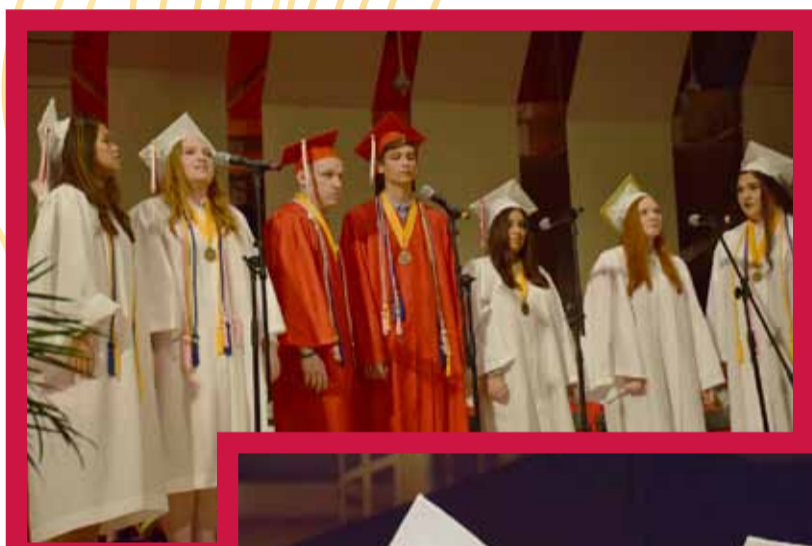
Three times this year Mineola Middle School held a special PRIDE Assembly for all of its students. The assemblies celebrated accomplishments of clubs and teams, as well as student growth aligned with the Habits of the Mind and Growth Mindset. The final assembly for the year took place on June 12 and featured student banners with positive messages that greeted all attendees.





Graduation

2018 ISSUE



CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2018!



Valedictorian
ANISHA SHAH
Macaulay Honors
College at Hunter College
Bio/Chemistry



Salutatorian
ANMOL PATEL
Northeastern University
Physical Therapy

2018

CLASS of

TOP 25



3. VIJAY PALIATH
Fordham University
Undecided



4. EMILY MCGUIRE
Stevens Institute
of Technology
Biology



5. DANIEL JISOO KIM
United States
Military Academy
Life Sciences/Chemistry



6. AILEEN MILLER
Villanova University
Mathematics



7. PREETI SINGH
Hofstra University
Speech Pathology



8. RYAN DEMAGISTRIS
Villanova University
Civil Engineering



9. AMANDA POPPE
New York Institute
of Technology
Occupational Therapy



10. NICOLE CHIU
Marist College
Fashion Merchandising



11. DANIEL MURRAY
Rochester Institute
of Technology
Software Engineering



12. NICHOLAS KERN
New York Institute
of Technology
Mechanical Engineering



13. NEROGICA NIMALAN
Stony Brook University
Biology/Pre-Nursing



**14. ANGELICA
MORALES-CUEVA**
Molloy College
Biology



15. MOLLY DONELAN
University at Albany
Political Science



16. SAMENTHA VALMOND
University at Buffalo
Pharmacy



17. JULIANA LUJO
Adelphi University
Health and Human Services



18. FLABIO ANJO
Adelphi University
Physical Education



19. DANIELLA ROCHA
Stony Brook University
Computer Engineering



20. KEVIN FRACCALVIERI
Penn State University
Mathematics



21. MARC GIORDANO
University of Delaware
Engineering



22. MICHELA FRANZ
University of Rhode Island
Physical Education



23. RHEA RENE
New York Institute
of Technology
Physical Therapy



24. SAMANTHA KESSLER
University at Buffalo
Environmental Engineering



25. DIANA ARAUJO
Adelphi University
Nursing



"My time at MHS has taught me that success isn't measured by numbers - your grades, your rank, etc. Success is defined by how we overcome obstacles, whether we are kind to others and how we make a bad situation into a positive one." -Edwin Melara

"The most important thing I learned was to never stay in my comfort zone and to try new things. If I never challenge myself, I will never grow as a person." -Courtney Villalona

"Through my classes and participation in sports, I learned that I can't be afraid to fail. I have to make mistakes in order to learn." -Leon Shalumov

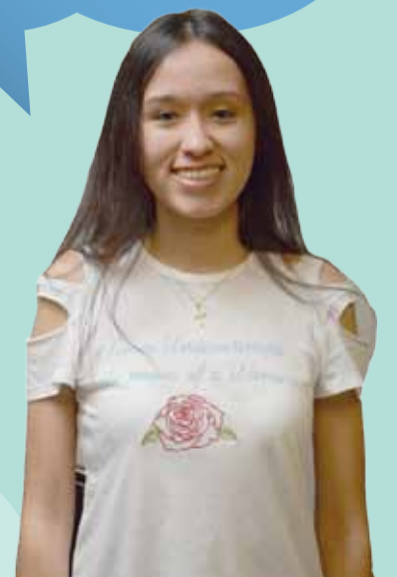


"I learned the importance of creating a balance between academics and a social life, as well as finding a teacher to talk to that you can trust." -Brianna Caroleo

"I learned that it's okay to be yourself because there is something and someone for everyone." -John Schnauffer

"MHS helped me discover what was most important to me. Drama Club really helped shape me. It taught me what I like to do and helped me decide what to pursue at college." -Jake Lenze

"The most important thing I learned is time management. Taking AP courses helped me learn how to plan for the week and how to best manage my time." -Sadie Landivar



the Mineola Union Free School District is...

...to pursue excellence

Engaged in Animation

Jackson Avenue School began utilizing production equipment, such as Wondermedia's Story Maker, with its students. Third-graders in Meagan Fabiitti and Michelle Rodriguez's dual language class are among the first to experiment with the program to complete their argumentative writing piece.

Students were asked to write a script with a

storyboard and then to bring their storyboard to life. With assistance from trained teachers, students used the Audacity program to record their voices and then animated characters to coordinate with the audio and their storyboards.

Pictured are Gianna-Rose Leggio and Kaitlyn Claros recording their audio.



...and to contribute positively to a global society.

Check Donation

Mineola Middle School's Community Action Club recently presented a check for \$2,000 to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The club raised funds through a Pennies for Patients drive, as well as by hosting a Pie-In-The-Face Contest for additional donations to the cause. Kerianne Stein, a representative from the society, visited the school on June 12 to accept the donation.



Walking for Water

Following a unit on water scarcity in other countries, third-graders at Jackson Avenue School participated in the school's Walk for Water. An annual tradition, students were asked to bring in a gallon bottle of water, which they carried during the walk to represent the long distances those in other countries have to make to get fresh water.

Following the walk, the bottles were donated to Island Harvest to benefit communities on Long Island. Approximately 200 gallons of water were donated as a result of the walk.



Finish



The Mineola athletic program celebrated the 2017-18 athletic sport seasons at the Booster Club Varsity Award Banquet. The club sponsored athletes' attendance at the dinner, where all of the varsity athletes were recognized for their participation on teams and for their accomplishments in front of a crowd of 350 people. The evening was highlighted by special award presentations to several deserving student-athletes. The week prior, as a part of the Senior Awards breakfast, many student-athletes enjoyed much-deserved recognition and monetary awards. The following is a list of the award winners at both events.



Pictured above are Athletes of the Year John McMahon and Emily McGuire and in the second picture are All-County athletes (left to right): Ryan Demagistris, Chris Shannon, Emily McGuire, Samantha Schroeder, Flabio Anjo, Christopher Wiercinski, John McMahon.

Booster Club Senior Scholarship Award

- Flabio Anjo
- Michael Conway
- Ryan Demagistris
- Nicholas Dos Santos
- Marc Giordano
- Nicholas Kern
- Joeseph Mueller
- Edward Pardo
- Jordyn Sinert
- Courtney Villalona

U.S. Army Scholar-Athlete Award

- Ryan Demagistris
- Emily McGuire

U.S. Navy Athletic Achievement Award

- John McMahon
- Caroline Perri

U.S. Marines Distinguished Athlete Award

- Flabio Anjo
- Samantha Schroeder

Mineola Coaches Old Reliable Award

- Ryan Demagistris
- Nicholas Dos Santos

Athlete of the Year

- John McMahon
- Emily McGuire



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