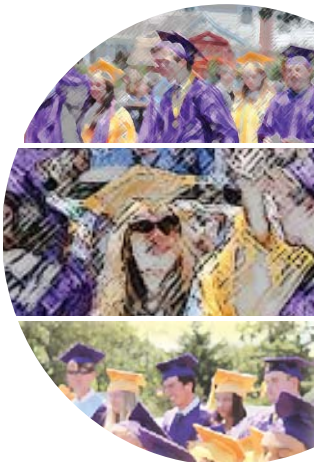




Sayville High School



SCHOLASTIC AWARDS PROGRAM

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021

Music Program 6:45 p.m.



Class of 2021

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 Award **Diana Raden** Sunrise Drive P.T.A.

Senior Art Creativity Award **Emily Maha** Sunrise Drive P.T.A.

Senior Art Leadership Award **Grace Urmaza** Sayville High School Art Club

Ambassador of the Arts Award **Jenna Buyes** Sayville High School Art Club

Senior Art Leadership Award **James Herbst and Sarah Hauk** National Art Honor Society

Senior Art Award of Excellence **Sophia Pensabene** Weeks & Reichel Printing

Senior Art Award of Excellence **Sarah Hauk** Sayville High School Art Club

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

Lori Abrams Business Leadership Award **Connor Campbell** Lori Abrams Scholarship Committee

Outstanding Business Student Award **Matthew Yonkers** Edwards and Company

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

Technology Award **Matthew Yonkers** Michael Alcabes, C.P.A.

SCIENCE AWARDS Ms. Jennifer Byrnes, Chairperson

Biology Award **Christina Guiffre** Dr. Mark Weinberg, DMD

Dennis Conaway Memorial Chemistry Award **Alex Petruzzelli**. . . . Connetquot Lodge #838 F. & A. M.

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

Physics Award **William Neuschwender**. Connetquot Lodge #838 F. & A. M.

Forensics Award **Katherine Zender**. Forensics Club

S.W.E.E.P. AWARDS Ms. Sonja Anderson, Advisor

Academic Environmental Science Award **Hannah Blaskiewicz**. S.W.E.E.P.

Environmental Advocacy Award **Tyler Schaefer** S.W.E.E.P.

Women in Science Award **Emily Rosado** S.W.E.E.P.

Advanced Research in Environmental Conservation Award **Brendan Meserve** S.W.E.E.P.

Environmental Community Service Award **Antosh Chorowski** S.W.E.E.P.

SOCIAL STUDIES AWARDS Mr. Robert Hoss, Chairperson

Global History Award **Aidan McCullough**. Sayville Historical Society

U. S. History Award **Hannah Blaskiewicz** Sayville Historical Society

Government Award **Vincent Vertuccio**. Sayville High School Staff

Economics Award **Hannah Blaskiewicz** Sayville High School Staff

Psychology Award **Nicole Moccio**. The Recker Family

History Student of the Year **Emily Maha** National History Honor Society

MATHEMATICS AWARDS Mr. Adam Brown, Chairperson

Perseverance in Problem Solving **Mary Madigan.** Sayville High School Staff

Diligence in Mathematics **Christina Guiffre** Sayville High School Staff

Enthusiasm and Spirit for Mathematics **Aidan McCullough.** Sayville High School Staff

Calculus Honors Award **Courtney Giattino** Sayville High School Staff

A.P. Statistics Award **Joseph Golio** Sayville High School Staff

A.P. Computer Science Award **Brendan Meserve.** Sayville High School Staff

Kathryn Bernstein A.P. Calculus Award **Hannah Blaskiewicz.** Sayville High School Staff

The Tom Wielunski Excellence in Mathematics Award **Tyler Schaefer** Sayville High School Staff

WORLD LANGUAGES AWARDS Ms. Stephanie Bricker, Chairperson

French 5 Honors Award **Jenna Buyes.** Montreal Expos Historical Society

French 5 A.P. Award **Aidan McCullough.** Montreal Expos Historical Society

Spanish 5 Honors Award **Lainee Buck.** Percy Hoek, Inc.

Spanish A.P. Award **Christina Guiffre.** Percy Hoek, Inc.

Excellence in Communication Award. **Dean Gennosa** Sayville Middle/High School P.T.A.

Dedicated Language Study Award **Caroline Crawford.** Sayville High School Staff

Senior Language Award **Hannah Blaskiewicz** Sayville Middle/High School P.T.A.

NEW YORK STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY HONOREES

**Taylor Banks
Hannah Blaskiewicz
Jenna Buyes
Caroline Crawford
Cristiana Ferreira
Dean Gennosa
Amber Gidden**

**Jenna Guerra
Christina Guiffre
Emily Hartman
Chloe Jeffares
Mallory Kinahan
Aidan McCullough
Kaitlyn Menze**

**Nicole Moccio
William Neuschwender
Alex Petruzzelli
Sanjeeda Rahman
Michaela Re
Emily Rosado
Tyler Schaefer**

Grace Urmaza

Elizabeth White

MUSIC AWARDS Mr. Jeffrey Hoffman, Chairperson

- Music Theory Award **Garrett Gilbert** Sayville High School Staff
- Departmental Orchestra Award **Emily Rosado** Sayville High School Staff
- Departmental Chorus Award **Paige Gaiser** Sayville High School Staff
- Charles Gunzelman Band Award **William Neuschwender** The Alcabes Family
- Marie Joost-Cox Music Service Award **Nora O'Donnell** Sayville High School Staff
- National Choral Award **Hunter Caiazzo** Sayville High School Staff
- National Orchestra Award **Grace Urmaza** Sayville High School Staff
- John Philip Sousa Award **Ryan VanBoxel** Sayville High School Staff
- Patricia Ann Kubelle Vocal Music Award **Paige Gaiser** The Kubelle Family &
Friends of Patti Kubelle

ENGLISH AWARDS Ms. Amy Thomas, Chairperson

- Joanne Killeen A.P. Language Award **Sanjeeda Rahman** Sayville High School Staff
- Enthusiasm for Reading Award **Aidan McCullough** Sayville High School Staff
- Enthusiasm for Writing Award **Nicholas Altkin** Sayville High School Staff
- Most Improved English Student Award **Michael Covais** Sayville High School Staff
- Expository Writing Award **Jack Hanlon** Sayville High School Staff
- Creative Writing Award **Shannon Hanrahan** Sayville High School Staff
- Excellence in Research Writing Award **Jack Reinhardt** Sayville High School Staff
- Excellence in Journalism Award **Nora O'Donnell** Sayville High School Staff
- Excellence in A.P. Capstone Research **Christina Guiffre** Sayville High School Staff

Senior English Award **Dean Gennosa** Sayville High School Staff

DRAMA AWARDS **Mr. Douglas Shaw, Dramatics Director**

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

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

Thespian Circle Award. **James Anderson**. Sayville Players
(International Thespian Society - Troupe No. 6416)

Kenneth Reed Memorial Award **Hunter Caizzo** 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 **Taylor Banks**. Sayville Teacher's Association

*The Vocational Education Award goes to a kind, empathic and motivated young woman who has spent the past two years studying Culinary Arts/Restaurant Operation Management. Students in this program learn baking and pastry arts, food preparation and management techniques. It is my pleasure to present The Vocational Education Award to **Taylor Banks** who will be continuing her education at Johnson & Wales University this fall.*

YEARBOOK AWARD **Mr. Bryan Coon, Advisor**

Yearbook Award **Hannah Blaskiewicz**. Sayville Yearbook Club

*The Yearbook Award is given to a student with the highest level of involvement and participation in yearbook activities throughout the school year. The creation of the 2021 yearbook was extremely challenging this year given the safety requirements related to COVID-19 and the taking of group pictures with students in close contact. As the senior yearbook editor, Hannah worked many hours after school this year to ensure that the yearbook was completed on time and that the yearbook content was reflective of all past year's yearbooks with no exceptions. Her tireless efforts to produce a quality product resulted in a yearbook with more color features and page design layout enhancements than any other yearbook in the past. It was a pleasure working with **Hannah Blaskiewicz** this year, and we wish her much success at the University of Notre Dame.*

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:

Hannah Blaskiewicz
Nicholas Buffardi
Jaden Catalina
Brett Doxsee

Courtney Giattino
Nicholas Gibbons
Kerri Gunther
Christopher Kavanagh

GENERAL SCHOOL AWARDS

AAA New York

Driver Education Award Paige Gaiser Sayville High School Staff

*The Driver Education Award is donated by the Automobile Club of New York to recognize a safe, responsible and conscientious driver. Although we are very happy to have **Paige Gaiser** win this honor, being a safe driver is just one of her many attributes. Paige is a very talented, gracious and generous musician and performer and has consistently worked to share her gifts with our community through her engagement in all of our school musicals and plays. She is a violinist, singer, actor and has brought joy to our high school these past four years. Paige will be working to become a music therapist so she can continue to put her talents to great use. Paige will be attending Molloy College in the Fall.*

**Attendance Award. Julia Ayrovainen, Emily Steffens
. Grace Urmaza, Elizabeth White Sayville Teacher’s Association**

*Our Attendance Award, which is sponsored by the Sayville Teacher’s Association, recognizes four seniors who have not missed a single day of high school. We take this opportunity to acknowledge students with perfect attendance for their determination in doing so. This year’s recipients are roles models not only for attendance, but for their work ethic, success in extracurricular activities and efforts in many school and community organizations. Congratulations to **Julia Ayrovainen, Emily Steffens, Grace Urmaza & Elizabeth White**. Julia is headed to University of Rhode Island, Emily is headed to Monmouth University, Grace is going to Smith College and Elizabeth is on her way to Marist College.*

STA Citizenship Award Corinne Entenberg and Amber Gidden Sayville Teacher’s Association

*Congratulations to **Corinne Entenberg** for winning one of the STA Citizenship Awards. Corinne is a gracious, genuine and hard-working young person. From the start of high school, she presented herself as an eager, capable, responsible, generous and insightful student and friend. While Corinne’s efforts in class are highly commendable, her endeavors outside of the classroom are just as impressive. Corinne has balanced academic pursuits with Cross Country, Track and Field, Leadership Club and National Honor Society, just to name a few. All of this, while working a variety of part- time jobs throughout high school. Corinne’s variety of interests, activities, friendships and work experiences have added to her resilience and strength of character as a young person. We wish Corinne all the best as she heads to University of Tampa in the fall.*

*Our second STA Citizenship Award recipient is a multi-talented, creative, brilliant and generous young lady who prides herself on her individuality. As an active and prolific member of our drama/musical programs, and this year’s President of Sayville Players, she has created memorable performances for our school and learned a lot about her own strengths on her journey. Performing on stage is no easy task. This year’s award winner, **Amber Gidden**, brings her characters to life. Amber’s talents extend into the visual arts as well. She is a member of Art Club, National Art Honor Society and our new Fashion Club. We are extremely grateful to Amber for her willingness to share her many gifts with us over the past four years. Congratulations Amber Gidden. We wish you tremendous success at Fordham University next fall.*

**Congressional Certificate of Merit Award Nicholas Buffardi. Congressman Andrew Garbarino/
. Cristiana Ferreira Sayville High School Staff**

*The first recipient of the Congressional Certificate of Merit Award is an outstanding student and student athlete. He is both tenacious and respectful. He has chosen the noblest of professions as he protects our great country and the freedoms we all enjoy. We could not be more proud of this fine gentleman, **Nicholas Buffardi** who will be attending West Point in the fall. Congratulations and thank you Nick.*

*This next recipient of the Congressional Certificate of Merit Award is one of our most determined and dedicated students. She has always shown tremendous desire to do her best in school. As a first generation college bound student to proud Portuguese immigrant parents, **Cristiana Ferreira** has dreamed of being worthy of all of her parent’s sacrifices. She made the most of her high school career. She not only earned the strongest grades but Cristiana also strived to be a positive role model, leader and active community member. Her work in the Anchor Club, National Honor Society, Tri-M and the World Language Honor Society is commendable. Cristiana is sincere, naturally helpful and always considers others before herself. She intends to work in the field of medicine and someday work to help children in economically disadvantaged countries. We are very proud of Cristiana. You have done a great job and thank you for being such a conscientious and extraordinary student. We wish you much success as you attend Stony Brook University in the fall.*

SEPTA Recognition Award Christopher Kavanagh. Special Education P.T.A.

*This year's SEPTA Recognition Award goes to a stellar young man who has made his mark both in the classroom and as a track and cross country athlete. He runs like the wind and can brighten any room with his warm and welcoming demeanor. He is a gem. Congratulations to **Christopher Kavanagh** who is off to further his studies in a vocational field.*

Senior Class School Service Award Lindsey Yoder. Class of 2021

*We are honored to recognize a remarkable young woman who has devoted so much of her time, talent, and energy to the senior class. This student is known for her extreme maturity, unique, professional style and her self-assured yet modest demeanor. She has been an integral part of all class events and is well liked and respected by her peers as well as faculty and staff. Teachers have commented on her intelligence, compassion, values and commitment to doing what is right. We know we can trust and count on her in every aspect. The class of 2021 has benefitted immeasurably from her selfless service and impressive work ethic. We are excited to see where the road takes **Lindsey Yoder** who is heading to Berry College this fall.*

Jack McCullagh Community Service Award Aidan McCullough. The McCullagh Family

*This award is presented annually in honor of Jack McCullagh, who was an active member of the Sayville Community; Jack was a tireless volunteer with the VFW, the Hibernians, and Dowling College. This year's honoree devoted countless hours of selfless service through his devotion to Athlete's Helping Others. Through his devotion, he relished every opportunity to lose himself in the service of others. It is our honor to recognize **Aidan McCullough** with the Jack McCullagh Community Service Award. Aidan will be attending the College of William and Mary next fall.*

Service to Sayville Award Conor McGrath Andrew Garbarino, Esq.

*This year's Service to Sayville Award recipient is a young man who has donated his time and talent to our school and community through our Science National Honor Society, Film Club, Tri-M Musical Honor Society and Robotics team. This uniquely talented young man has been remarkable for his passionate pursuit of all of life's joys and possibilities. We are honored to recognize Hunter College bound **Conor McGrath**.*

P.T.A. Student Achievement Award Emily Steffens Sayville Middle/High School P.T.A.

*We are honored to offer this next award on behalf of the Sayville Parent/Teacher Association, to a young woman who is described as generous, humble and compassionate by her teachers. Her presence in our classrooms will be greatly missed as her love of learning and sense of humor is contagious. She's an outstanding athlete on Varsity Cheer and a committed member of the Student Government and Athletes Helping Others. It is a pleasure to award **Emily Steffens** with the PTA Student Achievement Award. Emily will attend Monmouth University in the fall.*

Kuczynski/Maye Memorial Award Kevin Bunk. Sayville High School Staff

*The recipient of this year's Kuczynski Maye Memorial Award is someone who is always well prepared. His natural talents combined with motivation, self-discipline and leadership abilities allow him to be an exemplary model in the classroom. He is one of the friendliest, sincerest and kindest young men around. It is my pleasure to present the Kuczynski Maye Memorial Award to **Kevin Bunk** who will be attending Hofstra University this Fall.*

Shollenberger Memorial Award George Werner 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, altruism and humanitarianism. This year's recipient has a tremendously generous and giving personality. He is a talented young man who is full of promise and potential. He has been an asset to our Track and Cross Country program because he is a truly focused and hardworking athlete. Please join me in congratulating **George Werner**. We wish him all the best at Suffolk County Community College this fall.*

Robert R. Wines Community Service Award Robert Giacoia 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. We are pleased to present this award to a young man who already dedicates his time to serve our community; first as a Sayville Fire Department Cadet, a West Sayville Fire Department Junior, a member of the Sayville Community Ambulance Youth Squad and most recently, a Sayville Fire Department Fire Fighter. **Robert Giacoia** has trained and won many awards and earned certifications in first aid and CPR. Thank you Robert, for your service to our community. We wish Robert great success and a safe journey in his mission to become a full time fire fighter. Robert will be attending Suffolk County Community College this fall.*

Community Service Award Lainee Buck 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. This young woman is the epitome of that and more. Her level of maturity is exceptional, making it easy to assign her tasks, knowing she will get the job done. It is an honor to present the Community Service award to **Lainee Buck**, who will be attending University of Rhode Island this fall.*

Administrator's Service Award Caroline Crawford High School Administrators

*The winner of the Administrator's Service Award is a student who goes above and beyond. She has balanced her coursework with countless extra-curricular activities. We are in awe of this young woman's commitment and selflessness. 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 **Caroline Crawford** who will be attending the University of Miami this fall.*

Enthusiasm for Learning Award Aidan McCullough Sayville High School Staff

*This young man views his education as a privilege to be savored, and the opportunity to learn new things. When you combine this orientation to education with a meticulous and tireless work ethic, you have one of the most memorable young men to ever grace our halls. Quick with a smile and kind words for everyone he encounters, this young man has added immeasurably to the collective quality of our high school. It is a privilege to recognize the College of William and Mary bound **Aidan McCullough**.*

Senior Class Leadership Award Nicole Moccio Class of 2021

*This year's award recipient is, by any measure, an exceptional member of the class of 2021. Imbued with many gifts, she possesses the intellect, discipline and drive to accomplish any goal. That she is inspired by the selfless spirit of service to others to share her boundless talent and limitless energy has been a gift to every member of the class of 2021. It is my honor to recognize Fairfield University bound **Nicole Moccio**.*

Citizenship Scholarship Award Sanjeeda Rahman Greater Sayville Chamber of Commerce

*This year's Citizenship Scholarship Award winner is a distinguished young woman who has worked diligently throughout her tenure as a Sayville student. An academically gifted student, particularly in the realm of STEM, she has already conducted genetics and geospatial analysis projects and attended multiple science and engineering competitions. Outside of the classroom she has been committed to the Anchor Club, the advisor noting that she has been the most devoted President and can be counted on to get things done. In addition, she manages to participate in a variety of honor societies and even finds time to volunteer at Long Island Community Hospital. Congratulations to this year's recipient, **Sanjeeda Rahman**. We wish her the best as she attends the NYIT CBS/DO Program in the fall.*

Faculty Recognition Award Caelan Chichester, Alex Petruzzelli. Sayville High School Staff

*This year's second recipient is a conscientious, responsible student who is wise beyond her years. What we respect most about her is that she is a leader. Though quiet and unassuming, her leadership skills are un-paralleled. It is my pleasure to present **Caelan Chichester**, a kind, considerate, polite, and a highly self-motivated individual, with the Faculty Recognition Award. Caelan will be attending St. Joseph's College this fall.*

*This award winning student is recognized as a young person of uncommon intelligence, humility, dignity, and grace. The challenge of his fourteen Advanced Placement classes has only increased his appetite for learning! Despite his dizzying accomplishments in school, he is humbled by all that he has yet to learn. This impeccably mannered gentleman is destined for great things in his life and at Northeastern University in the fall. Please join me in recognizing **Alex Petruzzelli**.*

Student Government Outstanding Service Award Matthew Zender Student Government

Student Government has been responsible for orchestrating several events over the course of the year such as Club Fair, Every Child's Dream 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. He's an Eagle Scout, a member of Fire Cadets, a devoted member of Stage Crew, a fencer and somehow manages time as Student Body President. This young man is well respected by his peers and teachers for his perseverance in the face of adversity and his ability to get students involved and engaged. He follows through on every commitment and has been an invaluable member

of student government. I'm proud to announce this year's recipient is **Matthew Zender**. Matthew will attend the SUNY Stony Brook Nursing Scholars Program in the fall.

Recognition for Military Service **Nicholas Buffardi, Nicholas Gibbons**
. **Meghan McLaughlin, Aiden White** Sayville High School Staff

Nicholas Buffardi-US Military Academy West Point

Nicholas Gibbons-US Naval Academy Annapolis

Meghan McLaughlin-US Military Academy West Point

Aiden White-US Marines

School Citizenship Award **Emily Hartman** Greater Sayville Chamber of Commerce

*This year's School Citizenship Award Winner is the humble yet impressive **Emily Hartman**. While Emily can be described as shy, she is very serious when it comes to academics, extracurricular work and her dedication to community service. Through St. Ann's church, Emily has journeyed to New York City to hand out care packages/toiletries to homeless people. Emily has stepped out of her comfort zone often in order to serve others. Helping her peers through AP Seminar class, participating in our Jazz and Wind Ensembles and actively engaging in the National, Tri-M and World Languages Honor Societies were all opportunities in which Emily engaged. She has faced every challenge with grace, resilience and an unyielding work ethic. Emily is an extraordinary school citizen. It is a great pleasure to honor Emily with this award. Congratulations Emily and best wishes as you attend Pennsylvania State University.*

Scholar-Athlete Service Award **Brett Doxsee**. Lincoln Avenue P.T.A.

*Our recipient for the 2021 Scholar-Athlete Service Award is kind hearted, highly motivated, and an overall exceptional young man. He is an avid runner, participating in our winter and spring track teams. He has been extremely dedicated to the sport, the team and his personal progress. Running has shaped and sculpted him into the young man he has become today. This year's recipient is **Brett Doxsee**. Brett will be attending Pennsylvania State University in the fall.*

National Honor Society Service Award **Jenna Guerra** Sayville High School Honor Society

*This talented, generous and gracious young woman has successfully fulfilled the mantle of leadership in our National Honor Society and has lived up to, as well as modeled, the tenets of leadership, scholarship, service, and character in all areas of her life. A Breakfast of Champions honoree in 2017, **Jenna Guerra** stood out as a young lady who wanted to serve her community early on. Her work as an athlete, teammate, volunteer and summer camp coach for younger and special needs students is commendable. Jenna is a resilient, ethical and admirable person. We are extremely proud of all Jenna has accomplished. We wish her all the best as she strives to become a special education teacher at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, in the fall.*

Key Club Service Award **Mary Madigan**. 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 is a brilliant student, impeccably well-mannered, respectful to others, and an easy person to admire. The Key Club advisors would like to commend this young woman for her consistency and commitment to the club's many endeavors throughout her career. She has distinguished herself as someone on whom you can count. The Key Club Service Award recipient is Hofstra University bound **Mary Madigan**.*

Adie Mampe Memorial Award **Jacob Minerva** 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 Adie Mampe's honor we would like to grant this award to a young man of similar character. This year's recipient has a tremendously loving and generous heart for others, and continuously acts as an advocate for the marginalized and dispossessed. Through his unassuming nature and quiet and caring persona, this young man has made a difference in the life of many. Please join me in recognizing the Suffolk County Community College bound **Jacob Minerva**.*

Suffolk County Principal's Scholar-Athlete Award . . . **Antosh Chorowski** High School Administrators

The recipient of the Suffolk County Principal's Scholar-Athlete Service Award is what I would call the complete package. He is a true scholar who invests himself in his education because he cares about what he is learning. He is a deliberate thinker and is well respected by his teachers and peers alike. He is a true team player. On top of this, he is an amazing young man. The recipient

of the Suffolk County Principal's Scholar-Athlete Award is **Antosh Chorowski**. Antosh will be attending SUNY ESF (Environmental Science & Forestry) in the fall.

Charity Miranda-Martin Memorial Award Taylor Banks. Friends of Charity Miranda-Martin

*Charity Miranda was a talented, graceful and gracious young lady who attended Sayville High School. Our faculty initiated this award in 1997 to honor Charity's memory as a cheerleader, dancer and very kind-hearted friend, who was full of school spirit. The 2021 recipient of this award embodies all of these characteristics and more. She has been an integral part of our cheerleading program and she is respected, admired and loved by her teammates and coaches. It is my pleasure to present **Taylor Banks** with the Charity Miranda-Martin Memorial Award. Taylor will be attending Johnson & Wales University in the fall.*

Dr. Thomas Fuoco Memorial Award Sean Zegel Family/Friends of Thomas Fuoco

*This award is in honor and memory of Dr. Thomas Fuoco. We are proud to present this award to a young man who is active in Boy Scouts, a Camp Colby Volunteer and plays field/snare drum in the Saffron Pipe Band. He has also dedicated his time to our high school band, playing in the Wind Ensemble while also assisting in summer band instruction and managing a part-time job. This young man is described by teachers as kind and compassionate and accepting of others. He is a leader and has shown integrity and a strong work ethic. It is an honor to congratulate **Sean Zegel** who will attend SUNY Oswego this fall.*

2021 P.T.A. Volunteer Award Marcus Minutello Sayville Middle/High School P.T.A.

*The P.T.A. Volunteer Award is being presented to a young man who has given generously of his time and talent to our school and the greater community. This uniquely talented young man is bright, creative, gracious, humble and kind. His inimitable personal style contributes to making him one of the most promising young men in the class of 2021. It is our honor to recognize Binghamton University bound; **Marcus Minutello**.*

Administrator's Recognition Award . . Katrina Schieck and Lukas Walters . . High School Administrators

*This year's first 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 and has given a tremendous amount of time to our Research Program and is an integral member of the Art Club, Sayville Players, the Music Program and the History Club. This student has volunteered her time at numerous school events yet her sense of responsibility stretches far beyond our school walls. She is also compelled to volunteer her time and talent with the Girl Scouts as well as at various skating events such as Scott Hamilton's Sk8 to Eliminate Cancer. Her conscientious work ethic and kind nature will definitely be missed here at our school. It is my pleasure to recognize Northeastern University bound **Katrina Schieck**.*

*The second Administrator's Recognition Award goes out to a deeply unique and dynamic individual who has worked diligently throughout his high school career. This student is highly motivated and determined and has been a gifted cross country and track and field athlete. In addition, he is a talented musician and a member of the Symphony Orchestra as principal chair of the cello section. This young man is the type of student who goes out of his way to help his peers and cares deeply about his school and community. He also manages to volunteer at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church and works a part-time job. His commitment to our school and community along with his leadership skills make him the total package. Congratulations to this year's recipient **Lukas Walters**, who will attend SUNY Brockport this fall.*

Ron Smith STA School and Community Award. Cole Hansen Sayville Teacher's Association

*Prior to his retirement, Ron Smith devoted his life to teaching and serving the Sayville Teachers Association. The recipient of this year's Ron Smith Award is a three season athlete who has volunteered his time in Athletes Helping Others as well as a football and basketball summer camp counselor for children in our community. In the classroom, he is insightful, collaborative and often challenges himself and others to consider unique viewpoints and gain deeper understanding as learners. His teachers appreciate his efforts as a leader and exemplarily role model. Congratulations to **Cole Hansen** as the Ron Smith Award winner! We wish Cole the best of luck as he attends Pennsylvania State University in the fall.*

Kristen Kessler Memorial Award Jennifer O'Leary. Sayville High School Staff

*Kristen Leigh Kessler was a member of the Sayville High School class of 1992. She was an active member of the National Honor Society and Key Club, as well as being an avid softball player and cheerleader. We would like to honor Kristen's memory by granting this award to a truly incredible human being. This year's recipient is well respected and beloved by her peers and our faculty, alike. Not only is she an exceptional student, she is also thoughtful, mature, dignified and uniquely talented. This young woman is a valued member of our Varsity Soccer and Volleyball teams, where she is known for her tenacity and selflessness. She is also a serious science researcher through our RISE program and Stony Brook University. We are honored to present the Kristen Kessler Memorial Award to Northeastern University bound **Jennifer O'Leary**.*

**John DeRubeis Memorial Award Emily Rosado 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 an active member of our community and her graduating class. She is a conscientious member of our Research Program, most recently presenting at the New York Science and Engineering Fair and winning an award for research at the Stony Brook University Pochron Worm Toxicology Lab. In addition, she is a member of the Students for Climate Action on the county team and also finds time to contribute her talent to our music program as an All-State Violinist. This young woman also manages to volunteer at the Long Island Cares Food Pantry and was chosen to be a member of our Peer Leadership Program. She is well rounded, respected by faculty and peers alike and an inspiration to others. We are honored to grant **Emily Rosado** this award and wish her the best as she attends Wellesley College in the fall.*

Nicholas Formica Memorial Award Ethan Deutsch Family/Friends of Nick Formica/ Key Club

*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 true gentleman. This year's winner emulates all of those attributes and more. He is dedicated to the service of others and this commitment can be seen in all that he does. He will be attending University of Delaware this fall. Congratulations to this year's recipient, **Ethan Deutsch**.*

County Executive – Mr. Steven Bellone

County Executive Public Service Award Christina Guiffre 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, and service to our community. This young lady is described as ambitious, dedicated, collaborative, generous and humble by our faculty and her peers. She not only strived to do her absolute best academic work over the past four years, she consistently sought out opportunities to engage in a variety of service clubs and activities: String Ensemble, Anchor Club, Art Club, History Club, Key Club just to name a few. She is a leader in every academic honor society our school offers. This ethical, insightful, resilient and devoted young lady will continue to do her very best as she works to become a Nurse Anesthetist or Anesthesiologist during the next exciting chapter of her life. Congratulations to the ever extraordinary **Christina Guiffre**. Christina will be attending Stony Brook University in the fall.*

Rev. Paul Apostolakos Humanitarian Award Connor Campbell The Triculis Family

*In Memory of Rev. Paul Apostolakos, we are thrilled to honor this qualified recipient. This young man has proven himself to be an invaluable asset to the school and to his class specifically, always ready to provide a helping hand with a smile. It is with great pleasure we recognize **Connor Campbell** for the Humanitarian award. Connor will be attending Hofstra University this fall.*

Suffolk County Student Leadership Award Katherine Zender Sayville High School Staff

*This year's recipient has tirelessly given her time to her course work and to our school and community. As a pivotal member of SADD, Stage Crew, Athletes Helping Others and Key Club, her advisors rave about her level of maturity and commitment. She has served as Vice-President of the Student Government this year, organizing, informing and encouraging her peers. She is so well respected that on many occasions she has been called upon for her thoughtful input and opinion on class events or new school initiatives. What we have found to be most impressive about this young woman is not only her intelligence, but her commitment to her family. Despite her demanding schedule, she has been a constant support during some incredibly challenging times and yet she remains upbeat and focused. She is simply one of the nicest people you will ever meet. This student is down to earth, humble and never misses an opportunity to say a warm hello. It gives me great pleasure to recognize **Katherine Zender**. She will attend the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, this fall.*

**Brian Bennett Global Citizen Award Vincent Vertuccio Sayville High School
Model United Nations Club**

The recipient of this award is an extremely active and committed student who holds positions in school clubs: Global Affairs, History Club, Model UN, and National Honor Society. This young man truly understands that leadership is service. He has been named Secretary General two years in a row in Model UN, organized a tour of the American Consulate in New York City and has raised awareness among the student body of global issues helping the club to grow in size. This student's love of politics and global issues is evident through his involvement in several political campaigns over the years, where he has dedicated weekends to canvassing neighborhoods and phone banking. He even organized a vigil for the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg. This student takes

charge and creates change and we can't wait to see what the future holds for this bright and capable young man. It is our pleasure to present the Brian Bennett Global Citizen Award to **Vincent Vertuccio** who will be attending George Washington University this fall.

Captain Merrill H. Masin Memorial Award Nicholas Gibbons 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 personable, he is truly an upstanding, ethical and altruistic role model. He has made our school and community a better place as an Eagle Scout, three season athlete, honor student on every level and a genuinely gracious young man. Congratulations to **Nicholas Gibbons**. It has been a tremendous honor to know him. We wish Nick great success as he enters the Naval Academy this July and we thank him for his service.*

James A. Sweeney Memorial Award Cameron Batterberry Family/Friends of James Sweeney

*When many of us take for granted what it means to be an American, James Sweeney reminded us that this was the greatest country in the world. To anyone who had forgotten how to laugh, he brought smiles and even a foolish whimsy to brighten our days. The following quote captures Mr. Sweeney's approach to life and how he would like us to remember him: "Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood. Make big plans. Aim high in hope, education and work, remember that a noble, logical plan, once recorded, will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever growing insistence." This year's award winner is someone who has a strong moral compass. He takes pride in his actions, work and education. He is someone who is constantly looking for ways to improve himself, and willingly accepts and encourages feedback from his educators and peers. It is our honor to grant the James A. Sweeney Memorial Award to **Cameron Batterberry**. Cameron will attend the University of Delaware this fall.*

Bryan Rosen Memorial Scholarship Award Erik Person. 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 New Paltz bound **Erik Person**.*

Keith Ryan Nintzel Citizenship Awards . . . Courtney Giattino and Tyler Schaefer 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 a dedicated, determined and extremely compassionate student-athlete. She is captain of our Cross Country Team, a track and field athlete and a dancer. She is known as one of the sincerest, kind-hearted and genuine members of her class. Her dream is to become an elementary school teacher. Congratulations to **Courtney Giattino**. You are deserving of this honor. Courtney will be attending Rowan University in the Fall.*

*This year's second recipient is a brilliant student, gracious human being, and a young man of boundless energy and talent. He is a versatile and relentless competitor in Cross Country and Track and Field; it is our honor to recognize Northeastern University bound **Tyler Schaefer**.*

Joseph V. Buderman Award Nicole Moccio 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. As the President of the Class of 2021, she has tirelessly advocated for her peers. The Class of 2021 had many enhancements to a tumultuous year, in large part due to this young woman's leadership, perseverance and hard work. However, the most conspicuous and noteworthy attribute this

*truly special student possesses which distinguishes her is her character. She always does the right thing even when it is a challenge to do so. Fairfield University will be a better place this fall because **Nicole Moccio** will be attending.*

Principal's Honor Award Jenna Guerra Sayville Administrators

*This year's Principal's Honor Award is being awarded to a wonderful young woman who makes our world a better place. She is quick to welcome you with a cheerful hello and a beaming smile. An accomplished All-County Student Athlete, captain of our tennis team, and the President of Athletes Helping Others, she is a fierce competitor on the court and always looking to help others in need while off the court. Most notably, it is her kind, selfless demeanor which truly makes her shine. She is off to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in the fall, congratulations to the 2021 Principal's Honor Award winner, **Jenna Guerra**.*

Salutatorian Award Tyler Schaefer Mr. Mark Sunderland-Herff Jones

*The class of 2021's Salutatorian is both brilliant and focused. He has a passion to learn and a thirst for knowledge which is undeniable. As the captain of our cross country and track teams, he is a talented runner. Graciously demonstrating leadership among his peers, he is the President of our National Honor Society. He is certain to blaze trails as he studies at Northeastern University this upcoming fall. Please join me in congratulating the Salutatorian for the Class of 2021, **Mr. Tyler Schaefer**.*

Valedictorian Award Christina Guiffre Mr. Mark Sunderland-Herff Jones

*Her smile lights up a room and her drive to succeed in all she does is awe inspiring. She leads by example and does so with grace and dignity. Simply put, she is an exceptional and humble young woman. She is a young woman who excels in our String Ensemble and holds leadership roles in Anchor Club, Key Club and Tri-M. We will certainly miss her as she furthers her studies at Stony Brook University. It is with a tremendous amount of pride that I introduce to you The Valedictorian for the Class of 2021, **Ms. Christina Guiffre**.*

*CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
CLASS OF 2021!*

