Distinguished Seniors’ Annual Dinner
April 30, 2015
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Huntington High School
“A Tradition of Excellence Since 1657”

Distinguished Seniors Dinner

Hosted By:
Huntington High School

April 30, 2015

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”
—Henry David Thoreau

“The horizon leans forward, offering you space to place new steps of change.”
—Maya Angelou
About the Dinner

We are proud to gather this evening to honor one hundred twelve members of Huntington High School’s Class of 2015. Members of the Board of Education and Administration salute the young men and women invited here this evening who have distinguished themselves through their academic performance. It is with pride that we applaud their fine achievements and congratulate their families who share this honor.

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

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

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Ms. Nicole Castaldo  Music Department
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Main Office Secretarial Staff
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Ms. Fran Cangemi
Ms. Danielle Cordella
Ms. Debbie Denis
HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Under the direction of Nicole Castaldo

Violin I
Gabriella DeLuca
Melany Lanham-Garcia
Zechariah Perea
Annie Trousdell
Christian Verfenstein

Violin II
Brianna Jones
Camryn Libes
Marina Ruzic
Sofia Suarez

Viola
Billy Garfinkel
Holly Grabowski
Matthew McBride
Max Robins

Cello
Nicole Arenth
Samuel Latt
Elisa Medina-Jaudes
Julia Rogan

Bass
Jessica Straub

Program

Pledge of Allegiance............................Elizabeth Corrao
President – Class of 2015

Welcome.............................................Emily Rogan
President, Board of Education

James W. Polansky
Superintendent

Introduction of
PTA Presidents.................................Christine Biernacki
President - PTA Council

Introduction of
Principals.........................................Brenden Cusack
Assistant Principal, Huntington High School

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

Presentation of
Student Awards..............................Dr. Carmela Leonardi
Principal, Huntington High School

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

—Colin Powell
Honored Teachers

Jefferson Primary
Honored Teacher.............................................Cindy Tietjen
Student Presenters.............................Elizabeth Corrao & Timothy Gress
Principal..................................................Ms. Valerie Capitulo-Saide
PTA President...........................................Ms. Jennifer Carrillo

Washington Primary
Honored Teacher.............................................Suzanne Dinehart
Student Presenters.............................Peter Magerle & Amy Schmelter
Principal..................................................Ms. Marsha Neville
PTA Co-Presidents...................Ms. Sara Baliber & Ms. Colleen Perfetto

Flower Hill Primary
Honored Teacher.............................................Suzanne Catrini
Student Presenter.................................Hanna Murphy & Ellaha Nadi
Principal..................................................Mr. Marlon Small
PTA Co-Presidents...................Ms. Kerri Malone & Mr. Stephen Fox

Southdown Primary
Honored Teacher.............................................Kimberly Myers-Bender
Student Presenters.............................Hillary Hardardt, Caitlin Knowles,
Timothy Mattiace & Matthew Reed
Principal..................................................Mr. Scott Oshrin
PTA Co-Presidents..................Ms. Denise Murtagh & Ms. Kerry Rinaldi

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

—Benjamin Franklin

Kathryn Zimmerman

Personal determination, perseverance, and the consistent support of her family allowed Katie to create good study habits and complete homework. Extracurricular activities and making friends made high school enjoyable. The opportunity to choose from a long list of extracurricular activities and having friends alongside her made it ten times better! Katie noted that she was in Color Guard, was on the Softball team (JV Captain in junior year) all four years, played flute for grades nine and ten, was a member of two honor societies as well as the YMCA Leaders Club for three years. Katie is undecided as to her college and major.
Robert pays attention in class and keeps on top of his work to achieve success. He enjoys a multitude of outdoor activities. While considering several possible career paths, Robert plans to wait until he has experienced classes and activities at the University of Utah before he declares a major.

Mashal puts her studies above all else and knows that hard work and one’s best effort will equal success. With enthusiasm and affection, Mashal recalls Living Environment and Chemistry classes, and the teachers and the students in those classes, as her favorites at HHS. Mashal enjoys the opportunity to help others, in particular by tutoring students for Math and Science. Undecided as to where she will attend college, Mashal plans to pursue a career in medicine.

Lana found success by getting involved in extracurricular clubs and sports while finding the right balance between challenging classes, clubs, sports, and her social life. Organizing and participating in Homecoming each year, taking electives such as Photography and Crafts, and meeting new teachers and people every year were most enjoyable. Traveling to New Orleans twice with Habitat for Humanity and organizing events such as “Stuff the Bus”, Homecoming, and Battle of the Classes were the highlights of her extracurricular activities. Lana will attend the University of Michigan.

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Robert Yates

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Mashal Zadran

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Lana Ziegler

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Honored Teachers

**Woodhull Intermediate**
Honored Teacher........................................Andrea Frisenda
Student Presenters.................................Hillary Hardardt & Kathleen Nugent
Principal..................................................Ms. Traci Roethel
PTA Co-Presidents...............................Ms. Marilyn Maggio & Ms. Kim Steinberg

**Jack Abrams Intermediate School**
Honored Teacher...........................................Mark Helstrom
Student Presenters.............................Cristina Bateman & Fiona Geier
Principal..................................Ms. Rae Montesano
PTA Co-Presidents.........................Ms. Norma Gorecki & Ms. Tracy Tucker

**J.T. Finley Middle School**
Honored Teacher.....................................Thomas Tantillo
Student Presenters........................Olivia Liepa & Mary Pulizzotto
Principal....................................................Mr. John Amato
PTA President.................................Ms. Toniann Mangan

**Huntington High School**
Honored Teacher..................................Joseph Cohen
Student Presenters..........................Kaitlin Dayton, Jack McKenna, & Hayley Petrizzi
Principal...................................................Dr. Carmela Leonardi
PTA President.................................Ms. Laura Mills

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”
—John C. Maxwell
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Jean Abecassis
Khondoker Tawsif Akber
Santiago Alzate
Usra Amin
Cristina Bateman
Matthew Beach
Kelly Beatty
Charles Beers
Sofia Bialkowski
Emily Biblow
Megan Boyce
Tyler Burton
Leah Butz
Declan Byrne
Ellyn Byrnes
Tara Byrnes
Julian Carrollo
Olivia Castillo
Carol Cimetta
Elizabeth Corrao
Elizabeth Cotter
Ariella Danziger
Kaitlin Dayton
Anna DiNardi
Katherine Duval
Justin Edgar-McNerney
Kayla Eidle
Sydney English
Michael Fasciano
Christian Fiordelisi
Azucena Flores-Orellana
Heather Forster
Fiona Geier
Hailey Giordano
Samantha Glicker
Christopher Glowacky
Anna Goldenbaum
Hannah Grenier
Timothy Gress
Scott Gulizio
Hillary Hardardt
William Harris
Zachary Hearl
Omotayo Ikuomenisan
Lenni Joya Amaya
Ben Kaplan
Jack Kitzen
Sarah Kitzen
Caitlin Knowles
Thomas Koutrron
Jillian Lentinello
Charlotte Levinson
Olivia Liepa
Patrick Lombardi
Olivia Lopez
Justin LoTurco
Samantha Lynch
Peter Magerle
Mackenzie Maloney
Timothy Mattiace

Kaitlin Wascher

As a hard worker, Kaitlin knows that she has reaped the rewards of success by not giving up even when the class or topic seemed impossible. Kaitlin enjoyed being challenged by classes and her peers, and cherishes the friendships she has made in classes, sports, and clubs. Traveling to Alabama with Habitat for Humanity, being a member of the National, English, and Math Honor Societies, playing Varsity Softball and Soccer for four years, fencing for three years, and working Relay for Life for four years are noteworthy accomplishments. Kaitlin is undecided as to her career and where she will attend college.

Justin Weigold

With a heavy schedule of sports, courses, and community service, Justin has to stay motivated and on task to be successful. Efficient time management is crucial to his ability to keep up the pace. Justin has enjoyed meeting people and he acknowledges the many adults in HHS that he has learned from and the lessons they have taught him about life and his future. For noteworthy accomplishments, Justin cites his presidency of Young Leaders, membership on the Football, Lacrosse and Robotics teams, being a Natural Helper, and working as Mrs. Pazienza’s intern. Justin plans to study Electrical Engineering at SUNY Maritime.

Brendan Wirth

No matter how big or small the task, Brendan always gives 100% effort. He appreciates what he learns and in turn this motivates him to learn more. Social Studies class discussions, growing more confident, exploring different classes and activities, and befriending people from a variety of backgrounds has contributed to Brendan’s enjoyment of his HHS years. Among Brendan’s extra-curricular activities, he cites as highlights: playing cello for four years in Chamber Orchestra and in the pit for the musical this year; President of Gay-Straight Alliance for two years, beginning a recycling program at HHS, and traveling to Europe. Brendan will attend Vassar College with a double major in Environmental Studies and either Political Science or Economics.
Meelod Wafajow

Meelod notes that constantly participating and interacting with the material in class enabled him to develop deep understanding. He has thoroughly enjoyed good times with his closest friends, and also notes that the interactions with his teachers have helped him develop mentally and emotionally. Participating in clubs, such as writing for Dispatch, volunteering at Tri CYA, and membership in a number of honor societies were highlights of Meelod’s extracurricular activities. Meelod plans to major in Computer Engineering.

Kristin Walsh

Kristin tells us that effort and asking for help brought academic success to her. A member of the Varsity Tennis team since 10th grade, Kristin was a Team Captain in senior year. The icing on the tennis cake was winning the deciding doubles match with partner, Mary Sheehan, to claim the League Championship. Kristin also enjoyed traveling to London, Paris & Normandy. Other noteworthy accomplishments include several Pride Awards, High Honor Roll, participating in Habitat for Humanity, and being a member of the Art Honor Society. Kristin plans a career in Business/Marketing after attending either Siena College or Quinnipiac University.

Nicholas Warren

Nicholas achieves success by setting goals and staying the course until he has reached his goals. Nicholas has enjoyed making new friends, and getting to know his teachers. As an enthusiastic and accomplished member of the Huntington/Northport Hockey team, Nicholas’ commitment to this team has been significant. Nick contributed to the National and Spanish Honor Societies, Key club, and Robotics. Nicholas looks forward to attending Lehigh University as a Mechanical/Computer Engineering major.

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Kenneth McCarthy
Daniel McCartney
Shannon McGovern
John McKenna
Brandon Mendez
Shane Meyers
Allison Minoff
Jason Moreira
Lily Morris
Hanna Murphy
Ellaha Nadi
Michael Nemaric
Kathleen Nugent
Kylie Palmer
Nicholas Pandolfi
Hayley Petrizzi
Suzanne Petryk
Mary Frances Pulizzotto
Matthew Reed
John Reilly
Daniel Reiver
Madeline Riggs
Oscar Romero
Daniel Rose
Kasey Ryman
Emily Sager
Joseph Saginaw
Amy Schmelter
Daniella Schoen
Mary Sheehan
Marina Siegel
Gabriel Smith
Lindsay Sullivan
Anna Tesoriero
Veronica Tonissen
Can Toprak
Marygrace Trousdell
Ketevani Tsotskaulauri
Jessica Tucker
Lucas Vaccaro
Alexander Velazquez
Carlos Viera-Pereira
Meelod Wafajow
Kristin Walsh
Nicholas Warren
Kaitlin Wascher
Justin Weigold
Brendan Wirth
Robert Yates
Mashal Zadran
Lana Ziegler
Kathryn Zimmerman
Jean has thrived at Huntington High School by being an active participant in his classes and staying on top of his work by giving his all every day. He has enjoyed most of the relationships and friendships he has built along the way, as well as the opportunity to be involved in a plethora of extracurricular activities. Among his highlights, Jean mentions being the VP of the English Honor Society, Editor of ETCETERA and Dispatch, a member of the Chinese Foreign Exchange club, and Huntington Youth Council Clerk. Jean has not chosen a major or a college yet, but undoubtably, his road will be paved with success.

Khondoker Tawsif Akber

The key to Tawsif's success has been balancing academics with pleasurable activities. Whenever he feels extreme stress, he takes a break to skateboard, which helps him stay active and clear his mind. In the last four years, he is most grateful for his supportive teachers, amazing friends, and engaging electives. Tawsif's high school highlights include video competitions, Jazz Band, and helping his father with his company. He looks forward to pursuing his passion and majoring in Computer Engineering in college.

Santiago attributes his success to being able to balance his academics while being actively involved in extracurricular activities and sports with the support of his wonderful parents, friends, and teachers. In addition to the unforgettable relationships Santiago has built, he has enjoyed being a part of the Varsity Soccer team for the last three years and being a Natural Helper. His highlights have been winning the Academic All-County Award for Soccer, receiving the Hispanic Heritage Recognition Award, reaching the semi finals for Soccer his junior year, along with his self-proclaimed popularity on Twitter and Instagram. He is presently undecided as to which college he will attend next year. We do know that any school will be lucky to have him.

Lucas has enjoyed the people he met in high school. He is proud of being the founder and President of the Politics Club, a member of the History Honor Society and Varsity Fencing for three years. Lucas will attend Northeastern University to study Business with a focus on Supply Chain Management.

Carlos Viera-Pereira

Carlos has always tried his best and worked hard. He takes well-deserved pride in his excellent attendance. Carlos enjoys learning and spending time with all of the great people he knows at Huntington High School. The dedication and motivation required to be a Varsity Wrestler for five years is the highlight of his extracurricular activities. Carlos plans to study Liberal Arts at Nassau Community College.
Marygrace Trousdell

Self-motivation and a strong will are the keys to Marygrace's academic success. During her four years at Huntington High School, Marygrace enjoyed meeting new friends and creating memories with them. The highlight of her extracurricular activities has been playing Varsity level Volleyball and Softball for all four years. While still deciding on where she will attend college, Marygrace plans to major in either Biology or Mathematics.

Ketevani Tsotskolauri

Upon reflection, Keti noted that during high school she has surrounded herself with bright, determined friends who encourage each other to strive for the better, and she has come to realize that asking for help, particularly from her teachers, has been instrumental to her mastery of a subject. Photography class has unlocked her creative side. After school clubs and interning this year with Mr. Donovan are tops on Keti's enjoyment scale. Keti is proud of her 3rd place National History Day website, and of her presentation at the Social Studies Honor Society public issue forum. Keti plans to major in Business Administration at CUNY Baruch College as a Macauley Scholar.

Jessica Tucker

A determined person who does not quit, Jessica can always find the best outcome in every situation. With these traits, it was not a surprise that as a freshman Jessica was selected by her peers to be a Natural Helper. Jessica also has enjoyed being a member of varsity sports teams, and is particularly proud that she has been a Natural Helper for four years, received the Positive Spirit Award for the Track team, and was honored as best actor in "Playfest." Jessica plans to major in Advertising at the University of Alabama.

Usra Amin

Usra attributes her success to a winning combination of time management skills, a strong motivation to succeed, along with support from her family, friends, and teachers who have helped her build a strong work ethic. Her most memorable experiences include Relay for Life, participating in clubs, and her service at Huntington Hospital as a junior volunteer, where she worked over 200 hours. Usra intends to major in Biology at a college yet to be determined.

Cristina Bateman

A winning combination of hard work and balancing relaxation is Cristina’s key to success. Her favorite part of high school has been building strong relationships with her peers and spending time with friends. Over the past year and a half, Cristina has been an aide at Park Avenue Physical Therapy and this has been, and continues to be, an extremely rewarding experience for her. Cristina plans to prepare for a major in the field of Biology/Physical Therapy.

Matthew Beach

Matthew's success can be attributed to time management skills and finding new joy in everything he does. His favorite high school experience is being a member of the Crew team since freshman year. It took dedication and hard work, but in the end he enjoyed being a part of the team. Matthew’s highlights include being able to make real connections with teachers and form bonds that he will remember forever. He sends a special "shout-out" to Mrs. Dillon for her support. Matthew plans to earn a degree in Business.
Kelly Beatty

When contemplating success, Kelly attributes hers to being focused, maintaining a positive outlook, and constantly striving to improve. She will fondly remember the long lasting friendships she built, the Sears shopping tour with Key Club, receiving a Pride Award in Math, and playing Varsity Field Hockey and Varsity Softball. Kelly is still deciding on a major in Business or Education. We do not know which college she will attend, but we know that any school would be lucky to have her.

Charles Beers

The key to Charles’ success have been hard work, a positive attitude, and perseverance in the face of challenges, along with the support of his friends, family, and teachers. Charles has enjoyed many rich and diverse experiences during his high school career which include participating in community projects, building the winning Homecoming parade float, class officer for four years, contributing to Huntington’s first Mock Trial team, and being selected for several Honor Societies, including National Honor Society. The highlights of his last four years include National Merit Finalist, Co-Editor of Dispatch, Co-Editor of ETCETERA, Student Government Vice President, National English Honor Society President, and two-time Stony Brook Japan Essay Contest winner. Charles intends to major in English and Pre-Law.

Sofia Bialkowski

The key to Sofia’s success is the support and encouragement of her parents and teachers throughout high school. She cherishes the connections she has made with specific teachers and she knows that the friendships that she has established will last forever. Her noteworthy accomplishments include working on a NASA project with two friends and a creating video that is now on the NASA website. She is a member of the Italian, English, Math, Science, and History Honor Societies. Sofia plans on majoring in Biology/Pre-Veterinary and she is undecided on the college that she will attend.

Anna Tesoriero

Anna attributes the support of family and teachers as the keys to her success as a student. She notes that they stuck by her through thick and thin and taught her to never give up. Ceramics and sculpture classes provided Anna the opportunity to express herself in a different way, having fun while learning a multitude of new topics happened in AP Biology, and Art Honor Society added to the enjoyment quotient. When building houses in Alabama with Habitat for Humanity and participating in Relay for Life, Anna saw the positive effect of these activities on others’ lives. The great memories and sense of family as a member on the Varsity Field Hockey and Lacrosse teams will remain with Anna after her time in Huntington. Anna is particularly proud of being named All League, All Division for Field Hockey, and All County for Lacrosse. With an athletic scholarship in hand, Anna will attend SUNY Stony Brook, where she plans to play Lacrosse, and pursue either Nursing or Physical Therapy.

Veronica Tonissen

Veronica is a multifaceted young lady with a variety of interests and a strong sense of self. Her motivation to succeed is driven by the high expectations and standards she sets for herself. With support from her parents, teachers and friends, she has excelled! Veronica has served our community well as a member of the Blue Devils Competitive Marching Band, the GSA, and as a volunteer at Huntington Hospital. Veronica will be majoring in English and is currently deciding between Emerson College & Suffolk University.

Can Toprak

John reports paying attention in class and doing his homework as the essentials required for academic success. He has enjoyed making lifelong friends and taking interesting classes, such as AP Biology and Physics. Working with his friends and winning an honorable mention for their science research project “Quad Proppers” was a favorite experience. With no prior experience, John joined Marching Band in 11th grade. Working hard to learn the mellophone and achieving the pinnacle of Marching Band success, State Band Champions, was a genuine accomplishment and a source of pride. John will attend SUNY Binghamton to study Pre-Med.
Marina notes that perseverance, hard work, great friends and teachers, and giving back through community service have been the keys to her success at Huntington High School. Most enjoyable has been time spent with Marching Band in Disney World, Jazz and Wind Ensembles, Key Club activities, rowing with the Crew Team, participating in Relay for Life, as well as the Art, Italian, and Tri-M Honor Societies activities. Membership in the National, Science, Social Studies, and English Honor Societies are among Marina’s noteworthy extracurricular activities, though, without a doubt, the 2015 undefeated Marching Band season and winning First Place at the New York State Field Band competition was the most exciting of all! Marina loves to travel and will be going to Europe this summer before heading off to college in September.

Gabe is still deciding as to his major and where to attend college, (U Mass Honors Program is the leading contender). Gabe’s understated manner belies the depth of his knowledge across a wide range of subjects. The ever hapless (though looking better this year) New York Mets are his team, and never fail to provide a talking point.

Lindsay cites as most enjoyable her participation on the Soccer, Basketball, and Track teams, Habitat for Humanity, and Relay for Life, in addition to her relationships with friends and teachers. Her most significant accomplishments include membership in the National Honor Society and several team sports accolades including being two years undefeated in Basketball, Suffolk County Championship games and League Champions, and making the second round playoffs in Soccer. With her sights set on a career as a physical therapist, Lindsay will carry the high school keys to success with her to college: hard work, determination, and making the best of any situation.

Tyler's success is attributed to time management. Throughout high school she enjoyed going out and having fun with friends, but was diligent in knowing when it was time to put her studies first. She has learned to balance friends and schoolwork, which enabled her to be social and a good student at the same time. Soccer and Natural Helpers has made her high school years unforgettable due to the friends she has made and the family was created within the groups. The highlights of her extracurricular involvement include Natural Helper retreats, Habitat for Humanity builds, and the Relay for Life events. Tyler will be attending University of Massachusetts at Amherst and her major is undecided as of yet.

Emily's success stems from her family, friends, and teachers. She has enjoyed getting involved in school functions and spending time with her friends. The highlight she looked forward to each year was Homecoming. She has participated in HIHI, Habitat for Humanity, and Key Club. She is very proud of maintaining her High Honor Roll status for her 4 years in high school. Her major is undecided and she will be attending Ohio State University.

Megan attributes her success to learning from her mistakes and never giving up, even when it's the easier option. She has enjoyed taking challenging courses and believes learning is an every day occurrence in and out of school. Her extracurricular activities include being Drum Major, HBDMB for two years, President of AWOD, Secretary of Grandfriends, member of the Huntington Softball team for four years, and President of the Tri-M and Band Societies. She is also an active member of the Math, Social Studies, and National Honor Societies. She plans on majoring in Bio-Medical Sciences and currently is undecided on her college plans.

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Leah Butz

Leah's success is defined by staying organized, monitoring her calendar, and planning out her activities. She has enjoyed making new friends across all social groups. Reading has been a passion, whether it was class novels or books recommended by Mr. Donovan. Her noteworthy accomplishments include: Marching Band Color Guard Captain, featured artist at the Heckscher Long Island's Best competition, New and Featured Editor for Dispatch, and working at the public library. Her major and college choice are undecided at this time.

Declan Byrne

Three keys to Declan’s success: balance, inspiration, and determination. These actions help him focus and get done what needs to be completed. He has enjoyed making various friends and spending time with them. Declan's extracurricular activities include Irish Step Dancing, and being an active participant in the Drama Club. He also has benefited from being an intern in the Chorus program this year. Declan plans on studying Computer Science and his college is undecided at this time.

Ellyn Byrnes

Ellyn believes that setting goals and learning to balance her efforts through good time management has helped her to achieve her goals. This foundation has allowed her to juggle her responsibilities in the classroom with the demand of playing three varsity sports. She also realizes that the support and encouragement of her friends and family have been instrumental in maintaining her success. She has enjoyed being challenged in the classroom, but by far the most memorable experiences have taken place before, between, and after classes with friends and on and off the athletic fields with her teammates in representing Huntington High School. Her noteworthy accomplishments include membership in the National and Social Studies Honor Societies. She is also the Captain of the Varsity Softball and Winter Track teams and has received post-season awards on three different varsity level sports. She plans on attending Molloy College and will be on the Softball and Track and Field Teams.

Amy Schmelter

Amy attributes her success to time management, determination, and persistence. Amy has excelled in Music and French and she is currently interning in the sophomore French class. Some of Amy’s noteworthy accomplishments include: being named Brass Captain and Trumpet Section Leader for the 2014 championship Marching Band, President of the French Honor Society, and a member of the Math, English, and National Honor Societies. Amy plans on majoring in French/International Studies at the University at Buffalo Honors College.

Daniella Schoen

The key to Daniella’s success is the encouragement from her family and teachers who really pushed her to do her very best, like Ms. Tedeschi. Being able to get involved, whether through sports or clubs, and meeting new people is what Daniella has found most enjoyable, as well as being involved with Key Club because it allowed her to give back to the community. Some of Daniella’s extracurricular highlights include participating in the Sears shopping tour for four consecutive years and being a member of Habitat for Humanity as well as the Social Studies, English, and National Honor Societies. Daniella plans on pursuing a degree in Nursing at the University of Miami.

Mary Sheehan

Mary is a motivated student who understands the value of studying with friends and is ready for college and the challenge of a major in Engineering. Mary’s membership in the National, Math, Science, Art, Spanish, Social Studies, and English Honor Societies and GO Historian have been among the highlights of her extracurricular activities. Challenging herself academically, traveling to Peru, being Captain of the Varsity Tennis and Fencing teams, and in particular, winning the deciding league champion doubles match with Kristen Walsh, have made unforgettable memories of her Huntington High School days.
Kasey exhibits a genuine curiosity and excitement about learning that ensures her academic success. She noted that she has enjoyed growing as a person, collecting experiences and forming life-long friendships. At times, Kasey comments, it seems that the more she learns the more she realizes how little she knows. Planning to major in Pre-Med, Kasey has not yet decided where she will attend college.

Emily Sager

The key to Emily’s success has not only been studying and working hard, but her ability to meet new people and try new things. She’s enjoyed making so many new friends and having the ability to be a part of so many clubs, sports, and activities. She loves how close she was able to be with her teachers and all the members of the Class of 2015. Some of Emily’s noteworthy accomplishments are Captain of the Highsteppers, member of the Chamber Choir, Acapella, and Tri-M Music Honor Society. Additionally, Emily has participated in numerous charity events including feeding the homeless, Jana Piccola walks, and Relay for Life. Currently she is undecided with her major and college, but there is no doubt that her path will be paved with success.

Joseph Saginaw

Being organized and challenging himself is the key to Joseph’s successful high school career. The Salutatorian has enjoyed the variety of classes Huntington has to offer and being able to make connections with his teachers. His noteworthy accomplishments include helping to lead his class through involvement in Student Government, founding the Robotics club, and being a part of the Soccer and Track teams. While Joseph is undecided on his college choice, he plans to pursue Mechanical Engineering.

Tara Byrnes

Tara's success has been hard work and learning to maintain a good balance between school work and her commitment to athletics. None of these successes would be possible without the love and support of her family, teammates, and friends. She feels lucky to have been challenged and to have had such enriching classroom experiences. Athletically, she is honored to have been selected to lead so many teams and truly loved playing side by side with talented athletes and under the guidance of so many great coaches. She has served as the Captain of the Varsity Softball, Field Hockey, and Winter Track teams. She has been selected as All-County in three separate varsity sports. She is also the two time County Champion at Shot Put. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the History Honor Society. Although her major is undeclared, she plans on attending Molloy College and will be playing on the Softball and Track and Field teams.

Julian Carrollo

Julian’s key to success has been being proactive in keeping up with his assignments and working with his teachers. He has enjoyed performing in the Orchestra, being active as a member of the Robotics team, and participating in Relay for Life. Noteworthy accomplishments include earning Top Rookie Seed at Hofstra’s first Robotics competition and competing in the national FIRST Robotics Championship in St. Louis. Julian plans on majoring in Finance and attending Bentley University.

Olivia Castillo

Olivia has been able to keep herself motivated and has surrounded herself with positive individuals in order to maintain her success. She has enjoyed meeting new people and has created friendships that will last a lifetime. Her accomplishments include being Treasurer for Habitat for Humanity for which she has attended various builds. She has played as a sophomore, junior, and senior for the Varsity Field Hockey team and has been a Natural Helper for three years. She plans on majoring in Biology and her college is yet to be determined!
Carol Cimetta

Carol’s key to success is her organization and dedication to her classes. She is amazing at completing tasks and being able to finish her assignments in a timely fashion. Her most enjoyable part of high school was participating in Relay for Life. Carol’s noteworthy accomplishments include participating in the Science Research program for the past four years, contributing to her passion toward studying Science in college. She has also enjoyed participating in the Cross Country and Winter Track sports programs. Her intended major is Biology and she is currently undecided in her college choice.

Elizabeth Corrao

Elizabeth believes that self-motivation is the key to her success. She has succeeded academically and has been able to have a fun and memorable high school experience. Her parents, friends, and teachers have all contributed to and encouraged that motivation. Her most memorable moments were when her grade was able to come together on common goals, which includes Homecoming weekend and Play Fest. Highlights include being a member of Student Government for four years, Senior Class President, Captain of the Highsteppers, and Officer for the National Honor Society. She is also a member of numerous academic Honor Societies, Mock Trial team, and Relay for Life. Elizabeth is attending Duke University and her major is undecided as of yet!

Elizabeth Cotter

Elizabeth’s key to success has been supportive and loyal family and friends. She also recognizes that without her amazing teachers she would not be as successful as she has been in the classroom. High school has opened the door for Elizabeth to make new friends who have made a difference in her life. Her extracurricular activities include being involved in awareness weekend, being a member of Habitat for Humanity, and a member of the National Honor Society. She plans on majoring in Occupational Therapy and her college is undecided.

Madeline Riggs

Information not available at time of printing.

Oscar Romero

Learning from his mistakes and managing his time is what has driven Oscar to be successful. Being able to travel with the Wrestling Team and earning mastery in all of his Science Regents exams are the highlights of Oscar’s high school career. Oscar plans on pursuing a degree in Computer Engineering at a college that is yet to be determined.

Daniel Rose

“Consistency is key” is the foundation of Daniel’s success here at Huntington High School. Daniel has enjoyed his high school journey and the friends he’s made as well as the insight his teachers have given him. His extracurricular highlight is his heavy involvement in his glider flying club. This club has opened up on interests in aviation. Daniel plans on majoring in Business Administration and Finance at Stony Brook University in the Fall.
The keys to Matthew’s success are hard work, dedication, and a desire to expand his knowledge. During his high school career he has enjoyed participating in Relay for Life and basketball, most notably winning the basketball league championship. While undecided as to which college he will attend, Matthew would like to pursue a major in Applied Mathematics.

Matthew Reed

Matthew Reed

John’s success comes from studying hard, surrounding himself with a great group of peers, and Ms. Paz. He has enjoyed being a member of the Soccer team and his tenth grade English class with Ms. Antorino. Some of his extracurricular highlights include being a member of Key Club, Robotics club, and the Math, Social Studies, and English Honor Societies. John is also a member of the Hockey team. John is presently undecided on a major and which college he will attend.

John Reilly

John Reilly

Always working hard while finding a balance between school, sports, and friends has provided Daniel with success at Huntington High School. Interacting with his classmates and teachers has been most enjoyable for Dan. He has also enjoyed meeting new people through sports and other activities. Highlights of his extracurricular involvements include being in the National and Spanish Honor Societies, Relay for Life, Young Leaders, and being on the Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball and Soccer teams. Dan plans on majoring in Business at the University of Michigan.

Daniel Reiver

Daniel Reiver

Hard work, perseverance, dedication, and never giving up are the keys to Ariella’s success. The encouragement of her family, teachers, and friends have helped her grow as a student and adult. Ariella has enjoyed making new friends and establishing long-lasting bonds in high school. She also has found her passion in art and photography. Her extracurricular involvement includes being a member of the Highsteppers, which has allowed her to become a better dancer. She has also enjoyed helping others through Habitat for Humanity. Her major will be Marine Biology and the college that she will be attending is undecided.

Ariella Danziger

Ariella Danziger

Kaitlin is supported by all the teachers that were invested in her success. She has found that those teachers cared about her and were willing to support her academically. Kaitlin has enjoyed participating in clubs, especially Relay for Life and Habitat for Humanity. These clubs have helped her be a conscientious member of society. Her noteworthy accomplishments include being the President of the National Honor Society, event chair for Relay for Life, and Vice President for Habitat for Humanity. Her intended major will be Political Science/International Affairs and her college is undecided at this time.

Kaitlin Dayton

Kaitlin Dayton

Intrinsic motivation has been the key to Anna’s success. She has been able to discover the many “whys” of learning through close relationships with her teachers and peers. She has enjoyed not only the challenging courses, but the ability to be surrounded by the passionate learners that accompany them. Her noteworthy accomplishments include two New Orleans trips with Habitat for Humanity, being President of the National Art Honor Society, and a member of the English, Spanish, and Tri-M Music Honor Societies. Outside of the school, she is the YMCA Leaders Club Social Chair. Anna plans on double majoring in Fine Art and Business and will be attending the University of Michigan.

Anna DiNardi

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Katherine Duval

A genuine love for knowledge that was guided and focused by her teachers and family has been Katherine's key to success. She loves all the fields of study but her teachers have helped her discover her passion for literature. Katherine has enjoyed the close knit community of Huntington High School. She loves how supportive the school is over everyone's differences and how everyone looks out for one another. Her highlights include participating in the League of Women Voters “Shadow a Legislature” Conference, co-editing Dispatch junior and senior year, and her involvement in the GSA in ninth and tenth grade. Katherine plans on majoring in Literature and her college is currently undecided.

Justin Edgar-McNerney

Justin has been able to manage a variety of honors and AP courses throughout his four years and still has been able to enjoy his friends and activities. He attributes his success to being easy going, organized, and having the ability to prioritize when needed. His highlights include being a Natural Helper and an active member in the Music Department. Noteworthy accomplishments include Drum Major of the Marching Band, working for the Arthritis Foundation, playing shows with his band, Wind Ensemble, and being Vice President of the Science and French Honor Societies. He is currently undecided on his major and college choice.

Hayley Petrizzi

Hayley lovingly attributes the love and support of her family, especially her mom, as the key to her success. It was difficult for Hayley to choose one activity that she enjoyed most at Huntington because for Hayley, it wasn't a particular activity, but the feeling of being involved and being a part of the school community. The one event that had the greatest emotional connection was Relay for Life. The key accomplishments that she is most proud of are being inducted into the National Honor Society, having the opportunity to be on seven varsity teams, being selected to play in the Honors Wind Ensemble, and being a committee chair member for Relay for Life. Hayley plans on studying Early Childhood Education in the Fall.

Suzanne Petryk

What impacted Suzanne's academic success are: overcoming procrastination and putting in effort. She has enjoyed choosing classes she's interested in and participating in sports after school. Some of Suzanne's extracurricular highlights include being a member of Cross Country, Winter and Spring Track, playing in the Chamber and Pit Orchestra, and being a member of various honor societies. Suzie plans on attending Cornell University to study Engineering.

Mary Frances Pulizzotto

Mary's key to success has been balancing “work and play”, in other words, a balance of studying and school work to having fun with friends and not over stressing. Mary's passion is definitely in the area of the arts. Taking Fashion Design, Theatre Arts, and other Art courses has made Mary's high school experience most enjoyable. Mary's noteworthy accomplishments include, but are not limited to, being a member of the Drama Club since freshman year, and getting Pride Awards in Italian, Pre-AP Art, Fashion, and AP Environmental Science. With an intended major in Fashion Design, Mary has further submerged herself in the arts by interning for a Fashion Design class here at Huntington. While still undecided as to which college she will attend, I am confident that she will succeed anywhere she goes.
Kathleen Nugent

Being a perfectionist in her academics and sports, along with hard work, is what has made Kathleen's high school years successful. The scholar athlete has been a member of the Basketball, Soccer, and Track teams and has enjoyed being a part of the school camaraderie that comes along with these sporting events. Huntington’s outstanding teachers have also contributed to Kathleen’s most enjoyable moments. Kathleen’s noteworthy accomplishments are being a member of the English, Math, and Social Studies Honor Societies as well as being named All League, Rookie of the Year, and All Conference in Basketball. Kathleen’s chosen major is Engineering and while still undecided as to which college she will attend, she will surely succeed wherever she goes!

Kylie Palmer

Kylie credits her success to her good work ethic and study skills. She has enjoyed making new friends, meeting new people, and exploring her interests. Highlights of Kylie’s high school career consist of her four year commitment to Crew and her five year commitment to Marching Band while being a member of the Math, English, Science, and Social Studies Honor Societies. Clearly she is a young lady who challenges herself both mentally and physically. Kylie looks forward to majoring in Elementary Education at Binghamton University!

Nicholas Pandolfi

His strong work ethic and determination, coupled with not being afraid to be different and taking the path less traveled, is what has lead Nicholas on his successful high school journey. He has enjoyed all of the opportunities he was afforded through his advanced placement and honors courses and he will never forget all the good times he’s had with his friends. The highlights of Nicholas’ accomplishments include being a member of the Marching Band since freshman year, tutoring for Tri CYA, and publishing several machine learning programs. Nicholas will major in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Sydney English

The key to Sydney’s success has been all the support from her teachers and other faculty at the school. Sydney has enjoyed all the different Class of 2015 events, including the float parties, Playfest, and Battle of the Classes. These bonding activities were a great way to get to know her classmates. She was a member of the Huntington High School Crew team, a very intense and very demanding experience. Sydney plans on majoring in Nursing and will be attending East Carolina University.

Michael Fasciano

Michael's success stems from hard work and determination, along with a little help from the internet. He has enjoyed being surrounded by a great group of peers, amazing teachers, and a secure school environment. His noteworthy accomplishments included being an active player on the Baseball team and a participant in the Relay for Life initiative. He plans on majoring in Computer Science and his college is undecided.

Christian Fiordelisi

“A strong family that supports me, teachers and coaches that helped mentor me, and also maintaining a balance between school and my social life.” - These are the foundations to Christian’s success. Christian has thrived on creating strong bonds and friendships that will last a lifetime, playing sports, and watching himself grow as a person. To name just a few of his accomplishments, he is team leader for The Young Leaders Foundation, Varsity Lacrosse Captain, and is a member of both the World Language and National Honor Societies. Christian is off to the United States Naval Academy where he will major in either Economics or Engineering.
Azucena Flores-Orellana

Azucena's success stems from being determined, dedicated to her work, and having high expectations of herself. She also credits her teachers' support in making her the person she is today. She has enjoyed participating in sports and clubs as well as traveling to New Orleans with Habitat for Humanity. Azucena's extracurricular involvement includes being a member of the Spring Track team and volunteering at the Huntington Hospital Junior Volunteer Program. Her intended major is Radiology and her college is undecided.

Heather Forster

What's the key to Heather's success? "Hard work and the support of my teachers, friends, and family. They've always pushed me to do my best, which has helped me reach my goals and receive good grades." Heather has enjoyed the people she has met throughout high school including coaches, teachers, schoolmates, and teammates. She has had a wealth of accomplishments over the past four years, some of which include Volleyball, Basketball, Lacrosse, and multiple honor societies. Heather will attend SUNY at Albany with a major in Advertising/Business.

Fiona Geier

Success has been attained with the help of her family, friends, and teachers. Fiona knows these individuals have inspired her to work hard and have shown her that determination and perseverance does pay off. Her highlights academically have been taking rigorous courses such as AP Biology, Honors Physics, Pre-calculus, and AP Calculus. She has also enjoyed being a part of the Spanish and National Honor Societies. Extracurricular involvement includes Varsity Lacrosse and Fencing for four years, Relay for Life, and the trip to Alabama for Habitat for Humanity. Fiona's major will be Biology and she plans on attending American University.

Hanna Murphy

Hanna, an AP Scholar, attributes her success to the combination of having supportive parents and the opportunities that were available to her throughout the Huntington district. During her high school years, Hanna has had the opportunity to travel abroad to Italy and Switzerland. Some of the highlights of her high school career are interning at Jack Abrams STEM, Tennis, Relay for Life, and being President of the Italian Honor Society. Hanna plans on studying Physics Education at the University of Delaware.

Ellaha Nadi

Ellaha's key to success is being able to stay positive in any situation with the help of her friends. Overall, Ellaha has enjoyed herself throughout her high school career; however, she had enjoyed it the most as a member of ETCETERA and Relay for Life. ETCETERA is not only what Ellaha has enjoyed most, but it is also the highlight of her school career. She attributes her involvement with ETCETERA to becoming a better writer and editor. While undecided as to which college she will attend, Ellaha would like to pursue a major in English.

Michael Nemaric

Getting involved with a great group of dedicated friends and his commitment to giving 100% in whatever he does are Michael's keys to success. Highlights of his high school experience start with friends he has made throughout the years, being a member of the Soccer and Tennis teams, building strong relationships with teachers, and traveling to Peru and Belize. Being the Historian for the Social Studies Honor Society for the past two consecutive years and winning the league in Tennis during his 10th grade year are some of Michael's noteworthy accomplishments, along with being a member of Habitat for Humanity and helping repair part of the Rockaways and Breezy Point. Although Michael is undecided on which college he will attend in the Fall, he does know that he would like to pursue a major in International Business.
Allie is proud of all of her hard work throughout high school and credits “doing my homework, studying for tests, participating in class, and working hard” for her success! Some of Allie’s main highlights are getting Pride Awards in Math and Science, becoming a Natural Helper, being part of the Tennis team, and being part of Key Club. She has enjoyed many different aspects of her high school career but the ones that stick out are having great teachers, creating and making new friends, and having great memories. Allie is still deciding on a college as well as a major, but we know she will be successful in whatever she does!

Jason attributes his success to the constant push from his family to excel and try and accomplish more than he thought he ever could. Jason has enjoyed making lifelong friends and creating great memories with friends and teachers alike. Some of the highlights of Jason’s high school career are winning championships with the Blue Devil Marching Band and becoming Vice President of the Spanish Honor Society. Jason hopes to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering at SUNY Farmingdale.

Motivation is the key to Hailey’s success. She believes this motivation comes from the support of her family, teachers, and friends. It has made her a better learner and enabled her to work hard to be successful. Hailey has enjoyed being involved in the student activities, especially Homecoming. Noteworthy accomplishments include President of the Drama Club and Vice President of her class. She has participated in Tennis in the fall and the Spring Musical. She plans on majoring in communications and attending the University of New Hampshire.

Samantha’s success revolves around not being afraid to ask questions and being able to manage her time. She has enjoyed being a member of the track team, planning the Relay for Life event, and building the homecoming float. Her highlights include, as a freshman, breaking the 4x200 school track record, being Treasurer of the National Honor Society, setting up the survivor’s dinner for Relay for Life, and getting a Pride Award in Physics. Her major is undecided and she will be attending either Elon University or University of Richmond.

Chris’s successes come from “engaging with my teachers—talking to them, going to extra help, and just becoming close with them has helped me tremendously.” This, coupled with creating bonds with friends and playing on the Golf and Baseball teams, has allowed Chris to make the most out of his four years of high school. Chris has many noteworthy accomplishments, some of which include Habitat for Humanity trips to New Orleans and Alabama, 5th place in 2014 League III Championship for Golf, and being a Natural Helper. Although Chris is unsure as to which college he will attend this fall, he knows that he will take on Finance/Economics.
Anna credits her supportive parents and encouraging teachers for her success. She has derived enjoyment from the friends she has made throughout high school and her trips to Paris, Normandy, and France. Art Honor Society and Habitat for Humanity are highlights of her extracurricular activities. While undecided as to which college she will attend, Anna would like to pursue a major in Business.

Hannah Grenier

Determination has been the key to Hannah's success. This has succeeded with the help of her family, teachers, and friends. Hannah has enjoyed making new friends, expanding her academic foundation, and embracing the diversity of the school. Noteworthy accomplishments include receiving numerous Pride Awards and consistently being on the Honor Roll. She is also a member of Key Club and the Italian Honor Society. She stays involved in her community by volunteering at the Newborn in Needs program. She will be majoring in Italian Studies and her college choice is currently undecided.

Timothy Gress

The key to Tim's success is organization, hard work, time management, and the ability to focus on the task at hand. Tim has enjoyed playing on different high school sports teams, making new friends, and having solid relationships with teachers. His extracurricular activities include being a member of the Cross Country, Baseball, and Winter Track teams. He is also a member of the National, Social Studies, and English Honor Societies. His major is undecided and he is either attending Manhattan College or CCNY.

John McKenna

Developing good study and work habits from an early point in his high school career has been the key to John's success; John also credits the hard work and dedication to learn, and participating in amazing events such as Relay for Life. He has also had some major accomplishments which include being part of Key Club, Orchestra, and National Honor Society. Undecided as to which college he would like to attend, John does know that he would like to major in Industrial Engineering.

Brandon Mendez

Brandon claims that the keys to his success are “an unrelenting drive to succeed. Every day my goal is to improve myself as a human being so I can be the best Brandon Mendez I can possibly be.” Brandon has been a huge asset to Huntington High School's Wrestling team over the past four years. He has been a five year Varsity Wrestler, holding a 127-37 career record, including 40-3 his senior year, and has taken 6th place at the NYS Championship. Throughout the past four years, Brandon has enjoyed working with great teachers and making great friends. Brandon is undecided on a college right now but he will take all of his great memories with him next year as he pursues a major in Mechanical Engineering.

Shane Meyers

"The key to my success has been my unparalleled work ethic, where I go out of my way to produce top quality work to meet all due dates." Shane has thoroughly enjoyed his career internship this year with Ms. Racz. He has helped 9th graders comprehend Common Core Accelerated Geometry. This has opened a potential door for a future in the education field for Shane. Some of his highlights and accomplishments include Varsity Tennis for the past two years and being Captain this year, and being involved in two public issue forums. Shane has not decided on a college he would like to attend but he knows that he would like to pursue a major in either History Education or Economics.
A successful future will most assuredly be Kenny’s. He has demonstrated a keen ability to balance academics with his extracurricular, athletic, and social pursuits. He is most proud of his All-County Basketball and Suffolk County League IV Basketball MVP award. Kenny has enjoyed the time he’s spent with his friends as well as his time on the Varsity Basketball team and managing the Varsity Soccer team. Kenny has chosen to study Communications and will be attending James Madison University in the Fall.

The key to Dan’s success: taking on challenges with tougher classes and more school work while creating a balance and having fun as well! Dan has enjoyed being involved in clubs and sports teams, which has also allowed him to develop lifelong friendships with other students and teachers. Dan has flourished here at Huntington. He influenced the foundation of our Mock Trial team and has also qualified for the New York State Championship swim meet. James Madison University is Dan’s school of choice where he plans to pursue a major in Business Management.

Shannon attributes her success to studying hard, challenging herself, and never giving up. That intrinsic motivation has been the driving force of her achievements. Shannon has really enjoyed meeting new people, making friends, joining clubs, and playing sports. The most meaningful accomplishments for Shannon are being President of Natural Helpers and volunteering at Tri CYA as a homework helper. Shannon’s work ethic and her quest for knowledge will undoubtedly lead to a highly successful future as she pursues a major in Education.

Being focused, organized, and working hard are what makes Scott successful. He always was one who accepted help and never took anything for granted. The support from his parents, teachers, and great friends have helped him be the person he is today. Scott’s highlights include being a member of the Soccer, Basketball, and Track and Field teams and was Captain of each of these teams. His extracurricular involvement includes being a part of Natural Helpers, which has shaped him for the better. He is majoring in Biology and is attending Bucknell University.

"Maintaining a balance between school work, extracurricular activities, family, and friends" - this is what Hillary says are the foundations to her success here at Huntington High School. Being an intern for the 3rd grade class at Southdown Primary School has been a major highlight for Hillary, along with winning the division championship in Varsity Tennis and developing great relationships with her classmates and teachers. Hillary has decided to double major in Mathematics and Elementary Education next year. Although we do not know which college Hillary will attend, we do know that any school would be lucky to have her.

The key to William’s success has been “working hard through the four years of my high school career while completing every task that was necessary for me to do in order to gain good grades and get into a good college.” William has, without a doubt, made the most of his four years at Huntington, especially by playing on the Baseball and Football teams, as well as writing articles for the school newspaper. His extracurricular highlights include Varsity Football, Varsity Baseball, and being a lab assistant. William will major in Journalism next year and is still deciding on which college to attend. We have no doubt that success will follow!
The motivation to work as efficiently as possible on all academic tasks has provided Zachary with success. Zachary has enjoyed having good teachers and having numerous classes to take, all ranging in difficulty. The most important noteworthy accomplishment, according to Zachary, is being a part of the Huntington Blue Devil Marching Band as well as winning the LS3 championship. Although Zachary is unsure where he will attend college next year, he does know that he will major in Aerospace Engineering.

Omotayo Ikuomenisan

Being organized, learning to manage her time wisely, and talking to her teachers or friends whenever she needed help have been critical to Omotayo. She has enjoyed the Science Research program, Homecoming, and the fashion shows. Omotayo has had many accomplishments, some of which include Long Island Student of the Year Award, Plainview Hospital volunteer, and Cold Spring Harbor Lab DNA Learning Center intern. Omotayo is still deciding on a college but has decided that she would like to be a Physician Assistant.

Lenni Joya-Amaya

The key to Lenni’s success is perseverance and his ability to recognize the importance of education in his future success. In the last four years in high school he has enjoyed his relationships with teachers and students, as well as helping students who are struggling academically. Lenni’s extracurricular activities include being President of the Spanish Honor Society, Treasurer of the Italian Honor Society, member of the National and English Honor Societies, member of the Year Book and Dispatch clubs, and intern at the DNA Learning Center. Lenni is eager to start the next chapter in his life and pursue a major in Italian, Spanish, ESL, and Linguistics.

Peter Magerle

Over the past four years, the key to Peter’s success, he says, has been his supportive family and friends who have pushed him to do his best, no matter what. Peter stands out in his dedication and hard work in the Science Research program at Huntington High School, earning his Eagle Scout ranking, and becoming Captain of the Volleyball team. He has enjoyed Homecoming weekends, the Science Research program, and Relay for Life. It is Ohio State University for Peter where he will take on Zoology.

Mackenzie Maloney

The support from her teachers, family, friends, and coaches are what Mackenzie feels has helped her reach her goals. Mackenzie has found enjoyment in participating in Relay for Life and Special Olympics. Mackenzie has accomplished a tremendous amount including Pride Awards, scholar athlete, and Natural Helpers. Determination and perseverance have sealed Mackenzie’s success in Huntington High School and will continue to follow her as she pursues a major in Elementary Education at Wells College.

Timothy Mattiace

Perseverance defines Timmy. He claims that his success can be directly attributed to “staying busy and keeping focused on my future. Everything that I want to achieve in my future started with good grades in high school.” Timmy takes pride in his continued determination throughout his four years at Huntington as well as being part of such an incredible community. Some of Timmy’s highlights include JV and Varsity Football and Lacrosse Captain, Chris Pettit Scholar Athlete, and Lacrosse Rookie of the Year. Timmy will take his success with him to Binghamton University where he will study Finance.
Olivia Lopez

Staying motivated is how Olivia defines success. She has enjoyed being involved in clubs like United Amigos and interning with her Latin teacher. Some of Olivia’s extracurricular highlights include going to Nationals for Highsteppers and being the President of the French and Latin Honor Societies. Currently she is undecided with her major and college, however, wherever her path takes her, it will undoubtedly be paved with success!

Justin LoTurco

Justin’s achievements come from “the determination to succeed, an overwhelming amount of support from my parents, and some friendly competition with my peers.” Justin has enjoyed being a part of the Varsity Golf team, building a Homecoming float each year, and trips to Belize and Peru. Justin has had many noteworthy accomplishments, some of which include co-founder of the drug prevention program “Just Like Me”, founder and Captain of the Mock Trial team, and President of the Math Honor Society. Duke University will welcome Justin this fall where he will take on either Economics or Mathematics.

Samantha Lynch

When asked about her key to success, Samantha credits “a constant desire to succeed academically and athletically, a love of learning, and unwavering support from my family.” She also looks forward to coming to school every day and being part of such a welcoming community. Samantha is proud to be a Blue Devil! Samantha has made her mark at Huntington, taking on roles such as the Vice President of National Honor Society, and Secretary of the Math Honor Society. She has also earned numerous Basketball, Soccer, and Lacrosse awards. Samantha has chosen Engineering as her college major. The University of Notre Dame awaits!

Ben Kaplan

What has been the key to Ben’s success? “Understanding my weaknesses in an attempt to turn them into strengths so I could become a better person”, he tells us. Ben has had many noteworthy accomplishments over the past four years. Some of these include being a third degree black belt in Jiu-Jitsu, being part of the Robotics team, and having a patent for a water filtration system. Computer Science, Engineering, or Informational Science will mark his major this Fall. Where he decides to enroll is undecided as of yet.

Jack Kitzen

“Never believe that success will bring you happiness. It is happiness that is the key to success”, says Jack. Jack has really enjoyed high school and finding out a little bit about himself through the people he has met, including friends and teachers. Jack has had many accomplishments over the past four years but the two that stick out in his mind are the Pride Award he received from Ms. Molenko and the dual language program that Jack has been involved in since 6th grade. This program, in Jack’s opinion, has helped shape who he is today. Certainly, the college of his choice will be delighted to have him this Fall where he will take on Creative Writing and Computer Science as his majors.

Sarah Kitzen

Sarah claims that success for her was generated by “always studying and trying my best in school. I also have a bunch of encouragement from my parents and older brothers.” As Sarah looks back on her years at Huntington, what stands out for her is learning and growing as a photographer alongside students who have the same interests as herself. Just to name a couple of Sarah’s noteworthy accomplishments, she is a member of the Art Honor Society and has gone on multiple trips for Habitat for Humanity builds. Although Sarah has not decided on which college she would like to attend yet, she does know that she would like to major in either Marine Biology or Early Childhood Education.
Unyielding determination and an exceptional work ethic, along with time management, goal visualization, and support from my family, friends, teachers, and coaches.” - these are what Caitlin says are the foundations to her success here at Huntington High School. Playing three varsity sports, Relay for Life, and learning from incredible teachers are just a few of the things Caitlin has enjoyed over the past four years. A few of Caitlin’s accomplishments have been Captain of Varsity Soccer and Varsity Basketball teams, Class of 2015 Recording Secretary, President of the Science National Honor Society, and being named Valedictorian. Caitlin has decided to major in either Environmental Science or Biology next year. Although we do not know which college Caitlin will attend, we do know that any school would be lucky to have her.

Organization, time management, perseverance, and involvement. With these key skills, I have been able to enjoy school, manage work, enjoy after school activities, and maintain my hobbies.” Some of the different aspects of high school that Thomas has enjoyed are Robotics Club, Science Research, and taking advantage of all key ideas taught in his Math and Science classes. Thomas has had many accomplishments over the past four years but just a few are being a part of multiple Honor Societies, completing his Eagle Scout project, and being involved in Key Club. Thomas plans to pursue a major in Mechanical Engineering in the Fall.

“Being true to myself and doing anything I do with full passion and determination!” That’s what Jillian will tell you in defining her success. Jillian has thoroughly enjoyed meeting new people and opening her mind to others opinions. Jillian is the Treasurer of the Art Honor Society. She also takes pride in winning an art competition in 10th grade as well as completing her 15th year of dance. Marist College welcomes Jillian this Fall where she will major in Fashion Merchandising.

Perseverance seems to define Patrick. He says that “high internal motivation, a good memory, and a high capacity for understanding concepts” is what has helped him to become a true “Distinguished Senior.” What were Patrick’s favorite parts of high school? Having a handful of very close friends, the Civil War Games, and the Drama Club. Over the past four years, Patrick has excelled in Varsity Tennis and AP classes. Patrick plans on majoring in either Mathematics or Education. Vassar College is where he will begin to pursue one of these exciting majors in the Fall.

Charlotte attributes her success to communicating with her teachers and staying motivated. Charlotte’s positive attitude has helped her be successful over the past four years. When it comes to her experiences over the last four years, what stands out for Charlotte is her Art classes, English classes, and seeing her old teachers in the hallway. Charlotte will take on a major in Illustration next year. Where she will do it is yet to be determined!