

Eastchester Eagle

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Members of the Eastchester High School Class of 2024 toss their caps in the air to celebrate their graduation on June 26, 2024.

Congratulations Class of 2024!

As they triumphantly flung their graduation caps into the air on a steamy June afternoon, members of the Eastchester High School Class of 2024 were simultaneously confronted with the importance of the lessons they learned throughout their time in Eastchester and questions about how best to use these tools to navigate a world filled with endless possibility.

On June 26, Eastchester bid adieu to its most recent cohort of graduates, celebrating the achievements of a senior class that is eager to make its mark on the larger world.

The overarching message of the day, echoed by students, staff and administrators alike, was simple: continuously strive to make the most of your time and your abilities.

Anselma Petrie, Valedictorian of the Class of 2024, urged her classmates to remain committed to upholding the ideals of excellence that were instilled by their time in the school district as they write the next chapter of their lives.

Using her own high school experiences—both as a leader in the classroom and as a standout on the tennis court—Petrie challenged her

Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Eastchester Schools Community,

On graduation night, I told our departing seniors as we gathered together, one last time, we must celebrate the moment. It was the moment to recall how much they accomplished and were now ready to move on to the worlds of college and career. It was the moment they would step beyond Eastchester into the exciting world of new challenges, fresh opportunities. It was the moment to write new chapters of their lives. I urged them to write their own book of life...and to make that book a classic.

That proud moment with our seniors must drive all we do each day for the new school year. Next year's graduates and all who follow await from us, the best possible education we can and must provide. I reminded our graduates of the five rules of a successful life.

First, get yourself into the game. Unless you are playing in the game, insisting on a seat at the table... unless you are inside the room, the results will be far less than you deserve.

Second, Ask!

Once you are inside the room, let others know you are there, never allow your presence to be marginalized. Be assertive! Never aggressive! Never a potted plant! But assertive!

Third, follow your Dream. Dream of great deeds, heroic dreams, noble dreams, dreams of service to others.

Fourth, keep your values of honesty, transparency and personal conviction. Life is a series of endless hard choices to be made each day. Choose your decisions carefully.

Fifth and finally, compete passionately, but never personally. Life's winners are fierce warriors who while litigating their positions passionately, bear their opponents no ill will.

Tonight I wish you wonderful friends to celebrate your victories, to wipe away the tears of defeat.

Tonight, I call upon you to go forward.

Write your own story.

Make it a classic.

**Ronald D. Valenti, Ph.D.,
Superintendent of Schools**

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fellow graduates to think about where they go from here.

"Everyone here is on the verge of starting something new in their life and the key to hitting an ace is understanding that the ball is in your hands and having confidence in yourself and understanding that you are in control of your future," said Petrie. "But this is where you learn how to adapt to unforeseen circumstances and learn how to prepare for situations you never could have prepared for."

EUFSO Superintendent Dr. Ronald Valenti praised the seniors for their resilience and ingenuity throughout the years and said that their ability to rise to the occasion—regardless of the situation—will be an important trait as they move beyond the borders of Eastchester.

"Let those be your values, make them your own, be passionate about what you do," said Valenti. "Be assertive about who you are, never aggressive, but assertive; let them know who you are."

EGO President Ryan Reilly noted that many of his classmates are still figuring out what they want from their lives but cautioned them that even the grandest dreams may pale in comparison to simply living in the moment.

"It's important to ask, 'What do you want from your future?'" Reilly said. "It may be to gain wealth or fame, but our most valuable commodity is neither. The most valuable thing we have in this beautiful life is time, and it's what we do with that limited time we have that makes us who we are."

More advice came from Town Supervisor Anthony Colavita, who reminded students to offer thanks to those who have played crucial roles in their educational journeys, from teachers and coaches to administrators and—of course—parents.

"The thing to do is pull your parents aside and tell them that you love them, tell them that they mean the world to you," said Colavita. "You couldn't have come this far without them, and that will be a moment you will never forget for the rest of your lives."

Petrie concluded her address with a few more sage words of advice for her classmates, reminding them that though there will be speed bumps and setbacks on their paths, they should never fear failure but should instead continue to embrace inevitable challenges with the same enthusiasm and optimism that they do now.

"Perfection is impossible; nothing is ever going to be perfect since failure is inevitable," she said. "But if we are able to put these mistakes behind us, we can continue striving for future success."

"There are definitely going to be ups and downs along the way," she added. "But we must persevere and keep the big picture in mind."

Congratulations to the Eastchester High School Class of 2024!



*Superintendent
Dr. Ronald Valenti*



Eastchester High School Class of 2024

VALEDICTORIAN:

Anselma Petrie

SALUTATORIAN:

Lucy Mortensen

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Emma Kelly, *President*

Claire Colasuonno, *Secretary*

Kelly Hyland, *Treasurer*

HIGH HONORS GRADUATES

†Jennifer Arbaczewski

*George Benekos

†Martina Boiano

†Helen Alina Branzan †Dylan

Brinkman

†Sofia Caballes

†Julla Caminiti

†Isabel Campos

†Gianna Cassino

†Jocelyn Chen

*Claire Colasuonno

†Nina Curtis

†Constance d'Epinay

†Katelyn Egan

†Mia Faustini

†Mahima Ghosh

†Brandon Hom

†Mariam Khan

†Mika Kikuchi

†Andrea Klein

†Caitlyn Kops

†Olivia Love

†Korben Lubner

†James McCauley

†Lucy Mortensen

†Swaine Napier

*Neena Palma

†Anselma Petrie

†Milla Reichenberg

†Ryan Reilly

†Victoria Reith

†John Risi

†Emily Ruge-Howard

*Melinah Sala

*Hannah Sigurdsson

†Natalia Socha

†Alex Stevenson

†Kiera Sullivan

†Michelle Tiso

†Zachary Weitzman

†Benjamin Wien

†Alexander Wirengard Gil

HONORS GRADUATES

†Owen Adamson

*Angelina Bartolomey-Attina

*Enola Brahaj

*Adriana Bujaj

†Dillon Burke

*Rebecca Chertok

*Sal Conte

Riley Conway

*Adriana Correa

*Joseph D'Adamo

*Emily Forzaglia

*Kelly Hyland

*Christina Kim

†Karthik Kottapalli

†Aika Lankard

*Katerina Mamais

†Dylan Marcucilli

*Alfred Marini

*Hailey Medina

*Emma Ndreu

*Manato Ogawa

Chloe Pepper

*Gianluca Perrotta

*Julien Polycarpe

*Matthew Porcello

†Gianna Recine

*Emma Rincones-Parra

*Aidan Schultz

*Matthew Seidel

*Kait Sweeney

†Yuki Tatzawa

†Matthew Thomson

*Kristie Warnock

*Alexa Zelatis

GRADUATES

William Anderson

Antonio Assalone

Isabella Ausanio

*Kaitlin Avella

Diana Avila

Dylan Babcock

Preston Babcock

*Warqa-tul Baghari

*Ava Baker

*Ellie Baker

Anthony Balsamo

Dominic Barnao

Matthew Bellach

Brandon Bello

Megan Bilali

David Binyaminov

Daryl Braun

*Chloe Brown

*Jaden Bruner

Antonella Bruno

*Connor Buckley

Zayan Butt

Olivia Calbo

*JoAnna Campbell

*Victoria Caporaso

Jenna Capriotti

Michael Catone II

Jack Cavanna

*Sarah Chase

Raymond Chen

Connor Cipriano

*Lucas Collins

*Kayla Comizio

Ava Concannon

Dillon Cordova

Ryan Corrigan

Angelica Cosgrove

Carlo Crea

Kvyia Crosdale

Addison D'Agostino

William Daly

*Patrick Dec

Steven DeCairano

*Marisa Del Brocco

*Sophia Delaney

Julia DeMaio

Cindy Demaj

Elena Demos

Michael Diaz

Gabriella DiLeo

Nicholas DiMarzo

*Naomi Dube

Brady Dunleavy

*Ariana Eichen

*Vincent Falco IV

Ryan Farrell

*Matthew Fava-Rodrigues

*Brady Ferguson

*Nicholas Fernandez

*Luca Ferrara

†Arnaldo Ferreira

Zachary Finkel

*Jake Fliszary

Dean Follen

*Thomas Forde

Elisha Frangipani

Grace Frederick

*Ken Fukumuro

Tsubasa Fukushima

*Bailey Gallo

*Marc Giuliano

Ethan Gomez

Jerome Harrigan

Carys Harrison-duBoulay

Kaliyani Hartung

Toma Hayashi

Kayla Heinrich

*Olivia Hexner

*Jillian Hunter

*Matthew Johnson

Nicholas Johnson

Isabel Juarez

Samantha Keiler

*Emma Kelly

Despina Kostalos

Mary Kovar

Selene Kronen

Nanato Kuboi

*Ariano Kukaj

Henri Kurtsmajlaj

Matthew Langer

Francesco Lavista

*Gino Lavista

Flora Leigh

Julianne Lentini

*Luke Leshaj

Vincent Lewis

*Cristofor Liosatos

Alexandre Lipkin

Charlotte Lipkin

Megan Liu

*Romeo Lotto

Mya Lugo

*Chiara Luka

*Giancarlo Luongo

Abel Madrigal

*Robert Maldaretli

*Sean Mannion

Luis Marquez

Nina Massa

Kieran McCloskey

Malaysia Mckee

*Declan McLaughlin

*Ronan Melly

Emma Metaliaj

Julia Moran

Arbian Murati

Brooke Murphy

Mariana Musaj

*Julia Naclerio

Gianna Napoli-Benitez

Adriana Nepros

*Jacob O'Bryan

*Jack Pennachio

Lukas Perleshi

*Katelyn Persaud

*Makayla Persaud

Daniella Petitta

*Alexandra Pfeiffer

Isabella Phillips

Den-Sovan Phok

*Alessio Policicchio

Ava Pollicina

*Sofia Pordage

Julianne Porpora

Joseph Portante

Jaiden Primo

Serena Pumillo

*John Quinn

*Valentina Quintero

Scarlet Ramirez

Emmalee Rapp

*Ema Redzematovic

Ava Renzo

Arind Rexha

Mina Rincones-Parra

Michael Rivera

Joseph Roche

*Amon Rodolitz

Gabriela Rodriguez

Lucas Romao

Alexia Ruggiero

Jessica Saccomanno

Minami Sai

†Koichiro Saito

*Brandon Sanchez

*Graziella Sanchez

*Nicholas Sandolo

Isabelle Santana

Narely Santos

Bella Santullo

*Jesse Schwab

Rachel Seabrook

Maxim Shearon

*Anthony Siciliano

Aedan Sinhart

Daniella Soares

*Sophia Soneghete Vivas

*Sarah Stem

Thomas Stempel

David Sterkaj

Robert Stevenson

Noah Stram

Aspasia Tartsinis

Peter Thomson

Rosemary Thornton

Kenneth Tiango

Alex Titto

Alexandra Triano

*Manaha Uchida

*Jason Ugalde

Andrea Valdez

*Angelo Valvano

Cody VanWhy

Hendy Vasquez

*Carter von Hassel

Jake Warnock

Robin Wingertzahn

Ayao Yukishige

Eduard Zadrma

Jayvin Zandani

Alexandra Ziomber

† Advanced Regents Diploma Honors

Bold National Honor Society

* Advanced Regents Diploma

Eastchester High School Scholarships

Matthew DeMarco Passion For Learning Scholarship:

Mahima Ghosh, Carys Harrison-duBoulay

Eastchester Democratic Committee John Albanese Scholarship:

Carys Harrison-duBoulay

Eastchester Chamber of Commerce Scholarship:

Jacob O'Bryan

Eastchester Rotary Club The John Bahr Scholarship for "Service Above Self":

Lucy Mortensen

Eastchester Rotary Club in Honor of our Devoted Rotarian Mike Fix Scholarship:

Anselma Petrie

Eastchester Rotary Club Mario Faustini Award for Service through Interact:

Swaine Napier

Eastchester Rotary Club Edward R. Ruffo Athletic Scholarship:

Kayla Comizio

SEPTA Advocacy and Advancement Award:

Alexandre Lipkin, Mya Lugo, Emmalee Rapp

SEPTA Matthew Pavlacka Memorial Award:

Enduring Spirit: Daniella Petitta, Michael Rivera, Peter Thomson

SEPTA Selflessness and Mentorship Award:

Ellie Baker, Matthew Bellach, James McCauley, Dylan Marcucilli

SEPTA Resilience and Determination Award:

Charlotte Lipton, Maxim Shearon, Kenneth Tango, Hendy Vasquez

Robert Taylor Photography Yearbook Scholarship:

Riley Conway, Mia Faustini, Bailey Gallo, Nanato Kuboi, Gianna Recine, Sarah Stern, Kristie Warnock

Eastchester Police Benevolent Ass. Officer Joseph DePippo Memorial Scholarship:

Kelly Hyland, Natalia Socha

Eastchester Police Benevolent Ass. Officer Michael Frey Memorial Scholarship:

Emily Ruge-Howard, Benjamin Wien

Tuckahoe PBA Scholarship:

Julia DeMaio

Eastchester Italian-American Citizens Club Scholarship:

Joseph D'Adamo

Italian Language Student Award in Memory of John Malesardi:

Romeo Lotto, Gianna Recine

EHS Spanish Club Scholarship - Award for Service & Dedication:

Marisa Del Brocco, Constance d'Epinay, Mahima Ghosh, Lucy Mortensen, Emily Ruge-Howard, Zachary Weitzman

Tuckahoe Youth Association (TYA) Scholarship:

Jacob O'Bryan

Karissa J. Kumpan Memorial Scholarship:

Olivia Hexner

Waverly PTA Soaring Eagle Scholarship Award:

Mahima Ghosh, Zachary Weitzman

Anne Hutchinson PTA Golden Graduate Scholarship Award:

Jacob O'Bryan

Anne Hutchinson PTA Spirit of Community Scholarship Award:

Marisa Del Brocco

Greenvale PTA Golden Graduate Scholarship Award:

Lucy Mortensen

Greenvale PTA Spirit of Community Scholarship Award:

Jack Pennachio

Eastchester Middle School PTA Scholarship Award:

Zachary Weitzman

Eastchester Student Government Presidential Awards

Senior President Scholarship: Emma Kelly

EGO Executive President Scholarship: Ryan Reilly

American Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship:

Claire Colasuonno, Emma Kelly

The Porco Family Scouting Scholarship:

Kelly Hyland, Zachary Weitzman

Mike Provenzale Memorial Scholarship for Entrepreneurial Spirit:

Vincent Falco IV

The Community Fund Michael Frey Scholarship Award:

Jocelyn Chen, Kiera Sullivan, Zachary Weitzman

LTC Sam DiRienzo VFW Post 2285 Scholarship:

Claire Colasuonno

Eastchester Professional Firefighters Local 916 Thomas C. Viafore Memorial Scholarship:

Marisa Del Brocco, Mariam Khan, Giancarlo Luongo

Eastchester Volunteer Firefighters Association Vincent Spadaro Memorial Scholarship Award:

Mahima Ghosh, Milla Reichenberg

The Eastchester Women's Club Scholarship in Memory of Doris Kramer:

Ariana Eichen, Lucy Mortensen

Dreyfus Scholarship:

Constance d'Epinay

ETA Christian Gorycki Memorial Scholarship:

Jocelyn Chen

ETA Marvin Rothman Memorial Scholarship:

Romeo Lotto

ETA Jean Whitney Harold Scholarship:

Rebecca Chertok

ETA Irene Perner Memorial Scholarship:

Nicholas DiMarzo

ETA Dom Cecere Memorial Scholarship:

Anselma Petrie

ETA Samantha Kearns Memorial Scholarship:

Victoria Caporaso

The David and Mary Oppenheim Scholarship:

Olivia Calbo, Kayla Comizio, Nina Curtis, Sal Conte, Riley Conway, Marisa Del Brocco, Katelyn Egan, Brandon Hom, Mika Kikuchi, Andrea Klein, James McCauley, Kiera Sullivan, Matthew Thomson, Zachary Weitzman

EHS PTA Community Service Scholarship Award:

Ellie Baker, Matthew Bellach, George Benekos, Adriana Correa, Emily Forzaglia, Dylan Marcucilli, Brooke Murphy, Gianna Recine, Matthew Seidel, Hannah Sigurdsson, Kiera Sullivan, Angelo Valvano, Benjamin Wien, Robin Wingertzahn, Alexander Wirengard Gil

Eastchester Alumni Association Scholarship:

Ryan Reilly

Overcoming the Odds Special Recognition Award:

Mya Lugo

Anthony "T.J." Morra Music Memorial Scholarship:

Carys Harrison-duBoulay

John and Judy Fix Love of the Arts Scholarship:

William Anderson

Order of Sons & Daughters of Italy in America Giuseppe Garibaldi Lodge #2583 Garibaldi Lodge Scholarship for Excellence in Italian:

Martina Boiano, Arnaldo Ferreira, Romeo Lotto, Dylan Marcucilli, Victoria Reith

Raffiani Family Foundation Scholarship:

Gianna Racine

College Acceptance List

Adelphi University	East Carolina University	Design	University	University of Arizona
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Eastern Connecticut State University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Southern Union State Community College	University of California
Alfred State College	Eastern Kentucky University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Springfield College	University of Central Florida
Alfred University	Eastern University	Mercy University	St Bonaventure University	University of Colorado Boulder
American University	Eckerd College	Merrimack College	St. John Fisher University	University of Connecticut
Appalachian State University	Ecole Supérieure de Commerce et de Gestion	Messiah University	St. John's University	University of Dayton
Arcadia University	Elon University	Miami University-Oxford	St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of Delaware
Arizona State University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Michigan State University	State University of New York at New Paltz	University of Denver
Asbury University	Emory University	Milligan College	Stetson University	University of Florida
Auburn University	Endicott College	Mills College at Northeastern University	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Hartford
Ave Maria University	ESSEC Business School	Misericordia University	Stonehill College	University of Iowa
Bard College	Fairfield University	Missouri State University	Stony Brook University	University of Kansas
Barnard College	Farmingdale State College	Monmouth University	Suffolk University	University of Kentucky
Baylor University	Fashion Institute of Technology	Montclair State University	SUNY at Purchase College	University of Maryland
Belmont University	Five Towns College	Morehead State University	SUNY Brockport	University of Massachusetts
Bentley University	Florida Atlantic University	Mount Saint Mary College	SUNY Buffalo State	University of Miami
Binghamton University	Florida Gulf Coast University	Muhlenberg College	SUNY College at Geneseo	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Boston College	Florida International University	Nazareth University	SUNY College at Oswego	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Boston University	Florida Southern College	New England College	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	University of Mississippi
Brigham Young University	Florida State University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	SUNY College at Potsdam	University of Mount Saint Vincent
Bryant University	Fordham University	New York Institute of Technology	SUNY College at Cobleskill	University of New Hampshire
Bucknell University	Franklin and Marshall College	New York University	SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	University of New Haven
California State University	Georgia Institute of Technology	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	University of North Carolina
Carnegie Mellon University	Georgia Southern University	Northeastern University	SUNY College of Technology at Canton	University of North Florida
Carthage College	Grinnell College	Northern Michigan University	SUNY College of Technology at Delhi	University of Oklahoma
Case Western Reserve University	Hamilton College	Ohio Northern University	SUNY Cortland	University of Pittsburgh
Central Connecticut State University	Hartwick College	Ohio State University	SUNY Fredonia	University of Rhode Island
Champlain College	Herkimer County Community College	Oklaoma City University	SUNY Maritime College	University of Richmond
Chapman University	High Point University	Old Dominion University	SUNY Morrisville	University of Rochester
Clark University	Hofstra University	Onondaga Community College	SUNY Old Westbury	University of Saint Joseph
Clarkson University	Husson University	Pace University	SUNY Oneonta	University of Scranton
Clemson University	Immaculata University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	SUNY Polytechnic Institute	University of South Carolina
Coastal Carolina University	Indiana University	Pennsylvania State University	SUNY Westchester Community College	University of South Florida
Colgate University	Iona University	Plymouth State University	Syracuse University	University of Utah
College of Charleston	Ithaca College	Point Park University	Temple University	University of Vermont
College of the Holy Cross	James Madison University	Pratt Institute	Texas State University	University of Virginia
Columbia University	Johnson & Wales University	Providence College	The Catholic University of America	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Connecticut College	Juniata College	Purdue University	The City University of New York - CUNY	Ursinus College
Cornell University	Kent State University at Kent	Quinnipiac University	The College of New Jersey	Utica University
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	Keuka College	Ramapo College of New Jersey	The College of Westchester	Vanderbilt University
CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College	King's College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	The George Washington University	Vassar College
CUNY Bronx Community College	La Salle University	Rhode Island College	The Juilliard School	Villanova University
CUNY City College	Lafayette College	Ringling College of Art and Design	The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education	Virginia Commonwealth University
CUNY Hostos Community College	Lasell University	Robert Morris University	The University of Alabama	Virginia Tech
CUNY Hunter College	Le Moyne College	Rochester Institute of Technology	The University of Tampa	Wagner College
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Lehigh University	Rockland Community College	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Wake Forest University
CUNY Lehman College	Liberty University	Roger Williams University	The University of West Florida	Washington State University
CUNY Macaulay Honors College	Long Island University - Post	Rollins College	Towson University	Waynesburg University
CUNY New York City College of Technology	Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College	Rutgers University	Trinity Valley Community College	Webber International University
CUNY Queens College	Loyola University Chicago	Sacred Heart University	Tufts University	Webster University
CUNY Queensborough Community College	Loyola University Maryland	SAE Institute of Technology	Tulane University of Louisiana	Wesleyan University
CUNY York College	Ludwig Maximilians University at Munich	Saint Joseph's University	United States Military Academy	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Davidson College	Lynn University	Salem State University	University at Albany, SUNY	West Virginia University
Dean College	Manhattan College	Salve Regina University	University at Buffalo	Western Connecticut State University
DeSales University	Manhattanville University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Western Kentucky University
Dominican University New York	Marist College	Seton Hall University		Western New England University
Drew University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Shelton State Community College		Wilkes University
Drexel University	Marymount Manhattan College	Shenandoah University		Williams College
Duke University	Marywood University	Siena College		Wilson College
	Massachusetts College of Art and	Sophia University		Worcester Polytechnic Institute
		Southern Connecticut State		Xavier University
				York College of Pennsylvania

Eastchester Middle School Class of 2024

Nora Ademaj*
 Julia Beatriz Alioti Passi*
 Alyna Almanzar
 Vincent Amodeo
 Nana Arai
 Kateryna Artemenko
 Anthony Avitabile
 Audrey Badlyans
 James Baker
 Dahlia Bargellini*
 Conor Barry
 Owen Matthew Beades*
 Ava Justine Benveniste*
 Penelope Hebe Boyd
 Thomas Brady
 Landon Brito
 Giuliana Brunelli*
 Khloe Budries
 Ayaan Butt
 Dante Campos
 Fabiane Campusano
 Leo Carapella*
 Ellery Pearl Cohen Casey
 Camryn Cassese
 Zakaria Ceesay
 Dominic Cesarini
 Georgia Cesarini
 Ethan Cheung*
 Marc Joseph Chiavetta
 Ava Sofia Ciarletta
 Jason Cipriano*
 Joseph Anthony Colagiaco*
 Mara Anne Collins*
 Brianna T. Cook
 Chase Corey
 Bria Cornyn*
 Sabrina Cosgrove
 Mark Joseph Covais
 Amar'e Demarcus Crawford
 Asher Czar*
 Gianna Marie D'Arco
 Lilly Annette D'Arcy
 Michael Alexander D'Aversa-Herbert
 Pierre d'Epinay
 Grant Daly
 Kieran Daly
 Alice Davis
 Natalia Mia de Leon*
 John Michael Dealy
 Erik deCos
 Nicholas DeMartini
 Thomas-Jai DeMayo
 Rebecca DeRise
 Jake Antonio Diasio*
 Aidan DiBenedetto
 Emika Dina
 James DiNapoli
 Margot Dixon
 Alexander Donovan
 Haru Marie Dukanac*
 Nqobile Duma
 Peter MacFarlane Dunn
 Alexander Jacob Edwards
 Mohid Faraz
 Riley Sophia Ferguson
 Olivia Julia Ferro

Thomas Fix
 Ashleigh Mikayla Fleurimond*
 Nathaniel Flores
 Colin Patrick Flynn
 Kaitlin Hope Forzaglia
 Mia Frokaj*
 Leticia Funaki Viola
 Anna Gadeleva*
 Patrick Francis Gaffney
 Grace Margaret Gaines*
 Shelsea Dayana Gallardo Benitez
 Kayleigh Geagan*
 Chloe Gelosa
 Nadia Gemma
 Marco Gennuso*
 Brooks Alexander Gessa
 Athena Gianas
 Francesca Gianas
 Siena Brooke Giaquinto*
 Joseph P. Gjellaj
 Liliana Gjollaj
 David Graham
 John R. Greer*
 Adela L. Hajredinaj
 Ian Yoogun Ham*
 Kenji Hamilton
 Ella Francine Hannon*
 Connor Hare
 Jonathan Hart
 Rikuma Hata
 Yuma Hata
 Vivian Hope
 Yoshino Hoshizumi
 Kayla Elizabeth Hsu
 Amelia Iannuccilli
 Leo Ismajlsufaj
 Aksel Jarosz
 Jayden Siwon Jung
 Jack Boey Kamen
 Rei Kasuya
 Jaxon Alexander Keiler
 Julia Kempkes
 Samantha Kempkes
 Alexandra Kolndreu
 Izuho Kono
 Alexander Kostalos
 Lila Kovar
 Stella Jane Kowalski*
 Yuto Kozaki
 Brian Junil Kwon
 Juliana Marie Lage
 Alina Lalic
 Anne Lama
 William Landi*
 Langa Lukundo Avuyile*
 Nicholas M. LaPorte
 Bodhi Rey LaSalle
 Emma Lavis*
 Olivia Le
 Jhung June Lee*
 Abby Lin
 Leah Lipman*
 Matthew Livigni*
 Raimond Lleshi
 Adrianna Lopes*
 Eduardo Lopez Jr.

Chloe Charlotte Lu
 Daniel Joseph Lucente
 Tom-Paul Lumaj
 Jaclyn Lydon*
 Molly Lydon
 Eliot Madden
 Daniela Ava Maiolini
 Anna Maria Malinin*
 Nicholas John Malley*
 Brody Manavi Hartung
 Anthony Marcucilli
 Brendan R. Martin
 Alexa Martinez
 Saorla Mason*
 Ava Mastrandrea*
 Celia Mayer*
 Deliah Sucena McCullough
 Thomas Brian McDonagh
 Jaysean McDonald
 Luke Thomas McDonough
 Jennabelle Joy McKay
 Liam McMahon
 Danielle Anne McManamy
 Samanta Melikova
 Samantha Joy Messina*
 Jake Michalak*
 Alexander Ivan Mieses
 Alex Miller
 Jessica Mary Mirukaj*
 Haru Mitsuyama
 Enki Mjerashaj
 Abigail Moen
 Balsam Mutaz Mohamed Esmail
 Augustine James Montenegro*
 Julian Edenilso
 Sophia M. Morris
 Armend Murati
 Madeline K. Murray*
 Kotone Nagi*
 Kayla Nardi
 Louis Navarro
 Thien Minh Nguyen*
 Harrison S. Nicolosi
 Luke Gjergj Nikci
 Ken Niu*
 Luciano Giovanni Nonni-Lawrence
 Giulianna Notaro*
 Yuma Ohigashi
 Julianna Maria Pacella
 Athanasios Pantazis
 Vincent Stephen Parisi
 Dylan Matthew Pasia
 Sofia Alexandra Patterson*
 Anthony Perrotti
 Mariella Petrillo*
 Paul John Petrillo
 Antonios Pitsos
 Sofia Prada
 Sarah Rabelo
 Luka Rados
 Ronan Elias Ramirez
 Kristen Chloe Punzalan Rayco*
 Kylie Reardon*
 Derek Reilly*
 Jake Reilly
 Nico Z. Renzo*

Ryan Retacco
 James H. Richmond
 Jason Rivera
 Victoria Rodriguez
 Harry Rohr*
 Matthew Rohr*
 Mason Rose
 Luca Michael Ross*
 Kiana Ruane*
 Jessica-Louise Alexandra Rubio
 Hudson Tai Rufo
 Chloe Ava Rutkowski*
 Emilia Ryan
 Oliver James Ryba
 Siena Sabia
 Jasper Sacolick
 Ryosay Aidan Sai
 Ali Salem
 John Salvi
 Ava Samayoa*
 Logan Joseph Samayoa
 James Robinson Santana
 Madison Santana*
 Anabella Santiago-Scheck
 Mason Sapir
 Ava Elizabeth Savarese*
 Zachary Schechter
 Ryan Schubert
 Emma Schultz*
 Vincent J. Scocozza, Jr*
 John Seney
 Paige McKane Sheley
 Abigail Finley Shepelsky
 Keida Shiqerukaj
 Jennifer Shkambi
 Alexandra Rose Sinha*
 Sabrina E. Stave*
 Jaiden Gary Suelto
 Yukari Sugawara*
 Connor J. Swick
 Hailey Rachael Swick
 Casey Philip Taggart
 Masaki Tatezawa*
 Christopher Timlin
 Evan Tinoco*
 Yuki Toyoda*
 Michael Trentini
 Samantha Jeanne Triano
 Sophia Troja*
 Sona Tsukada
 Casey Tomohisa Tsuneizumi
 Atsuto Ueno
 Ally Vasami
 John Vecchione
 Andrew Michael Verrino
 Lucia Villar Barrios
 Catherine Qingyuan Wang*
 Adriana Rose Weigand
 Madison Isabelle White*
 Michael J. Yi
 Kazuki Yoshimi
 Momoka Yukishige*
 Lillah Autumn Zaharakis
 *Denotes National Junior Honor Society

Eastchester Middle School Awards

Spirit of the Eagle

Red: John Greer
Blue: Madison White

DAR

Red: Augustine Montenegro
Blue: Madeline Murray

New York State Congressional Award

Red: Julia Alioti Passi
Blue: Jacob Michalak

American Association of University Women Award (Math and Science)

Red: Sophia Troja, Mariella Petrillo
Blue: Jessica Rubio, Anna Malinin

Triple "C" Award

Red: Casey Taggart
Blue: Zachary Schechter

NYS Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli Student Achievement Award

Red: Nicholas Malley
Blue: Celia Mayer

Humanities Award

Red: Sofia Patterson
Blue: Giuliana Brunelli

Personal Growth Award

Red: Anthony Marcucilli, Alexandra Sinha,
Shelsea Gallardo
Blue: Francesca Gianas, Alexander Edwards,
Kaitlin Forzaglia, Jennifer Shkambi

SEPTA Appreciation Awards

Red: Anthony Avitabile, Grace Gaines
Blue: Alexandra Kolndreu, Camryn Cassese,
Celia Mayer

Student Speakers

Red: Kiana Ruane
Blue: Katerina Artemenko

SOAR

Red: Joseph Colagiaco, Jake Diasio, Masaki
Tatezawa, Lucia Villar Barrios, Abigail Shepelsky,
John Dealy, Kylie Reardon, Chloe Rutowski
Blue: Dylan Pasia, Saorla Mason,
Natalia De Leon, Madison Santana,
Jason Cipriano, Evan Tinoco,
Alexandria Vasami, Haru Dukanac

EMS Students Eager for New Challenges

On June 25, in front of family and friends, 261 eighth graders celebrated the end of their time at Eastchester Middle School at the EMS Moving Up Ceremony. The event allowed students, staff and administrators to reflect on the lessons they have learned the last three years and how best to apply those lessons as this cohort moves on to new opportunities in the high school halls.



EMS Principal Madelin LoBue asked the rising ninth graders to think of the Eagle, Eastchester's mascot, as a symbol of perseverance, resilience and determination—qualities to which each of the students in attendance should aspire.

"These are qualities that are embodied by our school mascot and that are essential for success in life," said LoBue "The eagle is a symbol of strength, power and freedom; it soars through the skies with grace and precision, always striving to reach new heights. In the same way, each and every one of you has that same potential."

The audience was treated to words from two student representatives, Katerina Artemenko and Kiara Ruane, who urged their classmates to reflect on the changes they have undergone throughout their time at the middle school.

"Three years ago on this very field, we shared a very similar experience, as youngsters who were amazed by the fact that we were now becoming middle schoolers," said Artemenko. "Now, as we stand here today, I hope you agree with me that you never thought that the journey through these middle grades would be so short."

Ruane added that each of the students heading to high school next year are wiser, more confident students than they were when they entered EMS three years ago.

"Academically, socially and physically, each and every one of us is a totally different person than when we first entered these walls," said Ruane. "We are much more than the wide-eyed sixth graders we began as in 2021; bulbs take a while to blossom but when they do, it is just breath-taking."

"Just like the eagle uses the power of the wind to lift itself higher, we too can use our inner strength to rise above our challenges and reach new heights of success," said LoBue. "Success does not come easy, it requires hard work, determination, and the willingness to persevere through challenges and setbacks."

"It is not about never falling down," she added. "But rather about getting back up and trying again."

SEPTA Spirit Awards (Guido & Dorsey)

John Salvi
Thomas McDonagh
Nathaniel Flores Martinez
Michael Tretini
Luke McDonagh
Jasper Sacolick
Dylan Pasia
Connor Barry

New York State Senate Achievement Award

Red: Jung Lee
Blue: Kotone Nagi

Anne Hutchinson Class of 2024

*Franklin Eduardo Agustin Lopez

*Bianca Arce Bowen

*Brandon Baltch

*Charles Bevilacqua

*Claire Bolduc

*Martin Brady

Chelsea Bruce

*Scarlett Cade

*Olivia Calo

*Gabriella Caporaso

*Vincent Chiappetta

*Chase Colantonio

*Jonathan Coleman

*Amelia Cosentino

*Marco De Luca

*Nicholas Degennaro

*Francesca Dimagiba

*Lukas Dori

Oyama Duma

*Dylan Fairclough

*Athena Faragi

*Manha Faraz

*Kieran Flynn

*Elijah Furman

Thomas Giuliano

*Jack Harridan

Joseph Hart

*David Hernandez-Rodich

*Saori Hijikata

*Samantha Holly

Jun Ishikawa

Diandra Julca Hoyos

*Fiona Kavanagh

*Grace Keane

*JohnPaul Khader

*Shuntaro Kuroe

*Sofia Lisanti

*Abigail Lora

*Juliemarie Maban

*Anthony Maiolini

*Justin Maltese

*Jesus Martinez Almonte

Keigo Matsuura

*Sean McCarthy

*Era Mekshiqi

Salma Melikova

*Travis Merengueli

Kou Mitsuyama

*Jaxon Moleski

Christopher Morrison

*James Mylenski

*Sophia Nacita

*Emma Nagib

Yuto Nakatani

*Julius Nargi

*Emma Nicaj

*Tessa Nordone

*Greer Nosenzo

*Nate Nunes

*Nolan O'Neill

Reo Ohigashi

Youssef Ould-Ibbat

*Aryn Ozkurt

*George Pantazis



Christopher Parisi

*Ava Perrotti

*Sylvia Pho

*Ryan Pisseri

*Max Polanco

*Hannah Radbell

Aaron Ramirez-Jara

*Nora Ritchie

*Nicholas Rivera

*Nickolas Rodriguez

*Sophia Rodriguez-Cabrera

*Cecilia Rogliano

*Chloe Rosario

*Callie Roth

*Andrew Rudewicz

*Kenshiro Saito

*Michelle Salas

Lucas Sallustio

*Ayden Sannella

*Alexander Santiago

*McKenna Santoro

Roman Sozio

*Vassilios Stathos

Mason Suarez

*Minhee Sung

Simon Susanto

*Abigail Swenson

*Benjamin Tine

*Gianluca Tobon

*Diego Toro

*Leo Trerotola

*Krishna Treve

*Annabella Vergez Cedrone

*Maya Veripapa

*Salvatore Wager

*Tess White

Sosuke Yoshikawa

*Henry Zimmerman

*Student Council Members



Anne Hutchinson School Awards

H.E.A.R.T. Award

Hannah Radbell

Excellence in STEM

Claire Bolduc

Creativity Award

Annabella Vergez Cedrone

Outstanding Sportsmanship

Sean McCarthy

Award in Music

Shuntaro Kuroe

Citizenship Award

Grace Keane
Samantha Holly

E.J. Merchant Award

Max Polanco

Triple C Awards

Abigail Swenson
Athena Faragi
Maya Veripapa
Nate Nunes
Ayden Sannella

Anne Hutch Fifth Graders “Move Up” to EMS



Over the last four years, members of the Anne Hutchinson Class of 2024 have approached challenges and opportunities with enthusiasm, openness and determination.

On Monday, June 24, those fifth graders celebrated their elementary school journeys and looked ahead to what the future at Eastchester Middle School may hold, taking the stage for their Moving Up ceremony to mark the end of their time at the Mill Road school.

“We are so proud of this fifth-grade class,” said Anne Hutchinson Principal Dr. Annette Keane. “Over the years, they have truly grown to embody the ‘Anne Hutch Has H.E.A.R.T.’ program, helping others, engaging in learning, acting responsibly, respecting people and property, and taking safety seriously.”

One student from each fifth-grade class was chosen to speak at the Moving Up ceremony, discussing some of their fondest memories of the last four years and imparting some of the wisdom they have gleaned from their time at the 2-5 elementary school.

Francesca Dimagiba said that Anne Hutchinson’s staff created a welcoming environment that encouraged students to take an active part in their educational experience.

“One thing that makes Anne Hutchinson so special to me is all the staff members and teachers,” said Dimagiba. “All of the memories are so special because of my teachers and friends; I gained more confidence, knowledge and friendship from this school and that means a lot to me.”

JohnPaul Khader said that many of his most cherished memories from the last four years were centered around the “Anne Hutch has H.E.A.R.T.” program which inspired students to become a positive influence in the school community.

“One of the best memories was when the H.E.A.R.T. Helpers came around to each classroom,” said Khader. “It was nice to meet new people and make friends this way.”

Now, as the students embark on the next phase of their educational journeys, Keane hopes that they will build upon the lessons they learned at Anne Hutchinson and continue to make their marks on the world.

“Each one of you is truly remarkable and will be missed at Anne Hutch,” said Keane. “At the same time, your teachers and I are excited to see you move up to Eastchester Middle School.”



Greenvale Class of 2024

Defne Kayar Akinci
 Chisa Arai
 Layla Armiento
 Andrew Artemenko
 Nii Ayi Kai Aryee
 Anna Astapkova
 Leonita Avdijaj
 Aasrita Avula
 Alta Belegu
 Jamie Bergschneider
 Mila Birukova
 Andrew Budries
 Melisa Bujaj
 Ethan Bushati
 Alec Capeci
 Ynes Rosalie Chin
 Michael Cipriano
 Sienna Ana Cole
 Scarlett Concannon
 Brody James Conway
 Mariah Crawford
 Charles Bowen Daly
 Sebastiano Davino
 Amara Devi DeMayo
 Mouhamed Diao
 Joseph Daniel DiMarco
 Ryan Faber
 Stella Grace Fiore
 Madelyn Moriah Fisher
 Maria Amparo Folch-Montana
 Alexander Forte
 Connor Patrick Gannon
 Carmen Louise Gardner
 Melina Gatsios
 Ayla Jo Giahn
 Noelle Hope Giaquinto
 AJ Gjelijaj
 Matthew Gjelijaj
 Marko Glavan
 Tomas Guerra
 Dominick Gutierrez
 Aleena Hassan
 Sebastian Hider
 Brandon Holt
 Yayoi Hotta

Peter Iannuccilli
 Luca Steven Iasillo
 Rua Ikeda
 Xander Janssens
 Gracie Jennings
 Lilah Sophia Jimenez
 Emma Marie Kasper
 Jackson Riley Kelly
 Akari Kida
 Alexander Kwon
 Savannah Grace Lally
 Rhiannon Elizabeth Lange
 Evan Lanzillotto
 Stella Dorothea Leone
 Karina Alexia Lurye
 Leo Anthony Machare
 Brianna Maksuti
 Andrew Gabriel Mangione
 Alexander Martinez
 Caoilinn Mason
 Lisa Matsuura
 Eliana Carolina Maxwell
 Yash Mayya
 Olivia Grace McAuley
 James McCarthy
 Danny McCarthy
 Peter McCarthy
 Meghan McDonagh
 Emmett McGee
 Claire McKeon
 Charlotte Ann McMahon
 Mary Molly Mehrer
 Gianna Miro
 Avery C. Mok
 Gabriella Morris
 Oliver Moss
 Aiden Muca
 Avia G. Napier
 Lorenc Nrecaj
 Kokomi Ogake
 Naomi S. Okumura
 Cassie Perl
 Ella Perlleshi
 Christian John Pisano
 Jenna Anne Polansky

Vyom A. Puranik
 Isabella Marie Ramirez
 Reese Reilly
 Oliver M. Ricra
 Logan Paul Rosenfeld
 Sophia Eva Ross
 Ryan Ruiz
 Erza Shala
 Dylan Sheahan
 Terrence H. Sheehan
 Edion Shiqerukaj
 Giuseppe Silletta
 Joseph Spivak
 Roan Stevens
 Marcel Stringa
 Lorenzo Sypher
 Leia Tajimi
 Saya Tatsumi
 Adrianna Olivia Theriault
 Aidan Thompson
 Olivia Thomson
 Timothy Timlin
 Catalina Tinoco
 Sofia Andrade Vakhrameva
 Giuliana Palma Vero
 Guillermo Villar Barrios
 Valentina Wirtz Gonzalez
 Dylan Ryo Yamasaki
 Mirei Yoshioka



Greenvale School Awards

NYS Attorney General "Triple C" Award for Character, Courage and Commitment

Aasrita Avula
Akari Kida
Stella Leone
Caoilinn Mason
Meghan McDonagh

John A. Huneke Memorial Award

Kokomo Ogake

Harold J. Dunn Sportsmanship Award

Marko Gavin
Sofia Vakhraneva

Jill Nowak Memorial Award

Stella Fiore

Gabriel J. Rescigno Memorial Award

Edion Shiqerukaj

Frances Siciliano Memorial Award

Sebastian Davino

Frances K. Foster Memorial Award

Jamie Bergschneider

Greenvale Fifth Graders Eager for New Challenges



On June 20, Greenvale's graduating fifth grade class had a chance to think about memories, both the ones they have made at Greenvale over the last four years and the ones they will have the opportunity to create as they continue their academic journeys next year at Eastchester Middle School.

Taking the stage in the EMS auditorium, the rising sixth graders heard from Greenvale Principal Joanna Napolitano, who lauded the group for the strides they have made since arriving at Greenvale as both students and members of the community.

"Today we celebrate a remarkable milestone in the lives of our fifth graders; as your principal, I have had the opportunity to watch each of you grow and learn in your time at Greenvale," said Napolitano. "Today, we not only recognize your academic achievements but also how you've grown and matured, celebrating your resiliency and determination."

Noelle Giaquinto was selected to make remarks on behalf of her classmates and spoke about the many events that helped to shape the cohort's time at Greenvale, from class trips to snowball fights and "Friendly Fridays."

And while Giaquinto said it's natural to look back on these memories with a certain wistfulness, it's important to remember that there are more memories to be formed as the group moves on to EMS.

"Doesn't it feel like this all just happened yesterday?" inquired Giaquinto. "Each day we have a chance to make new memories; some might be funny, others might be sad, but as long as we remember them, appreciate them and learn from them, we will be able to seize each day."

"I watched my older sister in middle school get busier with schoolwork, activities and fun events and I know we're only going to get busier," she added. "However, we need to stay present, slow down, and cherish all these moments; don't forget when you get where you're going, turn back and remember who helped you along the way."



Waverly Class of 2024

Omar Abdel Muhdi	Erick Encalda	Kei Kamogari	Sienna Mullen	Lori Stock
Joury Alhmeidan	Jessica Farrell	Lily Kanayama	Francis Musso	Esme Suarez
Samira Amy	Emma Fellin	Holly Karol	Alexander Nakamura	Frederick Sweatman
Khao Ando	Olivia Ferguson	Keira Kaschalk	Kurumi Nakano	Yuya Takaki
Sebastian Aleska	Eli Fisher	Colin Kasper	Adeline Nappi	Minato Taniguchi
Nora Avdijaj	Alexander Folch-Montana	Austin Keller	Gabriel Nilaj	Julia Tateishi
Noah Bahar	Reiya Forest	Kieran Keller	Kaito Ogawa	Lucilla Toro
Maxim Baranov	Michael Fortuno	Emelyn Kim	Ko Okawa	Shouna Tseng
Carissa Barran	Isabelle Frawley	Luna Ko	Alivia O'Neil	Jones Tuchman
Dominic Barone	Livia Freudenberg	Yuki Kobayashi	Waeel Ould-Ibbat	Connor Twomey
Soichiro Bekku	Yuto Fukaya	Moiria Kornman	Zayn Pena	Anna Tylyzhyn
Christian Belardino	Ava Fuoco	Delilah Kornspun	Kira Perl	Rikuto Ueno
Vance Belli	Jeremy Garzon Calle	James KREATSOULAS	Brooke Pimpinella	Joseph Ulaj
Liana Bern	Jon Gashi	Dylan Kukaj	Gregory Pinker	Liliana Ullrich
Christian Blair	Eliana Gecaj	Aulona Kurbogaj	Matthew Pisseri Jr.	Avni Valasae
Mateo Borges-Gonzalez	Zoe Gethers	Hayate Kuroe	Natalie Polansky	Joaquin Valderrama
Emma Bouchier-Hayes	Anthony Giacobbe	Katherine LaCassa	Julietta Porras	Ariana Valdes
Nora Bolduc	Gabriella Gilloon	Grayson Lakaj	Layla Powell	Ethan Veripapa
Giacomo Borgognone Jr.	Abigail Glassberg	Eunhewl Lee	Alexandra Raab	Lucia Vinci
Thomas Broder	Sanya Goindi	Mia Lee	Andrew Reilly	Sarina Vincenzo
Mary Brusco	Lilah Goncalves	Adalyn Li	Benjamin Ribeiro	Demetri Vouyoukliotis
Melinda Bujaj	Adriel Gonzalez Vasquez	Austin Lindemann	Anthony Ricci	Jinxing Xia
Layla Cacaj	Luna Gracie	Kaleigh LoMedico	Antonio Rocchio	Christian Wager
Michael Calo Jr.	William Greer	Giorgio Manganiello	Ralph Rubino	Samantha Waldron
Tessa Carlisto	Yeona Guntzburger	Veronica Marji	Audrey Rudewicz	Ei Watanabe
Amelia Carlone	Ellery Han	Lucy Maldarelli	Jackson Samii	Kou Watanabe
Charlotte Casey	Brady Harvey	Aalia Marks	Emily Salazar	Quinn Waters
Adrian Cekic	Henry Harwood	Ethan Mauch	Jake Sallustio	Mason Wieseahn
Markus Chiu	Masaya Hasouka	Thomas Maxwell	Chloe Sannella	Shoshana Wirt
Philip Chung	Calvin Heneghan	Harper McCullough	Reid Schulman	Mckenzie Yanni
Milo Clarke	Sebastian Hevia-Martini	Mathieu McCullough	Peter Sclavo	Lena Yi
Claire Connelly	William Hewitt	Adriana Mernacej	Skylar Scullion	
Jordan Cotto	Anthony Hoffman	Ryan Michetti	Adea Shala	
Cole Dameron	Amalia Holland	Sophia Mitaj	Addison Sheehy	
Manuela Da Silva	Juna Honda	Nene Miwa	Desmond Shepardson	
Ella Davenport	Gavin Hope	Nicolas Mizrahi	Andrew Shkreli	
Rose DeCecchis	Rionagh Impey Harbut	Richard Montesano	Anika Shteyn	
Talia Devine	Vivienne Ingolio	Scarlett Morose	Sebastian Sica	
Abdoulaye Diao	Riley Irace	Katherine Mortensen	Abigail Signore	
Maddison DiGiovanni	Caitlin Isaia	Ishaan Mukherjee	Annabelle Simpson	
Francis DiStefano	Cecilia Johnston	Ivaan Mukherjee	Ava Spagnolo	
Aurora Doci	Benjamin Ju	Jason Murnan	John Sterkaj	

Waverly Class of 2024



Waverly 1st Graders Spread Wings

On June 18, Waverly's first graders commemorated the end of their time in the district's K-1 elementary school as they took the risers in the gymnasium for the annual Moving Up Concert.

Led by music teacher Katherine Ness, the youngsters put on their final performance of their Waverly careers, enthusiastically singing songs about the friendships they have forged throughout the last two years.

Waverly Principal Dr. Vidya Bhat was effusive in her praise of Waverly's first graders, commenting on their growth and assuring them that they will continue to find joy in learning as they move on to either Anne Hutchinson or Greenvale in September.

Your first grade year is officially complete, you're all moving up now; isn't that neat?" said Bhat. "You've learned so many things throughout the year, and you're ready for Grade 2, have no fear."

Following the Moving Up Concert, the first graders and their families were treated to a celebratory picnic that featured music, games, inflatable slides and a foam pit that was quite the hit with the soon-to-be second graders.

We're so excited to watch our young Eagles spread their wings and soar!



Dr. Capuano Makes Final Commencement Address



The gravity of the moment didn't quite hit Dr. Jeffrey Capuano until sometime after the graduation ended, when the longtime principal of Eastchester High School took a second in the empty school building to think about his time in the district and the countless faces—of students, staff and faculty—that have made the last two decades so memorable.

On June 26, Capuano—who retired in July after 21 years at the helm of EHS—gave his final commencement address at the Eastchester High School Graduation.

After a whirlwind final month of the school year and sending Eastchester's 2024 graduates off with a message of hope, celebration and optimism, Capuano said he was finally able to begin to process the emotions that came with contemplating the end of a long, fruitful chapter of his career.

"There is always a little bit of sadness when it comes to saying goodbye to a graduating class, but there's also excitement and anticipation about where they're going to go and what they're going to accomplish," said Capuano. "It wasn't until I walked back to the quiet high school after graduation that I had time to consider my own 'graduation' and my time as the principal of Eastchester High School."

Capuano was initially hired as the Eastchester High School principal in 2003, though he acknowledges that his connection to the district goes back further than that, considering his family's deep connection to the town.

"I had ties to the district even before I started here; my wife's grandmother went to school in the district, her father graduated from EHS and was captain of the football team, and she and her two brothers excelled here," he said. "It's a school that the entire family was proud of and a place that I knew I would be able to call home; I am grateful that both of my daughters also were able to experience such a wonderful school and community."

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Dr. Capuano Makes Final Commencement Address

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Capuano said it has been a pleasure working with students and staff over the last two decades in order to uphold Eastchester's rich tradition as a vibrant and welcoming learning environment.

With roughly 400 more students currently enrolled at EHS than when he first started, Capuano said that some of the most important strides made by the school over the last two decades have centered around course offerings and expanded programs aimed at increasing students' stakes in their own education.

"One of our big focuses was building the curriculum from where it was to where it is today. We've significantly increased the number of AP and college courses that we offer (from 15 to 26), but we've also expanded the school's art, business, and elective programs," he said. "We really tried to build interesting classes to meet all of the students' needs and interests."

Capuano hopes that the school's commitment to excellence will continue to inspire students walking the EHS hallways, something he felt was reaffirmed by the kind words that the commencement's student speakers shared about Eastchester—and the administrators, staff and faculty that helped to shape their time as Eagles.

"What stands out to me is the kids' appreciation - their feeling that they were known and that they recognize everything that we tried to do for them," said Capuano. "It was definitely tough to get up and speak after that."

"I hope to be remembered as someone who loves this school, loves the students, and loves this community," he added. "For me, this wasn't just a job. While I worked here, I also lived here, raised my family here, and built many lasting relationships here."



High School Sports Awards

Exceptional Student Appreciation Award
Michelle Tiso

Nicholas DePippo Scholarship
Matthew Porcello

Samantha Kearns "Simply the Best" Memorial Scholarship
Victoria Caporasso

The Michael Provenza Foundation Memorial Scholarship
Kieran McCloskey

James "Jimmy" Amodio Memorial Scholarship
Brandon Hom
James McCauley

Dave DiRubba Memorial Scholarship
Michelle Tiso
Jake Warnock

Dominic A. Cecere Memorial Scholarship
Kayla Comizio
Aidan Schultz

Marie Astarita Memorial Scholarship
Alexandra Pfeiffer

Joseph "Mr. Z" Zumar Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Porcello

August "Augie" Nardone Memorial Scholarship
Kelly Hyland
Jack Pennachio

Jerry Cesarini Memorial Scholarship
Kayla Comizio
Aidan Schultz

Karissa J. Kumpan Memorial Scholarship
Juliana Lentini

Fred R. DiCarlo Memorial Scholarship
Declan McLaughlin

Jill Ann Nowak Memorial Scholarship
Lucy Mortensen
Anselma Petrie

Eastchester Little League Scholarship
Bailey Gallo
Jason Ugalde

Joseph A. Liucci Memorial Scholarship
Joseph Roche

Anthony S. Cacciola Memorial Scholarship
Jacob O'Bryan

Petrescu / Maffetone Scholarship
Kait Sweeney

Robert & Patricia Haindl Memorial Scholarship
Emma Kelly
Matthew Bellach

The "Doc" Boyer Memorial Scholarship
Emily Forzaglia
Martina Boiano

The Philip "Fud" Pinto, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Sean Mannion

Eastchester Eagles Sports Club Awards
Adriana Correa
Ryan Corrigan
Marisa DelBrocco
Nicholas DiMarzo
Brady Dunleavy
Ken Fukumoro
Romeo Lotto
Joe Portante
John Quinn
Alex Titto

The Golden Eagle Award
Riley Conway
Matthew Thomson

Athlete of the Year
Luciana Gutierrez
Aidan Schultz

Spirit of the Eagle
Michelle Tiso
Matthew Porcello





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