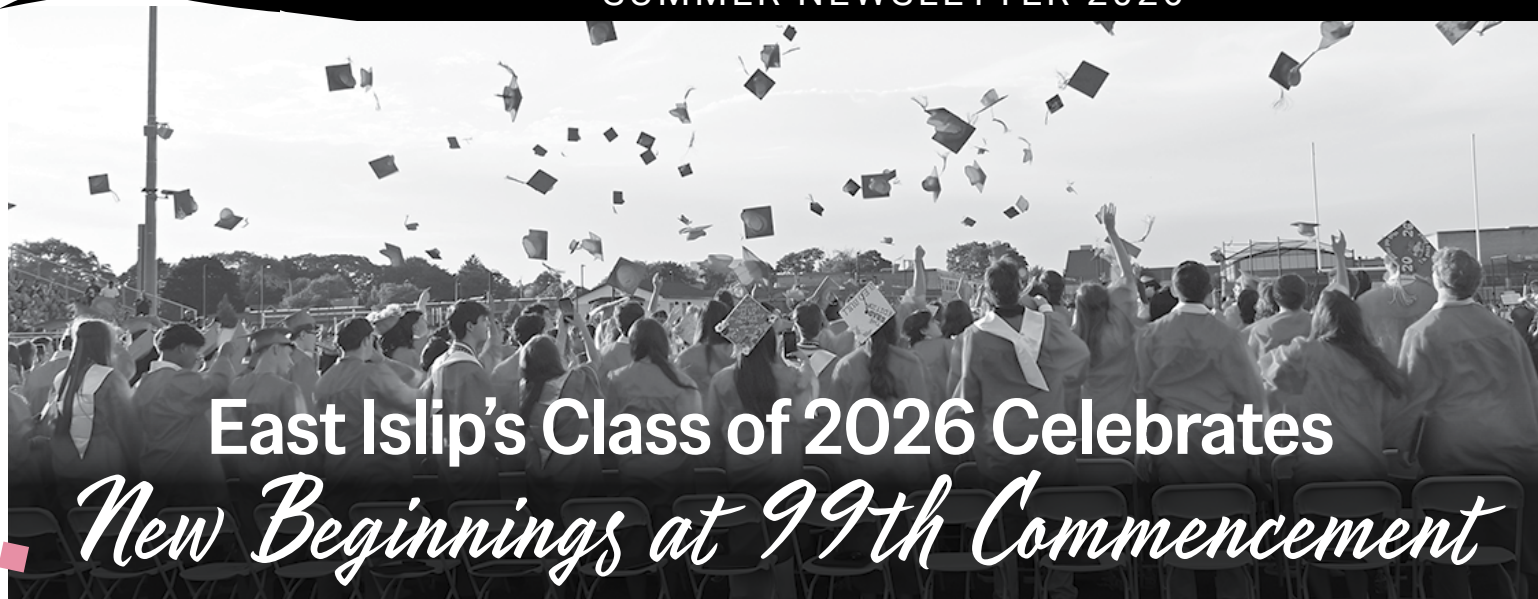




EAST ISLIP

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East Islip's Class of 2026 Celebrates *New Beginnings at 99th Commencement*

East Islip High School celebrated the achievements of the Class of 2026 during its 99th commencement ceremony on June 25. Family and friends filled the stands at Sal Ciampi Field at Boomer Esiason Stadium as the graduates processed onto the field to mark the culmination of their high school journey and the beginning of an exciting new chapter.

To begin the ceremony, Angelica Amaya, Emilia Cicale, Michael Collina, Ava Gonzalez, Olivia Primiano and Marilyn Salmeron led the Pledge of Allegiance; Gianna Monroi sang the "The Star-Spangled Banner"; and Emeline Abel, Delaney DeMasi, Ethan Jensen and Anderson Ross sang "America the Beautiful," with all being interpreted by the school's advanced American Sign Language class.

In his address, Principal Anthony Montemarano reflected on the passage of time from kindergarten to senior year, saying, "While today marks the end of a chapter, it is also the beginning – continue serving, succeeding and creating new memories." He emphasized the importance of holding on to cherished moments and appreciating accomplishments, and reminded the seniors to thank those who have helped them along the way.

"It was the small, everyday interactions that truly made high school so special," said salutatorian Angel Mai, whose remarks focused on appreciating the present rather than just focusing on future goals. She concluded by capturing one final high school memory using her digital camera, urging everyone to

smile and celebrate the journey.

Valedictorian Liam Eichler reflected on his second grade moving-up ceremony, where he and his young classmates shared their future career aspirations of becoming teachers, doctors, police officers and scientists. He encouraged the class to continue pursuing those dreams and to bring the same energy, spirit and acceptance to all their future endeavors as they have done throughout high school.

Superintendent Paul Manzo encouraged the graduates to continue challenging themselves, embrace new opportunities and lead with integrity. He noted the significance of their graduation coinciding with the 250th anniversary of the United States, reminding students that every generation has the power to help shape the nation's future.

Board of Education President Stephen Ruland congratulated the graduates and told them, "Remember your roots, seek help when needed, take your time to find your passion and be kind and respectful."

Class of 2026 President Alison Rosati recognized the top 25



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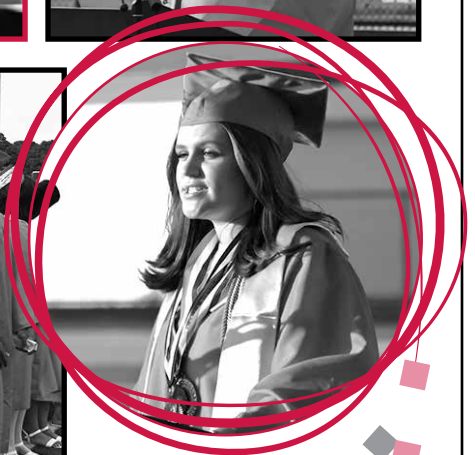
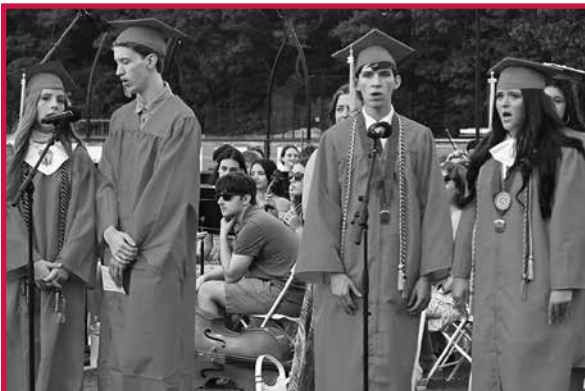


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seniors, inviting them to stand while announcing the colleges they will attend this fall. Other highlights included a special ceremony honoring the 1976 graduates of East Islip High School with a second diploma, celebrating 50 years of achievements and community impact, and recognition of graduates who will be serving in the military after commencement.

Following the presentation of diplomas and the traditional turning of the tassels, the graduates celebrated together as hundreds of red caps soared into the air. The joyful moment was met with cheers from the stands as the newest EI alumni took their first steps toward the next chapter of their lives.

Congratulations





East Islip High School recognized the top 10 highest-ranking academic seniors of the Class of 2026 at a joyous bagel breakfast celebration with administrators and school counselors. The top 10 included valedictorian Liam Eichler (who will attend Carnegie Mellon University,

CLASS OF 2026 TOP 10 SENIORS *RECOGNIZED*

majoring in architecture and business) and salutatorian Angel Mai (Stony Brook University, pre-nursing), as well as Aadil Ali (Baruch College, accounting), Keira Bloch (University at Albany, public health), Sophia Chillemi (Molloy University, nursing), Angelina Codispoti (Stony Brook University, psychology), Jason Engel (Georgia Institute of Technology, business administration), Viki Li (Stony Brook University/Georgia Institute of Technology, chemical engineering), Olivia Primiano (Stony Brook University, French education and linguistics) and Cailyn Talt (Seton Hall University, biology).

EI HONORS CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATES *ANSWERING THE CALL TO SERVE*

East Islip High School recognized five members of the Class of 2026 during commencement for their commitment to military service. As they begin the next chapter of their lives, these graduates will proudly represent their school and community while serving the nation in branches of the United States Armed Forces.



DEVIN FRANKLIN
SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Air Force ROTC
(Cyberspace Operations Officer)

NICHOLAS INIRIO
U.S. Navy
(Air Rescue Swimmer)

BEN ORELLANA
U.S. Air Force

ALLISON STACY
MARCA RAMON
U.S. Marine Corps

ETHAN RAZZA
U.S. Army

IN MEMORIAM *Gabriella Torrey-Krilov*



As the district celebrates the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 within this newsletter, it recognizes East Islip graduating Class of 2026 candidate - Gabriella Torrey-Krilov – who passed away suddenly in June prior to the high school ceremony. Gabriella is remembered by her family and friends as a devoted member of the East Islip school community. As a junior, she was on track to graduate one year early (this June) and had earned a full scholarship to Adelphi University, where she was planning to study forensic science. She will be remembered for her academic achievements, bright future and the positive impact she had on those who knew her.



GOING THE EXTRA MILE: *EIHS Honors Senior Awards Recipients*

East Islip High School celebrated the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 during its annual Senior Awards Ceremony on June 15 in the school auditorium. Students were recognized with awards and scholarships honoring their academic achievement, leadership, service and commitment to excellence throughout their high school careers.

“The Senior Awards ceremony is one of my favorite events of the year, as it provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of students who have gone the extra mile in pursuit of excellence,” Director of Careers and Student Services Dr. Jason Stanton said.

EI HONORS 77 SENIORS WITH SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS



East Islip High School recognized 77 seniors for earning the New York State Seal of Civic Readiness medallion, which was included as a special endorsement on their diplomas. The ceremony was held in the school's auditorium, with Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter in

attendance. The NYSSCR is intended to encourage civic knowledge and participation through experiential learning and the engagement of youth voice, leadership and action. It also provides employers and universities with a method of identifying high school graduates with civics skills.

Middle School Students Prepare for Next Chapter

East Islip Middle School celebrated the accomplishments of its graduating eighth graders during a June 23 moving-up ceremony in the high school auditorium. The event honored students' academic achievements while marking an exciting milestone as they prepared to begin their high school journey this fall.

"Get involved and don't be afraid to challenge yourself," Principal Tara Scully told the students. "Join a club, try out for a team, take a class that

interests you and meet new people. Don't let fear hold you back. While accomplishments matter, character matters most. Continue to work hard, believe in yourselves and lead with kindness, courage and integrity."

"East Islip High School Class of 2030, tonight we are here to celebrate you and your accomplishments," Superintendent Paul Manzo said. "We are proud of what you have achieved and look forward to seeing all that you accomplish in the years ahead."



EAST ISLIP STUDENTS HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE Across Multiple Disciplines



East Islip High School celebrated the accomplishments of hundreds of students this spring during a series of honor society induction ceremonies recognizing excellence in academics, the arts and world languages.

The celebrations began April 28 with the annual World Language Honor Society induction, welcoming 105 new members across American Sign Language, French, Italian and Spanish, including six dual-language inductees. In addition, 22 graduating seniors earning the New York State Seal of Biliteracy were recognized.

On June 1, the school held back-to-back induction ceremonies for the Tri-M Music Honor Society and National Art Honor Society, celebrating students talent,

dedication and commitment to excellence in the visual and performing arts.

The series concluded June 4 with the National Honor Society investiture ceremony, where 64 students were welcomed into the organization. During the tradition, each honoree was greeted by a chosen mentor, who presented them with a graduation stole, symbolizing their achievements in scholarship, leadership, service and character.

"I am incredibly proud of all of our students for their hard work, dedication, leadership, service and commitment to excellence throughout this school year," NHS adviser Nicole Ingram said.

CAREER DAY

Inspires Big Dreams

for Elementary Students



East Islip's youngest students explored many exciting future possibilities during two Career Day events, held at Connetquot Elementary School in April and Timber Point Elementary School in May. Second graders also had the special opportunity to hear from parents who shared insights into their unique professions. The celebrations concluded with students proudly dressing up as their aspiring careers.

"Career Day was such a fun and inspiring experience for our students," said Katie Scuderi, the school counselor for both K-2 buildings. "I had the opportunity to visit every classroom to talk about different careers and their future goals. It was wonderful to see the excitement and creativity as students dressed up as the careers they imagine pursuing one day. We loved celebrating their interests, goals and big dreams for the future."

Freshman **Hallie Klein** Earns Perfect Score in French Contest

East Islip High School freshman Hallie Klein recently won Le Premier Prix, or the Platinum Award, in Le Grand Concours, a national competition in French literacy, where students are asked to sit for a 60-minute exam consisting of listening and reading comprehension

questions. Klein earned a perfect score in both the reading and listening sections of the contest.

"I really enjoy learning the French language and culture, and I hope to keep learning French throughout high school," Klein said.

JFK'S JACOB COYLE Wins Haugland's 'Name the Drone' Contest

John F. Kennedy Elementary School student Jacob Coyle was selected as the winner of the Haugland Group's "Name the Drone" contest, for his entry "EI in the Sky." The Haugland Group had participated as table facilitators at the Islip School Business Partnership's annual STEAM Night event this spring, demonstrating how drones are used to help develop land and build environmental resources. Company representatives visited the school to present Coyle with his prize of a gift card and Haugland gear.



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LIVING LEGACY TREE PLANTED TO COMMEMORATE *America's 250th Anniversary*



The East Islip School District marked the 250th anniversary of the United States with a special tree planting ceremony on June 12 at Ruth C. Kinney Elementary School. Hosted by Director of Humanities Korin Scarles and attended by Town

Supervisor Angie Carpenter, the event celebrated the nation's history while looking ahead to future generations. The ceremony featured musical performances by students from across the district.

As part of the commemoration and Suffolk County's "Planting It Forward to 2276" initiative, the county donated a swamp white oak tree, which was planted on the school grounds. The tree has been entered into the county's Living Legacy Tree Registry and will be permanently recorded in a ceremonial volume maintained by the county clerk's office.

"The planting of this swamp white

oak is more than a symbolic act," Superintendent Paul Manzo said. "It is a reminder that while we honor the achievements and sacrifices of the past 250 years, we also have a responsibility to invest in the future."



EI STUDENTS STEP INTO HISTORY ON 'REVOLUTION 250 DAY'

The district hosted "Revolution 250 Day: Breakout Experience" this spring as part of its celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. The hands-on program was designed for students in high school and middle school U.S. history classes. Over the course of two days, seventh graders and juniors participated in Revolution-themed escape room activities.



Classes gathered in the schools' auxiliary gyms, where students worked collaboratively to solve historically themed challenges connected to key people, ideas and events of the American Revolution. Each breakout activity was designed to reinforce content knowledge, critical thinking and teamwork while keeping the learning experience engaging and interactive for students.



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