



# Knightly News

Glen Cove High School 's Student Newspaper

2025 Graduation Issue



## GCHS Graduation Issue: Congratulations Class of 2025



**Valedictorian- Mert Suyabatmaz**

Hello Knightly News! I am honored to have the opportunity to be on this page and would like to share a few words of farewell to the Class of '25!

Whether or not you've enjoyed the structured, rigid educational environment, high school provides is really a matter of personal perspective. However, the way I see it, high school provides a means to develop several key skills including time management, learning how to study effectively, as well as accountability. Don't blame your teachers or really anyone besides yourself for your academic performance!

On a different note, graduation will be the door that unlocks you to a world of freedom -- freedom to study what you want to study, develop your passions, and learn about the world around you. As always, do what makes you happy and improves you as a person as well as the world around you!

I would also like to extend a thank you to all teachers, staff, parents, and other people who dedicate their time to fostering our education system -- graduation wouldn't be possible without you!



**Salutatorian- Natalia Piasta**

Class of 2025, I'm proud of all of you for making it through these past four years. We didn't just make it through; we also enjoyed the experience and learned countless valuable lessons along the way.

We should be grateful that we had the ability to learn so much and explore our interests with the dedicated teachers of Glen Cove High School. You may not realize it now, but most of us will end up missing this regular routine and seeing the same familiar faces every day. We will never again be able to simultaneously go to school, see friends daily, and be minutes away from family all at once.

We're still young and will be able to grow into successful people in the near future. High school has prepared us for the unpredictable challenges we're bound to face. Like in Fortnite, you need to stay ahead of the storm. Life moves fast, so don't fall behind. You're all ready for the difficulties that will come with college, trade school, or the workforce. Congratulations to all the seniors! You are capable of anything you put your mind to. I wish everybody the best of luck.



**Honorarian- Isabel Charlotte Basil**

Class of 2025, it's hard to believe the end is here. Four years that once felt endless have passed in the blink of an eye. We arrived as scared and unsure freshmen.

Now, we will be leaving more confident, capable, and with a new appreciation for how quickly time can slip away when we're not paying attention. Along the way, we faced stress, setbacks, and late nights of studying. But we also found moments of fun and growth that made it all worthwhile.

Not every day was easy and not every memory is perfect. But that's the beauty of it. High school wasn't about perfection; it was about figuring things out. Making mistakes, learning from them, thus moving forward.

As we prepare to walk across that stage, there's no doubt that we've earned this moment. While some of us are eager to leave behind early mornings, endless tests and projects, let's not forget what we've gained along the way: all the friendships we've formed, the lessons we've learned, and the challenges we've faced. All of it has shaped us into who we are today. There's always uncertainty for what the future holds, but these past four years have equipped us with the proper skills to handle whatever is thrown our way.

Though we're all heading in different directions, the experiences we shared here will always keep us connected. The halls we walked, the laughter we shared, and the countdowns we all watched together in those final minutes of class.

So, congratulations to us for making it through, for showing up, and for becoming who we are today. I wish you all the best in whatever lies ahead. We made it!

### Good Knight Writers:

*The Seniors of The Knightly News bid a bittersweet goodbye to the paper. We have been a part of the paper for four years and we are so proud of the progress we've made and the articles we have written together. We look forward to hearing what The Knightly News does next!*

*Phoebe Pinder ~ Ben Brenner ~ Jaden Bernard ~ Emmanuel Aschalew ~  
Diego Henriquez Martinez ~ Dante Tailsay*

## Glen Cove Students Trek to Spain

by Phoebe Pinder

Over spring break, a group of Glen Cove students had the amazing opportunity to visit Spain! The group visited three major Spanish cities— Barcelona, Zaragoza, and Madrid— with a few optional day trips in between. Each of these cities offered a rich and inter-



esting history with a variety of magnificent art and architecture, illustrating the diverse culture of Spain.

Their days were packed with activities, from seven in the morning to ten at night. Stu-

dents toured iconic cathedrals, including the breathtaking Sagrada Família in Barcelona, which has been under construction for over 140 years. They also explored renowned art museums such as the Prado Museum in Madrid, where they viewed masterpieces by artists like Velázquez and Goya. They even got a flamenco dance lesson! Every day they witnessed tons of Spanish culture and had a few hours of free time to explore these magnificent cities at their own pace.

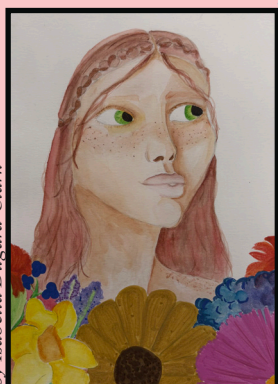
Despite a small setback where a few of the students and staff got sick, the trip was a wonderful experience. There were two optional day trips that students could choose to go on: the first was to a beautiful monastery in Montserrat, and the second was to the historic city on the hill, Toledo. Both were full of stunning architecture and fascinating history. A few students even bought swords from the blacksmith in Toledo!

Whether they were standing in awe beneath Gaudí's whimsical designs or chatting at a café, every student came back with memories that will last a lifetime.



**ART  
CORNER**

by Isabella Dilgard-Clark



## Goodbye Knightly News

by Ben Brenner

Wow! Those four years went by in a flash. I am so grateful for this club and will never forget the honors of writing a proper news story. My very first article was the "GC Grapplers" for the Varsity Wrestling team and I will always remember walking into Mr. Lombardo's classroom and sitting down with Mr. O'Donnell about what I had to do with the club. It was an amazing experience and being the only sports writer for the club made it even better.

This club taught me how to interview people and get quotes on what I was planning to write about. The different topics I had covered throughout the years were fun and I was looking forward to seeing the fresh newspapers on the rack next to the auditorium. One of my favorite articles is when I went around the halls and asked for student predictions on the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. I got so much recognition from teachers and other staff members saying how professional I wrote that article. By writing a lot about soccer, whether it was another World Cup article or GC's very own Brian Smith winning Coach of the Year in Nassau County for Boys Varsity Soccer, I knew that I wanted to write one day in the future. I have saved every news article from start to finish and carefully analyzed which ways I could improve. I have put so much effort and passion into writing news articles for this club and want my legacy to be remembered throughout the club's history.

When I started, it was a challenge like anything else, but with time and dedication, I became the sole sports writer for the *Knightly News*. I had to balance my writing with tennis for four years, but it made me learn the precious lesson of managing my time. I've had a passion for writing for many years and with this club I was finally able to utilize it to the best of my ability. I wanted this club to be a standout for students who had a knack for writing, and I couldn't have done it without the support of Mr. O'Donnell. His way of running through ideas and proofreading what I was writing about was amazing! His patience with me was important and we also had a great working relationship.

I am going to miss walking into his office and discussing what the next issue will be about. I also want to thank Ms. Palazzo for always being a kind-hearted teacher who had big shoes to fill when Mr. Lombardo retired last year. She ran the club very well and her being an art teacher was a nice transition for the club. I will continue to write news articles upstate at SUNY Oswego. I want to continue my mark on my journalism career! So long *Knightly News*!



## GC Students Submit Work in Congressional Art Contest

by Peyton Angalet

Every year, the Congressional Institute hosts the Congressional Art Competition where students across the country are encouraged to submit visual artwork for national recognition. Since its origination, over 650,000 high school students have participated in the competition. This spring, several students from Glen Cove High School entered the contest. Winning entries are determined by panels of district artists.

Any and all high school students interested in the contest were encouraged to submit entries. Students at Glen Cove High School competed against other student entries in New York's Third Congressional District. Each submitted entry aimed to follow the specialized theme: People & Places. Interpretations of the theme fell upon the artist, allowing students to showcase their artistic talents and creativity. Students Isabella Melara, Aurora Seery, Gabriela Lopez Rivas, Isabella Dilgard-Clark, and Jaco Ronquillo were selected to have their artwork shown in office. In the adjudication process, U.S. Representative Tom Suozzi selected our very own art teacher Mrs. Palazzo and the school district's Fine & Performing Arts Coordinator Mr. Nadel to aid students with submissions. Mr. Nadel offered the opportunity for students to participate in the 2025 Competition, while Mrs. Palazzo helped students submit their curated pieces.



Submissions for New York's Third District were sent to Representative Suozzi's office to be judged by selected artists. The winning entries will be displayed for one year at the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. until the next Congressional Art Competition. Winning artists will also receive recognition within their district as well as at an awards ceremony in D.C. Best of luck to our students, and keep making GC proud!

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# Grad List: Here's Where GCHS Seniors of 2025 are Heading!!



Aquilar, Gianluca  
 Ahammed, Nawar  
 Alas Santos, Kevin  
 Alcantara Espinoza, Charlie  
 Alfaro, Mirian  
 Aliaga Gonzales, Nicholas  
 Alvarado Zavala, Karen  
 Alvarado Zuniga, Brandon  
 Alvarado, Heather  
 Alvarado, Javen  
 Alvarez Cruz, Marcos  
 Amador, Angie  
 Amaya Fuentes, Marisol  
 Andrade Mendez, Frank  
 Arana, Isabella  
 Arriagada Zapata, Ethan  
 Aschalew, Emmanuel  
 Avelar Fuentes, Edwin  
 Avila Zuniga, Valeria  
 Ayala, Gustavo  
 Backiel, Sabrina  
 Backus III, David  
 Baires, Alex  
 Barnes, Alana  
 Bartolomeo-Michie, Tyler  
 Basil, Isabel  
 Basil, Jason  
 Basile, Angel  
 Basile, Nicholas  
 Batres Guardado, Angelica  
 Benites Argueta, Maynor  
 Benitez Benitez, Stephanie  
 Benitez, Elias  
 Bennett, Page  
 Bernal, Katherine  
 Bernard, Jaden Elijah  
 Billings, Jordan  
 Blackburn, Cassia  
 Blakaj, Lunik  
 Blas, Elias  
 Bonilla Villatoro, Damary  
 Bonilla, Christopher  
 Bonilla, Kaelyn  
 Brenner, Ben  
 Brown, Derrick  
 Cabrera Moreno, Jacqueline  
 Calderon Herrarte, Anderson  
 Canales Yanes, Cecilia  
 Canizales Bonilla, Celeste  
 Cargill, Tavor  
 Cartagena, Melvin  
 Castaneda Salvaco, Heidi  
 Castillo Martinez, Jhankarlos  
 Chambers, Trintee  
 Chavez Alas, Saul  
 Chavez Reyes, Mayleen  
 Chevez Fernandez, Maynor  
 Chicas Guzman, Angel  
 Conger-Kielbasa, Benjamin Lloyd  
 Connelly Schmidt, Mason  
 Contreras Carpio, Rony  
 Corado De Leon, Emeli  
 Coraspe Lopez, Raul  
 Cordero, Ryan  
 Corvera, Andrea  
 Costantino, Cristian  
 Cota, Javier  
 Croisiere Louis, Shayaengher  
 Cruz Cortez, Leydi

Undecided  
 CUNY Macaulay Honors Hunter College  
 Institute of Culinary Education  
 Undecided  
 Undecided  
 CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
 Undecided  
 Undecided  
 Baylor University  
 Undecided  
 Undecided  
 Undecided  
 SUNY College at Old Westbury  
 Hofstra University  
 SUNY University at Albany  
 CUNY Queens College  
 SUNY Stony Brook University  
 Undecided  
 Undecided  
 United States Army  
 SUNY Binghamton University  
 SUNY Plattsburgh  
 Long Island University  
 Molloy University  
 Undecided  
 University of Florida  
 University of Tampa  
 Undecided  
 Undecided  
 Nassau Community College  
 Undecided  
 Nassau Community College  
 New York Institute of Technology  
 CUNY City College  
 SUNY Farmingdale State College  
 Long Island University  
 Western New England University  
 SUNY New Paltz  
 SUNY Plattsburgh  
 Nassau Community College  
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 Nassau Community College  
 Nassau Community College  
 SUNY Oswego  
 Nassau Community College  
 SUNY Buffalo State  
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 Western New England University  
 Undecided  
 Undecided  
 Undecided  
 SUNY Stony Brook University  
 American Musical and Dramatic Academy  
 SUNY College at Old Westbury  
 SUNY University at Albany  
 Undecided  
 Employment  
 Nassau Community College  
 St. John's University  
 Undecided  
 Nassau Community College  
 St. John's University  
 Nassau Community College  
 Nassau Community College  
 Nassau Community College  
 Undecided  
 Lackawanna College  
 Undecided

Cruz, Eduardo  
 Cruz, Safira  
 Cullen, Leila  
 Dahlke-Moll, Max  
 Davis, Samaya  
 De La Rosa, Francesca  
 De Paz Turcios, Angie  
 DeCurtis, Olivia  
 Denis, Zion  
 Diaz Nolasco, Chris  
 DiLeonardo Jr, Vincent  
 DiMaggio, Sara  
 DiSimone, James  
 DuBois, Nevaeh  
 Dubon Bonilla, Jeferzon  
 Duche, Lily  
 Eatman, Lynnell  
 Edwards, Anthony  
 Eriguchi, Helen  
 Escobar Granados, Jabier  
 Escobar, Shanelly  
 Esposito, Carolina  
 Fernandez, Ashley  
 Figueroa Guevara, Miguel  
 Figueroa, Sebastian  
 Flores Carballo, Karen  
 Flores Carballo, Marcela  
 Flores Estrada, Hector  
 Flores Flores, Arnol  
 Flores Pardo, Jordan  
 Fonfara, Paulina  
 Fuentes Romero, Jose  
 Fuentes, Jaquelin  
 Fuentes, Ronaldo  
 Galo Alvarado, Giovanni  
 Galo Calderon, Stephanie  
 Gansky, Hannah  
 Garcia, Adrian  
 Garcia, Jenna  
 Garcia, Nicholas  
 Ginez, Andrew  
 Ginez, Elizabeth  
 Glaviano, Ashley  
 Glouchkov, Vera  
 Gonzalez, Devon  
 Gonzalez, Gabryella  
 Grech, Logan  
 Greco, Francesca  
 Grennan, Chase  
 Guarascio, Giuseppe  
 Guastella, Calogero  
 Guillen, Grace  
 Heaven, Rodney  
 Henderson, Victoria  
 Henriquez Martinez, Diego  
 Hernandez Albanez, Adriana  
 Hernandez Estevez, Mariela Del  
 Hernandez Hernandez, Oscar  
 Hernandez Ramirez, Marco  
 Hernandez, Christopher  
 Hernandez, Dylan  
 Hernandez, Enry  
 Hogan, Kayla  
 Janeczko, Natalia  
 Jean, Niela  
 Jenkins, Dylan  
 Jerez, Cynthia  
 Johnson, Jadyn  
 Jorquera, Jolie

Nassau Community College  
 Hofstra University  
 SUNY Binghamton University  
 Molloy University  
 Undecided  
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 CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
 SUNY Cortland  
 Long Island University  
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 St. John's University  
 Nassau Community College  
 Long Island Beauty School  
 Employment  
 University of Connecticut  
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 SUNY Farmingdale State College  
 SUNY New Paltz  
 Hofstra University  
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 Adelphi University  
 Molloy University  
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 SUNY Farmingdale State College  
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 University of New Haven  
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 SUNY Delhi  
 Saint Anselm College  
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 New York Institute of Technology  
 SUNY Binghamton University  
 CUNY Queens College  
 SUNY Farmingdale State College  
 SUNY Farmingdale State College  
 Molloy University  
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 Undecided  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Sacred Heart University  
 CUNY Queens College  
 School of Visual Arts  
 SUNY Stony Brook University  
 SUNY University at Buffalo  
 SUNY Brockport  
 Undecided  
 Undecided  
 St. John's University



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Joya, Antonio	Undecided	Rivas, Ami	Vocational school, Cosmetology
La Mere, Ryan	Undecided	Rivas, Luis	University of Pittsburgh
Landaverde, Willow	Berklee College of Music	Robles, Alisson	SUNY Cobleskill College of Agriculture&Technology
Lebowitz, Jake	Nassau Community College	Roditi, Sara	Northeastern University
Lemus Diaz, Norma	Undecided	Rodriguez, Delmy	Molloy University
Letellier, Sarah	Undecided	Rodriguez, Gianni	Undecided
Levano, Adrian	Universal Technical Institute	Rodriguez, Laura	Wheaton College
Lianos, John	SUNY Binghamton University	Rodriguez Hernandez, Tatiana	Undecided
Lizarraga-Galvez, Xavier	Undecided	Romeo, Arianna	Nassau Community College
Lopez Zuniga, Ashley	Undecided	Romero Rodriguez, Brianda	Undecided
Lopez, Estefani	SUNY Farmingdale State College	Romero, Eric	Undecided
Losee, Mark	SUNY Binghamton University	Ronquillo Mendoza, Daniel	Undecided
Majano, Delaila	Undecided	Ronquin-Iglesias, Rina	Nassau Community College
Maldonado, Giselle	Undecided	Roque Hernandez, Daniel	Undecided
Maldonado, Victor	Undecided	Rubi Avila, Estephany	Undecided
Malvino, Robert	SUNY Farmingdale State College	Ruiz Segura, Jose	Undecided
Mannion, Samantha	Hofstra University	Sabando, Vicky	SUNY College at Old Westbury
Marshall, Lincoln	Quinnipiac University	Salazar Cordero, Ariana	Undecided
Martinez Anaya, Kevin	University of New Haven	Salazar Navas, Jenniffer	Undecided
Martinez Fuentes, Keyla	Undecided	Salinas, Andrew	SUNY Farmingdale State College
Martinez, Milaydi	Molloy University	Salinas, Mirella	SUNY Farmingdale State College
Martone, Colson	SUNY Maritime College	Sandoval Guevara, Keyri	Undecided
Mateo Jr, Johnny	Nassau Community College	Santiago, Alexia	Molloy University
Mazarredo, Michael	Adelphi University	Satchell, Peter	Undecided
Medina, Amber	Undecided	Sciacca, Cole	Undecided
Mejia Guardado, Edwin	Undecided	Seery, Aurora	SUNY Purchase
Mejia, Mia	Boston College	Segovia, Anthony-Luis	Nassau Community College
Mendez Mancia, Eduar	SUNY College at Old Westbury	Sibrian Rivera, Jennifer	CUNY Queensborough Community College
Mendoza Anaya, Dayana	Mercy University	Sinacore, Alexa	Pennsylvania State University
Miller, Cassandra	Maine College of Art & Design	Sita, Ryan	SUNY Cortland
Mingo-Cooper, Josiah	Lackawanna Community College	Smith, Isabella	Undecided
Miranda Urrutia, Hazel	Undecided	Solorzano, Adriano	Undecided
Molina Amaya, Oscar	Undecided	Sposato, Nina	Molloy University
Moya, Camila	SUNY University at Albany	Squarciafico, Angelina	Florida State University
Moza, Roxana	Adelphi University	Stevenson, Tyler	Undecided
Munoz Arteaga, Daniel	Undecided	Supica, Paloma	University of Colorado Boulder
Munoz, Sophia	SUNY Plattsburgh	Suyabatmaz, Mert	SUNY Binghamton University
Nash, Helen	Tulane University	Talisaysay, Dante	Nassau Community College
Nino, Juan	Undecided	Torres Quintanilla, Jose	Undecided
Olivera Vera, Adrian	Utica University	Torres, Bryan	Nassau Community College
Olson, Giuseppe	Undecided	Tsappas, Emmanouel	Employment
Padilla, Britney	Undecided	Turcios, Brooklin	SUNY Binghamton University
Palmiroto, Gia	Hofstra University	Umanzor Colindres, Barelyn	Undecided
Parada Moreno, Dayana	Undecided	Valensisi, Angelo	Undecided
Paredes, Ariana	Molloy University	Valenzuela, Giorgio	SUNY University at Buffalo
Parodis, Nicolas	Undecided	Vanegas Sosa, Joshua	Undecided
Parra Lara, Luis	Undecided	Vann, Andreea	Adelphi University
Parra, Chris	St. Francis College	Vaughan, Talia	University of Connecticut
Peil, Peyton	University of Mississippi	Veith, Dennis	Nassau Community College
Perez Ferbol, Derek	Nassau Community College	Verene, Madison	Saint Leo University
Perkins, Emmanuel	Undecided	Vigil, Yamna	Long Island University
Petit, Nyann	New York Institute of Technology (NY)	Villalobos, Kimberly	Molloy University
Petrizzo, Julia	University of Connecticut	Villanueva Quintero, Jose	Undecided
Piasta, Natalia	University of Connecticut	Villatoro, Gianna	Manhattanville University
Piccirillo, Andrew	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Waly, Taha	Saint Leo
Pinder, Phoebe	Princeton University	Wang, Victoria	CUNY Baruch College
Piriyatamwong, Dylan	Nassau Community College	Williams, Taliyah	Undecided
Portillo Cantarero, Wilber	SUNY University at Buffalo	Wright, Lisalynn	Undecided
Portillo Godoy, Jocelyn	SUNY Stony Brook University	Yanes Rosa, Kailey	Coastal Carolina
Prezeau, Jolie	Undecided	Yanes, Joshua	Undecided
Quail, Alicya	Adelphi University	Young, Davin	Undecided
Rabanal, Camryn	Undecided	Zaldivar Cisneros, Vanessa	Undecided
Rabanal, Velinda	Employment	Zambrano, Alexandra	SUNY University at Buffalo
Ramirez Hernandez, Jeffry	Hofstra University	Zarate, Nicholas	Undecided
Ramos Garcia, Angel	Undecided	Zavala, Debora	New York Institute of Technology
Ramos Garcia, Jackeline De Los Angeles	Undecided	Zias, Mason	Undecided
Reiner, Henry	SUNY Oneonta		
Reyes Alas, Jordany	Hofstra University		
Reyes Melgar, Melisa	Undecided		
Reyes Munguia, Jenny	Undecided		
Reyes, Brian	Long Island University		
Reyes, Kimberly	Long Island University		
Reyes, Yessenia	Undecided		
Rios Valle, Geovanny	Undecided		
Rios, Dakota	SUNY New Paltz		

