

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HALF HOLLOW HILLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 20, 2014**

**APPROVED AS WRITTEN – JUNE 9, 2014 – OFFICIAL COPY**

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Ptucha, President  
Frank Grimaldi, Vice President  
Diana Acampora  
Betty DeSabato  
David Kaston

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Geringswald  
Paul Peller, M.D.

ALSO PRESENT: Kelly Fallon, Superintendent  
Dr. Patrick Harrigan, Deputy Superintendent  
Mary Rettaliata, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education  
John O'Farrell, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education  
Anne Marie Marrone Caliendo, Assistant Superintendent for Finance  
and Facilities  
Cathy Notaro, Assistant District Clerk and Guests

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting, held at High School East, was called to order by  
Mr. Ptucha at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Ptucha commenced the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING MESSAGE: Mr. Ptucha welcomed students, parents and family members and  
thanked everyone for attending the Board of Education Special  
Recognition Ceremony. Mr. John O'Farrell was introduced to begin  
the program.

STUDENT  
RECOGNITION: Mr. O'Farrell thanked the community for coming out to recognize our  
students. He also applauded the Board Trustees for their support of  
the students, as well as the Administrators, Coordinators and  
Directors for their outstanding assistance. He expressed the value that  
the students have shown by doing their work well. Half Hollow Hills  
is extremely proud of our students' achievements, and we will reward  
and recognize the work that they did to get here.

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The presentation began as administrators were called upon to explain the awards their students have earned.

### Music and Fine Arts

Student Name	School	Name of Award or Recognition
Caroline Johnson	West Hollow	PTA Reflections, Award of Merit in Visual Arts
Sarah Gavilla	West Hollow	PTA Reflections, Award of Excellence in Dance Choreography
Joshua Zegans	H.S. East	PTA Reflections Finalist
Amanda Ladenheim	H.S. East	PTA Reflections Finalist
Nicole Leggio	H.S. West	PTA Reflections Finalist, Merit Award Winner
Daniel Rudin	H.S. West	All-State Young Composer
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John Ahn	H.S. East	NYSSMA All-State
Nathaniel Bear	H.S. East	NYSSMA All-State
Jennifer Bender	H.S. East	NYSSMA All-State
Michelle Carfagno	H.S. East	NYSSMA All-State
Veronica Fox	H.S. East	NYSSMA All-State
Cara Jacobson	H.S. East	NYSSMA All-State
Joshua Karmel	H.S. East	NYSSMA All-State
Marshall Kears	H.S. East	NYSSMA All-State
Heesu Shin	H.S. East	NYSSMA All-State
Deborah Yu	H.S. East	NYSSMA All-State
Simon Lee	H.S. West	NYSSMA All-State
Samantha Novotny	H.S. West	NYSSMA All-State
Daniel Rudin	H.S. West	NYSSMA All-State
Jason Zelamsky	H.S. West	NYSSMA All-State
Jamie Spellman	H.S. East	Huntington Art Council's Nightmare on Main Street Exhibition - Honorable Mention
Amanda Ladenheim	H.S. East	LIU C.W. Post's Art Visions Award of Excellence
Rebecca Fine	H.S. East	Go APE at The Art League of Long Island
Melanie Spiegel	H.S. East	Go APE at The Art League of Long Island
Lisa Giris	H.S. East	Heckscher Museum of Art's Long Island's Best

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Amy Gill	H.S. East	Heckscher Museum of Art's Long Island's Best
Madelyn McNierney	H.S. East	Heckscher Museum of Art's Long Island's Best
Alex Huang	Forest Park	2nd Place Winner - Piano Crescendo International Music Competition
Lois Kim	H.S. West	SCALA Scholarship Winner
Casey Chung	West Hollow	Newsday's Kidsday Contest Winner
Daniel Connell	West Hollow	Newsday's Kidsday Contest Winner
Christian D'Sa	West Hollow	Huntington Tulip Festival Art Contest Winner
Courtney Greenfield	West Hollow	Huntington Tulip Festival Art Contest Winner
Joshua Feig	West Hollow	Huntington Tulip Festival Art Contest Winner
Aman Umer	West Hollow	Huntington Tulip Festival Art Contest Winner
Alida Green	West Hollow	McDonald's Art Contest Winner, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Anthony Pagano	West Hollow	McDonald's Art Contest Winner, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Pearl Shie	West Hollow	McDonald's Art Contest Winner, Honorable Mention

### Instructional Computing

Student Name	School	Name of Award or Recognition
Jesse LaFauci	H.S. East	3rd place NYS DECA Competition
Alexander Blatt	H.S. East	3rd place NYS DECA Competition
Brooke Camarda	H.S. West	2nd place NYS DECA Competition
Jordan Camina	H.S. West	2nd place NYS DECA Competition
Matthew Kipnis	H.S. West	2nd place NYS DECA Competition
Joshua Bainnson	H.S. West	2nd place NYS DECA Competition
Zachary Jayson	H.S. West	3rd place NYS DECA Competition
David Maliglowka	H.S. West	3rd place NYS DECA Competition
Elliot Vogel	H.S. West	4th place NYS DECA Competition
Jake Weiner	H.S. West	4th place NYS DECA Competition
David Maliglowka	H.S. West	Top 10 Overall, Business Service Marketing DECA Internationals
Zachary Jayson	H.S. West	HS West 1st Place - Plainview Old Bethpage Challenge
David Maliglowka	H.S. West	HS West 1st Place - Plainview Old Bethpage Challenge
Joshua Bainnson	H.S. West	HS West 1st Place - Plainview Old Bethpage Challenge
Aikta Rajput	H.S. East	HS East 2nd Place - Plainview Old Bethpage Challenge
Letitia Asare	H.S. East	HS East 2nd Place - Plainview Old Bethpage Challenge

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Sahil Varma	H.S. East	HS East 2nd Place - Plainview Old Bethpage Challenge
Skylar Schneider	H.S. West	1st place team event, Advertising Huntington Chamber of Commerce Competition
Victoria Sacchetti	H.S. West	1st place team event, Advertising Huntington Chamber of Commerce Competition
Zayan Ahmed	H.S. West	1st place team event Entrepreneurship Huntington Chamber of Commerce
Jack Kronrad	H.S. East	1st place team event Entrepreneurship Huntington Chamber of Commerce
Areeta Shah	H.S. East	1st place team event Entrepreneurship Huntington Chamber of Commerce
Eric Gesuale	H.S. East	1st place team event Entrepreneurship Huntington Chamber of Commerce
Dylan Mastrandrea	H.S. East	1st place team event, Sports Marketing Huntington Chamber of Commerce Competition
Justin Gewirtz	H.S. East	1st place team event, Sports Marketing Huntington Chamber of Commerce Competition
Natasha Bajaj	H.S. East	First Place, Job Interview Huntington Chamber of Commerce Competition
Bradley Weltman	H.S. East	First Place, Job Interview Huntington Chamber of Commerce Competition
Jason Ehrlich	H.S. East	2nd place team event, Advertising Huntington Chamber of Commerce Competition
Jake Geller	H.S. East	2nd place team event, Advertising Huntington Chamber of Commerce Competition
Zachary Jayson	H.S. West	2nd place team event, Graphic Design Huntington Chamber of Commerce Competition
Max Park	H.S. West	2nd place team event, Graphic Design Huntington Chamber of Commerce Competition
David Targett	H.S. East	1st Place, Stock Market Game.org's 2014 Competition
Arnav Srivastava	H.S. East	2nd Place, Stock Market Game.org's 2014 Competition
Tyler Hecker	H.S. East	1st Place, Stock Market Game.org's 2013 Fall Competition
Chandni Patel	H.S. East	1st Place, Stock Market Game.org's 2013 Fall Competition
Scott Gelman	H.S. East	1st Place, Stock Market Game.org's 2013 Fall Competition
Joshua Rosenberg	H.S. West	2nd Place, Stock Market Game.org's 2013 Fall Competition

### English Language Arts

Student Name	School	Name of Award or Recognition
Sophia Vespoli	Candlewood	3rd Place, Huntington Youth Writes
Dylan Fassler	H.S. West	Best Portfolio, Adelphi Poetry Festival

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Danielle Fusaro	H.S. West	11th Grade Winner, Adelphi Poetry Festival
Emily Hillebrand	H.S. West	12th Grade Winner, Adelphi Poetry Festival
Avani Jurakhan	H.S. West	9th Grade Winner, Adelphi Poetry Festival
Kerry Travaglione	H.S. West	11th Grade Winner, Adelphi Poetry Festival
Rita Mezic	H.S. West	1st Place Winner, Poetry for the HART (Huntington Area Rapid Transit)
Justin Estreicher	H.S. East	Honorable Mention, Scholastic Writing (Poetry)
Priya Perez	H.S. East	6th Place, Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate
Akash Wasil	H.S. East	State Champion, JV Lincoln-Douglas Debate
Arnav Goyal	H.S. East	7th Place, Novice Public Forum Debate
Ryan Hsiao	H.S. East	7th Place, Novice Public Forum Debate
Joe Davolio	H.S. East	9th Place, JV Public Forum Debate
Matthew Dorfman	H.S. East	9th Place, JV Public Forum Debate
Alec White	H.S. East	Semi-Finals & 4th Place, Student Congress
Paul Bruno	West Hollow	2nd Place, Walt Whitman Poetry Contest

### World Languages

Student Name	School	Name of Award or Recognition
Alia Rizvon	H.S. East	National French Exam 2nd place Suffolk County/ 8th national
Hyunsu Shin	H.S. East	National French Exam 3rd place Suffolk County/ 9th national
Vaidehi Patel	H.S. East	National French Exam 5th place Suffolk County/ 11th national
Marley Jacobson	West Hollow	National French Exam 5th place Suffolk County/ 10th national
Brandon Epstein	H.S. West	National Spanish Exam Gold Medal Winner
Rose Bender	H.S. West	National Spanish Exam Gold Medal Winner
Kimberly Chan	H.S. West	National Spanish Exam Gold Medal Winner
Rachel Bank	H.S. East	National Spanish Exam Gold Medal Winner
Paul Ibuzor	H.S. East	National Spanish Exam Gold Medal Winner
Karena Etwaru	H.S. East	National Spanish Exam Gold Medal Winner
Alexi Braun	West Hollow	National Spanish Exam Gold Medal Winner

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Marianna Natale	West Hollow	National Spanish Exam Gold Medal Winner
Sonia Nelson	West Hollow	National Spanish Exam Gold Medal Winner
Azhad Bajwa	H.S. West	National Spanish Exam Gold Medal Winner
Carson Barnes	H.S. East	Summer educational trip to Spain sponsored by the AATSP
Lawrence Wolf-Sonkin	H.S. East	American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese Scholarship
Lauren Peller	H.S. East	2nd Place/Category 9-12 Hand-drawn Poster Contest American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese
Elizabeth Thompson	H.S. East	1st place for Level 3 at the Italian Poetry Recitation Contest at SUNY Old Westbury
Jacob Sycoff	H.S. East	1st place for Italian Poetry Recitation Video sponsored by LILT
Birgitta Obi	Otsego	Proficient on 2013 NYSESLAT & exited ESL program
Atila Rashidzada	Forest Park	Proficient on 2013 NYSESLAT & exited ESL program
Henry Amaya	Chestnut Hill	Proficient on 2013 NYSESLAT & exited ESL program
Chukwudifu Obi	Otsego	Proficient on 2013 NYSESLAT & exited ESL program

### Math

Student Name		Name of Award or Recognition
Brandon Epstein	H.S. West	New York State Mathematics League & American Regions Mathematics League Attendee
Liana He	H.S. West	New York State Mathematics League & American Regions Mathematics League Attendee
Alex Liu	H.S. East	New York State Mathematics League & American Regions Mathematics League Attendee
Tatum Ogata	H.S. West	New York State Mathematics League & American Regions Mathematics League Attendee
Anton Wu	H.S. East	New York State Mathematics League & American Regions Mathematics League Attendee
Daniel Shnitkin	H.S. East	New York State Mathematics League & American Regions Mathematics League Attendee
Arnav Goyal	H.S. East	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
Bailey Kaston	H.S. East	Top Scorer in a Math Competition

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Bailey Liao	H.S. West	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
Victoria Jin	H.S. East	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
Aman Patel	Candlewood	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
Alia Rizvon	H.S. East	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
Brian Rhee	H.S. East	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
Anton Wu	H.S. East	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
Daniel Shnitkin	H.S. East	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
David Morales	H.S. East	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
David Tang	Candlewood	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
Ray Chang	West Hollow	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
Rinni Bhansali	West Hollow	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
Samuel Hecht	H.S. East	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
Brandon Epstein	H.S. West	Top Scorer in a Math Competition
Brandon Epstein	H.S. West	United States of America Junior Mathematical Olympiad Qualifier
David Morales	H.S. East	American Computer Science League Senior Division Top Scorer
Samuel Hecht	H.S. East	American Computer Science League Senior Division Top Scorer
Ethan Udell	H.S. East	Gold - The Golden Ratio
Isabella DeCarlo	H.S. West	Gold - Monty Hall Experiment
Lauren Tucker	Candlewood	Gold - Math in Religion
Mia Abulencia	Candlewood	Gold - Math in Religion
Rinni Bhansali	West Hollow	Gold - Pascal's Triangle
Tatum Ogata	H.S. West	Gold - Monty Hall Experiment
Zachary Goldstein	H.S. East	Gold - Game Theory
Zayan Ahmed	H.S. East	Gold - The Golden Ratio
Akash Wasil	H.S. East	Chess Club 1st Place Team Member
Brett Schneider	H.S. East	Chess Club 1st Place Team Member
Cory Levin	H.S. East	Chess Club 1st Place Team Member
Christopher Lastihenos	H.S. East	Moody's Mega Math Challenge Participant
Lawrence Wolf-Sonkin	H.S. East	Moody's Mega Math Challenge Participant

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### Social Studies

Student Name	School	Name of Award or Recognition
Rajput, Aikta	H.S. East	We the People Team Regional Winners
Shurman, Jared L	H.S. East	We the People Team Regional Winners
Ramsay, Arthur	H.S. West	National History Bee Finalist
Epstein, Brandon	H.S. West	National History Bee Finalist
Ichel, Aaron	West Hollow	Winner of the Geography Bee at West Hollow
Stern, Emily	West Hollow	2nd Place Winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

### Science

Student Name	School	Name of Award or Recognition
Lauren Tucker	Candlewood	Rockwell Collins Innovative Design Award, FTC Robotics Team
Matthew Gillam	H.S. East	Rockwell Collins Innovative Design Award, FTC Robotics Team
Benjamin Goldberg	West Hollow	Rockwell Collins Innovative Design Award, FTC Robotics Team
Corey Jeshiva	West Hollow	Rockwell Collins Innovative Design Award, FTC Robotics Team
Michael Lehmann	H.S. East	Rockwell Collins Innovative Design Award, FTC Robotics Team
Tatum Ogata	H.S. West	Rockwell Collins Innovative Design Award, FTC Robotics Team
Michael Sarosy	West Hollow	Rockwell Collins Innovative Design Award, FTC Robotics Team
Justin Greene	H.S. West	FIRST Dean's List Finalist, FRC Robotics Team
Alex Devarajan	H.S. East	3rd Place Team at NYS Championships, HSE Science Olympiad Team
Christopher Lastihenos	H.S. East	3rd Place Team at NYS Championships, HSE Science Olympiad Team
Cynthia Pang	H.S. East	3rd Place Team at NYS Championships, HSE Science Olympiad Team



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ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Mr. Grimaldi, seconded by Mr. Kaston and carried unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cathy Notaro, Assistant District Clerk