

Huntington High School's 151st Commencement

Brielle Blatt's Introduction of Honored Teachers Camille Tedeschi and Erik Bruckbauer

My favorite memory of the Class of 2012 is when as juniors, we beat the seniors in the homecoming float contest, making history at Huntington High School. Our Captain Crunch float had a 15 foot tall ship that rocked back and forth in a sea of milk with a life size captain at the front.

As Vice President, I have had the opportunity to take part in planning many school functions, including the homecoming parade and dance, building the float, Playfest, Battle of the Classes, planning prom, and fundraising. The Class of 2012 student government officers considers themselves overachievers, as we often call ourselves "Team Go Hard." We have spent a great deal of time making sure everything got done, though we spent half of the time fighting as we planned. Once we were done with planning, we would fight some more! This was mainly because a lot of us have very strong personalities. But that's what makes us so proactive; we are each very motivated and have tons of Blue Devil pride.

We could not have successfully done all of this without our two advisors - Camille Tedeschi and Erik Bruckbauer. They have advised the classes of 2009 and 2012 and are looking forward to the class of 2016.

Ms. Tedeschi teaches AP World History and a women studies course. She graduated from Walt Whitman High School, obtained an undergraduate degree at Pace University, and a Master of Arts in social studies education at Stony Brook University. Her passion for learning is so great that she returned to school to study

at Queens College, where she obtained a Master's degree in library science. She was voted most talkative by her high school classmates, which does not surprise us. If you ask anyone, they will agree that Ms. Tedeschi is motivated and enthusiastic. Her interactive and hands-on teaching methods bring history alive in the classroom. She is a world traveler and has studied in Vietnam, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Hawaii, and Cambodia, among other countries. I truly see her as a role model because she is so dedicated to her students and will never stop learning.

Mr. Bruckbauer grew up in Smithtown and graduated from Smithtown High School. He earned his Bachelor's degree in political science from SUNY Plattsburgh, a Master's degree in secondary education from Dowling College, and a second Master's in educational administration from Stony Brook University. Mr. Bruckbauer has been teaching social studies at Huntington High School since 2002. Known for his great sense of humor, students say that his class is their favorite period of the day. His dedication and passion for humanities is evident, as he has taught almost everything the social studies department offers.

Some of my fellow classmates have admitted to taking his courses strictly because they love Mr. Bruckbauer and wanted to have him as a teacher. It is clear to anyone that Mr. Bruckbauer genuinely loves his students and his job. Both Ms. Tedeschi and Mr. Bruckbauer are the type of teachers you can go to for advice and feel comfortable with. They have guided all of the student government officers through stressful times and have provided us with tools we will use as leaders in the future.

Ms. Tedeschi and Mr. Bruckbauer, we can't thank you enough. We will miss you as we move onto the next stage of our lives. It is my pleasure to introduce Ms. Tedeschi and Mr. Bruckbauer as our honored teachers.