# Congratulations, Miller Place Graduates!









# A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Congratulations to the Miller Place High School Class of 2018! Since your first day at AMPS you have made our community of Miller Place proud, and the imprint you have left on our schools is intangible. On behalf of the Board of Education, as well as all District staff and faculty, I would like to commend the graduating class

for all of your hard work and achievements.

For over 13 years, the Class of 2018 has worked hard both inside and outside of the classroom. Their strong work ethic has led to many achievements throughout their academic careers, and this level of determination will carry them successfully towards their future life goals. The District's mission is to provide as many curriculum opportunities as possible, and I have seen firsthand Miller Place students broaden their horizons and explore various interests. Whether it was art, music, drama, athletics, or the many extracurriculars offered throughout the District, our 2018 graduates took advantage of every opportunity to diversify their academic experience. Even more impressive, the Class of 2018 did so while achieving the highest grades possible. The skill of balancing many things on one's plate alone is a single skill that will serve them well in the future.

To the community and families of our graduating class, I want to thank you personally. Your involvement in your children's education has led them to become the fine young adults they are now. You have played an instrumental role in their successes as AP Scholars, Suffolk County athletic champions, Math Olympiads, and so much more.

I wish the best of luck to the Miller Place High School Class of 2018 as you begin the next chapter in your lives. For all of our returning students, I hope you follow in our seniors' footsteps by bringing a positive attitude to all that you do. Thank you to all of the faculty and staff who made this school year a success and I look forward to all that's to come in the fall!

Sincerely,

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano Superintendent of Schools

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Congratulations to the Miller Place Class of 2018! You have completed an important leg of your academic journey, and now it is time to face what is next. You deserve the highest acclaim for all that you have done. As your Board of Education President, I could not be prouder.

I hope you have taken some time to reflect on everything you accomplished since you first walked through our doors. Whether it was your fine academic grades, athletic achievements, artistic and music talents, or just your disposition for kindness, you have embodied what it means to be Miller Place students. Like the stamp you have left on our schools and community, I too hope that we have left a mark on your life. I know you will continue to represent Miller Place in the most positive way.

Congratulations are due to all Miller Place students who have wrapped up a very successful school year. No matter what age you are, the completion of this year and subsequent moving-up has marked a significant point of growth for you. Take a look at the graduating seniors and strive to be the role models they have become. Learn from the challenges they faced, and use it to push yourself ahead.

I would like to recognize our educators, administrators and staff for helping our students achieve their best at anything they set their mind to. Year after year you unquestionably go above and beyond to inspire our students and make them the best they can be. I would also be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the backbone of our District and its successes—the community. Your approval of the May 15th budget was a vote of confidence in the successes of our academic and extracurricular programs.

To both the graduates and returning students, enjoy the summer months and time with family and friends. I, along with the entire Board of Education and school community, look forward to seeing our students return in September for the start of another school year.

Miller Place Proud!

Johanna Testa

Board of Education President

# At the Top of the Class

# Congratulations to MPHS Valedictorian Nicole Cirrito!



Nicole Cirrito is the Miller Place High School Class of 2018 valedictorian. Nicole graduated with a GPA of 101.40 and was the vice president of the National Honor Society (NHS). She was also an active member of the Foreign Language Honor Society, Yearbook Club, Service Club, cross-country team, and winter and spring track teams. For her spring track successes, she was recognized as All-League and All-Division. Nicole has

won numerous academic awards that include AP Scholar with Honors, the Rensselaer Medal Award for Excellence in Math and Science, and the AP Language Expository Writing Award. She will continue her education at Stony Brook University in the fall.

# Congratulations to MPHS Salutatorian Victoria Calandrino!



Victoria Calandrino is the Miller Place High School Class of 2018 salutatorian. Victoria graduated with a GPA of 99.88 and was the secretary for the National Honor Society (NHS), where she served as a liaison between the NHS and the Service Club. Victoria enjoyed playing in the orchestra and being a part of the varsity soccer and track teams. She has received numerous awards for her excellence in AP classes and has been

active in pursuing her dream of majoring in political science, spending a week at the Georgetown University Law Program. Victoria will be attending Boston University this fall.

## THE CLASS OF 2018'S NEXT STEPS

Adelphi University Baruch College of the CUNY Binghamton University Boston College **Boston University** Brooklyn College of the CUNY Cazenovia College Clarkson University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach Endicott College Farmingdale State College Fashion Institute of Technology Florida State University Fordham University Gettysburg College **High Point University** Hofstra University Island Drafting and Technical Institute Ithaca College James Madison University Johnson & Wales University (Providence) Kent State University Kutztown University of Pennsylvania Liberty University Long Island University, Post Marist College Mercy College, All Campuses

Merrimack College Monmouth University Mount Saint Mary College Nassau Community College New England Institute of Technology Plymouth State University Providence College Purchase College State University of New York Queens College of the CUNY Quinnipiac University Roger Williams University Sacred Heart University Springfield College St. John's University, Queens Campus St. Joseph's College, Long Island Campus State University of New York at Albany State University of New York at New Paltz Stony Brook University Suffolk County Community College, Ammerman Suffolk County Community College, Eastern Campus SUNY Alfred State College SUNY College at Cortland SUNY College at Geneseo SUNY College at Old Westbury

SUNY College at Oneonta SUNY Delhi SUNY Maritime College SUNY Morrisville State College SUNY Oswego SUNY Plattsburgh SUNY Polytechnic Institute Syracuse University Temple University The College of Saint Rose The University of Alabama The University of Tampa United States Military Academy Preparatory School, Army United States Naval Academy University at Buffalo The State University of New York University of Bridgeport University of Delaware University of Hartford University of Mississippi University of Nevada, Las Vegas University of New Hampshire at Durham University of Rhode Island University of Utah Utica College Wesleyan University York College of Pennsylvania

## Class of 2018 Scholarships

## ARLETTE CONKLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amanda Joline

## ATHLETES HELPING ATHLETES LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Matthew McNulty

#### CLASS OF 2005 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Kristina Brindley Victoria Calandrino

#### CLASS OF 2008 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Nicole Beck Clara Dunlop

#### CLASS OF 2011 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Emily Andriano Coleton Reitan

## CALACE FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

Alexander Herbst Serena Mangino Keara Thomson

#### DENISE BUTZGY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Michael Moss Melaina Roberto

#### GAIL MCNULTY BUSINESS LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP

Stephanie Yun

## INTER-DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SUPERINTENDENTS

Michael Arcidiacono Gianna DeGiorgio-Liguori Shaina Schwartzberg Nicole Volovar

#### JACOB ENGEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amanda Maloney

#### JOE KEANY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Cameron Martins
Caroline Miekley



#### JOHN DOUGLAS MEMORIAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP

Nicole Cirrito Coleton Reitan

#### JOSHUA FAITHFUL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ariel Heller Nicole Volovar

## JUDY STAMATIS SPIRIT OF COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIP

Nicole Beck Matthew McNulty

## LAURALEE BOKOS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Nawab Qoderi

#### LIBRIZZI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Anjelia Altebrando Anthony Filippetti Alexander Herbst Amanda Maloney Cole McGuire Joseph Panico

## LONG ISLAND BLOOD SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP

Jake Angelo

#### LONG ISLAND TEACHER'S BENEVOLENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Brett Burton Victoria Calandrino Gianna DeGiorgio-Liguori Amanda Maloney Caroline Miekley

## MICHAEL SALLEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

James Luke

#### MILLER PLACE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION IDEAL ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP

Taryn Cortes
Anthony Filippetti
Matthew Hirdt

## MILLER PLACE CIVIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Nicole Cirrito

## MILLER PLACE CLERICAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Hailey Duchnowski Brandon Novak

## Class of 2018 Scholarships

MILLER PLACE FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Saniya Butt

MILLER PLACE FRIENDS OF THE ARTS-ART SCHOLARSHIP
Allegra Greenidge

MILLER PLACE FRIENDS OF THE ARTS-CRAIG VON BARGEN MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Emily Andriano Shaina Schwartzberg

MILLER PLACE FRIENDS OF THE ARTS-MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP Kyle Korade

MILLER PLACE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP/SOUND

**BEACH MUSIC**Nicole Volovar

MILLER PLACE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

Alexa Carleo Nicole Cirrito

MILLER PLACE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE/ MUNISTAT SERVICES, INC.

Nicole Cirrito Victoria Calandrino

MILLER PLACE HOMEMAKER'S SCHOLARSHIP

Ricky Abreu

MILLER PLACE PARENT-TEACHERS' ORGANIZATION SCHOLARSHIP

Emily Andriano Nicole Cirrito Kayla Dickinson Amanda Maloney Charles Rock Haley Rosenblatt Meghan Sheridan Lauren Zito

NYSCAME SCHOLARSHIP

Brianna Luise



PAMELA WALTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Siara Guevara Joseph Panico

PATRICIA LATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Henry Gardner Allison Mooney

PORT JEFFERSON DENTAL GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

Gianna DeGiorgio-Liguori Jack Kelly

RAYMOND V. SANTORA JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Taryn Cortes Christopher Savino

RICHARD W. SANDERS JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP

Alexa Carleo

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Jake Angelo
Cameron Vetrano
Amanda Joline
Moksha Mehra
Megan Jones
Gianna Luisa
Matthew McNulty
Tyler Ammirato

SCMEA
Coleton Reitan

SCOPE SUPERINTENDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Anjelia Altebrando

SEAN KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Gillian Cordes

SHARON & MARGAUX BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Nicole Cirrito Lianna Farrell

SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICALS SCHOLARSHIP

Nicole Cirr<mark>it</mark>o Victoria Calandrino

SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC TRAINER'S ASSOCIATION (SCATA) SCHOLARSHIP

Matthew Milano

SUFFOLK COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Jillian Patterson

WALTER P. MCCOYD OUSTANDING SENIOR ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP

Tyler Ammirato Jillian Patterson Ally Tarantino

## **AROUND OUR SCHOOLS**

### ANDREW MULLER PRIMARY SCHOOL

The end of the year is an exciting time for many schools, and Andrew Muller Primary School (AMPS) is no different. Each grade level had a special celebration that signified their transition into the next chapter of their academic careers. Kindergartners delivered a beautiful performance that was filled with spirit and song. AMPS first graders participated in an outdoor carnival to end their year that included hopscotch, hula hoop and many more lawn games.

AMPS second graders began their transition to Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School (LADSBS) by spending some time at their future



school. The students partook in a reading assembly, a tour of the building, and sat in on a third grade class where they were able to ask questions about what school would be like next year. The following week the second grade students had the perfect Moving-Up Day with a DJ, t-shirt signing, relay races and kickball. Afterwards, the whole grade sang together led by Mr. Matthew Matura. At the end of the celebration, AMPS Principal Ms. Laura Gewurz gave her farewell comments and LADSBS Principal Catherine Honeyman welcomed her new third graders. June was truly an exciting and special time for the students.

#### LADDIE A. DECKER SOUND BEACH SCHOOL

Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School (LADSBS) recently held their Fifth Grade Moving-Up Ceremony. The students, families, friends, and the community were all welcomed by Principal Catherine Honeyman, as well as North Country Road Middle School (NCRMS) Principal Matthew Clark. Principal Clark welcomed the LADSBS students with open arms to NCRMS, where the fifth graders will be attending next year.



During the ceremony, each of the students' classes, along with their teachers, presented meaningful words to their peers. Each 5th grader also participated in an art poster contest, with the winners announced during the ceremony. Lastly, before the final remarks and send-off, the fifth-graders sang "Happy" by Pharrell Williams. The administration, faculty, and staff at LADSBS wish all of our graduating students much success as they move on to NCRMS!

### NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

As the weather gets warmer, and thoughts turn to finishing a strong academic year—and eventually summer vacation—the NCRMS Student Government springs into action to prepare for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebrations that mark the completion of their middle school journey. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the grade eight Moving-Up Dance took place in a cafeteria that was transformed into an environment which supports the annual theme chosen by the students. This year the parent committee was challenged to bring eighth graders to New York City. The parents did not disappoint, as students were welcomed with a personalized NYC MetroCard, an item that was both useful and served as a memento for the occasion. Students enjoyed the music and danced the night away, enjoying some treats throughout the evening as well. It was truly a night to remember!

On Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, the eighth graders participated in their last celebration of the year, the Moving-Up Ceremony. Students and members of their families gathered in the gymnasium that was decorated for the occasion, which included a balloon arch that marked the beginning of the student procession to their seats. Every student was given a certificate of promotion and a folder with awards from each instructional department. Superintendent Dr. Marianne Cartisano provided





words of inspiration during the superintendent's address, and members of the faculty presented a series of special awards. Student Government President Scott Bisiani delivered a speech that spoke to moving-up to the high school, and included special reflections of his classmates' years in the middle school. This event signifies the end of the students' time at NCRMS, and the beginning of an exciting high school journey. On behalf of the faculty and staff of NCRMS, Principal Matthew Clark wished the Class of 2022 the very best of luck in the future!

### MILLER PLACE HIGH SCHOOL

Friends, family and community members joined together to celebrate the momentous achievements of the Class of 2018 during the recent commencement ceremony for Miller Place High School. As the graduates walked across the stage to receive their diplomas, a new chapter began for the Class of 2018.

The graduation ceremony was a time to celebrate, reflect, and look to the future. The day included inspirational words from Valedictorian Nicole Cirrito, Salutatorian Victoria Calandrino, Principal Kevin Slavin, and Superintendent Dr. Marianne Cartisano. "The Miller Place School District was truly fortunate to have students as extraordinary as the Class of 2018," said Dr. Cartisano. "They have set a high standard of excellence in our District, and have served as exceptional role models for the classes that follow."



# ARTS MUSIC NEW

Miller Place High School vocalists and instrumentalists at the Sound Beach Memorial Day Ceremony.



Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach students performing at Ducks Stadium.



North Country Road Middle School 6th grade orchestra.



Miller Place High School Select Chorus performs in Mary Jeanne Stead's final concert before retiring after 35 years of educating.



Last concert for Mary Jeanne Stead at MPHS. 35 alumni joined the choruses and band for the song, "Seasons of Love."

## ATHLETIC NEWS

- All 23 varsity teams qualified as Scholar-Athlete teams, with each group having 75% of their rosters earning a 90+ GPA for their season of competition.
- 15/23 teams qualified for post-season play during the 2017-2018 year.
- Six varsity teams earned league or divisional championships: Boys Tennis, Field Hockey, Football, Girls Winter Track, Girls Spring Track, and Softball.
- Two varsity teams earned county championships: Cheerleading (Medium-D2) and Football (Division 4)

- Seven sportsmanship awards were earned by: Varsity Girls Tennis, JV Boys Soccer, JV Field Hockey, JV Football, Football, Boys Soccer and Cross Country.
- Two Independent Swimming athletes earned All-State honors: Angelique Harris (9<sup>th</sup> grade), 200 Individual Medley & 100 Breast Stroke, and Henry Shemet (10<sup>th</sup> grade), 200 Individual Medley.
- **23 senior athletes are continuing their athletic participation at the collegiate level**: Seven students at the Division I level, three students at the Division II level, and 13 students at the Division III level.

## MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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