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A New Chapter and New Challenges for 2018 Grads



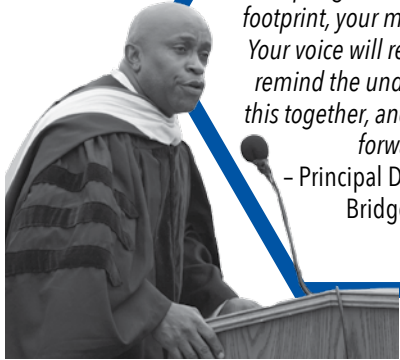
The possibility of rain did not deter the high school's Class of 2018 from enjoying a marvelous moment of celebration on the morning of June 23, as the graduating seniors walked on to the Lions field and through the gazebo decorated brightly in blue and gold, to the cheers of family and friends. Members of the American Legion Post No. 1738 presented the colors, while Student Senate presidents Patricia Douglas and Liam Farrell led the salute to the flag and Lisa Esposito sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." After receiving their diplomas, one by one, the newest alumni turned their tassels, threw their caps to the sky and walked off to begin a new chapter.



Graduation Speech Excerpts

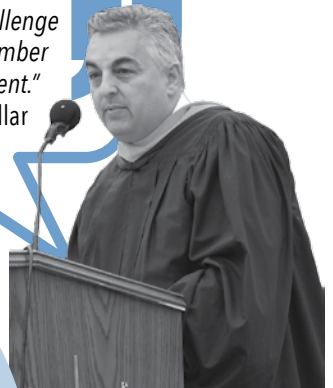
"As unique as your individual voice is, so too is your legacy. You are literally leaving the halls of West Islip High School, but your impact, your footprint, your message...these will remain. Your voice will remain and it will ring loud to remind the underclassmen that we are in this together, and that together, we move forward in unity."

– Principal Dr. Anthony Bridgeman



"As newly minted high school graduates, you now get to shape your lives and the world we all live in. The only true failure would be complacency. Please make the most of your opportunity, and your prodigious talents, by daring to be great. Challenge yourselves and those around you, and remember that failure is just a roadmap for improvement."

– Board of Education President Steven Gellar



"Class of 2018, you leave high school in particularly difficult times. Our nation is confronting challenges that demand prudence, insight, wisdom and tolerance. As you leave us, try not to question the motives or character of those who differ with your point of view. Take time to listen and understand. You do not have to agree, but do be the voice of balance and reason."

– Superintendent Bernadette Burns



"During our years here at West Islip High School, we have all been thrown challenge after challenge, whether academic, physical, domestic or personal, but the fact that we are sitting here today means we have successfully powered through and become better people because of those hardships. I believe we have only scratched the surface of our potential."

– Salutatorian Melodi Doganay



"We are lucky. The fall promises a fresh start for all of us, the chance to fill in our story. Be sure to take advantage of that, because you never know what you might find. Maybe you will discover you have untapped hidden talents. Hold up your pens, and relish the opportunity to add new details to your story."

– Valedictorian Molly McLaughlin





In sports, winning Lions teams included Long Island champions, county champions, county finalists, county semifinalists, Super Six champions and three league champions.

West Islip's music program earned its very first Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation, and boasted a record nine All-State musicians, four All-State alternates and 18 All-County musicians for the year.



More than 150 student-athletes received postseason honors, 20 varsity teams earned the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete awards and 30 seniors will compete in college varsity sports.

A total of 15 Advanced Placement courses were offered at the high school. More than 307 students enrolled in these AP courses, including 210 seniors.

Congratulations graduates

CLASS OF 2018

A senior student was chosen for the 22nd annual gallery show and competition "Long Island's Best: Young Artists at the Heckscher Museum."

The high school robotics team earned the 2018 Rockwell Automation Innovation in Control award, and as part of an alliance, placed first at the Half Hollow Hills Invitational exhibition tournament and fourth in the SBPLI-FIRST Long Island Regional event.



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www.wi.k12.ny.us/2017-senior-awards.pdf



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