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Seniors'
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April 26, 2012



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"A Tradition of Excellence Since 1657"

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.

Live the life you have imagined."

—Henry David Thoreau

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

—Maya Angelou

About the Dinner

We are proud this evening to honor sixty-three members of Huntington High School's Class of 2012. Members of the School Board and Administration salute the young men and women who have distinguished themselves through their academic performance. It is with pride that we applaud their fine achievements and congratulate their families.

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

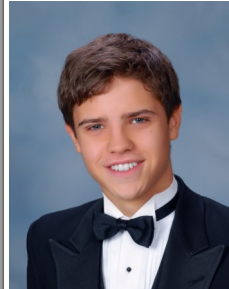
"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and diligence."

—Abigail Adams



Celine Takekoshi

Keeping busy both in and outside of school gave Celine the impetus to stay organized and manage her time efficiently. An avid Track and Field and Cross Country runner, Celine also enjoyed participating in the activities sponsored by the National English and Art Honor Societies, and the Key Club. The camaraderie of teammates, and positive support provided by close friends and coaches helped her achieve goals. She is proud of the school records she attained for Cross Country. Planning to pursue a science major, Celine is "California Dreamin'" as to where she will attend college.



Patrick Tuohey

Patrick credits his "amazing teachers, friend and family" for his success. He acknowledges that the Philosophy course he took in 11th grade kindled a new found interest in reading about philosophy and contemporary issues. Focused on his personal fitness goals and enjoying his reading, Patrick is eager to see where the world will take him next. SUNY New Paltz welcomes Patrick this fall where he will continue his quest for truth and peace.



Laura Zenzerovich

Dedication, late nights, and very supportive parents have been the keys to Laura's success. She has derived enjoyment from making friends, and finding out what she wants to do in life. Feature Editor of The Dispatch, and Vice-President of the Math Honor Society are highlights of her extracurricular activities at Huntington High School. Laura is heading to Cornell University as a Comparative Literature and Government major.



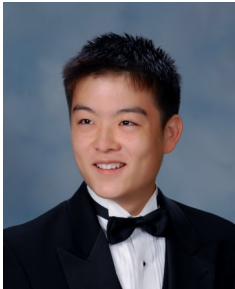
Joseph Straub

Joseph's own words distinguish him. "Do everything! Explore and the adventures and learning will follow." Joseph has enjoyed it all at Huntington High School. He credits everyone —teachers, administrators, buildings and grounds staff — as giving 110% to ensure enjoyable experiences for students. Bringing "Relay for Life" to the Huntington High School community (his second family), winning Best Homecoming Float two years in a row, and being a Natural Helper are of particular significance to Joseph. Off to either James Madison University or Penn State, Joseph's intended major is Integrated Science and Technology/Bioengineering.



Michael Sullivan

Michael has enjoyed his academic and athletic achievements and takes pride in his ability to balance the demands inherent in being accomplished in each arena. Competing in swimming "counties" and volleyball playoffs as captain of each of these respective teams is a highlight of Michael's extra-curricular activities. Michael cites his supportive parents and Coaches Smith and Mooney as essential to his success and the development of his character. While undecided as to which college he will intend, Michael plans to major in Business and/or Economics, with an eye on a career in law.



Jeffrey Sun

Curiosity and relationships with good friends propelled Jeffrey's enjoyment through his years at Huntington High School. Interested in a panoply of activities, both in and outside of school, Jeffrey reached the high notes when playing Varsity Tennis, being chosen All-State and attending pre-college at Manhattan School of Music. While undecided as to college and career, Jeffrey's inquiring mind will soak up the array of courses available in college.

Program

- Pledge of Allegiance.....Samantha Palmer**
President- Class of 2012
- WelcomeEmily Rogan**
President- Board of Education
- Introduction of
PTA PresidentsBari Fehrs**
President—PTA Council
- Introduction of
Principals.....Samantha Palmer**
President—Class of 2012
- Presentation of
Teacher AwardsDistinguished Seniors**
- Presentation of
Student AwardsDr. Carmela Leonardi**
Principal, Huntington High School



"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

—John Quincy Adams

Honored Teachers

Jefferson Primary

- Honored Teacher..... Ms. Eileen Wallace
- Student Presenters.....Brittanny Oliva & Phil Cadorette
- Principal..... Ms. Margaret Evers
- PTA Co-Presidents Ms. Toniann Mangan
- Ms. Lisa Santa-Maria

Washington Primary

- Honored Teacher..... Mr. Eric Mininni
- Student Presenters.....Lauren Boyce & Natika Shah
- Principal..... Ms. Marsha Neville
- PTA Co-Presidents Ms. Shari Harris
- Ms. Terry Moreno

Flower Hill Primary

- Honored Teacher..... Ms. Eva Liberti
- Student Presenter..... Marie Clifford
- Principal..... Mr. Marlon Small
- PTA Co-Presidents Ms. Susan Lyons
- Ms. Tracy Tucker

Southdown Primary

- Honored Teacher..... Ms. Kim Myers-Bender
- Student Presenters..... Tom Hardardt, Nicholas Maiaorelli &
..... Chris Napolitano
- Principal..... Ms. Michelle Marino
- PTA President Ms. Laura Cheshire



"Education is not filling a pail but the lighting of a fire."

-William Butler Yeats



Brittany Robinson-Smikle

Hard work and determination sealed Brittney’s academic success in Huntington High School. Brittney’s infectious smile and personality have drawn her close to a wide circle of friends. She has enjoyed learning about herself and her peers. Brittney acknowledges that participation in the National Honor Society, Natural Helpers, AWOD, Key Club, Highsteppers and the Track Team have fostered her personal striving and growth. Without a doubt, these attributes will accompany Brittney on her college journey and her pursuit of a nursing career.



Michelle Rosenbauer

Michelle tells us that the classes at Huntington High School have been great! Traveling to New Orleans on a “build” with Habitat for Humanity, joining Marching Band, and working to build a dynamic Key Club, highlight the significance of extra-curricular activities for Michelle. Friends, full of good humor and positive influence, have been crucial to Michelle’s success. Bidding farewell to Huntington High School, Michelle plans to pursue a major in Biology and double minor in Spanish and Russian.



Nitika Shah

Finding the secret ingredient to be able to balance schoolwork, extra-curricular activities, family, and personal relaxation has been the key to Nitika’s success. Relationships with friends, many extending since kindergarten, have provided support and enjoyment to Nitika. Among many extra-curricular activities, noteworthy accomplishments include Marching Band Drum Captain, French Honor Society Treasurer, and work as a fashion class intern. The latter is the first step on Nitika’s career ladder in Fashion Design and Illustration.



Samantha Palmer

A positive attitude and the high standards she sets for herself are what Samantha feels have helped her to reach her goals. Her participation in National History Day will certainly be a highlight for Samantha. Her many involvements, including Student Government, Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life and Field Hockey were chosen thoughtfully and balanced beautifully with her academics. These life skills will serve her well when she enters Northeastern University to study biology.



Matthew Petryk

Matthew attributes his success to his parents' and siblings' support and his teachers' patience in answering all his questions! That genuine intellectual curiosity and intrinsic motivation have been the driving forces of his achievements. Most meaningful for him is the in-depth learning that has taken place with regard to how the world works, as well as the friendships he has formed. Experiences that stand out for Matthew include conducting research at Brookhaven National Labs, playing cello in the Pit Orchestra for all four years and his participation in C.W. Post's Chamber Music Festival. His work ethic and his quest for knowledge will most assuredly lead to a highly successful future.



Andrew Phelan

"Work hard, play hard" has been AJ's motto throughout high school. His time management skills and determination have enabled him to do many things, and to do them all well. With many friends and extracurricular pursuits he has clearly shown himself to be a leader. Whether it is Student Government where he serves as Treasurer or Varsity Swimming, Key Club or World of Difference, he commands the respect of his peers and adults with a winning combination of personality, energy, and hard work. He will take those qualities with him to Boston University where he plans to study Operations Management.

Honored Teachers

Woodhull Intermediate

Honored Teacher Ms. Patrice Monks
Student Presenters Justin LoScalzo, Norman Gomez-Vasquez,
..... Jason Chisolm & Nicholas Maiaorelli
Principal Ms. Mary Stokkers
PTA President Ms. Julie LaBella

J.T. Finley Middle School

Honored Teacher Ms. Judyann Pazienza
Student Presenters Taylor Iwanicki, Natalie Acton,
..... Joseph Straub & Justin LoScalzo
Principal Mr. John Amato
PTA President Ms. Alice Marie Rorke

Huntington High School

Honored Teacher Ms. Lauren Desiderio
Student Presenters Brielle Blatt, Holly Blakley,
..... Justin LoScalzo & Samantha Palmer
Principal Dr. Carmela Leonardi
PTA President Ms. Marilyn Maggio



"The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind."

-Khalil Gibran

Class of 2012

Distinguished Seniors

Marc Acevedo
 Natalie Acton
 Jenny Asaro
 Olusegun Balogun
 Madison Biernacki
 Holly Blakley
 Brielle Blatt
 Fatima Bonilla
 Lauren Boyce
 Laurelle Byrne-Cody
 Philip Cadorette
 Brandon Campbell
 Sarah Cerezo
 Jason Chisolm
 Marie Clifford
 Danielle Cochrane
 Marie Coneys
 Cole Cook
 Juliana Coraor
 Kaja Coraor
 Rian Cruz
 Marie Stella Naima D'Ennery Dejoie
 Joseph Dillhoff
 Mark Drobnjak
 Bradley Dwyer
 Brandon Fiordelisi
 Holly Flores
 Jake Goldstein
 Norman Gomez-Vasquez
 Thomas Hardardt
 Kristin Hartmann
 Diana Harvey

Jose Hernandez Rodriguez
 Philip Hofsis
 Bianca Iarrobino
 Taylor Iwanicki
 Andrew Ku
 David Levin
 Esti Lodge
 Justin Loscalzo
 Teddy Lyons
 Nicolas Maiarelli
 Michael Marchetta
 Erik Marcinik
 Alexandra Martinolich
 John McCarthy
 Daniel McQuade
 Roxana Moreira
 Christopher Napolitano
 Brittany Oliva
 Alicia Ortiz
 Samantha Palmer
 Matthew Petryk
 Andrew Phelan
 Brittney Robinson-Smikle
 Michelle Rosenbauer
 Nitika Shah
 Joseph Straub
 Michael Sullivan
 Jeffrey Sun
 Celine Takekoshi
 Patrick Tuohey
 Laura Zenzerovich



Christopher Napolitano

A successful future will most assuredly be Christopher's. He has demonstrated a keen ability to balance academics with his extracurricular, community service and social pursuits. As he moves on to the University of Delaware to prepare for a career in biology, he will have many experiences etched in his memory. He is most proud of his work with Habitat for Humanity, building homes in New Orleans and Mobile, Alabama and his participation in National History Day Competition where he received local honors of first and second place.



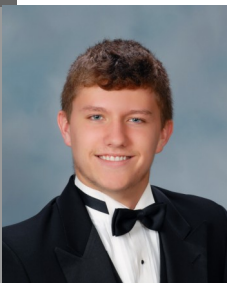
Brittany Oliva

Having her parents' support and pride is what Brittany feels motivates her to try her hardest in everything she does. Her most meaningful memories from high school are her participation in Habitat for Humanity and being Yearbook Editor, where she developed leadership skills and used her creative talents as well. While her college plans are not solidified yet, there is no doubt that she will be a welcome addition to the college of her choice, enriching that student body as she has done here.



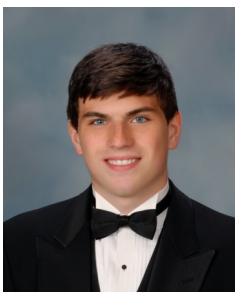
Alicia Ortiz

When Ali goes to college to study biology, she will take many highly developed skills such as organization, focus, discipline and time management. Although academics are priority one, her dedication to music is evidenced by her longstanding commitment to Marching Band, culminating in her selection as Field Major and Flute Section Leader. She has also participated in Pit Orchestra and Select Wind Ensemble. Other extracurricular activities include Habitat for Humanity and softball. She will take the cherished friendships she has formed here to the next phase of her journey where the new people whose lives she touches will be enriched as well.



John McCarthy

John is thrilled to be attending James Madison University this fall to pursue Environmental Science. His academic success comes from his “ability to problem solve and figure things out quite easily.” He has a passion for athletics, serving as a member of our high school’s Varsity Volleyball and Basketball teams, for which he’s received the Scholar Athlete Award several seasons in a row as well as All League and All County honors. These accomplishments, along with being a part of National Honor Society and Environmental Science Club, show John’s true sense of commitment and motivation. John will miss the people at Huntington but is ready to take on the next phase in his life!



Daniel McQuade

The key to Danny’s success lies in his determination to challenge and stretch himself while balancing the demands of his academics with sports and friends. Highlights of his high school career include being President of Science National Honor Society and his participation in Track and Field and Football. He carries all of these memories with him as he looks forward to studying engineering at the college of his choice.



Roxana Moreira

Roxana found her passion in computer graphics. Her talent and dedication have earned her recognition and awards within the high school and well beyond its walls, most notably the Long Island Scholar-Artist Award. She attributes her success in this area as well as her accomplishments in academics to her ability to stay focused on her goals and to choose friends wisely. She has set her sights on a career in biology.



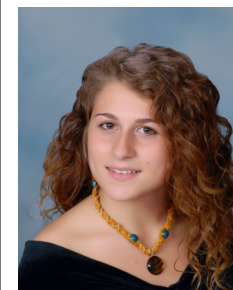
Marc Acevedo

To Marc success is the only option. He achieves this success by being disciplined and driving hard to accomplish his goals. Marc has enjoyed a memorable learning experience here at Huntington High School, surrounded by a solid group of friends. He is a member of the Science National Honor Society and has received two Pride Awards. Not only is Marc an academic, he is also very involved in his community, volunteering at Huntington Hospital, the Ambulatory Station and the Second Precinct. Marc researched many possible career paths. This fall, Marc will attend the University of Maryland where he will major in Neuroscience.



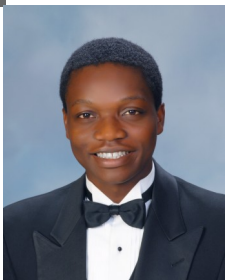
Natalie Acton

Natalie is proud of all of her hard work throughout high school and credits her supportive teachers, great classmates, sincere friends and her close “math family” for her success! Excelling academically to achieve mastery in a challenging curriculum of AP and Honors level courses, Natalie appreciates all of her teachers and she values the many people she has been fortunate enough to know through all of it. She will always remember her extracurricular activities, especially Natural Helpers, Varsity Volleyball and various Honors Societies, because of the lasting friendships she developed. Natalie will be attending Georgetown University where she plans on majoring in Business.



Jenny Asaro

Jenny’s key to success is perseverance. She has enjoyed attending and excelling in her art classes which include: Studio in Art, Fashion, Drawing and Painting and Portfolio Development. She has challenged herself with a variety of Honors and Advance Placement classes as well. The University of Tampa welcomes Jenny this fall where she will pursue her passion for art as she majors in Art Therapy.



Olusegun Balogun

Junior believes that budgeting his time and assessing his projects in terms of priority have made him successful. In high school he has enjoyed academics, athletics and the arts. Junior participated in various activities such as playing JV Soccer and Varsity Volleyball, singing A Cappella, and participating in the Talent Show, Art Show and two years of Music Idol. One of his noteworthy accomplishments is winning a scholarship for a drawing competition. Junior plans on majoring in Mechanical Engineering in college.



Madison Biernacki

Madison attributes her success to studying hard and challenging herself in class. She has enjoyed making a great group of friends and getting involved in both academics and athletics. Her extracurricular highlights include playing four years of Varsity Field Hockey and three years of Varsity Lacrosse, in addition to being Co-President of the National History Day Club. Madison will continue to be successful as she goes on to college in the fall to study Communications.



Holly Blakley

“Great teachers, supportive peers, time management and her math family” were the keys to Holly’s success here at the High School. She has enjoyed making new friends each year. Her extracurricular activities include working as Editor of Etcetera and playing in the Pit in the Marching Band. As a member of National Honor Society, Holly is participating on the committee for Relay for Life, an event which will raise money and awareness to battle cancer. Success will follow Holly as she attends Villanova University in the fall majoring in Biology.



Michael Marchetta

As Michael embarks on what promises to be a wonderful future, his passion for music and sports will undoubtedly continue to be integral parts of his life. He credits his mom’s constant motivation and his own determination for his successes thus far. As he prepares for a career in Mechanical Engineering at Lafayette College, Michael will take many memories with him, most clearly of music festivals and competitions and the Suffolk County Lacrosse Championships.



Erik Marcinik

As Erik looks back on his years at Huntington High School, what stands out for him are his teachers, their understanding and excellence as educators. His most significant memories are of National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and of his role as historical interpreter and researcher at Raynham Hall Museum in Oyster Bay. His love of history will take him to SUNY Geneseo this fall.



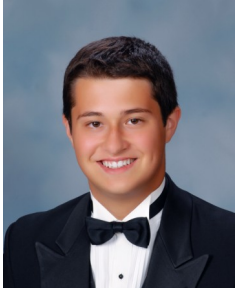
Alexandra Martinolich

“Staying occupied in activities I enjoy; joining sports teams, clubs and challenging classes kept me busy while doing the things I love,” figure large in Alexandra’s successful run here at Huntington High School. Managing the first K-Factor Talent Show, traveling to New Orleans with Habitat for Humanity and coordinating the upcoming Relay for Life are held in high regard by Alexandra as incredible opportunities to lead and learn. Although undecided in her college (either the Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College, Carnegie Mellon University or Binghamton University), Alexandra will double major in Biology and Fine Art.



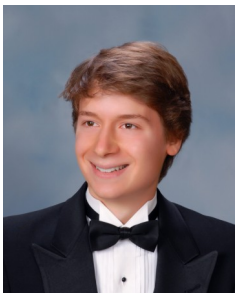
Justin LoScalzo

"I have been privileged to have had many exceptional teachers, family, and friends that have taught me not only academics and life lessons, but have provided me with encouragement and support when I needed it." We certainly know that it is a pleasure to encourage this exceptional young man, as he is our 2012 Class Salutatorian. His past credits include President of NHD Club and Drum Major of the Marching Band. Justin has enjoyed being in the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Pit Orchestra as well as playing for various sports teams. This well-rounded scholar is an active member of National Honor Society, as well as the Math, English, Tri-M, Science and Spanish Honor Societies. Justin is undecided as to a college but he will major in Political Science and Economics.



Teddy Lyons

Teddy attributes his high school success to "the persistence of my teachers forcing me to work hard and crave success." His acceptance into the English, Spanish, and National Honor Societies shows that Teddy's hard work and craving for success have clearly paid off! The rigor of various classrooms and his pleasure in making new friends are some things that Teddy will take with him in the fall. He plans to attend Boston College as a Business major.



Nicolas Maiarelli

His spirit of adventure and ability to step outside his comfort zone led Nicolas to an amazing junior year in France through the School Year Abroad program. A very mature young man with the highest of standards for himself, Nicolas will undoubtedly find himself on a road paved with success when he leaves Huntington High School.



Brielle Blatt

Brielle defines her success by being able to stay motivated and maintaining a strong academic drive by utilizing the resources available to her. Noteworthy accomplishments include placing first at the State level in the National History Day Competition and advancing to the National Finals. Brielle is an involved scholar, actively participating in several Honor Societies, Student Government, and Field Hockey. Voted "Most Theatrical" by her classmates, this talented student cites the Drama Club as the highlight of her high school career. Brielle has enjoyed working with the cast as Dance Captain and will miss performing in the musical each spring. Certainly, the college of her choice will be delighted to have such an enthusiastic freshman this fall!



Fatima Bonilla

Fatima believes a strong education is the pathway to reach financial stability. This stability and success will not only help her provide for her family, but enable her to have a meaningful impact on society. She has enjoyed making connections with her teachers and building solid relationships with her friends. Her significant achievements include being inducted into National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Italian Honor Society. A recipient of a Pride Award for Italian, this dedicated student is also involved in many clubs and school activities. Fatima will continue on her successful path as she attends Hunter College and majors in Biology this fall.



Lauren Boyce

For Lauren, success is achieved by setting personal goals and accomplishing them through determination and follow through. She's used this formula for success in everything she has done here. Lauren is Co-President of AWOD and GrandFriends, Secretary of Math Honor Society and GSA, and Recycling Coordinator of the Science National Honor Society. She has enjoyed participating in these activities and meeting new people along the way. This accomplished senior looks forward to meeting her next goal of majoring in Communication Science and Disorders at either Ohio State or James Madison University.



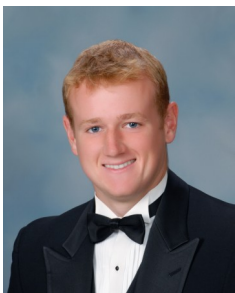
Laurelle Byrne-Cody

Laurelle's key to success has been "maintaining a balance between school, sports and other extracurricular activities." This balance has enabled her to accomplish many of her goals in the classroom, on the field and in her activities. She obtained a high level of academic achievement and is a role model to others. Laurelle has been enriched by many of her classes but her favorite is Social Studies. Out of the classroom, she's enjoyed participating in sports, especially Softball. Receiving awards in sports has shown her that with hard work comes success. She plans on majoring in Economics/Political Science in college.



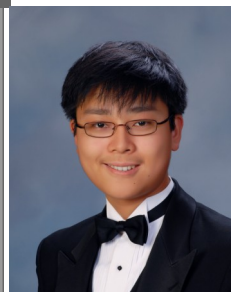
Philip Cadorette

Philip's competitive and hard working nature has been key to his success. He pushes himself each day to be the best he can be. Philip has truly enjoyed his circle of friends and he is grateful for the contacts and lifelong relationships he has made with them as well as with his teachers. His many notable accomplishments include taking challenging Honors and AP courses, travelling to New Orleans with Habitat for Humanity, and receiving the Scholar Athlete Award. This fall Philip will put his best foot forward as he attends Babson College and majors in Business-Entrepreneurship.



Brandon Campbell

According to Brandon, success is accomplished by "being conscientious, working hard, moving past hard times and enjoying every day." He is a determined individual who never lets anything affect his easy going personality or the way he goes about doing things. It's no wonder that Brandon received the Steve Henry Football Award and recognition as a Scholar Athlete for extreme loyalty, hard work and individual leadership. What has he enjoyed the most during his high school career? Participating in Varsity Football and Varsity Baseball and making new friends.



Andrew Ku

The key to success for Andrew is "curiosity, a thirst for knowledge, and the dedication and support of my teachers." You cannot argue with his success. He is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, has received a Long Island Scholar Artist Award, has achieved NYSSMA All-State, and is part of the "Partners for the Future" program. He is also an extremely talented cellist. Andrew has enjoyed being with, learning from, and having fun with his esteemed teachers and fellow classmates. Andrew is undecided in terms of his major and his college choice. What we do know is that success will follow him.



David Levin

An eagerness to learn has provided David with success at Huntington High School. His favorite classes have included the sciences as well as math courses. Some of David highlights throughout his four years include being a part of Playfest, Dispatch, and attending camp at USDAN. David is off to SUNY Stony Brook this fall to pursue a major in Computer Science.



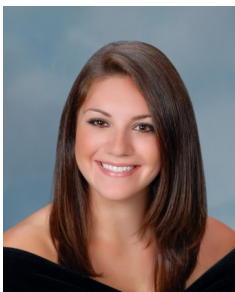
Esti Lodge

Esti attributes her success to working hard, paying attention in class, and asking questions. These qualities have allowed her to flourish over the past four years. Esti has greatly enjoyed her time here and has especially taken pleasure in meeting new people. She takes pride in being able to be a part of the Highsteppers and to represent Huntington High School in competitions. Esti has decided to take a gap year to participate in the Native program in Israel where she will study and volunteer. We know that she will continue to thrive in whatever she does.



Philip Hofsiss

P.J. attributes his success to his great teachers and their help and guidance, as well as hard work. His experiences in several of his classes and different activities, such as dances and Battle of the Classes are his most memorable highlights at Huntington High School. Of course, we can't forget some of P.J.'s noteworthy accomplishments, which include receiving several Pride Awards, becoming the captain on both the Tennis and Soccer teams, and becoming a Distinguished Senior. P.J. has chosen to study Pre-Law in the fall and is currently undecided on a college choice.



Bianca Iarrobino

"Never forgetting what I am trying to accomplish and having a good mindset has kept me on top of my work." This is what Bianca says are the foundations to her success here at Huntington High School. Some of the highlights in Bianca's high school career have been involving herself in activities that allow her to meet new people and gain valuable experiences. Highsteppers and Marching Band are just a couple of Bianca's activities that support this. She's off to New York University to major in Journalism. Her determination and motivation to do well will follow her.



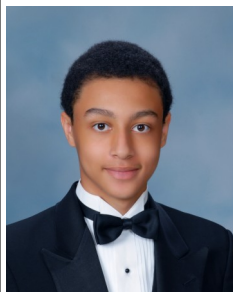
Taylor Iwanicki

Taylor credits her "strong work ethic as well as dedication to her school work" as to why she's had an endless amount of success over the past four years. Taylor enjoyed her overall experience of creating relationships with teachers, peers, and other faculty members. Peer Mediation and Natural Helpers are two big highlights for Taylor, as well as participating in Orchestra. Taylor will be attending University of South Carolina in the fall where she plans to pursue a major in Mathematics.



Sarah Cerezo

Art is an integral part of Sarah's life and she is grateful for the sheer variety of art classes she has been able to enjoy such as Ceramic Sculpture, Studio in Art, and Drawing and Painting. Citing the support from her family and friends as the foundation for her success, Sarah has excelled in these classes as well as the myriad of AP and Honor classes that round out her coursework. Other memories that Sarah values revolve around her participation in Color Guard and Math and French Honor Societies. Sarah will pursue her zeal for art as she attends SUNY New Paltz this fall as an Art Education major.



Jason Chisolm

When asked about his key to success, Jason credits "always setting long term goals and constantly working hard to attain these goals." He also gives recognition to Huntington High School's research and art programs for providing him with solid competition experience on both a theoretical and practical level. It seems fitting that Jason has chosen Neuroscience as his college major. This Early Decision applicant will attend Vanderbilt University in the fall.



Marie Clifford

Marie's 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! Probably best known as one of Huntington's most talented musicians (French horn, mellophone, and bassoon) and competitive athletes (fencing), Marie has a love for history, American history to be precise. In fact, she had the unique opportunity to participate in Ms. Obama's inaugural gown dedication ceremony at the Smithsonian Institute and it was this experience that solidified her college major. Marie was even asked to write an article that was placed on the White House blog! The University of Mary Washington will be lucky to receive Marie in the fall.



Danielle Cochrane

Danielle claims that success for her was generated by “setting high goals and then remembering that the little things I do today will get me that much closer to the bigger things tomorrow.” Being the Varsity Lacrosse team captain and an officer of Student Government are two of Danielle’s noteworthy accomplishments to go along with being President of the French Honor Society. Some highlights of Danielle’s high school career were being a part of the Marching Band, Lacrosse team, and building homecoming floats. Danielle has chosen Political Science as her college major and will pursue this major at Washington and Jefferson College in the Fall.



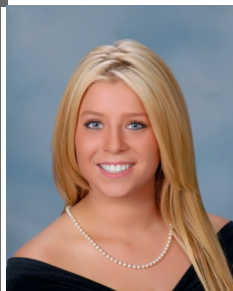
Marie Coneys

Marie is the kind of student who takes the lead without being asked to do so. Her appreciation for diversity, strong moral compass and inner strength truly set her apart from the average teen. This five time Best-in-Show recipient at the Long Island Media Arts Show has truly enjoyed the art and history courses she’s taken here at Huntington and traveling to the places she’s learned about including Italy, Greece, Turkey and Peru. Marie will pursue a graphic design major on a four-year full scholarship at Hunter College via the Muse Scholars Honors Program.



Cole Cook

Cole is a mature, hard working young man who will attend either Penn State or Ohio State majoring in Finance. With an unmatched work ethic and the support of his family and friends, Cole has excelled academically and has taken advantage of the many extracurricular activities Huntington has to offer, including the Science Olympiad, Habitat for Humanity, and the English and Science Honor Societies.



Kristin Hartmann

Kristin claims that success for her was generated by “maintaining balance between my school work, extracurricular activities, family and friends.” What was meaningful to Kristin at Huntington High School? She loved belonging to clubs, especially Habitat for Humanity and Yearbook. Kristin’s high school highlights include serving as Senior Editor for the Yearbook, going to New Orleans to help build houses, and being on the Varsity Tennis and Softball teams. Kristin is currently deciding between University of New Hampshire and High Point University. Her strong work ethics will follow wherever she goes!



Diana Harvey

Diana states, “great relationships between my classmates and my teachers have allowed me to get the most out of my educational experience.” Diana is a young woman of integrity and character, which shows in the various clubs and teams that she is a part of. Diana has greatly enjoyed participating in and being the Captain for the Varsity Swimming and Lacrosse teams. She takes pride in Huntington High School and is grateful for the support from her teachers over the past four years. Washington and Jefferson College welcomes Diana as a Civil Engineering/Architecture major this fall.



Jose Hernandez Rodriguez

Jose’s successes were enhanced by the friends and family who have encouraged him to reach his goals. He states that a commitment to hard work and never giving up are extremely important factors to his achievements in high school. Most importantly, as a second language learner, Jose is very proud of his heritage, and the recognition he received through the Hispanic Heritage Student Recognition Award. Other noteworthy accomplishments include induction into National Honor and Spanish Honor Societies. Jose is planning to attend Suffolk Community College in the fall where he will enhance the student culture with his charisma, grace and enthusiasm.



Jake Goldstein

Yale University will welcome Jake this fall where he will pursue a major in Economics as well as continue his passion for swimming. Looking back on his four years at Huntington, what he really enjoyed most was the opportunity to learn about various topics offered in the high school curriculum. Jake recently earned All-State swimming honors for the third consecutive season as well as achieved three All-State performances. He is also a member of the National Honor Society. How does he do it? "Staying true to who I am and always taking into consideration the advice of those who have my best interest" are his keys!



Norman Gomez-Vasquez

Norman relishes with pride his experiences as a two-sport varsity athlete (swimming and soccer). "Both of these sports played a big role in my high school career. They have been like part of my family." What's Norman's key to success? Always studying and having his assignments done ahead of time. "This gives me more free time to do extracurricular activities," he says. By attaining this wonderful attribute, Norman has flourished. He wishes to thank his teachers for being so understanding and helping to give him a great high school experience. While Norman is still deciding on which college he would like to attend, he does want to pursue a major in Accounting.



Thomas Hardardt

Hard work and determination seem defined by Thomas. "I have challenged myself by choosing a rigorous schedule of advanced level courses to help me reach my goals." And Thomas *has* reached his goals, to say the least. He has exemplified perseverance not only through academics, but extracurricular activities as well. Thomas is the Treasurer of the Math Honor Society, has achieved an All-County Academic Award for Varsity Volleyball, and has received an AP Scholar with Honors Award. He has also achieved high honor roll every quarter since 9th grade. Thomas is undecided as to where he would like to attend college but he would like to pursue Biology as a major.



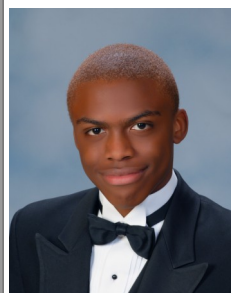
Juliana Coraor

"The reason why I have done so well is that I have a passion for learning and knowledge. Furthermore, I have parents and teachers who have recognized that drive for knowledge and have supported it." That's Juli, and this 2012 Intel Science Talent Search finalist will double major in Physics and Chemistry. Juli leads the graduation processional this June as Valedictorian of the Class of 2012 before leaving for either the University of Chicago or Yale University in the fall.



Kaja Coraor

Kaja is a student who is full of insight, confidence and enthusiasm, each characteristic exuded brilliantly with a humble and modest nature. Her peaceful disposition in conjunction with her academic and athletic prowess renders her a force to be reckoned with for she can multitask and excel with ease. This National Merit Finalist is also a white water slalom two time national champion! Kaja will pursue Economics and Mathematical Decision Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



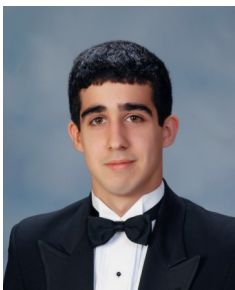
Rian Cruz

Ambition! That's what Rian will tell you in defining success. With a desire to better himself, Rian thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to take a variety of classes that helped him to learn more about his culture, including African American Politics-one of his favorites. Hofstra University welcomes Rian this fall where he will major in Biology and eventually pursue medical school.



Marie Stella Naima D'Ennery Dejoie

Naima is an independent learner who is willing to think outside the box. Her genuine persistence and joy for life is admired by her peers and teachers alike. Each year she met the challenges of her course work with success and took advantage of the many opportunities these provided, including developing great friends here at Huntington High School. Naima is a member of AWOD and Grandfriends, and was awarded the Suffolk County Chief Executive Achievement Award. She has been accepted to Columbia University and will major in Psychology.



Joseph Dillhoff

“The key to my success has been my desire to work to the best of my ability. I feel there is no reason to complete work unless you give 100%, otherwise you are only depriving yourself of your talent.” Well said, Joey. And to give credit, “I’m positive I inherited this tremendous work ethic from my mother, who works hard on a daily basis.” Joey’s ability to stay focused coupled with a solid work ethic allowed him to accomplish all of his goals during his high school career. This varsity baseball player will attend SUNY New Paltz in the fall where he will pursue a Business major.



Mark Drobnjak

Mark is honored to be recognized as a Distinguished Senior. This intelligent young man acknowledges his hard work and perseverance as pivotal to his academic success. He has enjoyed learning among his peers here at Huntington High School. Mark will continue his advanced educational journey at SUNY Stony Brook this fall where he plans to major in Computer Science.



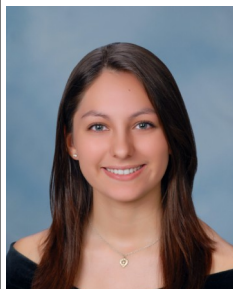
Bradley Dwyer

Brad is a double-threat kind of guy. Induction into the National Honor Society and being a part of three varsity sports teams make for a young man to be reckoned with. He credits taking high school one assignment at a time and not becoming overwhelmed by his success. Brad states that he has thoroughly enjoyed the athletics and extracurricular activities with his friends. Syracuse University welcomes Brad this fall where he will pursue a major in Political Science.



Brandon Fiordelisi

Brandon states “time management skills, organizational skills, and prioritizing properly are the keys to my success.” He would also like to thank his parents, who have been a huge support system. Brandon has had many notable accomplishments over the past four years, including congressional and senatorial nominations to the U.S. Naval Academy, being honored as a National Football Foundation Top Scholar Athlete, voted to Board of Directors of Tri-CYA Youth Agency, and receiving a full four-year NROTC Scholarship. Brandon plans on majoring in Engineering and will attend SUNY Maritime in the fall.



Holly Flores

Holly’s enthusiasm and zest for life have positively affected the student body of Huntington. Holly says “the encouragement and resources given to me are the keys to my success. I had the interest but could not have gone anywhere without the opportunities presented to me and the faith others have had in not only me, but in my potential.” Some of Holly’s highlights over the past four years? She is a 2011 Siemens Regional Finalist, 2010 Siemens Semi-Finalist, Lieutenant Governor for Key Club, and has placed 1st in over five regional science fairs. It is no surprise that Holly will pursue a major in Cell Biology. Where is yet to be decided.