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# DISTINGUISHED SENIORS' ANNUAL DINNER APRIL 30, 2026



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**Jolie Weinschreider**

The key to my success has been staying organized and consistently managing my responsibilities. I am dedicated to completing my work to the best of my ability, and I have also benefited from the guidance and support of my teachers. I have really enjoyed being a member of the soccer, basketball, and lacrosse teams with my best friends. I have also valued being in classes with friends while studying curriculum that genuinely interests me. Additionally, participating in honor societies has been very meaningful to me. A highlight of my high school experience was being part of the girls' varsity lacrosse team during the 2025 season, when we won both the Long Island and County Class A Championships. I plan to major in Psychology and attend Rutgers University.



**Avante Williams-Samuels**

The key to my success has been staying dedicated and enjoying the work I do. I have most enjoyed my English, Math, Art, and Reading classes throughout high school. I will continue working hard to achieve my goals.



**Dylan Wong**

The key to my success has been my gleaming pillars and day ones, foremost Andrew Ochoa Islas. I've enjoyed the friends I've made along the way most in high school. I completed an internship at Brookhaven National Laboratory, where I conducted research and presented my project at a symposium. I also presented at the Long Island Math Fair, earning a Silver Medal for my work. Demonstrating initiative and community involvement, I independently organized food drives that collected and donated over 4,000 food items. In addition, I contributed to a long-term study on the population of alewife fish on Long Island and assisted with the Long Island Unified Water Study. My intended major is Biomedical Engineering.



### Sofia Vias

The key to my success has been being okay with facing challenges and accepting mistakes in order to learn. Things I've enjoyed most are making new friends and learning to push myself in difficult coursework. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include improving in golf over three years through dedication and hard work, as well as taking photography and developing my creativity on my own time. My intended major is Biology and I am still deciding what college I will attend.



### Eileen Villarreal

The key to my success has been support systems: encouragement from my mother and sisters who believed in me. My ability to bounce back from setbacks, learn from my failures made me grow stronger. Things I've enjoyed most throughout high school are the ups and downs that come; learning and growing; and the opportunities to explore my interests. Some of my highlights of my extracurricular involvement included being recognized with Pride Awards for outstanding contributions and actively involved as a member of the National Honor Society. My intended major is Nursing and I plan to attend Molloy University.



### Lily Wasoski

The key to my success has been staying true to who I am and what I want to do. I never let anyone make me feel "less than" and discourage me from doing what I love to do. I have most enjoyed all of the opportunities the school provides for music; there are so many ensembles for every instrument and it has been so fun making friends and performing through the music program at Huntington. I was a Drum major in the marching band for 3 years, a 2x All State vocalist, an Outstanding Senior at the Long Island High School for the Arts, Long Island Scholar Artist, and HuntingTony award winner. My major is Classical Voice Performance.

# DISTINGUISHED SENIORS' DINNER

AT:  
HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL 30, 2026

"FOR THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT, IF ONLY WE'RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO SEE IT, IF ONLY WE'RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO BE IT."

—AMANDA GORMAN

# ABOUT THE DINNER

We are proud to gather this evening to honor one hundred seventeen members of Huntington High School's Class of 2026. 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 teachers as well for their contributions to the education of our distinguished seniors.



"THE WHOLE SECRET OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE IS TO FIND OUT WHAT IS ONE'S DESTINY TO DO — AND THEN DO IT."

—HENRY FORD



**Heileen Torres**

The key to my success has been my supportive family and friends who motivate me and inspire me to reach my goals. I've enjoyed the following aspect of my high school career the most meeting diverse groups of people. I have gotten the opportunity to experience new cultures and make cherished friendships through clubs and classes. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include participating in the Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute for the past two years, where I took part in a Mock Assembly at the State Capitol in Albany. My intended major is International Relations.



**Sofia VanArsdale**

The key to my success has been time management. I always prioritize my school work and I make schedules for homework, due dates and to-do lists to structure my days. Even though I put school first, I make sure to take care of myself by taking mental breaks. It's important to value personal time and school work in order to accomplish school work with full mental capacity. I have enjoyed the mentorship from teachers and coaches. The lessons I've learned and the care that teachers have given me is something I value because I have not only grown as a student, but as a person. It has helped me reach new levels in my academics and outlooks in life, and I've loved how this guidance has taught me more about myself. My three years on varsity field hockey and my two times involved in playoffs have been such highlights of my extracurriculars, especially when I became a captain my senior year. In my outside involvement in dance, my dedication for all the years I've been there is such an accomplishment to me. My consistent high honor roll, pride awards, and being an AP scholar with distinction have been such an honor to receive. I plan to major in Psychology and attend SUNY New Paltz and enroll in their honors program.



**Belinda Velasquez Maldonado**

My parents' sacrifices and hard work has always pushed me to be successful. As the oldest daughter I have to lead by example and try my best to be the best for myself and my family. Some things I liked the best about my time in high school was my involvement in clubs, not only that but taking different classes and learning different perspectives and understanding the world around me better. I really enjoyed homecoming activities and bonfire! Some highlights of my extracurricular involvement include planning events such as Cultural Night, Key Club Target Tours, and volunteering at the Sunrise Senior Citizens Center for 'Grandfriends.' These experiences have brought me a sense of fulfillment while helping me develop strong character. My intended major is Healthcare Administration.



## Cameron Smith

The key to my success has been staying actively involved in the school community. Throughout high school, I made the effort to participate in as many opportunities as possible, from academics to athletics to clubs. Being involved allowed me to build strong relationships with my peers and teachers. Athletics have been the most meaningful part of my high school experience. Playing varsity soccer and varsity lacrosse helped build a strong sense of community and family among my teammates.

The relationships and memories made both on and off the field over the past four years are something I will always value. Throughout high school I have been involved in a wide range of academic, athletic, and service activities. I serve as President of Varsity Club, while also being a member of Habitat for Humanity and Latin club. I am a representative on the Section XI Student Athlete Advisory Committee. I have also been inducted into Latin, Science, Math, Social Studies, and English National Honor Societies. My intended major is Education and I am still deciding what college I will attend.



## Banny Soc Concu

The key to my success has been my parents, they didn't have the opportunity to go to college. Every time I thought of giving up or quitting, I thought of them and how they would've jumped at the chance to go to college. I've enjoyed a lot of things in Huntington, my teachers, my coaches, and my friends. My teachers pushed me to my potential and without them I never would've figured out my major. So I am forever grateful for Ms. Biagi and Mr. Outsen. My coaches taught me how to be

a better version of myself and to me they are one of the reasons I get to receive this honor. My highlights from High School that I'm grateful for was to receive All Division Honors for Football and Best Offensive Lineman Award for Football. I'm extremely grateful for receiving the AP Scholar Award, and having the honor of being named Captain for Football, and Captain for both Winter and Spring Track and Field. My intended major is Finance.



## Alexander Tine

The key to my success has been the unwavering support from my parents. Thanks to them I have been able to work at my fullest potential, and I am very grateful for that. In my personal opinion I believe that my time in the High School Drama Club has been an absolute pleasure, especially the sense of community that I have built in that club. I also loved my internship with Mr. Schwendemann. He has been a vital pillar

in my high school career. I have been an active member of the Huntington High School Drama Club all four years of my time here. The club has helped me grow and mature as a person. My best accomplishment is when we were recognized by a local news station for our hard work. My intended major is Filmmaking and I plan to attend SUNY Purchase.

# PROGRAM

- Pledge of Allegiance •
- Welcome Remarks •
- Introductions •
- Distinguished Teacher Awards •
- Dinner •
- Presentation of the Class of 2026 •
- Distinguished Seniors •

“ALWAYS BEAR IN MIND THAT YOUR OWN  
RESOLUTION TO SUCCEED IS MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN ANY ONE THING.”

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

# HONORED TEACHERS

## JEFFERSON PRIMARY

Honored Teacher.....Ms. Eileen Wallace  
Principal.....Ms. Valerie Capitulo-Saide

## WASHINGTON PRIMARY

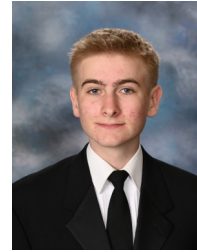
Honored Teacher.....Ms. Suzanne Dinehart  
Principal.....Dr. Michelle Richards

## FLOWER HILL PRIMARY

Honored Teacher.....Ms. Leticia Cuthbertson  
Principal.....Ms. Cindy Siegel

## SOUTHDOWN PRIMARY

Honored Teacher.....Ms. Carlene Cournane  
Principal.....Ms. Jill Amott-Erwig



**Daniel Simon**

The key to my success has been studying and working as hard as I can. I only give 100% or maybe even 110%. I've enjoyed all the good times and chill vibes I had with Huntington Robotics. One of my noteworthy accomplishments was perfect attendance for one quarter. My intended major is Ancient Aztec Hieroglyphics (with a minor in puppeteering) at the University of Phoenix Online.



**Jaipreet Singh**

The key to my success has been always striving to improve and learning from the challenges I face. Determination and perseverance have helped me push through obstacles and continue working towards my goals. I am also grateful for the support of my family, teachers, and mentors who have encouraged and guided me along the way. I have most enjoyed the opportunities to challenge myself academically and grow as a student. Being involved in the HBDMD and Huntington Robotics has been especially meaningful, allowing me to collaborate with others, solve problems, and be part of dedicated teams. Most importantly, I have valued the friendships and connections I've built with my classmates, teachers, and mentors along the way. Highlights of my extracurricular involvement includes serving in the leadership roles in multiple honor societies, and earning several awards in Science Olympiad events. I am also the Captain of the Drumline in the HBDMB and have been a leader in the Robotics team for the past 4 years, serving as Captain my junior/senior years, leading the team to be finalists last year. Academically I am honored to graduate as the Salutatorian of my class. My intended major is Mechanical Engineering.



**Louisa Skrobela**

The key to my success has been never giving up and continuing to try my hardest academically and with extracurriculars no matter the obstacle. Additionally, being determined and motivated to achieve my goals has contributed to my success. I've enjoyed meeting more people, taking rigorous classes, and being involved in sports and clubs. Highlights of my extracurricular involvement included being the Senior Editor of the Dispatch, Historian of the Key Club and a member of the Habitat for Humanity, all of which I have cherished. Additionally, receiving Pride Awards, Seals, AP Awards and recognition in Honor Societies are accomplishments I value. My intended major is Political Science and English.

“A TEACHER AFFECTS ETERNITY; HE CAN NEVER TELL  
WHERE HIS INFLUENCE STOPS.”

- HENRY B. ADAMS



## Miquel Rosendo Sanchez

Discipline, perseverance, staying positive and the support of my family and teachers have been the key to my success. I have always strived to do my best, maintain a positive attitude and learn from any mistakes to continue growing. Making new friends, participating in school activities, and learning from different subjects and experiences from my teachers have helped me gain more experiences in the working world and discover my interests. I have also enjoyed the community atmosphere and the support of my teachers. I enjoy volunteering in my community helping people in any way I can, while maintaining good academic performance. My intended major is the study of electricity.



## Dana Saramago

The key to my success has been diligence and drive. By committing myself entirely to both my studies and the activities I enjoy. I have found great success. I love performing in ensembles and exploring my creativity. I tend to learn better when stimulating the creative part of my brain. So anything that includes something creative has helped me thrive. I am actively involved in athletics, academics, and music at my school. I am the captain of the winter and spring track teams. I am also a member of eight honor societies. In addition, I participate in the high school Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band, and I have held leadership roles in the marching band. I serve as Mr. Rizzuto's intern for the junior band, and I will be conducting at the spring concert. My intended major is Music Education and I plan to attend Long Island University.



## Rodes Similien

The key to my success has been staying focused and committed. I have most enjoyed taking art classes during my high school career, which inspired my intended major in art. I plan to continue pursuing this passion by attending Wilson Tech.

# HONORED TEACHERS

## WOODHULL INTERMEDIATE

**Honored Teacher.....Ms. Elaine McKeown**  
**Principal.....Ms. Stephanie Campbell**

## JACK ABRAMS STEM MAGNET SCHOOL

**Honored Teacher.....Ms. Jenny Finnegan-Strachovsky**  
**Principal.....Ms. Donna Moro**

## J.T. FINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Honored Teacher.....Ms. Jessica Simms**  
**Principal.....Ms. Traci Roethel**

## HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

**Honored Teacher.....Ms. Lauren Desiderio**  
**Principal.....Ms. Rochelle C. Brown**



“LET US REMEMBER: ONE BOOK, ONE PEN, ONE CHILD, AND ONE TEACHER CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.”

- MALALA YOUSAFZAI

## CLASS OF 2026'S DISTINGUISHED SENIORS

Maya Akerman

Frank Algieri

Ethan Ambrosio

Zain Amin

Giana Anfolisi

Aliz Araujo Raymundo

Brian Arreaga Vega

Dana Avila Justo

Ruby Baliber

Alexandra Balm

Kiley Barch

Genesis Bautista Marroquin

Jordana Boxer

Emma Boyle

Jessica Bree

Bridget Callery

Charlotte Cassatto

Sage Ciccari

Kathleen Cocoman

Isabella Cruz Ponce

Connor DiBenedetto

Ryan DiVico

Grayson Dunn

Eshmal Fatima

Wynne Franciscovich

Carly Gallagher

Xavier Garcia Granados

Yoana Garcia Ibarra

Gabriela Genao

Oliver Gerberg

Henry Gerberg

Joselyn Gomez Ordonez

Grace Gordon

Jenna Grattan

Nyah Grigg

Emma Gutierrez

Jacob Guzik

Heather Herman

Angelina Hernandez

Mildred Hernandez Veliz

Erika Hernandez Veliz

Emely Herrera Rivas

Ruby Hoffman

Amani Huq

Jamyn Husselbeck

Rachel Huth

Mark Ingram

Spencer James

Matthew Jimenez

Jack Kamenstein

Mia Kaufman

Olivia Kaufman

Samuel Klaaren

Shannon Koepele

Spencer Krull

Giovanna Lanfranco

Kyra Larsen

Jessica Lee



### Julia Richards

The key to my success has been keeping a solid growth mindset, focusing more on figuring things out as I go instead of acting like I have a perfect plan. For me, it's about leaning into the subjects I'm generally interested in so that staying motivated feels natural. Ultimately, I'm just focused on building the self confidence I need to be ready for whatever challenges come after graduation. I've enjoyed the following aspect of my high

school career the most when a specific subject finally clicked and I actually got into what I was learning. It was rewarding to realize that certain areas of study actually interested me, which made the academic requirements feel a lot more worth it. It was incredibly rewarding to receive a Pride Award in Math, which made the academic challenges feel far more worthwhile. My award with National History Day also gave me a sense of pride in my research



### Sebastian Romero



### Nathan Root

The key to my success has been having an inspiring motivated group of friends. They push you to be better; as well as establishing a routine to stay consistent with studies and social life. Things I've enjoyed most throughout high school are meeting new people and keeping old friends; also, joining new communities like clubs and/or sports. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include serving as an AWOD officer and

Women's Empowerment officer, completing a summer internship in physical therapy, and participating in lacrosse and varsity track. I have also dedicated several years to weightlifting and anaerobic training. My intended major is Biology, with a minor in Computer Science.



## Vincent Pupillo

The key to my success has been my ability to balance the various activities I am apart of while playing three sports. I've enjoyed the following aspects of my high school career most being a part of many different clubs/sports that has allowed me to make a ton of new friends and meet faculty I otherwise wouldn't have met. Highlights of my extracurricular involvement include being a three-sport athlete in football, wrestling, and baseball; earning two-time All-County honors in wrestling; performing in the chamber orchestra and receiving a Gold rating for NYSSMA Majors; and membership in Math, Social Studies, Music, and National Honor Societies. My intended major is currently undecided, with interests in either Business or Engineering.

## CLASS OF 2026'S DISTINGUISHED SENIORS

Jeremyah Leiva

Gideon Linker

Walter Lopez Martinez

Christian Luca

Naomi Lyons

Mabelin Maldonado Licona

Jesley Martinez Canales

Alexa Mazure

Anna McCormick

Olivia McGreevy

Kiera McGuire

Angel Menjivar Quintanilla

Cecilena Monge Moreira

Arly Moreira Portillo

Alexander Morris

Presley Moss

Marin Mullaly

Samantha Muller

Mindy Najera Flores

Thomas Nicotra

Chase Northrop

Andrew Ochoa Islas

Grace Oliva

Luis Orrego Salinas

Isabella Palacios

Caleb Palermo

Claire Parks

Evan Persampire

Emma Polinsky

Sergio Portillo

Jaelyn Portillo Bueso

Valentina Puccio

Vincent Pupillo

Carolina Ramos Saravia

Christian Reyes Pineda

Julia Richards

Sebastian Romero

Nathan Root

Miguel Rosendo Sanchez

Dana Saramago

Roodes Similien

Daniel Simon

Jaipreet Singh

Louisa Skrobela

Cameron Smith

Banny Soc Concu

Alexander Tine

Heileen Torres

Sofia VanArsdale

Belinda Velasquez Maldonado

Sofia Vias

Eileen Villarreal

Lily Wasoski

Jolie Weinschreider

Avante Williams-Samuels

Dylan Wong



## Carolina Ramos Saravia

The key to my success has been my family and friends supporting me and being by my side no matter what. Also the supportive teachers that I've had by my side encouraging me to do my best whether it's in class or outside of class. The friends that I've made and encountered made me enjoy my high school career making each day greater than the next; also the clubs that I've joined which at times helped me push through the day to attend.

The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include serving as NAHS Treasurer in tenth grade, receiving the Long Island Best 2026 Award and being promoted to a leadership position at my workplace. My intended major is Criminology and I plan to attend Hofstra University.



## Christian Reyes Pineda

The key to my success has been my parents, who have always been there for me and supported me every step of the way. What I've enjoyed most about my high school career is maturing alongside my classmates and growing into a responsible adult. My intended major is Health Science, and I plan to attend Suffolk Community College.



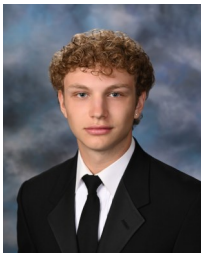
## Maya Akerman

The key to my success has been staying relaxed and forgiving myself. I've enjoyed the following aspects of my high school career the most: taking art classes with Ms. Singer since my freshman year. Some of the highlights of my extracurricular involvement include working at a camp where I design and lead educational activities, while also providing tutoring for both Spanish- and English students, helping them learn and improve their language skills. I had my painting displayed in the Huntington Art Gallery. I also worked as an Art intern and a member of the Art & Spanish Honor Society. I plan to major in Social Work.



## Frank Algieri

The key to my success has been staying disciplined, working hard even when things get difficult, and always trying to improve. I've really enjoyed forming great friendships, learning valuable lessons, and being a part of sports teams that felt like family. My commitment to athletics, the leadership and discipline I developed through teamwork, and the memories that will stay with me for a lifetime. My intended major is Business (Finance). I plan to attend Coastal Carolina University.



## Ethan Ambrosio

The key to my success has been having persistent and clear goals throughout my life. Even though they change, goals help motivate me and streamline my efforts so that I don't waste my time. I've enjoyed playing music, making friends, building strong bond with my teachers, and discovering new passions throughout my high school career. When I first entered high school, I had a pretty bleak view of the world, but these experiences helped me grow and see things differently. Some of my highlights on my extracurricular activities include working from virtually nothing to captaincy in the Marching Band. I also contributed to an award-winning play during my freshman year, earned the rank of Eagle Scout and Youth Court. My intended major is International Security and I plan to attend Hamilton College.



## Sergio Portillo

The key to my success has been managing my time properly and working on assignments as soon as they are assigned to me. The thing I enjoyed the most in high school was getting to know and be-friend my classmates. A highlight of my extracurricular involvement was my first production with the Drama Club. My intended major is Biochemistry and I plan to attend Stony Brook University.



## Jaellyn Portillo Bueso

The key to my success has been the support from my teachers, especially when I felt like I had no motivation, and my older brother, who has always been a role model in my life. One of the things I've enjoyed most about my high school career is meeting new people and growing as a person. I've learned a lot about myself and have become more confident and outgoing than when I first started. Some of my accomplishments include being in the Italian Honor Society, receiving a Spanish Flu research award, being named as AP Scholar, and making High Honor Roll. My intended major is Biology, and I am still deciding what college I will attend.



## Valentina Puccio

The key to my success has been hard work, good study habits, and managing my time well. Throughout my academic career my parents have always stressed the importance of getting good grades, reading, and studying. A quote I like to use is "You get what you put in!" This quote aligns perfectly with school work. Things I've enjoyed most through out high school are the support from teachers, staff, and coaches. I enjoyed my great coaches for tennis and lacrosse as well as my teammates. These are the highlights of my extracurricular involvement: contributing to the women's lacrosse team in achieving Suffolk County and Long Island championships, earning All-County recognition in tennis, making the honor roll, and now receiving this distinguished senior honor. My intended major is Accounting and I plan to attend Hofstra University.



## Claire Parks

My success has come from staying curious and pushing through challenges even when things didn't come easily. I tried to take advantage of opportunities both in and out of the classroom, which helped me grow a lot over time. Balancing everything taught me discipline and how to stay motivated. I really enjoyed being able to explore different interests while also seeing how they connect to real-world issues. Being part of school clubs, teams, and STEM related programs helped me meet people with similar passions and build strong friendships. Those experiences are what made high school the most meaningful for me. Some of my biggest highlights include doing research, getting involved in community work, and taking on leadership roles in clubs like Science Olympiad and Investment Club. I also had the chance to explore engineering and compete in events like the Stock Market Game. Overall, these experiences helped me grow as both a leader and a problem-solver. My intended major is Engineering.



## Evan Persampire

The key to my success has been consistently studying and being prepared for all my tests and assignments. I also try to get all my homework done on time and always do my best. Things I've enjoyed the most throughout high school are talking to and having classes with friends and meeting new people. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include playing varsity golf and tennis, where I currently serve as Captain of the tennis team. Both have been fun and rewarding experiences. I am also actively involved in several clubs, including honor societies. My intended major is Business and I am still deciding what college I will attend.



## Emma Polinsky

The key to my success has been trying to find the deeper meaning in my coursework. When there's something significant that I want to know more about, it makes learning more enjoyable. My drive for knowledge is exacerbated by noticing the value of understanding material of all different spheres. Throughout high school, what I've enjoyed most is the people I've met, who have shaped the positive environment around me. Good friends, as well as supportive teachers and administrators have made for a wonderful high school experience. Every relationship I've had has played a role in shaping my perspective & helping me better understand who I want to be. I have been actively involved in several extracurricular activities throughout high school. I served as a Public Health Ambassador for HBCAC and as Vice President of Habitat for Humanity, where I helped support community service initiatives. I was also President of Science Olympiad and Vice President of Environmental Club, which allowed me to pursue my interest in science and environmental issues. In addition, I worked as the tutoring coordinator for the Science Honor Society. I earned 3rd place at the regional level in National History Day and participated in the NYS Children's Environmental Health Centers (NYSCHECK) summer and winter academic programs. Academically, I received the AP Scholar with Distinction award, the Seal of Biliteracy, and graduated as Valedictorian. My intended major is Psychology, and I plan to attend University of Georgia.



## Zain Amin

The key to my success has been staying consistent with my work and completing assignments on time, which has helped me achieve strong results throughout high school without feeling overwhelmed. I've especially enjoyed interacting and collaborating with both students and teachers in all areas of school, including clubs and other activities. Some of my proudest accomplishments include earning a high grade on my National History Day project in junior year and successfully passing all of my Advanced Placement exams. Moving forward, I plan to major in Business Management.



## Giana Anfolisi

The key to my success has been staying on top of my work, putting time into studying, and having a strong support system around me. Throughout high school, I've enjoyed all the memories I've made along the way, both in and out of the classroom. One of the highlights of my extracurricular involvement has been playing on varsity field hockey, which has taught me teamwork and dedication. Moving forward, I plan to attend the University of Central Florida and major in Aerospace Engineering.



## Aliz Araujo Raymundo





## Brian Arreaga Vega

The key to my success has been my commitment to improving and learning as much as I can. Through consistent hard work and determination, I've been able to achieve the goals I set for myself. What I've enjoyed most about my high school experience is the kindness and support from the faculty members at my school. Some highlights of my extracurricular involvement include making it to regionals with the Esports club. One of my most meaningful accomplishments has been earning AP Scholar with Distinction. My intended major is Aerospace Engineering.



## Dana Avila Justo

The key to my success has been maintaining a positive mindset while not giving up. My family has motivated me through everything, therefore I always have a clear goal of improving each day. I've enjoyed participating in clubs and dance events the most as well as going on field trips while learning new things and meeting new people. I have been actively involved in a range of extracurricular activities throughout high school, demonstrating both leadership and commitment. I served as Secretary of United Amigos in 11th grade and advanced to Vice President in 12th grade, while remaining a dedicated member of the organization for all four years. In addition, I have been a New World Mentor for three years, supporting and guiding peers. I am also a member of the Spanish Honor Society, Math Honor Society, and National Honor Society. My intended major is Nursing.



## Ruby Baliber

The key to my success has been support from my family and friends. I've enjoyed the following aspects of my high school career the most; being a part of Natural Helpers, the Varsity Basketball Team and the Unified Basketball Team. Some of my highlights of my extracurricular involvement include being a member of the English, Spanish, Math, Art and National Honor Societies. I was also honored to receive Academic All-County recognition for basketball. My intended major is currently undecided and I plan to attend Suny Geneseo.



## Luis Orrego Salinas

The key to my success has been always staying on top of my school-work, having academically driven friends, wanting to help people in the future, finding enjoyment in class material, and being determined to get good grades. Things I've enjoyed most through out high school are all of the classes I've been able to take, the nice teachers, my friends, the several extra help resources available, and the friendly environment. My extracurricular involvement has included providing SAT tutoring, participating in the Math Honor Society and Science Olympiad, serving as Secretary of the Latin Honor Society, contributing to the Art Honor Society and Yearbook Club, and earning the Jack Abrams Local History Award, a National History Day Club Award, and recognition as a Quest-Bridge finalist. My intended major is Biomedical Sciences.



## Isabella Palacios

The key to my success has been working hard and staying involved in the things I care about. Balancing challenging classes with sports, leadership roles, and community involvement has taught me how to manage my time and stay motivated. I've also learned a lot from setbacks in both athletics and academics, which helped me grow and become more resilient. One of the things I've enjoyed most about high school is being part of my school community through athletics, clubs, and academics.

Playing varsity lacrosse and tennis helped me build strong friendships and develop leadership skills, especially as captain of the tennis team. I've also enjoyed challenging myself in AP classes and working as a lab assistant at the Cold Spring Harbor DNA Learning Center. Some of the highlights of my high school experience include playing varsity lacrosse and tennis, serving as captain of the tennis team, and receiving multiple awards in both sports. I'm also the president of the Investment Club and write a column for the school newspaper called "SIZZY'S Advice." I also helped bring a Generation SOS assembly to Huntington High School to promote mental health awareness and earned the New York State Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish. In college, I plan to study Pre-med/Public health. I'm still deciding which college I will attend.



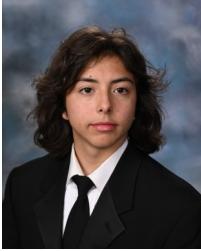
## Caleb Palermo

Balancing extracurriculars with school work, learning how to do what needs to be done first before pursuing personal interests along with making myself available to receive and provide help have been major keys to my success in high school. I've enjoyed growing and nurturing my friendships with fellow seniors and lowerclassmen, building a community while expanding my educational prowess; these memories will last for the rest of my life. I'm grateful for the friends I've made and the bonds I've made with the Huntington staff. These are the highlights of my extracurricular involvement and noteworthy accomplishments: I received the NHD Military Award and Pride Awards in AP U.S. History, AP Language and Composition, and AP Biology. I earned High and Regular Honor Roll for every quarter of high school. I am a member of the National Honor Society and Natural Helpers. I helped restart the boys varsity volleyball team and served as captain. I also helped coach Finley's boys volleyball for all four years. In addition, I am a member of Orchestra Winds. My intended major is Kinesiology and I intend to pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy. I plan to attend The University of Scranton.



## Chase Northrop

The key to my success has been my family and friends. I know I can always rely on them for anything, and their support helps me through daily adversities. The most enjoyable things in high school have been playing sports & building relationships. The thrill and excitement that sports has brought me is incomparable to any other aspects in my life. Building unbreakable bonds with my peers, teammates, coaches, and teachers in the school has been a great experience that I am extremely grateful for. My noteworthy accomplishments have been being two time recipient of the Joe Lucey Coaches Player of the Year Award in Football, AP Scholar Award from College Board, and being ranked Top 6 in National Financial Literacy Challenge for Virtual Enterprise. My intended major is Electrical Engineering.



## Andrew Ochoa Islas

I believe the key to my success has been my strong work ethic and dedication. Throughout high school, I've especially enjoyed collaborating with my friends and learning from great teachers who have supported and challenged me. These experiences have helped shape both my academic interests and personal growth. Moving forward, I plan to pursue a major in mechanical engineering.



## Grace Oliva

The key to my success has been not giving up, even when classes start to get hard. I keep studying and trying, even when I feel tired and burnt out, and I'm never afraid to ask for help. One of the things I've enjoyed most about high school is playing sports with my teammates. I've also enjoyed the feeling of getting good grades after working hard to achieve them. Some of the highlights of my extracurricular activities include playing lacrosse and being part of the team that won the Long Island Championship. I also played tennis, where I enjoyed playing matches and spending time with my best friends. Being part of the National Honor Society gave me the chance to participate in community service that allowed me to be a part of a cause bigger than myself. In college, I plan to major in Chemistry. I'm currently undecided about which college I will attend.



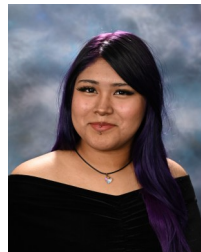
## Alexandra Balm

My key to success has been proactive time management, a strong support system, and my own motivation. I worked tirelessly throughout high school to excel in all of my classes by staying motivated and keeping my goals at the forefront of my mind, while also recognizing the support of those around me and the organization that helped me succeed. I have really enjoyed working alongside my peers in challenging subjects and collaborating to combine our skills to succeed. I also enjoyed taking multiple business elective courses that prepared me for college and gave me the opportunity to learn new mindsets and strategies. I particularly enjoyed being the Treasurer and Vice President of the National English Honor Society (NEHS). I also participated in Habitat for Humanity fundraisers and was an active member of the Social Studies Honor Society, Math Honor Society, and National Honor Society. I plan to major in Economic Consulting and attend the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University Bloomington.



## Kiley Barch

The key to my success has been believing that I am working towards becoming the best version of myself while being supported by my family, friends, and teachers. I've enjoyed being in classes such as research and Spanish where I've felt myself grow as a student and learned to be a more empathetic person. My time on the cross country spring track teams has built up my tenacity and given me a team that feels like family. Participating in Habitat for Humanity has fueled my love for service, allowing me to see the good in communities all across America. Here are the highlights of my extracurricular activities: I served as captain of the cross country spring track team, performed in my final show with the Lynch Ballet Company alongside my friends, and worked as an NYU Langone researcher, translating resources into Spanish to help increase health literacy for parents. Through Habitat for Humanity, I helped raise enough money to build a Huntington home (\$179,000). I was also recognized as a Scholar Artist of Long Island in photography and served as president of the Yearbook Club, where I had the opportunity to preserve and reflect on senior year memories. My intended major is Psychology and I'm still deciding what college I will attend.



## Genesis Bautista Marroquin

The key to my success has been motivation from my parents to make them proud, wanting to be successful for my parents, and my desire to be educated. I've enjoyed the teachers in my classes, the new friends I've made, and the opportunity to receive an education. During my time in school, I was honored with recognition in the Long Island Best Photography in 10th grade, consistently achieved Honor Roll status across multiple quarters, and received the Pride Award in Art and Science. My intended major is Psychology and I plan to attend either Nassau Community College or Farmingdale State College.



## Jordana Boxer

The key to my success has been hard work, perseverance, and determination. Every time I have had a hard time in high school or something hasn't gone my way rather than give up I try harder until I eventually get to a place where I am proud of myself and my accomplishments. I've most enjoyed my science research class during my high school career, as it gave me the opportunity to explore a wide range of scientific fields that aren't typically included in the standard curriculum. Here are some

highlights of my extracurricular involvement and notable accomplishments: I have served as the stage manager for the stage crew for the past three years. I have also been the robotics team's business officer for three years. In addition, I am an officer in Key Club, NHD Club, and Science Olympiad, and I serve as Mr. Corcoran's lab assistant. My intended major is Agricultural Science.



## Emma Boyle

The key to my success has been prioritizing my academics and extracurriculars over everything else. Some things I've enjoyed most throughout high school building meaningful relationships and having incredible opportunities to try everything I'm interested in. Some of my highlights included serving as President of the Environmental Club, Captain of the Varsity Cross Country, Winter and Spring Track teams, and Vice President of Student Government for three years (Class of 2026). I have also

been involved in Bible Club while maintaining two jobs. My intended major is Political Science and International Relations.



## Jessica Bree

The key to my success has been participation and perseverance. By engaging in classroom discussions, I push myself to think critically, while simultaneously improving the rate at which I digest important lessons and knowledge. Though it is difficult to maintain this work ethic, I try my hardest to stay focused and consistent. I've always valued the opportunity to build connections with both students and teachers who have all had vastly different perspectives of life. Each person I

have met throughout my high school career has provided me with a unique and personal experience. My extracurricular involvement/noteworthy accomplishments have provided me with the opportunity to grow socially, academically, and even internally. I appreciate that these activities enable me to reflect, and further develop my abilities. My intended major is Biology and I am still deciding what college I will attend.



## Samantha Muller

The key to my success has been my friends and family as a support system. I have most enjoyed certain aspects of my high school career, including my time volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and the engaging experiences I've had in every Business and English class I've taken. My extracurricular involvement includes being recognized as an AP

Scholar with Honor and receiving letters of recognition from both Town of Huntington Councilman Dr. Dave Bennardo and Councilwomen Theresa Mari. Additionally, I was a National Finalist in the Virtual Enterprise HR Department competition. My intended major is International Relations and Economics and I plan to attend Lehigh University.



## Mindy Najera Flores

The key to my success has been my inspiration to become a prepared woman, to be someone who in the future can help her family and others who need it. Making my parents proud also always inspired me. Over the past three years at school, I've truly valued the friendships and camaraderie I've built. Most meaningful to me, though, has been being part of United Amigos-both as a member on the dance group and as an active contributor. I've enjoyed every activity and genuinely appreciate being

part of such a welcoming community. Something that always makes me proud-and that my mother knows about me is my involvement in the New World Club, where I developed my skills as a Spanish-speaking class mentor. I am also Co-President of United Amigos, a member of a dance group, and part of the ENL department. In addition, I am completing my final year as a senior while also finishing my training as a Medical Assistant at BOCES. I plan to attend Stony Brook University to study Nursing and Brittany Beauty Academy in Levittown for Cosmetology.



## Thomas Nicotra

The key to my success has been paying attention in class and studying for tests I was worried about. I've enjoyed my high school experience most through the time I've spent with friends and the new friendships I've made along the way. Some of the highlights of my extracurricular involvement and accomplishments include playing JV lacrosse with my friends after school and earning a spot on the golf team. My intended major is Accounting and I plan to attend SUNY Geneseo.



**Alexander Morris**



**Presley Moss**

The key to my success has been a strong commitment to competing with myself; whether that be showing up stronger, pushing myself harder, I always strive to be 1% better each and every day. Things I've enjoyed through out high school the most are: creating friendships that will last a lifetime, growing as a student athlete, and learning to adapt to all different challenges that have been thrown my way. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include earning All-League recognition in

baseball and becoming team captain; achievements I am especially proud of. I was also named an AP Scholar with Distinction, which reflects the countless hours of hard work and dedication I have put into my academics. My intended major is Engineering and I plan to attend University of Connecticut.



**Marin Mullaly**

The key to my success has been my drive to be the best. I've enjoyed building relationships throughout high school the most with my peers and the friendships with my teachers. A highlight of my extracurricular involvement was serving as Captain of the Tennis Team. My intended major is Management Information Systems and I plan to attend Penn State or Binghamton University.



**Bridget Callery**

The key to my success has been my positive mindset, strong work ethic, and ability to support the people around me. I stay involved in activities like lacrosse, tennis, clubs, keeping up with my school work, and I approach challenges with a determined attitude. I've enjoyed the following aspects of my high school career the most; being a part of sports teams, challenging myself academically, and being part of a supportive high school environment. High school has allowed me to build strong friendships, encourage peers, and create memorable experiences with those around me. These are the highlights of my extracurricular involvement and noteworthy accomplishments: last year I was part of the lacrosse team that won both the Suffolk County & Long Island Championships. I have earned the New York State Scholar- Athlete Award in both lacrosse and tennis, and I was also named captain of both the tennis and lacrosse team. My intended major is Sports & Entertainment Management and I plan to attend Quinnipiac University.



**Charlotte Cassatto**

The key to my success has been the support of my parents. From driving me to extra help and clubs, to helping with my homework and assignments, to supporting my dreams, they have been there every step of the way. I have most enjoyed all of the clubs that Huntington has to offer. I am in a variety of clubs, from Marching Band to National History Day, Softball, and multiple Honor Societies. I like to do it all! Some of my highlights included leadership roles for many clubs. I am very involved in the Music program, where I was Brass Captain in the Marching Band. I also am very involved in National History Day Club, where I placed very high each year, and am now an officer. My intended major is Political Science on the Pre-Law Track and I plan to attend Binghamton University.



**Sage Cicciari**

The key to my success has been maintaining organization with all my schoolwork by keeping my agenda and checklist. My success also comes from spreading my work out over a couple days like studying for tests every day leading up to a test. The aspect that I enjoyed most was taking business classes in high school. I took Sports Marketing which then made me take Virtual Enterprise. Being involved in VE as the Chief Managing Officer and getting hands-on experience in the business world with Marketing really interested and inspired me to want to pursue marketing in college as a career! The highlight of my extracurricular involvement was during my lacrosse season last year when we won the County and Long Island Championships for the first time in 30 years. Being a part of a team that had such a good connection on and off the field was so special. My intended major is Marketing and I plan to attend Penn State University.



## Kathleen Cocoman

The key to my success has been my outgoing nature and love for learning. Without a positive attitude and lots of energy, I wouldn't be as far as I am today. What I've enjoyed most throughout high school is meeting new people and making new friends, learning in new classes each year, and expanding my horizons every day. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include serving as President of Student Government, President of the National Honor Society, President of the National English Honor Society, and President of Natural Helpers. I am also Captain of the Varsity Field Hockey and Varsity Golf Teams and have been recognized as an AP Scholar with Honors. My intended major is Political Science and Government.



## Angel Menjivar Quintanilla

The key to my success has been trying to prove myself every year, and exceeding my past success. I have most enjoyed the parts of high school career that allowed me to meet new people and develop a genuine interest in my courses. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement and accomplishments include being actively involved in my church as a catechist, working two jobs, and playing club soccer. My intended major is currently undecided.



## Isabella Cruz Ponce

The key to my success has been following my gut and maintaining good relationships with others as well as keeping the integrity within my work no matter what. I've really enjoyed getting to know some of the teachers that have helped me throughout my high school years, as well as learning about topics I never knew I would find interesting. Through out my school career I've really enjoyed being a member of Drama Club and performing alongside the Acapella choir. My intended major is History.



## Cecilena Monge Moreira

The support of my friends, family, and teachers, whose encouragement has motivated me to pursue my goals, surrounding myself with friends who share a strong work ethic and determination to reach their goals has also inspired me to stay motivated and continually strive to improve. I have most enjoyed playing sports, participating in clubs like Habitat for Humanity and Natural Helpers, and interning for Mr. Corcoran in his Regents Chemistry class. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include participating in various science research competitions across Long Island, serving as president of Natural Helpers and the Spanish Honor Society, and holding the role of treasurer in the English Honor Society. My intended major is Comprehensive Sciences.



## Connor DiBenedetto

The key to my success has been having amazing teachers that have supported me throughout all of my years in HUFSD. I loved being part of the Unified Bowling Team and the Unified Bocce Team. I enjoyed the yearly Bonfires and District Art show. I have been a part of Unified Bowling throughout High School and had the honor of being named Captain this year. My intended major is currently undecided, but I am interested in pursuing a career in writing, forensics, or as an electrician. I am also still undecided about what college I will attend.



## Arly Moreira Portillo

The key to my success has been notetaking and writing notes to myself like due dates and reminders for upcoming events, as well as seeking help when I need it from teachers whenever I'm confused on work or homework. I've enjoyed meeting new people that have led to growing friendships, along with getting to know my teachers and having that support from them. My highlights of my extracurricular involvement have been joining stage crew and girls wrestling. They both taught me many things like it takes a little for your hard work to pay off. They also taught me how to be a team player and taught me to push myself to success. I've overcome challenges and that made me a better person. My intended major is Childhood/Elementary Education. I'm not certain where I'll be going to college yet.



## Anna McCormick

The key to my success has been learning how to manage my time and hard work and determination. I've most enjoyed having such amazing, supportive teachers and counselors throughout my high school career. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include participating in the Dance Buddies program, where fellow students from Long Island High School for the Arts and I teach children with developmental disabilities how to dance. I have also had the opportunity to student-teach ballet and tap classes to children ages 3-5. My intended major is Dance and I am not yet sure which college I will attend.



## Ryan DiVico

The key to my success has been my determination and consistency with my homework and studying. Throughout high school I've enjoyed the relationships I've made and the interesting classes I've taken. Highlights of my extracurricular involvement include being a Top 8 finalist in a National Financial Literacy Competition, as well as participating on both the lacrosse and golf teams. My intended major is Engineering.



## Olicia McGreevy

The key to my success has been the dedication to my studies. I always made sure to prioritize time to my studies and ensure to keep up with my grades. I communicated with my teachers and stayed on top of my workload, doing so in an organized manner. My involvement in the school community has to be the most enjoyed aspect of high school for me. All the clubs I joined these past four years were stepping stones for my growth as a student and young person. Doing these clubs taught me how to push myself to try new things and the importance of individuality. The highlights of my extracurricular and accomplishments are the connections I've made and the ways they have shaped me into who I am today. I'm proud of pushing myself to making these accomplishments and getting involved as much as I did. My intended major is Early Childhood Education and I am still deciding what college I will attend.



## Grayson Dunn

The key to my success has been hard work, staying focused on my goals, and learning from my mistakes. I always tried to give my best effort and grow from every experience, part of that has also been to not be afraid to ask for help. One of the most enjoyable aspects of high school was meeting new people and creating strong friendships. Also the opportunities to learn and grow as a person. My involvement in broadcasting was a highlight of my high school experience. I loved being a part of a team and having a creative way to express myself. A noteworthy accomplishment was earning first place at BASH. My intended major is Marketing and Advertising.



## Kiera McGuire

The key to my success has been learning how to manage my time more efficiently, which has helped me stay organized during busy times, and also allowed me to stay consistent with my work. Things I've enjoyed most throughout high school the relationships I've built with my friends, and teachers, along with are the memorable experiences I've had over the years. Some highlights of my extracurricular involvement include trips with Habitat for Humanity over February break, participation in Cross Country, and playing on the Unified Basketball team. My intended major is Neuroscience.



## Eshmal Fatima

The key to my success has been my teachers, who have helped me whenever I needed it, my friends, that have been there for me through the highs and lows, and lastly my parents, who have given up so much to give me the opportunities I have, and always been my personal support. I've most enjoyed the school events during my high school career—such as bonfires, pep rally, homecoming, and games. I've also valued being involved in a variety of clubs and sports, as well as building connections that will last long after we graduate in June. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Key Club activities such as Target tours and Grandfriends events at the senior home, as well as flag football games and events. My intended major is Marketing and I plan to attend University of Albany.



## Wynne Franciscovich

The key to my success has been the support of my parents in my busy schedule, my work ethic and determination to do well in and out of school, and the passion and support from my teachers. I've enjoyed my time with the wrestling program, the color guard, and with the teachers that helped me learn a variety of topics, specially within Science and History. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include being an All-County wrestler at the first official girls counties, serving as a finalist at the Hudson Valley Regional in Robotics, and performing as a soloist in the color guard of the marching band for three years. My intended major is Chemistry.



## Carly Gallagher

One major key to my success has been to advocate for myself. Whether it's a confusing topic I need help on, or a grade I wish to improve, I've always known that if I want to grow, I need to achieve an education. I've enjoyed making unforgettable friendships and having experiences that have shaped me to be the young woman I am now. Not to mention the endless opportunities that clubs like AWOD and Student Government have given me. I have been actively involved in extracurricular activities throughout high school, serving as Student Body Recording Secretary for four consecutive years. I am also the President of Natural Helpers and the Recording Secretary of the National Honor Society. In addition, I earned first place in the 2025 National History Day Essay competition and was recognized as an AP Scholar for my academic achievement. My intended major is Biomedical Sciences and I plan to attend Molloy University or Hofstra University.



## Xavier Garcia Granados

The key to my success stems from a relentless sense of passion, perseverance, discipline, and curiosity for learning, which drives me to explore new ideas and subjects in order to push beyond my own comfort zone and grow in character. I have built a strong foundation from the compassionate understanding and support of my teachers and coaches, the countless opportunities in getting involved in diverse school extracurriculars, and activities, the core subjects and discussions in humanities, particularly History and Government, the hands on experiments and discoveries in Science, like Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, problem-solving challenges and logical thinking required in Math, from Algebra, Geometry, and Calculus; the unforgettable experiences in Soccer, Wrestling, and Track; and the supportive network of friends I've cultivated throughout high school. I'm very grateful for all Huntington High School has to offer and I'm proud to be a Blue Devil. I have consistently achieved High Honor Roll and earned several academic distinctions, including a Certificate of Honor in Global History, the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award, the Seal of Biliteracy, and the All-County Academic Soccer Award. Alongside my academics, I have been actively involved in athletics, participating in soccer for four years-earning Soccer Varsity Letter Award in my first and second year, wrestling for three years—earning Certificates of Recognition in my first, second, and third years—and track and field for one year. Beyond sports, I contribute to my school community as a member of the Natural Helpers program and have played the violin in the symphony orchestra for four years. My intended major is Biology, Health Science or Psychology.



## Mabelin Maldonado Licona

The key to my success has been knowing my limits. I can push myself to do harder things but if it takes too much away from me, I know it's okay to step back and do something more manageable. Also, having a supportive circle around me, like my family and my friends. I've enjoyed the following aspects of my high school career the most; taking new classes, especially electives, to really dive into all different interests I may have. The reason I discovered my passion for business was because I stepped out of my comfort zone and took business classes. These are the highlights of my extracurricular involvement: President of Habitat for Humanity, Natural helper, Science Honor Society, English Honor Society, Social Studies Honor Society, National Honor Society and being a Cross Country runner. My intended major is International Business and Marketing and I plan to attend University of Tampa.



## Jesley Martinez Canales

The key to my success has been my hardworking and supportive mother who never got to finish her education, pushing me to be the best I can possible be. My older brother who gives me the hardest but necessary talks with the best advice. My dad who developed and nurtured my creative, artistic, and kind spirit. And my boyfriend who makes me feel special and valued, who consistently brightens my day and makes sure I get my homework done. The things I enjoyed most throughout high school were making life long diverse friendships, the unique field trips and traveling experiences with Chamber Orchestra and Track, and finding myself along the way. My highlights throughout high school have been the recipient of the Huntington Hispanic Task Force Scholarship and being named an AP Scholar. I have also been inducted into the English, Spanish, Math, Social Studies, Tri-M, and National Honor Societies. I received awards in National History Day Holocaust and Genocide Studies Award and I have earned both the Seal of Biliteracy and Seal of Civic Readiness. In athletics, I am a 4x All County Track & Field athlete and the 2026 Section 11 Shotput County Champion, as well as a NYSPSAA Scholar-Athlete Award honoree. My intended major is Biology on a Pre-Veterinary Track. I am still deciding what college I will attend.



## Alexa Mazure

The key to my success has been taking a nap every day after school to rejuvenate myself to then do homework. I've enjoyed the music program the most through high school because it offers a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. It is also a way I de-stress from school by tuning out everything else and just focusing on playing my instrument. My highlights and my involvement in high school include being a section leader in Marching Band, President in Gender & Sexuality Alliance and Event Coordinator in A World of Difference. My intended major is Nursing and I am still deciding what college I will attend.



## Walter Lopez Martinez

The key to my success has been taking challenges, learning from my mistakes, and staying calm when things don't go the way I plan them. One of the things I've enjoyed most about my high school experience is making many friends and getting involved in the wide variety of clubs my school offers. Some of the highlights of my extracurricular activities include being part of the drama club, where I've even been nominated for awards for some of my most iconic performances. Drama club has also

helped me grow into a more confident person. In addition, I'm involved in United Amigos and the chamber orchestra, which have both been meaningful parts of my high school journey. My intended major is Speech Pathology, with a minor in Acting, and I plan to attend Suffolk Community College.



## Christian Luca

My success stems from showing up every day, even when I didn't want to. Many practices and late nights spent on homework made me want to quit. But I knew my coaches and teammates were counting on me. I wasn't going to let them down. In retrospect, consistency and avoiding excuses are what got me to where I am today. I have mostly enjoyed the friendships I've made with students and teachers, the memories I've created, and the process of figuring out who I am. Lacrosse was obviously a

huge part of my experience, but some of my favorite moments were simply hanging out with friends, feeling the energy at school events, and even discovering a newfound interest in certain classes. Two that stood out were Virtual Enterprise and Criminal Justice. As CMO of our VE company, Raydiance, I discovered my passion for business marketing. Similarly, my Criminal Justice class has opened my eyes to the legal system, prompting me to think differently about society and the way the world works. Some highlights from my high school career that I'm proud of include are induction into both the National Honor Society and the Math Honor Society, as well as consistently achieving high honor roll. My intended major is Economics and I'm considering Indiana University.



## Naomi Lyons

The key to my success has been focusing on learning concepts to build foundations, not just to get a grade on a test, prioritizing my happiness by surrounding myself with genuine people, and trying new things that have exposed me to new ideas. Things I've enjoyed the most throughout high school are all the variety of clubs/sports, the teachers, my friends, the diverse student body, and all of the opportunities HHS provides. Some highlights of my extracurricular activities are participating

in NHD for two years in a row and presenting at the Long Island History Day event, as well as teaching two classes about my topic, playing on varsity tennis for three years, scoring a 99 on Level 6 at NYSSMA for piano, coaching tennis and teaching piano to kids. My intended major is Biology on a Pre-Med track, and I plan to attend the University of Vermont as a participant in the STEM Scholar Program.



## Yoana Garcia Ibarra

The key to my success has been making an effort to study hard and to make myself proud. I have most enjoyed the variety of classes offered and the opportunity to learn from some of the passionate teachers at my school. Some of the highlights of my extracurricular involvement and achievements include being honored with Pride Awards.



## Gabriela Genao

The key to my success has been putting school first and being confident in all I do. Reminding myself throughout my doubts that I can persevere when things get hard because of the confidence I have within myself.

I've enjoyed the following aspects of my high school career the most: meeting new friends within different grades, joining many clubs, and creating strong relationships with my teachers. Here are some highlights

of my extracurricular involvement; earning three Pride Awards in all my science classes, serving as an officer for three clubs, acting as an ambassador for Huntington Youth Court, and completing internships with two teachers. My intended major is Nursing and I plan to attend Hofstra University.



## Henry Gerberg

The key to my success has been my pure determination to match the achievements my siblings and parents have accomplished. I've most enjoyed participating in a sport all twelve seasons of high school. I've enjoyed meeting many new people and making connections with my teachers/mentors. I have been deeply involved in extracurricular activities all four years, serving as Captain of Varsity Baseball, JV Basketball,

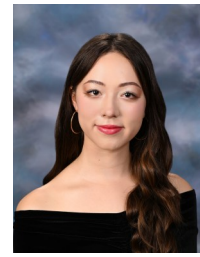
and Football. My intended major is Business and I plan to attend Kelley School of Business, Indiana University.



## Oliver Gerberg

The key to my success has been working hard and putting in the work, while staying focused on my goals. Things I've enjoyed most throughout my high school years are playing sports and being on a team, making friends and memories that will last a lifetime. The highlights of my extracurricular activities include being part of the Robotics Team for four years and serving as Vice-Captain. I also played on the Baseball Team every year. My intended major is Chemistry and I will be attending

Tulane University.



## Jessica Lee



## Joselyn Gomez Ordonez

The key to my success has been having discipline and completing tasks early rather than saving them for last minute. Also being very vocal about my academics to my parents and having their support. I've enjoyed making new friends and pursuing classes that appeal to my interests and what I want to pursue outside of high school. Some highlights of my extracurricular involvement include winning Pride Awards in Science, Math, and Spanish, receiving recognition for my 11th-grade National History Day project, and being inducted into the National Art

Honor Society, where I contribute artwork for various school activities. My intended major is Health Science and I plan to attend Hofstra University.



## Jeremyah Leiva

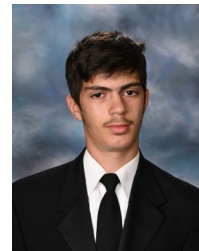
My success was built on resilience and learning to embrace challenges not as roadblocks but as valuable opportunities to sharpen my skills and determination. What I enjoyed most was serving as a bridge between the student body and administration. It taught me the power of advocacy and the importance of ensuring every student's voice had a seat at the table. Fencing has been the defining highlight of my high school career because it taught me to treat every challenge as a game of high-speed chess.

Learning to anticipate an opponent's move while remaining disciplined in my own technique has given me a strategic mindset that I now apply to every academic and personal goal. My intended major is Biological Sciences and I plan to attend University of Connecticut.



## Grace Gordon

The key to my success has been managing my time well between school work and extracurriculars. Being able to balance both along with the work between all of my classes has been what has allowed me to thrive. The aspects of my high school career that I have enjoyed most have been meeting new people, learning from my teachers, and playing sports. I have been actively involved in athletics and academics throughout my high school career. I competed in tennis, basketball, and lacrosse, with lacrosse being a particular highlight as I helped lead my team to both county and Long Island championships. In addition to sports, I participated in several extracurricular organizations, including Key Club and Latin Club. I was also recognized for my academic achievements through induction into multiple honor societies, including the English Honor Society, National Honor Society, and Latin Honor Society. My intended major is Economics and I plan to attend Lafayette College.



## Gideon Linker

I have always been a motivated student, and the encouragement I've received has been a big part of my success and dedication to my education. One of the things I enjoyed most about high school was spending time in the cafeteria at Huntington High School, where lunch was always something I looked forward to because I could talk and connect with my friends. My greatest accomplishment has been joining and contributing to the robotics team, which has been a meaningful experience for me. I plan

to major in Electrical Engineering.



## Spencer Krull

Viewing my grades and achievements as a path to my major and university was key to my success in high school. I was confident in my career, so I took the necessary steps and classes to develop the skills and experiences required. Reminding myself of the benefits of my hard work kept me disciplined and focused. I've enjoyed the connections I made with my classmates and teachers the most. I've gotten a deeper education through casual conversations with my teachers than notes or slide shows could have given. Navigating through social situations as a teenager has helped me build confidence and happiness. I might not remember the math I learned along the way, but I will remember the jokes and laughs I have had with the people in Huntington High School. My extracurricular highlights include earning an Honorable Mention in Le Grand Concours (10th grade), placing me in the top 16% nationwide, and achieving a top 10 national ranking in the Virtual Enterprise National Sales Pitch Competition (11th grade). My intended major is Management, and I am attending the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University in the fall.



## Giovanna Lanfranco

The key to my success has been the values of hard work and discipline instilled in me by my parents. What I've enjoyed most about my high school experience is forming meaningful friendships and being supported by such a caring and dedicated faculty. These are the highlights of my extracurricular involvement: playing the violin in chamber orchestra and earning a Gold rating at NYSSMA Majors; induction into the English, Italian, Science, Social Studies, and Tri-M Honor Societies; receiving the AP Scholar with Honor award; being recognized with the Seal of Civic Readiness, the Holocaust and Genocide Studies Award, and the Seal of Biliteracy in Italian. My intended major is Cosmetics Marketing.



## Kyra Larsen

The key to my success was surrounding myself with like-minded people, hard work, dedication, and empathy towards others. My long-lasting friendships have brought us to do the best we can and support each other. Having supportive teachers has given me a foundation to work towards my highest potential. I've enjoyed creating connections with teachers, coaches, and peers who have always supported and encouraged me in all that I do. Being a member of the Lacrosse team and Huntington Highsteppers has not only helped me become a big part of the Huntington community, but also created the most incredible memories. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement and accomplishments was winning both the County and Long Island Championship with my Lacrosse team. Along with going to nationals with Huntington Highsteppers. My intended major is undecided and I plan to attend the University of South Carolina.



## Jenna Grattan

The key to my success has been time management, determination, and challenging myself academically. I've enjoyed the following aspects of my high school career the most: spending time with friends and attending school events like the bonfire and homecoming. Some of the highlights of my extracurricular involvement and accomplishments include working as an event coordinator and summer intern at Walt Whitman Birthplace, receiving the AP Scholar Award, and holding a part-time job for a year and a half. I am also a member of the Grandfriends Club. My intended major is Business.



## Nyah Grigg

The key to my success has been the constant support from my family, specifically my parents. Throughout my high school experience, they have taught me to never give up and to always give 110% in everything that I do. This attitude that they have instilled in me has been the driving force behind all my accomplishments, and I am truly grateful to them. I've enjoyed challenging AP classes, Chamber Orchestra, and creating lasting relationships throughout my four years at HHS, including friends and teachers that I will always cherish. Highlights of my extracurricular involvement and notable accomplishments include earning the Seal of Civic Readiness, being recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction, and maintaining High Honor Roll for the majority of my high school career. I also received the English Pride Award and am a member of the National Honor Society. My intended major is Biology and I plan to attend Howard University.



## Emma Gutierrez

The key to my success has been being self-dependent and pushing myself even when I don't want to. The aspect of my high school career I have enjoyed the most is the experiences I've been able to share, made possible by the support of my amazing friends and teachers. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include serving as Class President for five years, participating on the throwing team for four years, and playing in the Chamber Orchestra for four years. I have also been an active member of Youth Court for three years, received the Students Building Bridges Award, and contributed to AWOD for four years, serving as President for two years. Additionally, I held the position of Secretary for the Women's Empowerment group for two years. My intended major is Childhood Education.



## Jacob Guzik

The key to my success has been the strong support system I've had in Huntington, especially with my coaches and teachers. They've taught me invaluable lessons and provided guidance helping me grow academically and personally. I've enjoyed the following aspects of my high school career the most: making connections with everyone, classmates, teachers and coaches, which has been awesome. Also playing several different sports has really helped me to grow as an athlete and make connections, I may have missed out on otherwise. My highlights in high school included helping lead the football team to the playoffs for the first time in 12 years, that was a great thing to be a part of. I was super grateful to have been named All-State for my senior year. I also enjoyed my time playing lacrosse, track and basketball. My intended major is Finance with a minor in Business Administration and I plan to attend Utica University.



## Heather Herman

The key to my success has been staying consistent as well as having good friends to rely on. During high school, I especially enjoyed participating in clubs and activities. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include working at the Waterfront Center in Oyster Bay as a mentor in marine and environmental sciences. I am an officer in multiple clubs and serve as a Natural Helper. My intended major is Marine Biology and I plan to attend California State University, Monterey Bay.



## Angelina Hernandez

The key to my success has been staying disciplined, setting high standards for myself, and surrounding myself with people that push me to do my best. Some things I've enjoyed the most through out high school are the friendships I have made, fun classes, pep band, memorable teachers, homecoming and prom. Some highlights of my extracurricular involvement include being a member of the Spanish, Math and National Honor Societies, earning AP Scholar with Honor, and maintaining high honor roll every quarter while working two jobs. My intended major is Applied Math and Statistics.



## Olivia Kaufman

The key to my success has been maintaining a strong work ethic while staying curious and open to learning. I've always tried to challenge myself academically and take advantage of opportunities that allow me to grow. The support from friends, family, and teachers motivated me, I strive to do my best. What I've enjoyed most about high school is the sense of community. Building friendships and supporting each other through challenges has made the experience meaningful. I've appreciated the opportunity to grow alongside people who will have a lasting impact on my life. I am actively involved in athletics, participating in both tennis and golf. Academically, I have been recognized as an AP Scholar and received the Business Pride Award. I am also a member of several honor societies. My intended major is Public Relations.



## Samuel Klaaren

The key to my success has been my constant focus on academics and the support of my parents, which I'm thankful for. I've enjoyed the following aspects of my high school career the most spending time in class with my friends and learning new things I will use in life. Highlights of my extracurricular involvement include being a two-time YMCA State Champion, a varsity All-State swimmer, a two-time national qualifier, and a dedicated student recognized for strong relationships with my teachers. My intended major is Economics and I plan to attend New York University.



## Shannon Koepele

The key to my success has been staying disciplined and committed to both my academics and athletics. Balancing school, activities, and everything else going on in life taught me how to stay organized, work hard, and keep pushing myself to do better. I've enjoyed being a part of multiple sports teams and clubs, they helped me build friendships and challenge myself daily. The highlights of my extracurricular involvement include participating in varsity wrestling, track, cross country, and volleyball. These experiences helped me clarify what I want to pursue in college and beyond, while also allowing me to develop strong leadership skills, perseverance, and the ability to balance multiple responsibilities effectively. My intended major is Sports Medicine/Physiology.



## Matthew Jimenez

The key to my success has been keeping my mental health safe and trying to submit assignments way before the due date. Having good mental health allows me to keep track of school and other things in life, and turning in assignments early helps decrease stress throughout high school. I enjoyed the music part of my high school career; such as the marching band, chamber orchestra and orchestra in general. It's all about the experience, even though there can be hard times. Some of my highlights of my extracurricular activities include marching band competitions and Syracuse. In chamber orchestra, going to NYSSMA Majors and Six Flags. In stage crew, building and painting for shows have been fun experiences. I plan to major in Music Education and Mathematics and will be attending SUNY Geneseo.



## Jack Kamenstein

The key to my success has been great teachers and a fantastic counselor who guided me throughout the years. The school provided me with great academic and athletic opportunities, supported by coaches who pushed me to grow and work hard. My extracurricular highlights include organizing food drives, mentoring at Woodhull, and teaching younger athletes. I was recognized as an All-County and All-Long Island football player, played varsity lacrosse as a freshman, and earned All-Division honors in lacrosse. Academically, I maintained High Honor Roll status. My intended major is Business, and I plan to attend SUNY Geneseo as a committed member of the lacrosse team.



## Mia Kaufman

The key to my success has been persistence and maintaining a healthy, balanced lifestyle. I've enjoyed the following aspects of my high school career the most; playing on a team to represent the Blue Devils in high school sports, learning about real-world problems happening around us and meeting new friends along the way. The highlights of my years at HHS were: being Varsity Tennis Captain, Singles #1, County Tournament and Varsity Badminton Captain, Singles #1, County Tournament, and being a member of the Math, English, Social Studies Honor Societies. In addition to being Secretary of the French Honor Society. My intended major is Accounting and I will attend William and Mary College.



## Erika Hernandez Veliz

The key to my success has been perseverance and always trying to improve. There were times when challenges felt overwhelming, but I learned to keep pushing myself and not give up. I've also learned a lot from my mistakes and from the support of the people around me, which helped me stay motivated. I've enjoyed the friendships I've made and the supportive teachers who helped me through different experiences, and the lessons I've learned along the way. Going through those years with my twin sister also made it even more meaningful and something I will always cherish. Here are the highlights of my extracurricular involvement: my internship at a physical therapy clinic, where I enjoyed connecting with patients; volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, which was a memorable experience while contributing to builds for those in need; and my participation in science research and the Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition, both of which gave me opportunities to grow in teamwork and leadership. My intended major is Psychology, and I plan to become a Physician Assistant.



## Mildred Hernandez Veliz

My success has been motivated by my patience, organization, and dedication. Staying disciplined while balancing academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities has helped me grow and achieve my goals. I have most enjoyed the friendships and connections I built throughout high school, as well as the opportunity to challenge myself academically and through sports and clubs. Throughout high school, I have actively participated in soccer, track, cross country, basketball, and unified basketball. I have also been involved in a variety of clubs, including Key Club, Habitat for Humanity Club, and the National, Science, Math, and English Honor Societies, and I am a member of the Natural Helpers Club. My intended major is Psychology and I am still deciding what college I will attend.



## Emely Herrera Rivas

The key to my success has been my discipline to keep on going and making my family proud. I have set goals for myself and strive to achieve them each day. I surround myself with people who are just as hardworking and dedicated and use them as examples for who I try to be every day. I've enjoyed building long lasting, impactful friendships and connections with teachers. They have helped me become the person I am today. My teachers and friends have helped grow my love for learning in my high school. My four years of being involved in New World Club have shaped my views of community and the importance of mentorship. I am grateful and proud to have been part of this club and meeting many of my amazing peers. My intended major is Political Science.



## Ruby Hoffman

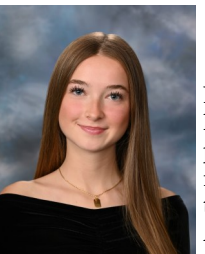
The key to my success has been keeping myself organized throughout all the courses, sports, and extracurriculars I have done. My favorite parts of my high school career have been meeting new people, connecting with teachers, joining clubs, and being a part of sports teams. I have enjoyed being an officer in Student Government, as it has taught me valuable leadership and communication skills. I also enjoyed being on the basketball team because I was able to play a sport that I love with my friends. My intended major is Neuroscience. I'm still figuring out which college I'll go to.



## Amani Huq

The key to my success has been constantly setting goals for myself and reminding myself that I am in a place where I can grow in all aspects. Knowing what I want to do in life and becoming a physician with the ability to help others has always been my motivation, because I truly believe my purpose is to help others. Academically and personally, I push myself even when it gets hard because it brings me closer to my goals.

The most memorable part of my high school experience was meeting some of my favorite people and building relationships that I know will last a lifetime so thank you Huntington for introducing me to them! Lastly, I am just seeing my work pay off. Getting accepted into colleges and being at the finish line is a constant reminder all the work was worth it. I am especially proud of graduating a year early and being involved in clubs, honor societies, sports, leadership positions, and jobs I have maintained during school years. One of my favorite experiences was volunteering at Carillon Nursing Home, where I built a community and was reminded that there is always someone who needs your attention. I plan to major in Neuroscience/Cognitive Science, and will be attending Cornell University.



## Jamyn Husselbeck

My supportive teachers, family and friends have heavily influenced the key to my success. Making new friends/creating close relationships with people, especially teachers, advisors and coaches in the school has been meaningful to me. My noteworthy accomplishments included Varsity track (4 years) captain for 2, Art Honor Society, National Honor Society, Art Pride Award, Social Studies Pride Award, Le Grand Concours Assessment Completion, Skills USA first place winner (Wilson Tech /

BOCES). My intended major is Architecture/Urban Planning, and I plan to attend the University of Buffalo.



## Rachel Huth

The key to my success has been working hard for the things I care about in school, extra-curriculars, and more. The following are things I most enjoyed throughout high school: my science research class and experience, my musical events and performances, learning about things I love, and the people I met along the way. These are the highlights of my extracurricular involvement being All-State Selection—Voice (twice) and Viola, All-State Soloist, Advanced to the Regeneron International Science and Engineer Fair with my novel Carleon Capture Device, and being awarded National Merit Commendation. My intended major is Environmental Engineering and I am still deciding what college I will attend.



## Mark Ingram

The key to my success has been how much I have enjoyed the classes I've taken as this helped me perform better in them and fostered my interest in learning. It also helps that I've had many friends in my classes, as they've helped me study and I felt more comfortable discussing the topics with them. I enjoyed being able to choose my own classes and make my own schedule, as I've been able to explore my interests by taking unique courses, which has solidified my goal in college. I've also found like-minded students, which has helped me navigate my path forward. Some highlights of my extracurricular involvement include being part of the Natural Helpers Club. It has taught me important lessons: how to be a better listener, how to work well with others, and, most importantly, how to be there for someone in need. I plan to major in Marine Biology and will be attending Roger Williams University.



## Spencer James

The key to my success has been working extremely hard, taking pride in my work, believing in myself, pushing through obstacles, turning in my classwork and homework on time, and studying extensively for my exams. I've enjoyed the following aspects of my high school career the most: making connections with my peers and teachers, mentoring fellow classmates and teammates, persevering through the various academic challenges I've encountered, and witnessing my accomplishments firsthand. Some of my highlights of my extracurricular involvement include receiving seven pride awards, I earned the "Award of Excellence" for the 2025 Art show. I was the Co-Captain of the first boys Volleyball team in almost two decades, I'm an active participating member of the National Honor Society, and the Co-Counsel/Co-President of the Latin National Honor Society. My intended major is Sports Management/Sports Business and I plan to attend Arizona State University.