

Northport-East Northport Union Free School District
158 Laurel Avenue
Northport, NY 11768

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 19
Northport, NY
11768

*****ECRWSS**
Postal Customer
Northport, New York 11768

Students IN THE Spotlight:

113 students selected for SCMEA Music Honors Ensembles :

One hundred thirteen students from Northport High School, Northport Middle School and East Northport Middle School were accepted into the Suffolk County Music Educators' Association Music Honors Ensembles! These talented students will go on to attend rehearsals with their peers before participating in the final performance. Students selected play in the orchestra, band or perform in choir. Congratulations to the following students!

Joshua Anastasi	William Dell'Aquila	Jayden Hausler	Phoebe Meyer	Carter Shin
Sadie Atkins	Lilyana DeMarco	Eileen Huntsman	Winnie Meyer	Thomas Simonetti
Charlotte Baker	Matthew Diliberto	Megan Hynds	Liana Moy	Kate Sloan
Lily Beamer	Anthony DiLiberto	Anna Jahrsdoefer	Delaney Mulholland	Sarah Smith
Cecelia Beteille	Luke Drankwalter	James Johnson	Grace Mulroy	Ella Smith
Annabella Brancato	Will Drewes	Nora Jung	Caitlyn Murphy	Doug Sorto
Iyla-Jade Cabrera	Cecilia Duffy	Dylan Kalinowski	Abigail Ng	Madeline Stein
Alexandra Callahan	Kenna (Annie) Dwyer	Ocean Konte	Sofia Normiella	Kingston Strouse
Sophia Campanella	Liam (William) Dwyer	Dominick Kotowicz	Emma Olson	Emma Torres
Giovanni Campanella	Lily Eagen	Oliver Kotowicz	Stephanie Painter	Sophie Triolo
Liam Cassidy	Bryn Fahrbach	Eimantas Kovalskis	Russell Painter	Mateo Rodriguez Villa
Abigail Castronova	Elizabeth Fallon	Jordan Kuo	Rebecca Peltz	Reidyn Vincent
Celine Catanzaro	Sophie Ferolito	Thomas Krauss	Zach Peltz	Aaron Weisman
Cara Cerbo	Abbey Fitterman	Jonathan Lee	Phoebe Powers	Shannon Weisman
Dylan Chiarulli	Lily Forman	Ian Loring	Marley Root	Jamie Weissman
Kailey Ciszek	Emerson Frank	Daniella Lucie	Rhiannon Rossa	Riley Welsh
Ashley Cocks	Mary Frieze	Nicolas Mancino	Emma Ruggiero	Samantha Yolango
Luca Como	August Frischman	Jenna Martino	James Ruiter	Michael Young
Nina Corbett	Emily Galovic	Liam Maskell	Annabelle Salaverry	Lily Zagari
Joseph Cotignola	Emma Gibson	Arianna Mayer	Reilly Salisbury	Ayden Zebrowski
Jack Cromeyn	Sophia Gibson	Will McCartney	Elliotte Salisbury	James Zoia
Mia Dechiaro	Grace Goldman	Daniel McGrory	Gabriela Scalia	
Eve Dell'Aquila	Abigail Goldman	Courtney McGunnigle	Cara Scamardella	

Law students win Suffolk Championship in Moot Court Competition

Members of the Northport High School Law Program competed in the Long Island Moot Court Tournament sponsored by the United States District Court in Central Islip on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Participating students were assigned to two teams and argued both the student side and the school side of a dispute related to the First and Fifth Amendment rights of students in public schools. After four rounds of rigorous competition over the course of two days, Northport High school students prevailed as the Suffolk County champions after defeating Bay Shore.

Students Sadie Callaghan, Kailey Ciszek,

Ashley Granger, Ava Mir, Caitlyn Murphy, Sam Rosenfeld-McMahon, Kaden Sposato and Molly Zambri represented Northport in this tournament. They continued as Long Island finalists but were ultimately defeated by the Nassau County champions. During the Suffolk County Championship Round, Northport was represented by Sam Rosenfeld-McMahon and Ava Mir. In the finalist round, Northport was represented by Kailey Ciszek and Molly Zambri.

During the tournament, students worked with volunteer mentor attorneys Mark Goidell, David Lazer and Megan Murphy along with Law Program Coordinator David Scott. Cases



were argued before distinguishing panels of judges and volunteer attorneys with significant experience in federal litigation and appeals.

Alumni Email List

Did you graduate from Northport High School? Would you like to receive occasional updates from the district? Sign up for our Alumni email list! Visit northport.k12.ny.us/schools/alumni_email_list or scan the QR code to sign up!



Winter
2023

Official Publication of the
NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sign up for our Community Notification System!

If you are a resident of Northport-East Northport who does not have children currently enrolled but would like to receive relevant emails from the district, please visit the following link or scan the QR code to sign up for our community notification system! <http://northport.k12.ny.us/community/notification>



Looking Ahead...

At the Nov. 17 Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the appointment of real estate agency Newmark to provide broker services for the district. The team at Newmark will be responsible for assessing and marketing the district's three available properties – Bellerose Avenue, Dickinson Avenue and William J. Brosnan – for either lease or sale. The team began marketing the properties this month. Ultimately, the sale of any property is dependent on the community's approval through a public vote.

Currently, the Brosnan building is used for district administration offices, houses the district's alternative high school program, PORT Academy and has several classrooms leased to pre-K provider Island Kids. At the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, Island Kids expanded its program significantly and began leasing additional classrooms at the Brosnan building, generating significant revenue for the district. This required the district to relocate the transportation and community services departments to Dickinson Avenue, where they are currently housed. Bellerose Avenue is currently vacant.

Any decisions made regarding the lease or sale of the buildings will be discussed publicly during Board meetings and shared with the school community. While the district's goal is to maximize revenue from the sale or lease of these properties, the Board

will also strongly consider the community's input before entering into contract with any proposed buyers or tenants.

In the case of a proposed sale, the purchase of the property is dependent on the approval of the community through a public vote. In this event, the proposed buyer of the property would be required to present detailed plans to both the Board and the community in a public setting prior to the vote. In the event of a lease, the Board has jurisdiction to approve any proposed tenants with consideration for the impact on the community. Any such decisions would be made during public session with opportunity for public input.

Each of the three properties is being reviewed to determine the potential opportunities for their use. While possible, it is highly unlikely the buildings will be repurposed in their current condition as school buildings. More likely, the properties would be rezoned in the event of a sale. The William J. Brosnan building is labeled a historic property and has strict limitations on any changes made to the building or property. The value of each property varies greatly depending on any proposed zoning changes.

Please visit the district website for the latest information regarding the status of all three properties.



Getting down to business...

Did YOU know...

Northport High School's Academy of Finance program is one of only 28 to receive the national distinguished status!"

Northport High School's business department continues to offer courses to over 460 students, proving to be a popular choice for college and employment-bound students alike. The department offers 14 courses covering topics including finance, accounting, marketing and advertising.

Chairperson for Business Denise Keenan emphasized that a reason the business courses are so popular is their universal application to not only many career paths, but also to students' personal lives.

"Every person is going to manage their own small business, and that's their household. Even if you never go into business, you have to know about credit and credit cards and finance and investing, saving and living within your means. The business education department has benefits for every person, not just kids who are going to go into business," she said.

Many students agree, with senior Jayla DiPalo sharing that her experience interning for a local dental office was eye opening. "I always thought I wanted to be some sort of doctor and own my own practice, so I figured knowing

how to run a business is extremely important in the medical field. Every job has something to do with business; I think most people don't realize that," she said.

Sophomore Marlena Trembach is taking a different approach. She enrolled in fashion marketing with hopes that she'd learn how to market her own business as a makeup artist in the future.

"I thought that I could take the marketing side and apply it to other things and not just fashion," she said. She plans to use her lessons around marketing and social media to sell her services or products after pursuing cosmetology through Western Suffolk BOCES next year.

A popular option for students with a desire to work in finance and business is the school's Academy of Finance program. This nationally accredited program offers business courses from 10th to 12th grade and requires students to participate in an internship. Northport High School's chapter was awarded a national distinguished status in 2014, has been maintained to date and is one of only

28 districts nationwide with this honor. In addition, students enrolled in the program are eligible for a Career and Technical Education (CTE) credential on their high school diploma. Students who enroll in the Academy of Finance typically graduate with 18-27 college credits, leaving them well ahead as they pursue higher education. Seventy-two seniors are preparing to graduate with an Academy of Finance degree this June.

Senior John Dwyer participates in the program and said, "There's a lot of real-world applications that you can gain from these classes, even watching the news and recognizing terms and being able to use them in conversation. Understanding how businesses work and how finance in the real world operates, I think you can take a lot away from those classes."

He also emphasized that the opportunity to learn about business and gain college credits while still in high school for a lower cost is a tremendous benefit. "I think it's really valuable that Northport High School offers these opportunities at such a young age to really test out what you



Business students visit fifth graders to teach them basic principles of finance and managing money.

want to do before you have to actually make a decision," he said. John will head to Massachusetts Institute of Technology next year, where he's considering minoring in business.

Holly Zhang, another senior enrolled in the Academy of Finance program, believes the program will benefit her both in her future career and in her personal financial goals. "I am planning to study business in college so it's especially helpful to me," she said. "I'll understand a lot more about models and what they use in the finance world, but even if you're not going into a business major, there's a lot of personal finance classes, especially in the Academy program. It's good for a lot people to get a head start on knowing how to manage their finances, especially at a young age."

Other students choose to lean into a specific area of business, such as fashion, hospitality or sports. Students enrolled in Sports Marketing have opportunities to visit Met Life Stadium and get a behind-the-scenes look at the business of football, while fashion

marketing students partake in a trip to Macy's in Manhattan where they learn about the methodology of arranging a department store and marketing products to customers. Freshman Isabelle Beisler feels that her Sports Marketing class has already taught her a tremendous amount about the marketing of sports and plans to take more business courses in the future as a result.

Business department teachers, each of whom previously had careers in business before shifting to teaching, feel the combination of their hands-on experience and the program's real-world applications are where students find the most value. Experiences such as mock interviews and resume writing workshops give students the skills needed to secure their first jobs as well as network with members of the Academy of Finance Advisory Board, comprised of local business executives.

Outside of the classroom, students can dive further into business through the Business Honor Society and the international business club, DECA.



Sports Marketing students enjoy their annual visit to MetLife Stadium, where they meet with executives from the New York Jets.



Students enrolled in Digital Generation present their final projects at Stony Brook University to a panel of judges.



Sports Marketing students receive swag from the Indiana Pacers after writing professional letters to the team.