

# TIDINGS

FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT



## A CLASS WITH COMPASSION GRADUATES IN 2011



Massive gray clouds and overcast skies did not affect the sunny disposition of the Class of 2011 on June 25th, their Commencement Day.

In an undulating ribbon of gold and purple, the procession of Graduates spanned the distance between the high school building and the football field, while *Pomp and Circumstance* (played by the High School Band under the direction of Mr. DeSalvo) struck the pace. Shouts and cheers from an excited crowd of relatives and friends elicited corresponding waves from many of the graduates as they marched across the clay-red track lanes and onto the green lawn to their seats in alphabetical order on the football field.

Immediately following the Class of 2011, the Alumni Walk, an event that grows more popular each year, boasted approximately 65 participants. Their furling banners depicted the class years from 1939 all the way to 2009. New to the ceremony this year was the inclusion of certain "Teachers Who Made a Difference" in the lives of the Class of 2011. Among the fifty-four faculty members who were nominated by the students for this honor, many were able to observe the Commencement ceremony by joining the Alumni under two white tents on the field.

An accomplished class that additionally demonstrated outstanding compassion in service to others, the 2011 Graduates upheld the tradition established for the past two years by listening without disruptions to their commencement speakers.



(ABOVE) Senior Class Advisors Vogel and DeGraff observe Commencement with Class Officers.

(right) Dr. Walter Schartner, Sayville Superintendent, marched with Principal Ron Hoffer, Assistant Superintendent for Business John J. Belmonte, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Rosemary Camilleri, and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Stephen Koepper

(below) B.O.E. trustees Thomas Cooley, Norm deVenau, Raymond J. Nelson, and John Verdone.



(above) Deputy Superintendent Dr. Geraldine Sullivan Keck accompanied 1939 Alumna Myra (DeGraff) Rowland in The Alumni Walk.



**DR. WALTER F. SCHARTNER**  
SUPERINTENDENT OF  
SAYVILLE SCHOOLS



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“Your class has had many outstanding achievements in academics, athletics, and the arts; but the most striking legacy of this class is **your compassion** and the ability you’ve shown to get things done to help others.

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If your high school achievements are indicative of your adult journey, we have reason to be happy. You have shown caring and compassion for your peers during hard times and provided for those less fortunate than yourselves.... shown respect and support for our troops overseas and awareness and responsibility for stewardship of our environment. I’ve witnessed a competence for organizing and motivating others, a willingness to do the hard work needed to get things done well beyond your years.

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Ten percent of life is what happens and ninety percent of it is how you respond to it. How you handle the challenges defines your character.... You need not be apprehensive about the future, because it will be in your capable hands. Congratulations Class of 2011!

*Speaking for the first time at Commencement as the Superintendent of Sayville Schools—after 34 years in the district as a science teacher, coach, Assistant Principal for both secondary schools, and Middle School Principal—Dr. Walter F. Schartner acknowledged “our honored guests, the Class of 2011,” admitting “I am humbled to be part of this ceremony with you.”*

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SAYVILLE SCHOOLS DR. WALTER SCHARTNER



Dr. Schartner recalled the wide-eyed faces of the fifth-graders he first met in 2004. During their elementary Moving-Up ceremonies, he had urged them to take advantage of the opportunities at the Middle School. They became one of three classes that helped the Middle School earn the designation of an *Essential Elements School to Watch, National School of Excellence* in 2006. “I thank you for that.”

He also complimented the students for listening to his Moving-Up advice given a second time in 2007 at the Middle School: to explore the opportunities at the High School. “You did. Once again, you exceeded all our expectations.”

For seven years, Dr. Schartner watched their plays, concerts, art shows, and athletic contests “at which you always excelled.” He observed their impressive involvement in service to the community and each other; they made Sayville one of the top 88 schools in the country for increased AP. “You have helped set a new standard... You have added to the excellence that we know as Sayville Public Schools.”

Citing an article which analyzed leaders—“successful men and women from all walks of life”—Dr. Schartner enumerated common traits, focusing on the last: “one that I think most of you have already: Be honest and

dependable, take responsibility, maintain your character and trustworthiness. For without that, [all the others] will not matter.”

Sharing perspectives from *All I Really Need To Know, I Learned In Kindergarten* by Robert Fulghum, Dr. Schartner emphasized: “When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together!” Summarizing, Dr. Schartner advised, “So when you get out in the world, and see the expectations, problems, challenges, temptations, discouragements, opportunities, and you forget your advice from your teachers and administrators, just try to remember kindergarten. The rest will take care of itself.”

Suggesting they thank those who contributed to their successful participation in “the great tradition called Sayville High School,” Dr. Schartner assured everyone that this “tradition of excellence will remain our goal for as long as Sayville High School is the center of this community.” He reminded the Class, “you have the power to be great in different things. You have the power to change the course of history with goodness, kindness, and intelligent decision-making. Remember kindergarten. Hold hands and stick together. Have optimism. We are proud of each and every one of you. Good luck! May God bless you all and all you do in the future!”



## MUSICAL Interludes

Uplifting Commencement with their musical talent, select Senior members of the High School Jazz Choir: **James Harlin, Marra Kassman, Kenneth Murray, and Lyndsey Romard.**



officially opened the ceremony with the National Anthem sung in beautiful harmonies. They also closed with *God Bless America*, accompanied by the High School Band.



High School Principal Ron Hoffer introduced **James Harlin** (above left), “*The Patricia Ann Kubelle Memorial Award Winner, All-State vocalist, and sensational member of the Theatre Arts Program.*” James gave a great performance of *Feelin Good* by Anthony Newley and Leslie Bricusse. Allowing this jazzy number to build smoothly to a finger-snapping rhythm, James kept his rendition simple, clean, yet powerful, as the lyrics appropriately rejoiced, “*It’s a new dawn, it’s a new day, it’s a new life*” for members of the graduating class. James closed to thunderous applause.

## CLASS OF 2011 VALEDICTORIAN **TRACEY ROSA** "HOW TO SCORE A GOAL"

**"A young woman who achieved the highest honors in each academic discipline in our High School, a remarkable athlete, and an outstanding scholar and a true gem."** **PRINCIPAL RON HOFFER**



Class of 2011 Valedictorian Tracey Rosa thanked everyone for their support and praised her classmates "sitting here" for achieving their goals.

Setting new goals, Tracey admitted, is as varied as each individual. Among her classmates, some will have career-oriented goals, some will serve our country, while "others, like me, [will] strive to work in the medical field." Goals can be short-term or long-term, "but what is important," Tracey emphasized "is that everyone has one, because having a goal is what motivates us to be our best. If we don't have something that we are working towards, then we may forget why we are working at all, and we end up standing still."

The real challenge, Tracey acknowledged, is in achieving the goal. "Today marks a significant turning point in the way that we will do so. Until today, everything we have done has been the result of our own hard work, but to an equal extent it has been the result of the help we received from our parents, teachers, coaches, and mentors."

While she and her classmates were fortunate, things will be different "without the involvement of our parents and teachers that we were used to in high school.... Whether you go off to college, enter the workforce, or nobly serve our country, we will have to rely on ourselves to search for opportunities and motivation.... the drive to succeed must come from ourselves."

She recommended avoiding pitfalls "by working with drive and motivation in everything we do, so our goals remain attainable."

Contrary to the widely held "belief that we must achieve our goals completely on our own," Tracey gave her classmates great advice. "Alone we can't achieve anything.... Often times graduates are told that upon leaving high school, they are entering 'the real world,' where no one is going to be there to help them out, and they must be totally self-reliant. For many high school graduates, myself included, this paints a picture of complete independence, but also solitude. While it is true that we will have to be independent in creating our own success, many students have trouble seeing the difference between being independent, and being alone. We are not expected to achieve our goals all on our own, so don't get discouraged if you need help along the way."

"We are responsible," Tracey emphasized, "for achieving our own goals, and part of that responsibility is knowing when and where to look for assistance so we never feel we need to give up...."

In closing, Tracey commended her Class for their talents, dreams,

and ambitions, urged them to keep their goals, and to remember to ask for help. "I wish you all the best of luck in whatever you decide to do, and I know that years from now, we will all be even prouder than we are today to say that we are members of Sayville High School's Class of 2011!"



## CLASS OF 2011 SALUTATORIAN **KATHREEN MANGALUZ** "RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW"

**"A gifted student, an award-winning science competitor, an outstanding musician, and a tremendous person."** **PRINCIPAL RON HOFFER**



Class of 2011 Salutatorian Kathreen Mangaluz spoke softly but with great confidence. After expressing her sincerest gratitude to members of the school district, her family, friends—especially her fellow graduates—Kathreen admitted she was both honored and humbled to be addressing them.

Recognizing the diverse ambitions of her classmates, Kathreen realized their common focus has been on their future goals to succeed.

"Yet the important knowledge of who we are today is constantly being overlooked... Before we get lost in the possibilities of what will become of us in the future, it is important to just stop for a second—stop worrying about future deadlines, stop worrying about whether we will get that summer internship job, stop worrying about just how successful we can actually become—just stop."

Kathreen stopped to appreciate the moment, the support of her parents and sister (*Susie*), her friends, and faculty (*Maria Brown and Mary Jane Stevens*). "Just stop for a second and appreciate the people we are at this moment: *outstanding athletes, outstanding musicians, outstanding artists, outstanding academics, outstanding humanitarians, and outstanding friends.*"

She also shared her Grandfather's advice: "Go out, follow your passion, always remain dedicated to what you love to do, never follow someone else's path," which she tempered with

her sound Girl Scout experience: "Unless you're in the woods and you are lost, then you should definitely follow that path. Always be better prepared for the inevitability of getting lost, because it will happen—that's how life works."

Continuing her analogy of being lost and found, Kathreen stressed another point. "And here's the most important part, if you're really lost and confused, don't be afraid to look for the path you've taken to reach the point where you are now. Look back and remember the way you came because sometimes, in order to move on forward, you have to look back. You can find your way back to this moment and recapture the confidence, spirit, and possibility that you have now."

Asking her classmates of 2011—for a final time—to appreciate and trust that "your great intuition (*which has brought you all here today*) will help you avoid being eaten alive in the wilderness," Kathreen wished them all "Congratulations! Best of Luck!"



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT **MARIA BONACORE** "THE GOLDEN BUBBLE"

**Mr. Hoffer introduced an additional speaker to the traditional Commencement lineup. "A dynamic leader, a superb athlete, and a tremendous human being, the Class of 2011's Student Government President Miss Maria (Mia) Bonacore.**

"Sayville is a bubble," stated Student Government President Maria Bonacore.

While acknowledging the negative view of such a description, Mia maintained, "we have an unbelievable amount of accomplishments here in our bubble .... Sure, we are a small town when it comes to size, but what makes us so outstanding is how we take advantage of this size."

Equating the Sayville High School student population to a successful team, Mia's analogy was powerfully supported by her firsthand experience as an outstanding multisport athlete, team captain, and school government leader.

First, Mia admired her Sayville teammates who seized the opportunities, got involved,



and made enormous contributions. "We, as teammates, are so willing to maintain not only reputations, but also tradition. We honor our traditions, while we originate new ones. We don't just participate; we excel. Whether it is academics, arts, music, athletics or community service, this team is talented and constantly striving to succeed."

Mia also recognized while "every team has a season...our season is just getting started. After today, the Class of 2011 will begin playoffs." She spoke confidently that her team players would serve as captains and role models for good works well beyond the Sayville High school community.

"Students don't just attend school, we are the school," Mia declared, enumerating the year-round events at Sayville High School where high school memories were made. "...wearing a Golden Flashes uniform,

a band jacket, working in the Sayville Library, painting the windows of shops on Main Street, or bundled up outside Stop N Shop, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, nobody rides the bench on this team."

Mia announced that her Class is prepared to take the next step. "The jerseys we will forever wear are our pride." Leaving their legacy at "Brook Street" and "all around Sayville," Mia had faith her teammates would "utilize the leadership, knowledge, generosity, and our overall experience," to make a difference. "Involvement is what this town is all about. Involvement is what makes this bubble, the best bubble on Long Island!"



# CLASS OF 2011 PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE **TIMOTHY COWAN** "ONE THOUSAND WORDS"

**"A young man who has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Class of 2011, a remarkable role model, and a very special person in our High School. President of the Senior Class, Mr. Timothy Cowan."**



Timothy Cowan greeted his classmates and humorously *pre-cused* as intentional any mistakes during his speech. Soliciting a round of applause for "all those going off to serve our country," Tim launched his

### Response for the Class

with the quote: *a picture is worth a thousand words.* "From this moment on, my speech will be precisely one thousand words, explaining exactly what I see."

Tim described his view from the podium, including those "tired of sitting and listening to people speak, proud parents, excited students, some of whom are rapidly counting fingers attempting to disprove my 1,000-word promise." Then, he added his insights; "...what I see most is a group of passionate and powerful individuals... the strong, the brave, the intelligent, the outgoing, the persuasive, the fabulous, the beautiful and much more."

Tim could also foresee that his

classmates were not just the future of "our little town," of our state, "not even of the United States, but WE are the future of the world... capable of achieving all of our dreams, and each one of us is the best at something..."

Reflecting that their generation has "survived together," from Pokeman to Facebook, Tim stated, "We have become stronger as a nation due to terrorism, we have become a generation competent in technology, we have illustrated our ability to adapt in any situation,... We have witnessed the election of the first black president; we have seen cloning, new medicine, new games, new everything, and we will continue to see new advancements."

Tim said with a straight face, "we were the best class of 2011



### PRINCIPAL RON HOFFER

Sayville High School will ever see." (Tim took a comic pause filled by chuckles.) "To be honest, I think our class is the best they'll ever see."

Recalling lessons learned—real, silly, and humbling—and how they will help in the future, Tim confessed certain lessons have made him "more outgoing, more willing to make a fool of myself... on that note... I was requested to say this, **'That's amazing!'**" This drew cheers from his classmates. (SEE TIM'S ALTER EGO, CAPTAIN AMAZING, ON SAYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S WEBSITE)

Aware that his word count was limited, and "how hard it is to explain a picture in a thousand words," Tim thanked everyone for their support, (with 58 words left) expressed confidence they would find success as "millionaires or even billionaires depending on the inflationary rate," and ended his speech, "Everyone please say 'cheese,' because this is the picture I will remember forever...!"

Tim pulled out his camera and snapped the shutter.



**The following were among ALUMNI WALKING**  
**1939** Myra Rowland (DeGraff); **1947** Elaine Beebe, Ernest A Kussmaul, William Paauwe, June Vanderborgh Smith; **1948** John Wells; **1952** Dorothy Boogertman Newhouse; **1953** Katherine Paauwe; **1955** Howard Jones, Janet Weedon Gianquinto; **1957** David Leigh-Manuelli; **1957** Charles Tichy, Karen Tichy, George Pesko; **1959** Trudy Pesko; **1968** Gary Roland Sr.; **1969** Steve Hintze; **1970** Tom Reeve, Karen Roland; **1971** Michele O'Keefe; **1973** Cynthia Schneeberg Smith; **1974** Jane Hodgkinson Koropsak, Barbara Dougherty Llobell, Paul Llobell, Gerry Pagels, Tara Patin; **1975** Cheryl Callen Adams, Joanne Gallo Agolgia, Kim Farkely-Mikhael; **1977** Betty LaFrance Martin, Joanne Colson Hintze, Susan Reilly Wood, Vivian Incorvaia, Matthew Gallo, Michael McEnerney; **1978** Lori Hodgkinson, Carolee Reeve, Frank Ferremi, Sandy Van Essendelft, Sharon Rodgers Spath, Dawn Chiari Townsend, Nancy Gallo Russell, Susan Stoll Fanjoy; **1979** Robert Russell, Ronald VanDuyne Jr., Janet Usewick; **1980** Phil DePompeo, Sally Stoll DePompeo, Tina VanDuyne Passin, Chris Bailey; **1981** Joe Gallo, Susan McEnerney, Kevin Carey; **1983** Scott Stoll, Audry Tichy Llobell, Gary Pesko; **1984** Rich Harrigan, Michelle VanDuyne Moriarity, Kristin Gamboli, Kathy Heinlein, Kathi Gallagher; **1985** Valerie Callen Lowe; **1986** Susan Kilgen-Carey; **1989** Linda Callen Moynihan; **1990** Michele Bailey; **1996** Gary Roland; **2009** Karl Hart, Matthew Cowan, Brian VanDuyne, Martin Petrella

# PRAISE FOR THE CLASS OF 2011 - Outstanding in all Endeavors



"Members of the Class of 2011 won significant honors, both individually and collectively, and have been tremendous representatives of our school and community," stated High School Principal Ron Hoffer before he briefly enumerated the following statistics:

- The graduates met and/or exceeded the academic standards: 92% of the students in the Class of 2011 will go on to further education; 95% will have earned a Regents Diploma this year.

- At the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholastic Awards program, 110 deserving students received 191 awards. These recipients wore gold- or purple- ribboned medallions at graduation.

- So far, 131 students have received academic or community scholarships that value well over 2.5 million dollars.

- Lionel Pomerantz, Tracey Rosa, and Bryan Thornlow were **National Merit Scholarship Commended** students.

- Eric Abraham, Christopher Bailey, Justin Bonamico, Christopher Capon, Timothy Carey, Gregory Fountain, Daniel Ryder, and Daniel Siegel were recognized for their anticipated military service.

- **Our Fine Arts** students had a tremendous year. Sayville had three winners—Rachel Crennan, Patrick O'Connor and Katie Svarzman—at the

**BAFFA Art Exhibition.** Scott Davidson won an award at the **Hecksher Museum Annual Long Island Best Young Artist Show** that exhibited over 200 entries,

- **Our Music Department** was again a finalist in the **Grammy Signature School Competition** and was selected one of the **Best Communities for Music Education in America** by the NAMM Foundation and the National Association of Music Teachers. We had 107 music students receive **NYSSMA All-County** and three—Nicolas Calvano, James Harlin, and Katelyn Odierna—were **NYSSMA All-State**. Katelyn was also an **All-Eastern** Violinist and recipient of a \$1,000 Scholarship from the New York State Council of Administrators of Music Education

- **Our Research in Science and Engineering Program**, under the direction of Ms. Maria Brown, had winning students: Neha Kinariwalla (Siemens Semifinalist), and Kathreen Mangaluz, Alyssa Mignone, and Tracey Rosa in multiple science competitions.

- **Our Theatre Arts** program, directed by Mr. Steven Hailey, had another

productive year with the intense *Inherit the Wind*, the hilarious *Barefoot in the Park*, the musical *Crazy for You*, and seven excellent student-directed one-act plays.

- In the arena of **Interscholastic Athletics**, for a **THIRD** consecutive year, all 26 varsity teams were given **NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Awards**, also earning Sayville School District a third NYS School of Distinction for Academic & Athletic Excellence Plaque.

In eight sports, our varsity individuals or teams won **LEAGUE or DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS** in GIRLS: Golf, Field Hockey, Soccer; BOYS: Tennis, Soccer, Baseball, Football, Swimming-Diving; **COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS** in Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, and Football.

Additional congratulations to our **Boys Soccer Team** for becoming **New York State Class A Champions!**

- **High School Service Organizations, Student Government, Key Club, Anchor Club, Tri-M, FBLA, Art Honor Society, Interact, SWEEP, S.A.D.D., History Club,** and the **National Honor Society** have once again served our community by giving back not only to local communities, but also worldwide.



During the three Elementary Fifth-grade Moving-Up ceremonies, there were words of encouragement and welcome from Middle School Principal Thomas Murray, advice from Presiding Officer of Suffolk County, Legislator Bill Lindsay, along with wonderful awards, student, staff and parent recognition, as well as musical performances by the talented students. Each ceremony was followed by refreshments provided by the PTAs. (See Sayville School District website for full story and more photos.)

## Sunrise Drive Moving-Up



Citing the many good works performed by Sunrise Drive students, Principal Castello referred to the "young lady" who "gave up every lunch period and collected over \$700 worth in spare change for the tsunami and earthquake victims in Japan; or "the boy who sold lemonade outside his house to raise money for the American Heart Association in memory of his dad. He collected \$1,500." Mrs. Castello also included the students who served in the Safety Patrol, the student council members who created blankets for homeless children, collected clothing for those less fortunate, held a dance to raise money for the victims of disasters, or shared their good fortune by collecting 1,043 pounds of food for Long Island Cares.

"These students, your children, have definitely made a difference! A difference here in Sunrise Drive, in Sayville, and to people they will never meet....We are very proud of all of our students and know they will continue to make a difference."

After certificates were distributed, Mrs. Castello acknowledged the parents who would also be "moving up" and thanked them for all they have done, "... for being great partners in education, we will miss you!"

However, Mrs. Castello's final words were about "these fine Fifth-graders. I am so proud of all of their accomplishments. I will miss them. I know I will hear great things about them because they are 'doers.'" Mrs. Castello referenced their third-grade lessons about the beautiful butterflies, and encouraged the students to accept the changes at the Middle School. "You too will go through many changes as well, but know the results you get are well worth your efforts."

Celebratory songs included the lilting performance of *Children of the Universe* directed by Miss Allen, followed by the Sunrise Drive school song *Sunrise Drive You Are the One*, composed by Mrs. Amy Baron, and which the current Fifth-graders first performed six years ago in kindergarten on their Flag day ceremony.

From the audience of relatives and friends, many tearful eyes and sniffles were soon replaced by rousing applause for jobs well done.

## Cherry Avenue Moving-Up



Cherry Avenue Principal Dr. John Stimmel upheld the long elementary tradition of "passing the torch" to Middle School Principal Murray, while Legislator Bill Lindsay delivered a special message to the Cherry Avenue students. (See facing page.)

After, the recipients of the Presidential Awards for Educational Excellence as well as Educational Achievement were called forward for recognition, certificates were awarded to all the students, and a slide show compiled by some parents showcased each of the students in a brief but wonderful stroll down memory lane. Moving-Up musical performances included *Rockin' Cherry*, lyrics paraphrased for Cherry by Lincoln's music teacher Mrs. Cirrillo. Cherry Music teacher Mrs. Kristin Woerner directed the students in a beautiful performance of *For Just a Little While*, with the spectacular keyboard accompaniment by Fifth-grade student Jimmy Cummings.

In his traditional farewell comments, Dr. Stimmel enlisted the assistance of select Fifth-graders to hold specific props from previous years: a lantern, megaphone, a telescope and microscope, a Meet the Robinsons poster, and a clock, that each symbolized a life lesson. This year he added a simple string to symbolize the tying of things together, "Today, I am trying to tie some of the important lessons which your parents, your teachers, and I have tried to teach you over the last six years." Using the string also as a memory aid, Dr. Stimmel encouraged the students "to try and always remember to let your light shine, let your voice be heard, hunger and thirst for knowledge, keep moving forward, and remember there is a time and a season for all things."

Dr. Stimmel reminded the students that their parents, Cherry Avenue teachers and staff are very proud of all they have accomplished.



### The following is a list of Fifth-grade 2010-2011 Presidential Academic and Physical Fitness Award Winners...

#### Sunrise Drive

##### PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC AWARDS GOLD AWARDS

Collin Alcabas  
Matthew Castagna  
Noelle Dufrenoy  
Thomas Faughnan  
Keely Fitzpatrick  
Jeremy Hirsch  
Julia Hodgkinson  
Moira Mahoney  
Nicholas Moosa  
Carleigh O'Donoghue  
Christina O'Leary  
Douglas Read  
Zoe Rivera  
Lauren Runco  
Carson Stecher  
Declan Wallace  
John Wilkens

##### SILVER AWARDS

Nolan Ainslie  
Olivia Anderson  
Michael Castagna  
Alexa Farinella  
Jacquelyn Figliuolo  
Victoria Geraci  
Kyle Giattino  
Olivia Harrison  
Kaila Kotkiewicz  
Caitlin Lulenski  
Dominic Prevosto  
David Salloum  
Brendan Smith  
Joseph Vitale  
Matthew Zafonte

##### PRESIDENTIAL FITNESS AWARD Grade 5

Megan Collins  
Keely Fitzpatrick  
Olivia Harrison  
Jeremy Hirsch  
Alyssa Larkin  
James Lyons  
Joseph Mas  
Carleigh O'Donoghue  
Christina O'Leary  
Lyndsey Shaw

##### NYS Comptroller Achievement Award • Moira Mahoney

##### County Executive Public Service Award

• Olivia Anderson

##### County Legislature Presiding Officer Award • Carleigh

O'Donoghue

##### Triple C Award • Noelle Dufrenoy & Nichola Moosa

#### Lincoln Avenue

##### PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC AWARDS GOLD AWARDS

Emily Abrahall  
Ian Bard  
Kayla Barone  
Hannah Bishop  
Jason Burns  
Meghan Caraher

Daniel Cliff  
Richard Cotes  
Jessica Dailey  
Hanna Decker  
Jenna Deignan  
Sophie Fisher  
Katherine Gennosa  
Skylar Jackson  
William Klopp  
Colleen McGrath  
Ava McNevin  
Ryan O'Connell  
Sean O'Halloran  
Christopher Pacia  
Katherine Post  
Phillip Rinaldi III  
Alicia Rivera  
Jacob Rossi  
Madeline Schaefer  
Julia Stueber  
Gabriele Thornton

Kaitlin Weber  
Ryan Wilson  
Justin Zegel

##### SILVER AWARDS

Kalista Alfano  
Dea Ahlgrim  
Aleksander Azarov  
Jeremy Bruno  
Angelo Munoz  
Aidan Morrell  
Reece Pena

##### PRESIDENTIAL FITNESS AWARD Grade 5

Emily Abrahall  
Hannah Bishop  
Nathan Bauland  
Meghan Caraher  
Matthew Danielson  
Hanna Decker  
Heaven Estein



## SHARING A SPECIAL CONNECTION

Suffolk County Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay took the podium and shared a moving story that personally connected the Cherry Avenue students “doing the right thing” and one of his family members, Mr. Lindsay’s nephew, who served with distinction in Iraq. In 2006-2007, his nephew was a member of a scout-unit of nine, which was involved in dangerous advance missions. During that same time, the Cherry Avenue candy-for-troops campaign sent “lots of candy” to the troops (including his nephew).

“He got so much candy, he said, ‘Uncle Bill, I don’t know what to do with it all,’” Mr. Lindsay explained. “So what they started doing was, when they would go into some of these small Iraqi towns, they would distribute the candy to the Iraqi street kids who were always around. As soon as they saw the units coming, the

kids would come out into the street for the candy.... Here’s the unknown factor that probably saved some of those boys’ lives, including my nephew’s; when they didn’t see the street kids coming out for the candy, they knew there was an ambush....”

“So, boys and girls,” Mr. Lindsay concluded, “that random act of kindness by sending candy to our soldiers may have saved some of their lives. You should be very proud of what you do every day, even if it doesn’t seem like a huge thing. A lot of

times the unintended consequences help tremendously!”



## Lincoln Avenue Moving-Up

“Six years, which involves approximately 538 sandwiches with the crusts cut just right,” enumerated Lincoln Avenue Principal Dr. Michele LeBlanc in her opening remarks, “389 forgotten library books often brought to school just in the nick of time, over 1,522 homework assignments—not including Science Fair projects and other projects—plus 3,060 days for you to remember to wear your sneakers for physical education days! We are proud of what all these children have accomplished and we are most thankful to all of you in the audience.”

After Dr. LeBlanc recognized graduating parents, the PTA, its officers and volunteers who have contributed to the success of another school year, she focused on the purpose of their “Moving-Up” ceremony.

Examining the alternative definitions of the words *MOVING* and *UP*, Dr. LeBlanc redefined this Fifth-grade Class as a group who are “moving in the [musically] rhythmic or poetic” sense, and “up—with greater intensity, or pitch.”

Dr. LeBlanc recognized the 101 students for their maturity, self-confidence, positive communication skills, their ability to create change for the better, and to work well with each other. She recognized how they have “aspired to accomplish both individual and collective goals.” Calling upon Middle School Principal Thomas Murray, Dr. LeBlanc concluded her remarks by symbolically placing “the growth and intensity of this poetic composition, the Lincoln Avenue Fifth-grade class of 2011, in your hands, Mr. Murray.”

Two students prepared their thoughts about how Lincoln has helped them grow. In “Hiding,” Sophie Fisher explained how she was so shy, but thanks to the encouragement of her teachers and peers she has learned to participate in so many activities. Jessica Dailey shared her successes in her essay “What Fifth-grade Means to Me.”

Presentation of certificates by each of the Fifth-grade Teachers to their students, the announcements of the special awards (see below), and musical interludes of *For Just A Little While* and *Rockin’ Lincoln* preceded Dr. LeBlanc’s closing statements of thanks and congratulations!



Representing NYS Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, Susan Connelly (a Sayville resident) presented the Triple C Awards to Abigail Newman and Daniel McCabe for their commitments to better themselves, their school, their community, for their strength of character, and their remarkable courage.



### The following is a list of Fifth-grade 2010-2011 Presidential Academic and Physical Fitness Award Winners...

#### LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL FITNESS AWARD

Continued

Joshua Ojeda  
Robert Papandrew  
Antonio Rojas  
Madeline Schaefer  
Grace Scribner  
Gabriele Thornton  
Matthew Wallace  
Ryan Wilson

*NYS Comptroller  
Achievement Award*  
• Richard Cotes &  
Phillip Rinaldi III

*Triple C Award* • Gavin  
Syska & Victoria Fuori

*County Legislature  
Presiding Officer  
Award* • Jeremy Bruno

#### Cherry Avenue

**PRESIDENTIAL  
ACADEMIC AWARDS  
GOLD AWARDS**

John Anderson  
Emily Aracri  
Chloe Argenziano  
Christopher Castelli  
Helen Ciavolella  
Kaitlyn Crisalli  
James Cummings  
Kathryn Donohue  
Amelia Flaumenhaft  
Amy Fullam

Devin Haber  
Ryan Hendrickson  
Christopher Hichborn  
Katherine McClellan  
Cole Parrott  
Daniel Perun  
Ryan Seibert  
Madison Villany  
Alexa Villez  
Amanda Wessels  
**SILVER AWARDS**  
Gabriel Albano  
Andrew Braverman  
Cade Hansen  
Meghan Hart  
Hailey Keyser  
Claudia Lynch

Sophia Mazzaglia  
Marnie Monahan  
Abigail Newman  
Lyla Patterson  
Daniel Wilson  
Mikayla Zemen

**PRESIDENTIAL  
FITNESS AWARD  
Grade 5**

Devin Dolan  
Michelle Eremita  
Amy Fullam  
Devin Haber  
Ryan Hendrickson  
Michael Lofaro  
Jack Luceri

*NYS Comptroller  
Achievement Award*  
• Michael Lofaro  
*County Executive  
Public Service Award*  
• Alexa Villez  
*County Legislature  
Presiding Officer  
Award* • C. J. Hichborn

*Triple C Award*  
• Abigail Newman &  
Daniel McCabe  
*Marjorie Kemper  
(Citizenship)* • Jack  
Luceri & Brigid Lipari  
*Suffolk Zone Scholar-  
Athlete Award* • Ryan  
Hendrickson & Chloe  
Argenziano



# MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS THAT CARES FOR EACH OTHER AT MOVING-UP CEREMONY

Music by the Seventh-Grade Orchestra played as the Eighth-graders processed into the David M. Jones Auditorium for the Moving-Up ceremony. Following the National Anthem, sung by the amazing Jake Vail accompanied by Anthony Vetere on the piano, (photos below



left), the Jazz Band played an upbeat *Lean on Me* with solo improvisations by Liam Harrison, Nick Cowan, Anthony Vetere, Dan Lederer, Adam Laterza, Emily Faughnan, Joe Cunningham, Alex Sneddon, Tom Reilly, Tara Rini, Zack Clement, and Christina Milone.



During his address, Principal Thomas Murray

complimented the class for their outstanding attributes. "You came together to help raise money to beat cancer, to support our soldiers, to feed the needy, to collect toys to make someone's Christmas a little brighter. The Frost Valley Theme: *I Care for You, You Care for Me, We Care for Each Other*, you took to heart. You have shown compassion, empathy, and sacrifice for each other."

Reflecting about changes since he was young (no cell phones, 13 TV stations, room-sized computers), Mr. Murray stated, "what hasn't changed is the key to success and making a difference: hard work, perseverance, scholarship, compassion, empathy, and doing the right thing when nobody is looking. You have learned well over the past three years. Your foundation for

success has been built by your hard work, support of your parents and teachers."

"You are ready to move on to the High School. Be kind to each other, treat each other well!"



**2010-2011  
8th-GRADE  
DEPARTMENTAL  
AWARDS**

**ALGEBRA** Nicholas Cowan  
**ART 8** Dana Passin

**STUDIO IN ART** Shannon Bohman  
**BAND** Liam Harrison  
**CHORUS** Lucas Brennan  
**COMPUTER APPLICATIONS** Philip Maehr  
**CONSUMER & FAMILY SCIENCE** Jordan Zanetti  
**ENGLISH** Nicholas Cowan  
**FRENCH** Kyle Steck  
**LIFE SCIENCE** Erin MacDevitt  
**LIVING ENVIRONMENT** Shannon Bohman  
**MATHEMATICS 8** Angela Szeglin  
**ORCHESTRA** Shreeya Panigrahi  
**PHYSICAL EDUCATION (BOYS)** Kyle Steck  
**PHYSICAL EDUCATION (GIRLS)** Erin Koehler  
**SOCIAL STUDIES** Paul Bevilacqua  
**SPANISH** Kevin Mauro  
**TECHNOLOGY** Scott Giammatteo

## PTA AWARDS

**GIRLS SPORTSMANSHIP** Gianna Fazio  
**BOYS SPORTSMANSHIP** Alexander Jankowski  
**SCHOOL LEADERSHIP** Nicholas Cowan  
**SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SERVICE** Julianne Johnston  
**ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT** Christine Ward

## EIGHTH-GRADE CLASS STATISTICS

About the class of 278 students:

### ACADEMICALLY

- 120 students have taken and passed the Algebra Regents.
- 75 students have taken and passed the Living Environment Regents.
- 100% pass rate on all Regents exams.
- 61 students have taken and passed the High School Studio in Art Class.
- 50% of the Class is leaving with 2 High School Credits.
- 30% of the Class is leaving with 3 High School Credits.
- Art students participated in the BAFFA art showcase.

### THE 8TH GRADE 2010-2011 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Molly Andrews  
Matthew Bavaro  
Paul Bevilacqua  
Shannon Bohman  
Amanda Bonney  
Robert Boos  
Marielle Borzello  
Lucas Brennan  
Mackenzie Burns  
Morgan Cannini  
Samantha Cascardo  
Lauren Colavito  
Michaela Conlon  
Nicholas Cowan

Joseph Cunningham  
Brianna D'Amico  
Mariana Dominguez  
Thomas Esposito Kelley  
Emily Faughnan  
Gianna Fazio  
Dalen Ferreira  
Diana Ferretti  
Timothy Fraccalvieri  
William Fridrich  
Christopher Gale  
Stephen Geiger  
Scott Giammatteo  
Kaitlyn Gibbons

Zoe Gomes  
Owen Guinessey  
Erin Gunther  
Liam Haber  
Erin Herbst  
Ricki Ifferte  
Julianne Johnston  
Demitrios Kalomiris  
Eileen Keenan  
Jessica Klassert  
Erin Koehler  
Sarah Koehler  
Erin Lankowicz  
Tara Litvin

Erin MacDevitt  
Philip Maehr  
Isabella Mangan  
Nicholas Medile  
Christina Milone  
Colleen Montemagno  
Joseph Mullen  
Allison Murphy  
Annah Murphy  
Daniel Murphy  
Kevin Murphy  
Chelsey Nadler  
Lauren Nicholson  
Kevin O'Halloran

Jessica O'Shaughnessy  
Justine Odierna  
Shreeya Panigrahi  
Dana Passin  
Emma Philbin  
Emma Prokesch  
Ryan Rattazzi  
Bridget Read  
Kimberly Redka  
Jessica Reilly  
Thomas Reilly  
Tara Rini  
Tanner Russo  
Emma Schrader

Rebecca Seeba  
Nicole Sgroi  
Alex Sneddon  
Kyle Steck  
Anthony Vetere  
Brianna Walsh  
Sarah Walsh  
Kyle Wilson  
Alina Winiecki  
Zachary Yale  
Jordan Zanetti  
Zachary Zinkiewicz

# TIDINGS

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