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A DAY FULL OF CELEBRATIONS

FOR THE BETHPAGE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

In observance of New York State guidelines, Bethpage High School held five graduation ceremonies on June 27 for the Class of 2020.

The 65th annual commencement ceremonies took a unique form this year. Before each of the five intimate ceremonies, students were given special Bethpage face masks and gathered with classmates after months of distance learning. As the students, staff and administrators walked onto the school's football field, parents and families watched proudly from the bleachers.

Each ceremony began with the National Anthem, sung by one of five talented seniors. They were Joseph



Colavolpe, Katelyn Harold, Bridget Pfeifer, Alexa Rolleri and Maria Sandoval.

A few distinguished members of the Class of 2020 kicked off each ceremony. Salutatorian Rahul Busri, valedictorian Jessica Kneller, senior class president Adina Rahman and student council president Bryan Hanley each delivered speeches, speaking candidly about the challenges faced by them and their classmates during the unprecedented school year.

Superintendent Mr. David Schneider addressed students in a welcoming speech, noting how the senior class continued to thrive and accomplish their goals despite the unique form this school year took.

"I want to say thank you to the Class of 2020 for your commitment to excellence," said Mr. Schneider. "Your achievements in academics, the fine and performing arts and athletics have showcased your school and the community and made us all very proud."

Principal Mr. Nicholas Jantz then addressed the graduates, noting the many ways the dedication and motivation of the Class of 2020.

"I want to thank you, the Class of 2020, for all of your contributions to Bethpage High School," said Mr. Jantz. "Wherever you are going next year, please remember to bring not only the knowledge that you learned here, but more importantly the lessons, morals and experiences that have made you into the people you are here today."

Following his speech, Mr. Jantz was joined by Mr. Schneider, Board of Education president Mr. Michael J. Kelly and assistant principals Mr. Ralph Tocco and Mr. Kevin Healy for the presentation of diplomas. Each student was called by name and walked across the stage to rounds of applause from their fellow classmates and families.



2020 Senior



**Valedictorian & Salutatorian:
Jessica Kneller & Rahul Busri**

**Principal's Award:
Bryan Hanley**



**Nassau County
Executive Award:
Doreen Dong**

**Nassau County
Legislative Award:
Alex Lee**



CONGRATULATIONS,

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| Sami Ahmed | Eleni Athena Davillas | Javier Hills |
| Ramis Akram | Anthony DiBenedetto | Tara N. Hoenscheid |
| Arlett G. Alejo | Gina DiBenedetto | Joseph S. Horowitz |
| Yosuf M. Alekozay | Amanda Kalena DiCarlo | Nashrah N. Hossain |
| Gary Joseph Amick | Melissa Marie Diers | John Patrick Houston |
| Clara M. Azer | Mia A. Dircks | Anna Z. Hughes |
| Ysabella A. Bachmeier | Brendan James Dixon | Shannon Hughes |
| John Michael Baggia | Doreen Dong | Olyvia Rose Hulser |
| Nicole Andrea Betancourt | Denis M. Downey | Mubashir Iftikhar |
| Bisma Bhatti | Eirini Drosos | Gianna Nicole Iglesias |
| Steven Alexander Blom | Alexander J. Dupré | Mariam Ilyas |
| Valarie Rae Bracken | Brett R. Dzurus | Joshua Jermelle Jamison |
| Adele Brennan Saremsky | Andrew Matthew El Chami | Nicole E. Jenal |
| Nicole Ann Brindisi | Isabella M. Elmasry | Andrew Philip John |
| Julie Ann Burn | Julian K. Elmasry | Jamie M. Jung |
| Rahul Kumar Busri | Dylan M. Enright | Christian D. Kachadourian |
| Camille Jules Bustos | Matthew James Fantry | Inderveer Singh Kandola |
| Omar Cambeiro | Nicholas J. Fasulo | Jasmeen Kaur |
| Colleen Elizabeth Carney | Alli Marie Flynn | Navneet Kaur |
| Cristian James Castles | Eoin Timothy Foley | Syeda Khadija B. Kazmi |
| Sebastian Ceja | Elisabeth Grace Freedman | Jack Donovan Kemperle |
| Tyler R. Chan | Kyle Edward Gabrinowitz | Allison Rose Kennedy |
| Sun Cho | Vanessa N. Ganley | Patrick J. Kerrigan |
| Alexa Christina Cipriano | Sebastian Garcia | Isha Habib Khan |
| Danielle Paula Cittadino | Anthony Michael Gene | Wali Khan |
| Brian Michael Clark | Luke Nicholas Gensinger | Sarah Jan Khokhar |
| Joseph Louis Colavolpe | Valentina Gonzalez | Carsi M. Kim |
| Aidan Edward Considine | Nicholas James Griffin | Jessica L. Kneller |
| John Patrick Conway | Kevin W. Groom | Geanna Hope Koulouris |
| Alexa Sophia Coscino | Michelle Guerrero | Patrick S. Kovac |
| Katherine Cox | George Ernest Hambrock | Patryk Krasicki |
| Alvaro Cruz Alvarenga | Bryan Stanley Hanley | Jason Christian Kropp |
| Christopher Joseph Curley | Michael William Hanley | Julia Rose Kukafka |
| Michael Anthony D'Avanzo | Olivia C. Hanley | Jaclyn Rose LaCroix |
| Alyssa Bella Dacosta | Katelyn Grace Harold | Tyler S. LaGois |
| Curtis M. Dalsass | Nicholas G. Harper | Matthew Thomas Lane |
| Abigail Sophia Daly | Ava J. Hawley | Madison Lang |
| Ujala Anwar Dar | Matthew Healey | Luke James LaSalla |
| Camila F.M. DaSilva | Amy Lynn Henehan | Louis Rocco Lavacca, Jr. |
| Jillian M. David | Allison Herman | Alex Lee |

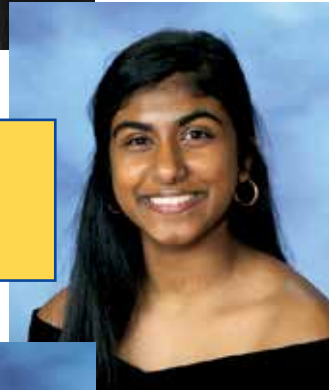
Award Highlights

Class of 2020

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| Kaden Cole Lee | Brian William O'Keefe | Lauren Grace Scavone |
| Tony Damien Levy | Kevin Michael O'Sullivan | Lucas J. Seely |
| Taylor Eileen Lewis | Jami E. Palmer | Gabriella Shamah |
| Kristopher D. Lipkansky | Logan T. Paola | Taleed Dylan Shariff |
| Kai-Wei Lo | Anthony Park | Navvir Singh |
| April Marie Logan | Eunice Park | Kristin Lynn Skupinsky |
| Allison B. Lynch | Dhruvi Patel | Olivia Michelle Solano |
| Owen Michael Maggio | Nicholas James Perelmuter | Olivia Anne Solomon |
| Madison Hope Mahomar | Vincent J. Perez | Bora Ege Soybas |
| Kyle Francis Mansfield | Tyler Jon Perry | Sofia Mae Sozio |
| Devin Marcheselli | Robert Peters | Sophia Feinga Su |
| Fabian Marcheselli | Bridget Grace Pfeifer | Octavia A. Szkutnik |
| Erica M. Marciante | Richard Phan | Joseph M. Talenti |
| Lily K. Marczak | Joseph Pirraglia | Dimitra Tassioulas |
| Vincent S. Marino | Ramon Alberto Polanco, Jr. | John Alexander Tetteris |
| Amanda Grace Marroquin | Kylee Joan Poppe | Christos Yanni Theocharidis |
| Connor Ryan Masi | Alex Joseph Purchick | John Peter Thomaidis |
| Ciara Louise McGlynn | Aidan Graham Radcliffe | Robert Anthony Valenti |
| Sean Patrick McGroarty | Adina Rahman | Erick Emmanuel Valladares |
| Christopher Francis McGuggart | Gaetano Re | Recinos |
| Sean Francis Meaney | Margaret Lynn Re | Jason Patrick Vane |
| Ariana Mehrzad | Ashley Ripalda | Francesca Rose Vangi |
| Juliana Rose Miano | Alexa Victoria Roller | Tara Michelle Varricchio |
| Bridget Michie | Nicholas Romano | Juzer Taha Vasi |
| Alexandra Nicole Midgette | Dennis Romero | Anthony Vega |
| John Roth Mingst | Jacob M. Romero | Maria Jara Villacres |
| Alexandros Monoyos | Alexander J. Rubin | Alexandro Villalobos |
| Krysten Anne Mooney | Megan Michelle Russo | Katelyn Villatoro |
| Crystal Carolina Morales-Zelaya | Mia Russo | Matthew Walsh |
| Kevin T. Mouton | Maxim V. Safronov | Patrick Watson |
| Caroline Anastasia Murphy | Justin Joseph Saldana | Bryan Thomas Weber |
| Rachel Mushibayeva | Samantha Angelina Salerno | Emily Rose Wilson |
| Vignesh M. Nair | Kimberly Nicole Sanabria | Evan Witt |
| Kayleigh Ann Nawrocki | Kristina Magdalene Sandhu | Ailun Yu |
| Daniela N. Newman | Maria Rosa Sandoval | Nicole Patricia Zacchia |
| Rosanna S. Ng | Karissa Rose Sanfratello | Derek Zacchino |
| Natalie Nguyen | Ashraf Sangi | Jillian Rose Zapata |
| Sara Nicole Northgard | Danielle Alyse Santorelli | Dominic G. Zizzo |
| Heather Paige Nunez | John Vito Santoro | |
| Brian G. O'Boyle | Samantha Jean Santos | |



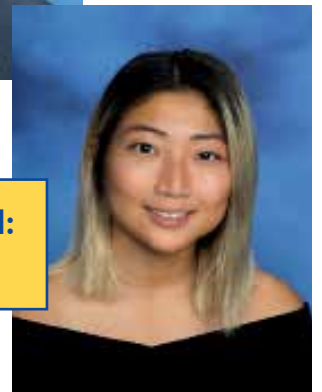
**New York State
Comptroller
Achievement Award:
Dominic Zizzo**



**Attorney General
Triple "C" Award:
Adina Rahman**

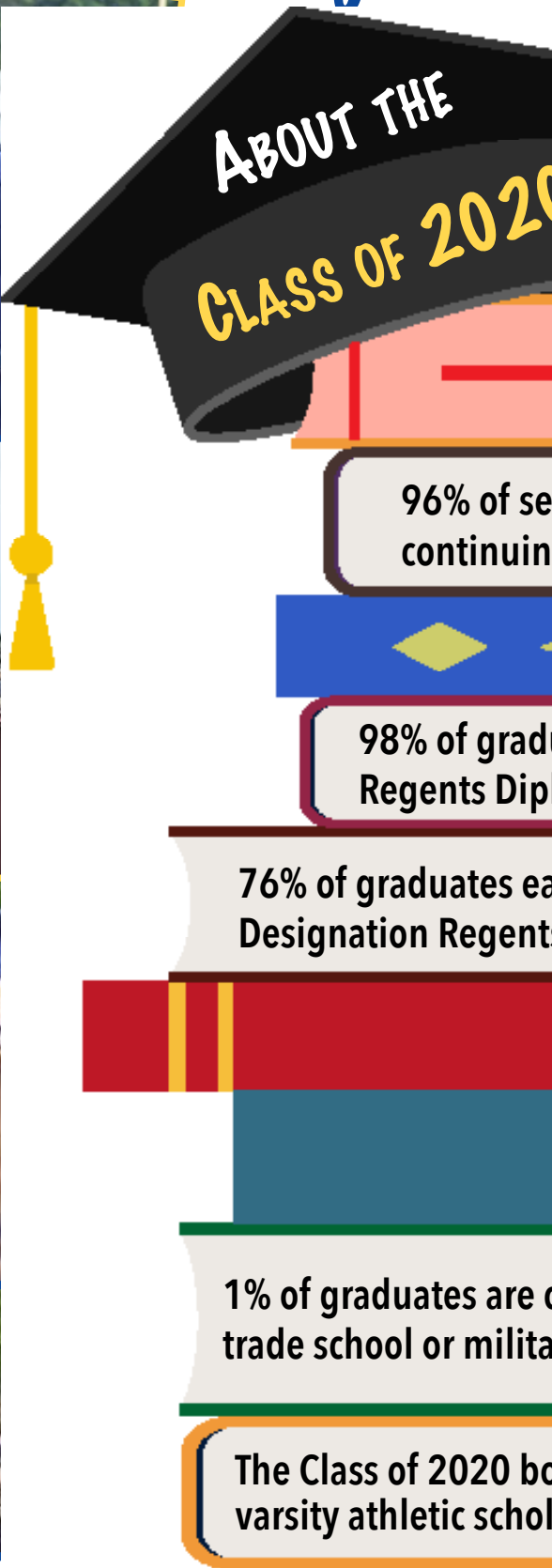
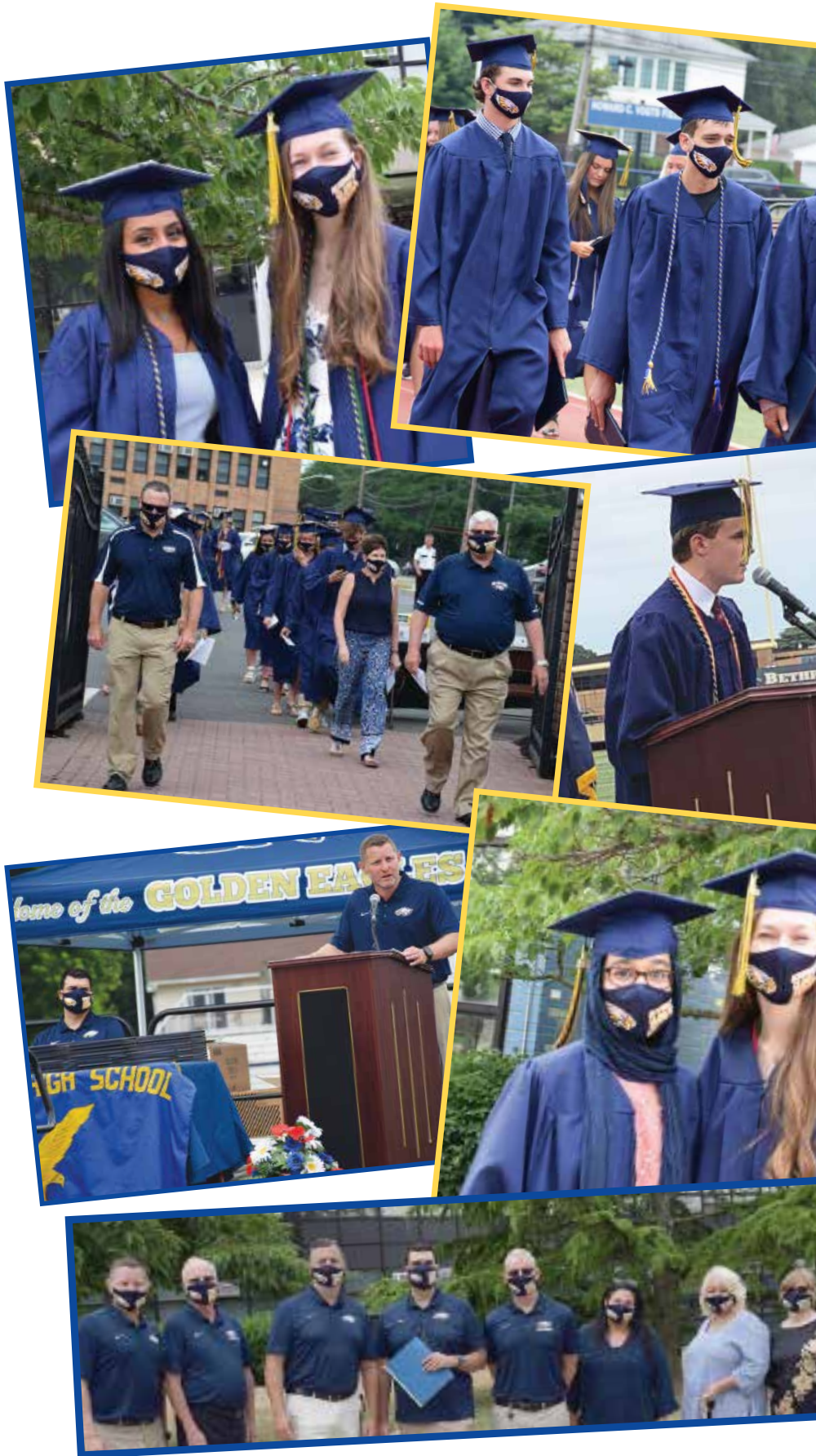


**Attorney General
Triple "C" Award:
Matthew Walsh**



**Principal's Award:
Carsi Kim**

We are the Bethpa



ge CLASS OF 2020!

Seniors are
going onto college.

Seniors earned a
diploma.

Seniors earned Advanced
Placement Diplomas.

Seniors continuing onto
military service.

Seniors sports 24 high school
sports teams (100%).



6 Moving Up to New Heights



JFK MS GRADE 8



KLS GRADE 5



CBS GRADE 5



CCS GRADE 5





NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOLS: Excellence, Achievement and Service Abound

Students throughout the Bethpage School District showed resilience and dedication throughout the final months of the 2019-2020 school year. With schools closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, Bethpage was still able to exhibit excellence in academics and their community.

Director of Social Studies Dan Fazio thought of the idea after being inspired by the work of fellow Bethpage educators. “Hope for Heroes” stemmed from a combination of Mrs. Oak’s Spanish club and Mrs. Glassman’s SADD Club. I was fortunate enough to collaborate with them and it is a great way to spread some positivity during this challenging time,” said Fazio.

Journal” by Nassau BOCES. The students were asked to find at least five objects in nature and reflect on them using words, pictures or poetry.



HEADBANDS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS



Katie Corcoran, a fourth grade student from Kramer Lane Elementary School, has been sewing buttons onto headbands for health care workers, which helps to alleviate the pressure of wearing masks.

When Katie heard that health care workers were in pain due to their masks, she was wanted to help. “Making the headbands makes me feel happy because it’s helping people feel more comfortable,” Katie said. “They’re working so hard trying to make all the sick people better and they shouldn’t be in pain.”

Katie raised funds for materials and donated 200 headbands to health care workers in more than a dozen hospitals on Long Island.



JFK LIVE, FROM HOME!

Students from John F. Kennedy Middle School worked from home this past spring to continue their weekly school news broadcast, JFK Live. When schools closed, special education educator and JFK Live faculty advisor Zachary Levy contacted students to gauge the capabilities of production at home. Students, with the help of their parents, were more than willing to participate.

JFK Live student segments included spotlights on mindfulness practices, musical talents, cooking shows and comedy acts. The live show averaged a weekly count of about 90 viewers. The video is saved to the school’s YouTube channel so members of the community can access the entire library of JFK Live at their convenience.

REGAL EAGLES WIN PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The Regal Eagles, Bethpage High School’s Robotics Team, received the FIRST Robotics Competition Regional Chairman’s Award. The award is presented to the team that best represents a model for other teams and best embodies the cornerstones of FIRST.

This is the second time that the Regal Eagles have earned the award, the first being in 2017. Under normal circumstances, the recipient of the award would have the opportunity to participate at FIRST Robotics Competition World Championships.

While the season was cut short due to the coronavirus outbreak, the Regal Eagles had a memorable season. They participated in the Half Hollows Hills Offseason Competition, Bethpage High School’s Safe Halloween and hosted the Third Annual Regal Eagle Rampage: Week 0 Event. The team also prototyped and built a robot to meet the challenges of FIRST Robotics Infinite Recharge.

Congratulations to the Regal Eagles on their accomplishments as well as to their mentors, Mr. Daniel Zabell and Mr. Leon LaSpina.



HOPE FOR HEROES

Students throughout the district showed love and support for health care workers and hospital patients with their “Hope for Heroes” initiative. Students wrote encouraging letters in both English and Spanish to be distributed to hospitals all over Long Island.



CBS STUDENTS EXPLORE NATURE

Second grade students from Central Boulevard Elementary School created nature journals based on the educational video “Backyard Explorations: Creating a Nature

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Bethpage, NY 11714

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Bethpage Student Nationally Recognized for Achievements In Technology

Maya Maciel-Seidman, a junior at Bethpage High School, was awarded the National Center for Women and Information Technology Award for Aspirations in Computing for her academic excellence, leadership and aspirations for women in computing and technology. As the only recipient from New York State, Maya was one of 40 national award winners out of an applicant pool of more than 4,700.

"I am truly honored to be a 2020 NCWIT

Aspirations in Computing Award National Winner," said Maya. "I am so thankful for all of the amazing opportunities I have had to pursue my passion for computer science and develop my skills in technology at Bethpage High School."

In recognition of her achievement, Maya received a certificate of recognition from the State of New York Executive Chamber, signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, for being the only student from New York to be named a national winner. Some of Maya's other technology and computing related accomplishments include qualifying for the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair and being awarded the FIRST Robotics Dean's List.

Maya hopes to inspire other young women to become involved in computing and technology. "I hope that by winning this award, I am able to show younger female students they too have a place in the realm of STEM and they can also be successful in computer science and technology."

Bethpage School District Launches Newly Designed Website

The Bethpage School District introduced a newly designed, digitally optimized website this past June. Districtwide news stories are front and center, along with clear and concise links for students, parents and staff.

Bethpage's social media channels are also featured on the new website, offering the community even more visibility into the classroom. "With the increased use of social media and video to promote the great things taking place in Bethpage, we have prominently featured our district's Twitter feed and each school's YouTube channels," said Director of Technology Andrew Choi.

The new website will continue to provide access to current news, communication from the district, events and resources for the entire community, including pertinent information regarding the reopening of schools this fall.

