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Celebrating the Success OF THE CLASS OF 2016

Poised and ready to begin a new chapter in their lives, West Babylon Senior High School's Class of 2016 proudly marched onto the field to the formal strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" played by the high school band, where they were met with roaring applause from the crowds lining the bleachers.

After Principal Dr. Ellice Vassallo greeted the audience of the soon-to-be graduates' family and friends, National Honor Society President Julia Furnari led them in the Pledge of Allegiance and the band set a patriotic tone with "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America."

Opening the annual commencement exercise, Class President Jennifer Melfi welcomed the community and thanked them for the support they have provided to the senior class.

In her salutatory speech, Lindsey Del Prete told her fellow classmates to never underestimate the power of hard work and dedication. "Each and every single person here has a talent or passion, and I truly hope that everyone in [this class] pursues that passion and is met with success," she said. "From here, we all step into the real world. Everything changes, and it is up to us to choose which direction we go in."

Thanking the community, teachers, Board of Education and administration, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly expressed her pride in the many successes achieved by the Class of 2016. She took a moment to reflect on some of those accomplishments, acknowledging the athletic,

academic, artistic and leadership qualities exhibited by the graduates.

Valedictorian Alexander Barrett urged his classmates to "define your values and accept responsibility for who you are and that for which you stand."

"Let us not hide behind facades or expect excuses will be acceptable boundaries to our responsibilities," he continued. "Let us realize who and what we are and who we will become."

The concert chorus performed a senior medley including "Carry On Wayward Son," "Imagine" and "Don't Stop" before joining the band for the traditional finale of "Like an Eagle."

The 300-plus members of the graduating class were then called to the stage one by one and presented with their diplomas by Dr. Vassallo as administrators and Board members offered their congratulations.

The district extends its best wishes for future success to the Class of 2016.

"Collectively as a class, you have brought so much joy to this community. You have brought notoriety to our district because of your accomplishments. Your commitment to your education is what got you here today. Life will throw you curve balls and there will be struggles ahead. Try to remain positive, in control of yourself and your life. When you fall, get right back up, accept responsibility and move forward."

Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly

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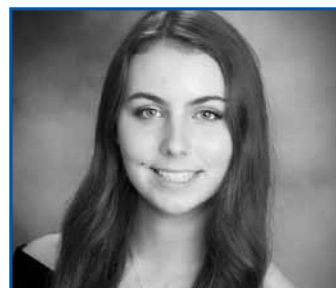
VALEDICTORIAN
Alexander Barrett
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Harvard College

Alexander was an AP Scholar with Honor and a member of the Math and Science, Tri-Music and National honor societies. He received Principal's Awards for his achievements in AP Biology, English, engineering and robotics, band, Italian, AP Chemistry, AP World History and AP Art History and an outstanding scholastic achievement award from the American Chemical Society. Also a noted musician, Alexander was a member of SCMEA, the big band and jazz band. He also was a member of the Quiz Bowl team, vice president and captain of the Mock Trial team, vice president of Math Club, and vice president and captain of the Science Olympiad team. He served as an active volunteer in his church and also a peer tutor in chemistry. He will be attending Harvard College in the fall to study mathematics and engineering.



SALUTATORIAN
Lindsey Del Prete
107.2112
Northeastern University

For the past two years, Lindsey was named a Scholar-Athlete award winner and served as a member of the Math and Science, Tri-Music and National honor societies. She was awarded Student of the Month for her achievements in both math and music. Lindsey received the Principal's Quality Achievement Award for winter track in her sophomore and junior years. Her musical ability allowed her to take part in the big band, symphonic orchestra and pit orchestra. An active community volunteer, she served as an assistant coach at the West Babylon Youth Center and West Babylon Little League. Through her participation in honor societies, Lindsey volunteered at food drives, helped serve food at the Spring Fling, and performed music at local nursing homes, the valedictorian's lunch, the turkey trot and Light the Night. In addition, Lindsey is a gifted athlete with a passion for running, as evidenced by her participation on the varsity cross-country, spring track and field and winter track teams. She will be attending Northeastern University to pursue a career in mathematics.



3. Carolyn Armstrong
106.4516
Emory University



4. Kali Benvenuto
105.9107
George Washington University



5. Jessica Capobianco
104.8904
LIU Post



6. Justin Leeb
104.7078
Johns Hopkins University



7. Samantha Lobasso
104.6563
Monmouth University



8. Rosemarie Cataldo
104.4951
St. Joseph's College



9. Angeline Meller
104.2228
Hofstra University



10. Payton Galinson
103.9691
Pace University



AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

CAROLYN ARMSTRONG

West Babylon Board of Education Top 10 Scholars
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence

ALEXANDER BARRETT

American Legion Scholarship Americanism
American Legion Scholarship – Essay participant
National Merit Scholarship Commendation
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Eagle Recreation Camp Scholarship
West Babylon Lions' Club Scholarship Award
U.S. Marine Corps Award – Scholastic Excellence Award (Male)
West Babylon Teachers' Association – WBTA/Mel Kass Scholarships
West Babylon Board of Education Top 10 Scholars
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
West Babylon Senior High School Math & Science Honor Society
PTA – JFK

LEANA BEIN

West Babylon Alumni Foundation Eagle Recreation Camp Scholarship
West Babylon Teachers' Association – WBTA/Mel Kass Scholarships
South Shore Soccer Club Memorial Scholarship
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence

KALI BENVENUTO

West Babylon Board of Education Top 10 Scholars
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence

JUSTIN BETTENHAUSER

West Babylon Teachers' Association – WBTA/Mel Kass Scholarships
Dr. Salvatore S. Buscemi Memorial Scholarship
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
Counselor Recognition Award
West Babylon Senior High School Math & Science Honor Society
PTA – SHS

ALEXANDRA CAPOBIANCO

President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Scholarship
Blue and Gold Leaders' Award
International Club Service Award
PTA – Forest

JESSICA CAPOBIANCO

New York State Comptroller's Achievement Award
West Babylon Board of Education Top 10 Scholars
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
Blue and Gold Leaders' Award
International Club Service Award
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
PTA – SHS
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Titone/Alesse Music Scholarship

ROSEMARIE CATALDO

West Babylon Board of Education Top 10 Scholars
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence

JESSICA COZZI

Friends of the West Babylon Library and Mary Virga Scholarship
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Benedict P. Reyes Memorial Scholarship
West Babylon Transportation Award
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
Counselor Recognition Award
PTA – Tooker
Friends of the West Babylon Library and Judy Miller Scholarship

MEGAN CURLEY

President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
West Babylon Broadcasters' Club Advisor Award

LINDSEY DEL PRETE

West Babylon Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Award
Winifred Vaughn Scholarship
West Babylon Lions' Club Scholarship Award
U.S. Marine Corps Award – Scholastic Excellence Award (Female)
West Babylon Teachers' Association – WBTA/Mel Kass Scholarships
West Babylon Board of Education Top 10 Scholars

South Shore Soccer Club
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
West Babylon Senior High School Math & Science Honor Society

EMILY EDWARDS

West Babylon Alumni Foundation Anthony Cacciola Scholarship
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
PTA – Council
Russell E. DeCeck Memorial Scholarship
Payton Galinson
West Babylon Board of Education Top 10 Scholars
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
PTA – SHS

KELSIE GERING

West Babylon Alumni Foundation Frank Taplin Scholarship
West Babylon Teachers' Association – WBTA/Mel Kass Scholarships
West Babylon Parents Sports Scholarship
South Shore Soccer Club

AMANDA GRIBBIN

West Babylon Music Parents Association

JUSTIN LEEB

Senatorial Certificate of Merit – Senator Phil Boyle
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Raymond M. Meisenheimer Memorial Scholarship
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Helmer Petersen Memorial Scholarship
West Babylon Board of Education Top 10 Scholars
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
PTA – Santapogue

SAMANTHA LOBASSO

Suffolk County Public Service Award
Friends of the West Babylon Library and Mary Virga Scholarship
West Babylon Board of Education Top 10 Scholars
West Babylon Drama Club – Outstanding Senior

President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
South Shore Theater Experience Senior Scholarship
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Friends of the West Babylon Library and Judy Miller Scholarship

GINA LOMBARDO

West Babylon Teachers' Association – WBTA/Mel Kass Scholarships

ANGELINE MELLER

West Babylon Alumni Foundation Eagle Recreation Camp Scholarship
West Babylon Board of Education Top 10 Scholars
Dwight Kenney Award for Dramatic Achievement
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
South Shore Theater Experience Senior Scholarship
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
West Babylon Music Parents Association
PTA – SHS

JULIETTE MORRISON

Nassau Suffolk Cheerleading Association
West Babylon Leaders' Club Scholarships
Outstanding Leadership – Total Team Captains

RACHEL PRENDERGAST

West Babylon Lions' Club Scholarship Award
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement

FRANCESCO QUINTALINO

West Babylon Alumni Foundation Eagle Recreation Camp Scholarship
South Shore Soccer Club
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
Counselor Recognition Award
PTA – JHS

NICOLAS TOUMBACARIS

President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
PTA – Council

ANGELA WONG

Jack Scharf Scholarship
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement



11. Emily Edwards
103.8667
University of Florida



12. Leana Bein
103.7796
Quinnipiac University



13. Angela Wong
103.7291
Stony Brook University



14. Megan Curley
103.5768
SUNY Fredonia



22. Kelsie Gering
102.7708
University of Colorado at Boulder



21. Gina Lombardo
103.0209
St. Joseph's College



20. Alexandra Capobianco
103.0565
Hofstra University



19. Nicolas Toumbacaris
103.1664
Marist College



18. Francesco Quintalino
103.2799
St. Joseph's College



17. Justin Bettenhauser
103.2894
Stony Brook University



16. Rachel Prendergast
103.4751
Fashion Institute of Technology



15. Jessica Cozzi
103.4778
Fordham University

Farewell to Retirees

The West Babylon School District extends its best wishes to the 2015-2016 staff retirees. These individuals have dedicated themselves to the students and their education, and they will be greatly missed. With more than 550 years of combined dedication to West Babylon Schools, the district bids farewell to the following retirees:

Administration:

Toni Roller, senior clerk typist, 18 years

Business Office:

Linda Coyne, account clerk typist, 25 years

Susan Koehler, clerk typist, 15 years

Districtwide:

Alfred Frank Sr., security guard, 14 years

James Uhl, music teacher, 20 years

Forest Avenue:

Judith Hausler, paraprofessional, 21 years

Theresa Raimondi, registered nurse, 24 years

John F. Kennedy:

Deborah Morris, library media specialist, 22 years

Junior High School:

Janine Augustine, social studies teacher, 30 years

Patricia Boyce, senior clerk typist, 8 years

Lorraine Lehtila, paraprofessional, 27 years

Thomas Leonbruno, special education teacher/
special education chair, 29 years

Donna Rienzo, paraprofessional, 10 years

Bonnie Snyder, teaching assistant, 15 years

Santapogue:

David Cunningham, elementary teacher, 26 years

Eleanor Levy, elementary principal, 18 years

Theresa Parrish, elementary teacher, 15 years

Senior High School:

Robert Cox, custodial worker, 27 years

Jacqueline Limone, special education teacher,
15 years

Theresa Munch, paraprofessional, 15 years

Edwin Scottaline, paraprofessional, 22 years

Sally Selvaggi, math teacher, 9 years

Tooker Avenue:

Angela Appell, senior clerk typist, 29 years

Sharon Wolkiewicz, teaching assistant/senior
technologist, 20 years

Transportation:

Amelia Alini, school bus monitor, 8 years

Margaret Corbin, school bus monitor, 20 years

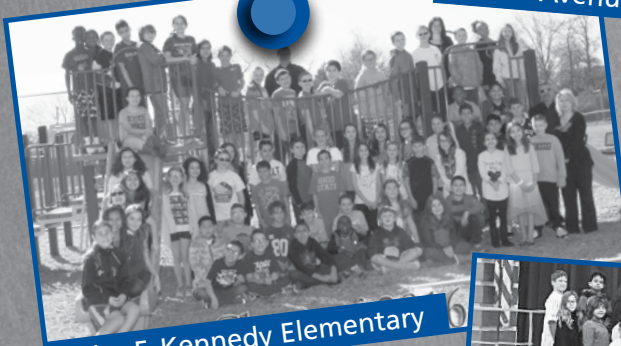
Janet Kuhner, school bus driver, 20 years

Miriam Rodriguez, school bus driver, 25 years

2015



Forest Avenue Elementary



John F. Kennedy Elementary

2016



Santapogue Elementary



South Bay Elementary

Tooker Avenue



Up



West Babylon Junior High School



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