



SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
We Are Sachem

Our Story

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The end of June marked a joyous time for the Sachem Central School District, as we collectively celebrated the countless accomplishments of our students across the district during moving up celebrations and the annual commencement ceremonies at both High School North and East.

In Their Words...



"Sachem to me means home. I've met lifelong friends here and teachers, parents and friends that have left an everlasting impact. I think of it as more of a big family rather than a community. I know no matter where I go in life, Sachem will always be my home."

Megan Biase,
Sachem High School North Senior

"High school is a one-time experience, so do what makes you happy. Great experiences are created with all the staff and classmates."

Michael Incerto,
Sachem High School East Senior





"Sachem to me means family and lessons. Being a part of Sachem has given me lifelong friends and lessons I will never forget."

**Gianna Torres,
Sachem High School North Senior**

"The people in Sachem genuinely care about each other and create an environment that teaches humility, character and dedication."

**Vincent Zhang,
Sachem High School East Senior**



"Sachem has shown me that getting involved within the school really makes a difference. There are many relationships that I've built with others that will last a lifetime. It showed me who I am, and others influenced me to open my eyes and help all those around me. 'We are Sachem' and I am proud to say that."

**Mihalina Gianacopoulos,
Sachem High School North Senior**

"I have made unforgettable memories with teachers and friends that I will cherish forever."

**Vito Giambanco,
Sachem High School East Senior**



"Throughout my four years at East I have had two teachers impact me and help me get prepared for the next chapter in my life. I'll be forever grateful for the relationships and memories I've made. Once an Arrow, always an Arrow."

**Hannah Shapiro,
Sachem High School East Senior**

"Sachem made me find and realize who I really am as a person, and it will impact who I become as a person down the road."

**Reggie Berrios,
Sachem High School North Senior**



High School East Celebrates 2019 Graduates

A sun-filled sky greeted an enthusiastic crowd of family, friends and distinguished guests at the Sachem High School East commencement ceremony on June 27, honoring the tremendous achievements of the Class of 2019 and wishing them well as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

As a sea of seniors took to the field adorned in red caps and gowns, the 15th commencement ceremony at Sachem East began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by the graduates who would be entering a branch of the armed services.

High School East Principal Louis Antonetti offered the seniors a noble challenge to stand above the rest as they embark on their future journeys. "What is common in the world is people who see problems, complain and critique," he said. "Be uncommon, be part of the group that finds solutions and stays positive, and always have the mentality of 'I will find a way.'"

During a lighthearted address that followed, valedictorian Vincent Zhang concluded his speech with words of encouraging advice directed at his fellow graduates. "Persistent self-reflection is the only way we are able to judge our success and, ultimately, the legacy we leave for others," he said. "The relationships, memories and experiences you make will define your impact on yourself, on others and on society, so do not be afraid of change. It is the only way we can reach our best self."

Class President Joseph Traina then delivered a celebratory speech that turned back time and emphasized memories from the Class of 2019's collective experiences that made their journey as Sachem students special.

As superintendent of schools, Dr. Kenneth Graham reflected on all that the graduates have achieved and he spoke with great promise of what they will accomplish in the future. "This class has been involved with so many actions to make positive changes in the community," he said. "Our students have been involved in food drives, blood drives, St. Baldrick's and even fundraisers for one of Sachem East's own students battling cancer. The actions of each and every one of our graduates have made and will continue to make a big impact on the world around us."

As the congratulatory remarks concluded and the diplomas were presented, family and friends cheered emphatically as the new graduates threw their caps toward a setting sun, exiting the field as alumni of Sachem High School East.

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Annual Commencement Celebrates High School North Class of 2019

Smiles and cheers from family and friends welcomed a distinguished group of graduating seniors on June 28 to the Sachem High School North commencement ceremony honoring the Class of 2019 and celebrating their plentiful accomplishments.

As "Pomp and Circumstance" carried through the air, the excited graduates took the field at Fred Fusaro Alumni Stadium for the last time as students of the Sachem Central School District. The commencement exercises then began with the national anthem performed by the Sachem North Symphonic Choir Seniors, conducted by Cara Caliendo.

Principal Patti Trombetta began her address by recognizing several students who would be entering the armed services following graduation. As she continued, her address gracefully outlined the wishes she had for the Class of 2019 as they move into the future.

"I wish you always play hard, take chances, give everything and have no regrets," she said. "Every day, take a moment to just take it in. You owe it to yourself to make the most of every moment."

Assistant Principal Coleen Flanagan then presented the top 25 academic students with medals, ending with salutatorian Miguel Maramara and then welcoming valedictorian Amy De Lury to the stage to address her fellow graduates in a speech that highlighted the unique nature of the school community they shared.

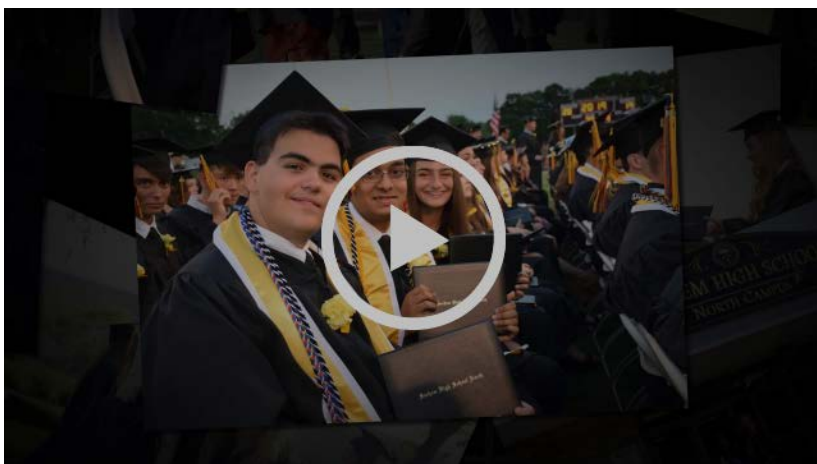
"I look at the Class of 2019 and I see so many differences between us – whether it be religion, beliefs, culture, interests or career paths," she said. "In a class of 527 seniors, there are so many differences between us. Yet I can see similar traits between all of us as well – our kindness, our achievements, our sense of humor and our acceptance of what's to come. And then there is a factor that united us all – the Sachem community."

Continuing the ceremony, Class President Lauren Breuer delivered a heartfelt speech to her classmates that reflected on their time as Sachem students, the plentiful lessons they learned together and how they will apply their experience to thrive in the future.

Presenting the Class of 2019 was Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Graham, whose speech empowered students to embrace the changes that lie ahead. "By adapting to the changes ahead of you, being malleable, you will be better prepared to face and overcome challenges," he said. "Life after Sachem schools is going to present new, exciting and tough challenges to each of you. I hope that you are better prepared to face these challenges as a result of your experiences here in Sachem, and I hope you are ready to change!"

After the final diplomas were presented, cheers echoed across the field as students propelled their caps to the sky, exiting the field as alumni of the Sachem Central School District.

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VIDEO: Elementary Moving Up Ceremonies



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Instant facts, stats and thoughts from the desk of Dr. Graham



- I was astounded by the stories of courage and strength that were shared by students at High School North during the annual Disability Awareness Event presented by the speech-language and hearing department.

- This June, I was excited to participate in Career Day at Cayuga Elementary School where I met with students in Mr. Plantamura's class.



- It was amazing to see so many wonderful displays of student-patriotism during Flag Day ceremonies and presentations throughout our district.



- Across the district this June, I had the pleasure of attending moving-up ceremonies celebrating our fifth grade elementary students' transition to the next step in their academic journeys, middle school!

- This year, at two incredible commencement ceremonies, we celebrated the hard work and dedication of our seniors at High School East and High School North as they graduated from their respective schools and moved on to the next chapter of their lives.

Board of Education

The Board of Education is composed of nine community members elected by district residents to serve overlapping three-year terms of office. The Board has the responsibility to ensure that all students receive the best education possible, as well as to express and represent the views of the community in matters affecting education.



Upcoming Meetings

July 2, 2019

Board of Education Reorganizational Meeting 7:30 PM

Samoset MS- Board Room

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Enjoy!



Mission Statement

The Sachem Family (students, parents, employees and residents) works interdependently to develop leaders of great character who are highly competent, confident and caring. Most importantly we are motivating our students to become the best possible version of themselves.

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