



*Distinguished
Seniors'
Annual Dinner*

April 21, 2016



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Huntington High School

"A Tradition of Excellence Since 1657"

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.

Live the life you have imagined."

—Henry David Thoreau

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*"The horizon leans forward, offering you space to place new
steps of change."*

—Maya Angelou

About the Dinner

We are proud to gather this evening to honor one hundred ten members of Huntington High School's Class of 2016. Members of the Board of Education and Administration salute the young men and women invited here this evening who have distinguished themselves through their academic performance. It is with pride that we applaud their fine achievements and congratulate their families who share this honor.

These distinguished seniors have selected one teacher to be honored from each of the district's schools. These Honored Teachers were chosen by the students as persons who have been the most influential and inspiring on their educational journey. We congratulate these as well for their contributions to the education of our distinguished seniors.

*"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path
and leave a trail."*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Under the direction of Nicole Castaldo

Violin I

*Gaia D'Anna
Gabriella DeLuca
Arielle Harvey
Camryn Libes
Edward Maleszewski
Morgan Minicozzi
Thomas Pandolfi
Zak Perea
Marina Ruzic
Christian Verfenstein*

Viola

*Evan Aguirre
Lianna DeChiaro
Billy Garfinkel*

Cello

*Nicole Arenth
Erin Bonitz
Maggie Giles
Miranda Nykolyn
Julia Rogan*

Bass

*Hadley Clayton
Kevin O'Donnell*

Program

Pledge of Allegiance.....**Alexandra Berwick**
President - Class of 2016

Welcome.....**Thomas DiGiacomo**
President, Board of Education

James W. Polansky
Superintendent

Introduction of
PTA Presidents.....**Melissa Ryan**
President - PTA Council

Introduction of
Principals.....**Gamal Smith**
Assistant Principal, Huntington High School

Presentation of
Teacher Awards.....**Distinguished Seniors**

Presentation of
Student Awards.....**Brenden Cusack**
Principal, Huntington High School

*"There is no secret to success. It is the result of preparation, hard
work, and learning from failure."*

—Colin Powell



Benjamin Whitcher

By working hard, asking for help, and being able to relax Ben has achieved academic success. Ben enjoyed getting to know his teachers, hanging out with friends, working on Habitat for Humanity projects with Mr. Gilmor, and taking Physics classes with Mrs. Byrnes and Mrs. Pazienza. The highlight of these enjoyable activities was going to New Orleans with the HHS Habitat for Humanity chapter. Ben plans to major in Electrical Engineering at Binghamton University.



Emily Williams

In addition to never giving up, Emily's success includes having the support of family and friends. Emily enjoyed her time as a Huntington Highstepper. Competing in NDA Nationals with the Highsteppers all four years, winning Suffolk County All-League Gymnastics and going on a medical missionary trip to Ecuador qualify as the highlights of Emily's extra-curricular activities. Emily plans to study Biology (pre-med) at Cornell University.

Honored Teachers

Woodhull Intermediate

Honored Teacher.....Mr. Christopher Hender
Student Presenters.....Max Polster
Principal.....Ms. Traci Roethel
PTA Co-Presidents.....Ms. Michele Kustera & Ms. Lauren Meagher

Jack Abrams Intermediate School

Honored Teacher.....Ms. Joanne Holsclaw
Student Presenters.....Nancy Fallon, Sam Latt
& Savannah Richardson
Principal.....Ms. Rae Montesano
PTA Co-Presidents.....Ms. Ilene Fucci & Ms. Tracy Tucker

J.T. Finley Middle School

Honored Teacher.....Mr. Vincent Tannazzo
Student Presenters.....Katie Reilly
Principal.....Mr. John Amato
PTA Co-Presidents.....Ms. Toniann Mangan & Ms. Terry Moreno

Huntington High School

Honored Teacher.....Mr. Jamie Fishlow
Student Presenters.....Caroline McCartney & Emily Shutman
Principal.....Mr. Brenden Cusack
PTA President.....Ms. Laura Mills

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

—John C. Maxwell

Class of 2016

Distinguished Seniors

Christopher Abbondandolo
 Oscar Aguilar-Cruz
 Elyas Amin
 Krista Angeliadis
 Vanessa Aulestia
 Brooke Baade
 Michael Bast
 Hailey Bengston
 Alexandra Berwick
 Cassandra Berwick
 Cole Blackburn
 Jack Blakley
 Anna Brosoff
 Daniel Brown
 Jesus Bruno
 Rachel Carpenter
 Nina Cartwright
 Chelsea Connell
 Samantha Conte
 Gavin Crockett
 Yardalie Daniel
 Thomas Dayton
 Katarina De Pasquale
 Emma DeGennaro
 Dylan DelGiudice
 Heather Demartino
 Marie Catherine D'ennery Dejoie
 Irina DeSimone
 Ethan Dwyer
 Nancy Fallon

Aaron Feltman
 Llanira Flores
 Vincent Fredericks
 Jack Gallagher
 Santos Garcia Avelar
 Julia Garetano
 Ann Glackin
 Holly Grabowski
 Andrew Gunthner
 Alanna Harvey
 Benjamin Hebert
 Skylar Heffernan
 Olatunji Ikuomenisan
 Oluwatoyin Ikuomenisan
 Brianna Jones
 Michael Karasik
 Kathleen Keys
 Jeanne Kopstein
 Thomas Kopstein
 Ekaterina Koulakova
 Alexandra Koumas
 Matthew Lang
 Melany Lanham-Ciancia
 Samuel Latt
 Sophia Latt
 Cindy Lopez
 Holly LoTurco
 Francesca Love
 Ripley Mars
 Justin Martinolich



Caroline Tonks

Since seventh grade Caroline has planned to graduate early, in order to join a ballet company in pursuit of her dream to become a professional dancer. This dream has motivated her to obtain good grades in order to accomplish this dream. Fashion has been one of Caroline's favorite programs at HHS. She enjoyed trips to F.I.T. in NYC, and learning how to sew her own dance tutu. Attending Pacific Northwest Ballet and Houston Ballet during summer are Caroline's most noteworthy accomplishments. Caroline has been awarded the Premier Young Artist Award at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, where she will study ballet.



Annie Trousdell

Her parents, teachers and friends have had the most important influence on Annie's quest for greatness, i.e. success. Annie has enjoyed creating lifelong friendships as well as exploring the various clubs and events hosted by HHS that bring students and the community together. The highlights of Annie's high school years include playing Varsity Softball for three years, playing in Chamber Orchestra and attending Relay for Life all four years, being a Natural Helper for three years, and volunteering at "Little Shelter." Annie will be majoring in Biology at Binghamton University.



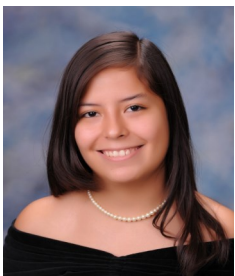
Hanae Wada

The support of peers and mentors, diligent studying, working hard, added together, and you have Hana's winning combination. Hanae also gives credit to close relationships with teachers who have helped her grow into a more confident student. She has enjoyed the opportunities afforded by club activities and honor societies that have provided new friendships and memories. Of special accomplishments, Hanae notes her roles as Vice-President of GSA and English Honor Society, Marching Band Section Leader, member of Spanish, National, and Tri-M honor societies, Habitat for Humanity, and receiving a Pride Award for Earth Science. Hanae plans to study Real Estate in college.



Alex Tacopina

Alex reports that he obtained the keys to success by always remaining positive, building relationships with his teachers in order to gain more knowledge and understanding of the curriculum studied in class. These connections with teachers and peers too, meeting new people, as well as activities such as Key Club have been most enjoyable. Alex notes as highlights, the Key Club Sears Shopping Trip, K-Factor, membership in English and Social Studies Honor Societies, and working as a summer camp counselor where he could make an impact on a child's life. Alex plans to major in Sports Management at Seton Hall University.



Marlem Tellez

Marlem reports that her supportive parents, being true to herself, and taking pride in everything that she does, has been the key to her success. She has enjoyed the friends she has made and the lessons learned. Helping less fortunate children through Key Club, Vice President of Key Club and French Honor Society, and delivering Thanksgiving baskets are the highlights of her extra-curricular activities. Marlem plans to major in Computer Science.



Kelly Tenbus

Great teachers, amazing friends, and supportive parents are the keys to Kelly's success at HHS. She has enjoyed being on the Volleyball and Fencing teams for all four years, and interning with Mrs. Biagi this year. Kelly is proud to be recognized as a Distinguished Senior. She plans to pursue a major and career as an elementary school teacher.

Class of 2016 Distinguished Seniors

Matthew McBride
Caroline McCartney
Kevin McConnell
Brianna McDonald
Elisa Medina-Jaudes
Danielle Melgar
Heidi Mendez
Justin Meyer
Alexandra Mills
Daniel Mollitor
Taylor Moreno
Jean Morgenstern
Olivia Morgenstern
Brianna Neira
Kyle O'Brien
Jack O'Heir
Stefano Ornato
Sabrina Palacios
Kelly Palladino
Jamie Paragallo
Spencer Pashkin
Caroline Petrozzo
Meghan Plant
Max Andrew Polster
Stephanie Powers
Joseph Puca
Catherine Reilly
Savannah Richardson
Grace Rowley
Mitchel Rudish
Jahnai' Sands

Lena Scarpulla
Dylan Schedler
Howard Schiman
Latoya Shand
Emily Shutman
James Smoot
Cara Sorrentino
Jackson Spector
Olivia Stamatatos
Jessica Straub
Sofia Suarez
Alex Tacopina
Marlem Tellez
Kelly Tenbus
Caroline Tonks
Annie Trousdel
Hanae Wada
Benjamin Whitcher
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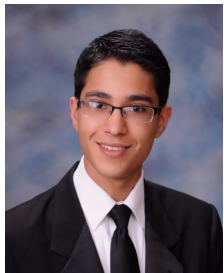
Christopher Abbondandolo

The key to Christopher's success is hard work and never allowing himself the opportunity to procrastinate. His favorite parts of high school have been the relationships built with friends, teachers and coaches, as well as playing sports and attending classes. Christopher is a member of the National Honor Society and other high school highlights include receiving an English Pride Award, Honor Roll and Distinguished Senior. Christopher looks forward to pursuing a degree in Finance/Economics.



Oscar Aguilar-Cruz

Oscar attributes his success to hard work, determination to improve and the support of the great people in his life. In the last four years of high school, he has enjoyed great relationships with friends, teachers and faculty. Oscar's extracurricular activities include Spanish Honor Society, JV and Varsity Soccer and Bilingual Buddies, which he truly enjoyed. Oscar will pursue a degree in Civil Engineering.



Elyas Amin

Elyas attributes his success to focusing his efforts on academics along with time management skills to balance his participation in extracurricular activities and a social life. The most enjoyable parts of high school include joining clubs, challenging himself, meeting new people, his internship with Ms. Hendricks, AP Biology with Ms. Beck, and AP US History and AP Government with Mr. Donovan. Notable extracurricular activities include President of Mathletes, volunteering at Huntington Hospital for four years, Team Captain in 10th grade for Relay for Life, and completing over 180 hours of community service! Elyas plans to major in Biochemistry and while he is still undecided as to which college he will attend, the road will be paved with success.



Olivia Stamatatos

Unwavering love and support from family, friends, and educators have sustained Olivia and inspired her to reach for the stars. Every day Olivia looks forward to the joy of playing the flute and learning music theory concepts. Always excited and happy to attend ballet class at the Lynch School, Olivia will always cherish the memories made in the studio and onstage dancing in the productions. Being a member of Mathletes, President of Italian Honor Society, member of Wind Ensemble and the Math, Science, Social Studies, English, National, and Tri-M Honor Societies are also noteworthy. Undecided as to which college she will attend, Olivia plans to major in Biochemistry.



Jessica Straub

Remembering to sleep and managing stress are the keys to Jess' success. Jessica has enjoyed working closely with Mr. Cohen on Relay for Life and in Honors Living Environment class, and having Señora Casazza as her Spanish teacher for three years. The highlights of extra-curricular activities include Relay for Life, Pit Orchestra, NOLA trips with Habitat, A Capella, and five years on Varsity Swim Team. Jess will major in music performance.



Sofia Suarez

Inspirational motivation from her parents and friends, Sofia's sense of personal responsibility, dedication to her studies and extra-curricular activities, and hard work are the key elements that insured Sofia's academic success. Sofia has enjoyed making friends with those who share her values, tutoring ESL students, and overcoming her shyness. Enrolled in Video Arts classes since grade nine, as a senior in Video Portfolio, Sofia has taken advantage of this class as an opportunity to further develop her skills, while having the independence to select projects that provide a public service or have an impact on others. Sofia has given countless hours of service to the community as a Junior Volunteer at Huntington Hospital, as a member of Junior Post 215 at the Huntington Community First Aid Squad, and as a member of "Grupo Social" with the Spanish Honor Society. Though undecided as to which college she will attend, Sofia plans to major in Psychology on a pre-medicine career path.



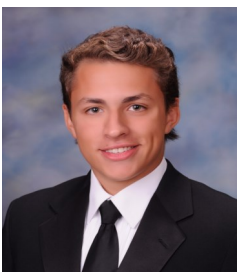
James Smoot

Jimmy reports that his success has happened by not cutting corners but rather doing things right the first time, and not waiting until the last minute to complete an assignment. Memories that will remain with Jimmy, include becoming close with teachers, making new friends, and playing in and attending sports events. Looking back, Jimmy counts membership in Art, English, and National Honor Societies, mentoring autistic children in a social skills group, and playing Golf on the 4 year undefeated Varsity Golf team as his most noteworthy accomplishments. Jimmy plans to major in Business at St. John's University.



Cara Sorrentino

Focus, determination, and commitment to being the best that she could be, define Cara's success. Cara also credits her supportive parents, and teachers who pushed her to excel and opened her mind to new ideas. Lasting memories were made while having fun on the Mediterranean coast, building homes in New Orleans with Habitat, and playing field hockey with friends and teammates. The highlights of Cara's extra-curricular activities include horse-back riding, playing goalie on the field hockey team, vice-president of NHD club, National, English & Math Honor Societies, Habitat for Humanity, and being named AP Scholar with Honors. Cara plans to major in Mathematics.



Jackson Spector

Choosing the right friends, balancing the completion of assignments, studying, and socializing add up to four successful years at HHS. Jackson enjoyed being a part of Marching Band, Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, Natural Helpers, swimming, and Crew. Of particular significance, Jackson is proud of his role when he spoke on behalf of his father at Relay for Life, Habitat builds, and Marching Band competitions. Jackson plans to major in Astrophysics.



Krista Angeliadis

A winning combination of hard work and determination have shaped Krista into the student she is today. Her favorite part of high school has been building and maintaining strong relationships with her friends. Krista has enjoyed participating in clubs and activities in the school, but being a part of the Varsity Tennis team for the past 3 years has been an "unforgettable experience." Krista will pursue a Pharmacy degree.



Vanessa Aulestia

Vanessa attributes her success to being responsible, being present each day, following through on homework and asking for help when needed. The classes she has enjoyed the most are Business Computer Applications, Career and Financial management, Business Management and Accounting I & II. Vanessa is proud of keeping her grades up while working part-time. She intends to attend Hofstra University and major in Finance.



Brooke Baade

Brooke's time management skills and her ability to balance athletics, academics, extracurricular activities and her social life has been the foundation of her success at Huntington High School. Playing on multiple sports teams has been extremely enjoyable for Brooke. Her athletic involvement has been the source of amazing friendships, experiences and opportunities which she highly values. A noteworthy accomplishment of hers is playing in the Suffolk County Championship with the Varsity Basketball Team. She has been a member of the team for four years and has received All-League recognition two years in a row. Brooke will continue to excel in the next phase of her education.



Michael Bast

The key to Michael's success is being highly motivated while looking for opportunities to make school fun. His most enjoyable high school experiences are being able to grow up with his friends from primary school and share high school with them. Michael's extra-curricular activities include playing lacrosse and wrestling; he also snowboards in his free time. Michael intends to major in Business at a school yet to be determined.



Hailey Bengston

Staying organized and balancing school work and athletics has been the recipe for success for Hailey. Hailey also noted that organization has been a key factor in her achievement. Hailey's involvement on sports teams has been a wonderful experience for her. Her athletic involvement served as a great source of physical fitness and bonding experiences with friends. Participating in Relay for Life and traveling to various countries with Ms. Tedeschi are highlights of Hailey's high school career. Hailey's noteworthy accomplishments include serving on the Relay for Life Committee and winning an All-Tournament Award and The Unsung Hero Award on the Varsity Lacrosse Team. Hailey will continue to thrive at Syracuse University in the fall.



Alexandra Berwick

The key to Alexandra's success has been by being involved in her school and community. Through these interactions she has learned to be personable, a leader and be balanced. She has cherished the connections she has made with her teachers, club advisors and the students of Huntington. Her highlights and noteworthy accomplishments have been being involved in Student Government since freshman year and then being voted President. She is also proud of being accepted into the National Honor Society. She is planning on attending Wagner College where she will be enrolled in the Physician Assistant Program.



Howard Schiman

Howard reports that the key to his success have been his strict, but fair, devoted parents, who set high expectations, held him to high principles, and held him accountable for his actions. He has enjoyed Homecoming, Relay for Life, meeting new people, and helpful teachers. Volunteering each summer at the Huntington Summers Arts festival concert series at Heckscher Park and being a member of the Navy Delayed Entry Program are highlights of Howard's extra-curricular activities. Howard will enter the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program and attend Naval Nuclear Power Training School.



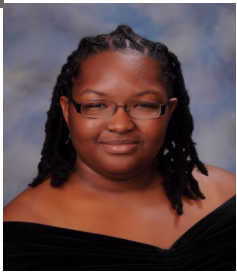
Latoya Shand

Latoya's supportive parents handed the keys to success to Latoya. They instilled in her the qualities required to be responsible, independent, and driven young adult. Latoya enjoyed branching out and meeting new people, building friendships with people who share common interests with her, and sharing with friends their times together on sports teams, honor societies, and at events such as K-Factor, Float Night, and Relay for Life. It has been a privilege and highlight of her time at HHS to qualify for Winter Track States, place 2nd for Section XI Intersectional Relay, Captain of Girls Winter Track Team while defending County championships, and receiving All-County for 300 m and Academic All-County.



Emily Shutman

While it was essential that Emily allocate a large portion of time each night for homework and studying diligently for exams, she also believes that a crucial key to her success was maintaining a vibrant social life and enjoying herself by being involved in a myriad of clubs and activities. Playing varsity tennis, doing science research, participating in the National History Day club, and volunteering at the local hospital all contributed to Emily's enjoyment of her high school years. Among the highlights of her accomplishments, Emily notes competing in the state tennis tournament, going to states for National History Day (9th & 11th grades), summer research at Stony Brook University, LI Science & Engineering Fair finalist, and her leadership positions in Key Club and several honor societies. Emily will attend Haverford College to study Biology or Political Science.



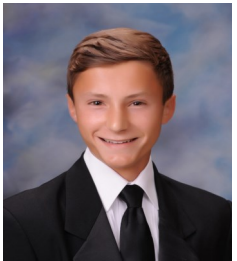
Jahnai' Sands

Listening, to both the teachers in class, and to her mother's advice has ensured Jahnai's success at Huntington HS. Jahnai' reports that she enjoyed her classes, meeting kind teachers, and being with friends. Step Team has been a highlight of her extra-curricular activities. With plans to major in Elementary Education to become a Kindergarten teacher, Jahnai' is undecided as to which college she will attend.



Lena Scarpulla

Through hard work and dedication, Lena seized the opportunity available in HHS to be the best student, friend, steward, and person she could be. Faculty and staff gave her the support needed to move her journey forward. Her favorite classes, law and environmental science, helped crystallize her goal of becoming a lawyer. Lena's noteworthy accomplishments include Mock Trial undefeated season, member of the crew team grades 9-11 that went to states each year, membership in National, Italian, Math, English & Social Studies Honor Societies, secretary of Habitat for Humanity, High Honor Roll each year, HFEE senior member. Lena plans to major in Marketing and minor in pre-law studies.



Dylan Schedler

Dylan has attributed his success to his hard work and persistence in combination with his curiosity. He expressed that he always stays curious and never stops questioning in order to learn as much as he can. When reflecting on his high school career, he realized that the relationships he has established with teachers and peers have truly enriched his experience at Huntington High School. Utilizing his leadership skills as the G.O. Student Government Treasurer has been a wonderful experience for Dylan. Dylan plans to study Economics in his postsecondary education.



Cassandra Berwick

For Cassandra, success has been achieved by having the support of her family and her twin sister Alexandra. They have been there encouraging her to reach her goals and strive to do her best. Cassandra has loved the friends she has made and the teachers who have help her reach her potential. She has enjoyed being involved in various high school activities. Relay for Life, Acapella, Natural Helpers and traveling to China are the ones that Cassandra feels has made her high school career most enjoyable and worthwhile. She is currently looking at attending one of the following institutions: Fordham University, Syracuse University, Manhattan College or University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Her major is currently undecided.



Cole Blackburn

Cole's key to success was not only paying attention in all of his classes, but truly taking in what the teacher was saying to understand it fully. Cole enjoys the process of learning and is appreciative of all of the knowledge he has gained and the classmates he has interacted with throughout his years at Huntington High School. Cole will never forget going to the World Championships in St. Louis with the Robotics Team and making the final four with the Mock Trial Team. Other accomplishments include earning 3rd place at the Regatta at Big Duck and attending a Quiz Bowl Tournament at Columbia University. In the fall, Cole will study Electrical Engineering at the college of his choice.



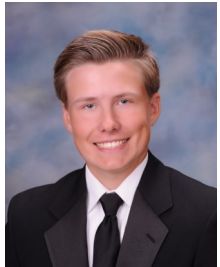
Jack Blakley

Jack attributes his success to surrounding himself with a group of supportive peers who have pushed him to be the best person he can be. When reflecting on his most enjoyable experiences in high school, his extracurricular involvement came to mind. Some highlights of his high school career include participating in the Marching Band for five years, serving as the Front Ensemble Captain for two years, and maintaining active membership in Varsity Baseball and Quizbowl. Additionally, Jack played in the Pit Orchestra for the Play and the Wind Ensemble, and participated in Habitat for Humanity. Jack plans to major in business as he begins his post-secondary education next fall.



Anna Brosoff

Anna notes that the support she has received from her parents and friends has been instrumental in her success at Huntington High School. Anna's long list of accomplishments includes her active membership in the National Honor Society, Science Club, English Honor Society, and the Social Studies Honor Society. Anna has served as the Class Historian, Captain for Relay for Life and Captain of the Highsteppers. Additionally, Anna completed an internship at Sloan Kettering and has taken part in international community service projects. In the fall Anna will attend the University of South Carolina where she will pursue International Business.



Daniel Brown

Learning from his mistakes and goal-setting have been key factors in Daniel's achievement at Huntington High School. He has also noted that his determination to study and complete all of his work on time has been a huge contributor to his success. Forming relationships with teachers and friends and playing sports throughout his entire high school career have been particularly enjoyable experiences for Daniel. He played Lacrosse all four years of high school and served at the Junior Varsity Team Captain in his sophomore year. In his senior year Daniel helped the Golf Team to win the league title and individually qualified for the county tournament. In the next phase of his education he plans to study Business Management and Finance.



Jesus Bruno

Paying attention in his classes, doing his homework, and staying focused has been the recipe for success for Jesus. When reflecting on his high school career, Jesus expressed that meeting new people, making new friends and getting involved in the school community have been particularly enjoyable. Jesus proudly served as a section leader in the Marching Band and he is the recipient of three Pride Awards. Studying Chinese and completing volunteer work at the Little Shelter are other accomplishments for Jesus. Jesus will study Biomedical Engineering at the college of his choosing.



Savannah Richardson

Savannah attributes her success to surrounding herself with people who inspired her to do the best that she could and having such supportive friends. The camaraderie of the HBDMB, and participating in Wind Ensemble, Pit Orchestra, and Natural Helpers gave her a sense of belonging that contributed to her enjoyment of her high school years. As woodwind captain, Savannah honed leadership skills that will travel with her, as will the memories of the excitement of track competition, playing in SCMEA, and receiving first place at the 2014 Marching Band championships.



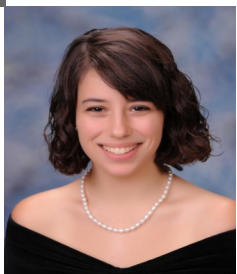
Grace Rowley

The support of her family, friends, and teachers have been the keys to Grace's success. She enjoyed participating in 9th grade Science Research, and attending the Cosmetology program at Wilson Tech. As noteworthy accomplishments, Grace is proud of grade 9 Science Pride Award, going to Hofstra University with her classmates & their 10th grade History Day Project on "Women in World War II," receiving "Student of the Month" citations at Tech, and being a member of Skills USA at Tech. Grace plans to continue working in a salon and furthering her career as a licensed cosmetologist.



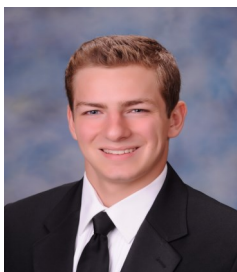
Mitchel Rudish

Always challenging himself, taking AP classes, and participating in variety of extra-curricular activities and sports has ensured Mitch's success. Mitch enjoyed the challenge of trying something new, such as AP classes, and building homes with Habitat for Humanity. He notes as highlights of his time at HHS: Captain of the State Championship Track Team, and a Relay for Life committee chairperson. Mitch plans to major in International Business.



Stephanie Powers

As Stephanie tells us, working hard, staying motivated and participating in class, ensured her success. Spending time with friends and learning in classes that she is passionate about contributed to Stephanie's enjoyment, as did her involvement with Key Club, Habitat for Humanity, and Tri-M Honor Society. Stephanie is especially proud of receiving a Pride Award for Art in grade 11, and an Award of Excellence for Fashion Projects in the Art Show. Stephanie plans to major in Costume Design/Technology at either Rutgers University or Marymount Manhattan College.



Joseph Puca

Making time for studying, and allowing some down time helped JP receive good grades, while also having fun with friends and family. JP has always enjoyed all of the branches of science, and the great teachers that helped him learn this subject that he so enjoys. JP is very proud to have attained All-State recognition as a wrestler, as well as team Captain, two times! JP's plans for college have not yet been decided.



Catherine Reilly

"Super" supportive family and friends, who provide assistance whenever needed, have been essential to Katie's success. Always enthusiastic and smiling, Katie attributes her enjoyment to the friends she made, both in the classroom and on the field, to her teachers, and to the overall atmosphere of the Huntington community. Among the highlights of Katie's extra-curricular activities, was the excitement generated by "Stuffing the Bus," Float builds and Homecoming Parades. Katie will attend Princeton University.



Rachel Carpenter

Rachel expressed that her key to success has been "taking advantage of the numerous key resources provided by my wonderful teachers, all while keeping grounded by my ever-supporting friends and family." Studying diligently and applying herself inside and outside of the classroom has also contributed to her admirable achievement at HHS. Rachel has enjoyed sparking relationships with students and faculty alike and learning more about herself from each of these relationships. Rachel prides herself on her participation in all 8 of the Drama Club Productions that Huntington has offered since her freshman year. Rachel has served as the President of the National Honor Society and she has earned the title of Class Valedictorian! Rachel will continue to thrive at the college of her choosing where she will study Biology.



Nina Cartwright

Commitment and passion towards the things she loves is what makes Nina successful. She has built strong relationships with those who have a positive influence in her life. Her extracurricular involvement and noteworthy accomplishments include being a 12 season varsity athlete on the swim and track teams. During this time she was captain for 5 of those seasons. She has been a member of numerous Honor Societies, including the National, English, Social Studies and Math. She is also an officer and member of the Science Honor Society. She will be attending the United States Naval Academy and will be majoring in Astronautical Engineering.



Chelsea Connell

Attending extra-help, studying with peers, and receiving support from friends, family members, and teachers has led to Chelsea's Successful high school career. Some of Chelsea's most enjoyable experiences at Huntington High School include participating in Relay for Life, working as a team on Float Night, and establishing close relationships with teachers and peers. Chelsea's leadership skills are evident in her role as the Copy Editor of the 2015-2016 Yearbook and the Secretary of the English Honor Society. Additionally, she is an active member of the Social Studies, Math and National Honor Societies. Out of school, Chelsea voluntarily teaches dance at the Dancin' Feet Dance Company. Chelsea will attend the college of her choice where she may study Environmental Science and Spanish.



Samantha Conte

Finding a balance between hard work and relaxation has been the key to success for Samantha. Spending the night for Relay for Life, eating cake in math class, and graduating with a PHD from Tom Foolery University in Mr. Cohen's Biology Class are experiences from Samantha's time at Huntington High School that she will never forget. Softball season has also been a highlight of Samantha's high school career. Samantha has served as the President of the Key Club and is proud of the \$4,000 that was raised at this year's K-Factor. Samantha's desire to give back has been evident in her contributions to Key Club, Relay for Life, and her work in New Orleans with Habitat for Humanity. Making a visible difference in the world is important to Samantha. Samantha plans to study Mechanical Engineering in her postsecond-



Gavin Crockett

Gavin has expressed that staying relaxed and discovering his interests inside and outside of the school community has contributed to his success as a high school student. He has truly enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of Huntington High School and his experiences on various athletic teams. Playing on the Varsity Hockey Team for all four years and winning a State Championship are experiences that have shaped Gavin's high school career. Additionally, Gavin was an active member of the Varsity Baseball Team for three years. Next year Gavin will be studying Accounting at the University of Tampa.



Yardalie Daniel

Yardalie attributes her success to being confident and determined and to the support of her parents, friends and teachers. She never gives up when challenges are presented and she pushes herself to succeed. What she has enjoyed most in high school is being able to explore different activities and classes with lifelong lessons, making friends with amazing people from different groups and caring teachers who became friends and mentors. Yardalie is proud of her induction into the English, Spanish and National Honor Societies, her trip to Alabama for Habitat for Humanity, being co-president of the Mock Trial Club, AWOD vice president, the recipient of the 2013 Anti-Bias Task Force Award and interning at Leavy Law Office while working two part-time jobs in Huntington Village. Yardalie intends to pursue a major in Business Law.



Caroline Petrozzo

Distinguished senior Caroline notes that studying, working hard, and getting involved have been the keys to her success. She has enjoyed the nice, helpful teachers and the varied electives available at HHS. Caroline cites her two Habitat trips to New Orleans, Relay for Life Committee (2 years), playing tennis, softball, and running winter track, as well as co-president of Natural Helpers, and treasurer of the Science Honor Society as extracurricular highlights. Undecided whether to attend Loyola, Siena or University of Maryland, Caroline plans to major in Biology.



Meghan Plant

A spirited community member and scholar, Meghan has been an integral part of Huntington High School through Field Hockey, Lacrosse, and especially, as a four year member of student government who has participated in homecoming, stuff the bus, and battle of the classes. Meghan has also made a difference to people nationally by joining Habitat for Humanity on trips to New Orleans and Alabama where homes were built for victims of natural disasters. Modelling positive behavior and demonstrating leadership qualities as a treasurer for Habitat for Humanity and her senior class, it is no surprise that Meghan has chosen to major in Education at The University of Alabama.



Max Andrew Polster

Max gave his full attention to homework and class time to achieve academic success. The study of history, both Global and United States histories, was "fascinating." Four unforgettable years of high school football, and in particular the 2013 championship team is the highlight of Max's extra-curricular activities. As of now, Max's college plans are undecided.



Kelly Palladino

Admirable, sincere, and supportive are just a few choice words teachers, peers, and school staff would use to describe Kelly. As an excellent student and athlete, she sets an example for younger students who have trouble managing their time. The key to her success is using her agenda book to remind her of assignments and upcoming tests. Though Kelly is a serious student, she is just as dedicated to playing Field Hockey and Lacrosse and became captain of the Field Hockey team her senior year. Kelly will be attending SUNY Geneseo in the fall, but has not declared a major as of yet.



Jamie Paragallo

Unlike the majority, Jamie has patience, dedication, and understanding of others. The support of family and friends and love of horseback riding have motivated her to be the best version of herself possible. "The amount of support I have received has allowed me to believe in myself and the success I can achieve," Jamie acknowledges. She's enjoyed growing up with her friends, learning from her teachers, and sharing her last year of high school with her brother. Jamie will continue to make noteworthy accomplishments in college, as she has in Huntington High School as an honor roll student, member of Symphony Orchestra, Grand Champion of the North Fork Classic, and Secretary of the Art Honor Society. Jamie is currently undecided as to what her major will be and which school she will attend in the fall.



Spencer Pashkin

Knowing when to ask for assistance and working hard contributes to Spencer Pashkin's success. He has appreciated all the help from his parents, fellow peers, and teachers who have taught some of his favorite courses. Of particular interest to Spencer was U.S. History and Government and, coincidentally, he moved on to regionals for National History Day on two separate occasions. Spencer has also enjoyed other activities, such as competing in quiz bowl, going to playoffs for Mock Trial and winning state champions for Marching Band in 2014. Spencer will study Aerospace Engineering at an undeclared location.



Thomas Dayton

Tommy feels that the combination of hard work, good teachers and a great attendance record have created a successful high school career. Tommy has enjoyed many of the classes he has taken at Huntington High School including Chemistry, Honors English, Bible Literature, Humanities and AP Government. Two of Tommy's noteworthy accomplishments are his participation in the Senior-Senior Prom in Grandfriends and the SEARS Shopping Tour in Key Club. In the fall, Tommy will pursue Video Game Design at Adelphi University.



Katarina De Pasquale

Katarina's desire to learn, coupled with her hard work, has contributed to her success at Huntington High School. The support she has received from great teachers has aided her achievement in high school as well. Katarina has enjoyed learning and growing as an individual throughout high school. Additionally, Karina is grateful for the opportunity to form relationships with teachers and peers that Huntington High School has provided for her. Serving as a section leader in the Marching Band and receiving Pride Awards in AP Music Theory and Algebra 2 Trigonometry are highlights of Katarina's high school career. In the fall Katarina plans to study Biology at the college of her choice.



Emma DeGennaro

The support that Emma has received from the teachers and the students at Huntington High School has been a key factor in Emma's success. She appreciates the school community's commitment to learning and achievement in an out of the classroom. Emma is thankful for all of the extracurricular activities that Huntington has offered her. Joining athletic teams has been a wonderful experience for Emma. Through sports she has made friends of all ages, learned how to work as a team member, act as a leader, and most importantly have fun. Emma has earned nine varsity letters from her participation in Field Hockey, Basketball and Lacrosse. Additionally, has served as a member of English Honor Society and National Honor Society and Habitat for Humanity. In the fall Brown University will welcome Emma where she will possibly pursue Environmental Science or Political Science.



Dylan DelGiudice

Dylan's support system, which consists of caring parents, teachers, and friends has been the foundation of his success at HHS. Through his active involvement in the Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and debates with the History Club, he has learned the value of teamwork. Being involved in all different areas of the school community and interacting with many different students and teachers has enriched Dylan's high school career. Dylan expressed that writing about contemporary music for the school newspaper has been a particularly enjoyable experience for him. Dylan's passion for music is evident. A highlight of Dylan's musical involvement was composing, arranging, and performing an original piece for the Jazz Band. Serving as the section leader in the Marching Band, and competing in the NYS Marching Band Championships were rewarding as well. Dylan plans to study Music and Economics at the college of his choice.



Heather Demartino

Heather's key to success has been working hard in her courses, communicating with her teachers and managing her coursework. She has enjoyed all the friends she has made and all the teachers that have made a difference in her education. One of her memorable highlights was when she volunteered in a special education classroom. The experiences Heather has had in high school, has taught her valuable life lessons. She plans on attending the University of Tampa and is going to major in Physics.



Marie Catherine D'ennery Dejoie

Marie has expressed that her achievement at Huntington High School is in large part due to the support she has received from her family. Participating in the Marching Band, French Honor Society, Young Leaders, Grand Friends, and the Interact Club have been unforgettable experiences for Marie. Marie prides herself on her completion of the 2015 Veterinary Medicine Career Exploration program and her internship experience at the Harborside Veterinary Hospital. These experiences have solidified Marie's decision to pursue a career in Veterinary Medicine as she will be studying Animal Science in the fall at a college of her choosing.



Jack O'Heir

"My will to learn new things has helped me find the fun in class," states Jack O'Heir, describing his determination to take advantage of what his classes have to offer him. Besides taking competitive courses and excelling, Jack has participated in different clubs and has enjoyed meeting new people. The highlight of his extra-curricular involvement was being captain of the fencing team and a varsity member. Jack will major in Biological/Physical Anthropology at an undecided college.



Stefano Ornato

Conquering procrastination, a problem many people struggle with, has been a major benefit for Stefano. Involvement in afterschool activities and taking challenging courses required him to develop time management skills and willpower. Stefano has enjoyed participating in Fencing, Tennis, and, especially, Marching Band, as they won 1st place in their division his sophomore year in high school. Stefano will major in Marketing at Baruch College next school year.



Sabrina Palacios

Sabrina's time as a Huntington High School student is any parent's dream come true. Not only is Sabrina able to form valuable relationships with those around her, she is also able to adapt to many different situations, including adverse ones. A capable and sincere young woman, Sabrina admits that she could not have gotten to where she is today, if not for the help of her teachers, mentors, and friends. The achievements under Sabrina's belt include, but are not limited to: founder and president of Bilingual Buddies mentoring program, National Qualifier with the STEP Science Bowl team, 2nd and 3rd place at the New York State Science & Engineering Fair, 1st place at Long Island Science and Engineering Fair, Town of Huntington Hispanic Task Force Student Achievement Award, Rotary Youth Leadership Award, and president of the English National Honor Society. Sabrina will be a Philosophy, Politics, and Economics major at the University of Pennsylvania.



Olivia Morgenstern

Olivia's involvement in extracurricular activities demonstrates her commitment to Huntington High School; the majority of her high school career has been devoted to Habitat for Humanity and Key Club. Olivia has been academically successful despite not feeling passionate about certain subject areas. Her passion in English, History, and Art and have pushed her to do well in other courses and earned her many pride awards. Olivia will be studying Illustration at Hunter College in New York City.



Brianne Neira

Living life to the fullest and taking chances are mottos Brianne Neira lives by. As a performer who has played a part in musicals at Huntington High School and New York City, Brianne made it a goal to explore all aspects of the Arts our school had to offer, both during and after school hours. One of her many achievements include participating in All-County for choir the past 3 years. Brianne will be joining Marymount Manhattan's College Honors Program and double majoring in Performing Arts and Communications.



Kyle O'Brien

There is not just one key to Kyle O'Brien's success at Huntington High School. He is grateful, not only for the support and life lessons of his parents, but the compassion of his teachers, and the way his friends have helped shape him into who he is today. As a 3-season athlete who has been a part of Cross Country, Winter Track, and Spring Track, Kyle is greatly influenced by the coaches around him. His coaches have helped him exceed his own limits and expectations. All the moments Kyle has experienced at Huntington High have made a significant impact, including his trip to China and involvement in Natural Helpers. Although he has not decided where he wants to go and what he wants to major in, Kyle will continue to excel.



Irina DeSimone

Irina attributes her success to surrounding herself with supportive and encouraging individuals. These relationships have helped her to maintain her focus and motivation and become a better student and human being. Irina appreciates the diversity that exists at Huntington High School which has allowed her to form friendships with peers with all different interests and backgrounds. Earning All County and All Conference recognition and participating in playoff games in Field Hockey, Fencing and Lacrosse have been stand out moments for Irina. Irina's most impressive feat is that she came to the United States not knowing a word of English and despite this challenge, she has flourished academically. Irina will study Criminal Justice at High Point University in the fall.



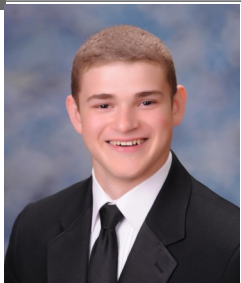
Ethan Dwyer

Ethan's success at Huntington High School has stemmed from finding the perfect balance between academics and extracurricular activities. He also expressed the positive impact of his work ethic and support he receives from his mother. Ethan excelled in the classroom, particularly in Algebra 2, but also in athletics. He received All-County and All-League recognition in Wrestling and All-League in Cross Country. Ethan feels that the connections he has made with teachers and friends will last a lifetime. He plans to attend Northeastern University in the fall with a major in Computer Engineering.



Nancy Fallon

Nancy's self-motivation and determination have contributed to her success at Huntington High School. However, Nancy expressed that these traits will help her to be successful in college and throughout the rest of her life as well. Nancy is interested in pursuing a career in History Education or Musical Theater at a college of her choice. She attributes her love and appreciation of history to her greatly positive experience in Ms. Desiderio's history classes. Portraying Belle in Disney's Beauty and the Beast, serving as the field major and section leader of the Marching Band, and playing Ariel in Disney's The Little Mermaid are some of Nancy's most noteworthy accomplishments.



Aaron Feltman

Aaron's key to success has been the realization that there are many important things in life including his schoolwork. Forming relationships with teachers, particularly Ms. Singer, has been an enjoyable aspect of Aaron's high school career. Additionally, Aaron appreciates the relationship he has established with Ms. Casazza through working on the yearbook. Aaron's accomplishments include serving as the President of the French Honor Society and the Art Honor Society. He was the recipient of the Viewer's Choice award in 2015 and he has been recognized as one of Long Island's Best Young Artists in 2014. In his postsecondary education, Aaron plans to study Art.



Llanira Flores

Llanira's consistent organization and the never-ending support she received from teachers, friends and family were the foundation of her success throughout high school. Llanira took advantage of the opportunity to take part in extra-curricular activities and she remained active in the Gay Straight Alliance Club, Fencing and Stagecrew. As she looks back at her fondest memories, becoming more open minded and accepting through her participation in GSA and assisting in the development of the productions in Stagecrew top the list. Llanira plans to major in Nursing in her postsecondary education.



Vincent Fredericks

Vinny notes that remaining focused and taking time out of each day for relaxation despite a busy schedule have been important factors in his success. Looking back on his high school years, Vinny expressed that forming friendships with unique peers was truly enjoyable. He appreciates the personal growth and maturity that he has experienced over the four years at of high school. Impressively, Vinny won the Huntington Bay Dental "Do a Good Deed" Video Contest and placed second at Huntington High School for his National History Day documentary. He excelled in music and athletics as well as he has been recognized as a two time division honorable mention for Volleyball and a participant in the NYSMMA clarinet ensemble. Vinny will continue to shine in his postsecondary education.



Daniel Mollitor

A strong work ethic and exceptional time management skills have helped Daniel succeed during his outstanding high school career. Not only is he a remarkable student, he is also a talented athlete and leader who gives everything his all. Learning how to prioritize and keeping a positive outlook have assisted Daniel while being Captain of three varsity sports teams, President of the Chinese Cultural Exchange club, Vice President of Habitat for Humanity and the Class of 2016, and Treasurer of Natural Helpers. Daniel has shown commitment and service to his school community through his constant involvement and will continue to thrive anywhere he goes. He is currently undecided on his major and choice of college.



Taylor Moreno

As a well-known student-athlete here at Huntington High School, Taylor has been a wonderful inspiration to everyone around her. Not only is she a spectacular multi-sport athlete who has gained acceptance to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a lacrosse player, but she is the first female to ever play on the Blue Devil football team. With her dedication and highly honed time management and organizational skills, Taylor surpasses limits in all avenues. The support system of teachers, deans, aids, security guards, and everyone affiliated with the high school is one which she can count on in the future.



Jean Morgenstern

"I was able to acknowledge when something was difficult, because I knew that a struggle is not permanent. As a result, I was willing to ask for help when I needed it." Wisdom, hopefulness, and optimism are evident in Jean's profound statement. She lives by ideals that provide her the vision to create beautiful pieces of literature that have been published in Huntington High School's *Et Cetera* Literary Magazine. Jean has been involved in extracurricular activities that have meant a great deal to her; for example, being a member of GSA and attending Awareness weekend has made her feel closer to her community. Jean will be a Liberal Arts major at New York University in the fall.



Heidi Mendez

The key to Heidi Mendez's success is family support; it has given her the ability to accomplish her goals. If she ever feels overwhelmed, her family is there to motivate and assist her. Teachers have had a similar influence on Heidi. Her favorite aspect of high school was meeting new teachers and learning from their different points of view. Learning from all of her teachers has made her feel confident when entering this new phase in her life. Heidi takes great pleasure in the fact that her grades have gradually improved as she progressed in high school and has received many pride awards to prove it. Heidi will be attending Hofstra University in the fall and her major is currently undecided.



Justin Meyer

Justin's key to success has been his ability to take advantage of all the opportunities that come his way. His love of science, technology, and art are evident in the type of courses he's taken throughout high school and his involvement in the robotics club as a CAD drafter. Justin has thoroughly enjoyed his time in AP Studio in Art Drawing and 2D Design and, as a member of the Art Honor Society, he has participated in Project Memory for two years. Justin is recognized as a National Scholar by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and will be majoring in Industrial Design in college.



Alexandra Mills

Efficient time management skills and supportive relationships with peers, teachers, and her parents have motivated Alexandra to be the best that she can be. Besides being an excellent student and maintaining memberships to honor societies, Alexandra's involvement in sports and extracurricular activities have given fruit to memorable friendships that she will cherish for quite some time. A few highlights of her extracurricular involvement include traveling to New Orleans for Habitat for Humanity, playing on the soccer team, and being a 5-year varsity athlete for Winter and Spring Track. Alexandra will be pursuing a Doctorate of Pharmacy upon graduation.



Jack Gallagher

The desire to get involved in a wide range of extracurricular activities is the key to Jack's success. His participation in rowing, swimming, Habitat for Humanity and Chinese Cultural Exchange Club has greatly enriched his high school experience. Jack has truly enjoyed connecting and forming meaningful relationships with his teachers throughout the four years. Jack's long list of accomplishments include taking on leadership roles in Tri-M, National Honor Society and Latin Honor Society, remaining active in Math, Social Studies and Science Honor Societies, and winning championships in Marching Band and Swim. Jack will be a wonderful addition to the college of his choice where he will pursue Aerospace Engineering.



Santos Garcia Avelar

Santos attributes his success to having a healthy hunger and appreciation towards education. He moved to the US from El Salvador, where students experience violence on their way to school. Those experiences made him realize that education is not an obligation, but a luxury, and it's the only tool to overcome social and economic obstacles. He has enjoyed playing for the soccer team, but most importantly, he is thankful for the support of teachers like Mr. Florea, Ms. Peña, and Mr. Donovan who were there to lift him up and support him in his darkest hours. The highlights of his last four years include playing JV and Varsity Soccer, President of the Spanish Honor Society, 1st place winner of the Victor Baptiste Essay Contest, and tutoring, mentoring and role model for the ENL students. While undecided as to which college he will attend, Santos would like to pursue a major in Criminal Justice.



Julia Garetano

Julia's perseverance and her belief that if one tries, one has the ability to succeed has led to a successful high school career. Remaining focused and working diligently no matter what challenge came her way has helped Julia perform to her potential. Julia has become comfortable in her own skin and she can thank Huntington High School for providing her with a second family. Julia's accomplishments include winning a Pride Award, playing on the Softball Team, coaching for the Huntington Bulldogs Cheer Team, and participating in the English Honor Society. In the fall, Julia will study Early Childhood Education at the college of her choosing.



Ann Glackin

Ann reflects, "The key to my success has been my determination to push past the boundaries of my comfort zone." Throughout high school Ann has become aware of her fears and limitations; however she refuses to let them stop her from achieving her goals. Performing in Chamber Choir, learning new things from teachers and peers alike, studying Fashion, and seeing the smiling faces around the building provided Ann with enjoyment while at Huntington High School. Additionally, Ann had a wonderful experience connecting with her high school English teachers, particularly with Ms. Lombardi through her senior year internship experience. Ann takes pride in serving as a Peer Mediator, Vice president of A World of Difference, Senior Editor of Etcetera and Historian of the Tri-M Honor Society. Drama Club and acting outside of school have also defined Ann's high school experience. Ann will study Theater Performance and English at the college of her choice.



Holly Grabowski

Holly's positivity and "never say die" attitude have been the cornerstone of her success in her high school career. She appreciates the connections she has made and her growth as a compassionate friend, an experienced musician, and a hard-working student. Participating in the Marching Band, Natural Helpers, Peer Mediation, and LISFA are some of her most memorable aspects of her four years at Huntington. Holly also received multiple Pride Awards, and an impressive perfect score on her All-State Audition. Holly will continue to thrive at Queens College where she will major in Music Education.



Andrew Gunthner

Andrew attributes his success in high school to his experience in Drama Club. Andrew expressed that his participation in the Drama Club has allowed him to evolve as an individual and provided him with everlasting support from an amazing group of friends. He places value on his experience interacting with unique teachers and students throughout high school. Andrew has taken on leadership roles as the president of the Drama club and vice president of the Science Honor Society. Additionally, he has shown active involvement in National Honor Society, Tri-M Honor Society, and Math and English Honor Societies. Andrew is a proud member of the Acapella Honors Choir and he received the Pre-Calculus Pride Award. Andrew will study Biology at the University of Michigan in the fall.



Brianna McDonald

Brianna credits her success at Huntington High School to her determination and focus paired with the support she received from her family, friends, and teachers. Establishing relationships that will last a lifetime and joining extracurricular activities are some of the aspects of High School that Brianna has enjoyed the most. Her long list of accomplishments include memberships in Math, English, Social Studies and Spanish Honor Societies as well as the National Honor Society. Brianna is the proud founder of Athletes Helping Athletes and has shown active involvement in Habitat for Humanity, Lacrosse, Swimming, Soccer, and Student Government. In the fall, Brianna will attend the college of her choice where she will study Nursing.



Elisa Medina-Jaudes

Elisa is quite an accomplished young scholar. She has spent her high school years passionately working on following her dreams of becoming an architect. Driven by passion and pushed by teachers at Huntington High School, Elisa excels at it all. She's an accomplished athlete who has spent 5 years as a varsity fencer, reached leadership positions in 3 out of the 7 honor societies in which she is a member, and is a talented musician and artist. Elisa's dedication and persistence has granted her acceptance to Cornell University's Architecture Program.



Danielle Melgar

Supportive parents have been the inspiration to Danielle's success. Her parents have overcome many obstacles and taught her that anything is possible. The lessons her parents have instilled in her have encouraged Danielle to give back to others who may need help. As part of the Spanish Honor Society, Danielle has had the opportunity to motivate and help students in need, just as her own friends motivate and encourage her. Danielle will major in Computer or Electrical Engineering in college.



Matthew McBride

Matthew is living proof that hard work and motivation pay off. As a 4 year member of the varsity swim team, he was finally made captain after much effort and dedication. Another one of his rewarding high school experiences is his involvement in Key Club, as it has taught him the value of community service and charity. With the correct assumption that his persistence and fortitude will prepare him for college and a career, Matthew has juggled these extracurricular activities and challenging course load successfully. Matthew will major in Engineering at a college that is not yet determined.



Caroline McCartney

Motivated and committed to her own well-being and that of others, Caroline is an exemplary young woman. In between studying for her rigorous courses and training for the varsity swim team and triathlons, Caroline volunteers for the Huntington Community First Aid Squad. Caroline appreciates the teachers who have contributed to her wealth of knowledge and will pursue an education in Biology or Exercise Science.



Kevin McConnell

Talented and ambitious are words that anyone would use to describe Kevin. He is known school-wide for his performance in many drama club productions as well as serving as master of ceremonies for Relay for Life and the Spelling Bee. Along with entertaining, Kevin is academic with memberships to several honor societies and plans to major in Mathematics in college. As a math enthusiast, he has enjoyed his time working on math problems with Mr. Mattis and as part of Mathletes.



Alanna Harvey

Hard work, studying, and involvement in extracurricular activities has been the recipe for success for Alanna. Alanna's most enjoyable moments of High School have been spent in Mrs. Byrnes' physics class. Alanna will attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the fall to study Mechanical Engineering which she attributes to the support of Mrs. Byrnes over the last two years. Additionally, Alanna has won the Pride Award for her achievement in Physics. She has exhibited leadership skills as she served as the section leader of the flute section in the Marching Band and the co-director of the acapella group, Choral Fixation. Alanna will continue to flourish in the next phase of her education.



Benjamin Hebert

Ben prides himself on his diligence and hard work as it has allowed him to succeed in his education. He places value on the discussions he has engaged in with his peers over the years. Speaking with others and bouncing ideas off of each other has helped Ben to grow his own opinions and thoughts. Some of Ben's most noteworthy accomplishments include serving as the treasurer of the Robotics Team, and participating in the Math and English Honor Societies. He has also been recognized for his academic excellence by being named an AP Scholar with honors each year. In the next phase of his education, Ben plans to major in English or Creative writing at the college of his choice.



Skylar Heffernan

Relaxing, staying true to himself, and embracing his unique qualities have been Skylar's recipe for success throughout his high school career. Skylar is proud of the positive effect he has had on his peers through his open-mindedness and his growth of knowledge and happiness. He will never forget the support he received at Huntington High School particularly from his AP Biology teacher Ms. Beck. Skylar has spent time participating in the Marching Band and serving as the President of the Gay Straight Alliance Club. Skylar is a mental health and LGBT advocate and he has spoken at awareness weekend. Stony Brook University will be welcoming Skylar where he will study Psychology and Pre-medical coursework.



Olatunji Ikuomenisan

Tunji attributes his success to being mindful that his current actions will impact his future achievement. As a high school student, Tunji has enjoyed taking on new responsibilities and learning how to manage his time effectively. Tunji's most noteworthy accomplishments include receiving the Outstanding Student Award from Wilson Tech and being awarded a certificate of achievement from the NCCER. In the fall, Tunji will continue to thrive at Suffolk Community College where he will study Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning.



Oluwatoyin Ikuomenisan

Hard work, determination, and self-motivation have been key factors in Toyin's success at Huntington High School. Throughout his high school career Toyin has enjoyed connecting with his peers and getting to know them on a deeper level through working together in the classroom. He values his participation and membership in Math Honor Society. Receiving a Pride Award and taking part in a debate with his peers regarding the war on drugs have been highlights of his time in high school. Toyin will continue to excel next year at the college of his choice where he will study Biology.



Brianna Jones

A strong work ethic is the major factor in Brianna's success. Brianna expressed that she plans to continue to work diligently throughout her life to achieve happiness and further accomplishments. Brianna appreciates education and learning new things each day. She has also enjoyed making new friends, but values keeping in touch with old friends as well. She is a proud member of the Art Honor Society, first violinist in the Chamber Orchestra, and the treasurer of the Step Team. Outside of Huntington High School Brianna participates in the youth council at the Tri-CYA. Brianna will continue to shine in the next phase of her life.



Francesca Love

Perseverance and strength have played a pivotal role in Francesca's success throughout high school. She has encountered obstacles that have only encouraged her to live life in a more meaningful way, such as helping others who have faced similar struggles. Francesca spends her free time volunteering as an assistant to a music therapist who teaches music to autistic children. Working with children who have lifelong disabilities has sparked an interest in Francesca. She would love to major in Music Therapy in the future.



Ripley Mars

Ripley Mars is a perfect example of a well-rounded student. Not only is she a studious academic who challenges herself with advanced courses, she is a fantastic soccer player and is involved in various extra-curricular activities. Some of Ripley's most memorable moments include participating in Key Club, volunteering for the K Factor and the Sears shopping tour, and participating in school blood drives. Ripley will always remember winning the Outstanding Entry in Women's History Award at Hofstra University for her 10th grade National History Day project in World War II and moving on to the regional NHD contest 10th and 11th grades. There is no way to contain all of Ripley's accomplishments to a small paragraph and there is no doubt that she will continue to have amazing triumphs in the future. Ripley has not yet decided where she will attend school, but she will study Neuroscience.



Justin Martinolich

Being realistic has helped Justin to understand his abilities and work towards his potential. Another key factor in his achievement throughout his high school career has been the support he has received from his parents and their encouragement to always improve and become a better person. Justin has enjoyed establishing relationships with students and teachers over the years in high school. Some highlights of Justin's time spent at Huntington High School are obtaining an internship with the Booster Club, traveling to New Orleans with Habitat for Humanity, and going to regionals for National History Day. Justin plans to major in Sports Management at the college of his choice.



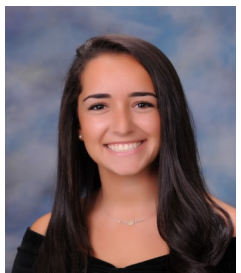
Sophia Latt

Sophia Latt has made the most of her high school years by building strong relationships with teachers and friends while striving for success in all that she commits herself. Not only is she academically triumphant, she has also demonstrated great leadership skills as president of Tri-M Honor Society and captain of the Girls' Varsity Tennis team. Sophia's involvement did not stop there; she has also been part of Pit Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, National History Day, and Relay for Life. She will continue sustaining a positive attitude and pushing herself when confronted with challenging situations. Sophia will major in Marketing at her chosen school.



Cindy Lopez

Hardworking, determined, and authentic are just a few words which could be used to describe Cindy Lopez. She is the type of person who enjoys the company of good friends and appreciates the help of great teachers. Memorable achievements include winning the Hispanic Heritage Award and participating in the Spanish, Science, Social Studies, English, and National Honor Societies. Next year in college, Cindy plans to major in Biology.



Holly LoTurco

Holly attributes her success at Huntington High School to her consistent motivation and determination as well as the support of the school district and community. She also expressed the importance of finding a balance between academics and extracurricular activities. Holly appreciates the lasting friendships she has made, many of which have come from her experience on the High Stepping Team. A natural leader, Holly has served as the Class President of Student Government, Vice President of Math Honor Society, and the Captain of the High Stepping Team. Additionally, Holly values her time spent participating in Mock Trial, Habitat for Humanity, and competitive dance. Holly will continue to thrive at Duke University in the fall.



Michael Karasik

Michael's understanding that hard work pays off and that he has the power to determine his future has been his recipe for success. Throughout his high school career, he has enjoyed the process of learning and gaining valuable knowledge from his courses. Michael is proud that he has built relationships at Huntington High School that have lasted for years. Michael sees the importance of helping others. He has founded Tech Connect, an organization that donates computers to the underprivileged, and he has served as a volunteer at Huntington Hospital. Michael has enjoyed playing for the Varsity Soccer Team over the past two years. Michael will be a wonderful addition to a college of his choosing where he will study Biology.



Kathleen Keys

Katie has noted that getting involved in the school community and creating relationships with amazing teachers and students has led her to success at Huntington High School. A helper at heart, Katie has enjoyed building homes for Habitat for Humanity, serving as a member of Natural Helpers, and participating in Relay for Life each year. Katie is proud of her role as Event Chair for Relay for Life and her membership in National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. Katie will attend Penn State University in the fall where she will pursue Rehabilitation and Health Sciences.



Jeanne Kopstein

Maintaining a positive attitude and never losing her determination have been instrumental in Jeannie's success at Huntington High School. Gaining leadership skills and utilizing them to enrich events has been another key factor in her success. Interning for Mr. Cohen, and participating in Track and Student Government have been stand out experiences for Jeannie. Jeannie has made High Honor Roll for every high school semester and she has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Honors. Other accomplishments include winning County Championships in Track, serving as the Vice President for 11th and 12th grade, and leading the NEDA walk. Jeannie will study Marketing at the University of San Diego in the fall.



Thomas Kopstein

Tom has expressed that his hard work and dedication have been key factors in his success at Huntington High School. Tom is a bright student who is truly motivated and has consistently excelled in and out of the classroom. He prides himself on his involvement in the school community particularly in athletics, clubs and honor societies. Tom will continue to thrive at the college of his choosing where he will major in International Studies.



Ekaterina Koulakova

The support of motivational friends has been the key to success for Ekaterina throughout her high school career. The highlights of her experience at Huntington High School include running for the Cross Country and Track and Field teams as well as playing pickle-ball. Ekaterina's most noteworthy accomplishment is receiving the Long Island Scholar Artist Award in her senior year. In the fall Ekaterina plans to study Political Science at the college of her choosing.



Alexandra Koumas

Alex stated that her key to success has been, "Staying focused and surrounding myself with people who have encouraged me to keep moving forward." When reflecting on her high school career, she realized that she will never forget all of the relationships she has established with classmates, teachers and coaches. She noted that these individuals have changed her for the better. Alex has been an active member of the Track Team and Natural Helpers throughout her entire high school career. Additionally, Alex has served as the President of Young Leaders and has been involved in the English, Spanish, Math, Social Studies and National Honor Societies. Alex will continue to shine at the college of her choice where she will study Mathematics.



Matthew Lang

Dedication and perseverance have been the framework in helping Matthew Lang achieve his many goals, one of which is to major in the health sciences at Gettysburg College. Throughout high school, he has worked hard to obtain this goal by juggling his challenging courses with various extracurricular activities. A few noteworthy activities are A World of Difference, Symphony Orchestra, and the English, Social Studies, Spanish, and Tri-M honor societies. Matthew has found inspiration from family and friends and will continue to focus on the opportunities that come his way.



Melany Lanham-Ciancia

Melany is a thoroughly talented individual who excels in a variety of areas that range from music to academics. Her talents and many achievements are a result of hard work and dedication, as can be demonstrated through her participation in almost every music ensemble at the high school and her challenging course load. Music has been the highlight of her high school career. Melany traveled to Rochester for All-State to play violin her senior year and received All-County recognition at the New York State School Music Association for violin and voice. Melany plans to pursue a Bachelors of Music in Violin Performance.



Samuel Latt

Though Sam may jokingly respond with "coffee" when asked what the key to his success is, his support system of family and friends played a large role in his success. While undertaking a challenging course selection and earning the title of AP Scholar with Distinction, Sam maintained involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities. Some significant achievements include Math Honor Society President, 8th place in the nation for NHD, participant at the Harvard MIT Math Tournament, Principal Cellist, and 6 performances at Lincoln Center. Sam's enthusiasm for learning has granted him acceptance to Cornell University, where he will study Statistics.