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Poised to Start a New Life Chapter



It was an evening of excitement and pride as the graduating Class of 2015 marched onto the junior high school field to the playing of "Pomp and Circumstance" by the high school band and the applause of parents and family. After opening remarks by Principal Dr. Ellice Vassallo and the band's performance of the national anthem and "God Bless America," Class President Geovanny Amaya welcomed the community to the annual commencement exercises and thanked friends, family and faculty for their support throughout high school.

In her salutatory address, Melissa Riback told her peers that by adopting principles of success, using good management skills and putting forth effort, they would certainly be

successful. Valedictorian Winnie Wong imparted to her fellow classmates that "passion is just as important as knowledge" and "the only person I have to impress is myself." She also encouraged them to find their own definition of success.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly said the graduates had brought great pride to the district with their myriad of accomplishments and thanked the community, Board of Education and faculty for their commitment to education. She advised students that "life is what you make of it" and encouraged them to set goals, stay focused, learn from mistakes and reflect. Board President Lucy Campasano told the graduates that the community and district are indebted to them, stating, "You are

the reason we strive to be better." In her closing remarks, Dr. Vassallo noted that the graduates had brought great joy to the community and are well-prepared to make their way in the world.

In celebration of the occasion, the

concert choir performed a medley, arranged by teacher Joseph Barone, that included melodies from "Ain't It Fun," "Hakuna Matata" and "Why We Tell the Story." As a tradition, the community then joined the band and choir as they performed "Like an Eagle."



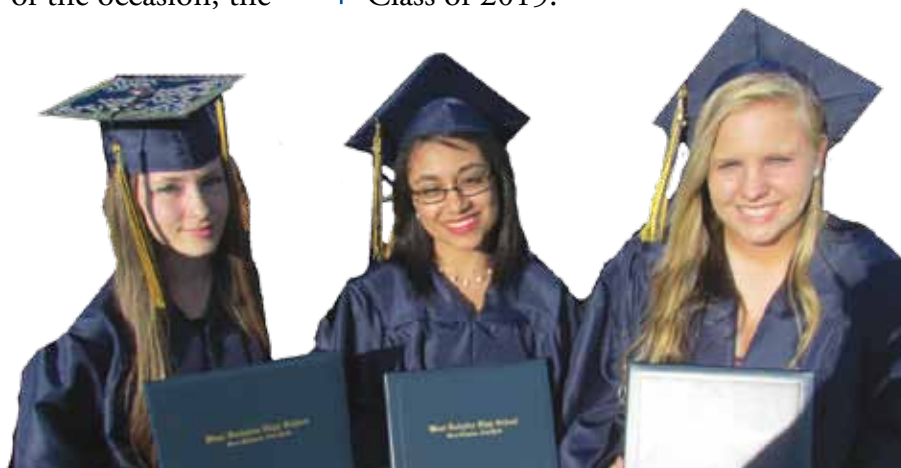
The graduates were then called one by one to receive their diplomas and become official alumni of the West Babylon School District. The district extends its best wishes for success to the Class of 2015.



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VALEDICTORIAN
1. Winnie Wong
Stony Brook University
106.459

Winnie is an Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor and a member of the Math and Science, Vincent Foley Foreign Language, National, National Art and Tri-M Music honor societies. For the past four years, she has been on the High Honor Roll for maintaining a grade point average of 90 or above. Winnie is a member of the Science Olympiad team, treasurer of the art club and National Art Honor Society, and a member of the Greenhouse Building Committee, which raised money to build a greenhouse on the senior high school campus. Winnie is also actively involved in the Students Against Destructive Decisions and Leo clubs, through which she has participated in various community service projects. She regularly donates her time to raise money and awareness for autism, AIDS and disadvantaged community residents. An avid athlete, Winnie is captain of the varsity tennis team and received All-League honors for her doubles team and the MVP Award. She will attend Stony Brook University this fall.



SALUTATORIAN
2. Melissa Riback
Stony Brook University
106.3109

Melissa is a member of the Vincent Foley Foreign Language Honor Society and received the designation of Scholar-Athlete for all four years of high school. She also received the Student of the Month Award for social studies. In addition to being an excellent student, her passion is athletics, being a member of the basketball, winter and spring track, and cross-country teams. She is the All-County champion for the 400-meter hurdles and received Academic All-County designation for basketball. In addition to winning the sportsmanship award in basketball, Melissa also received All-League designation and an MVP Award for the cross-country 5K. She is also the recipient of the Suffolk Zone Award. When not on the track or basketball court, Melissa can be found raising awareness for autism, donating toys to Toys for Tots, and raising awareness for breast cancer during the Score for a Cure event. She will be attending Stony Brook University this fall, where she will pursue a career in sports sciences or physical therapy.



3. Christiana Morante
St. Joseph's University
106.1476



4. Erin Kenney
Northeastern University
105.8766



5. Crystal Pascual
Cornell University
105.6926



6. Allison Barbaro
George Washington University
105.0185



7. Kyle Henshaw
University of New Hampshire
104.6251



8. Christina Kielczewska
Smith College
104.6061



9. Sage Chasen
Lehigh University
104.5568



10. Troy Womble
SUNY New Paltz
104.2637



11. Dana Castillo
Stony Brook University
103.5707



OLIVIA AEBLI

President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
Counselor Recognition Award
PTA – South Bay

ALLISON BARBARO

Congressional Certificate of Merit – Peter King
Healthy Alliance Scholarship
West Babylon Board of Education – Top Ranked Scholars 2015
West Babylon Student Association – Senior Leadership Award
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
PTA – JHS
South Shore Soccer Club

DANA CASTILLO

Winifred Vaughn Scholarship
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence

SAGE CHASEN

National School Development Council
West Babylon Board of Education – Top Ranked Scholars 2015
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
Mayor E. Donald Conroy Scholarship
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
AXA Equitable Achievement Community Scholarship
Babylon Rotary Scholarship

ANNA COLL

President's Award for Outstanding Achievement

DOMINIC DIBIASE

Russell E. DeCeck Memorial Scholarship
Frank M. Volz, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Scholarship
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
PTA – Forest Avenue
Hubert B. Gibbons Scholarship

NADINE DOERBECKER

Town of Babylon Anti-Bias Task Force Student of the Year Award
Senatorial Youth Leadership
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Class of 1986 Memorial Academic Scholarship
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Marge Steiger Memorial Scholarship
West Babylon Student Association – Senior Leadership Award
West Babylon Administrators' Association Scholarship
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
West Babylon Leaders' Club Scholarships Outstanding Leadership – Total Team Captains



25. Liam O'Sullivan
University of Vermont
101.7995



24. Nadine Doerbecker
St. Joseph's College
101.8406



23. Lauren Freeze
SUNY Binghamton
102.4363



22. Nicholas Leone
SUNY New Paltz
102.478

West Babylon Broadcasters' Club Outstanding On-Screen Personality
School Administrators' Association of NYS Regional Scholarship
PTA – South Bay

CARLY DONOHUE

American Legion Scholarship – Essay participant
National School Development Council
West Babylon Teachers' Association - WBTA/Mel Kass Scholarships
Edward J. Maxwell Memorial Award
Helen E. Volz Memorial Scholarship
West Babylon Senior Class Officers' Award
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
PTA – JFK

KATHRYN DZIADOWICZ

West Babylon Teachers' Association - WBTA/Mel Kass Scholarships
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence

LAUREN FREEZE

John and Rachel Scott Alumni Scholarship
West Babylon Teachers' Association - WBTA/Mel Kass Scholarships
South Shore Soccer Club
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
Counselor Recognition Award

KYLE HENSHAW

The Margaret Ehrensperger Scholarship
U.S. Marine Corps Award – Scholastic Excellence Award (Male)
West Babylon Board of Education – Top Ranked Scholars 2015
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
Blue and Gold Leaders' Award
Village of Babylon Historical and Preservation Society
PTA – JFK
Excellence in Set Crew
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence

ERIN KENNEY

American Legion Scholarship – Positive Qualities of Scholarship
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Eagle Recreation Camp Scholarship
The Triple "C" Award Program NYS Attorney General's Office
U.S. Navy Award
West Babylon Teachers' Association – WBTA/Mel Kass Scholarships
Long Island Teachers' Benevolent Fund
National Honor Society Scholarship-Distinguished Member
West Babylon Board of Education – Top Ranked Scholars 2015
South Shore Soccer Club
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
Blue and Gold Leaders' Award
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
PTA – Senior High School

CHRISTINA KIELCZEWSKA

West Babylon Board of Education – Top Ranked Scholars 2015
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Senatorial Certificate of Merit – Senator Phil Boyle

NICHOLAS LEONE

West Babylon Alumni Foundation Eagle Recreation Camp Scholarship
Healthy Alliance Scholarship
West Babylon Teachers' Association-WBTA/Mel Kass Scholarships
West Babylon Senior Class Officers' Award
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
International Club Service Award

CASSIDY LILLY

West Babylon Teachers' Association-WBTA/Mel Kass Scholarships
West Babylon Drama Club – Outstanding Senior
Excellence in Stage Managing
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
South Shore Theater Experience Senior Scholarship
Counselor Recognition Award
PTA – SHS

JASON MEURLIN

National Merit Scholarship Commendation
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
PTA – Senior High School

CHRISTIANA MORANTE

West Babylon Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Award
West Babylon Board of Education – Top Ranked Scholars 2015
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
AAA New York Drivers Education Award
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
PTA – Tooker Avenue
Friends of the West Babylon Library and Mary Virga Scholarship

LIAM O'SULLIVAN

President's Award for Outstanding Achievement

CRYSTAL PASCUAL

Friends of the West Babylon Library and Mary Virga Scholarship
West Babylon Board of Education – Top Ranked Scholars 2015
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence



21. Anna Coll
NYU
102.4847



20. James Preudhomme
SUNY Geneseo
102.5822



19. Cassidy Lilly
SUNY Purchase
102.6046



18. Jason Meurlin
Stony Brook University
102.6452

JAMES PREUDHOMME

President's Award for Outstanding Achievement

MELISSA RIBACK

West Babylon Alumni Foundation Paul O'Brien Memorial Scholarship
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Lucy Proto Memorial Scholarship
U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete Award
West Babylon Teachers' Association-WBTA/Mel Kass Scholarships
West Babylon Board of Education – Top Ranked Scholars 2015
West Babylon Transportation Award
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
PTA – Tooker Avenue
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Scholarship
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Eagle Recreation Camp Scholarship
Dr. Salvatore S. Buscemi Memorial Scholarship

NICOLE SALZONE

President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
West Babylon Leaders' Club Scholarships Outstanding Leadership – Total Team Captains

JACQUELINE SCHROM

President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
West Babylon Leaders' Club Scholarships Outstanding Leadership – Total Team Captains
The Peggy Ehrensperger Heart of Blue and Gold Award
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence

TROY WOMBLE

West Babylon Board of Education – Top Ranked Scholars 2015
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
Counselor Recognition Award
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
U.S. Navy Award

WINNIE WONG

American Legion Scholarship – General Excellence
Jack Scharf Scholarship
West Babylon Alumni Foundation Eagle Recreation Camp Scholarship
U.S. Marine Corps Award – Scholastic Excellence Award (Female)
West Babylon Board of Education – Top Ranked Scholars 2015
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
PTA – Senior High School



12. Jacqueline Schrom
SUNY Ononta
103.505



13. Kathryn Dziadowicz
University of New Hampshire
103.1641



14. Nicole Salzone
University of Delaware
103.0519



15. Carly Donohue
Butler University
102.8557



16. Olivia Aebli
Loyola University
102.7935



17. Dominic DiBiase
St. Joseph's University
102.6959

Reminder

Wednesday, Sept. 2
First Day of School

Monday, Sept. 7
Labor Day – Schools Closed

Monday, Sept. 14 and
Tuesday, Sept. 15
Rosh Hashanah –
Schools Closed

Wednesday, Sept. 23
Yom Kippur – Schools Closed

With Gratitude and Thanks

The district would like to express its congratulations and gratitude to this year's retirees for their years of dedication and service to the students and community.

Donna Anselona Troisi (JFK) – elementary teacher, 14 years
Ellen Brennan (SHS) – special education teacher, 33 years
Kevin Brower (Forest Ave.) – custodial worker 1, 17 years
Nancy Campbell (JFK) – paraprofessional, 14 years
Daniel Carbonaro (JHS) – chief custodian, 29 years
Carol Dambeck (SHS) – paraprofessional, 14 years
John Dambeck (JFK) – paraprofessional, 16 years
Donna DiFruscio (JHS) – special education teacher, 34 years
Denise Doumas (SHS) – clerk typist, 27 years
Linda Dupuis (SHS) – paraprofessional, 29 years
Jeanne Fitzgerald (Santapogue) – reading teacher, 28 years
Patti Hefland-Parisi (JHS) – reading teacher, 31 years
Antoinette Luciani (JHS) – paraprofessional, 36 years
Theresa McKenna (SHS) – science teacher, 35 years
Margaret O'Neil (JHS) – science teacher, 32 years
Charles Palminteri – maintenance mechanic III/PT maintenance supervisor, 28 years
Julia Powers (JHS) – elementary school teacher, 22 years
Marie Sirel – school bus driver, 39 years
Anna Spahn (SHS) – special education teacher, 25 years
Michael Spatafora (Santapogue) – custodial worker I, 26 years
Michael Speroni (SHS) – math teacher, 11 years
Patricia Squicciarini (Tooker Ave.) – elementary teacher, 29 years
Mary Sullivan (JHS) – elementary school teacher, 28 years
Idamarie Tully (Tooker Ave.) – teaching assistant, 12 years
Elaine Valente (Tooker Ave.) – paraprofessional, 6 years



Forest Avenue Elementary



John F. Kennedy Elementary



Santapogue Elementary



South Bay Elementary



Tooker Avenue



West Babylon Junior High School

ASBESTOS – AHERA

AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986) is a federal law enacted in 1987. The law requires all school districts to inspect their buildings for asbestos-containing materials.

Our facilities were inspected in accordance with these regulations. Based upon the findings of the inspections, a management plan was adopted by the Board of Education and accepted by the New York State Education Department. A copy of the management plan, six-month surveillance reports, re-inspection reports and abatement reports are on file in the Facilities Office located at 200 Old Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, NY 11704. All plans are available for inspection at the Facilities Office.

NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE USE

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The West Babylon School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. A notification request form can be obtained through the Plant Facilities Office located at 200 Old Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, NY 11704, 631-376-7760.

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