

Sayville High School
CLASS OF 2023



**SCHOLASTIC
AWARDS
PROGRAM**



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023
MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM - 7 P.M.

Music Program 6:45 p.m.



ACADEMIC AWARDS PROGRAM

MUSIC PROGRAM - 6:45 P.M.

Music presented by the **SAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STRING ENSEMBLE**

AWARD PRESENTATIONS – 7:00 P.M.

Welcome Ronald Hoffer, Principal

Presentation of Academic Awards Faculty

Presentation of Community Scholarships Ronald Hoffer, Principal

Presentation of General School Awards Ronald Hoffer, Principal

Note: Ushers this evening are members of the Sayville High School National Honor Society. There will be refreshments available after our Awards Program, compliments of the Honor Society, in the Cafeteria.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Each award is accompanied by a prize. The sponsor is indicated for each award. High School Chairpersons decided upon the academic award categories and faculty committees determined the recipients. A committee of teachers, counselors, and administrators chose the students receiving the General School Awards.

ART AWARDS **Ms. Debra Urso, Chairperson**

Senior Art Creativity Awards **Noa DiNapoli and Sara Jaklitsch** Sunrise Drive P.T.A.

Ambassador of the Arts Award **Jacqueline Wetzel** Sayville High School Art Club

Senior Art Leadership Award **Ava Gustafson** National Art Honor Society

Senior Art Award of Excellence **Christopher Mulligan** Weeks & Reichel Printing

Senior Art Award of Excellence **Morgan Giordano** Wet Paints

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY AWARDS **Mr. Bryan Coon, Chairperson**

Lori Abrams Business Leadership Award **Joshua Minerva** Lori Abrams Scholarship Committee

Outstanding Business Student Award **Noah Tloczkowski** Edwards and Company

Tom Dove Architecture & Mechanical Drawing Award **Riley Lapine** Kevin Paul,
AIA-L.P.A. Architects

Technology Award **David Christiansen** Sayville High School Staff

Accounting Award **Daniel Kranz** Michael Alcabas, C.P.A.

SCIENCE AWARDS Ms. Jennifer Byrnes, Chairperson

Biology Award **Jordan Carpentieri** Dr. Mark Weinberg, DMD

Dennis Conaway Memorial Chemistry Award **Noa DiNapoli** Connetquot Lodge #838

The Brian Vorwald Earth Science Award of Excellence **Madeline Gibbons.** Brian Vorwald

Physics Award **Theodore Hynes** Connetquot Lodge #838

Forensics Award **Noa DiNapoli.** Forensics Club

S.W.E.E.P. AWARDS Ms. Sonja Anderson and Ms. Cynthia Giannico, Advisors

S.W.E.E.P Environmental Science Award **Serena Buono** S.W.E.E.P.

Environmental Advocacy Award **Christopher Cannetti** S.W.E.E.P.

Environmental Community Service Award **Robert Zane** S.W.E.E.P.

Women in Science Award **Sarah Blaskiewicz** S.W.E.E.P.

Environmental Activism Award **Erin Reilly** S.W.E.E.P.

SOCIAL STUDIES AWARDS Mr. Robert Hoss, Chairperson

Global History Award **Benjamin Flaumenhaft.** Sayville Historical Society

U. S. History Award **Robert Desjardins** Sayville Historical Society

Government Award **Shannon Feather** Sayville High School Staff

Economics Award **Adam Burgardt** Sayville High School Staff

Psychology Awards **Grace McCavanagh and Madeline Gibbons.** The Recker Family

History Student of the Year **Benjamin Flaumenhaft** National History Honor Society

MATHEMATICS AWARDS Ms. Laurie Skahill, Chairperson

Perseverance in Problem Solving **Sarah Blaskiewicz** Sayville High School Staff

Diligence in Mathematics **Madeline Gibbons** Sayville High School Staff

Enthusiasm and Spirit for Mathematics **Emily Langhan.** Sayville High School Staff

Calculus Honors Award **Alexander Altkin.** Sayville High School Staff

A.P. Statistics Award **Anna Meserve** Sayville High School Staff

A.P. Computer Science Award **Austin Meyer** Sayville High School Staff

A.P. Calculus Award **Michael Pitre.** Sayville High School Staff

The Tom Wielunski Excellence in Mathematics Award **Gavin Noone** Sayville High School Staff

WORLD LANGUAGES AWARDS Ms. Christine Richter-Seidenberg, Chairperson

French 5 Honors Award **Emily Langhan.** Montreal Expos Historical Society

A.P. French Award **Benjamin Flaumenhaft.** Montreal Expos Historical Society

Spanish 5 Honors Award **Christopher Cannetti** Percy Hoek, Inc.

A.P. Spanish Award **Mia Santana.** Percy Hoek, Inc.

Dual Language Award. **Sara Jaklitsch.** Sayville Middle/High School P.T.A.

Dedicated Language Study Award **Evan Carman.** Sayville High School Staff

Senior Language Award **Serena Buono** Sayville Middle/High School P.T.A.

NEW YORK STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY HONOREES

**Sophia Bertsch
Serena Buono
Christopher Cannetti
Evan Carman
Jordan Carpentieri
Ryan Dong
Shannon Feather
Benjamin Flaumenhaft
Alexandra Gagnon**

**Madeline Gibbons
Maya Guacci
Emma Haas
Sara Jaklitsch (French and
Spanish)
Amanda Kleinman
Luke Lundquist
Anna Meserve
Lauren Minasian**

**Emma Muller
Abigail Noack
Karishma Patel
Michael Pitre
Kelsey Restivo
Mia Santana
Clare Smith
Paige Weber**

MUSIC AWARDS Mr. Ari Kramer, Chairperson

Music Theory Award **Benjamin Verdone** Sayville High School Staff

Departmental Orchestra Award **Amanda Kleinman** Sayville High School Staff

Departmental Chorus Award **Amelia Wells** Sayville High School Staff

Charles Gunzelman Band Award **Lauren Minasian** The Alcabes Family

Marie Joost-Cox Music Service Award **Abigail Noack** Sayville High School Staff

National Choral Award **Maya Guacci** Sayville High School Staff

National Orchestra Award **Riley Lapine** Sayville High School Staff

John Philip Sousa Award **Luke Lundquist** Sayville High School Staff

Patricia Ann Kubelle Vocal Music Award **Benjamin Flaumenhaft** The Kubelle Family &
Friends of Patti Kubelle

ENGLISH AWARDS Ms. Amy Thomas, Chairperson

Joanne Killeen A.P. Language Award **Lauren Gosse** Sayville High School Staff

Enthusiasm for Reading Award **Benjamin Flaumenhaft** Sayville High School Staff

Enthusiasm for Writing Award **Sara Jaklitsch** Sayville High School Staff

Most Improved English Student Award **Nicholas Spiotto** Sayville High School Staff

Expository Writing Award **Alexander Lepping** Sayville High School Staff

Creative Writing Award **Olivia Tersigni** Sayville High School Staff

Excellence in Research Writing Award **Mia Santana** Sayville High School Staff

Excellence in Journalism Award **Sarah Blaskiewicz** Sayville High School Staff

Excellence in A.P. Capstone Research **Anna Meserve** Sayville High School Staff

Senior English Award **Michael Pitre** Sayville High School Staff

DRAMA AWARDS Mr. Douglas Shaw, Dramatics Director

Outstanding Dramatist Award **Owen Parrott.** Sayville Players
(International Thespian Society - Troupe No. 6416)

Outstanding Theatre Production Award **Margaret Brown** Sayville Players
(International Thespian Society - Troupe No. 6416)

Thespian Circle Award. **Amelia Wells** Sayville Players
(International Thespian Society - Troupe No. 6416)

Kenneth Reed Memorial Award **Asher DeVerna** Sayville Players
for Outstanding Contribution to the Theatre (International Thespian Society - Troupe No. 6416)

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AWARD Mr. Timothy Dillon, Ms. Stephanie Flynn,
Ms. Colleen Restrepo, Ms. Mary Jane Stevens - Guidance Counselors**

Vocational Education Scholarship Award **Shane Aylward.** Sayville Teacher's Association

Shane, a remarkable young man characterized by humility, and perseverance, has been honored with the Vocational Education Award. Throughout his two-year tenure in the Academy of Applied Technology, specializing in Television, Video, and Digital Film Production, Shane has consistently proven himself as one of the most outstanding students. As he embarks on the next phase of his educational journey, Shane will be enrolling in Suffolk Community College in the upcoming fall semester. Heartfelt congratulations to Shane on this well-deserved achievement!

YEARBOOK AWARD Mr. Bryan Coon, Advisor

Yearbook Award **Sarah Blaskiewicz.** Sayville Yearbook Club

STUDENT GOVERNMENT AWARDS. Mr. Ronald Hoffer, Principal

Scholar-Athlete Awards - Student Government

It is a pleasure to announce our Scholar Athlete Award recipients, each of these students have maintained a 90 average or above and participated in a minimum of 3 varsity sports. They are:

**Vincent Bonfanti
Brendan Cameron
Evan Carman
David Christiansen
Ava Dexter**

**Thomas Golio
Liam Higgins
Timari Jackson
Natalie Jones
Frances Kloska**

**Luca Maron
Michael Milo
Aidan Minasian
Griffin Perez
Taylor Totevski**

GENERAL SCHOOL AWARDS

Driver Education Award **Madalyn Guida** AAA New York
Sayville High School Staff

Madalyn Guida approached her driver's education class with utmost seriousness, dedicating herself to mastering the essential skills and knowledge. As a conscientious driver, she upholds high standards of safety and follows traffic rules diligently. Known for her responsible nature, Madalyn consistently demonstrates a commendable sense of accountability both on and off the road. Madalyn will be attending Suffolk Community College in the Fall.

STA Citizenship Award **Michael Zeh**. Sayville Teacher's Association

This year's winner of the STA Citizenship Award is an ambitious, industrious and promising young person. He is kind and compassionate and would help anyone in need. Since the very first day of high school, this student has been an asset to our teachers, his peers and our community. This student is truly a gentleman and has managed an all honors and AP schedule while working part-time and remaining involved. He is a resilient, determined and a compelling recipient of this year's STA Citizenship Award. Congratulations to this year's winner, Michael Zeh! Michael will be attending the University of Rhode Island in the fall.

Congressional Certificate of Merit Award **Austin Meyer** Congressman Andrew Garbarino/
Sayville High School Staff

The recipient of the Congressional Certificate of Merit Award is an outstanding student and student athlete. This young man personifies what it means to have dignity and act with integrity at all times. Through his daily comportment and unwavering commitment to realizing his awesome potential, he has enriched both our campus and community. We could not be more proud of this fine gentleman, Austin Meyer. Austin will be attending the University of Tampa in the fall. Congratulations and thank you Austin!

SEPTA Recognition Award **Timari Jackson**. Special Education P.T.A.

Timari Jackson is widely recognized for his exceptional kindness and compassion, always going above and beyond to help others. His generous nature extends to his family and friends, as he consistently shows love and loyalty in his relationships. As a football player, Timari not only displayed impressive skills but also exemplified true teamwork, earning admiration from both his coaches and teachers who hold him in high regard. We are proud to grant Timari this year's SEPTA Recognition Award. Timari will be attending SUNY Buffalo in the Fall.

Senior Class School Service Award **Abigail Noack**. Class of 2023

We are honored to recognize a remarkable young woman who has devoted so much of her time, talent, and energy to the senior class. Imbued with a selfless spirit of service, this strong and independent woman has created an indelible legacy here at SHS. The class of 2023 has benefitted immeasurably from her selfless service and impressive work ethic. We are excited to see where the road takes Abigail Noack who is heading to the University of Kentucky in the fall to study Nursing.

Jack McCullagh Community Service Award **Giovanna Calicchio** The McCullagh Family

This award is presented annually in honor of Jack McCullagh, who was an active member of the Sayville Community; Jack volunteered extensively with the VFW, the Hibernians, as well as with Dowling College. Giovanna Calicchio, the deserving recipient of this year's Jack McCullagh Community Service Award, has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to volunteer work. Her involvement spans across various organizations, including the Anchor Club, National Honor Society, and World Language Honor Society, as well as her dedicated service as a camp counselor at the softball camp. Furthermore, Giovanna's contributions extend to her valuable participation in our softball team and music program. With her compassionate and determined nature, Giovanna embodies the hope we hold for a brighter future. It is a privilege for us to acknowledge Giovanna's outstanding achievements. In the upcoming fall semester, she will embark on her academic journey at Northeastern University.

Humanitarian Service Award Kelsey Restivo Long Island Blood Services

*This award presented by Long Island Blood Services acknowledges a young person who is a leader in community service activities within our district. Our award winner is a true and talented leader. Her example of excellence in school, sport, research and life are a testament to her dynamism and boundless promise as a human being. This remarkable young person will attend Trinity College. Congratulations to this year's recipient, **Kelsey Restivo!***

Service to Sayville Award Christopher Cannetti. Andrew Garbarino, Esq.

*Christopher Cannetti, the distinguished recipient of this years' Service to Sayville Award, is a remarkable young man who has selflessly dedicated his time and talent to both our school and community. His invaluable contributions span across various esteemed organizations such as the National Honor Society, National Art Society, and Athletes Helping Others. Christopher consistently strives to improve himself, uplift his peers, and make positive impacts within the community. His unwavering pursuit of life's joys and possibilities is truly inspiring. It is with great honor that we recognize **Christopher Cannetti**, as he sets forth on his journey to the University of Delaware.*

P.T.A. Student Achievement Award Serena Buono. Sayville Middle/High School P.T.A.

*It is our great privilege, representing The Sayville Parent/Teacher Association, to bestow this esteemed award upon a remarkable young woman who exemplifies insightfulness, grace, resilience, and immense potential. Serena Buono's absence from the classroom will be keenly felt as her contagious love for learning, as well as her display of grace and gratitude, have left an indelible mark. Serena has been an unwavering and dedicated member of various esteemed groups, including our swim and golf teams, wind ensemble, SWEEP, and the history club. It is with deep honor that we present **Serena Buono** with the PTA Student Achievement Award, acknowledging her exceptional accomplishments. As she embarks on her next chapter, Serena will be attending The University of Vermont in the upcoming fall semester.*

Kuczynski/Maye Memorial Award Calla Kolar. Sayville High School Staff

***Calla Kolar's** exceptional academic record is matched only by her humility and self-motivation, driving her to constantly push herself to new heights. Her kind-hearted nature and strong bond with family and friends illuminate her compassionate character. With a remarkable commitment to excellence, Calla consistently lives up to her own high expectations and strives to give her best effort in all endeavors. As a dedicated lifeguard, she has triumphed over numerous challenges, both on and off the job, displaying resilience and determination. Calla's exemplary performance as a student and role model has surpassed all expectations, making her an inspiration to those around her. We wish Calla great success as she heads off to Syracuse University in the Fall.*

Shollenberger Memorial Award Nicholas Spiotto Sayville High School Staff

*This award honors the memory of Mr. Robert Schollenberger. It is granted to a young person who exemplifies concern for others and humanitarianism. This year's recipient is a kind, compassionate and understanding young man. He has worked diligently to improve as a student and is polite, hard-working and resilient. Please join me in congratulating **Nicholas Spiotto** as we wish him tremendous success as he attends Suffolk Community College this fall.*

Robert R. Wines Community Service Award Daniel Kranz Sayville High School Staff

*This prestigious award is given in honor of Mr. Robert Wines who served with distinction as the Sayville Fire Department Chief for many years. **Daniel Kranz** embarked on his journey in the Fire Department's Cadet program during his ninth-grade year and has since become a dedicated volunteer firefighter in our community, showcasing his commitment to public service. Additionally, his relentless efforts have earned him the prestigious title of Eagle Scout, a testament to his perseverance and leadership skills. Despite his achievements, Dan remains genuinely humble, maintaining his authenticity and staying true to himself throughout all of his endeavors. His unwavering determination to challenge himself has not only made him an outstanding role model but also promises a bright and successful future ahead. Daniel will be attending St. John's University in the Fall.*

Community Service Award Amanda Kleinman Sayville High School Staff

*The Community Service Award is donated by South Shore Community Ambulance. The award is given in recognition of a young person who has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to give their best effort in every aspect of their life. **Amanda Kleinman** has demonstrated her leadership and commitment through her involvement in a variety of organizations, including Student Government, Tri-M, World Language, and National Honor Society. As a dedicated dancer, she not only hones her skills but also imparts her knowledge by teaching younger dancers at Relevé Dance Center. Amanda's talent as a violinist shines through as she shares her musical abilities with her school community. Alongside her academic pursuits, she is a highly motivated student who excels in all areas and has achieved remarkable personal and professional accomplishments over the span of four years. Amanda will be attending Providence College in the Fall.*

Administrator's Service Award Karishma Patel High School Administrators

*The winner of the Administrator's Service Award is a student, remarkable for the thoughtful depths of her intelligence, her sincere humility and unwavering commitment to realizing her awesome potential. She has balanced her coursework with countless extra-curricular activities. We are in awe of this young woman's commitment to learning and limitless potential. She has a strong character and is a positive role model for everyone she encounters. It is with great pleasure that we present the Administrator's Service Award to **Karishma Patel** who will be attending Washington University this fall.*

Enthusiasm for Learning Award Taylor Hoss Sayville High School Staff

***Taylor Hoss** is a remarkable student athlete who is both devoted and determined in her pursuits. Her dedication to her sport is matched only by her commitment to being a role model for her younger teammates. Taylor consistently displays true sportsmanship, embodying the values of fair play and integrity. Beyond her athletic achievements, Taylor actively contributes to her school and community. Through her involvement in Athletes Helping Others, Leadership Club, and as a camp counselor, she exemplifies kindness, strength, and compassion. Taylor's remarkable character shines through in all aspects of her life. Taylor will attend Johns Hopkins University in the Fall.*

Senior Class Leadership Award Robert Zane Class of 2023

*This year's award is being given in recognition of an exceptional member of the class of 2023. This young man has been resilient in the face of tragedy. Even though he lost his father at a young age, Bobby made a choice to have a positive outlook on life. He has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence in the classroom and humility and compassion for others' outside of it. He is a natural leader, an incredibly caring friend and family member and has worked hard to organize and plan for the senior class. Congratulations to Sacred Heart University bound **Bobby Zane**.*

Citizenship Scholarship Award Madeline Gibbons Greater Sayville Chamber of Commerce

*This year's Citizenship Scholarship Award winner is a distinguished young woman, devoid of pre-tense or self-satisfaction. She is an intrepid volunteer, who works with humility and discipline to quietly make the world a better place to live and learn. She is a gifted student and better person. Congratulations to this year's recipient, **Madeline Gibbons**. We wish her the best as she attends Syracuse University in the fall.*

Faculty Recognition Award Noa DiNapoli Sayville High School Staff

*Noa DiNapoli, this year's exceptional recipient stands out as a young individual embodying extraordinary intelligence, humility, dignity, and grace. Despite her remarkable achievements within the academic realm, Noa remains grounded, recognizing the vast amount of knowledge she has yet to acquire. Her contributions to both our school and community have been significant through active participation in esteemed organizations such as the National Art Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Anchor Club, SWEEP, Art Club, and National Honor Society. Noa's impeccable manners and demeanor reflect her destined path toward remarkable accomplishments in life. Heartfelt congratulations are extended to **Noa DiNapoli** on this well-deserved recognition. As she commences her academic journey at Roger Williams University in the coming fall, we wish her nothing but the best.*

Student Government Outstanding Service Award Frances Kloska Student Government

*Student Government has been responsible for orchestrating several events over the course of the year such as club fair, spirit week, homecoming float building and a variety of fundraisers and fun class events. These events are no small task as they take countless hours of preparation and dedication to execute in a timely and effective fashion. As such, a strong leader is needed to help in the delegation of responsibilities and organization of these projects. The recipient of this award is one of the most visible members of our school and community. She's the class president, participated in the effort to bring Flag Football and Unified Athletics to our school, manages a rigorous academic schedule, works as a youth soccer coach and is a member of the RISE program. This young woman is well respected by her peers and teachers. She follows through on every commitment and has been an invaluable member of the student government. I'm proud to announce this year's recipient is **Franny Kloska**. Franny will attend Syracuse University in the fall.*

Recognition for Military Service Thomas Golio and Ryan Karman Sayville High School Staff

Thomas Golio – U.S. Military Academy West Point

Ryan Karman – U.S. Coast Guard

School Citizenship Award Paige Weber Greater Sayville Chamber of Commerce

*This year's School Citizenship Award winner is a spectacular student in every way that a student can be measured. She is active in countless school clubs and community volunteer organizations. She is remarkable for consistently working to realize her potential and to selflessly contribute to the betterment of our community. It is with great pleasure that we honor **Paige Weber** with this year's School Citizenship Award. Paige will be attending the University of Richmond this fall.*

Scholar-Athlete Service Award Kyle Panasuk Lincoln Avenue P.T.A.

*Our recipient for the 2023 Scholar-Athlete Service Award is unwavering, inspired, driven, and an exceptional young man. He has distinguished himself as a young man of impeccable manners and character. Gracious and kind to everyone he encounters, this soccer star has made our community better. We are proud to grant this year's Scholar-Athlete Service Award to **Kyle Panasuk**. Kyle will be attending Life University this fall.*

National Honor Society Service Award Sarah Blaskiewicz Sayville High School Honor Society

*Sarah Blaskiewicz, a remarkable and inspiring young woman, has admirably embraced the mantle of leadership within our National Honor Society. She has consistently exemplified and embodied the core principles of leadership, scholarship, service, and character across all aspects of her life. Notably, Sarah's humility and selflessness have set her apart, making her a true asset to our school community. Through her unwavering consistency and unwavering dedication to personal growth, Sarah has contributed significantly to fostering a positive school climate. It is with great honor that we acknowledge **Sarah Blaskiewicz**, who will be attending the University of Connecticut, as a recipient of this recognition.*

Key Club Service Award Kelsey Restivo The Key Club

*The Key Club would like to recognize this young woman for her tireless dedication and willingness to serve our community through service to others. This year's award winner has been characterized as being dependable and reliable. From her induction into the Key Club till this moment, this person has been willing to be of service to others throughout her tenure. Her tireless and selfless participation made a significant impact on the many successful Key Club events over the last four years. It is my honor to recognize Trinity College bound, **Kelsey Restivo!***

Adie Mampe Memorial Award Brendan Cameron Family/Friends of Adie Mampe

*Adie Mampe graduated Sayville High School in 1981. Adie loved being outdoors and on the water. As a teenager, he loved to fish and clam on the Great South Bay. He was a successful young entrepreneur who was not afraid of hard work. In recognition of Adie Mampe's esteemed character, we proudly bestow this award upon a young man who embodies similar qualities. This year's recipient holds a deep passion for the water and possesses exceptional sailing abilities. With his unpretentious demeanor and compassionate nature, he carries great potential for a promising future. Let us join together in acknowledging **Brendan Cameron**, who will be attending Clemson University, as we honor his remarkable achievements.*

Suffolk County Principal's Scholar-Athlete Award Emma Haas. High School Administrators

Emma Haas is an exceptional scholar who consistently strives for excellence in all of her pursuits. Not only does she dedicate herself to achieving her very best in school, she also selflessly serves her community. Whether as a mentor to students with special needs or as a lifeguard, Emma's commitment to helping others is truly commendable. Emma excels as a talented swimmer and serves as a positive role model for her teammates. Emma's genuine passion for people is evident as she thrives when meeting new friends and learning from their experiences. Her admiration for her parents and teachers have inspired her to pursue a career as an elementary/special education teacher, further highlighting her dedication to making a difference in the lives of others. Emma will attend Sacred Heart University in the Fall.

Charity Miranda-Martin Memorial Award Molly McGinnis. Friends of Charity Miranda-Martin

*Charity Miranda, a gifted, elegant, and compassionate young woman, was a cherished member of Sayville High School. In 1997, our esteemed faculty established this award in remembrance of Charity, who was not only a cheerleader and dancer but also an incredibly kind-hearted friend brimming with school spirit. The recipient of the 2023 award exemplifies all these qualities and more. She has played a pivotal role in our cheerleading program, earning the respect, admiration, and love of her teammates and coaches. It is with great pleasure that I present **Molly McGinnis** with the Charity Miranda-Martin Memorial Award, honoring her remarkable achievements and embodying the spirit of Charity's memory. In the upcoming fall semester, Molly is set to begin her studies at Hofstra University.*

2023 P.T.A. Volunteer Award Anna Meserve. Sayville Middle/High School P.T.A.

*The P.T.A. Volunteer Award is being presented to a young woman who has given generously of her time and talent to our school and the greater community. This uniquely talented student is imbued with strength, character and a buoyant spirit. She is exceptionally intelligent, hard-working and her positive attitude contributes to making her one of the most promising students in the class of 2023. It is our honor to recognize Southern Connecticut State University bound; **Anna Meserve**.*

Administrator's Recognition Award Charlize Strittmatter High School Administrators

*This year's recipient of the Administrator's Recognition Award goes to a student that anyone would want to work alongside. Her easygoing personality, commitment to academics and compassionate nature make her the model student and peer. She has many talents from Tennis to teaching. She is an AP Capstone recipient and conducted amazing original research. This student has been an integral member of the Anchor Club, Art Club and the World Language Honor Society. She is a supportive family member and friend and her conscientious work ethic and kind nature will be missed here at our school. It is my pleasure to recognize SUNY New Paltz bound **Charlie Strittmatter**.*

Ron Smith STA School and Community Award. Ava Dexter. Sayville Teacher's Association

*Having dedicated his life to teaching and serving the Sayville Teachers Association, Ron Smith made a profound impact before his retirement. The recipient of this year's Ron Smith Award stands out as one of the most authentic, talented, and compassionate individuals in their class. Exhibiting humility, care, honor, and respect in every endeavor, the recipient personifies the qualities that would make Ron Smith proud. This exceptional young woman consistently demonstrates consideration for others' viewpoints and feelings, providing unwavering support as a true and trusted friend to those in need. We will forever be grateful for their commitment to being an exemplary role model. Congratulations to this year's well-deserving winner, **Ava Dexter**, as she embarks on her academic journey at Salve Regina University in the upcoming fall semester.*

Kristen Kessler Memorial Award Kristen Tellier Sayville High School Staff

*Kristen Leigh Kessler, a member of the esteemed Sayville High School class of 1992, left an indelible mark on our school community. She actively participated in the National Honor Society, Key Club, softball team, and cheerleading squad, showcasing her dedication and passion. In remembrance of Kristen, we aim to honor her memory by bestowing this award upon a young woman who embodies a similar spirit. This year's recipient holds immense value as a member of both the basketball and softball teams at SHS, in addition to her involvement in a travel softball team. Furthermore, she devotes countless hours to volunteering through the Anchor Club, Athletes Helping Others, the National Honor Society, and the Art Honor Society. The accolades associated with this year's determined recipient include kindness, graciousness, hard work, and selflessness. It is with great pleasure that we grant **Kristen Tellier** this esteemed honor, paying tribute to Kristen Leigh Kessler's legacy. In the upcoming fall semester, Kristen is set to begin her studies at Mount Saint Mary College.*

**John DeRubeis Memorial Award Jayliani Perez. Kevin Paul,
AIA-L.P.A. Architects**

The John DeRubeis Memorial Award, donated by friends and family of John DeRubeis, honors the memory of Mr. DeRubeis, a graduate of Sayville High School's class of 1979. This award is presented to a member of the student body who personifies all the good things that John DeRubeis stood for.

*This recipient is bright, determined and has a heart of gold. This compassionate young woman is beloved for her empathy and compassion for others. Her joyful spirit is infectious and her indefatigable smile is a source of positivity in our school and community. Congratulations to **Jayliani Perez!** Jayliani will be attending SUNY Geneseo this fall.*

**Nicholas Formica Memorial Award Clare Smith. Family/Friends of Nick Formica/Key
Club/Honor Society**

*Nick Formica was known as an outstanding all around student. He was a scholar, an athlete, a dedicated community member, a recipient of the State Key Club's highest honor, a member of the National Honor Society and a true gentleman. This year's winner emulates all of those attributes and more. She is quietly diligent and humble. This student would never complain or ask for anything yet she is always willing to lend a hand and help out when needed. She's a gifted and hardworking athlete and academic. Her accomplishments are too many to list. Her strong character and impressive work ethic will always be remembered. Congratulations **Clare Smith!** Clare will be attending Emmanuel College this fall!*

**County Executive Public Service Award Erin Marshall. County Executive – Mr. Steven Bellone
Sayville High School Staff**

*The County Executive Public Service Award, sponsored by our county executive, Mr. Steven Bellone, is being awarded to a young person who is committed to her academics, extracurricular activities, especially; her legacy of passion for the SWEEP club and environmental conservation advocacy. This young lady is remarkable for her intelligence, creativity and joyful spirit. **Erin Marshall** will attend the University of Albany next fall.! Congratulations to our County Executive Public Service Award recipient, Erin Marshall!*

Suffolk County Student Leadership Award Benjamin Flaumenhaft. Sayville High School Staff

*Describing **Benjamin Flaumenhaft's** impact on our school and community is no easy task, as his true essence is difficult to capture in words. Ben's authenticity shines through as he remains true to himself while wholeheartedly supporting his family, friends and causes that are dear to his heart. On and off stage, Ben is a remarkable talent, carrying himself as a role model for others to emulate. Our faculty holds him in the highest regard, appreciating his unwavering commitment to academics and his consistent positivity both inside and outside the classroom. His performances in our theater and musical programs have left a lasting impression, showcasing his incredible talent. Moreover, Ben's dedication to our History Club, SWEEP, The Current, our school newspaper and three Honor Societies is truly commendable, reflecting his strong character and passion for various pursuits. Benjamin will be attending Brown University in the Fall.*

**Brian Bennett Global Citizen Award Sophia Bertsch Sayville High School
Model United Nations Club**

*Brian Bennett was an esteemed faculty member and Social Studies teacher in our high school for many years. For sure, Mr. Bennett would be thrilled to know this year's recipient. She can be counted on to bring an equal measure of humility and positive energy to every endeavor she undertakes. She is a consensus builder, whom has a fierce independent streak that has distinguished her in our classrooms and in our community. We are very proud to present the Brian Bennett Global Citizen award to **Sophia Bertsch!** Congratulations, Sophia will be attending St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia this fall.*

**Captain Merrill H. Masin Memorial Award Gavin Noone Captain Merrill Masin &
Graham Masin Foundation**

*Merrill Masin graduated from Sayville High School in 1964. Serving as a Captain in the United States Air Force, he died in service to our country in South Vietnam in 1972. In honor of Captain Merrill Masin's memory, and on behalf of the Masin family, we are compelled to grant this award to a young man who has proven worthy to carry the torch in remembrance for what Merrill Masin represented. A confident, persistent and true leader in class, athletics, clubs and community service, this year's recipient is a young man who we can count on to get the job done in every circumstance. Polite, articulate, independent and deeply thoughtful, he is uncommon in all the best ways; his calm and collected demeanor, has contributed to making him the remarkable young man he is. He has made our school and community a better place as, an athlete, an honor student on every level and a genuinely gracious young man. Congratulations to **Gavin Noone**. It has been a tremendous honor to know him. We wish Gavin great success as he enters Binghamton University next fall.*

James A. Sweeney Memorial Award. Ava Gustafson Family/Friends of James Sweeney

Ava Gustafson is an outstanding student, demonstrating exceptional and commendable work ethic across all her classes. As an immensely talented artist, she consistently goes above and beyond to share her creativity, leaving a lasting impact on community events like "Every Child's Dream." Ava's humility, dedication, and unwavering work ethic make her a remarkable presence in our school. Her willingness to participate, volunteer, and take on leadership roles in after-school events is truly remarkable, complementing her devotion to her studies and pursuit of excellence. Ava holds deep admiration and appreciation for her teachers, and her gratitude towards her family and friends is always evident. Ava's tremendous ambition and unwavering dedication will forever be remembered, making her one of the most inspiring young individuals we have had the privilege to know. Ava will be attending Lafayette College in the Fall.

Bryan Rosen Memorial Scholarship Award. Nicholas Rampulla. Family/Friends of Bryan Rosen

*Bryan Rosen's life glowed like a brightly lit candle engulfing all those who came within its glow. He loved people and needed to be around them. Bryan based his life on his interests which included music, poetry, classical literature and humor. He would create comedy skits spontaneously, just to make people laugh at the bumps in life. This year's recipient emulates these virtues. Uncommon in all the best ways, he has demonstrated an unbridled enthusiasm for life. He cherishes every moment with family and friends that is both arresting and sincere. Humble, grateful, creative, bright and caring, he has made our school and community a better place to live and learn these past four years. This year's recipient of the Bryan L. Rosen Award is SUNY Purchase bound **Nicholas Rampulla**.*

**Keith Ryan Nintzel Citizenship Awards Maggie Bennett and Robert Sinacori. Family/Friends/
Classmates of Keith Nintzel**

Keith Ryan Nintzel, graduated from Sayville High School in 2001, a place where he developed many great friendships and talents. He continued his education at Binghamton University where he fortified his desire to teach others. As an alternate way for him to continue helping others with their education, a scholarship fund has been established which has been well supported by our community. The Nintzel family is grateful for the continued support of his close friends who created the Keith Nintzel 5K Run and Walk which funds this scholarship and assists with keeping the memories of Keith alive.

*This year's first recipient is an exceptional individual who serves as a shining example both inside and outside the classroom. Her teachers hold great admiration for her due to her unwavering commitment, inquisitive nature, and strong work ethic. As an enthusiastic runner, she actively participates in both winter and spring track. Furthermore, she selflessly engages in community service through the Anchor Club and volunteers for St. Lawrence kids track. It is with great enthusiasm that we extend our congratulations to **Maggie Bennett** for receiving this esteemed award. Your outstanding achievements truly make you deserving of this honor. As Maggie embarks on her academic journey, she will be attending SUNY New Paltz in the fall.*

This year's second recipient is someone who leads by example in and out the classroom. He has volunteered to raise funds for the Friends of America's Vet Dogs. He is a talented musician playing sax in our jazz and wind ensemble and is admired by teachers for his diligence and strong work ethic. We are excited to congratulate, **Robert Sinacori** for this award. You are deserving of this honor. Robert will be attending Stony Brook University in the fall.

Joseph V. Buderman Award Michael Milo The Hoffer Family

*As a teacher and administrator serving the community of Sayville for over 40 years, Mr. Buderman was the epitome of hard work, commitment and integrity. This year's Joseph Buderman Award winner emulates these attributes. Demonstrating leadership as the Vice President of the Class of 2023 and an accomplished three sport athlete, this talented young man has been described by his teachers as one of the most respectful and hardworking young men I have encountered in my career. It is my pleasure to congratulate **Michael Milo** as this year's Joseph Buderman Award winner. Michael intends on furthering his education at Nova Southeastern in the fall.*

Principal's Honor Award Michael Pitre Sayville Administrators

*This year's Principal's Honor Award is being awarded to a young man of great character and integrity. He is humble and kind. He is unique in all of the best ways. He leads by example. As a talented musician in our String Ensemble or accomplished research student developing prosthetics, his competitive drive to improve and help others is conspicuous to all. His efforts have resulted in becoming an EMT and serving our community as a member of Sayville's Community Ambulance. Off to University of South Carolina to study medicine in the fall, congratulations to the 2023 Principal's Honor Award winner, **Michael Pitre**.*

Salutatorian Award Karishma Patel Mr. Mark Sunderland-Herff Jones

*The class of 2023's Salutatorian is both brilliant and driven. She has a passion for learning which is awe inspiring. Her accomplishments in RISE tech are noteworthy and have resulted in the synthesis of 3D prosthetics. Perhaps most notably is her generosity of spirit and the simple fact that she always comports herself with dignity and strength. She is certain to make her mark as she studies at Washington University in St. Louis this upcoming fall. Please join me in congratulating the Salutatorian for the Class of 2023, **Karishma Patel**.*

Valedictorian Award Michael Pitre Mr. Mark Sunderland-Herff Jones

*His drive to succeed is unmatched. Perhaps what is more impressive than his superior intellect is his humility and kindness. He never misses an opportunity to share a warm greeting or broad smile. His interpersonal skills are impressive. He leads by example and does so with grace and dignity. Simply put, he is an exceptional young man. We have no doubt that you will make Sayville proud at the University of South Carolina. Please join me in congratulating Sayville High School's Valedictorian for the Class of 2023 **Michael Pitre**.*

*CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
CLASS OF 2023!*

