

Bethpage Union Free School District

BETHPAGE

NEWSLETTER

Top of 2017:



Valedictorian Shanaz Deen and Salutatorian Anthony Hernandez



*Valedictorian
&
Salutatorian*

Congratulations to the Bethpage High School Class of 2017's valedictorian Shanaz Deen and salutatorian Anthony Hernandez. Both students have excelled in all aspects of their education and have earned this prestigious designation.

Some of Shanaz's highlights include being named an AP Scholar with Distinction and placing fourth at the national championships in Marine Fitness. Shanaz is captain of the Marine Fitness team, vice president of tutoring for the National Honor Society, and a member of the Student Civic Club, Spanish Honor Society and Tri-M Honor Society. She has taken a total of 12 Advanced Placement classes at BHS and was part of the

school's gymnastics team. She will attend Princeton University to study molecular biology in the fall.

Anthony has also been named an AP Scholar with Distinction, and has been honored by the National Hispanic Scholar Award Recognition Program. He was named Class Senator all four years of high school and is a member of the Marine Science Club, National Honor Society and National Foreign Language Honor Society. Outside of school, he is active in a community service group called Energia for Teens, serves as a junior lector at his church, and volunteers as a religious education teacher. Anthony will attend Molloy College for adolescent education history.

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Principal's Award:
Samantha Herman
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Nassau County Executive Award:

Michael Sweeney



Nassau County Legislative Award:

Anthony Hernandez



Nassau County Comptroller Award:

Andrew Lewis



NYS Comptroller Award:

Corrin Tempesta

CLASS OF

Samantha Alaimo
Julia Albert
Miguel Almánzar
Nicholas Antonacci
Jesse Astarita
Philip Atkins
Andrei Aziz
Kathryn Backman
Brianna Bailey
Gregory Barrelli
Michael Barrelli
Carlos Bastidas-Santos
Daniel Batista
Brett Bauman
Adrian Benitez
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Eden Biniachvili
Michael Blom
Kierstin Bloom
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Emily Buffa
Trevor Buffalino
Justin Cano
Daniel Capobianco
Kayla Castellano
Gabriella Castles

Alec Cavaciuti
Kyle Cervelli
Dana Chan
Christopher Chang
Rachel Chao
Alexis Chernaski
Anthony Chiaramonte
Alivia Cioffi
Cesaré Cioffi
Patricia Cipriano
Halie Colavolpe
Casey Collette
Matthew Collins
Nicole Collins
Anthony Cotillo
Steven Coyle
Mark Cuozzo
Alexander D'Alessandro
Alyssa D'Arrigo
Peter D'Avanzo
Zacryan Dalsass
Shanaz Deen
Anthony DeJesus
Jovany Delsa
Theresa DeVivo
Jake Diamond

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Michael Domagala
Jacqueline Doyle
Kyle Espinoza-Errity
Anthony Espinal
Mohmund Farhadi
Maria-Isabel Fernandes
Andrew Ferruzza
Alana Fiorello
Alyssa Firth
Erin Flynn
Cormac Foley
Kimberly Foley
Verna Fong
Matthew Fox
Sean Frers
Julia Gabrinowitz
Thomas Galgano
Nicholas Galletti
Robert Galletti
Sean Ganley
Daliza Garcia
Tatiana Garcia
Varinder Ghotra Singh
Marie Giacinto
Jake Giacopelli

Jason Glickman
Rolando Gonzalez
Lauren Greenstein
Alyssa Grunfelder
Julie Grzybowski
Nicole Guagenti
Adam Guarino
Ana Guerriero
Emily Guida
Gabrielle Gusmano
Bryce Hadden
Taylor Hannaberry
Samantha Herman
Anthony Hernandez
Sara Hsu
Erin Hughes
Taylor Hughes
Kevin Hurtado
Renée Hydo
Frank Iacovano
Nicholas Ilasi
Ryan Imbornoni
Jessica Ingenito
Peter Ingenito
Jourdan Jamison
Grace Jang

Erin Jedd
Nicole Johnson
Manisha Kalia
Samantha Kammerer
Amy Kappel
Levon Karapetyan
Julia Katartzis
Madeline Kearney
Chrisovalantou Kefalas
Gannon Kenney-McGowan
Ryan Kenny
Lauren Kerwin
Muqsit Khan
Alex Kim
Kenferd Kim
Hercules Kivotidis
Nicole Kopetz
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Jacob Kukafka
Emma LaMontanaro
James Lang
Thomas Lang
Nicholas Latorre
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Sophie Layton
Teresa LeClair

AWARDS



Nassau County Legislative Citizenship Award:

Alyssa D'Arrigo

Attorney General Triple "C" Award:

Samantha Novoa
Andrew Stern



Senator Kemp Hannon Citizenship Advancement Award:

Giavonna Theocharidis



2017

Jesse Lee
Keana Lee
Andrew Lewis
Jack Lewis
Harrison Lisa
Heather Loccisano
Danielle Losquadro
Jessica Losquadro
Kathryn Lotito
Meghan Lunetto
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Patrick Luzzi
Brenna Lynch
Avery Mack
Rachel Mackay
Nicholas Maggi
Paul Maino
Nicole Malatestinic
Michaela Maloney
Edwin Manj
Nicholas Marotta
Gina Martingano
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Brian McCarthy
Lauren McDougall
Ryan McGowan

Clare Meaney
Matthew Melendez
Ryan Mendes
Matthew Michelson
Daniel Midgette
Lauren Mikulus
Marissa Milazzo
Christopher Mirkov
Michael Molino
Daniel Mongan
Michael Monteleone
Paul Monteleone
Anna Moritz
Michael Mouton
Robert Murtha
Vishnu Nair
Lauren Nani
Michael Narbutt
Jessica Nardulli
Marianna Nerantzinis
Nathan Nguyen
Samantha Novoa
Mikelina Nunez
Joseph O'Neill
Timothy Ogden
Chloe Ohm

Robert Ornellas
Priya Patel
Rani Patel
Andrew Perico
Samuel Perkowsky
Selena Phan
Megan Phillips
Juan Pilarte
Amanda Pilc
Thomas Pizzuto
Bryanna Portaro
Nathalie Portillo
Taylor Povell
Christopher Powers
Justin Prechtel
Christopher Price
Hassan Qureshi
Nicholas Ragone
Holly Reddy
Gianni Sozio
Taylor Stango
Isabella Sterling
Andrew Stern
Alex Stratis
Sara Suazo
Kristen Suran
Michael Sweeney

Ryan Salony
Hernan Sanchez Garcia
Madeline Santoro
Tyler Santos
Paul Sayilar
Kayla Schmitt
Kayla Schnabel
Andrew Schneider
Carly Sesti
Samantha Shapiro
Dongmin Shin
Philip Shirinian
Nicole Silvestro
Michael Simmons
Jenna Skaferowsky
Kailey Skupinsky
Derrick Sloane
Holly Solomon
Holly Reddy
Gianni Sozio
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Alex Stratis
Sara Suazo
Kristen Suran
Michael Sweeney

Carmine Szynal
Jelica Taveras
Corrin Tempesta
Kyle Tepe
Giavonna Theocharidis
Cameron Torres
Justin Torres
Alexsia Tsakiris
Kathia Turcios
Elizabeth Valentinetti
Jesus Valles
Nicholas Vangi
Lindsay Varlotta
Emmanuel Velonakis
Jacquelyn Verdi
John Vitucci
Daniel Wegman
Skyla Welsch
Raquel Wetzler
Max Whelan
Mallory Wilson
Ryan Wilson
Zachary Zapata

62nd Annual Commencement

“Step outside of your comfort zone, and don’t pass up any opportunities you may regret later.”
 - Shanaz Deen, Valedictorian



“As you continue on your path in life, always remember to check in with your family and tell them you love them. Always remember to laugh and enjoy life, and always remember to set high goals for yourself because you can attain them.”
 - Principal Michael Spence



“I cannot help but think that every event, from now on, will be a kind of formal or informal ‘graduation’ into the next chapter of our lives.”
 -Anthony Hernandez, Salutatorian

ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

200th POINT

Congratulations to senior-athlete Alexa Ritchie who scored her 200th point for the girls varsity lacrosse team in a game against Mepham High School. Reaching this level, Alexa now holds the school record for the most career points for a girls lacrosse player.



Alexa has been playing lacrosse since the third grade and was ranked in Newsday's Top 100 student athletes. Serving as captain of the team, she is a two-time All-County Athlete and two-time All-Conference Athlete. The team is coached by Tim Brace and assistant coach Kate Danowski-Wright.

"She never knew her point total," said Brace, who makes each player set personal, practice, and team goals at the start of each year.

"It feels amazing," said Alexa. "Especially since I scored the final seven all in one game right before I had surgery on my ACL."

Alexa plans to continue playing lacrosse at Ithaca College this fall, while pursuing a physical therapy degree.

CAPTAIN CLASS

An annual tradition, the Bethpage Board of Education, administration and Athletic Director John Franchi honored each of the Bethpage High School varsity team captains at a recent Board of Education meeting. Each team captain introduced themselves to the assembled guests and stated their sport and college plans (if they were a senior). Each was recognized for their athletic accomplishments and leadership abilities throughout the year. This is the first year that every Bethpage High School varsity team has been named a Scholar-Athlete team by New York State.



TOP IN NATION

Congratulations to the girls and boys Marine Fitness Teams and coaches John Como and Debbie Rut for an outstanding season. Both teams advanced to nationals with the girls ranking first and the boys ranking second.



SPECIAL Olympics



The Long Island Special Olympics held an outstanding competition in Bethpage with 600 athletes being assisted by over 90 coaches and 500 volunteers. Thanks to everyone who participated including the corporate sponsors and the Town of Oyster Bay for partnering with the Bethpage Schools.



BATTLE IS BACK

The Bethpage High School Howard C. Vogt Field was home to the fifth Battle at Bethpage event. Held in conjunction with the Town of Oyster Bay Parks Department, the event raises money for the Bethpage Educational Foundation and this year also raised money for the Daler Educational Foundation. More than 1,000 spectators came out to witness the Division I college lacrosse teams of Duke University and Boston University.

The pregame ceremonies, emceed by Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark, featured brief speeches by various representatives from the Town of Oyster Bay and the Daler Educational Foundation. The Bethpage School District's elementary choir performed the national anthem for the opening of the game.





scientific reasoning, changes were made to help the cars move smoothly, to travel in straight lines rather than in a circle and to maximize solar power. After trial and error, the cars were a success and students held races to see whose car was the fastest.



SPIRIT OF AMERICA

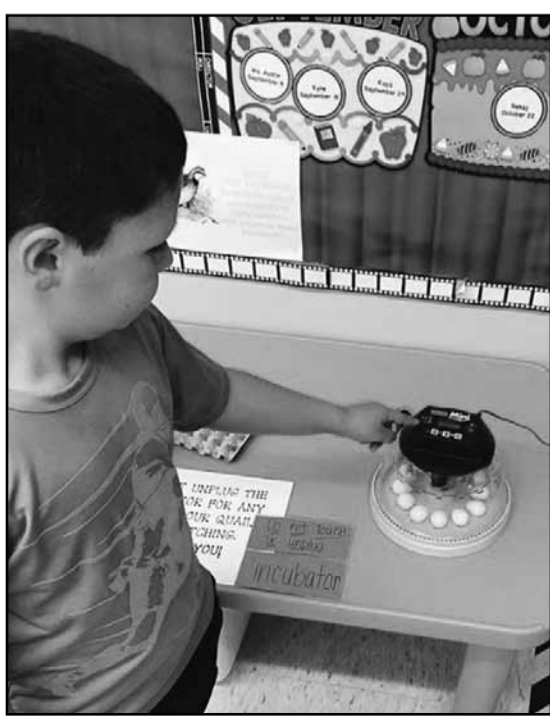
In honor of Flag Day, kindergarten through second-grade students at Kramer Lane were treated to a patriotic and interactive program. “Spirit of America,” reinforced the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as each of the 50 states in a fun and interactive manner. The assembly began with a visual representation and singing of the classic classroom song, “Nifty Fifty.”



HATCHING A LESSON

Students in Erin Austin’s first-grade class at Central Boulevard School participated in a citizen science project to help the environment. Working with the Seatuck Environment Association’s quail program, the class hatched Northern Bobwhite Quail, which are a native species to our area. Once released into the wild they will eat ticks, which are noted to be at a record high this year.

The experience reinforced the stages of the life cycle, including a 23-day incubation period and the emerging of the baby quails from their eggs. The quail were released on June 16.



BUDDY BENCH

Charles Campagne Elementary School completed the installation of a Buddy Bench. Located in the playground area, the bench is meant to encourage friendships and to make sure all students have someone to play with at recess. Donated by the school’s PTA, school psychologist Dr. Ricci met with all of the students and explained the meaning of the Buddy Bench prior to its installation.



SOLAR CARS

Fifth-graders in Mrs. Kelly’s, Mrs. Seidita’s and Mrs. Yansick’s classes at Charles Campagne Elementary School built their own solar cars. Students worked with a partner, followed multistep directions and modified the design as needed to help the cars drive smoothly. After completing a test run, many students found that further modifications were needed. Using

A TALENTED BUNCH

Fourth-graders at Kramer Lane showcased their skills in a talent show for their teachers and peers. An annual tradition, it was a fun way for the students to honor their final week as fourth-graders in the school. Talents this year included singing, dancing and comedy skits.



Congratulations to All!



JFK MS
Grade 8

CBS
Grade 5



CCS
Grade 5

KLS
Grade 5



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