

Bethpage Union Free School District

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NEWSLETTER

Hats off to the Class of 2012!

The Bethpage High School Class of 2012 accepted their diplomas during the school's fifty-seventh annual commencement ceremony on Friday, June 22 before an audience of family, friends and community members.

This year's graduation was held in the high school auditorium due to inclement weather, but rain did not dampen anyone's spirits. There was a smile on every face as the soon-to-be graduates listened to words of advice, inspiration and fond memories from Student Council president Elaina Kuhlke, salutatorian Daniel Zirkel, valedictorian Chelsea Levy, Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark and Principal Michael Spence.

"Some of our greatest friendships have been created in this high school. My memories of BHS are gold – or should I say blue and gold!" exclaimed Elaina. "In just a few minutes we will begin the rest of our lives as we move on to college, the military or the workforce. Thank you everyone and congratulations to the Bethpage High School Class of 2012! We did it!"

Daniel recalling his years at Bethpage High School, remarked, "Our teachers and administration care about each and every one of us. Thanks to them, we have become well-rounded individuals. To the parents – the education that your children received in the Bethpage School District is top notch, and we are living proof of this."

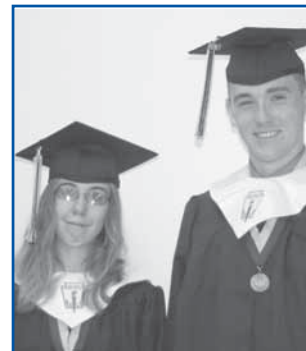
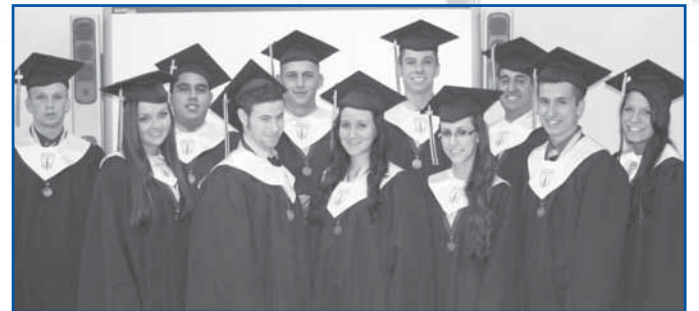
Chelsea stated, "On behalf of my fellow classmates, I want to thank the teachers and administration for caring so much about us. I also want to thank you [classmates] for the privilege of growing up with you. Congratulations!"

Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark began his commencement remarks by saying, "Thanks to Chelsea, Dan and Elaina for their inspiring words. Thank you Brianna [Stratis] for your beautiful rendition of 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'" Mr. Clark reminisced about the many wonderful things that the students of BHS had been involved with this year, including their trip to Gander, Newfoundland

for a 9/11 tribute, once again being named "Most Philosophical School" as well as Newsweek's "One of the Finest in the Nation" for AP classes, 28 of 32 varsity teams qualifying for scholar-athlete status, the Challenger Basketball team, Athletes Helping Athletes, the Senior Citizens Prom, artists-in-residence Dan Christoffel and Mark Wood, the Relay For Life and the many fundraisers and food drives. "We are proud to announce that BHS has one of the highest Regents diploma rates in Nassau County: 98 percent. Pound for pound, this was the best senior class of all time," Mr. Clark stated. "On behalf of the Board of Education and myself, I wish the Class of 2012 all the best. I am privileged to be the superintendent of Bethpage. Thanks, Class of 2012!"

After the last diploma was conferred, Mr. Spence took a trip down memory lane. "Try to remember the little moments. These moments make us who we are. Graduates, it's been a pleasure being your principal. Your life ahead will be a great journey. Congratulations and best of luck to the Bethpage High School Class of 2012!"

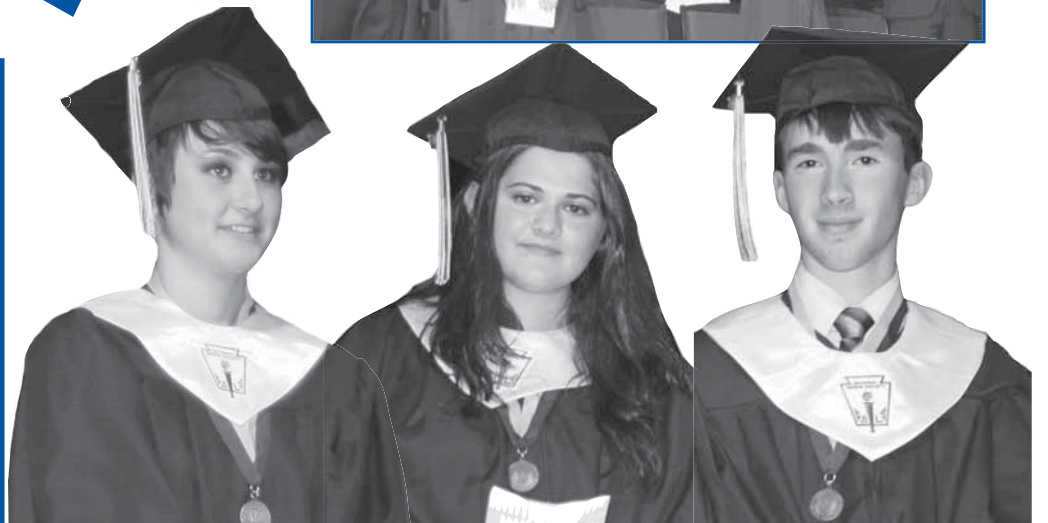
Caps were thrown into the air and the audience cheered as the Class of 2012 celebrated the completion of their high school education.



For more information on the Class of 2012, see pages 2, 6 and 7.

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MESSAGE

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

In late June, I had the pleasure of attending four moving up ceremonies followed the next day by the fifty-seventh Bethpage High School Commencement ceremony. These are memorable events that celebrate the accomplishments of our students in academics and open the door to the next chapter in their lives.

Each ceremony had students, past or present, speak about their time in the Bethpage School District. What struck me was the constant theme in the speeches of how much they appreciated their time in Bethpage. All of the speakers spoke of the friendships they had forged in school and how special their school had been to them. All of them thanked the faculty and staff for their caring attitude and made sure to thank their parents for all the support they have provided. As the Superintendent of Schools, I

take great pleasure in hearing students reflect so positively on their careers in Bethpage.

I had lunch with about 30 BHS seniors who completed our 21st Century Scholars' Program just prior to graduation. That love of Bethpage came through loud and clear. We had a great discussion over pizza about what they liked about school and what the future of education might look like. We discussed online courses, adding additional AP classes, the importance of Senior Seminar and their request to have at least one class in a lecture hall setting to prepare for the college experience. It was an interesting exchange of ideas (they also told me of a few of their dislikes, including a mandatory class in Flash). I always enjoy these meetings with seniors since they are informative and offer us a view from our most important constituents.

This was a good school year for our district

and I want to thank the PTA and all the parents for all they do to make our schools so special. I know the JFK PTA did a fantastic job on the end-of-year Carnival and all the PTAs helped out with the moving-up ceremonies and getting yearbooks together. I especially want to thank the PTA Council for the award they gave me at the Annual PTA Dinner. I say it all the time, but I am privileged to work in this district which has such involved parents working alongside a terrific faculty and staff.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer!

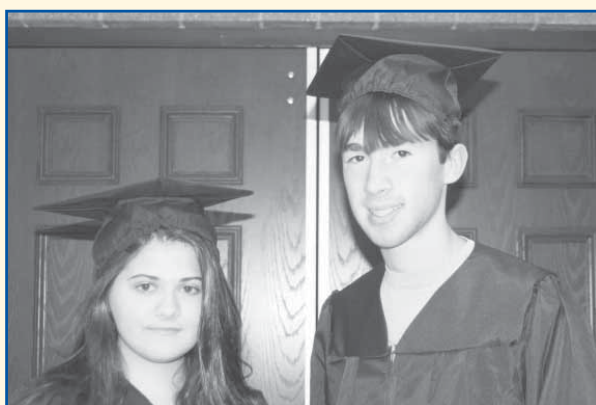
Sincerely,



Terrence Clark
Superintendent of Schools

BHS Seniors: A Class of Achievers

Bethpage High School was once again proud to honor a class of high-achieving seniors who have enjoyed many accomplishments thanks to their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm. The Class of 2012 includes many scholarship and award-winning students. Congratulations BHS graduates!



Valedictorian Chelsea Levy (left) and salutatorian Daniel Zirkel (right). Chelsea captured the Bethpage Bicentennial Association Award Bond - Outstanding Social Studies Student, Outstanding Achievement in Calculus BC, Overall Excellence in Science and American Chemical Society Most Outstanding Science Award. Daniel garnered the U.S. Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence, Outstanding Achievement in College Accounting, FIRST Robotics Award, Excellence in World History, Outstanding Effort and Achievement in AP Statistics and the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award.



Student council members include Akash Dagur, Anne Marie Sestak (advisor), Trish Backman, Marisa Taddeo, Wendy Way (advisor), Elaina Kuhlke and Nisha Shah.



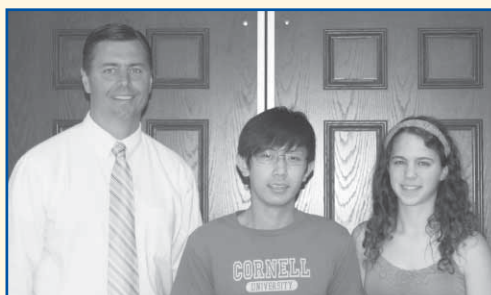
The National Honor Society Scholarship was awarded to Kelly Lynch and Taylor Ilasi. Pictured with Kelly and Taylor is advisor Scott Lynch.



Principal's Award winners are Amanda Niedfeld and Nicholas Pombonyo, and the Principal's Character Award honoree is Philip Formica.



Senior class officers are: (left to right) Nancy Kallmeyer (advisor), Lindsay Cafiero, Eric Ritchie, Sharon Parkton, Christopher Seiter, Alia Taddeo, Willfred Cheung, Jennifer Karasik and Jackie Keane (advisor). (Not pictured is Sharon Parkton.)



Commended Students in the National Merit Competition are Jerry Kim (center) and Holly Josephs (right). They are pictured with Principal Michael Spence.



The Nassau County Legislative Citizenship Award for Community Service was awarded to Christina Wing. Pictured with Christina is Principal Michael Spence.

Fifth-Graders Move Up to Middle School

On Thursday, June 21, students, parents, teachers, principals and administrators beamed with pride throughout Central Boulevard, Charles Campagne and Kramer Lane Elementary Schools as the fifth-graders concluded the first level in their education and prepared to advance to middle school. Each of the three buildings held moving-up ceremonies, during which principals congratulated the students and offered words of inspiration for the future Class of 2019.

Central Boulevard Principal Steven Furrey addressed parents and special guests, stating, "Moving up is always an exciting time for our

fifth-graders. They are ready for the challenges the middle school can provide."

Charles Campagne Principal Angelita Cintado expressed heartfelt sentiments and congratulated her students by stating, "You have successfully reached a very important milestone in your academic journey. I know that your years at CCS have been significant in providing you many positive, fun and memorable learning opportunities. As you move on to JFK Middle School, I encourage you to build on your acquired love of learning!"

Kramer Lane Principal Kerri McCarthy beamed with pride as she said, "Congratulations

to Kramer Lane's Class of 2012. On behalf of the Kramer Lane faculty and staff, we wish you continued success."

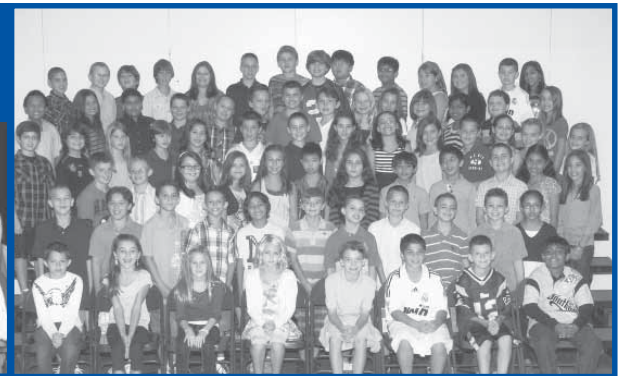
The moving-up ceremonies featured the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the reciting of "The American's Creed" by William Tyler Pope. The students were awarded their diplomas, thus signifying the end of one school experience and the beginning of another.

Congratulations to all of the elementary students for the completion of another year of excellence!

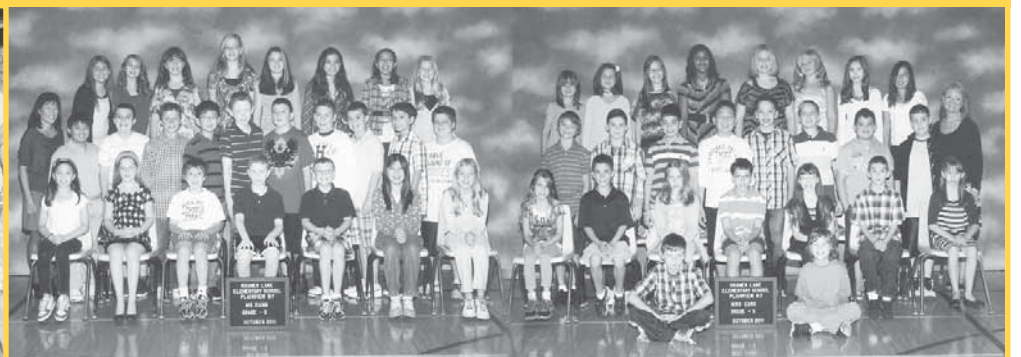
Central Boulevard



Charles Campagne



Kramer Lane



Farewell JFK, Hello BHS



A day of celebration began with words of advice and wisdom as approximately 250 JFK Middle School eighth-graders received moving-up certificates during the school's annual commencement ceremony, held in the Bethpage High School Center for the Performing Arts. Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark showed appreciation on behalf of all in attendance, stating, "To the students, thank you for all of your hard work at JFK. I look forward to all of you leaving your mark at Bethpage High School."

In his address to the class, National Junior Honor Society President Rishi Sohi thanked all of the parents and JFK teachers for their help and encouragement, noting, "We all support each other no matter what it is we want to do [in the future]."

Middle School Principal David Schneider opened his remarks by recognizing and thanking the JFK PTA for all of their support, after which he addressed the graduating class. "To all of my eighth-graders, we are so very proud of your achievements. Happy hunger games, and may the cards always be in your favor!" The students then proceeded to the stage, where one by one they were awarded their diplomas.

After select eighth-grade music students punctuated the ceremony with their rendition of "I'll Stand by You," the new graduates filed out of the auditorium to join family and friends for refreshments in the high school courtyard.



News Around

CBS Students Interact with Senior Citizens

Fourth and fifth-grade students at Central Boulevard Elementary School were visited by three senior citizens from Atria Senior Living in Plainview to engage in a 21st Century activity.

The students, under the direction of fifth-grade teacher Patricia Tierney and social worker Sarah Glassman, interacted with the seniors by crafting spring decorations, playing checkers and completing a coloring project for "Color a Smile," a not-for-profit organization that spreads smiles with cheerful drawings to senior citizens and nursing homes across the country.

The students had a wonderful time while making new friends.



Senior citizen Leon Lusterman from Atria Senior Living visited Central Boulevard students to participate in a 21st Century activity.

KLS Students USE SCIENTIFIC METHOD

Kramer Lane Elementary School hosted its annual science fair, showcasing a multitude of student-created projects. The students had the option of completing an individual or group project. Each grade level was represented, with creatively and colorfully adorned projects entered into the fair.

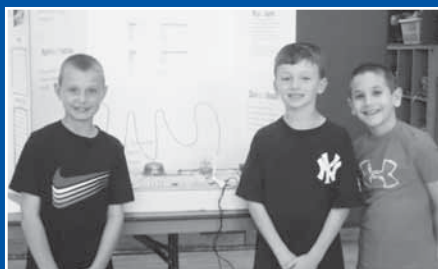
The students executed their projects by following the scientific method: purpose, procedure, materials list, background information, data, hypothesis, results and conclusion. Each kindergarten through second-grade classroom contributed to the fair by completing a class project.



Fifth graders Sophia Suazo, Erin Tracy, and Adna Karajic entered their project, entitled "What's That Smell?"



Fourth-grade students Juzer Vasi, Evan Witt and Alex Monoyos did their project on "Solar S'mores."



Third graders Zachary Schnabel, Steven Bello, and Nicholas Pepe titled their project "Steady! Set! Go!"

Charles Campagne Students Are Safe, Not Sorry

Students at Charles Campagne Elementary School were treated to a special assembly entitled "Safe Not Sorry" with musician Janice Buckner.

Ms. Buckner, a former teacher, performs her shows with a host of puppet characters to convey positive messages regarding nutritional awareness, personal hygiene, household hazards, saying no to drugs, dealing with strangers and environmental safety.



The audience participated in a song about saying no to drugs and saying yes to life.



Students were invited on stage to perform alongside Janice Buckner.



First-place soloist Sydney Leary performed "This Is My Now."



Second-place duo Emily Marczak and Alexandra Kideris sang "Keep Holding On."

JFK Has Talent!

John F. Kennedy Middle School held its annual Talent Show, with 13 acts ranging from soloists, duos, trios and a group of staff performing Lady Gaga's "Poker Face" and "Born This Way."

And the winners are: Sydney Leary, solo vocalist singing Jordin Sparks' "This Is My Now," capturing first place and Emily Marczak and Alexandra Kideris, singing duo performing Avril Lavigne's "Keep Holding On," garnering second place.

Congratulations to all of the performers, and special thanks to their co-directors/co-producers Danielle Greco and Jennifer Labriola for an evening to remember!

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Community Greet's Jenn Payne at Annual Relay For Life

Jenn Payne, a cancer survivor and Bethpage High School (BHS) guidance counselor, was surprised with a special greeting from over 100 BHS faculty members and students on June 2 at the 2012 Relay For Life walk.



Bethpage faculty created a banner to honor guidance counselor and cancer survivor Jenn Payne.

Along with creating a large banner that read "BHS Loves Our Jenny," Bethpage faculty applauded Ms. Payne as she circled the track with several other cancer survivors.



Jenn Payne walks around the track.

The warm and well-deserved acknowledgments were part of the community's gratitude and support for Ms. Payne, who has coordinated the Relay For Life walk for the past four years.

The students in attendance, which included dozens of BHS varsity kickline, athletes and cheerleaders, lined the high school track with luminarias made from paper bags filled with sand, each personalized with a name, photo, message or drawing in honor of a friend or loved one who has been affected by cancer. Students from JFK Middle School also worked hard to spell "HOPE" with luminarias, illuminating the bleachers after dark.

BHS Senior Signs Letter of Intent

Bethpage High School is pleased to announce that senior Danny Tancredi has signed a letter of intent to play baseball while in college. Danny has captured All-Conference 2010-2011, is a three-year varsity starter and captain of his team, and holds the position of second baseman.

"Danny is one of the hardest working kids I've ever had the pleasure of coaching," said varsity baseball coach Rob Fisher.

The senior athlete will be continuing his baseball career at New York Institute of Technology, where he plans to major in communications.

Congratulations, Danny!



Seated with Danny Tancredi (center) are his brother Michael Tancredi and mother Mary Kay Tancredi. Standing from left to right are assistant coach Chris Verde, coach Rob Fisher, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics John Franchi, Principal Michael Spence, John Tancredi (Danny's father) and John Tancredi (Danny's brother).

Pictured from left to right are Board of Education President Michael J. Kelly, BHS teacher Suzanne Rankin, JFK teacher Leon LaSpina, BHS senior Holly Josephs and Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark. (Not pictured is CCS teacher Suzanne Schmitz.)



BETHPAGE RECOGNIZES TEACHER EXCELLENCE

The district's eighth annual "Recognition of Excellence" Awards Dinner featured nine graduating seniors who were given the opportunity to acknowledge their three most influential teachers at the elementary, middle and high school levels. The event served as a celebration of the special teachers that have inspired, mentored and made a difference in the lives of Bethpage students.

The students and staff honorees were joined by their family members as well as district administrators, Board of Education President Michael J. Kelly and Board of Education trustees Joel Dauman and Tom Frost. Everyone at the dinner shared in an enjoyable reception that was made complete with food provided by Central Avenue Deli, music played by the High School Jazz Combo and opening remarks from Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark. The students spoke one by one, taking the time to share memories and humorous anecdotes and to praise each of their recognized teachers.

Lindsay Cafiero selected teachers Nicole Agovino (CBS), Antoinette Cennamo (JFK) and David Rodriguez (BHS); Karyn Dane acknowledged Lauri Holt (CBS), Leslie Green (JFK) and Jeanna Novelli (BHS); Wilfred Cheung lauded Elisa Kane (CCS), Elizabeth Raia (JFK) and Jessica Teelucksingh (BHS); Holly Josephs chose Suzanne Schmitz (CCS), Leon LaSpina (JFK) and Suzanne Rankin (BHS); Nicholas Pombonyo honored Kathleen Peters (CCS), Andrea Mastellone (JFK) and Christopher Hayes (BHS); Christine Ryan acknowledged Marian Siegel (KLS), Jennie Hauschild (JFK) and Daniel Malossi (BHS); John Saugy selected Patrick Braglia (CBS), Theresa Schneider (JFK) and AnneMarie Sestak (BHS); Christina Wing chose Vincent Perez (KLS), Dennis Sciacca (JFK) and Jon LaRochester (BHS); and Daniel Zirkel honored Mary Anne Gaffney (KLS), Chris Pollatos (JFK) and Daniel Zabell (BHS).

Congratulations to these teachers and the seniors who selected them. The "Recognition of Excellence" Awards Dinner was a moving event, as students expressed their appreciation of the educators that have positively impacted their lives.



Pictured from left to right are Board of Education President Michael J. Kelly, CCS teacher Kathleen Peters, BHS senior Nicholas Pombonyo, JFK teacher Andrea Mastellone, BHS teacher Christopher Hayes and Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark.

Their Next Step . . .

Colleges and universities that students from the Class of 2012 will attend include:

Adelphi University
 Bard College
 Bentley University
 Borough of Manhattan Community College
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Brown University
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western University
 College of New Jersey
 Cornell University
 CUNY Baruch
 CUNY Brooklyn College
 CUNY Hunter College
 CUNY John Jay
 CUNY Queens College
 Drexel University
 Eastman School of Music
 Fairfield University
 Fordham University
 Franklin Pierce University
 Full Sail University
 Georgetown University
 Gettysburg College
 Hartwick College
 Hofstra University
 Indiana University
 Iona College
 Ithaca College
 James Madison University
 Keene State College
 Kings College
 Long Island University at C.W. Post
 Loyola of Maryland

Manhattan School of Music
 Manhattanville College
 Marist College
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Mercy College
 Molloy College
 Moravian College
 Mount Saint Mary College
 Nassau Community College
 New York Institute of Technology
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Pennsylvania State University
 Queensborough Community College
 Quinnipiac University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Sacred Heart University
 San Diego State University
 Seton Hall University
 St. John's University
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 SUNY Brockport
 SUNY Buffalo
 SUNY College of Environmental
 Science and Forestry
 SUNY Cortland
 SUNY Delhi
 SUNY Farmingdale
 SUNY Old Westbury

Facts About the Class of 2012:

- Class of 2012 has 262 graduates
- Class of 2012 qualified/was offered \$10.6 million in merit scholarships from colleges and universities
- The Bethpage community donated more than \$60,000 in local scholarships
- BHS has one of the highest Regents diploma rates in Nassau County - 98%
- BHS has been designated as one of the finest high schools in the nation for AP classes

SUNY Oneonta
 SUNY Potsdam
 SUNY Purchase
 SUNY Stony Brook
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 The Juilliard School
 Towson University
 Tufts University
 University of Connecticut
 University of Delaware
 University of Maryland at College Park
 University of Massachusetts
 University of Scranton
 University of South Carolina
 University of Tampa
 University of Vermont
 University of Virginia
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 Yale University

Military

United States Air Force
 United States Army
 United States Marine Corps

BHS Named Most Philosophical School for the Sixth Time!

BHS philosophy students rocked the ethics bowl circuit this year by placing in each of the competitions in which they participated. In the fall, they placed third in the Moorestown Ethics Bowl in New Jersey. In February, the team consisting of Usman Asif, Lauren Birck, Kelly Chan, Michelle Mason and Jeremy Roller made it to the final round of the Long Island Ethics Bowl at Molloy College, taking on Ramapo High School hoping to retain their winning title from the year before. However, after an hour of intense presentation, commentary and rebuttal, Bethpage ultimately took second place. The final score was 215 to 203. Another Bethpage team consisting of Andrew Aquino, Michelle Cirillo, Akash Dagur, Chang Jeong and Nisha Shah came in fourth place. In May, this same team placed third at the Stevens Ethics Bowl in New Jersey.

In addition to their outstanding performance at ethics bowls, Bethpage was named "Most Philosophical School in America" for the sixth time in the last ten years by the Philosophy Arts Center, sponsor of the national Kids Philosophy Slam essay contest. The essay contest challenged students to think about a major philosophical topic. For this year's competition, the essay question was "What Is the Meaning of Life?" Junior Akash Dagur was chosen as the third "Most Philosophical Student in America" from the 5,000 essays submitted nationwide. Akash is one of seven national finalists that Bethpage has produced over the last ten years. The Kids Philosophy Slam was created by John Davis to provide a powerful opportunity to help students grapple with life's big issues. It is clear that the students who participate in the philosophy program at BHS will be better prepared for the critical thinking challenges that await them in college. Plato would be very proud!



BHS junior Akash Dagur was named the third "Most Philosophical Student in America." He is pictured with Principal Michael Spence (left) and advisor Wendy Way (right).



Battle at Bethpage II



UMass Beats Drexel, Local Students Benefit

At the annual "Battle at Bethpage" collegiate lacrosse game, more than 4,000 spectators witnessed the UMass Minutemen erase an early deficit to eke out an 8-6 victory over the Drexel Dragons. Proceeds from this match, called "Battle at Bethpage II," go to the Bethpage Educational Foundation, which co-hosted the event with the Town of Oyster Bay at the high school athletic complex. "This is a great day for our community. We thank all of our sponsors, the athletes, their coaches, and everyone who

showed their support by coming together for the benefit of Bethpage," said Foundation President Marc Sieben during his pre-game remarks. In the past two years, the foundation has granted almost \$20,000 to students and teachers working on educational projects. This year, more than \$30,000 was raised for the Bethpage Foundation.

The pre-game ceremonies, emceed by Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark, also featured brief speeches by Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano and Town of Oyster

Bay Supervisor John Venditto. Boy Scout Troop 604 presented the nation's colors as part of the pre-game ceremony, which featured ninth-grader Lauren Conway singing the national anthem.

Major sponsors of the event included Modell's Sporting Goods, Verizon Fios1, ESPN, the Hofstra Warriors girls lacrosse team, and North Coast Financial Group/MetLife, all of whom hosted activity booths in the parking lot outside of the stadium before, during and after the game.



Luke Norris (right) is pictured in a performance at the district's annual Democracy in Action event.

BHS Students Receive Accolades at Music in the Parks

During the weekend of April 27, the Bethpage High School Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble, accompanied by band director James Stehlik, participated in a music competition called Music in the Parks in Massachusetts. Both groups received first place in their respective divisions. In addition, tenor saxophonist Luke Norris was awarded Best Soloist of the entire festival.

Music in the Parks is a daylong or two-day festival for student choral, orchestral and band ensembles, held annually across the United States. Music groups perform before adjudicators who rate the ensembles in the morning, and then the groups spend the day at an amusement park. The day culminates with an awards ceremony. Awards can be given to either a single player or a whole ensemble.

PTA Council Dinner Honors Superintendent

The Bethpage PTA Council held its annual awards dinner at the Fox Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, giving recognition to deserving individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty for the children of Bethpage and the local community.

"Enough cannot be said about this year's recipient of the New York State PTA Distinguished Service Award," stated PTA Council Vice President Carmela Ambrosio. "This award is given to [PTA] members who serve faithfully, but is reserved chiefly for those who have devoted exemplary service to the children and youth encompassing work within the community."

"Bethpage Council of PTA would like to present the New York State PTA Distinguished Service Award for 2012 to Mr. Terrence Clark, Superintendent of the Bethpage School District, for all his years of dedication, unending energy and service to the children of the Bethpage School District," announced PTA Council President Lena Ritchie.

Along with the award, Mr. Clark received golf balls, as he loves to golf when he has any spare time, and a two-liter bottle of Pepsi, his favorite soft drink. He joked, "That was a very well-kept secret, folks. I don't know how you pulled it off!" adding warmly, "I can't thank the PTA Council enough for doing this."



Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark (center) is pictured with PTA Council members (from left) Joan Santoro (Treasurer), Lisa Mastanduno (Recording Secretary), Carmela Ambrosio (Vice President) and Lena Ritchie (President).

Summer Studies: Continued Learning While Having Fun

Learning opportunities were extended into the summer for Bethpage's students with an assortment of camps and programs that provided both fun and educational experiences.

Athletic Camp, for kindergarten through twelfth grade, provided an array of sports which included swimming, kickball, capture the flag, basketball, soccer, football, lacrosse and kickline. The mission of Athletic Camp is to provide a high-quality sports camp experience at a reasonable cost to Bethpage residents.

SAT Camp offered high school ninth and tenth-graders an early start on the SAT exams with an hour of math and reading/writing skills every day, and a 15-minute break between classes. Students were taught techniques targeted at increasing speed and accuracy. These included wrong answer elimination, educated omissions and educated guessing. Topics covered included critical reading, writing and math.

Project Adventure for students in kindergarten through fifth grade stressed the importance of cooperation, teamwork,

respect, and communication. Activities ranged from simple games to advanced problem-solving games such as Nuclear Waste and the Australian Trolley.

Exploratory Camp is a four-day program for middle school students. Students attending the camp spent a portion of the morning in an educational environment preparing for the day's thematic experience. Each day, students

experienced a different thematic topic and workshop/trip corresponding to the daily theme. The goal of Exploratory Camp is to afford students the opportunity to participate, experience and learn about dynamic topics in a hands-on and proactive manner. This year's covered subject area was the science of flight and rocketry and included a trip to the Cradle of Aviation Museum.



Some of the kindergarten and first grade students take a picture break at Athletic Camp. Pictured with the children are camp counselors Lindsay Cafiero (back row, left) and Jillian Skuza (back row, second left).

Important News Regarding School Meals

The Bethpage School District will be implementing new federal standards into its nutritional program for the upcoming school year. Beginning this fall, school dining programs across the country must adhere to new federal nutrition standards for school meals. These standards have been interpreted from the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act (HHFKA) and adopted into law. Many of these new standards will take effect for the 2012-2013 school year, while others are slated to go into effect in future years. Additional portions of the law are still being interpreted and are expected to be adopted in the near future.

For more information about these new standards, please visit the district's website: www.bethpagecommunity.com.



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