

WESTBURY UFSD

SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to the Class of 2018!



THANK YOU TO THE WESTBURY COMMUNITY!

The voters of the Westbury community went to their polling sites on May 15th and voted to adopt our proposed school district budget and landmark bond referendum. We cannot thank voters enough. In voting yes, the community sent a clear and powerful message that will reverberate in our buildings, classrooms and common spaces for years. Our investment in public education and in our children is worth it. Never has it been clearer that the people of Westbury care deeply about public education and the futures of our young people.

After a sign of such commitment from the community, we now have a tremendous responsibility. We must repay your trust by continuing to offer your children a comprehensive and future-ready education, one that prepares them for the challenges of tomorrow. For each and every one of us, it is a great honor to serve your children and the community that we love, and we thank you for your support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2018 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN!

The Westbury School District would like to officially congratulate Mandy Wagnac and Lyse Armand, our Class of 2018 valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. Through their determination, commitment and intelligence, Mandy and Lyse represent wonderful role models for all Westbury students, and we in the District were lucky to have them in our schools.

While at Westbury, Mandy Wagnac was a scholar of diverse interests and passions. She was a member of the National Honor Society and served as the organization's treasurer. She was a member of the Key Club, Tri-M, the French Honor Society, the Interact Club and the Audio Visual Club, among others. She graduated with a weighted GPA of 101.07. Mandy will attend Columbia University in the fall and plans to major in English.



Mandy Wagnac



Lyse Armand

Lyse Armand was a disciplined student, always taking on challenges and bettering her education. As a student at Westbury High School, Lyse served as the president of the Future Business Leaders of America and the vice president of the Spanish Honor Society. Furthermore, she was a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club and Mathletes. She graduated with a weighted GPA of 99.76. Lyse will attend Adelphi University and study biochemistry.

Mandy and Lyse leave behind legacies in Westbury that will be hard to follow. We have no doubt, however, that the emerging scholars in Westbury will rise to the bar set by Mandy and Lyse. Congratulations again!

My Brother's Keeper at the Westbury School District

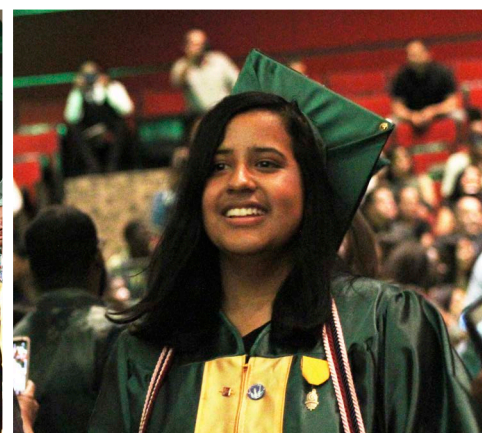
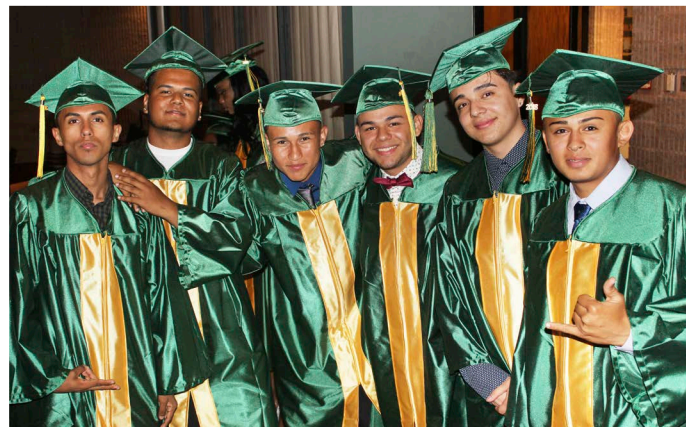
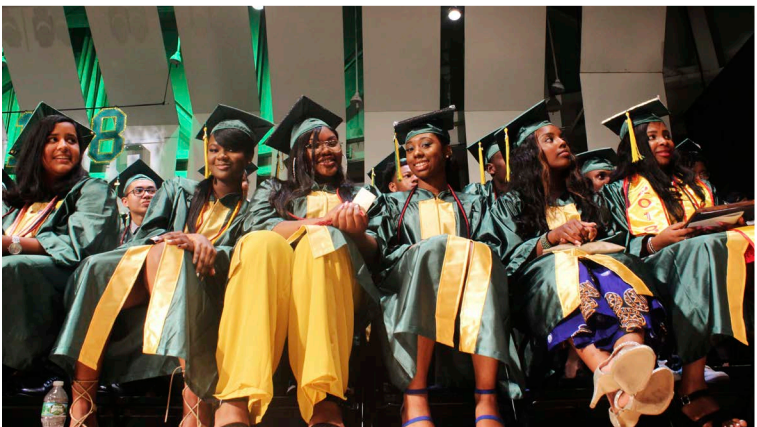
The Westbury School District is proud to be a school district that follows the tenets of President Barack Obama's My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative. The program addresses "persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensures that all young people can reach their full potential." My Brother's Keeper is in line with Westbury Schools' *Future Ready District* philosophy.

At the national level, MBK is focused on ensuring that all children:

- ✓ Enter school ready to learn
- ✓ Read at grade level by third grade
- ✓ Graduate from high school ready for college and career
- ✓ Complete post-secondary education or training
- ✓ Successfully enter the workforce
- ✓ Grow up in safe communities
- ✓ Get a second chance if they make a mistake.



Scenes from Graduation



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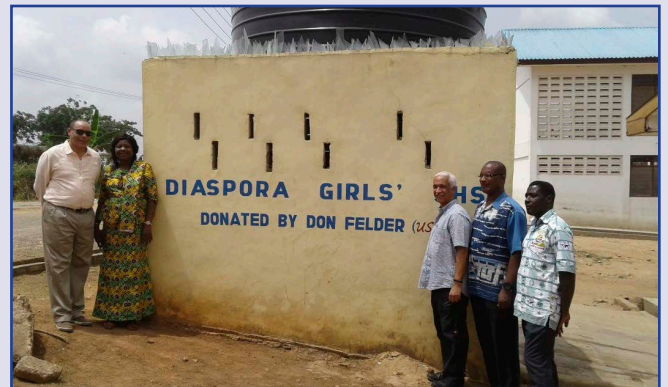
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Generosity Knows No Borders *Westbury High School Supports School in Ghana*

The Westbury High School student council developed its partnership and philanthropic efforts with an all-girls high school located in Obodan, Ghana. The school, Nsaba Diaspora, has been on the receiving end of the charitable efforts of the student council, alongside staff and faculty, for numerous school years. The efforts increase with each passing year.

In recent years, Westbury's student council members have raised money for a bus shelter for students to gather in during inclement weather or to find shade during hot days. Fundraisers have also been organized to send feminine hygiene products to the high school students and to aid in the construction of a water well on school grounds—ensuring the health and well-being of students during school hours.

The 2017-2018 school year brought new momentum to the student council's efforts to ensure that the students in their sister school have an active, engaging and safe learning experience. The District would like to extend its gratitude to Don Felder, former lead guitarist of The Eagles, who has spearheaded and generously donated to the student councils efforts to improve the educational experience of Nsaba Diaspora students. With Felder's help, WHS students were able to broaden their ongoing commitment to their fellow students around the world.



Representatives from the Nsaba Diaspora all-girl school in Ghana stand in front of the on-site water well that was constructed thanks to funds from the Westbury High School's student council and Don Felder.



Westbury High School's student council poses together following its ongoing philanthropic efforts on behalf of its sister school located in Ghana.

WESTBURY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNIZED FOR HIS ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Westbury High School senior Alan Gonzalez was recently honored at the Long Island Business Teacher's Association (LIBTA) Awards Luncheon—placing second in the category of Entrepreneurship. Each year, high schools across Long Island nominate one student from the graduating class who has excelled in their school's business class with the selected winners honored at LIBTA's annual luncheon. Alan was joined by his mother and school officials as he accepted this prestigious recognition. Through his academic success and his entrepreneurial spirit, Alan exhibits all the characteristics that will lead to future success in the business world. Congratulations, Alan!

Westbury High School senior Alan Gonzalez holds honorary plaque received at Long Island Business Teacher's Association Awards Luncheon.

