



SEAFORD EDUCATION *Spotlight*

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SPRING 2025

A YEAR OF *Viking Kudos!*

The 2024-25 school year has been filled with accolades for students and staff in the Seaford School District. Students continue to show their prowess in academics, the arts, athletics and community service. Over the past several months they have earned awards, championships and festival selections. Administrators, teachers and support staff have also been recognized for their service and innovation.

"Seaford students and staff continue to shine every day," Superintendent Dr. Adele Pecora said. "Their amazing accomplishments seem limitless, and it is a testament to a community that values education, teamwork and character."



ALL-COUNTY MUSICIANS

This year's All-County Music Festival featured 28 student musicians from Seaford. Students from grades 5-12 were chosen for the festival, hosted by Nassau Music Educators Association.

Seaford High School – Band: Madelyn Boyon, Brian Karaman and Brandon Siegel. **Chorus:** Emma Baldwin, Brandon Bombardier, Isabella Grace, Corinne Gustavson, Dylan Malone, Alexia Mohammed and Molly Restivo. **Seaford Middle School – Band:** Samantha Juan and Logan Siegel; **Chorus:** Lily Boyon, Cadan Calderaro, Chris Falta, Leanne Gregorek, Peyton Hujber, Gia Lennon and Sky Schoenberger. **Seaford Harbor Elementary School – Band:** Maeve Carloni; **Chorus:** Logan Rackow, Caroline Restivo and Guiliana Romano. **Seaford Manor Elementary School – Band:** Eliza Bevilacqua and Eric Henriquez; **Chorus:** Penelope Brooks, Krystalia Paraskevopoulos and Kendall Wasnenius.



ALL-COUNTY ARTISTS

Two dozen students had their work featured in the 2025 All-County art exhibit, hosted by the Nassau County Art Supervisors Association.

Seaford High School: Lilli Dobbin, Emma Edzards, Charlotte Flood, Jenavieve Friedman, Isabella Gerace, Danielle Hausfeld, Paige Holt, Katharyn Malone, Dylan Paccione, Anastasia Perlegis, Emily Salce and Kylie Silverstein. **Seaford Middle School:** Mary Bevan, Yaslin Cordero, Rafaella Guerra, Charlotte Ickowicz, Lilly Pancia and Roma Seelall. **Seaford Harbor Elementary School:** Brendan Barbaro, Hannah Hald and Mila Podias. **Seaford Manor Elementary School:** Blake DiFondi, Nicholas Florio and Benjamin Meyer.



MANOR, HARBOR RENEWED AS HABITS OF MIND SCHOOLS

Harbor and Manor elementary schools have once again been recertified in Habits of Mind. This distinction reflects Seaford's ongoing commitment to fostering essential life skills such as persistence, empathy, flexible thinking and responsible risk-taking. At both schools, the Habits of Mind are not just words on a wall – they are deeply embedded into curriculum, daily instruction and school culture.



BOWLING TEAMS ROLL TO PERFECTION

After winning their seventh consecutive county championship, the Seaford High School boys varsity bowling team advanced to the New York State finals. The team placed second in the Division II state championship on March 9 in Syracuse, New York.

Earlier in the season, junior Andrew Ceraulo bowled a perfect 300 game during a match at Levittown Lanes. The girls bowling team made its fourth consecutive appearance at the state tournament in Syracuse and placed fifth in Division II.



TRIO NAMED NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS

Three Seaford High School seniors were named Commended Students in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. Ava Caruso, Patrick Kiernan and Jack McKenny were among approximately 34,000 students nationwide to earn the designation. Commended Students scored among the top 2% to 4% of all students who took the PSAT/NMSQT during the fall of their junior year, and received Letters of Commendation.



MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS ITS SEAFORD SCHOLARS

Seaford Middle School has been recognizing students throughout the year for displaying the Seaford Scholar traits. Teachers and staff have been nominating sixth, seventh and eighth graders for exemplifying the trait of the month. The monthly winners are presented with certificates for their achievement.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENTISTS EXPLORE THE WORLD

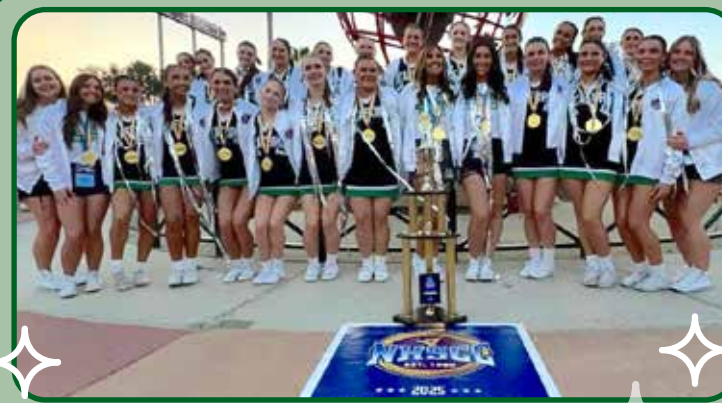


Seaford Middle School held its annual science fair on Dec. 4, during which students showcased the results of science experiments they completed at home. Students could investigate any topic and had to follow the scientific method. This year's winners were Kevin Whidden, first place; Ryan Kind, second place; and Alexandra Goldberg, third place.



RUNNER STRIDES TO PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The six-year running career for Seaford High School senior Myles Munro culminated in the highest honor, as he received the Bill Ott Memorial Award, presented by the Nassau County Officials Association. It recognizes one cross-country athlete each year who displays the qualities of scholarship, leadership, sportsmanship and citizenship, as well as prowess in the sport. In his senior season, he placed second in Nassau County in the 5K followed by a 10th-place finish at the state competition.



CHEERLEADERS WIN STATE AND NATIONAL TITLES

The Seaford High School varsity cheerleading team won the Traditional Division II Small Varsity title at the Universal Cheerleaders Association National High School Cheerleading Championship. In November, the team captured the Class C New York State Game Day Cheerleading Championship for the second consecutive year.

SENIORS GARNER PRESTIGIOUS DIPLOMA DISTINCTIONS

More than 100 Seaford High School seniors will be graduating in June with one or more prestigious designations including the College Board's Advanced Placement Capstone, science research, Seal of Civic Readiness, and Seal of Biliteracy recognitions. Four students receiving the Seal of Biliteracy earned it in two world languages, in addition to English, earning them a Seal of Triliteracy.



COLLEGE BOARD AWARDS FIVE STUDENTS

Five Seaford High School students were honored by the College Board through the National Recognition Program. The program is a tangible way for top-performing, underrepresented students to be celebrated for their hard work and seen by colleges during the recruitment process.

Emma Baldwin: National African American Recognition Award. **Kaylee Craft:** National First Generation, National Hispanic Recognition Award. **Patrick Kiernan:** National First Generation Recognition Award. **Alejandro McGrath:** National First Generation, National Hispanic Recognition Award. **Sophia Santella:** National Hispanic Recognition Award.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS LEADERS



Seaford High School seniors Dylan Brown and Shannon McClernon were selected as this year's recipients of the Outstanding Physical Education Student Award, presented by the Nassau Zone of New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Every high school in Nassau County selects one male and one female student to receive this award for exemplifying exceptional physical performance, scholastic ability and leadership qualities.



SOPHOMORES SELECTED FOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Seaford High School sophomores Michael Gagliano, Hannah Gerace, Calleigh Harten, Jamie Klein and Sydney McEntee were selected to attend the 2025 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership conference. They were selected from more than 20 students nominated by Seaford High School teachers.



HIGH SCHOOL EARNS GOLD STATUS ON AP HONOR ROLL

Seaford High School has once again earned a spot on the College Board's AP School Honor Roll. The distinction, for the 2023-24 school year, recognizes participation by students in Advanced Placement courses and their success on the exams. The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools that have done outstanding work to welcome more students into college-level courses and support them on the path to college success. In the graduating Class of 2024, 75% of students took at least one AP course in high school, and 53% earned college credit by achieving a score of 3 or higher on at least one AP exam.

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SCOPE SERVICE AWARDS

A trio of Seaford staff members were recognized for their exemplary service by SCOPE Education

Services. Toni Coacci, Kerry Hansen and Nicole Schnabel were honored at the 2025 Awards for Excellence Dinner at Villa Lombardi on March 24, along with fellow educators from across Long Island.

Ms. Schnabel, the Seaford High School principal, received the Administrative Service award. Ms. Hansen, a fifth grade teacher at Seaford Harbor Elementary School, was presented with the Teacher Service award. Ms. Coacci, the principal's assistant at the high school, earned the Support Staff Service award.



HARBOR TEACHERS NOTCH GRANTS

Seaford Harbor Elementary School teachers Katharine Black and Amy Viret were successful in their applications for financial support from Jovia Federal Credit Union.

Through Jovia's Funding Your Ideas Teacher Grant program, each teacher will receive \$500. Ms. Black, a third grade teacher, donated her funds to school psychologists Laura Ametrano and Meghan Harrington to purchase sound dampening panels to help turn their offices into calm and quiet environments for students. Ms. Viret, the school's math support specialist, is using the money to purchase math and movement mats, specifically to help students learn their multiplication tables.



AMERICAN LEGION TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

The Seaford American Legion continued a long-standing tradition in presenting its Teacher of the Year awards. The veterans organization recognized one teacher from each of the four schools.



- Seaford High School:** Christine Caserta
- Seaford Middle School:** Maureen Dolan
- Seaford Harbor Elementary School:** Roman Wojcik
- Seaford Manor Elementary School:** Jillian Copis



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