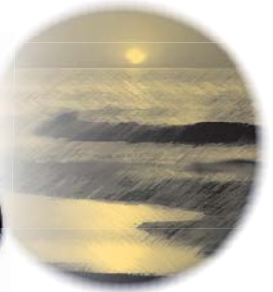


TIDINGS

FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT



NEW LOOK AND NAME FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

You can still refer to it as *HIGHLIGHTS*, but we're giving Sayville School District's periodic newsletter a new name and look that is befitting a seaside community affected by its tides. **TIDINGS**, which literally means "news," seemed appropriate.

SAYVILLE CLASS OF 2010 GRADUATES WITH CROWNS AND GLORY

Under a sultry Saturday morning sky, the Sayville High School Class of 2010 weathered their June 26th Commencement Ceremony with amazing calm. The processional of purple and yellow, uncoiling across the football field, kept time with the traditional *Pomp and Circumstance* march played by the High School band under the direction of Mr. Pete DeSalvo.



Fringing the fences and filling the bleachers were family and friends who roared, cheered, and whistled while their favorite graduates entered the rows of seats on the field in alphabetical order. Bringing up the rear of the procession were representatives of Sayville Alumni, going back as early as 1936, bearing banners unfurled by warm breezes.



As a class with outstanding accomplishments, the 2010 Graduates earned great praise for demonstrating respectful behavior, both during the academic year as well as at the graduation ceremony. Upholding a tradition established last year, the graduates listened without disruptions to their commencement speakers.



(RIGHT) During the 2010 Commencement ceremonies, Class Advisors Stephanie Cruz and Doug Shaw accompanied retiring Assistant Principal Mike Dileo, Assistant Principal Mike Baio, Incoming Music Chairperson Jeff Hoffman, along with retiring Music Chairperson Neil Bernstein in the processional.



(LEFT) The retiring Sayville Superintendent, Dr. Rosemary Jones, marched with Principal Ron Hoffer, B.O.E. trustees Ray Nelson, John Verdone, and Thomas Cooley, along with Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. Geraldine Sullivan Keck, Assistant Superintendent for Business John J. Belmonte, Pupil Personnel Director Dr. D. Stephanie Lamanno, Athletic Director Charles Delargy, and Director of Personnel Rosemary Camilleri.



DR. WALTER F. SCHATNER
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**Schumer Gives A Tear-fu-
l Speech**

"I'm sure you want to hear a nice long speech..." began U.S. Senator for New York Charles Schumer during his brief appearance, "and it's hot...so, here's my speech," holding the papers high for all to see, Mr. Schumer tore up his prepared speech and wished the Class of 2010 congratulations. His gesture drew tremendous cheers.



After more than thirteen years in the district and seven as Superintendent of Sayville Schools, Dr. Rosemary F. Jones retired at the end of June 2010.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SAYVILLE SCHOOLS Dr. Rosemary Jones



Introduced by High School Principal Ron Hoffer as the "visionary behind the success of our programs," Superintendent Dr. Rosemary Jones welcomed the assembly with a special nod to returning alumni for "being part of a seven-year [Alumni Walk] tradition." Dr. Jones also acknowledged the dedication, wisdom, and unrelenting commitment of the High School faculty, staff, and administrators, and praised the parents, families, and community members for their support.

Congratulating the Class of 2010, Dr. Jones confided, "This is a very special class for me. In a way, I am graduating with you as I prepare to retire at the end of the month. Just as your dreams and wishes have been fulfilled, I want you to know, so have mine. I have each of you to thank for that."

With great pride, Dr. Jones enumerated the class statistics: "You have brought distinction to yourselves and family, your school, your community. You have accomplished what many have said were impossible goals...met the most rigorous academic standards, completed the most advanced classes, and excelled in more sports and arts, and achieved more charitable goals than any previous class, and as a result, this class has more acceptances to top-tiered universities than any other class in the history of Sayville schools."

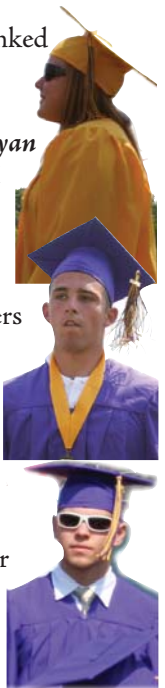
Dr. Jones expressed confidence that Sayville High School graduates had the

building blocks for making this world a better place and resolving unforeseen future challenges, not unlike the Gulf Oil Spill.

Admitting she loves the music of Lady Gaga, Dr. Jones borrowed from the pop artist's lyrics for specific advice: "There will be many 'love games,' many 'bad romances,' many professors, bosses, even commanding officers, with 'poker faces.'" "I encourage you to put down your *telephones* and absorb all the wonderful things around you...."

After Dr. Jones named and thanked the seven graduates: "*Heather Bonamico, Nicholas Campanello, Zachary Cone, Dylan Hartnett, Ryan Otto, Thomas Russ, and Raymond Waters* who have chosen to serve their country by joining the military," the whole assembly gave them a standing ovation amid cheers and whistles.

Concluding with her signature statement, Dr. Jones closed her last Sayville commencement with her highest wishes: "Go out there. Make your parents proud. Make Sayville proud as you have done for the past 17 years. You *WILL* do good and you *WILL* do well. Good luck and God bless you!"



MUSICAL Interludes

Music set an uplifting tone for the commencement. The ceremonies officially opened with the National Anthem, sung in splendid harmony by the Senior members of the Sayville High School Jazz Choir:

- TESSA BUONO,**
- RYAN BURGAN,**
- KASSANDRA GOLKA, DOUG KENNY, RACHEL KLAHN, DEANNA LUMLEY,**
- ALEXIS MINOGUE, ANGHARAD REBHOZ, AMANDA RIZZO, and**
- HARRISON SCHENKEL,** assisted by Junior **JAMES HARLIN.**

Later, the vocal selection, "Astonishing," from the musical *Little Women*, was performed by the amazing **ALEXIS MINOGUE** (left), an All-State Vocalist, whose outstanding high-school music career earned her the Patricia Ann Kubelle Memorial Vocal Music Award.



CLASS OF 2010 VALEDICTORIAN

Amanda Rizzo:

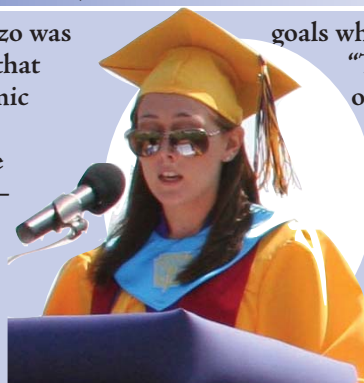
“MAP THE COURSE”

Inhaling deeply before she spoke, Amanda Rizzo was about to fulfill one of her greatest dreams—one that spanned more than four years of personal academic commitment.

She had always dreamed of standing before the “incredible Class of 2010 —as its Valedictorian—to demonstrate “the power and necessity of having a goal.... Goals keep us driven, they give us direction, they maintain our focus, and they teach us, time and time again, that hard work and willpower are needed.... Well, my dream came true; here I am. And I’m sure all of you are proudly celebrating the achievement of your goals too. We are graduating! This celebration today belongs to all of us.”

In her address, entitled *Map the Course*, Amanda expressed how “honored” she felt. With a “rush of emotions,” that included “excitement, pride, sheer joy, and nostalgia,” she was now bidding farewell to her classmates of twelve years and “the school that instilled in me the unceasing desire to set lofty goals and affect change in this world.”

Examining the diversity of dreams that for some included “serving alongside the incredible men and women who protect our lives,” Amanda assured her fellow graduates that “no matter how big or small... our dreams become our



goals when we rely on ourselves to achieve them.” “The journey is the destination,” a teacher once told Amanda. “The path to achieving a goal is just as important as the actual achievement itself. And what’s a journey without having a little fun?” Recalling fond memories and experiences with her classmates, Amanda admitted, “We are so much more than our GPA. It is not the grade that makes us who we are. WE make the grade feel rewarding by truly working towards achieving it.”

Acknowledging the importance of her family, teachers, and friends who supported her goals with wisdom and guidance, Amanda shared parting words with enthusiasm. Encouraging all to dream big, and embrace failure as part of growth, she stated: “Get out there, live life, and never lose sight of what makes you happy. Travel, learn, laugh out loud, discover new interests, help someone in need, take time to appreciate the world around us, the people who surround us, make an impact, and SET A GOAL!”

In the confident voice of one realizing a dream, Amanda extended her “profound congratulations,” wishing the Class of 2010, “success and happiness as you begin the next chapter of your lives!”



CLASS OF 2010 SALUTATORIAN

Julie MacDonell: “DO UNTO OTHERS”

“What do you value most in life?” began Class of 2010 Salutatorian Julie MacDonell in her address, entitled *Do Unto Others*. “I wasn’t sure what the right answer was,” Julie admitted. “I asked my classmates and family the very same question and received a surprising variety of answers. ‘Intellect,’ some said. ‘Athletic ability,’ argued others. One person (*who I won’t name*),” Julie deliberately paused and glanced with a smile at a specific someone, “even suggested ‘knowledge of Lady Gaga lyrics.’”

After thirteen years of learning together in one of the highest-achieving classes of Sayville School District, Julie shared with her classmates her view on the most enduring lesson—the one they learned in kindergarten—“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

“Achievements and accolades decorate the resumes of the Class of 2010, but this class is also filled with students who understand the Golden Rule, the simple gifts of charity and generosity,” Julie stated. “I feel both humbled and fortunate to have borne witness to these young women and men who have the ability to look beyond themselves and channel their talents into a variety of different disciplines, reaching out to others in an effort to make the world a better place.”

Julie cited some examples of the Golden Rule in the actions and deeds of her classmates, realizing that many acted heroically every day, caring for relatives or in volunteer work:

•“Will Tessa Buono, Nick Walsh, and Conrad Volle further their flourishing ‘green’ initiatives despite the lucrative lure of executive positions with companies such as British Petroleum?”



•“Will Gary Leigh-Manuel, Chris Giammatteo, and Zach Haller continue to carry people out of burning buildings once they become husbands and fathers?”

•“Will Eagle Scouts Nick Mancuso, Mike Andres, Quentin Hoffman, and Chris Baio expand on their community-service projects as adults, even when the pressure of their careers is all-consuming?”

•“Will S.A.D.D. volunteers Lexie Galan, Cassie Samartano, and Mary Ring continue to encourage their peers to abstain from destructive decisions?”

•“And what about our *Vida de Educere Crew*—a group of seniors who have made it their mission to ‘make a difference and prove that anything is possible.’ Will these young men make a difference by continuing their altruistic endeavors, even when the task seems overwhelming?”

Quoting from *Invictus* by poet William Ernest Henley (*I am the master of my fate, / I am the captain of my soul.*), Julie explained that “we must respond with peace and grace” when facing life’s challenges; by carrying “the spirit of compassion for ourselves and for others...., we become the captains of our souls and only then can we truly master our fates.... When we choose to *do unto others*, we live courageously and lead great lives.”

Thanking both her kindergarten teacher Mrs. MacAllister and her sister, also a kindergarten teacher: for teaching her life’s most valuable lesson and for showing her how it applies everyday, Julie wished with a trembly voice “peace and serendipity as you steer your souls and navigate life’s endless adventures. Congratulations Class of 2010 and good luck!”



RESPONSE FOR THE CLASS OF 2010 BY PRESIDENT

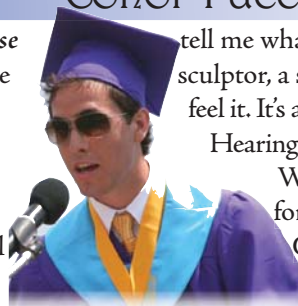
Conor Fucci: SMILE BECAUSE IT HAPPENED

Class of 2010 President Conor Fucci opened his *Response for the Class* by telling his classmates: "I won't stand up here today and tell you how awesome you all are for graduating high school. You know you're awesome."

Conor briefly reminisced about their past together since 2006. "We had no idea what was in store for us. Besides watching reruns of *Saved by the Bell*, our ideas of high school were quite unclear. We entered knowing Math A and left with Calculus, came in with old friends and left with new ones. It is obvious that high school has changed us."

The Class President had the yearlong opportunity to observe his fellow classmates. Conor expressed his appreciation for their diversity, ranging from those with abilities to create "spectacular" works of art to their reactions on the last official day of school: "Some of us jumped and screamed in jubilation, shouting 'Get me out of here!' Some walked out with somber expressions, some with tears, and some were completely apathetic... We're all different. We have extraordinary abilities inside of us waiting to burst through."

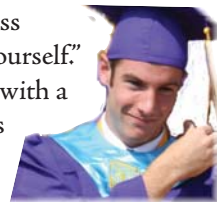
Reluctant to overstep his authority, ("Who is Fucci to give me advice on life? What possible life experiences can he have had that I haven't?"), Conor offered advice which he felt was important. "Life is about our experiences...we've all had different experiences, but in the same place. I can tell you what it's like to be President of the class, but I can't make you feel it. You can



tell me what it's like to be a baritone, a state champ, a sculptor, a sailor or even a king, but you can't make me feel it. It's about... being able to relate by actually doing. Hearing about things can only take us so far."

Whether their futures might involve the work force, the armed services, or higher education, Conor urged his fellow graduates to work hard and persevere, as this will make "the difference between success and just doing enough to get by. Believe in yourself." He then summed up their diverse emotions with a quote from Dr. Seuss: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."

With the "sad truth" that a lifetime will separate them, Conor hoped to "see many of you... at an art show, a political forum, a concert, or even ruling the world." Directing his class to remove the paper Burger King crowns taped—thanks to Mr. Doug Shaw—to the back of each of their seats, he gave one final presidential order: "Begin to rule the world!" A sea of golden crowns replaced many mortarboards among the delighted graduates.



BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT Deborah Van Essendelft

Board of Education President Deborah Van Essendelft greeted the graduates and praised them for utilizing the array of opportunities at the High School. "I have had the privilege of watching you grow into leaders on the athletic field, artists at juried art shows, and musicians performing at All-State festivals. You've done significant scientific research and produced your own plays. You are dedicated scholars with poets among you. We have environmentalists, computer wizards, and builders for Habitat for Humanity. You have demonstrated you are a class of people who care about the world and about each other."

"My wish to you as you leave our

care." the Board President said, "Go out to find what lights you up. Life is a maze of opportunities—every one of them a learning experience." Urging the graduates to continue searching for new opportunities throughout life, Mrs. Van Essendelft noted that the "ultimate opportunity" no matter what vocation chosen, is the opportunity "to make a difference."

Quoting biographer Albert Pines' famous lines "What we have done for ourselves, dies with us. What we have done for others in this world remains and is eternal," Mrs. Van Essendelft hoped the Class of 2010 would consider this and "PAY IT FORWARD... As you

leave this ceremony you may be thinking of what you will make of your life. Everyone else is thinking of what you will make of the world. No one knows what talents exist among us. Here today may be some of the truly great business, professional, political, and humanitarian leaders of tomorrow. It's now up to you."

In conclusion, Mrs. VanEssendelft advised, "So, never stop learning; believe in yourself even when you think nobody else does; treat others the way you want to be treated. Decide to be happy and find a way, please, no matter how small, to make a difference! Congratulations, Class of 2010."



ALUMNI WALKING



1936 Rose Leigh-Manuell (Sanders); **1938** Fred Herold; **1939** Myra Rowland (DeGraff); **1942** Cathie Occhiogrosso Ciresi; **1943** Marjorie Feeney; **1946** Marilyn C Kussmaul (Cejka); **1947** Ernest A Kussmaul, William Paauwe, Elaine Beebe; **1948** John Wells, Harold Schneeberg, Charlene Tichy Schneeberg, Rosemarie Nagel VanWyen; **1949** Jean McCarthy, Marilyn Levin; **1950** Alfred Kunsch; **1951** Noreen Kunsch; **1952** Dorothy Boogertman Newhouse; **1953** Oliver Conkle, Katherine Paauwe, Francis Sorrentino Kaelin, Connie Edwards Ott; **1955** Janet Weedon Gianquinto; **1956** Eunice Conkle; **1957** David Leigh-Manuell; **1958** Judy Jayne; **1962** Jean Leigh-Manuell; **1969** Steve Hintze; **1973** Cynthia Schneeberg Smith, Glenn Kucera, Arlene McClain McKenna, Pamela Vanderborgh Sinacore, Gail Rode, Gary N. Leigh-Manuell; **1975** Angelo Occhiogrosso; **1977** Joseph Occhiogrosso; **1977** Joanne Hintze, Susan Wood, Vivian Incorvaia, Brian O'Neill; **1978** Lori Hodgkinson, Terry O'Neill, Carole Reeve, Karen Cavanagh, Dan Verity; **1979** Glenn A. Chandler, Cathy J. Ford; **1981** Kathy Whitehurst, Karen McCarthy, Robert Arasate; **1982** John Rode, Mary Ann Arasate; **1983** Suzanne Cannini; **2000** Christina Tanza (Danford); **2007** Alexandra Mancuso



PRAISE FOR THE CLASS OF 2010 - Outstanding in all Endeavors



"Members of the Class of 2010 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: 96% of the students in the Class of 2010 will go on to further education; 98% will have earned a Regents Diploma this year.

- At the **36th Annual Scholastic Awards** program, 106 deserving students received 189 awards. These recipients wore gold- or purple- ribboned medallions at graduation.

- So far, 80 students have received academic or community scholarships that value well over 2.3 million dollars.

- Julie MacDonnell, Angharad Rebholtz, and Conrad Volle were **National Merit Scholarship** Commended students.

- **Our Fine Arts** students displayed works, earned numerous awards and received great recognition. Sayville was the only district to receive awards for all ten pieces submitted at the **BAFFA High School Student Invitational Art Exhibit**. Both Anthony Argentina and Morgan Kane won awards at the **Hecksher Museum Annual Long Island Best Young Artist Show** that exhibited over 200 entries,

- **Our Music Department** was again named a Grammy Award-winning school and selected as one of the best

100 communities for music education in America. Our award-winning music performing groups and musicians were recognized locally and throughout the county, state, and nation.:

- **In the Boston Heritage Music Festival, Sayville won First Place-Jazz Choir, First Place-Wind Ensemble, First Place-Jazz Ensemble, First Place-String Ensemble.**

- **NYSSMA All-State Electronic Music Award won by Diane Yanoti, and NYSSMA All-State Music Awards won by four seniors: Tessa Buono, Julie MacDonell, Alexis Minogue, and Angharad Rebholtz. Additionally, there were 21 All-County musicians.**

- **Our Theatre Arts** program, directed by Mr. Steven Hailey, had active Sayville Players membership soar to 75; produced an opera (August), *Creature Creeps*, *Steel Magnolias*, the musical *Oklahoma*, and the 32nd Senior-directed/written *May One-Act Plays*. Sayville Players were accepted into the *International Thespian Society*; nine were recognized with *United States Achievement Academy National Speech and Drama Awards* and inducted into the *Sayville Players Honor Troupe*.

- In the arena of **Interscholastic Athletics**, for a second consecutive year, all 26 varsity teams were given **NYSPHSAA**

Scholar-Athlete Team awards. Varsity individuals and teams won championships in six sports. Winning **LEAGUE or DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS** in GIRLS: Golf, Field Hockey, Tennis, Cross Country; BOYS: Football, Swimming-Diving: **COUNTY AND LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS** in Girls Golf and NY State Champion Golfer, Julie MacDonell; **ALL-STATE ATHLETES:** Julie MacDonell, Jenn Clinton, Cynthia Cheng. **ALL-AMERICAN ATHLETES:** Gina Farinacci, Megan Whitehurst, Danile Mellynychuk. Twelve student-athletes in the Class of 2010 earned **Gold Key** awards from Section XI this year: John Albero, Heather Bonamico, Cynthia Cheng, Kathryn Dranoff, Andrew Hartman, Karley Malenczak, Allison O'Connor, Lauren Skolnick, Timothy Slevin, Arielle Theofield, Ray Waters, Megan Whitehurst.

- **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 world wide. As a result of such service, our **Anchor Club** was named **Number One** in the northeast region for a remarkable second consecutive year.

Although the skies had turned ominous with dark clouds and a few raindrops, compelling Mr. Hoffer to abbreviate his closing remarks, he managed to wish the graduates "success, health, and happiness in their future endeavors." As the ceremony abruptly ended, the only real shower was a "rain" of graduate caps tossed in jubilation.





Lincoln Avenue Moving-Up.

During her welcome address, Lincoln Avenue Principal Dr. Michele LeBlanc remarked, "We are proud of all these children have accomplished." Dr. LeBlanc also thanked the PTA and Site-Based Team for their assistance throughout the year, and recognized the many families who were making their BIG MOVE away from Lincoln.

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." Bequeathing to the Middle School the class that has shown "the ability to kick it up a notch or two," Dr. LeBlanc decidedly placed "the growth and intensity of this poetic composition—the Lincoln Avenue Fifth-grade Class of 2010—in your hands."



(photo insert right) To honor the memory of beloved Lincoln Avenue teacher (and former student) Erin Duffy, who was taken too early in her young life, a scholarship was established. "Not all of these children knew Mrs. Duffy as their teacher," Mrs. Whitehurst explained, "but all feel her presence at Lincoln Avenue and seek to continue being a joyful gift in the lives of those who know and love them, and by paying it forward...."



As part of the application process, the students shared their ideas that best reflected the generous spirit and love of life that Erin demonstrated while at Lincoln Avenue. This year, 30 Fifth-grade students shared their wonderful ideas, which made the decision process so difficult. The Finalists selected were: M. Tyson, S. Baldante, C. Hofmann, D. Nicholson, and G. Fraccalvieri, but all the applicants were applauded for their contributions that would make the world a better place.



During a special part of the ceremony, retiring teachers Joan Witkowski and Pat Bertino were honored for extraordinary years of service to Sayville students.

Lincoln's Moving-Up musical numbers were performed by the students under the direction of music teacher Mrs. Christine Cirillo.



B. Stockert (Mr. DRAGOTTA) showcased his amazing talents on guitar at Lincoln's Moving-Up.

The following is a list of Fifth-grade 2009-2010 Presidential Academic and Physical Fitness Award Winners...

Lincoln Avenue

PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC AWARDS GOLD AWARDS

- Elizabeth Acierno
- Batsheva Apelbaum
- Sarin Baldante
- Sean Barry
- Kaylee Basil
- Ava Bustamante
- Conor Davis
- Gianna Fraccalvieri
- Connor Granville
- Chase Hofmann
- Jason Intermesoli
- Cassandra Kroll
- Emily Llewellyn
- Jack Marshall
- Kevin Miller
- Gena Mizzi
- Briana Neira

- Dylan Nicholson
- Francesca Piro
- Jordan Plompen
- Ryan Rafferty
- Francis Reilly
- Gianna Scoleri
- Keith Sermier
- Calista Tomasetti
- Mary Elizabeth Wissemann

- SILVER AWARDS**
- Benjamin Clement
- Maria Colon
- Leighann Gensch
- William Gilligan
- Daniel Palumbo
- Tyler Prior
- Brandon Stockert

NYS Comptroller DiNapoli Achievement Award • Jack Coan, Maria Colon, & Gianna Scoleri

PRESIDENTIAL FITNESS AWARD

- Grade 5
- Ryan Alexandersen
- G. Ashton Bradley
- Jack Coan
- Maria Colon
- Dillon Esposito-Kelley
- Connor Granville
- Philip Gunther
- Chase Hofmann
- Jason Intermesoli
- Jack Marshall
- Liam McMahon
- Ryan Rafferty
- William Scheck

- Gianna Scoleri
- Madison Tyson
- Fay Vail

Sunrise Drive

PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC AWARDS GOLD AWARDS

- Kelsey Alber
- Andrew Cameron
- Emma Cannetti
- Kyle Dougal
- Michael Earvolino
- Steven Guerrero
- Joseph Harclerode
- Jake Kolar
- Sarah Laterza
- Tyler Lewis
- Isabella Lombardo
- Megan MacFarlane
- Kelly Marra
- Ryan Muscarella

- Emily Osterloh
- Erin Peyton
- Molly Recker
- Mackenzie Russ
- Serena Russo
- Caitlyn Severin
- Kyle Stamm
- Matthew Tomko
- Kalle Weik

- SILVER AWARDS**
- Meghan Aversano
- Kristen Eichele
- Brian Ferretti
- Isabella Giovan
- Brittany Grabiec
- Caitlyn Janusz
- Brendan Keenan
- Luke Kleppan
- Jennifer Marciano
- Kaitlyn Rosado
- William Sesack
- Sophia Zambaras

NYS Comptroller DiNapoli Achievement Award • Megan McElroy



At Sunrise Drive's Moving-Up, Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy presented the Public Service Award • K. Eichele

Triple C (Attorney General Cuomo) • Brendan Keenan & Alexa Laskowitz

Sunrise Drive Moving-Up

Sunrise Drive Principal Rose Castello praised the Fifth-graders for their accomplishments, knowing that this class was "more than ready" for their future.

She especially expressed her pride in their generous community service efforts that included book collections, clothing and food drives, and encouraged them to continue making a difference. Mrs. Castello also acknowledged the parents who were moving on with their students with a round of applause. Special recognition was given to retiring administrator Dr. Rosemary Jones for her years of service as Sayville Superintendent.

After each teacher announced the names of the students who were moving up and awards were distributed, the students performed *Sunrise Drive You Are the One* and *Child of Tomorrow*, which ended their elementary school career.



Cherry Avenue Moving-Up

During the Cherry Avenue Fifth-grade Moving Up ceremony there were speeches from Dr. Schartner and Legislator Bill Lindsay, awards, recognition for the retiring Superintendent Dr. Jones, a slide show, and musical performances of *Walk With Me* and *Because of You*, composed and directed by music teacher Kristi Woerner.

Near its conclusion, Principal John Stimmel offered his Farewell Comments (once he located his folder), admitting that parting was sad for him as well as for the families who were moving on and away from the Cherry Avenue community. Enlisting the help of select Fifth-graders to hold specific props (a lantern, a megaphone, a telescope, a *Meet-the-Robinsons* poster, a clock, and book ends), Mr. Stimmel added an oak sapling to his traditional message, representing "My, How You've Grown!" Mr. Stimmel will be planting the tree to see how far it will grow as he watches from a distance the Fifth-graders' growth in secondary school.



The following is a list of Fifth-grade 2009-2010 Presidential Academic and Physical Fitness Award Winners...

Sunrise Drive (cont.)

PRESIDENTIAL FITNESS AWARD

- Grade 5
Christopher Byrnes
Matthew DeMeo
Brian Ferretti
Isabella Giovan
Megan Havranek
Sarah Laterza
Kelly Marra
Lauren McNeill
Caroline Rupp
Matthew Tomko
Kalle Weik

Cherry Avenue

PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC AWARDS

- GOLD AWARDS
Taylor Corwin
Emma Davis
Michael Dionisio
Chloe Gaconnier
Caitlin Gormley
Jakob Hellman
Luke Hession
Tara Hickey
Taylor Kobel
Ryan MacDevitt
Griffin Mills
Rebecca Mohrmann

- Katherine Neuschwender
Daniel Palma
Kyla Reitzel
Camryn Schilling
Anthony Scura
Michael Steck
Robert Strain
Timothy Treco
Jonathan Virga
Robert Ziegler

- SILVER AWARDS
Allyson Bricker
Seamus Burns
Cole Chamberlain
Aidan Dillon
Mark Doucet

- Michael Fleming
Elizabeth Gouvis
Brendon Kolar
Andrew McCarthy
Gabrielle Michelini
Jennifer Philbin
Sarah Thalhammer-Morrissey
PRESIDENTIAL
FITNESS AWARD
Grade 5
Cole Chamberlain
Seamus Burns
Emma Davis
Michael Fleming
Drew Geffner
Luke Hession

- Brendan Kolar
Andrew McCarthy
Samuel Stubblebine
Jon Virga
SPECIAL AWARDS
Triple C (Attorney General Cuomo) • Andrew McCarthy & Allyson Bricker
Suffolk County Executive Levy Public Service Award • Griffin Mills

- Marjorie Kemper (Citizenship)* • Anthony Martino & Taylor Grandfield

NYS Comptroller DiNapoli Achievement Award • E. Gouvis
(photo below)



Suffolk Zone Scholar-Athlete Award • Emma Davis & Ryan MacDevitt

Moving-Up With True Colors

Once the music by the 7th Grade Orchestra signaled the opening of the Moving-Up ceremony, the Eighth-graders processed into the David M. Jones Auditorium. Following the National Anthem, sweetly sung by Richelle Galante (*photo right*), the Jazz Band played an upbeat *Don't Stop Believin*.



Delivering his last address as Middle School Principal, Dr. Walter Schartner (*who was moving up as well to Superintendent of Sayville Schools in July*) felt the theme of "true colors" [carried over from the Frost Valley trip] summarized this diverse group very well: a class that respected its diversity and was generally helpful with each other. After listing the class statistics (*see below*), Dr. Schartner remarked, "no wonder the Middle School is a National School of Excellence. It's because of you," adding that this recognition was also earned

••• EIGHTH-GRADE CLASS STATISTICS

Out of 253 students, HS credits were earned:

- by 241 students for LOTE (Spanish or French) & 20 received National Honors
- by 122 students in Integrated Algebra
- by 82 students in Living Environment
- by 63 students in Studio Art

This statistic translates into percentages:

- 96% have 1 High School credit
- 60% have 2 High School credits
- 34% have 3 High School credits
- 15% have 4 High School credits

- 95 students received the Presidential Academic Award

- 58 Eighth-graders were NJHS members, having a 95 average or better for four consecutive quarters

THE 8TH GRADE 2009-2010

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Michelle Anderson
Spencer Andrews
Sania Aziz
Kerry Barrett
Kathleen Barry
Marade Bergen
Britton Boyce
Kristen Bricker
Edward Burke
Stephen Callis
Julia Cameron
Kurt Caminske
Anthony Cardillo
Kaitlyn Cassidy
Michelle Civitella
Michael Coan

Jillian Coughlin
Jessica Crawford
Robert Danzi
Kelsey Dargis
Joseph DeBonis
Nicole DelGaudio
Joseph DePompeo
Melanie Dietrich
Theodore Ebarb
Esra Erdogan
Michael Farese
Kara Fannon
Aaron Fisher
Dana Fox
John French
Tiare Fridrich

Richelle Galante
Ariana Garrett
Caroline Greco
Colleen Henderson
Julia Hirsch
Dara Hofmann
Liam Hofmeister
Gabrielle Kalomiris
Zoe Kalomiris
Aneri Kinariwalla
Jordan Kobel
Aileen Kovarik
Jamie Lambert
Kiera Layne
Jennifer Lembeck
Scott Litvin

Sean Lorthioir
Emily Lowe
Erin MacDonell
Julia Magnani
Meghan Maloney
Susan Mangaluz
Michael Marchan
Connor Martin
Sabrina Mayrose
Kevin McCarthy
Jill Mediatore
Madison Mills
Sarah Monastero
Erin Murphy
Alexandra Murray
Victoria Nelson

Emily Nowlan
Connor O'Malley
Shannon O'Neil
Christopher O'Sullivan
Jennifer Olsen
Tejas Patel
Hayley Patterson
Melissa Perniciaro
Samantha Peterson
Samantha Pittari
William Potts
Tristan Ramirez
Jaclyn Roppelt
Jack Rosa
Victoria Ross
Olivia R. Russell

Richard Salloum
Cory Santangelo
Jaimee Sheridan
Julia Simpson
Pamela-Sue Smith
Patrick Smith
Katya Sparwasser
Shane Sullivan
Sydney Teplitz
Mary Thayer
Angela Vetere
Briana Ward
Kenneth
Weisenberger III
Shannon Wissemann
Morgan Young

through the invaluable support of both their educators and parents. "I hope that I am able to speak on the last Saturday of June in 2014," Dr. Schartner concluded, "and highlight what you have done over your four years in High School.... This is the last Middle School Moving-Up I am doing, and to me, you will always be a little special. Thank you for that, and congratulations."

The ceremony held a surprise for Dr. Schartner. The entire Middle School community honored him with a special award ceremony and a framed pair of Frost Valley T-shirts—a memento of their shared True Colors experience. Dr. Schartner humbly and gratefully accepted the gift for his new office in the Administration Building and quickly deflected further praise. For the rest of the festivities, the focus remained on the students moving up.

- Our National Geography Winner was a NY State Finalist
- There were many award-winning Artists
- There were many award-winning Musicians
- Over 4 teams won Sportsmanship awards
- So far, eleven MS teams have been named Scholar-Athlete teams and many Middle School students participated as Varsity Athletes
- Presidential Community Service awards: 10 students received for 50-74 hrs (Bronze Level) of service; 5 students for 75-99 hrs (Silver Level), and 11 students for over 100 hrs (Gold Level)



2009-2010 8th-GRADE DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

- ALGEBRA Jennifer Lembeck
- ART Esra Erdogan
- BAND Caroline Greco
- CHORUS Katya Sparwasser
- COMPUTER APPLICATIONS Antonis Silva
- CONSUMER & FAMILY SCIENCE Sydney Teplitz
- ENGLISH Tiare Fridrich
- FRENCH Sarah Monastero
- LIFE SCIENCE Connor O'Malley
- LIVING ENVIRONMENT Susan Mangaluz
- MATHEMATICS 8 Angela Vetere
- ORCHESTRA Susan Mangaluz
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION (BOYS) Justin Siracusa
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION (GIRLS) Victoria Ross
- SOCIAL STUDIES Sean Lorthioir
- SPANISH Julia Magnani
- TECHNOLOGY Alexander Davis

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