

Miller Place

Summer 2016

UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Congratulations, MILLER PLACE GRADUATES!



THANK YOU MILLER PLACE!

The Board of Education and administration of the Miller Place School District would like to express its sincere appreciation to our community for supporting the 2016-17 school year budget. Together, we will continue to provide the high-quality education our children deserve!

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



As summer is upon us, the graduating Class of 2016 and all Miller Place students deserve to be commended on another successful school year. On behalf of the Board of Education, District administration, faculty and staff: congratulations on your educational milestone! Your time as part of the Miller Place School District—along with lessons you have learned from family, friends and neighbors—will be the foundation for your future goals, achievements and challenges. While this chapter comes to a close, your next steps as young adults are about to begin.

From your time in the District, from your first days at Andrew Muller Primary School through your final moments at Miller Place High School, you have all been a part of an educational experience designed to empower you to challenge yourselves and strive for the next step. Many of you have taken part in various opportunities to pursue your individual passions, explore new interests and find inspiration. Your diligence and desire to achieve deserve recognition, and you have earned your diplomas. Along with your parents, families, friends, neighbors and teachers, I have seen first-hand your achievements in academics, athletics and the arts, and all of you should be proud of your accomplishments.

Ninety percent of our class of 2016 will be attending college this fall. These college-bound seniors have earned more than an estimated \$4.5 million in scholarships, and five of our graduates will enter military service. Of Miller Place High School's 230 graduates, 48 percent earned Advanced Regents diplomas. These statistics are indicative of our students' hard work and perseverance. As important, as a group they have demonstrated tremendous character and integrity.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the Miller Place community for supporting our District and its programs, staff and students. Also deserving recognition for their hard work and commitment to our students this past year include the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), the Robotics Booster Club, Friends of the Arts, Friends of Miller Place Sports and the Athletic Booster Club.

To our graduating class of 2016: The Miller Place school community wishes you well in the next chapter of your lives! Take time this summer to reflect upon what you've learned, not only from your teachers in class but from each other every day. Use your education as your foundation for the future. Build upon it; every day is an opportunity for you to learn something new and grow personally and professionally. Cherish your experiences with each other and the time you've spent becoming the next generation of Miller Place. You have earned a place in our community, and I am excited to hear about all of your future accomplishments in the years to come!

I look forward to seeing all of our returning students on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano
Superintendent of Schools

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Congratulations are due to the Miller Place class of 2016, as well as every student across the District for successfully completing another school year. Graduation and Moving-Up ceremonies are significant accomplishments and occasions you'll remember for the rest of your lives.

The time you've spent a part of the Miller Place School District has prepared you for your next steps, whether as student or as you start your career. But just as important, your education has helped shape you as individuals, and we are all very proud of the young adults you have become. I look forward to hearing about your accomplishments as you move into the next part of your lives.

With a moment this summer to reflect back on the past school year, I would like to thank our educators, administrators and staff for working with our students each day, helping them to achieve their best at anything they set their mind to. I would also like to thank our entire community, parents of young people in the District and neighbors throughout Miller Place, for your support of our school budget this May. You have allowed us to continue to enhance our classroom and extracurricular programs, and I am very grateful for your ongoing input, feedback and support.

I, as well as the rest of the Board of Education and our entire school community, look forward to seeing our students return in a few months. Enjoy your summer!

Miller Place Proud!

Johanna Testa
Board of Education President

Miller Place High School 2016 Scholarships and Awards

Arlette Conklin Memorial Scholarship

Maxwell Hammer
Christina Yun

Athletes Helping Athletes Leadership Scholarship

Matthew Paghidas

Calace Family Foundation Award

Barbara O'Conner
Clara Tucker
Elizabeth Whitlow

Class of 2005 Alumni Scholarship

Carter Contreras
Ali Rahmann

Class of 2008 Alumni Scholarship

Anton Fischer
Rachel Maccarrone

Class of 2011 Alumni Scholarship

Stephen Mirandi
Charles Patterson

Denise Butzgy Memorial Scholarship

Kristen Ellis
Jacob Went

Gail McNulty Business Leaders Scholarship

Christina Yun

Jim Rakowski Scholarship

Mamerto Teniozo

Joe Keany Memorial Scholarship

Patrick Engel
Laura Nolan
Kiera Lopez

John Douglas Memorial Scholar-Athlete Scholarship

Tristan Verdone
Elizabeth Whitlow

Judy Kopelman Spirit of Competition Scholarship

Allison Turturro

Lauralee Bokos Memorial Scholarship

Tristan Verdone

Lauren Cummins Memorial Scholarship

Lucinda Judson
Barbara O'Connor

Long Island Blood Services Scholarship

Kristen Ellis

LIRTC/In Memory of

Thomas Jay Riker

Corrine Levalliant

Long Island Teacher's Benevolent Fund Scholarship

Courtney Adler
Ryan Ammirato
Patrick Feinberg

Rhianna Ruggiero

Tristan Verdone

Michael Sallee Memorial Scholarship

Stephen Alaimo
Rachel Miller

Miller Place Athletic Association Ideal Athlete Scholarship

Ryan Ammirato
Kristen Roberto

Miller Place Civic Association Scholarship

Alana Arleo

Miller Place Clerical Memorial Scholarship

Nicholas Kalaygian
Jessica LaVopa

Miller Place Fire Department Memorial Scholarship

Leanna Schmidt

Miller Place Friends of the Arts ~ Art Scholarship

Alexis Romagnolo

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

Isabel Farina

Kanen Nelson

Miller Place Friends of the Arts Drama Scholarship

Lucinda Judson

Miller Place Friends of the Arts ~ Music Scholarship

Bianca Checa

Kyle Reese

Miller Place High School Drama/ Theatre Scholarship

Emilee Carratala
Elizabeth Whitlow

Miller Place High School Music Scholarship/Sound Beach Music

Emilee Carratala
Stephen Mirandi

Miller Place High School National Honor Society Scholarship

Shane Powers
Christina Yun

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

Clara Tucker
Elizabeth Whitlow

Miller Place Homemaker's Scholarship

Cole Francis

Miller Place Panther Players Scholarship

Melanie Fales

Miller Place Parent-Teachers' Organization Scholarship

Kristen Ellis
Megan Gasparini
Kyle Reese
Morgan Rosman

Jaclyn Whimple

Nicholas Lastorka Memorial Scholarship

Sabrina Manzo

NYSCAME Scholarship

Patrick Feinberg

Outstanding School Dedication Scholarship

Tristan Verdone

Pamela Waltz Memorial Scholarship

Danielle Bambola
Edward Marbot

Panther Scholarship Excellence in Business

Anthony Lippman
Alexander Ozol

Mamerto Teniozo

Raymond V. Santora Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Kevin Duffy

Allison Turturro

Regina Meier Memorial Scholarship

Laura Nolan

Richard W. Sanders Journalism Scholarship

John Reagan

Rocky Point Lion's Club Scholarship

Courtney Adler

Rocky Point Rotary/Bruce Giles Scholarship

Ashley Reynolds

School Leadership Scholarship

Jake Bowrosen

Jenna Conti

Jessica Powers

Mamerto Teniozo

SCMEA

Christina Yun

SCOPE Superintendent Scholarship

Mamerto Teniozo

Sharon & Margaux Brown Memorial Scholarship

Joan Lauria

Christina Yun

Walter P. McCoyd Outstanding Senior Athlete Scholarship

Thomas Bell

Alyssa Parrella

Congratulations MPHS GRADUATES!



AT THE TOP OF THE CLASS



Valedictorian Elizabeth Whitlow

With a weighted GPA of 99.6, Elizabeth Whitlow is the Miller Place High School valedictorian for the Class of 2016. She was team captain and an all-conference member of the varsity softball team, as well as a member of the varsity volleyball team. Elizabeth was an AP Scholar with Honor; a member of the Drama Club, National Honor Society, Foreign Language National Honor Society and National Thespian Society; in addition to working with Athletes Helping Athletes and the Mathletes. Elizabeth will attend Northeastern University in the fall to study American Sign Language.



Salutatorian Clara Tucker

With a weighted GPA of 99.52, Clara Tucker is the Miller Place High School salutatorian for the Class of 2016. She participated in Science Research at Stony Brook University and the Intel Talent Search. Clara was also a member of the Art Club, Science Club and Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, as well as an AP Scholar with Distinction and part of the Varsity Cross Country and Track teams. Additionally, she was a member of both the National Honor Society and Foreign Language National Honor Society. Elizabeth will attend Stony Brook University in the fall to study biology.

THE CLASS OF 2016'S NEXT STEPS

- Adelphi University
- The University of Alabama
- American University
- Arizona State University
- Assumption College
- CUNY—Baruch College
- CUNY—Hunter College
- CUNY—Macaulay Honors College
- CUNY—Queens College
- Bloomsburg University
- Boston College
- University of California—San Diego
- Castleton University
- Clemson University
- The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art
- Dickinson College
- East Stroudsburg University
- Endicott College
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Florida State University
- University of Hartford
- Herkimer County Community College
- Hilbert College
- Hofstra University
- Iona College
- James Madison University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Keene State College
- King's College
- Long Island University—C.W. Post
- Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
- Marist College
- Mercy College
- Merrimack College
- Middlebury College
- Molloy College
- Monmouth University
- Nassau Community College
- University of New Hampshire—Durham
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Pace University—NYC
- Pennsylvania State University
- Plymouth State University
- Quinnipiac University
- University of Rhode Island
- Roger Williams University
- Rosemont College
- Sacred Heart University
- Salisbury University
- University of South Carolina
- St. John Fisher College
- St. Joseph's College—Long Island Campus
- SUNY—Albany
- SUNY—Binghamton University
- SUNY—Buffalo
- SUNY—Cobleskill
- SUNY—Cortland
- SUNY—Dehli
- SUNY—Farmingdale State College
- SUNY—Geneseo
- SUNY—Maritime
- SUNY—Morrisville State College
- SUNY—New Paltz
- SUNY—Oneonta
- SUNY—Oswego
- SUNY—Plattsburgh
- SUNY—Potsdam
- SUNY—Purchase
- SUNY—Stony Brook University
- Stonehill College
- Suffolk County Community College—Ammerman
- Suffolk County Community College—Eastern Campus
- The University of Tampa
- Temple University
- Universal Technical Institute
- University of South Carolina—Beaufort South
- Villanova University
- Virginia Tech
- Washington Adventist University
- York College of Pennsylvania
- York University

AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

ANDREW MULLER PRIMARY SCHOOL

This spring, students from Andrew Muller Primary School celebrated Earth Day with multiple projects focused on the environment, recycling and beautifying our community. Ms. Kootz's class collected bottle caps and used them to create various art projects. Students from throughout the school created art on brown paper bags hoping to inspire community conservation. The art project, organized by second grade teacher Ms. Brennan, was sponsored by Foodtown in Rocky Point, Stop and Shop in Miller Place, and King Kullen in Mount Sinai. Each store donated 250 brown paper bags to the school for students to decorate. Students decorated the bags with Earth Day inspired pictures and conservation tips, and the bags were then delivered back to the stores. When community members shopped during Earth Week, their groceries were packed in these bags. Earth Day banners created by students were also on display. Students in Ms. Graf's kindergarten class and Ms. Shaw's second grade class were also involved in a project with Councilwoman Jane Bonner's Office. Students painted a recycling bin that will be situated in Sylvan Avenue Park. After the painting was complete, Councilwoman Bonner came to visit AMPS, met with the students to thank them and provided the school with a Certificate of Appreciation.



NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL



As the school year draws near to a close, attention turns to wrapping up quarterly assignments and preparing for final exams and end-of-year celebrations. This year the North Country Road Middle School decided to change a tradition of the 8th grade Moving-Up Celebration. For a little over a decade, the celebration included an awards ceremony, at which students were honored both individually and collectively for their accomplishments, immediately followed by a dance that takes place in our cafeteria, which is transformed using a specific theme determined by each grade. This year, the Moving-Up Awards Ceremony took place later in the year, on June 22, giving the event more of a culminating feel than ever before. This year's dance was held on Friday, June 10, a date that provided exceptional weather! Students were able to have a little more time after school to prepare for the festive occasion, which included getting together and taking pictures. The theme of this year's event was "Late Night Dreamin'," which provided the foundation for our parent committee to get together to plan the décor. The event would not be nearly as special without the hard work and determination that our parent committee brings to the process (Thank you to all involved!). The cafeteria is transformed in a matter of weeks, an impressive act that always leaves our students in awe. The class of 2020 enjoyed music and dancing, and they took some time to have a snack and beverages when they moved off the floor. The Moving-Up festivities really are celebrations representing the time and effort NCRMS students have dedicated to their middle-school careers.

The Class of 2023 is Moving Up To NCRMS



The Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School fifth-grade participated in the Moving-Up Ceremony on June 20.

Classes were each assigned a different character education word, which they brought to life in different ways through poems, essays and songs. The character education words were Cooperation, Fairness, Perseverance, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Compassion, Determination and Respect.

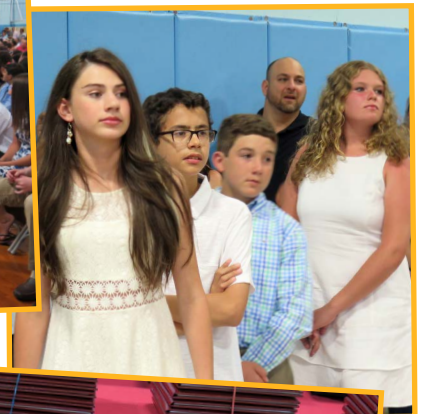
Students sang this year's fifth-grade song, "Best Day of My Life," and Officer George Lynagh of our Police Smart program, kicked-off the Ceremony with his rendition of the National Anthem.

Principal Catherine Honeyman encouraged students to "Believe in yourself...believe in the power of your kindness...believe that you have a voice and that voice matters. The power to change the world lies within you personally."

Wishing the class of 2023 a seamless transition to the North Country Road Middle School!



The Class of 2020 is Moving Up to MPHS



Art and Music Updates

The Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School Elementary Band performed at a Long Island Ducks Game.



The Miller Place School District was honored with a Best Communities in Music Education Award!



The North Country Road Middle School Chorus attended the Long Island Music Festival.



The Select Chorus held a Pediatric Cancer Fundraiser in December 2015. In total, the group donated \$850.00 through bracelet and bake sales!



Take a look at some artwork from this year's NCRMS and MPHS Art Shows.

