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Commencement 2020: *A Class of Future Leaders*

Members of Northport High School's Class of 2020 are the greatest testament to the strength within the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District. In the face of adversity, disappointments and distance learning, each graduate persevered through their final months of high school and walked with pride as they entered the stadium field on the evenings of July 31 and Aug. 1. Clad in blue caps and gowns, the Class of 2020, led by district administration and the regal melody of "Pomp and Circumstance," processed to their seats to celebrate a well-deserved graduation.

Following each procession, Principal Daniel Danbusky welcomed students, faculty, administrators, Board of Education members, family and friends to the much-anticipated 2020 commencement ceremonies. He extended his best wishes to the Class of 2020, praising them on their strength, resiliency and unity during a time of great uncertainty.

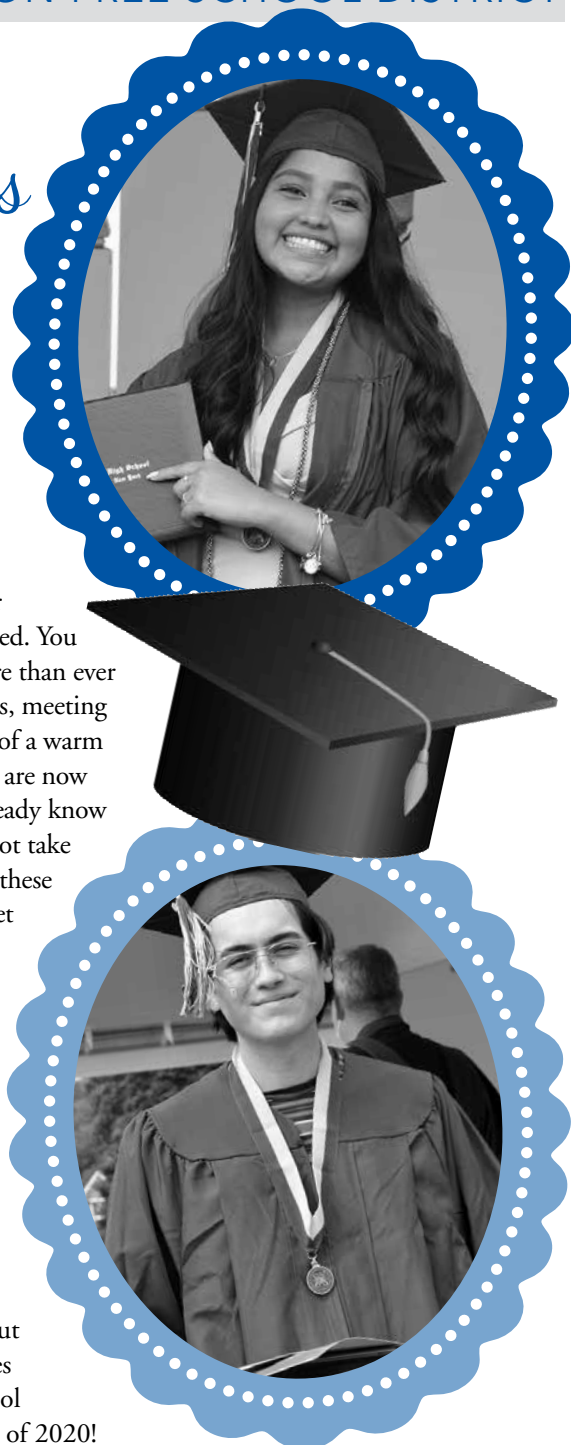
"It's what you have done and what you have demonstrated over the last few months that set you apart," he said. "You graciously accepted a new reality of online learning. You partnered with us as representatives of your school to work through these challenges together. That's the narrative that you have written; the narrative of who you have become. You are Northport High School Tigers that are going to change the world. Remember to wear that proudly and always show your stripes."

Following his speech, Mr. Danbusky welcomed to the podium Northport High School alumnus Valerie Cuda Goldstein, who, like the graduates of 2020, "missed out on milestones" during her senior year back in 2000. She shared

the story of a car accident that left her unable to attend senior prom or walk across the graduation stage to receive her diploma. Each missed opportunity, she said, molded her into the person standing in front of them.

"I believe that if you can get past this hurdle in life then you can do anything," she said. "You are resilient and you will come out of this stronger than any of us could have ever imagined. You will learn patience and appreciate more than ever the little things in life, such as car rides, meeting up with friends and feeling the touch of a warm embrace. To my fellow graduates, you are now adults, able to grasp hardship. You already know to embrace life's greatest lessons and not take anything for granted. You won't learn these lessons in a textbook. Class of 2020, let this be your teachable moment. Now, go out and do amazing things. Use that strength and empathy to lead the way."

Each student was then invited on stage to receive their diplomas as Assistant Principal Denise Keenan proudly read each name aloud. To close out each ceremony, Mr. Danbusky led the Class of 2020 in the symbolic shifting of their tassels from right to left. Without further ado, one by one, the graduates recessed out as Northport High School alumni. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!



CLASS OF 2020



Northport Class of 2020 Valedictorian Peter DeTolla is an active student whose high school career blossomed beyond academics to include a multitude of sports and extracurricular activities. In addition to taking AP and IB-level courses, Peter played on the varsity lacrosse and soccer teams. He was also a member of Students for 60,000, as well as the National and World Language honor societies. Peter will be attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall to study mechanical engineering.

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Northport Class of 2020 Salutatorian Alea Brummel spent her high school career exploring all aspects of academics and extracurricular activities. Since sophomore year, she has taken several AP, IB and college-level courses, including LIU Post's Anatomy and Physiology course. She served as a student athletic trainer in Northport's sports medicine program and was also a member of the Mathematics, National and World Language honor societies. Alea will be attending Baylor University, where she intends to major in chemistry.

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Theo Amendola, an aspiring aerospace engineer and designer, is not only passionate for academics, having taken several AP and IB-level courses, but also for music and athletics. He has been involved in varsity cross-country and track and field, as well as the symphonic winds, jazz band and marching band. Theo was also a dedicated member of the Mathematics, National, Technology, Tri-M Music and World Language honor societies. He will be attending Northeastern University in the fall to study mechanical engineering.

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Brandon Carire balanced his high school career between music and academics, having served as the marching band drum captain, all while participating in Academic Team, Mathletes and Science Olympiads. Brandon has taken over 10 college, AP, IB and honors-level courses and is a member of the symphonic winds, pit orchestra, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and National, Mathematics and World Language honor societies. He will be attending Pennsylvania State University in the fall to study aerospace engineering.

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Theodore Krantz attributes much of his success in high school to his involvement in Model United Nations. As an IB Diploma recipient, he has taken many AP and IB-level courses. He was also very involved in tour choir. Theodore plans to study civil engineering at Carnegie Mellon University in the fall.



Summa Cum Laude Students



Ayla Lerner, a National Merit Scholarship Program finalist, has had an impressive high school career filled with many AP and IB level courses, earning her the title of AP Scholar with Distinction. She was also a member of the Academy of Finance, DECA, National Student Union, SHARE, Spanish Club, Student Council and Superintendent's Student Advisory Board, among others. Ayla will be attending Harvard University in the fall to study economics and Latin American studies.

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Kevin Penrose, an IB Diploma recipient, took more than 10 AP and IB-level courses during his high school career, all while pursuing a passion for swimming. Over the years, he has been a member of the Academy of Information Technology, Mathletes, and National and Tri-M Music honor societies. Kevin was awarded the National Buckeye Scholarship and Maximus Scholarship from Ohio State University, where he intends to study computer science and engineering with a minor in business.



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Sophia Olivieri explored many interests in high school, from AP-level courses to being an active member of the symphonic winds, concert choir, marching band and pit orchestra. She was also a member of the National and Tri-M Music honor societies. In the fall, Sophia will attend Northeastern University to pursue her passion for politics, philosophy and economics.

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Ryan Reynolds has explored athletics, business and politics throughout his high school career. He was also a member of Model United Nations, Students for 60,000, and the school's varsity soccer, basketball and lacrosse teams. Among other accolades, Ryan was the recipient of the Suffolk Zone Award from the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. In the fall, he will attend the University of Notre Dame to major in business finance.



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Rachel Zulawski graduates with diverse experience in academics, music and theater. She was a staple in Northport's tour and jazz choirs, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Powdered Wigs, Theatre Troupe and Multicolored Tights. She has also taken a wide assortment of AP and IB-level courses. Rachel will be attending Stony Brook University in the fall to study pre-nursing.



Congratulations, NORTHPORT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020!

Adam J. Abodalo
Steven Aguirre
James Wayne Alden III
Aidan P. Amarante
Robert A. Amato
Emily Ambrosio
James Aidan Ambrosio
Robert Amendola
Theo Andrew Amendola
Christopher Louis Amodeo
Oliver H. Amorim
Marlon Leandro Andrade
Vivian Rose Ansink
Bessi Maribel Antunez-Castellon
Jackson Thomas Armstrong
Aidan Lily Athanasio
Michael Antonio Ayala
Maristella S. Bacus
Kate M. Badanes
Anthony Badolato
Samantha Baer
Katherine Rose Ballarano
Jayde Barker
Amanda C. Barrows
Sarah Nicole Bartlett
Adelaide M. Battin
Ryan James Baudier
Kaia J. Beatty
Anna Caroline Behrens
Jack Thomas Beirne
Jolie Alize Benabe
Linnea Joelle Bernard
James Logan Bernhard
Alexander Thomas Besen
Austin P. Best
Christopher Biancanello
Vincent J. Biello
Brent Easton Biernick
Kimberly Melissa Blanco

Thomas Gregory Blazeovich
Sabrina A. Bluemel
Benjamin M. Blumberg
Kloe Hanna Blumenthal
Michael E. Bokina
Kevin Raymond Bonawandt
James Michael Bono
John Joseph Bonomo
Daniel James Borghard
Nicholas Brandon Borina
Sophia Borovikova
Lauren Theresa Bosch
Arianna Sogias Bozac
Julian Brandon
Klara Patricia Breen
Leo Aidan Brooks
Aidan P. Brown
Dillon H. Brown
Alea Louise Brummel
Angelo Michael Bruno
David W. Burg
Andrew Jan Burget
Aidan Gabriel Burke
Michael T. Burns
Vincent J. Buscareno
Tara Marie Bustillo
Nicholas Scott Butler
Luke Stephen Cacic
Michael Calobrisi
Simone Michelle Cammarasana
Sophia Campbell
Angie Michell Canales
Rudy Benjamin Canales
Logan Quinn Carbone
Jake Cardinale
Stephanie Cardona
Erica Marie Carino
Brandon Carire
Mirian Carpio

Andrew J. Carrano
Sydney Marie Carvajal
Joseph Daniel Cassese
Isaac Castro
Sarahi Castro
Aidan Patrick Caulfield
Olivia Grace Caulfield
Sarah M. Caulfield
Giana Marie Cavagnaro
Nathaniel Joseph Cavaleone
Justice D. Cheffo
Kelli M. Ciarfaroni
Wayne Michael Ciavarella
Justine Alexa Ciesinski
Lawrence J. Citrola
Julianna Grace Cleary
Kieran James Coates
Hannah V. Coffey
Samantha B. Cogliati
Sydney A. Cogliati
Gabriella Elizabeth Collins
Alexis Taylor Colantonio
Ashley M. Colucci
Bridget Rose Conlin
Ciara M. Connor
Evdoxia Constantatos
Shea Elizabeth Contino
Christopher H. Cooney
Maria Cordero-Quirindongo
Edilson Armando Cordova
Madeleine C. Corrigan
Kayla Cotter
Anthony Cuadros
Matthew Curran
William E. Cuttita
Ella Jaymes Dalton-Vafeades
Sean Edward D'Amaro
Troy Peter Deal
Isabella DeBrino
Emily DeMaio
Giuseppe DeMarco III
Kerry Lynn Dennin
Isabella DeStio
Peter F. DeTolla
Daniel Alexander Deutsch
Kate Taylor Devlin
Andrew Diaz
Kate E. Dignon
Isabella Vita Donneruno
Rocco Donnino
Gianna Gloria Donofrio
Deanna Elise Donohue
Sean W. Dougherty
Maggie Dowling
Thomas J. Drago
Jack Dunckley
Jack Ryan Eagers
Jourdan Hunter Ebalarosa
Dale Eddy Ebert
Richard Michael Ehrlich
Rafiq Adam Elkiki
Amanda Ervin
Zachary Thomas Evans
Daniella Rose Faber
Anthony L. Fallo
Paxton Caroline Fallon
Emily Lynn Farabaugh

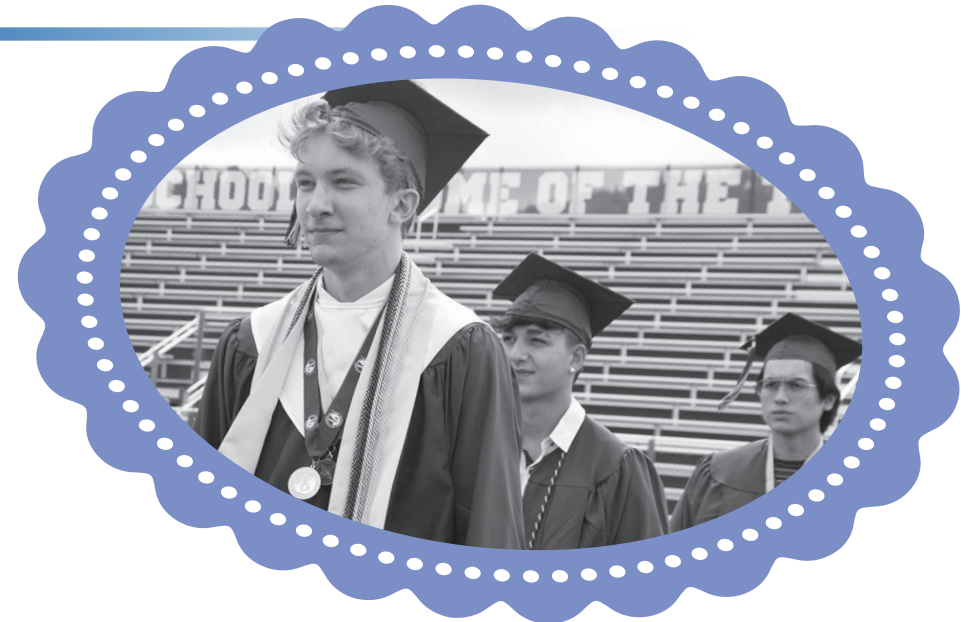


John R. Farrell IV
Aidan Patrick Fee
William James Ferrante
Rachel Alexis Ferrara
Elizabeth Ferry
Taryn Samantha Feuer
Matthew Robert Fioretti
Conor Joseph Fitzpatrick
Kathryn Fligstein
Thomas M. Fodor
Kristen Eileen Foley
Hailey Jordan Fox
Alexander Samuel Freedman
Jacob Friedman
Jessalyn Rose Friedman
Isabella DeStio
Peter F. DeTolla
Daniel Alexander Deutsch
Kate Taylor Devlin
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Thomas Donald Greene
Adam Thomas Gross
Andrew P. Gruskin
Anthony N. Guadagna
Marcos Ramon Guerrero
Sean Gull
Emily Guo
Kyleigh Elizabeth Habel
Mustafa Mohammed Haider
James M. Hannon
Thomas Harding
Joseph Christian Harris
Sean Robert Harvey
Patrick Jacob Haubeil
Giana Nicole Haubrich
Hayley F. Hayden
Erin E. Hayes
David William Hayhurst
Katherine Elizabeth Hecker
Zachary Joseph Heckman
Spencer August Hedges
Ryan Christopher Heinzman
Christopher Henigman
Jazmin Elizabeth Hernandez
Grace E. Hewston
Julian Hill
Brian Andrew Hillmann
Caroline Hines
Grace Lily Hoenscheid
Caroline Holden
Paige Elizabeth Holfester
Shirley May Lynn Hughes
William Frederick Hummel
Kyra May Hunter
Nicholas James Huxtable
Stephanie Hydo
Jared Joseph Jablonski
Sean A. Jeffery
Kelly M. Johnson
Alexa P. Johnson

Mackenzie Marie Johnson
Maya Elena Jordan
Peter John Joyce
Kiera A. Judd
Malia L. Kaiser
Dylan James Karpf
Anthony Joseph Katusa
Mackenzie Jae Katz
Theodore Christopher Kavanagh
Joseph P. Kearns
Evan Kelly
Nina Lynne Kezys
Joseph Richard Kiernan
Andrew J. Kiffer
John Lloyd Kippley
Heather Jaclyn Kirchner
Lily Kleczka
Aliyah Knight
Julia Yvonne Koenig
Tristan James Kolbe
Anthony Francis Kraljic
Logan J. Kramer
Theodore Ross Krantz
David Kraydman
Meghan Kathleen Kropp
Jacquelyn Therese Kummer
Olivia Greer Kurtz
Owen Alexander Labruna
James Patrick Lanzilotta, Jr.
Brendan Larsen
Eliza Collette Latham
Madison L. Lauer
Thomas Patrick Lauinger
Sabrina Ann Lauro
Maxwell Victor Lee
Taylor Jayne Legler
Nicole Julia Lenna
Mackenzie Catherine Lentz
Declan Joseph Leonard
Shannon April Leone
John Kenneth Leppert
Ayla Perel Lerner
Danielle Levanti
Michael David Levine
Summer Skye Levy
Stephanie Elizabeth Litsch
Olivia Sender LoCascio
Steven Louis LoGirato
Emily Grace Lomma
Gabriella Longo
Leonel Lopez Gutierrez
Ethan John Louis
Colleen Grace Lynch
Jillian Lee Maffei
Peter Nikolas Magliocco
Meaghan Broderick Maher
Tess Amelia Maline
Anthony V. Mangan
Michaela R. Maniscalco
Faith Manning
Lena Celeste Mannix
Georges Wilbur Mansour
John T. Mara
Heydi Marcia
Jack Aidan Marlow
Jason Timothy Marques
Grace L. Martin

Jake Edward Martin
Christian Martinez
Margaret Rose Marzigliano
Lauren Mateyunas
Kelly Marie Matrazzo
Erika R. Mattschull
Helen Marie Mauro
Sara Nicole Maury
Alexis Kate McAllister
Daniel P. McArdle
Colin Charles McGarry
Kiley Mae McGorry
Ewan Michael McGrory
Caleigh Ann McKinley
Kathryn Elizabeth McLam
Kelly Rae McLaughlin
Connor Andrew McMahon
John McMorow
Anna Marie McNeill
Brendan P. McNelis
Kathryn Grace Meadows
Katherine Graciela Menjivar
Olivia Ray Mescallado
Salvatore J. Miccio
Rain Abigail Middendorf
Joseph Andrew Miles
Natalie Elise Miller
Michele Mary Mincieli
Ryan Tyler Mischo
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Carl Michael Montagna
Joseph Vincent Monteleone
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Alexis Marie Moschovitis
Jesse Scott Mueller
Katen Lee Muise
Brandon Murphy
Ciara Rose Murphy
Annalee Louise Myers
Michael Paul Nazar
Maxwell W. Neumann
Nicolas Neusy
Isabella Rose Nicastro
Alice Nikiforov
Keith Edward Nolan
Liam Alexander Noonan
Matthew Ryan Nordby
Sarah Raffaella O'Connor
Luca Odore
Emily Rose Offermann
Hunter M. Ohr
Sophia G. Olivieri
Maya Anton Onufrik
Christian Larsen Orlando
Massimo J. Orfino
William Tage Oster Jr.
Riley Shea Overton
Joseph M. Pagnotta
Charles Joseph Panichella
Ryan H. Papasian
Ryan S. Parker
Megan Gracie Parness
Natalie C. Partridge



Nicole Arleen Parziale
Harsh J. Patel
Rafan Paul
Danielle Mary Catherine Pavinelli
Kevin Daniel Penrose
Paul Steven Peragallo
Riley Brooke Perkowski
Ella Kallan Petry
Alexander C. Pica
Justin R. Pinter
Julia B. Piscitelli
Danielle Victoria Pivarsky
Owen P. Pleasant
Jensy Margoth Ponce
Sara Rose Poveromo
Matthew Pierce Power
Jillian Rose Preston
Kristian Blake Psihos
James Michael Raio
Isabelle Ranieri
Sophia Ranieri
Mark Andrew Ranieri
Kenti Alexander Raymundo-Grijalva
Jake M. Reale
Ryan M. Reynolds
Nicole A. Riccardi
Ava Catherine Rose Rice
Samantha Nicole Riga
Skylar Paige Riordan
Jocelyn René Rizack
Venessa Jaye Rizack
Laney Faith Rodgers
Henri Christopher Roeer
Max Joseph Romano
Aidan Michael Rossi
Brandon Russell
Zachary Nathan Sackstein
Alexandra Milena Sanchez
Thomas Robert Sandrib
Rosalie Frances Sarnataro
Sofiya Saykovska
John Paul Scalia
Elisa Ann Schadler

Evan Schafer
Garret Daniel Schilling
Annalysse Ingrid Schmidt
Brendan Schmidt
Kaitlyn Nicole Schmidt
Walter Schneider
Dana Madison Schoeps
Katharine Rebecca Schorn
William Schroeder
Cooper Matthew Schuman
Kristen Diana Sciallo
Sofia Ann Sciortino
Alexander Gabriel Scott
Trento Joseph Scutellaro
Mikayla Mary Sebesta
James V. Senior
Nicholas Lee Sergi
Nicholas Robert Serra
Jake Robert Serroen
Aidan James Sewell
Colin Shashaty
Ryan Shashaty
Marissa Marie Shearer
Patrick Daniel Sheldon
Richard Christopher Sheridan
Julianna Shrode
Jillian C. Shurbet
Sydney Paige Simmons
John Fagan Simpson VI
Joanna Grace Snider
Emilie Rose Soule
Ella K. Stahl
Noelle R. Staples
Joseph Stauss
Chloe Marlene Stepanek
Helene Sage Suarino
Susan E. Sullivan
Kelley E. Swierupski
Julianna Tag
Natalia Alexis Taylor
Ronald R. Templeton
Isabel Vu Testa
Ryan Thall

Natalie M. Thieke
Jonah Christopher Thomas
Sterling Brent Thompson
Jack Louis Tomczyk
Jessica R. Torres
Sean William Trimble
Duke Owen Troiano
Brian J. Truhart
Olivia E. Tully
Robert Joseph Tuoizzo
Nicole Julia Turina
Shayne Nicole Tyrer
Luca T. Tzimas
Carlos Benjamin Umana Nunez
Avery J. VanDyke
Cameron Vargas
Celia Havana Vazquez
Ariana Lynn Velazquez
Jerry Veliz
Jack David Vitale
Diana Louise Vivona
Alyssa Voskinarian
Anthony John Voza
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Edward Joseph Weiss
John A. West
Addison Elizabeth Westerlind
Katerina E. Wettengel
Kirsten Widmaier
Samantha Shayne Wild
Allison B. Wine
Stephen Nathaniel Wyhowanec
Vanessa Yanes
Erin Faith Young
Luke Anthony Zarko
Ronald Leonel Zavala-Garcia
Kexin Zhang
Yin Zhang
David Zheng
Rachel Alexandra Zulawski



IB DIPLOMA Class of 2020

Congratulations to the following students on completion of the International Baccalaureate Diploma requirements at Northport High School this year, by which they have further prepared themselves as informed action-takers and leaders of the future!

Diploma Class of 2020

Theo Amendola
Thomas Blazeovich
Luke Cacic
Shea Contino
Isabella DeBrino

Rafiq Elkiki
Emily Guo
Katherine Hecker
Zachary Heckman
Peter Joyce
Theodore Krantz
David Kraydman

Meghan Kropp
Ayla Lerner
Colin McGarry
Kelly McLaughlin
Kathryn Meadows
Ciara Murphy
Harsh Patel

Ella Petry
Alexander Pica
Jillian Preston
Kristian Psihos
Ryan Reynolds
Henri Roeer
Natalie Thieke

Jonah Thomas
Sterling Thompson
Olivia Tully
Luca Tzimas
Avery VanDyke
Ariana Velazquez
Katerina Wettengel

Students of the Month

During each month of the 2019-20 school year, Northport High School seniors were honored at the district's Board of Education meetings for displaying strong leadership, hard work and dedication in specific academic areas. Each student, nominated by their teachers, was commended for their positive contribution to the high school and for being an exemplary role model for their peers.

Department directors praised the awarded

students in front of the Board and shared videos featuring each recipient's high school career, including their volunteer work, academic success and hopes for the future. Superintendent of Schools Robert Banzer and Board President David Badanes awarded each student with a certificate for their achievement. Congratulations to the following seniors on being recognized as Students of the Month during the 2019-20 school year:

Tage Oster
*Business Education
Department*

Jenna Goz
*Family and Consumer
Sciences Department*

Danielle Levanti
Mathematics Department

Madeleine Corrigan
*English Language Arts
Department*

Ryan Heinzman
*Technology Education
Department*

Isabella DeBrino
Science Department

Jazmin Hernandez
English Language Learner

Kate Hecker
*World Languages
Department*

Ella Stahl
*Health Education
Department*

Luke Cacic
Social Studies Department

Thomas Fodor
*Physical Education
Department*

Margaret Marzigliano
Fine Arts Department

Meaghan Maher
Performing Arts Department

FROM CUBS TO TIGERS

Congratulations to Northport-East Northport's elementary and middle school students, who will start a new chapter of their lives in the district in September.

While end-of-the-year celebrations were not as anticipated, students showed tremendous strength, resiliency and compassion, ultimately ending the 2019-20 school year with a bang.

Fifth graders across the district's elementary schools took that phrase quite literally as they took to their

front lawns to bang together pots, pans and other noisemakers in celebration of moving up to Northport and East Northport Middle Schools. In place of traditional moving-up ceremonies, elementary students waved from the passenger seats of cars as they drove through their schools' bus loops to bid farewell to teachers, staff and administrators on June 15.

That same day, East Northport and Northport Middle School eighth graders, supported by friends and family, were welcomed to the

campuses to celebrate moving up to Northport High School. Cars were decorated with signs displaying words of appreciation from students as they drove past teachers who lined up along the schools' bus loops. Each member of the Class of 2024 was presented with a certificate of completion, as well as ENMS and NMS pride gear.

The district extends its best wishes to the future classes of 2024 and 2027. Congratulations!



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR *Dedication and Service!*

The district would like to thank the following staff members who retired at the end of the 2019-20 school year. We appreciate your tireless dedication to the students of Northport-East Northport and wish you many years of happiness ahead.

INSTRUCTIONAL

[Janet Byler](#)
Science

20 Years, 4 Months of Service

[Donna Cardascia](#)

Special Education

29 Years, 4 Months of Service

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

[Mary Christine Moser](#)

30 Years, 4 Months of Service

NURSE

[Kathleen Schildhorn](#)

Retired 10/15/2019

PURCHASING AGENT

[Susan Shutowich](#)

Retired 12/18/2019

CLERICAL

[Mary Ellen Johnson](#)

Retired 10/18/2019

[Rosalie Lucia](#)

Retired 12/30/2019

[Kathryn Rees](#)

Retired 9/27/2019

[Clare Roby](#)

Retired 9/30/2019

CUSTODIAL

[Russell Krapf](#)

Retired 10/31/2019

[Joseph Morra](#)

Retired 9/3/2019

TEACHER AIDES

[Georgina Bonsignore](#)

Retired 12/31/2019

[Natalie Jones](#)

Retired 6/30/2020

[Betty Mondelli](#)

Retired 12/31/2019

[Mary Reid](#)

Retired 1/1/2020

Thank You!