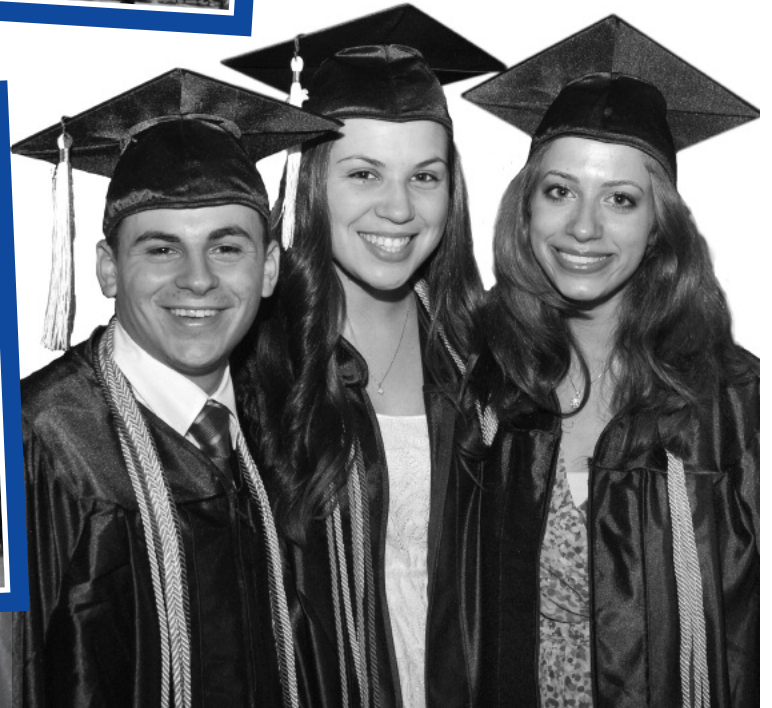


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Congratulations, Class of 2013!



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Superintendent's Message



The Class of 2013 will always hold a special place in my heart, as these students were my first Plainview-Old Bethpage graduating class. On behalf of the Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff, I extend my sincere congratulations to the 403 impressive young men and women who are leaving us. They have made significant

achievements on their pathway to what I believe will be distinguished post-graduate experiences. Graduates, you have had an outstanding impact on your community and your district. There is no doubt that you are prepared to handle the next leg of your academic journey and will return to us with astounding stories of accomplishments. The overall character and energy I have seen demonstrated here at Plainview-Old Bethpage makes me ever so proud to be your superintendent, and I know that it delights your parents and teachers as well.

Before the graduation ceremony, I had the opportunity to speak with many of your current and former teachers. Several of them mentioned the countless demonstrations of strength of character coming from the Class of 2013 over the years. You were a class that put your heart and soul into every task you pursued. Whether helping a classmate or a neighbor in need, you have shown that you have the compassion and fortitude that will carry you through your transition to adulthood.

This year we established the theme *Moving Forward Together*, and it has truly resonated within the halls of each building. We have seen our students win national academic

competitions, curate their own museums, produce award winning magazines and newspapers, perform plays that rival Broadway productions and receive acknowledgement for their performances in athletics and the arts. Our POBOTS, Moot Court and DECA clubs have put POB on the map for their stellar performances, meeting and exceeding all expectations made at the beginning of the school year. It is my hope that both the graduates and continuing students will carry this tradition with them as they move into their bright futures.

I would like to thank our wonderfully supportive parents, as well as our community members for their continued support of our schools. With this level of support, the future of the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District is guaranteed to successfully prepare students for their 21st century world challenges.

I hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable vacation. I look forward to working with you on the challenges and opportunities ahead for the coming school year. Our collective efforts will yield bountiful rewards for our students and community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lorna R. Lewis

Dr. Lorna Lewis
Superintendent of Schools

At the Head of the Class

Valedictorian Adrian Kim



Adrian Kim is the valedictorian of Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School's Class of 2013. With a weighted GPA of 101.751, Adrian distinguished herself in all of her academic and extracurricular pursuits. She was the Co-President of the National Honor Society and the Art Club, and she is already a published microbiologist.

Her skill in academia was perhaps matched only by her talent in art; she was the recipient of the prestigious Long Island Scholar-Artist award. With a curious and active mind befitting an artist, Adrian plans to continue her education in the research field, specializing in the study of disease, virology and bacteriology. She will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall.

Salutatorian Chelsea Giller



With a weighted GPA of 101.710, Chelsea Giller is the Class of 2013 salutatorian for Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School. A resolute and hardworking student, Chelsea excelled in both academic and athletic pursuits. She held leadership positions in the National Honor Society and the French, Science and Art Honor

Societies. Chelsea was constantly pushing herself; she took the highest courses available to her every year of high school. Her determination extended beyond the classroom and onto the tennis court, where she was an important member of the varsity tennis team. Chelsea will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall, where she plans to major in engineering.

Where Do We Go From Here?

Plainview-Old Bethpage High School graduates will pursue higher education at these colleges and universities across the country:

Adelphi — 7yr NYU College
of Dentistry
Adelphi University
Alfred University
American University
Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
California State Polytechnic University
California University of Pennsylvania
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
The Citadel
Colgate University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
CUNY Baruch
CUNY City College
CUNY John Jay College
CUNY Macaulay Honors
CUNY Queens College
CUNY Queensborough
Community College
Curry College
Dartmouth College
Drexel University
Eastern Michigan University
Elon University
Emory University
Five Towns College
Florida Institute of Technology
Franklin & Marshall College
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Hofstra University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana University
Iona College
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Lehigh University
LIM College
LIU Post
Manhattanville College
Maryland Institute College Of Art
Marymount Manhattan College

McGill University
Miami University — Oxford
Michigan State University
Molloy College
Nassau Community College
New York University
Northeastern University
Ocean County College
Ohio State University
Pace University — NYC
Paul Mitchell Beauty School
Pennsylvania College Of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rider University
Rochester Institute of Technology
St. John's University
SUNY Albany
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY Buffalo State
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Delhi
SUNY Empire State
SUNY Farmingdale
SUNY FIT
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY IT
SUNY Maritime
SUNY Mohawk Valley C.C.
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Old Westbury
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Potsdam
SUNY Purchase
SUNY Stony Brook
SUNY Suffolk
Community College
SUNY Tompkins Cortland
Community College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Touro College
Towson University
Tufts University
Tulane University
UMass Amherst
Union College

United States Naval Academy
University of California — Berkeley
University of California — San Diego
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hartford
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina —
Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Texas — Austin
University of the Arts
University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Washington University of St. Louis
West Virginia University
Yale University



Community Scholarships

Office of the NYS Attorney General Triple “C” Award

Brooke Holman
Amelia Ricketts

Office of the NYS Comptroller Achievement Award

Joanna Oh

Senator Kemp Hannon Citizenship Advancement Award

Erin Gross

Office of the County Executive Community Service & Academic Excellence Award

Jamie Bernstein

Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos Achievement Award

Daryl Simon

Nassau County Legislature Citation – Community Service

Danielle Apfel

United States Marine Corps – Scholastic Excellence Award

Adrian Kim
Kenta Kondo

United States Marine Corps – Distinguished Athlete Award

Maria Chrysanthem
Carter O’Leary

United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence

Jason Cohen
Nicole Davidson

Jordan Abramowitz Memorial Scholarship

David Weinblatt

Brian Harley Assa Memorial Scholarship

Daniel Brennan
Danielle Ragin
Chelsea Silberglied

Baha’i Award for Race Unity

Joanna Oh

Janet Baumgarten Memorial

Dana Schechner

Leonard & Miriam Berkowitz Memorial

Joanna Eagle
Kenta Kondo
Joshua Young

Paul Rubin Memorial

Joshua Young

Brooke Zimmerman Memorial

Janne Barrow
Hayley Glassman

Class of ’71 Unity Scholarship

Brenna Ferney
Chelsea Giller

Concerned Citizens of the Plainview- Old Bethpage Community, Inc.

Heather Fitzpatrick

Harlean Cort Memorial

Chelsea Giller

Crestwood Country Day School

Joshua Fried

The Dr. Scott DeMel Memorial Scholarship

Robert Brachman

Michael Eichenbaum Memorial Lacrosse Scholarship

Christopher Pastier

Kristian Rocks! Kristian J. Espenas Scholarship

Nicole Davidson

Jonny Feinstein Memorial

Matthew China

Philip Ferris Memorial

Vanessa Bak

Ruth Gaipman Memorial

Allen Saltzman

The Hal Goldman Memorial

Fiona Chow

Trio Hardware

Chelsea Silberglied

Mildred Hartman Award for Outstanding Creative Thinking in Math

Natalie Borowski

Jason Kaplan Memorial

Vanessa Bak

Mark Koehler Scholarship

Amelia Ricketts

Long Island Blood Services Scholarships

Natalie Borowski
Danielle Ragin

Jeffrey Miller Memorial

Danielle Ragin

Margaret Montgomery Special Education Award

Jessica Kalish

Music Association of Plainview-Old Bethpage

Band Award

Nicole Davidson

Chorus Award

Marissa Grill

Orchestra Award

Susana Kwon

Continuing Music Study in College

Brittney Warner

Community Service

James Shamul

Richard Hague Four Year Music Award

Susana Kwon

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Nicole Davidson
Katherine Park
Alexa Di Gregorio
Alyson Sheehan
Corina Kim
Brittney Warner
Susana Kwon
Jonathan Wasserman
Jamie Lander

**NEFCU – Making a Difference
High School Scholarship**

Erin Gross

**North Shore University
Hospital at Plainview
Nursing Scholarship**

Jaime Russolese

**North Shore University
Hospital at Plainview
Medical Scholarship**

Jamie Klein

**Francis L. Phillips P.E.
Engineering Scholarship**

Chelsea Giller
Chelsea Silberglied

**Plainview Baseball
Association Scholarship**

Jared Bursky
Corey Hecht
Matthew DeGennaro
Louis Parnes
Jessica Doremus
Chelsea Silberglied
Spencer Hartglass

Plainview-Bethpage Lions Club

David Weinblatt

Plainview Diner Award

Nicole Guarasci
Hahney Yo

**Plainview-Old Bethpage
Chamber of Commerce
& Astoria Federal Bank**

Hahney Yo

**Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK
High School PTA Scholarship**

Jamie Bernstein
Danielle Ragin
Natalie Borowski
Amelia Ricketts
Alexandra Karul
James Shamul
Zachary Kerman
Chelsea Silberglied
Mai Kobayashi
David Weinblatt
Susana Kwon
Joshua Young

**Plainview-Old Bethpage
Senior Citizen Club**

Katherine Park
Jennifer Wang

**Plainview-Old Bethpage
Soccer Club**

Jacob Dinhofer
Patrick Montes
Rachel Geyer
Danielle Ragin

**Plainview Unit of the
Nassau County Police
Activity League (PAL)**

Maxwell Bettan
Adam Kaufman
Daniel Brennan
Matthew Kolmer
Jared Bursky
Shane Lenahan
Matthew DeGennaro
Louis Parnes
Jessica Doremus
Christopher Pastier
Nicholas Fasano
Jordan Rosenberg
Heather Fitzpatrick
Jeffrey Wang
Emily Horenstein

Steve Pollicino Memorial

Amanda Kenigsberg
Shane Lenahan

Rae Saltzman Scholarship

Joshua Fried
Chelsea Silberglied
Chelsea Giller
Jennifer C. Wang
Zachary Kerman
Hahney Yo
Danielle Ragin

**R.A.G.E. – Residents Against
Garbage Expansion**

Gregory Friedrich
Danielle Ragin

**SEPTA Scholarship Awards
*Prospective Education Award***

Samuel Ambrosio
Courtney Greenfader

Rising Star Award

Christopher Berger
Max Siegel

***Most Improved & Exceptional
Effort Award***

Dori Gronich
Melisa Zorer

Volunteerism/Community Service Award

Zachary Kerman

PAL/SEPTA Award

Benjamin Weiss

Benjamin W. Sofe Memorial

Evan Tirsun

Spencer Cares Scholarship

Natalie Borowski
Kenta Kondo
David Weinblatt

Swimmer-Scholar Award

Jacob Alexander

Howard Weinstock Memorial

Jessica Doremus

Nancy Weisenfeld Memorial

Jenna Zinn

Harold Yacker Memorial

Alec Abramowitz
Satwinder Sehjal

**2013 International DECA Scholarship
(PepsiCo Scholarship)**

Jamie Bernstein

What's Happening in Our Schools

K-Center Students Read Classic Children's Books

Dr. Seuss, Mo Williams and Doreen Cronin are some of the most beloved children's writers, and the children at the **Kindergarten Center** had the opportunity to study them throughout the year. Under the direction of K-Center librarian Carolyn Pedersen, children learned about Dr. Seuss' biography, worked with the SMART Board to learn rhyming words, and designed their own hats based on *The Cat in the Hat*. Classes also created their own books starring Mo Williams' famous character Pigeon, and read various Doreen Cronin books while discussing the differences between fiction and nonfiction literature. The lesson was a fun way to incorporate ELA Common Core Standards, all the while giving children exposure to great writers.



Student Writing Celebrated at Old Bethpage

As students move from the early grades through high school, their writing skills will become increasingly important.

Old Bethpage Elementary School teachers work hard to instill appreciation for good writing as children develop their skills.



Therefore, it is essential to teach an aptitude and respect for writing at a young age. Old Bethpage recently celebrated its student writers by hosting a literary event in the school's library. Students read aloud their own articles to an audience of parents and teachers. This memorable occasion reinforced important topics, including the habits of selecting an idea, drafting and revision, working with peers, and celebrating the written word. The children read one student's work, titled *TEAriffic*, while they hosted a tea. Some third grade classes shared their personal stories in a collective work titled *Our Narratives Have Taken Flight*. Second graders reviewed different genres, including published poetry, letters and nonfiction pieces, and first grade students worked on creating characters in their fictional stories. Congratulations to these student writers for working hard to develop their skills and having the courage to share their work.

Parkway Students Learn About Whales and Sharks

Whales and sharks are two majestic animals that have fascinated children and adults for decades. Second graders at **Parkway Elementary School** had the opportunity to learn more about these animals in a collaborative project with their teacher Ms. Wilgard and librarian Ms. Dennis. The students' assignment was to compare the characteristics of each animal and discover whether they were alike or different. Independently, each child researched either a shark or a whale, wrote a paper and created a web to show facts about the animals. After their research was completed, the students came back together to compare their findings. The lesson was a fun way for students to learn more about the captivating animals, while also practicing the important research skills they will put to use as they move up in their education.



Pasadena Students Battle the Common Cold

Scientists may not have yet found a cure for the common cold, but students at **Pasadena Elementary School** are doing their part to keep it from spreading. For the second straight year, Hofstra Medical School students visited Pasadena second graders to teach them the importance of washing hands and good hygiene. The medical students gave a SMART Board presentation on germs and where they hide out. They used a special lotion and a flashlight to show the children the germs on their own hands — a display that no doubt reinforced the need to wash hands thoroughly. The lecture ended with a detailed account of how surgeons scrub up for surgery. Thank you to the Hofstra Medical students for their informative presentation.

Annual Beautification Day Continues at Stratford Road

On June 4, students and staff at **Stratford Road Elementary School** gathered for the school's 5th Annual Beautification Day. Students in every grade created projects to dedicate to the school as a way to honor their time at Stratford Road. First graders each painted a rock and added it to the Stratford Road rock garden, and second and third graders planted annuals in the flower beds under the cherry trees in the courtyard. Fourth graders continued the tradition of painting and signing stepping stones and adding them to the rock garden. These stones symbolize the students stepping from elementary school to middle school. The supplies for Beautification Day, including four new picnic tables on which the artwork was created, were provided by a grant organized by Faye Look Nathan. Many parents of current and former Stratford Road students provided generous assistance. Special thanks to Howie Slotnick, father of Jessica, and Mike O'Connor, father of former Stratford students Nicholas and Alexa, for their contributions to this wonderful event.



A Heroic Speaker Visits Mattlin

For three years, **Mattlin Middle School** has partnered with the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County. Through this partnership, Mattlin students met an extraordinary woman last month. Holocaust survivor Annie Blieberg caused silence in the middle school auditorium with powerful stories about her astonishing life experiences. Ms. Blieberg, now in her 90s, was a teenager when Nazis took her from her home in Germany, separated her from her family and put her in a cattle train for transfer to a concentration camp. She escaped through a slit in the roof of the train and leapt from the train car, fleeing into the woods. There, she happened upon another escapee, and the two banded together to look for shelter and food. Ms. Blieberg

eventually reunited with her father, but was soon recaptured and taken to Auschwitz, where she was branded with a triangle tattoo. Her fluency in several languages made her valuable to her captors, sparing her life. Ms. Blieberg's story riveted the attention of every student and adult in the room. In talking about her personal experiences, she helped the students make connections to their own lives, emphasizing the importance of respect for self and others.

Personal Best Awards Distributed at POBMS

On May 8, **Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School** held its Personal Best Awards ceremony. Earlier in the spring, every faculty member in the building had nominated a student deserving of a Personal Best Award. Over 70 students were individually recognized for improvement in their overall academic performance. These students exemplified a strong work ethic and a commitment to learning. Parents and other relatives of the winners were invited to attend a breakfast at which the awards were distributed. Congratulations to all of the POBMS students who achieved this distinction, and many thanks to fifth grade teacher Ms. Schroeder and guidance counselor Ms. Petrusic for organizing the breakfast.



September 11th Memorial Garden at POBJFKHS Closer to Completion

Thanks to the dedication of several **Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School** students, our District will now have its own 9/11 memorial garden right on the high school grounds. For over two years, our high school's special needs students, with the help of members of the student government, teachers and advisors, have been establishing a garden behind the school. Last month, they planted

the seedlings, marking a huge step forward in the completion of this beautiful garden. "It is truly wonderful to see these kids working toward such a fantastic goal," said Assistant Principal Sharon Lasher. "This beautiful, peaceful garden will enhance our school community and provide a place for reflection."

Music News

POBJFKHS Orchestra Students Entertain Local Senior Citizens

Last month, the musicians of the Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School orchestra put their considerable talents to good use by giving back to the community. Led by Orchestra Director Glenn Rubin, the students performed for our Senior Citizens Club at the annual Orchestra Tea. The musicians entertained the enthusiastic crowd by playing a variety of solo and chamber selections. The performance culminated with an outstanding piece by the high school's chamber orchestra.

Community outreach is an integral part of the student experience. Thank you to Mr. Rubin for organizing the event, and to our student musicians for their hard work and excellent performance.



Farewell to Our Retirees!

Our District greatly appreciates the hard work and devotion this year's retirees have shown to our students and community. We thank each of them for their dedication to student success, and we wish them all the best in the future.

The following teachers, administrators and staff retired during or at the end of the 2012/2013 school year:

- **Teachers:** Martin Bass, Myra Brand, Cindy Duboff, Marisa Fang, Margaret Fessel, Arlene Friedman, Harriet Greenspan, Ruth Lazarus, Ellen Levine, Susan Margolies, Judith Rosenthal, Diane Sandler, Joan Sapir, Eleanor Shapiro, Vivian Celeste Wenzel, Susan Young
- **Administrators:** Angela DeLessio, Sandra Steinberg, Joan Wartell
- **Support Staff:** Elizabeth Abbinanti, Steven DuBoff, Jose Figueroa, Diane Mirable, Susan Rivera, Jan Schatzberg, Leslie Weisman

In Memoriam



In recognition of and appreciation for the dedication and commitment of business education teacher Michael Secko, who passed away in December of last year. Our

students, faculty and staff will remember him and the contributions he made to the excellence of the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District.

