

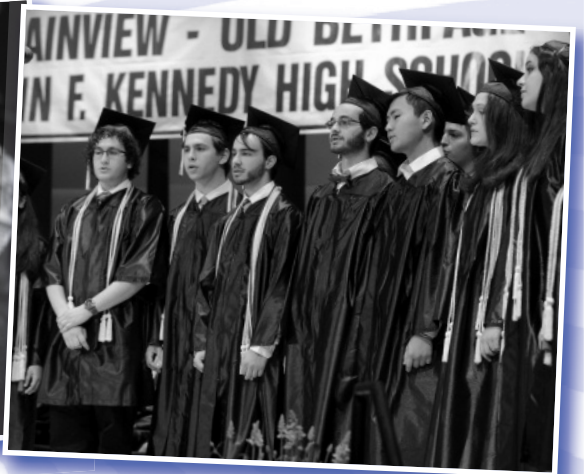
Educational Horizons

SUMMER 2016

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Congratulations, Class of 2016!



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Superintendent's Message



Dear Graduates:

The Class of 2016 will long be remembered as a class that broke many records in academic, athletic and extracurricular accomplishments. We were again moved by the performance of another All-National concert master at graduation, as well as some of the most eloquent speeches I have ever been privileged to hear from our student leaders. There can be no doubt our graduates are going to be successful as they begin their studies in great spaces for learning.

Whether it was with DECA, Robotics, Moot Court, All-State or All-National Music, Relay For Life, County Championships, Blood Drives, Food Drives, Senior Citizen Prom, Senior Citizen Tea, astounding us with your theatrical talents throughout your years and most recently in *The Little Mermaid*, we have cherished each moment of your collective efforts. In your 13 years with us you have left your mark on all aspects of our community while managing to balance your quest for academic excellence with equal zeal for making a difference locally and globally.

Google, the tech giant, spent years of intensive analysis to find out the key to good teamwork. The project, known as Project Aristotle, included interviews with hundreds of employees and analysis of data of more than 100 active teams at the company. The Googlers looked hard to find a magic formula—the perfect mix of individuals necessary to form a stellar team. Google's data-driven approach ended up highlighting what leaders in the business world have known for a while: The best teams respect one another's emotions and are mindful that all members should contribute to the conversation equally. It has less to do with who is on a team, and more to do with how team members treat each other. To quote from one of my favorite authors, Maya Angelou, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." It may sound corny, but being nice matters.

As you leave our protected hallways of POBJFKHS, full of energy and enthusiasm, I hope that you continue to be the good citizens that you have demonstrated here, courageous, tolerant, respectful, and accepting of others.

Soon the Class of 2029 will burst through our elementary school doors to begin a new chapter of this district - with K-4 schools. You have led by example and we anxiously await this new class as they follow in your footsteps.

Class of 2016, we send you off with grateful acknowledgement for all that you have accomplished. Now go out there and report back to us on the extraordinary experiences you are about to adventure.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lorna Lewis
Superintendent of Schools

Congratulations to the POBJFKHS 2016 Valedictorian and Salutatorian!

Michael Crawbuck and Anna Vaynrub have been named the valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 2016 at John F. Kennedy High School, respectively. Finishing at the top of the class academically speaks volumes of the intelligence, commitment and discipline possessed by Michael and Anna, and all of us at POB couldn't be more proud.



Valedictorian Michael Crawbuck has been a student in the District since kindergarten. He was named an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar, graduated with honors and will attend New York University Stern's School of Business in the fall. Michael was active in the school's

DECA Chapter, placing sixth at the 2015 DECA international competition and earning second place at both the 2015 and 2016 New York State DECA competitions. Michael was president of the Spanish Honor Society, co-vice president of the Business Honor Society and a member of the tutoring committee for the National Honor Society. He was also a member of Best Buddies and the Science Honor Society. Outside of the classroom, he played varsity football and lacrosse. In addition, Michael manages his own website, Foodie Finders NYC.



Anna, this year's salutatorian, graduates with many academic achievements and will attend Harvard University in the fall. Anna recently received the Child Mind Institute Rising Scientist Award after conducting research with a science professor at Stony Brook University, where she was

the youngest researcher on a team of graduate students. She was also a National Merit Finalist, won a gold medal for her performance on the National Spanish exam and placed second in this year's Long Island Science and Engineering Fair. Anna was vice president of the Science Honor Society and secretary for the Science Olympiads. She also has served as chair for the school's Model United Nations (METMUNC) club, and she was editor for the school's newspaper. Her volunteer work includes working with Kids Versus Cancer, advocating for legislation to allow pediatric cancer drug trials.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

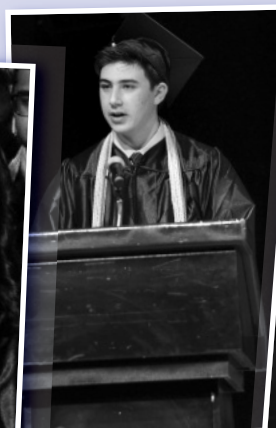
POBJFKHS CLASS OF 2016

Adelphi University
 Adelphi—7 Yr. BS/DO
 Program
 Alfred University
 American University
 Bentley University
 Boston University
 Bucknell University
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve
 University
 Coastal Carolina University
 Columbia University
 Cornell University
 CUNY Baruch College
 CUNY City College
 CUNY Hunter College
 CUNY Kingsborough
 CUNY Macaulay Honors
 College
 CUNY NYC College
 of Technology
 CUNY Queens College
 CUNY Queensborough
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 East Stroudsburg Univ.
 of Pennsylvania
 Elon University
 Emerson University
 Emory University
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida State University
 Fordham University
 Grinnell College
 Harvard University

Hofstra University
 Indiana University
 Indiana University—
 South Bend
 Iona College
 Ithaca College
 Johnson & Wales University
 Lafayette College
 La Roche College
 Lehigh University
 LIU Post
 Manhattan College
 McGill University
 Miami University, Oxford
 Michigan State University
 Misericordia University
 Molloy College
 Mount Saint Mary College
 Nassau Community College
 The College of New Jersey
 NYIT
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 The Ohio State University
 Pennsylvania State
 University
 Pratt Institute
 Purdue University
 Quinnipiac University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic
 Institute
 Rochester Institute
 of Technology
 The College of Saint Rose
 San Diego State University
 Sacred Heart University

School of Visual Arts
 St. John's University
 Stevens Institute of
 Technology
 SUNY Albany
 SUNY Binghamton
 SUNY Brockport
 SUNY Buffalo
 SUNY Buffalo State
 SUNY Cortland
 SUNY Farmingdale
 SUNY FIT
 SUNY Fredonia
 SUNY Geneseo
 SUNY Geneseo—7 Yr.
 BS/DO Program
 SUNY New Paltz
 SUNY Old Westbury
 SUNY Oneonta
 SUNY Oswego
 SUNY Potsdam
 SUNY Purchase
 SUNY Stony Brook
 SUNY Stony Brook—8 Yr.
 BS/MD Program
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 Towson University
 Tufts University
 Tulane University
 University of Alabama
 University of Arizona
 University of California—
 Davis
 University of California—
 Los Angeles

UMass—Amherst
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 University of Delaware
 University of Florida
 University of Georgia
 University of Hartford
 University of Maryland
 University of Michigan
 University of Minnesota—
 Twin Cities
 University of New Haven
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 Carolina—Chapel Hill
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Rhode Island
 University of South
 Florida—Tampa
 University of Tampa
 University of Texas—Austin
 University of Vermont
 University of Wisconsin
 Ursinus College
 Vanderbilt University
 Vaughn College of
 Aeronautics & Technology
 Villanova University
 Virginia Tech
 Washington University—St.
 Louis
 West Virginia University
 Worcester Polytechnic
 Institute



COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Office of the NYS Attorney General Triple “C” Award

Ethan Teper
Anna Vaynrub

Nassau County Comptroller Achievement Award

Zackary Berkowitz

Nassau County Legislature Citation – Community Service

Zachary Goldstein

Office of the NYS Comptroller Achievement Award

Brett Hollander

Office of the County Executive Community Service & Academic Excellence Award

Jamie Simon

Senator Kemp Hannon Citizenship Advancement Award

Cole Masler

Nassau County District Attorney Shield Award

Puneet Arneja

Swimmer-Scholar Award

Brent Israel

Jordan Abramowitz Memorial Scholarship

Brooke Sender

Art Guild Scholarship

Molly Davis

Brian Harley Assa Memorial Scholarship

Talia Weiner

Janet Baumgarten Memorial

Jason Hymowitz

Kevin D. Berkowitz Memorial Scholarship

Tal Moriah

Leonard & Miriam Berkowitz Memorial

Evan Lander
Anna Vaynrub

Paul Rubin Memorial

Elizabeth Varghese

Brooke Zimmerman Memorial

Aidan Spencer

Class of '71 Unity Scholarship

Gyu Ri Lee
Talia Weiner

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

Cori Dauman

Harlean Cort Memorial

Guadalupe Angel

Crestwood Country Day School

Jessica Lagnado
Amanda Werman

Dr. Scott DeMel Memorial Scholarship

Dara Gleeson

Michael Eichenbaum Memorial Lacrosse Scholarship

Charles Mazzocchi

Jonny Feinstein Memorial

Erin Curran

Philip Ferris Memorial

Jaide Lichtenstein

Frisch Financial Scholarship For Excellence in Finance

Benjamin Green

Ruth Gaipman Memorial

Samantha Weiser

Joshua Golbert Memorial Award in Music

Matthew Leo

Maury D. Golbert Music Award

Courtney Hedgecock

Hal Goldman Memorial Scholarship

Jordan Fried

Mark Koehler Scholarship

Andrew Pfeiffer

Long Island Blood Services Scholarship

Sydney Abelow
Emily Zucker

Jeffrey Miller Memorial

Shakeel Faizy

Music Association of Plainview-Old Bethpage Band Award

Matthew Leo

Choir Award

Kristin Lunt

Orchestra Award

Jessica Herman

Continuing Music Study in College

Courtney Hedgecock

Community Service

Cassandra Edelstein

Richard H. Hague Four Year Music Award

Matthew Leo

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Jenna Goerke

Stephanie Handschu

Courtney Hedgecock

Jessica Herman

Matthew Kessler

Jason Kimmel

Matthew Leo

Ethan Teper

NEFCU – Making a Difference High School Scholarship

Megan Wolyniec

Northwell Health Nursing Scholarship

Sherin George

Northwell Health Medical Scholarship

Dara Gleeson

Opa Grille Scholarship

Elisabeth Stein

Francis L. Phillips P.E. Engineering Scholarship

Evan Lander

Plainview Little League Scholarship

Julia Costarella

Drew Kaplan

Bryan Safer

Jake Supran

Kyle Supran

Plainview-Bethpage Lions Club

Chloe Ferney

Plainview Diner Award

Steven Klausner

Justin Koo

Plainview-Old Bethpage Chamber of Commerce & Astoria Bank

Dylan Karul

Plainview-Old Bethpage Chamber of Commerce

Victoria Tramontana

Megan Wolyniec

Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School PTA Scholarship

Shakeel Faizy

Ye Eun Koh

Aaron Levine

Cole Masler

Andrew Pfeiffer

Michael Rubin

Amanda Schechter

Jordyn Schor

Brooke Sender

Claire Shamul

Dana Silverstein

Jessica Unterlack

Elizabeth Varghese

Megan Wolyniec

Harold Yacker Memorial

Cuong Bui

Ariella Yadegar

Plainview-Old Bethpage Senior Citizen Club

Ye Eun Koh

Joshua Tabak

Plainview-Old Bethpage Soccer Club

Puneet Arneja

David Geyer

Jonathan Messinger

Ashley Pajer

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

Michael Crawbuck

Bryan DeGennaro

Danielle Fasano

Jordan Fried

Matthew Leo

Charles Mazzocchi

Jonathan Messinger

Christopher Montgomery

Amit Nacson

Jason Napoli

Ashley Pajer

Kevin Pastier

Bryan Safer

Erik Stalzer

Nicole Yuen

POBHS Class of 1975 Scholarship Fund

Jamie Simon

Daniel Solnik

Steve Pollicino Memorial Scholarship

Samuel Iryami

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

Thomas Bak

Molly Davis

Rechler Equity Partners Scholarship

Jordyn Schor

Rae Saltzman Scholarship

Jonathan Messinger

Elizabeth Varghese

Michael Secko Memorial Scholarship

Zackary Berkowitz

Alexa Schaumburg

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

Jason Hymowitz

Volunteerism/Community Service Award

David Lieberman

Prospective Vocational Award

Cara Hayman

Rising Star Award

Alexander Rabinowitz

Matthew Schnitzer

Most Improved & Exceptional Effort Award

Katie Corbett

PAL/SEPTA Award

Ilana Foster

Zachary Gorfinkel

David Kralstein Award

Michael Arrow

Benjamin W. Sofe Memorial

Claire Shamul

Spencer Cares Scholarship

Gyu Ri Lee

Elleni Katehis

Brooke Sender

Megan Wolyniec

Stacy's Warriors Scholarship

Melanie Gulbas

Ryan Kerley

Megan Wolyniec

Trio Hardware

Benjamin Green

U.S. Figure Skating Gold Level Graduating Senior Award

Rebecca Kniffin

Owen B. Walsh WE CARE Scholarship from the Nassau Bar Foundation

Ryan Kerley

Howard Weinstock Memorial

Jessica Herman

Winthrop University Hospital Sports Medicine Award

Nicholas Mueller

SCOPE Education Services Scholarship

Michael Crawbuck

Principal's Award

Stephanie D'Onofrio

Arianna Flamer

Jake Friedman

Sae Fukuda

Matthew Klausner

Jessica Lee

Vivian Lin

What's Happening in Our Schools

K-Center Celebrates Final Moving-Up Ceremony

After years of serving the community and shepherding the youngest members of the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District into elementary schools, the **Kindergarten Center** held its final Moving-Up Ceremony in June. The ceremony, as it is every year, was a way for family members to congratulate children on the completion of a successful year learning how to read, write, add, subtract and be a good friend. This September, POB will welcome the POBJFKHS Class of 2029 as they begin their academic journey in their home schools. We are so excited to follow them on their adventures!



From Egg to Hen

Second grade students at **Old Bethpage Elementary School** recently were able to experience the wonder of life. In a lesson that stressed multiple facets of the District's work with S.T.E.A.M.—or, science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics—the children raised chickens, starting with nurturing the eggs until they hatched. In order to accomplish this, the students designed blueprints for brooders that were built by POBJFKHS students and observed the eggs as they gestated. The project represented a great way for the students to experience the science principles they had been studying put to effect in real life, and all who took part had a memorable experience.



As School Year Draws to a Close, Parkway Students Reflect

Throughout the month of June, fourth graders at **Parkway Elementary School** rehearsed diligently in preparation of their year-end Moving-Up celebration, so that when the big day arrived, they would be ready to go. At the ceremony, students impressed the crowd in attendance with performances of three musical pieces, all under the direction of Judith Rilling. Additionally, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lorna Lewis and Board of Education Trustees Ginger Lieberman and Lauren Sackstein shared congratulatory remarks. But perhaps the most memorable part of the ceremony occurred at the end—when four student representatives, one from each class, spoke of their Parkway memories and provided a poignant end to another wonderful school year.



Pasadena Students Show Their Spirit During Field Day

Students from **Pasadena Elementary School** finished a week-long celebration of spirit with their annual field day. Students competed on teams, wearing their school colors, in a number of relay races and activities to foster school spirit and teamwork. Activities included a scooter relay, run-for-fun activity, “any which way” race, tug of strength, potato and spoon relay, football relay, “big ball partner roll” event and a “looney lax scoop” relay. The students competed in front of a cheering section of fellow classmates, faculty, staff, friends and family members. Field Day is part of the school's annual “Spirit Week,” during which the students take part in different themed days and activities to raise school spirit.



Send in the Clowns!

More than 70 fourth grade students at **Stratford Road Elementary School** transformed into stilt-walkers, plate spinners, clowns, tight-rope walkers and more during the school's 10th annual Fourth Grade Circus. After practicing for one week, the students welcomed friends, family and members of the community to witness incredible displays of skill, athleticism, balance and more. Circus skills are part of the students' physical education curriculum, meant to help improve balance and coordination, while also helping students build confidence and encourage teamwork. The performance also included artists from the National Circus Project. The Stratford Road Elementary School PTA organized this cultural arts program with physical education teacher Jodi Horowitz to provide an experience for all children.



Oui, oui! Mattlin Students Excel in National French Contest

Mattlin Middle School students Eli Blum, Allison Scher, Allison Taub and Eshwin Varghese were recently recognized for placing within the top ten in the entire country in the National French Contest. Students were awarded with bronze and silver medals for their aptitude with the French language. The contest was open to all students grades 1-12 in the United States and abroad. The National French Contest is a competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Students are required to take a written exam and compete against other students for different prizes. The students are tested on grammar, reading and oral comprehension, and French culture. Congratulations, Eli, Allison, Allison and Eshwin. Or should we say, *félicitations à vous!*



Shipping Up to Boston: Students Explore the History and Culture of Boston on School Trip

Recently, students at **Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School**, along with their friends at **Mattlin Middle School**, had the chance to discover the many historical and scientific lessons that Boston, Massachusetts has to offer. Students took in the culture while touring some of Boston's oldest neighborhoods and visiting some of its many museums. The trip also included trying local cuisine, including—of course—New England clam chowder.

During the trip, students followed Boston's Freedom Trail, stopping at Paul Revere's House and exploring the historic North End, Faneuil Hall and the State House before eating

in famous Quincy Market. Students also observed sea lions, seals, sea turtles and hundreds of fish at the New England Aquarium, explored the nautical side of Boston on a Duck Tour and visited the Boston Museum of Science.

John F. Kennedy High School Class of 2016 Graduates!

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District held its commencement ceremony for the **John F. Kennedy (JFK) High School** Class of 2016 at Long Island University-C.W. Post's Tilles Center on Sunday, June 26, 2016. More than 375 students gathered in graduation gowns and decorated caps to celebrate the completion of their POB careers.

Superintendent Dr. Lorna Lewis, Principal James Murray and Board of Education Trustee Emily Schulman addressed the graduating class with words of wisdom as the students now move onto the next stages of their lives. JFK High School's Class of 2016 valedictorian Michael Crawbuck, salutatorian Anna Vaynrub, senior class president Jamie Simon and school-wide student government president Jason Kimmel reminisced and discussed the future awaiting fellow classmates during their speeches.

Graduates and guests were treated to a violin performance by graduate Gyu Ri Lee during the ceremony. Gyu Ri has received numerous accolades for her musical talent throughout her high school career including earning recognition as concertmaster for the NAFME (National Association for Music Education) All-National Honors Orchestra, the Division 5 All-County Orchestra and the POBJFK High School Orchestra. She was also the 2016 recipient of POB's National School Orchestra Award, is an alumna of the Mannes School of Music Pre-College Division in NYC and has performed at Carnegie Hall as a winner of four international competitions.



ARTS IN THE DISTRICT

POB Takes Home the Gold!



More than 65 student musicians from Plainview-Old Bethpage School District recently received the highest rating possible after competing in the 2016 New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Major Ensemble Evaluation Festival. Both string ensembles at Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School, the full string orchestra and the chamber orchestra competed and received “gold with distinction” ratings. Only two percent of all competing ensembles performing statewide receive this rating each year.

Under the direction of teacher Glenn Rubin, the students performed 30-minute programs for two adjudicators at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY. The ensembles were graded based on tone, intonation, balance, technique, accuracy, rhythm and interpretation. Congratulations to all those involved on this tremendous accomplishment!

District Says Goodbye to Longtime Principal Ronelle Hershkowitz as She Begins New Role with Board of Education



The end of every school year is a bittersweet time; as much as we look forward to the memories we'll make over summer, we hate to have to say goodbye to those we have known for so long. This year, it was particularly tough to say goodbye to Ronelle

Hershkowitz, principal at Parkway Elementary School, who retired from the position she has held for the last 29 years. Everyone in the District would like to say thank you for your three decades of tireless service and best of luck in your new great adventure.

‘B-Sharps’ Wow the Crowd!



The “B-Sharps,” an esteemed a cappella group from POBJFKHS, recently performed during the Nassau Association of District Curriculum Officials’ year-end luncheon. School superintendents from neighboring districts were in awe of the students’ abilities and inquired about POB’s a cappella program. The “B-Sharps” is one of eight a cappella groups at POBJFKHS.



GRADUATING FROM PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE *A Family Tradition*

POBJFKHS Class of 2016 valedictorian Michael Crawbuck (center) is a third generation POB graduate preceded by his parents and grandparents.