

Miller Place

Summer 2020

UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Hats off to the Class of 2020!



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MILLER PLACE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Joseph Bisiani, valedictorian



Joseph Bisiani is one of the most talented students to have walked through the Miller Place School District's doors. His commitment to academic excellence was an inspiration to all of his peers. He had a weighted GPA of 101.83; took 17 AP, honors, and college-level courses; was an AP Scholar with Honors; received the President's Award for Academic Excellence; was a

National Merit Commended Scholar; and earned a perfect score on the math section of the SAT. His success didn't stop outside of the classroom, as he was the Student Government President and a member of the National Honor Society, Foreign Language Society, Tri-M Honor Society, Mathletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Natural Helpers, KROBE (school newspaper), Student Government President, Instrumental Jazz Ensemble, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Track, and Varsity Badminton. Joseph will attend Stony Brook University in the fall to study physics.

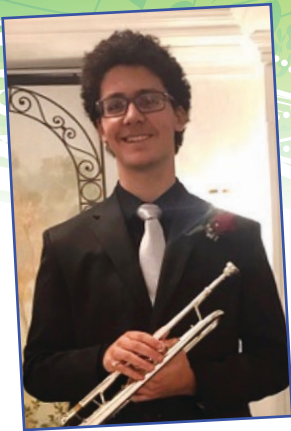
Larry Davis, salutatorian



Larry Davis has left an indelible mark on the Miller Place School District. His work ethic, academic proficiency, and well-roundedness was a sight to behold for all of his peers and teachers. He had a weighted GPA of 101.6; took 19 AP, honors, and college-level courses; was an AP Scholar with Honors; and received the President's Award for Academic Excellence. Larry was also

extremely active outside of the classroom. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society, Tri-M Honor Society, Pep Band, Pit Band, Mathletes, Mock Trial, Service Club, Future Business Leaders of America, KROBE (school newspaper), Science Club, Bookuneer Club, All-State Band, and All-State Instrumental Jazz Ensemble. He is also an accomplished Boy Scout, earning the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Larry will attend Columbia University in the fall to study biomedical engineering.

ART & MUSIC NEWS



Patrick Serrentino, senior at MPHS, was nominated for the Long Island Scholar Artist Award in the area of music.



Pep Band drumline at homecoming from earlier in the year.



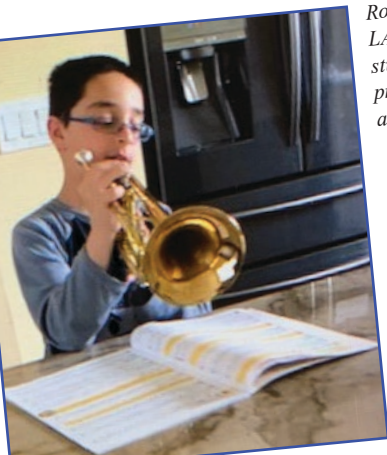
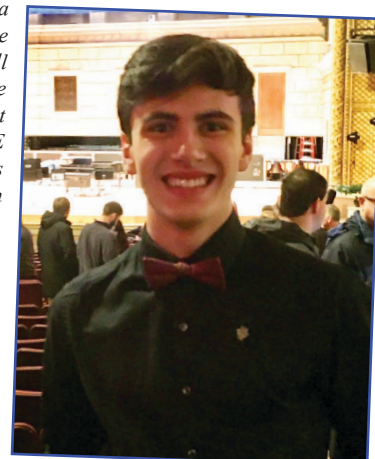
Colton Dooley, AMPS student, learning from home.

Robert Tursa, LADSBS student, practicing at home.



Jack Sauer and Evelyn Weiner at SCMEA division 2 rehearsals.

Andrew Bova at the All-State festival. He will participate in the mixed chorus at the NAFME All-Nationals to be held in Orlando, FL.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT



As educators, we strive to impart life lessons on all students in the District. Many times, however, we find ourselves learning from our students, and I cannot think of a better example than the Class of 2020's positive attitude during the last few months of the school year. The pandemic was hard on all of us in the Miller Place community, and while we did everything we could to keep morale high and the academic journey moving forward, we often looked toward our students for hope and positivity. The Class of 2020's resilience stands out—there was no prom, no spring sports season, no hugs among friends while signing each other's yearbooks, and the list goes on, but this group took everything in stride. This came as no surprise, as the class demonstrated excellence in academics and a selfless attitude for over 13 years. We are so very proud of the Class of 2020 for their accomplishments, happy we were able to come together for socially distanced graduation ceremonies, and are overjoyed to see what they will accomplish in the next chapter of their lives.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano
Superintendent of Schools

THE CLASS OF 2020'S NEXT STEPS

Alvernia University
American International College
Binghamton University
Cazenovia College
Coastal Carolina University
Columbia University
Concordia University-Montreal
Cornell University
CUNY Macaulay Honors College
Duke University
East Stroudsburg University
Eastern Kentucky University
Emerson College
Fashion Institute of Technology
Five Towns College
Fordham University
High Point University
Institute of American Musical Theatre
Ithaca College
James Madison University
LIU Post
Mercy College
Molloy College
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina State Univ.
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Quinnipiac University
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University

Sacred Heart College
SCCC-Honors College
Siena College
St. Joseph's College
Suffolk Community College
SUNY Albany
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Delhi
SUNY ESF
SUNY Farmingdale
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Polytechnic Institute
SUNY Purchase
SUNY Stony Brook
Syracuse University
Tufts University
University of South Florida
University of Buffalo
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Oklahoma
University of Rhode Island
Virginia Tech University
Wingate University
Yale University

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Andrew McMorris Foundation Scholarships

Hannah Anderson
Larry Davis
Danelle Rose

Arlette Conklin Memorial Scholarship

Wade Tucker

Athletes Helping Athletes Leadership Scholarship

Madison Murphy

Brookhaven Superintendent Association Scholarship

Julianna Campo

Calace Family Foundation Awards

Thomas Cirrito
John Mari
Olivia Shamberger

Class of 2005 Alumni Scholarships

Joseph Bisiani
Emma Davis

Class of 2008 Alumni Scholarships

Dana Moss
Jacklyn Spaccaforo

Class of 2011 Alumni Scholarships

Nicole Cordes
Oliver Pitts

Craig Arujo Student of the Year Scholarship

Ryan Hart

Denise Butzgy Memorial Scholarships

Timothy Hirdt
Alexa Zicchinelli

Gail McNulty Business Leaders Scholarship

Jack Follo

Joe Keany Memorial Scholarships

Thomas Cirrito
Jacklyn Spaccaforo

John Douglas Memorial Scholar-Athlete Scholarships

Joseph Bisiani
Danelle Rose

Joshua Faithfull Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Anderson

Judy Stamatis-Kopelman Spirit of Competition Scholarships

Gavin McAlonie
Allison Schreck

Lauralee Bokus Memorial Scholarship

Deirdre Doherty

Long Island Teacher's Benevolent Fund Scholarships

Julianna Campo
Alexa Cohen
Danelle Rose

Miller Place Athletic Association Ideal Athlete Scholarships

Hannah Burton
Timothy Hirdt

Miller Place Civic Association Scholarship

Rachel Guzowski

Miller Place Clerical Memorial Scholarships

Nicholas Ventiquattro
Thomas Ventiquattro

Miller Place Fire Department Memorial Scholarship

Danelle Rose



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Miller Place Friends of the Arts~Art Scholarships

Rachel Dreilinger
Amanda Piccora

Miller Place Friends of the Arts~Craig Von Bargen Music Scholarship

Jack Schiefer

Miller Place Friends of the Arts Drama Scholarships

Jamie Fehling
Daylon Fernandez

Miller Place Friends of the Arts~Music Scholarships

Larry Davis
Nicholas Leone
Adam Tarsia

Miller Place High School Drama Scholarship

Hannah Anderson

Miller Place High School National Honor Society Scholarships

Joseph Bisiani
Julianne Cerato

Miller Place High School Scholarships for Excellence/ Munistat Services, Inc.

Joseph Bisiani
Larry Davis

Miller Place Homemaker's Scholarship

Natalie Reyes

Miller Place Parent-Teachers' Organization Scholarships

Thomas Cirrito
Larry Davis
Taylor Reese

Nico Signore Memorial Scholarships

Daniel Thompson
Kyle Thompson

NYSCAME Scholarship

John Mari

Outstanding School Dedication Scholarship

Andrew Friedman

Pamela Waltz Memorial Scholarships

Christopher Bold
Grace Laucella

Patricia Latham Memorial Scholarship

Skyler Goldberg

Port Jefferson Dental Group Scholarship

Madalyn Hymowitz

Raymond V. Santora Jr. Memorial Scholarships

Robert Mercado
Madalyn Hymowitz

Richard W. Sanders Journalism Scholarship

Julian Hart

School Leadership Scholarships

Thomas Cirrito
Andrew Friedman
Geonna Johnson
Alexa Zicchinnelli

SCMEA Scholarship

Wade Tucker

SCOPE Superintendent Scholarship

Andrew Friedman

Sean King Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Salvia

Suffolk Association of School Business Officials Scholarships

Tyler Lingen
Grace Patterson

Suffolk County School Superintendent Award

Caitlin Russo

Vicky Lopez Memorial Scholarship

John Mari

Walter P. McCoyd Outstanding Senior Athlete Scholarships

Thomas Cirrito
Madison Murphy



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS: END-OF-YEAR EDITION!

ANDREW MULLER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Andrew Muller Primary School students embraced distance learning as they finished out the school year. They completed core subjects by reading stories, practicing sight words, and writing in their journals. And although the time apart was not ideal, the innovativeness of the students and teachers ensured a seamless transition. Everyone used their creativity (and some household objects)!

- Students completed math assignments online while utilizing items found around the house to act as manipulatives.
- Science experiments and observations about nature were conducted in students' backyards and shared with their teachers!
- In art, students gathered objects to spell out their names and create a color wheel with objects around the house.
- In physical education, students followed teachers during online lessons to create obstacle courses and play new games.
- In music, students sent videos of themselves making music in their homes.
- Library lessons turned household objects into makerspace activities. One of these was a homemade garbage "picker upper".



Videos made by Ms. Gewurz helped students feel more normal and included morning messages, birthday announcements, Mindfulness Monday's, stories read aloud and some new games to try at home. AMPS was also able to remember Memorial Day by having students write letters to Veterans thanking them for their service. These letters were put on a video and shared with a local Veteran's home. Great job, all!

LADDIE A. DECKER SOUND BEACH SCHOOL

With the sudden change to how schools were forced to operate due to the pandemic, the faculty of the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School found new and creative ways to educate, interact, communicate and engage with students. The distance learning was an inspiring display of teachers, students and parents coming together to continue the educational process. Daily assignments were posted, morning meetings were held, and extra help was provided via Microsoft Teams. Teachers found ways to modify science experiments to be done at home, have their students go on virtual field trips and work on music and art assignments. In trying to find additional ways to connect with their students, the LADSBS teachers and faculty made videos singing songs, reading books and poetry, and providing messages of hope and positivity. Even school spirit remained strong during these times—the students and staff at LADSBS held a virtual spirit week! Although there was distance, it was wonderful to see how close teachers, students and parents became through this experience.



NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL



While graduating from high school is a big day that a student anticipates for years, moving up from middle school is no small moment either. It is a challenging achievement that calls for a celebration—even if that celebration has to look a little different than years prior due to COVID. The administrators and teachers at North Country Road Middle School worked tirelessly to ensure the 8th graders of the District got the moving up ceremony they deserved. Back in June, a car parade was held where the 8th grade students and their families drove through the high school's parking lot, which was lined with teachers and administrators. Each student received a round of cheers and applause from their teachers as their car made its way to the end of line, where Mr. Clark greeted each student with a certificate of promotion, individual awards created by the teachers, and a yearbook for those who purchased. The parade was a wonderful way for students to see their teachers and receive a proper send off as they prepare for freshmen year of high school.

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