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Congratulations Class of 2019

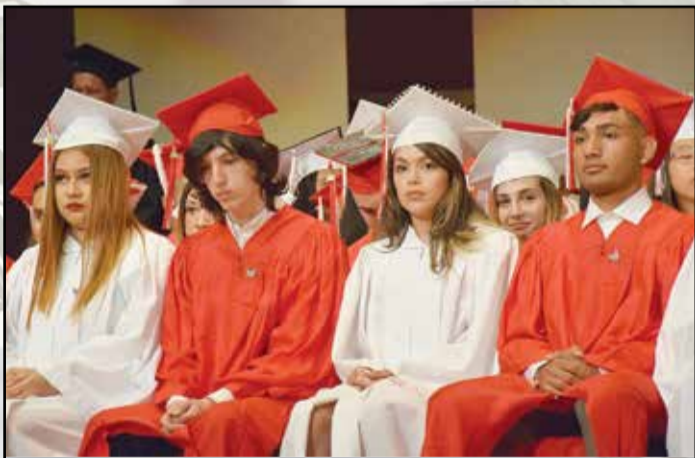
MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL'S 128TH COMMENCEMENT, SATURDAY, JUNE 29

80% of graduates took AP or college-level courses at MHS



133 of 198 graduated with an Advanced Regents Diploma

95% graduation rate



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#3 – RHENA CHUACHINGCO
LIU Post – Nursing



#4 – MICHAEL BRITT
Boston College –
Chemistry/Pre-Dental



#5 – NATALIE CAMPANELLA
Roger Williams University
– Architecture



#6 – JENNA COX
University of Massachusetts Amherst
– Accounting



#7 – MICHAEL CANDELA
Hofstra University – Business



#8 – ERIN MILLER
Boston College –
Secondary Education: Mathematics



#9 – CAITLIN DOHERTY
Scranton University – Speech
Pathology



#10 – HYE KOO
Hofstra University – PA Program



#11 – MARIA MARTINS
Queens College – Secondary
Education: Mathematics



VALEDICTORIAN
NEILAH RUSTEMI
Georgetown University – Undecided

SALUTATORIAN
ALEXA BUONGIOVANNI
Fairfield University – Biology



#12 – GENESIS TORRES
University of Delaware – Biology



#13 – HANNAH KOLSCH
Macaulay Honors College –
International Relations



#14 – TRISTAN GILBERT
NYIT – PA Program



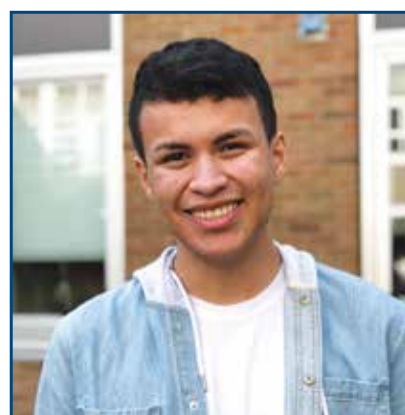
#25 – LOREN SALDANA
Hofstra University – Elementary
Education



#24 – ALEXA SCHNEIDER
LIU Post – Nursing



#23 – JOSEPH PALADINO
St. John's University – Biology



#22 – MIGUEL VELÁSQUEZ
Adelphi University – History
Education



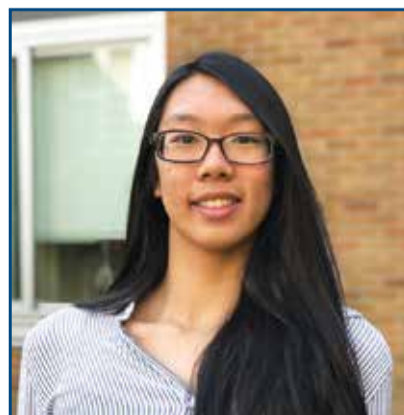
#21 – TARA BOLARTE
Hofstra University – Biology



#20 – JONATHAN MATHEW
Queens College –
Computer Science



#19 – JOANA MARQUES
University at Buffalo –
Business Administration



#18 – ANGELA LI
Stony Brook University – Nursing



#17 – GABRIELLA PALUMBO
Adelphi University – Education



#16 – NIKOLE HOLOWAT
LIU Post –
Environmental Sustainability



#15 – CHRISTINA PEITLER
George Washington University –
Computer Science



**90% Regents and
Advanced Regents
Diploma Rate**

"I believe that not only understanding change, but being an advocate for it, shows intelligence and intellect. Whether or not you identify with a group, fighting for a difference demonstrates your ability to comprehend life from different perspectives and address the needs of other people beyond yourself. We now have the opportunity to join a generation not just fall in the middle of two, and join with the people who advocate for a better world for ourselves and for others. Not only do we have the chance to experience change, but we have the opportunity to create it."

- Neilah Rustemi, Valedictorian



"If there was one thing to appreciate, it was the ability of our class to come together. This year we lost a member of our family, Christian Melendez ... he touched the hearts of all those fortunate enough to be part of his life and each of us will carry his memory with us as we carry on to the next chapter of our lives. His life will forever inspire us to take every opportunity and embody his greatness and carry on his legacy."

- Alexa Buongiovanni, Salutatorian

"My mother always says to me, 'Son, there is no obstacle you can't overcome.' Each of these students sitting here has faced some sort of obstacle throughout their high school experience and has overcome it. We're capable of changing the world for the better if we put our minds to it."

- Miguel Velásquez, Class President

**This is the
class that
experienced the
district's first phase
of its iPad
initiative**

**21 graduates
earned a seal
of biliteracy**



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