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PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Celebrating the Class of 2025!

The Patchogue-Medford High School class of 2025 commencement was a joyful and unforgettable celebration of our incredible seniors. With proud families and friends cheering them on, our graduates walked on the stage and received their diplomas—marking the end of one chapter and the exciting beginning of another. The ceremony was filled with heartfelt moments, from inspiring speeches by faculty and student leaders to shared reflections on perseverance, growth, and the power of community. We invite you to relive the highlights and smiles. Enjoy the photos from this special day!



A Message From the Superintendent

Dear Patchogue-Medford community,

It is with a full heart that I congratulate the class of 2025 on your graduation. You have navigated your educational journey with resilience, dedication, and spirit. You have grown not only academically, but as leaders, thinkers, and compassionate members of our community. As you prepare to step into the next chapter of your lives, remember that your potential is limitless—and you will always have a home here in Patchogue-Medford.

This moment of celebration also gives us an opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to our retiring staff members. Your years of service to our students, families, and schools have left an enduring legacy. You have shaped countless lives through your passion, patience, and unwavering commitment to excellence in education. On behalf of the entire district, thank you for your service. Your contributions will not be forgotten, and your presence will be dearly missed.

Looking ahead, learning does not end with the school year. Our summer programs will continue to support student growth, exploration, and enrichment. Whether it's academic support, enrichment opportunities, or creative exploration, we are committed to keeping students engaged and inspired during the summer months. We also look forward to welcoming our students back in September, rested and ready for another year of learning and growth.

For me personally, this message is bittersweet, as it marks my final letter as your Superintendent. After a career dedicated to public education, I will be retiring at the end of this school year. Serving the Patchogue-Medford School District has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I am immensely proud of all we have accomplished together, and I am deeply grateful for the trust, support, and partnership of this incredible community.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. I will forever carry Pat-Med in my heart.

With gratitude and warmest wishes,

Dr. Donna Jones

Superintendent of Schools

Patchogue-Medford School District

A Message From Interim Superintendent Lori Cannetti

It is an honor to step into the role of Interim Superintendent for the Patchogue-Medford School District. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Donna Jones for her years of dedicated leadership and her unwavering commitment to our students, staff, and families. We wish her the very best in her next chapter.

To the graduating class of 2025—congratulations! Your hard work, resilience, and spirit have left a lasting mark on our schools, and we are so proud of all you've accomplished.

As we head into the summer months, I encourage all students to take advantage of our summer learning opportunities to stay curious, engaged, and prepared for the year ahead.

I am truly excited for what the 2025-2026 school year holds. Together, we will continue to foster a strong, supportive, and inspiring environment for every learner in Patchogue-Medford.

Warmly,

Lori Cannetti

Interim Superintendent of Schools

THE NEXT STEP:

Where the Class of 2025 Is off to Next

The Patchogue-Medford School District is proud to celebrate the accomplishments of the class of 2025 as the graduates prepare for their next chapter. Our graduates are heading to a wide range of colleges, universities, and vocational programs across the country; pursuing their passions and dreams in fields such as science, education, business, the arts; or serving their country in the military; and more. We applaud their hard work, dedication, and resilience, and we can't wait to see all they achieve in the future.

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| ■ Adelphi University | ■ Five Towns College | ■ Rutgers University | ■ SUNY Old Westbury |
| ■ Alvernia University | ■ George Mason University | ■ Sacred Heart University | ■ SUNY Oneonta |
| ■ Armed Forces | ■ Gordon College | ■ Saint Leo University | ■ Susquehanna University |
| ■ Binghamton University | ■ Harcum College | ■ Salve Regina University | ■ Temple University |
| ■ BOCES Career and Technical Education Programs | ■ Hofstra University | ■ Skidmore College | ■ University of Connecticut |
| ■ Bridgewater State University | ■ Hunter Business School | ■ Springfield College | ■ University of Delaware |
| ■ Coastal Carolina University | ■ Kean University | ■ St. John's University | ■ University of Iowa |
| ■ Columbia University | ■ Long Island Beauty School | ■ St. Joseph's University | ■ University of Massachusetts Amherst |
| ■ CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College | ■ Long Island University | ■ Stony Brook University | ■ University of Massachusetts Boston |
| ■ CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice | ■ Manhattan University | ■ Suffolk County Community College | ■ University of Miami |
| ■ CUNY Lehman College | ■ Marywood University | ■ SUNY at Purchase College | ■ University of New Haven |
| ■ CUNY Queens College | ■ Mercy University | ■ SUNY Albany | ■ University of North Carolina |
| ■ CUNY Queensborough Community College | ■ Molloy University | ■ SUNY Buffalo | ■ University of Rhode Island |
| ■ CUNY York College | ■ Montclair State University | ■ SUNY Buffalo State | ■ University of Rochester |
| ■ Drew University | ■ Moore College of Art and Design | ■ SUNY College at Geneseo | ■ University of South Carolina |
| ■ Duke University | ■ Morgan State University | ■ SUNY College at Oswego | ■ University of Tampa |
| ■ East Carolina University | ■ Mount Holyoke College | ■ SUNY College at Plattsburgh | ■ Wentworth Institute of Technology |
| ■ Elms College | ■ Nassau Community College | ■ SUNY College at Potsdam | ■ Western New England University |
| ■ Fairleigh Dickinson University | ■ Nazareth University | ■ SUNY College of Technology at Canton | ■ Worcester Polytechnic Institute |
| ■ Farmingdale State College | ■ New York Institute of Technology | ■ SUNY College of Technology at Delhi | ■ Worcester State University |
| ■ Fashion Institute of Technology | ■ Pace University | ■ SUNY Cortland | ■ Word of Life Bible Institute |
| | ■ Pennsylvania State University | ■ SUNY Fredonia | ■ Yale University |
| | ■ Quinnipiac University | ■ SUNY Maritime College | |
| | ■ Rochester Institute of Technology | ■ SUNY New Paltz | |



HONORING OUR TOP SCHOLARS

Earning a place at the top of the class is no small feat—it's a testament to years of hard work, perseverance, and a deep commitment to academic excellence. Our top scholars have consistently gone above and beyond, showing resilience and determination throughout their high school journey. As they set their sights on new goals and exciting opportunities ahead, we celebrate all they've achieved and can't wait to see the remarkable impact they'll make in the world.

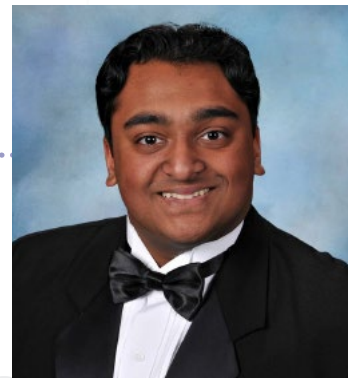


VALEDICTORIAN: GAURAB BISWAS

With a GPA of 105.252, Gaurab Biswas has earned the distinction of class of 2025 valedictorian. His academic resume includes honor roll recognition, Student of the Month, and the AP Scholar with Distinction award. He is also a recipient of the AP Capstone Diploma and a member of both the Spanish and English honor societies. Gaurab will be attending Stony Brook University, where he plans to major in biochemistry.

SALUTATORIAN: ISSAC VARGHESE

Issac Varghese, the class of 2025 salutatorian, holds a GPA of 103.870. He has been named a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student and received both the AP Scholar with Distinction and AP Scholar with Honor awards. Issac is a member of the French, English, and National honor societies. Issac will also attend Stony Brook University this fall.



ESSAYIST: AARON DIAMOND

With a GPA of 103.479, Aaron Diamond has been named this year's Essayist. His many achievements include placement on the Principal's List, earning the Richard Gilder History Prize, and membership in the National, French, Tri-M, and STEM honor societies. Aaron also received the Robotics Innovation and Control Award and the President's Merit Red Cross Recognition. Aaron plans to study bioengineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP 10 SCHOLARS

The top 10 scholars of the class of 2025 were honored at a special breakfast celebrating their academic excellence. Surrounded by high school staff, friends and family, the students reflected on their hard work and looked ahead to bright futures. Congratulations!

Top row: Kelly Delgado Pacheco, Allison Gualpa

Middle row: Joslyn Jun, Luis Hernandez Sanchez, Gaurab Biswas

Bottom row: Matthew Terletsky, Issac Varghese, Kevin Hidalgo, Aaron Diamond, James DiLeo



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Honoring Our 2025 Retirees

The Patchogue-Medford School District proudly honors the dedicated educators and staff members who are retiring this year. These individuals have made a lasting impact on our schools, students, and community through years of service, commitment, and care. As they prepare to embark on this exciting new chapter, we extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt congratulations. Their contributions will not be forgotten, and their legacy will continue to inspire future generations in Patchogue-Medford.

- Sandra Albert-Casera, art teacher, 28 years of service
- Andrew Bacon, social studies teacher, 28 years of service
- Elan Barresi, social studies teacher, 28 years of service
- Susanne Coloneri, music teacher, 28 years of service
- Angela D'Amico, reading teacher, 20 years of service
- Chrisann Denigris, nurse, 23.5 years of service
- Lauren Friel, reading teacher, 24 years of service
- Elise Hobbes, elementary classroom teacher, 33 years of service
- John Interrante, elementary classroom teacher, 28 years of service
- Dr. Donna Jones, superintendent of schools, 15 years of service
- Kerrie Keaney, reading teacher, 21 years of service
- Tina Kelly, part time special education aide, 30.3 years of service
- Jo-Ann Lancaster, districtwide substitute coordinator, 27 years of service
- Amy Lenihan, ENL teacher, 15 years of service
- Anne Logan, ENL teacher, 33 years of service
- Geraldo Lopez, full time custodian, 20.5 years of service
- Lorraine Matheson, social studies teacher, 26 years of service
- Maureen Mawhinney, elementary classroom teacher, 29 years of service
- Thomas Meyer, special education teacher, 30 years of service
- Susan Miele, librarian, 10 years of service
- Donna Mitchell, senior office assistant, 8.8 years of service
- Lisa Murphy, senior office applications specialist, 17.2 years of service
- Catherine O'Sullivan, office assistant, 18.3 years of service
- Suzanne Ochs MacDevitt, elementary classroom teacher, 29 years of service
- Christine Pantina, office assistant, 15.9 years of service
- John Passannante, music teacher, 30 years of service
- Michelle Prescia, special education teacher, 28 years of service
- Maria Reese, speech teacher, 30 years of service
- Gary Schuck, full time custodian, 25.9 years of service
- Dr. Dennis Sullivan, assistant principal at the high school, 6.5 years of service
- Vincenzia Vultaggio, world language teacher, 24 years of service
- Bradley Weinman, physical education teacher, 27 years of service
- Marilyn Yaker, elementary classroom teacher, 27 years of service
- Christine Zumpol, senior food service worker, 14 years of service

District Honors Graduates at Senior Student-Athlete Awards Night

In June, the Patchogue-Medford School District celebrated the class of 2025 at its annual Senior Student-Athlete Awards Night, held in the high school auditorium.

The evening began with the Eli Nathan Sportsmanship Award, honoring Mason Jacobellis (wrestling) and Reagan Worontsoff (gymnastics, golf) for integrity and character. The Robert Stingo Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Ryan Bacon and Aurora Dougherty for their courage, perseverance, and academic success. Jacobellis and Ana Impellizeri received the Suffolk Zone Award for leadership in health and physical education. The Bill and Jeri Clendennen Memorial Scholarships, recognizing humility and dedication, went to Kieran McGovern and Jimena Gonzalez. Coach Carrie Gangl presented Athlete-Scholar Awards to Joslyn Jun (GPA 102.8) and Issac Varghese (GPA 103.49), honoring their academic and athletic commitment. Unified PE teacher Sean Ouellette recognized Unified Athletes of the Year Thomas Kulcsar and LeeAndrea Williams for promoting inclusion and positivity.

A highlight was the newly renamed Manny Felouzis Community Service Award, given to the Varsity and JV Softball programs for their leadership in service. The night concluded with the Most Outstanding Senior Athlete Awards, presented by Patrick Cleary to Jayden Stroman and Olivia Liddell for their standout performance and leadership.



MOVING-UP ACROSS THE DISTRICT

The Patchogue-Medford School District proudly celebrated the achievements of our elementary and middle school students during this year's moving-up ceremonies. These joyful events marked an important milestone as students prepare to take their next big steps—whether entering middle school or beginning their high school journey. Families, board trustees, administrators, teachers, and staff came together to honor the hard work, growth, and accomplishments of each student. Enjoy this collection of photos capturing the pride and excitement of these memorable days.



South Ocean Middle School



Saxton Middle School



Oregon Middle School



Barton Elementary School



Bay Elementary School



Caanan Elementary School



Eagle Elementary School



Medford Elementary School



Tremont Elementary School



River Elementary School



Scenes From Graduation



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AROUND THE DISTRICT

Leela Singh Named Exemplary Volunteer of 2025



The Patchogue-Medford School District proudly recognizes Leela Singh as the Exemplary Volunteer of 2025 for her outstanding dedication to the Eagle Elementary School community. Since 2015, Ms. Singh has been a constant presence, contributing far beyond typical PTA volunteer responsibilities.

A devoted mother of two, Ms. Singh exemplifies the values we strive to instill in our students. Each morning, Ms. Singh volunteers her time to ensure a safe and efficient student arrival process, directing traffic and helping students out of cars with care and kindness. With her warm demeanor and regular presence, she has built lasting relationships with families throughout the school community.

Known for her collaborative spirit, thoughtful ideas, and positive energy, Ms. Singh brings people together and uplifts those around her. Her commitment and enthusiasm reflect the heart of Eagle Elementary. We are proud to honor Ms. Singh, and we are deeply thankful for all she does to support our students and school.

Celebrating Excellence in Career and Technical Education

On May 22, Patchogue-Medford High School held its fifth annual Career and Technical Education Recognition Ceremony, honoring student achievements across eight specialized programs. From law enforcement to cosmetology, students gained hands-on experience and practical skills under expert guidance. This year featured expanded partnerships with Brookhaven Health, NYU Langone Health, and Habitat for Humanity. A highlight of the night was recognizing SkillsUSA competitors—18 students participated in regionals, with ten advancing to states and several earning top honors. The event celebrated student success, career readiness, and the strong community ties behind each program.

