

Superintendent's Highlight of the Week

June 2, 2017

I have just returned from the Celebrating Excellence Breakfast honoring the Valedictorians and Salutatorians from Nassau County Public Schools. I had the pleasure of presenting our Valedictorian, Talia Blum and Salutatorian, Jason Getzler to my colleagues, for their awards.



These two most accomplished students have been in our classrooms since Kindergarten, having been welcomed into the POB family by none other than Ms. Nina Melzer and Ms. Amy Isaacson. Talia went on to Parkway and Jason to Pasadena where their literacy and mathematical skills were shaped by outstanding teachers along their academic pathway. And what a journey this has been!!



Talia is heading to MIT having recently been named a 2017 National Merit Scholarship winner. She recently returned from the Intel International Science Fair where she won a 4th place award in the Systems Software category. She has contributed to the success of the Varsity Track and Field team as a scholar athlete and served as president of Mathletes.

Research projects done by Jason and Talia have been selected to be published in the Long Island Conservatory's High School Research Journal. This is a real coup as there were only 22 students selected across the island for this journal and we had three papers accepted.

Jason has held leadership positions on the Mathletes Club and Model UN. He will continue his research and demonstration of academic prowess as he journeys on to Tufts University as a Biochemistry major.



Both of these students are shining examples of how a POB education makes students life ready. They are about to take the Boston area by storm and I am confident these Hawks are prepared to astound the Patriots!!!