The Knightline

Glen Cove City School District Newsletter | Graduation Edition 2026



Congratulations to the Glen Cove High School Class of 2026 and their families on a memorable Commencement Ceremony on Friday, June 26. The celebration opened with beautiful musical performances by the High School Band, Concert Choir, and Orchestra, setting a joyful tone for the historic evening.

In her address, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alexa Doeschner challenged the graduates to redefine their relationship with adversity: *"I spoke about the power of a four-letter word that scares all of us: fail. I asked them to set goals that are clear, measurable, and urgent, and to dare to fail greatly on the way to reaching them. Failure is not the opposite of success. It is the road to it."*

Inspiring remarks and reflections were shared throughout the evening by student leaders, including Valedictorian Saoirse Fiedor, Salutatorian Peyton Angalet, Honorarian Ella Wohltmann, and Class President Ryan Martino. Words of guidance were also offered by Faculty Speaker Fran Krisch, Principal Allen Hudson III, and Board of Education President Dr. Angela Raimo before the formal certification and presentation of the diplomas.

We wish all of our graduates a bright, successful future!

Thank you to the incredible GCTV crew for live-streaming and archiving all of our district's Moving Up and Commencement ceremonies. Scan the QR code to watch the recorded broadcasts!

Felicitaciones a la Clase de 2026 de Glen Cove High School y a sus familias por una memorable Ceremonia de Graduación el viernes 26 de junio. La celebración comenzó con hermosas interpretaciones musicales a cargo de la banda, el coro de concierto y la orquesta de la escuela secundaria, estableciendo un tono alegre para esta histórica velada.

En su discurso, la Superintendente de Escuelas Dra. Alexa Doeschner desafió a los graduados a redefinir su relación con la adversidad: *"Hablé sobre el poder de una palabra de cuatro letras que nos asusta a todos: fracasar. Les pedí que se fijaran metas claras, medibles y urgentes, y que se atrevieran a fracasar en grande en el camino hacia ellas. El fracaso no es lo opuesto al éxito. Es el camino hacia él".*

Líderes estudiantiles compartieron inspiradores mensajes y reflexiones a lo largo de la noche, incluyendo a la Valedictorian Saoirse Fiedor, la Salutatorian Peyton Angalet, la Honorarian Ella Wohltmann y el Presidente de la Clase Ryan Martino. También ofrecieron palabras de guía el orador de la facultad Fran Krisch, el Director Allen Hudson III y la Presidenta de la Junta de Educación Dra. Angela Raimo antes de la certificación formal y la entrega de diplomas.

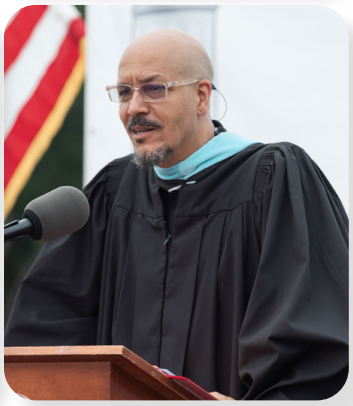
¡Le deseamos a todos nuestros graduados un futuro brillante y exitoso!

¡Gracias al increíble equipo de GCTV por transmitir en vivo y archivar todas las ceremonias de promoción y graduación de nuestro distrito! ¡Escanee el código QR para ver las transmisiones grabadas!

Daring to Fail Greatly

Celebrating the Class of 2026 and the Inspiring Journey Toward True Success



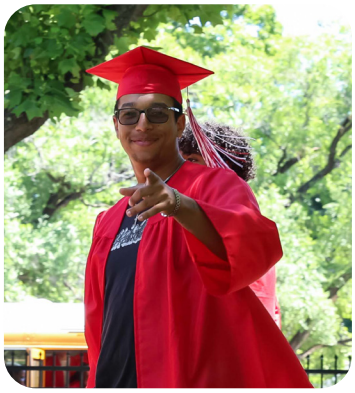


Where are our graduates heading next? Everywhere.

- Adelphi University
- Alfred State College
- American University
- Baruch College
- Binghamton University
- Borough of Manhattan Community College
- Bowie State University
- Buffalo State University
- Caldwell University
- Catholic University of America
- Cedar Crest College
- Clemson University
- College of New Jersey
- College of William & Mary
- Coppin State University
- Culinary Institute of Barcelona
- Delaware State University
- Dominican University
- Dominican University of California
- Electrical Training Center Vocational School
- Farmingdale State College
- Five Towns College
- Florida Atlantic University
- Fordham University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Hamilton College
- Hampton University
- Hofstra University
- Howard University
- Hunter College
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Iona University
- Ithaca College
- Lincoln Tech
- Long Island University
- Loyola University Maryland
- Manhattan University
- Manhattanville University
- Marietta College
- Marist University
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
- Mercy University
- Molloy University
- Morgan State University
- Mount Saint Mary College
- Nassau Community College
- New York Institute of Technology
- North Atlantic States Carpenters Training Fund (NASCTF)
- North Carolina Central University
- North Carolina State University
- Notre Dame of Maryland University
- Pace University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Purchase College
- Purdue University











A Walk Down Memory Lane

Queens College CUNY
Queensborough College
Quinnipiac University
Ritsumeikan University
Rutgers University
Saint Joseph's University
Seton Hall University
St. Francis College
St. John Fisher University
St. John's University
St. Thomas Aquinas College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University
SUNY at New Paltz
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY Canton
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Delhi
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY Maritime College
SUNY Morrisville
SUNY Old Westbury
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Polytechnic Institute
SUNY Potsdam
Temple University
Towson University
Trinity College
Union College
United States Army
United States Marines
University at Albany
University of Central Florida
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Hartford
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of New Haven
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
Utica University
Vaughn College
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech
Washington University in St. Louis
Webb Institute
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia University
Western Connecticut State University
Western New England University
Wilkes University



Congratulations to the Finley Middle School Class of 2026!

High school is a journey of self-discovery—step out of your comfort zone and embrace your unique self.





Zoe Papas



Anthony Dahne



Nelson Iocolano, Dr. Alexa Doeschner, Susan Poulos, Allen Hudson III

Choose the friends who pull you up

Congratulations to our eighth graders on moving up to high school! Finley Middle School held two ceremonies on June 23 at Glen Cove High School. Assistant Principal Susan Poulos welcomed families, and Emily Lebowitz and Gwenevere Yates led the Pledge of Allegiance. Student speakers and top students Anthony Dahne and Zoe Papas delivered speeches before Superintendent Dr. Alexa Doeschner and Principal Nelson Iocolano shared thoughtful remarks. High school is a journey of self-discovery where students are encouraged to embrace their uniqueness, step out of their comfort zones, and surround themselves with friends who uplift and inspire them.

Each student then walked across the stage to receive their diploma and congratulations from Principal Nelson Iocolano, Superintendent Dr. Doeschner, and High School Principal Allen Hudson III.

A musical performance by the seventh- and eighth-grade chorus, directed by Courtney Sack, was a highlight of the evening. We are incredibly proud of our eighth graders moving up to high school.

¡Felicitaciones a nuestros estudiantes de octavo grado por pasar a la escuela secundaria! La Escuela Intermedia Finley celebró dos ceremonias el 23 de junio en la Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove. La subdirectora Susan Poulos dio la bienvenida a las familias, e Emily Lebowitz y Gwenevere Yates lideraron el Juramento a la Bandera. Los estudiantes destacados Anthony Dahne y Zoe Papas ofrecieron discursos antes de las palabras de la superintendente Dra. Alexa Doeschner y el director Nelson Iocolano. La escuela secundaria es un viaje de autodescubrimiento donde se alienta a los alumnos a ser auténticos, salir de su zona de confort y rodearse de amigos que los inspiren y apoyen.

Cada estudiante cruzó el escenario para recibir su diploma de manos del director Nelson Iocolano, la superintendente Dra. Doeschner y el director de la escuela secundaria Allen Hudson III.

La presentación musical del coro de séptimo y octavo grado, dirigido por Courtney Sack, fue un momento destacado de la noche. ¡Estamos increíblemente orgullosos de nuestros alumnos de octavo grado que pasan a la escuela secundaria!

Landing School Fifth Grade Moving Up



On Tuesday, June 23, Landing Elementary School celebrated its fifth-graders with a memorable moving-up ceremony at Glen Cove High School. Principal Liza Carfora and Superintendent Dr. Alexa Doeschner congratulated the graduates on their hard work, encouraging them to lead with kindness as they transition to middle school.

During her remarks, Dr. Doeschner reminded the fifth-graders that they already possess the curiosity, courage, and kindness needed to succeed. She inspired them to keep asking questions, join new clubs, and support one another, while fondly recalling their teamwork on sports fields and on stage.

The celebration concluded with the presentation of student awards and diplomas, highlighted by a beautiful choral performance directed by Ms. Schidlovsky. Congratulations to the Landing Fifth-Grade Class of 2026—the future GCHS Class of 2033!

El martes 23 de junio, la Escuela Primaria Landing celebró a sus estudiantes de quinto grado con una ceremonia de ascenso en la Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove. La directora Liza Carfora y la superintendente Dra. Alexa Doeschner felicitaron a los graduados por su arduo trabajo y los animaron a liderar con amabilidad en la escuela intermedia. En sus palabras, la Dra. Doeschner destacó que los alumnos ya poseen la curiosidad, el coraje y la amabilidad para tener éxito, inspirándolos a seguir haciendo preguntas, unirse a nuevos clubes y apoyarse mutuamente como lo hicieron en los deportes y el escenario.

La celebración concluyó con la entrega de premios, diplomas y una hermosa presentación coral dirigida por la Srta. Schidlovsky. ¡Felicitaciones a la clase de quinto grado de Landing de 2026, la futura clase de GCHS de 2033!



Connolly School Fifth Grade Moving Up







Congratulations to Connolly School's fifth graders on moving up to middle school! The June 25 ceremony was led by Interim Principal Dr. Grossane and the fifth-grade teachers.

Assistant Superintendent Mr. Klatsky commended the graduates, saying, "Students, you are ready. It has been an absolute joy watching you grow. I'll see you in middle school—please say hello in the halls!"

The ceremony featured the presentation of the OAG Civic Ambassador Award, the Dr. Mary Bear Award, and student diplomas. Under the direction of Miss Courtney Sack, students also performed a choral presentation and the Connolly School song. The event closed with a proud reminder: "Connolly School rocks—we will always be here for you!"

¡Felicitaciones a los estudiantes de quinto grado de la Escuela Connolly por su paso a la escuela intermedia! La ceremonia del 25 de junio fue presidida por el director interino, el Dr. Grossane, y los maestros de quinto grado.

El superintendente asistente, el Sr. Klatsky, elogió a los graduados diciendo: "Alumnos, están listos. Ha sido una alegría absoluta verlos crecer. Los veré en la escuela intermedia; ¡por favor, salúdenme en los pasillos!".

La ceremonia incluyó la entrega del Premio al Embajador Cívico de la OAG, el Premio Dra. Mary Bear y los diplomas de los estudiantes. Bajo la dirección de la Srta. Courtney Sack, los alumnos también realizaron una presentación coral e interpretaron la canción de la Escuela Connolly. El evento cerró con un recordatorio lleno de orgullo: "¡La Escuela Connolly es fantástica,
siempre estaremos aquí para ustedes!"

Gribbin School Second Grade Moving Up



Gribbin School celebrated a wonderful milestone at our Second-Grade Moving-Up Ceremony on June 18! The morning was filled with pride, joy, and memorable student performances as our second graders prepared to transition into third grade.

A huge thank you to Principal Randy Arnold, our teachers, staff, families, the PTA, and GCTV for making this day so special. We are incredibly proud of our students and can't wait to see all they achieve next year!

La Escuela Gribbin celebró un hito maravilloso en nuestra Ceremonia de Promoción de Segundo Grado el 18 de junio! La mañana estuvo llena de orgullo, alegría y presentaciones estudiantiles memorables, mientras nuestros estudiantes de segundo grado se preparaban para la transición a tercer grado.

Un agradecimiento enorme al directora Randy Arnold, a nuestros maestros, personal, familias, a la PTA y a GCTV por hacer que este día fuera tan especial. ¡Estamos increíblemente orgullosos de nuestros estudiantes y estamos ansiosos por ver todo lo que lograrán el próximo año!

Deasy School Second Grade Moving Up



On June 24, Deasy School celebrated its rising third graders during the Moving-Up Ceremony at the Middle School Auditorium. Led by Principal Erin Nastri, the memorable milestone featured beautiful musical performances directed by Casey Schidlovsky and a heartwarming year-in-review slideshow.

A huge thank you to our dedicated second-grade teachers, the Deasy PTA, and GCTV for capturing the memories. Landing School is thrilled to welcome this wonderful group of students this September! Congratulations to all of our young graduates!

El 24 de junio, la Escuela Deasy celebró a sus futuros alumnos de tercer grado en su Ceremonia de Promoción en el Auditorio de la Escuela Media. Dirigido por la Directora Erin Nastri, el hito contó con bellos actos musicales de Casey Schidlovsky y fotos del año.

¡Gracias a los maestros de segundo, a la PTA de Deasy y a GCTV por las fotos! ¡La Escuela Landing está feliz de recibir a este gran grupo de alumnos en septiembre! ¡Felicitaciones a todos nuestros jóvenes graduados!

Celebrating Our Pre-K Graduates

On June 22, Deasy School, Landing School, and the YMCA celebrated our incredible Pre-K students during their Moving-Up ceremonies! Congratulations to all of our young scholars—we can't wait to see you in kindergarten! A huge thank you to our dedicated Pre-K teams for their endless care and commitment to our students: Dayna Connolly, Michelle Godoy, and Stephanie Kennely (Deasy); Caitlyn Gordon (Landing); and the wonderful YMCA Pre-K staff.

El 22 de junio, la Escuela Deasy, Landing y la YMCA celebraron a nuestros increíbles alumnos de Pre-K durante sus ceremonias de promoción. ¡Felicitaciones a todos nuestros jóvenes estudiantes, estamos ansiosos por verlos en el jardín de infantes! Un enorme agradecimiento a nuestros dedicados equipos de Pre-K por su infinito cuidado y compromiso con nuestros alumnos: Dayna Connolly, Michelle Godoy y Stephanie Kennely (Deasy); Caitlyn Gordon (Landing) y el maravilloso personal de Pre-K de la YMCA.







SUMMER READING

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Dates to Remember | School Closings

Aug. 31, Sept. 1 – Superintendent's Conference Days

Sept. 2 – First Day of School | Half Day for Pre-K - Gr. 5

Sept. 7 – Schools Closed | Labor Day

Sept. 21 – Schools Closed | Yom Kippur

Oct. 12 – Schools Closed | Columbus Day
Indigenous Peoples' Day

Nov. 3 – Superintendent's Conference Days
Schools Closed for Students

Nov. 11 – Schools Closed | Veterans Day

Nov. 25–27 – Schools Closed | Thanksgiving Recess

Dec. 24–31 – Schools Closed | Holiday Recess

Jan. 1 – Schools Closed | New Year's Day

Jan. 18 – Schools Closed | Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb. 15–19 – Schools Closed | Winter Recess

Feb. 6 – Lunar New Year (Saturday)

March 10 – Schools Closed | Eid al-Fitr

March 26 – Schools Closed | Good Friday

April 22–30 – Schools Closed – Spring Recess

May 31 – Schools Closed | Memorial Day

June 18 – Schools Closed | Juneteenth Observed

June 24 – Early Dismissal

June 25 – Last Day of School Early Dismissal

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Glen Cove High School Class of 2026 Top Ten Students



Saoirse Fiedor, Valedictorian



Peyton Angalet, Salutatorian



Ella Wohltmann, Honorarian



Nicolas Chicvak



Anjhelyny Hernandez



Kasey Miller



Benjamin Napolitano



Brandon Garrovillas



Barbara Benitez



Mariah Cueva

Being named one of the top ten academic students in the school district is a remarkable achievement—one that reflects years of dedication, hard work, and discipline.

Our guidance counselors shared their reflections. Kristi McAuliffe shared, *"Saoirse might come across as quiet initially, but once you get to know her, her humor, determination and remarkable intelligence shine through. She embodies quiet strength and brilliance, leading by example with her creativity and thoughtfulness. It has been a true pleasure to watch Saoirse grow and inspire others. I am excited to see all that she will achieve in the future!"*

Alyssa Anderson said, *"Peyton is a remarkable student, whose resilience, curiosity, and determination shine through in all she does. She approaches challenges with quiet strength and transforms them into opportunities for growth. Peyton's intelligence, empathy, and leadership make her an outstanding representative of our school community."*

Margie Tockman shared, *"Ella stands out not only for her academic excellence but, most importantly, for her character and integrity. Through her volunteer work at Glen Cove hospital and library, she has shown genuine compassion and a deep commitment to helping others. Her kindness, empathy, and calm presence make her a natural fit for a future in healthcare. Ella leads with quiet strength and no doubt she will continue to make a positive and lasting impact."*

Ser uno de los diez mejores alumnos del distrito es un gran logro que refleja años de esfuerzo, dedicación y disciplina. El Distrito felicita con orgullo a estos destacados miembros de la Clase de 2026.

Las consejeras escolares compartieron sus reflexiones. Kristi McAuliffe expresó: *"Saoirse puede parecer reservada al inicio, pero al conocerla, su humor, determinación y gran inteligencia brillan. Encarna una fuerza silenciosa y brillantez, liderando con creatividad y consideración. Ha sido un placer verla crecer e inspirar a otros. ¡Me emociona ver todo lo que logrará en el futuro!".*

Alyssa Anderson dijo: *"Peyton es una alumna admirable, cuya resiliencia, curiosidad y determinación brillan en todo lo que hace. Afronta los retos con una fuerza silenciosa y los transforma en crecimiento. Su inteligencia, empatía y liderazgo la hacen una representante ejemplar de nuestra comunidad escolar".*

Margie Tockman compartió: *"Ella destaca por su excelencia académica y, sobre todo, por su carácter e integridad. En su trabajo voluntario en el hospital y la biblioteca de Glen Cove, ha mostrado compasión y un firme compromiso de ayuda. Su bondad, empatía y calma la idealizan para un futuro en el sector de la salud. Ella lidera con una fuerza silenciosa y sin duda seguirá causando un impacto positivo y duradero".*

Where the Class of 2026 is Headed Next

Scan to view our complete list of College, University & U.S. Military Acceptances