

# BETHPAGE

Newsletter

LATE SUMMER 2021

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## BETHPAGE GOLDEN EAGLES

# Fly To The Next Chapter

The sun shined on the Bethpage Athletic Complex on the evening of June 25 as Bethpage High School honored the Class of 2021 at the school's 66th annual commencement ceremony. The district was able to welcome all students and their families to one celebration, a welcome return to normalcy after a school year like no other.

The evening began with the graduates processing onto the field to the sound of "Pomp and Circumstance," performed by the Bethpage High School band. The students were joined by members of central

and building administration, the Board of Education, faculty and staff.

Student addresses were then underway, beginning with Senior Class President Isabella Downes and Student Council President Emanuella Tsouros. Then, Pawan Pitiranggon and Bonnie Stern delivered meaningful and encouraging salutatory and valedictory addresses, respectively.

"Wherever we are going after this ceremony finishes, it is my sincere hope that none of us forget about the relationships we made here," Pawan said.

"As we leave our comfortable Bethpage bubble, it is crucial that we can converse with each other," Bonnie said. "We will probably never agree on everything, but respect for one another is key."

Next, Superintendent of Schools Dave Schneider delivered commencement remarks to the graduates and their families. He reiterated his gratitude for the Class of 2021 for persevering through an incredibly difficult past 15 months.

"The Class of 2021 has demonstrated a deep commitment to their community," he said. "This year, more than ever, you served as role models inside our buildings and community to ensure our schools stayed open."

Principal Nicholas Jantz reflected on how his time in Bethpage began with the graduates at John F. Kennedy Middle School. He reflected on the years of memories, successes and challenges he faced alongside the Class of 2021, commenting on their dedication to perseverance.

"One thing about this amazing group is that they've always done things their own way; they are trailblazers," he said. "This class has always been all in and full of school spirit since the beginning."

Following the presentation of diplomas, Mr. Jantz officially pronounced the Class of 2021 graduates. The ceremonial cap toss put a perfect ending on not only the evening, but years of education for the graduates in Bethpage.





# 2021 Senior

## CONGRATULATIONS,



**Valedictorian and Salutatorian:  
Bonnie Stern and Pawan Pitiranggon**



**Principal's Award:  
Philip D'Aguzzo**



**Nassau County  
Executive Award:  
Bonnie Stern**



**Nassau County  
Legislative Award:  
Madison Cross**

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Emily Anne Agnesini        | Seth D. Castro              | Luke James Grancio      |
| Stephanie Agosto           | Christopher A. Cetin        | Rocco J. Grancio        |
| Aaliyan Ahmad              | Natalie Charalambous        | Alexa Katherine Greco   |
| Sayor W. Ahmed             | Sidh Chhabra                | Brooke S. Greenstein    |
| Alexa Victoria Alaimo      | Hannah H. Cho               | Valentina Grgin         |
| Sarah Ali                  | Joyce Choi                  | Alex Grzybowski         |
| Brianna Marie Analitis     | Anna Marie Ciccolella       | Alexis M. Guarino       |
| Deeana Kathleen Arbaiza    | Rodney Colon                | Victor D. Guidotti      |
| Emilyanne Arena            | Kenneth D. Cornejo          | Corinne V. Haney        |
| Peter David Arrabito       | Katelyn M. Corsaro          | Patrick C. Hanley       |
| Cassandra Rose Astarita    | Victoria M. Cossaro         | Jaylan D. Harper        |
| Robert A. Attard           | Christopher Matthew Coveney | Quentin M. Harper       |
| Michael G. Auer            | Madison Ashley Cross        | Aryane Harris           |
| Ethan E. Bactawar          | Joseph Robert Cummo         | Mohammad Yusuful Hassan |
| Toni-Ann Badolato          | Sydney Michele Cusack       | David Gunnar Hedquist   |
| Elisa R. Baker             | Maddox Cusicanqui           | Alex Joseph Herman      |
| Daniel Baltierre           | Lindsay Ryan D'Agostino     | Colin Thomas Hervey     |
| Christina T. Baron         | Philip D'Aguzzo             | Trevor Patrick Hill     |
| Christopher James Basile   | Sarah Michelle D'Arrigo     | Zachary Hydo            |
| Gianna R. Battaglia        | Angelina Mary D'Avanzo      | Anthony M. Ippolito     |
| Steven Lucas Bello         | Patrick Thomas Dalton       | Carly Rose Issing       |
| Anthony J. Belmonte        | Hannah Danziger             | Rajeswari R. Jaigopaul  |
| Arianna Elizabeth Belmonte | Jenna DeStefano             | Daequon E. James        |
| Kathy Vanessa Benitez      | Andy J. Diaz                | Fabiana Valentina Jara  |
| Isabella Rose Benkhallouk  | Sofia A. Diaz               | Leon L. Jarvis          |
| Leah Marie Bestany         | Lauren Nicole Dietrich      | James L. Jensen         |
| John L. Binder             | Tyler Donigian              | Joshua M. Johnson       |
| Isabella Nicole Bogolubsky | Samuel James Donohue        | Martina E. Jurlina      |
| Savannah Lucia Boncic      | Isabella M. Downes          | Gabriela Marie Kamilar  |
| Jake F. Bonelli            | William J. Ellinger         | Dilshaan Kaur           |
| Elizabeth Erika Bordt      | Jesse G. Falco              | Kirnpreet Kaur          |
| Emma Michelle Bordt        | Joluis Fermin               | Blake M. Kercu          |
| Brianna M. Botoska         | Amanda R. Ferraro           | Christopher R. Kercu    |
| Victoria Kathryn Bracken   | Jamie Noel Ferriso          | Nawal Salman Khan       |
| Olivia Grace Brett         | Ryan Matthew Fina           | Simeon G. Kim           |
| Sophia N. Brett            | Elyssa Megan Finkel         | Samantha Kingston       |
| Matthew Lawrence Bury      | Nicholas E. Firth           | Stephen L. Klein        |
| Ian Patrick Cafiero        | Jesse N. Flanagan           | Dina Marie Labozetta    |
| Georgia Belle Cagna        | Emily A. Florentz           | Meagan Anna Landers     |
| Alejandro Cambeiro         | AnaMaria Milagros Francois  | Sarah Christina Larrea  |
| Xavier Cambeiro            | Joseph H. Gamman            | Angela Rose LaRusso     |
| Isabella Caradonna         | Joseph A. Garr              | Olivia Nicole Leogrande |
| Edward Logan Carluzzo      | Victoria Elle Geraci        | Ryan A. Lewis           |
| Luke James Carney          | Andrew Gomez                | Jessica Li              |
| Nicolette Natalia Castelli |                             | Joyce Li                |



# Award Highlights

## Class of 2021

Samantha Li  
Aidan Lin  
Ariana Nicole Lisica  
Marissa E. Loccisano  
Brandon J. Lombardo  
Gianna T. LoRusso  
Sophia R. LoRusso  
Nina Lukic  
Erin R. Lynch  
Maya Lillian  
Maciel-Seidman  
Alex Maino  
Jonathan Maino  
Andrew J. Mandolese  
Sebastian Marano  
James W. Martin  
Donovan Michael Martinez  
Juliana M. Mayal  
Meaghan Rose McAuliffe  
Joseph P. McDonald  
Meghan Isabel McGlynn  
Samantha Rose McGowan  
Samantha Nicole  
McManus  
Steven G. McMullen Jr.  
David Ignacio Meneses  
Jordan Menjivar  
Christopher M. Mertz  
Gregory V. Michelson  
Joseph Michelson  
Owen M. Mikulski  
Emily R. Miller  
Wiley Day Miller  
Taryn N. Moerler  
Amanath Mohemmed Ilyas  
Gabrielle Marie Monteleone  
Ayden Baiso Morales  
Thomas E. Moran  
Kallie C. Morck  
Joana G. Munoz  
Evan W. Ng  
Cheryl Noshad  
Gianna Lynn Novara  
Darius R. Nunez  
James Eugene O'Boyle IV

Amanda E. Ocasio  
Steven A. Orozco  
Jocelyn R. Osborne  
Natalie Palmer  
Jenna Ann Parisi  
Raechel Park  
Valenni R. Passaro  
Khushi S. Patel  
Mamta J. Patel  
Justin G. Patlias  
Paola N. Paulino  
Sophia Francesca Penna  
Nicolas Thomas Pepe  
Aliyah G. Perreta  
Jack D. Perry  
Anastasija Petrovska  
Irene Shannon Pfeffer  
Pawan Pitiranggon  
Vincent Thomas Poggio  
Isabella M. Raber  
Bridget M. Ragone  
Nicolas M. Ragusa  
Gibron I. Rahman  
Joshua Aaron Raia  
Julia Ranaldo  
Timothy P. Remsen  
Ryan A. Resnick  
Charles E. Restaino  
Angelina Richmond  
Christopher Michael  
Rimaldi  
Ariella Andrea Rojas  
Julia Marie Rossini  
Nicole C. Rufrano  
Elijah Brent Rywak  
Rebecca Hale Saccone  
Aryan Sachdeva  
Guadalupe Sanchez  
Gabriella Santangelo  
John A. Satir  
Samantha Rose Scelta  
Emilio J. Schaefer  
Nicholas A. Schimmel  
Sarah Schirtzer  
Zachary Schnabel

Alyssa Nicole Serio  
Matthew B. Sheehan  
Varuna Shekar  
Luke Paul Shkreli  
Isabella A. Sierra  
Brandon A. Silva  
Anmolpreet Singh  
Gurvin Singh  
Kulbir Singh  
Sajinder Singh  
Ryan Thomas Smith  
Thomas J. Smith  
Justin Michael Solomon  
Brian Peter Soultanis  
Bonnie Claire Stern  
Stephen M. Testani  
Bianca Tierno  
Jordyn M. Tobia  
Peter John Tsavaris  
Annamaria Elena Tsounis  
Emanuella Thalia Tsouros  
Jessica Tusa  
Steffany G. Valladares  
Carlos Valle Campos  
Alvis Sanjay Vaz  
Katerine Vera  
Victoria Emily Vera  
Maxwell A. Verrelli  
Julio Alfredo Villatoro  
Umana  
Louis Francis Viola  
Richard A. Virgil III  
Vittoria M. Vitucci  
Jack R. Vonderlieth  
Victoria Rose Votta  
Thomas C. Ward  
Christian Thomas Watters  
Logan P. Wylie  
Kelly Xhumba  
Zaara Yakub  
Daniel D. Yeu  
Isabelle Sarah Yoon  
David B. Yorke  
Liam Michael Young  
Gregory A. Zito



**New York State  
Comptroller  
Achievement Award:  
Victoria Bracken**



**Attorney General  
Triple "C" Award:  
Aryane Harris**



**Attorney General  
Triple "C" Award:  
Christopher Mertz**



**Principal's Award:  
Lauren Dietrich**



<sup>4</sup> We Are the Bethpage **CLASS OF 2021!** <sup>5</sup>



**ABOUT THE  
CLASS OF 2021**



99.9% graduation rate.



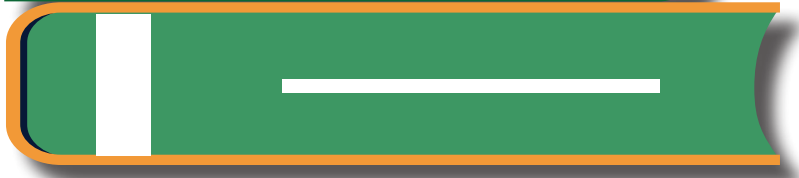
98.6% of graduates earned a Regents Diploma.



71% of graduates earned Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designations.



The Class of 2021 boasted 31 varsity athletic scholar teams.





# 6 Moving Up to New Heights



JFK MS GRADE 8



KLS GRADE 5



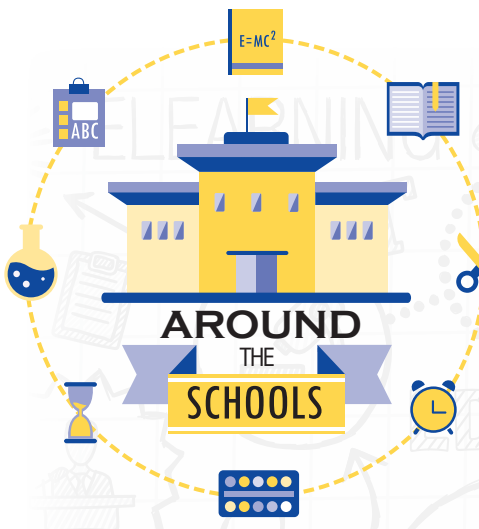
CBS GRADE 5



CCS GRADE 5







# NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOLS: Excellence, Achievement and Service Abound

Bethpage School District students continued to thrive in and out of the classroom throughout the end of the 2020-21 school year. Students of all ages persisted through the challenges this year presented and excelled.

convene to compete against one another in classic events such as tug of war.

chorus, orchestra and band rehearsed and filmed their segments separately, which were then compiled into one schoolwide virtual performance.



## A BEAR-Y WONDERFUL WEEK AT CHARLES CAMPAGNE

Kindergarten classes at Charles Campagne Elementary School partook in Teddy Bear Picnics throughout the week of June 14. Each student stuffed their own teddy bears, created bear-themed hats, played games and paraded down to the main office with their new, fluffy friends.



## KRAMER LANE LEARNS ALL ABOUT BUTTERFLIES

Students at Kramer Lane Elementary School learned about butterflies and moths as part of the BOCES Outdoor and Environmental Program on June 9. The students learned about the insects' anatomy, eating habits, dwelling places and more.



## BHS HOLDS 11TH ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Bethpage High School held its 11th annual research symposium featuring the work of four science research students on June 8. These students presented their research and fielded questions from their peers and audience members. Other science research students acted as hosts for the events, introducing their classmates and their impressive achievements.



## FIELD DAY FUN AT CBS

Central Boulevard Elementary School participated in field day on May 26. Adorned in blue and gold, students were once again able to

## THE VIRTUAL SHOW GOES ON AT JFK

Students at John F. Kennedy Middle School recently worked in tandem with their music teachers and conductors to record a virtual spring concert for the school community. The seventh and eighth grade





# BETHPAGE SCHOOLS

Bethpage Union Free School District

Bethpage, NY 11714

## Board of Education

Michael J. Kelly, *President*

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John Lonardo, *Trustee*

James A. McGlynn, *Trustee*

Christina Scelta, *Trustee*

Marie Swierkowski, *Trustee*

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*Superintendent of Schools*

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*Assistant Superintendent for Business*

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*Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources*

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*Assistant Superintendent for Instruction*

Lisa Lucchesi,

*Executive Director for Pupil Personnel Services*

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# DISTRICT *News*

## BETHPAGE BOARD OF EDUCATION KICKS OFF A NEW YEAR

The Bethpage School District Board of Education reelected trustees James McGlynn and Sandy Watson were sworn in for new terms at the annual reorganization meeting on July 6 in the district board room.

The Board selected Michael Kelly as its president for the 2021-2022 school year and Ms. Watson as vice president.

Superintendent David Schneider spoke about the “great start” to summer programs being offered at Bethpage High School, John F. Kennedy Middle School and Charles Campagne Elementary School. He also offered updates on the summer meal program and the hiring of new teachers for the upcoming school year.

## SUMMER LEARNING IN BETHPAGE

Students in Bethpage have been learning and thriving throughout the summer with the Extended School Year Program, BOCES Summer School and the Golden Eagles Summer Academy.

The Extended School Year program recently introduced ESY EATS, a new onsite business promoting vocational skills. Students shop for, prepare and sell baked goods and drinks to staff and community members.

An example of one class in BOCES Summer School was Summer STEM where students have been learning about different concepts in science through videos, demonstrations and discussions each day.

The Golden Eagles Summer Academy is designed to extend students’ education in an engaging way, while providing

continuity of instruction. Programs for students entering will offer flexibility, allowing families/students to sign-up for various workshops, including coding, performing arts, math, music and more.



## BHS NEW TURF UPDATE

The turf field at Bethpage High School is in the process of being installed and the district is thrilled with the progress of the project. It is anticipated to be ready by the fall for use. The district would like to send sincere thanks to the students, staff and community members for their patience and understanding during the renovation.