

Sayville Board of Education

President John Verdone

Good morning Parents, Families, Friends, Alumni, Teachers, Administrators and fellow Board Trustees, Vice President, Keith Kolar, Carl Cangelosi, Thomas Cooley, Norm deVenau, Maureen Dolan and Dr. James J. Bertsch.

Good Morning to the Class of 2019! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to each of you today.

Today in front of your families, friends and classmates we will celebrate your accomplishments..... Thirteen years of hard work and dedication that has brought each of you here today.

You have heard inspiring words from your class valedictorian, salutatorian and Dr. John E. Stimmel, Sayville Schools Superintendent...encouraging words for your future and reflections of your High School years from your peers.

Each spoke of the years ahead....a future filled with your dreams and aspirations of what's to be....Do not be a spectator in the future, be a participant. Be present in the lives of others.

Before I continue, can I have the following 4 students stand:

- ❖ Christopher Hlavaty
- ❖ Maximus Maizus
- ❖ Maria Sanabria
- ❖ Anthony Musorofiti

As the proud parent of a son that served our county in the United States Coast Guard, we need to recognized and thank these men and women for their choice to serve our country in the United States Military, to protect our country, our freedoms. We applaud you for your service and dedication to our country. THANK YOU.

In a few minutes each of you will walk up to the podium and receive your diploma. Pictures will be taken. Shouts of "Way to Go" will be heard. Maybe even some tears from parents who will soon see you off to school, and maybe some will even do the empty nester dance. However, today's sun will set after many celebrations with your friends and family, tomorrow the sun will rise and shine on a new day...the first day of the ever-changing world. We trust to you the future. It is yours. So grab on to it. Change it. Find your place and find peace and happiness in whatever endeavor you do. Fill your life with friends and family. Fill your lives with the bounty of what the world has to offer. Give the world the best of yourselves.

"Happily ever after is not a fairy tale. It's a choice."

On behalf of the Sayville Board of Education,

CONGRATULATIONS! Have a wonderful summer.