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PREPARES FOR NEXT CHAPTER

The annual Northport High School commencement ceremony took place on a Friday night for the first time, an apt milestone for a group of young adults with such a lasting impact on the school community. The newest alumni overcame many obstacles to become some of the most successful scholars, athletes, musicians, artists, philanthropists and overall accomplished students.

The ceremony began with a welcome by the high school honor band as students proceeded into the auditorium while reflecting on their four years of hard work and determination that led them to this exciting moment.

Senior class president
Maeve Carroll then took the
stage to lead the crowd in the
Pledge of Allegiance before
Principal Rob Dennis took the
stage. While addressing students
and families in attendance, he
thanked all the families and
staff who have helped students
reach this milestone. The
Northport High School choir
continued their tradition of

singing "Fields of Gold" before salutatorian Dessa Kavrakis took the stage.

Dessa spoke of the important role that her family and Greek heritage has played in her success and the importance of finding balance in life. "These lessons can be learned from anywhere, in the classroom and absolutely beyond," she said.

"Hard work and focus do not imply a life devoid of balance. In order to enjoy the journey, you must take care of yourself physically, mentally and emotionally," she added.

Principal Rob Dennis spoke of time, and how it is

both a gift and thief. He spoke directly to students, saying, "You are sitting here today as proof to your parents that time flies," before encouraging parents to remember how precious time is and reflect on the many memories made in the years leading up to this moment.

Students then approached the podium one by one to receive their diplomas and mark the completion of four years of hard work.

Valedictorian John Dwyer then took to the stage to address his peers and spoke of the importance of appreciation. "As students, appreciation lies in the opportunities available to us. And the people who make our efforts to achieve worth it. Like the teacher who challenged you, or the classmate that made your day a

little bit better," he said.

John emphasized that appreciation, gratitude and kindness have the greatest impact on the world and people around you. "Gratitude is so valuable and easy to show. Everyone wants to feel appreciated and sometimes letting someone know what they mean to you is just what they need," he added.

Sam Rosenfeld-McMahon then led his peers in the tassel change, commemorating their final moments as high school students.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



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Northport Class of 2023 Valedictorian John Dwyer graduated at the top of his class thanks to years of hard work and dedication to his studies. In addition to being a National Merit Scholar and International Baccalaureate Diploma recipient, John was captain of the varsity baseball team and credits the sport with having a tremendous impact on him, saying, "It taught me to work hard to improve myself." He will continue playing at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall where he plans to major in engineering with a focus on energy conversion.

Northport Class of 2023 Salutatorian Dessa Kavrakis is both a committed academic student and musician. She credits her time with the Grammy Award-winning National Children's Chorus as having the greatest impact on her high school career, saying, "Working with world-class professionals, strengthening my vocal technique and meeting students from all over the tri-state area has fostered my love for the arts and has pushed me to pursue more experiences like it in the future." She is also an IB Diploma recipient and will be attending Harvard College and Berklee College of Music in the fall to major in both neuroscience and music.





Charlotte Bingham has taken a multitude of high-level AP and IB classes while being involved in several extracurricular activities. She credits her involvement in marching band with having the greatest impact on her, saying, "Marching band taught me everything I know about leadership and persistence." She will be attending Syracuse University in the fall with plans to major in international relations in hopes of working in international security or diplomacy.

Nicholas Crafa's various accomplishments throughout high school include excelling in several high-level AP and IB courses as well as being selected as a National Merit Finalist. He credits volunteering for a program designed to help special-needs kids play and socialize called Respite as teaching him "incredible lessons" as well as his time in Debate Club, which helped him develop his presentation skills. He will be attending Brown University in the fall and majoring in health and human biology.





Ty D'Amico's high school career included a variety of AP and IB courses; however, he credits the baseball team with having the greatest impact on him. "Northport Baseball had the greatest impact because I made the most memories with my longest friends," he said. Ty will be attending Tufts University with hopes of pursuing a career in the medical field.







Brooke Izzo was deeply involved in the science and technology departments, taking a multitude of AP and IB courses and being an active member of the STEM Club. She credits the STEM Challenge, organized by the STEM Club, as having the greatest impact on her, saying, "STEM is something that I enjoy and to see the children having fun with it too through the challenges that we created is very fulfilling." She will be attending George Washington University on a full gymnastics scholarship while majoring in biomedical engineering.

Zoe Meadows is a National Merit Finalist and two-time gold medal winner at the Long Island Math Fair. In addition to many AP and IB courses, Zoe was a captain of the Tigerette Dance team, which she credits with having the greatest impact on her due to the community involvement and wide opportunities to perform as part of the group. She will be attending Duke University in the fall to major in biomedical engineering and minor in dance.





Andrew Miller excelled as both a scholar and an athlete during his time at Northport High School. He was a member of the football and lacrosse teams and took a variety of AP and IB courses. Of his many activities, he credits Boy Scouts as having the greatest impact on him, saying, "It taught me the pillars of leadership and many useful life skills that I will carry with me through life." Andrew will be playing lacrosse at the United States Military Academy at West Point and majoring in systems engineering.

Todd Petry is a dedicated student who excelled in a variety of subjects throughout his time at Northport High School. In addition to taking a multitude of AP and IB courses, he credits the robotics team with having the greatest impact on his educational career. "Being a part of this team helped me, of course, develop countless technical skills, but we also faced a multitude of challenges. These difficulties eventually led me to further strengthen my communication/ organization skills, overall leadership and resilience," he said. Todd will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute to major in mechanical and robotics engineering.





Ella Piscatello excelled across a variety of subjects throughout high school, but credits musical theater with having the greatest impact on her, saying, "Musical theater has taught me the importance of authenticity and spontaneity – being real and present in the moment." She has also taken many AP and IB courses and is the recipient of several awards and scholarships. Ella will be attending Brown University in the fall with hopes of becoming a playwright and performer.

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David Anthony Acevedo Sergei Paul Adamcewicz Abigale Ruby Alden Jonathan Alfiero Xandira Rain Allen Michael Vito Amella Benjamin Hernandez Amorim Alexander Charles Amorosa Julia Grace Anastasi 7oe Samara Ansell Daniel Michael Athanasio Madeleine Eve Atherton Sarah Abigail Avelar Lindsay Avila Kira Donna Balezos Luke Robert Barbier Hunter Neve Rose Baron Nicole Alejandra Barrientos Alachan Jeffrey Mario Bartholomew, Jr Paul Michael Battaglia Kaileigh Luise Baudier John Alexander Baumgarth Hailev Nicole Beck Nicholas A. Beitia Sarah Marie Belmonte Richard Joseph Bender Mallory Marie Bennett Luca J. Bergin Andrew Mac Bernson Jake Peter Bershad Luke Joseph Bettano Charlotte Rose Bingham

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Robert Strebel

Dylan Ryder McGraw

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Jonathan Richard Kiernan

Samantha Rilev Klein

Lindsey Ella Kluhsmeier

IB DIPLOMA Class of 2023

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!

Luca Bergin
Charlotte Bingham
Abigail Buonagurio
Katie Cancro
Aidan Connolly
Richard Corbett III
Nicholas Crafa
Ty D'Amico
John Dwyer

Emma Fabrizio Isabella Fournier Allyssa Gulemi Zachary Himelfarb Dessa Kavrakis Grace Kelly Samantha Klein Jonathan Kurz Benjamin Loh Samantha Madden Isabella Manfuso Jennifer Martin Ryan Martin Dylan McGraw James McNaughton Alina Meadows Zoe Meadows Andrew Miller Ava Mir
Jayden Paranandi
Todd Petry
Ella Piscatello
James Posillico
Robert Rada
Gregory Reardon
Lili Romano
Kaitlyn Sheahan

Angelina Singotiko Xiomara Sorto Nicholas Tzimas Anna Tumbarello Enrique Vazquez Teague Ward Kaylee Weidenman Julia Weissman



Students of the Month

During each month of the 2022-23 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 highlighting 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 Larry Licopoli awarded each student with a certificate for their achievement.

Congratulations to the following seniors on being recognized as Students of the Month during the 2022-23 school year:

Charles Friedman Businesss Education Department

Emily Brunkard Family and Consumer Sciences Department

Todd Petry Mathematics Department

Francesca DeRosa English Language Arts Department

William Bligh Technology Department

Brooke Izzo Science Department

Estefania Gudiel Ramirez English as a New Language Department Ella Piscatello World Language Department

Kaitlin Zenyuh Health Department

Ava Mir Social Studies Department

Brandon Murphy Physical Education Department

Anna Tumbarello Fine Arts Department

Samantha Libbey Performing Arts Department

Sebastian DiTucci Careeer and Technical Education

A Bright Future Ahead

Congratulations to the fourth grade and eighth grade graduates of Northport-East Northport!
Students beamed with excitement, curiousity and nostalgia as they finished their elementary and middle school careers and looked ahead to their next chapters.

The schools were filled with pride as each elementary moving-up ceremony welcomed families and teachers to celebrate the graduates. Current fourth graders expressed both fondness for their first schools and excitement for the opportunities that await them at the middle schools. Students received various awards and recognitions before stepping up to receive their certificates of completion.

Eighth graders from both East Northport
Middle School and Northport Middle School
also reflected on their time over the past three
years, with a common theme of forming lifelong
friendships through shared experiences and
school acitivities. Many students also spoke of
excitement for their freshman year of high school,
where students will undoubtedly continue to build
friendships, gain academic and extracurricular
experience and shape their futures.

Congratulations once again to the future classes of 2027 and 2031!



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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 2022-23 school year. We appreciate your tireless dedication to the students of Northport-East Northport and wish you many years of happiness ahead.

<u>CLERICAL</u>

Christine Brown Years of Service: 38 years, 6 months

Maria Gillen Years of Service: 20 years, 7 months

Susan Shelton Years of Service: 16 years, 1 month

> Katherine Scherer Years of Service: 21 years

CUSTODIANS AND MAINTENANCE

John Quinn Years of Service: 17 years, 11 months

Thomas Ramirez Years of Service: 16 years, 1 month

CHIEF CUSTODIAN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Wilbur Scherer Years of Service: 22 years, 5 months

FOOD SERVICE WORKERS

Angela Caruso Years of Service: 20 years, 7 months

Jennie Weitz Years of Service: 19 years, 7 months

INSTRUCTIONAL

Antoinette Blanck Years of Service: 27 years

Glenn Buscareno Years of Service: 27 years

Suzanne Dickinson Years of Service: 19 years Erin Eagers Years of Service: 15 years, 8 months

Laurel Fee Years of Service: 28 years, 1 month

Barbara Ferolito Years of Service: 23 years, 4 months

Patricia Fitzgerald Years of Service: 11 years, 2 months

Colleen Flynn Years of Service: 22 years, 4 months

> Kerry Hager Years of Service: 21 years

> Kathleen Joseph Years of Service: 18 years

> Deirdre Levine Years of Service: 29 years

Gretchen Manzo Years of Service: 15 years, 9 months

Karen Maritato
Years of Service: 17 years, 6 months

Kathleen McCormick Years of Service: 26 years, 8 months

Christine McDonagh Years of Service: 29 years, 8 months

> Irene Meekins-Wolfe Years of Service: 23 years

Carol Mirabella Years of Service: 20 years, 5 months

> Paul Neumann Years of Service: 25 years

Brian Sundberg Years of Service: 22 years

Michele Terranova Years of Service: 29 years, 3 months

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Cathryn Hlinka Years of Service: 22 years, 9 months

Mary Kenney Years of Service: 21 years, 9 months

> Sandra Leddy Years of Service: 21 years

TEACHER AIDES

Debra Avino Years of Service: 17 years, 4 months

Donna Brocato Years of Service: 4 years, 9 months

Gerianne Clare Years of Service: 16 years, 9 months

Erica Romano Years of Service: 4 years, 9 months

Lori Schopp Years of Service: 16 years, 8 months

Sossie Turbendian Years of Service: 17 years, 5 months

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