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CLASS OF 2026: MORE THAN A DIPLOMA. READY FOR WHAT'S NEXT.



Congratulations, Graduates!



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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS ON MOVING UP!



East Middle School eighth-graders cheered loudly and proudly for one another as they walked across the stage during the school's moving-up ceremony.



North Middle School students joined educators on the stage during the 8th grade moving up ceremony to model what it looks like to "Be the Change."



South Middle School students dressed to impress on the night of their moving-up ceremony, which marks the transition from middle school to high school.



At West Middle School's moving-up ceremony, students and staff embraced Brentwood pride, and each other.



East Elementary's kindergarten moving up ceremony transformed the gym into an under the sea experience with songs, dancing and plenty of bubbles.



Brentwood's young learners excitedly performed for proud parents and families at East Elementary's Pre-K moving-up ceremony.



Hemlock Park Elementary fifth-graders eagerly listened to teachers announcing the winners of the school's annual achievement awards.



A proud moment on stage as a Laurel Park Elementary student happily displays her award during the school's fifth grade moving-up ceremony.

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These Loretta Park Elementary students brought smiles and laughter to the awards portion of the school's moving-up ceremony.



North Elementary fifth-graders proudly crossed the stage to shake hands with the educators who guided their journey.



Northeast Elementary students gathered in front of the building at the close of their graduation ceremony to celebrate with friends and family.



Graduation season in Brentwood coincided with the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which inspired this Oak Park student to proudly wave his Lionel Messi jersey.



Kindergarten graduation at Pine Park Elementary was full of sweet smiles and proud students, with faces that said it all.



Students at Southeast Elementary School's moving-up ceremony were honored with special recognitions that embody Brentwood excellence.



Southwest Elementary kindergarten graduates entered the gymnasium like a band of celebrities as parents and families snapped paparazzi photos.



Twin Pines Elementary fifth-graders proudly crossed the stage with purpose.



839 graduates earned college credit through Graduation PLUS+ opportunities.



Congratulations

CLASS OF

The Class of 2026 received more than approximately \$2 million in scholarships through various opportunities. 10 graduates earned full-ride or full-tuition scholarships.

25 scholar-athletes committed to playing collegiate sports in 2026.



37 graduates are entering a branch of the United States military.





383 graduates are leaving Brentwood with workforce industry certifications.



Graduates earned 109 College Board distinctions.

Congratulations!

2026



5 students graduated with more than 60 college credits earned – the equivalent of two years of college coursework.



425 graduating students obtained the New York State Seal of Biliteracy. 24 students earned the New York State Seal of Civic Readiness.





WHATEVER HAPPENS NEXT ...

Graduates have committed to schools such as Columbia University, Boston University, Villanova University, Stony Brook University and others.

Rafael Estrada: "The opportunities Brentwood has given me are unlike any other. I have been supported by wonderful teachers and counselors who continuously encouraged me to strive for excellence. I took advantage of these opportunities by challenging myself with rigorous courses and participating in extracurricular activities in preparation for my next chapter. My greatest accomplishment during my time at Brentwood was receiving the Gates Scholarship, which will allow me to attend the university of my choice without placing a financial burden on my family, as it covers tuition, room and board, books, transportation, fees and personal expenses."



Janissa Lloyd: "My time at Brentwood High School has been an amazing journey filled with learning, friendship, and support. I especially enjoyed attending BOCES because it made learning fun and gave me the opportunity to explore many different interests. Being a member of Brentwood's Unified teams was one of my favorite experiences, I loved making friends and being part of a team. I always felt valued, respected, and supported by my teachers, friends, and administrators. I will miss them all very much, but I am excited to begin my next chapter at Molloy University this fall."



Christopher Peralta: "My time at Brentwood High School was filled with growth, challenges and unforgettable memories. Through the support of my teachers, coaches, classmates and teammates, I learned the importance of hard work, perseverance and leadership. Brentwood gave me opportunities to succeed both in and out of the classroom while helping me prepare for my future and shaping me into the person I am today. I am grateful for the experiences, friendships and lessons I gained throughout my Brentwood journey."



Gabriella Asare: "Brentwood has given me countless opportunities to jumpstart my future and build a strong resume. Whether it was on the track, where I created some of my favorite memories by qualifying for the state championships and breaking a meet record, or in the classroom, where I became a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) through Brentwood High School's paid certification program, every opportunity has helped shape who I am today. These experiences have allowed me to grow as both a student and an athlete while preparing me for my future career in nursing."



THEY'RE READY FOR IT.



Bryan Morales graduated with 72 college credits already earned.

Bryan Morales: "Brentwood promotes opportunities that allow each student to go above and beyond in their achievement. This is made possible by all the various programs and the supportive staff and teachers. I was part of Smart Scholars, an early college program that I thankfully joined after one of my teachers encouraged me to apply. Brentwood helped me to earn the New York State Seal of Biliteracy. The college credit opportunities are truly outstanding. Thanks to college-level, dual enrollment and AP courses that Brentwood offers, I have managed to accumulate 70 college credits ahead of graduating. I greatly thank Brentwood for this opportunity for a head start in college."

Olivia Harris Stevenson: "Youth and Government opened a world of opportunities and educational experiences I never thought possible. The program has students from across New York State serve as elected officials during a three-day conference in Albany. The feeling I felt whenever I debated is something I will always cherish, along with every friendship, connection and memory I've made. It showed me the importance of standing up for what you believe in and being the change you want to see. By allowing me to take charge of the program and believing in its potential, Brentwood has ensured that the next generation of delegates will continue to grow and never stop fighting for what they believe in."



Samuel Lewis Jr: "My time at Brentwood High School has helped shape me into the person I am today. Through programs like My Brother's Keeper (MBK), I developed leadership skills, gave back to my community through service projects and built lasting relationships with mentors and peers. I also earned an HVAC certification and opportunities that prepared me for my future career. I am grateful to my teachers, mentors and the Brentwood community for their guidance, support and encouragement throughout my journey."



Jalline Guevara: "My Brentwood journey has been defined by leadership, service, a commitment to making a difference and my dedication to not letting stereotypes limit my success. Since eighth grade, I have taken advantage of every opportunity to grow, challenge myself and give back to my community. As the district's first student member of the Board of Education, I had the honor of representing thousands of students and ensuring their voices were heard. Equally impactful, the NY-773 cadet core (and SMSgt. Hanna MSgt. Perez) shaped me into the person I am today and prepared me to lead with integrity. Brentwood taught me that leadership is not about a title, but about creating change for others. The opportunities I found here transformed my future and showed me that there are no limits to what a Brentwood student can achieve."



VALEDICTORIANS & SALUTATORIANS OF THE CLASS OF 2026

Sonderling Center *Valedictorian* **Luis Romero**

Luis began his Brentwood journey at Southwest Elementary School. He achieved a 103.8 GPA and graduated with 42 college credits and an HVAC Universal Certification. He will attend the University of Pittsburgh to study biochemistry and plans to pursue a career as a biochemist and anesthesiologist.



Ross Center *Valedictorian* **Melanie Ruiz**

Melanie began her Brentwood journey at Pine Park Elementary School. She achieved a 105.3 GPA and graduated with 30 college credits. She will attend Fordham University to study finance and plans to pursue a career in business.



Sonderling Center *Salutatorian* **Mauricio Meza**

Mauricio began his Brentwood journey at Southwest Elementary School. He achieved a 104.6 GPA and graduated with 33 college credits. He will attend Stony Brook University to study mechanical engineering and plans to pursue a career as a mechanical engineer.



Ross Center *Salutatorian* **Alexa Chaparro**

Alexa began her Brentwood journey at East Kindergarten Center. She achieved a 104.4 GPA and graduated with 24 college credits. She will attend Boston University to study biology and plans to pursue a career in dermatology.

