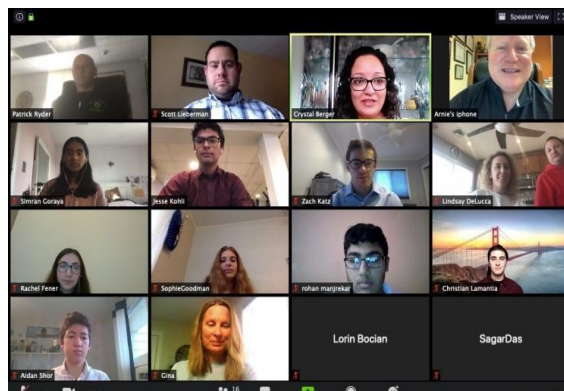
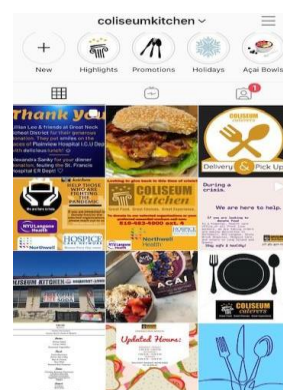


## Superintendent's Highlight May 15, 2020

While so many of us are figuring out how to work remotely during this time, some of our POBJFK HS interns are doing exactly the same thing. Melissa Israel has been interning with Coliseum Kitchen & Caterers since November 2019. When NY Pause was put into effect, she was able to work with Mr. Ralph Galdorisi, one of the owners, to shift her internship to remote. Melissa is using Coliseum Kitchen's social media to create a donation campaign for essential workers, as well as marketing promotions, to let the community know Coliseum Kitchen is open and here for them during this time.



Simran Goraya had been offered an internship with Congressman Thomas Suozzi's office just when COVID-19 started to have an impact. Mr. Aaron Siegel, Congressman Suozzi's campaign manager, has generously offered the interns an opportunity to have Zoom meetings to learn about the fundamentals of campaign management and how a campaign works. When they are able to, they will resume their regular internship.



For some hosts, a remote internship was not feasible. Andrew Lamkin, Law Office of Andrew M. Lamkin, P.C., who has been a great supporter of our program and is the current president of Plainview-Old Bethpage's Chamber of Commerce, did not have remote ability for his intern, Kasha Bhatia, but he said he is looking forward to her continuing when we are able to return to normal work days.



Some internship opportunities have been created due to the pandemic. Legislator Arnold Drucker's office took this unprecedented situation to create an internship that would focus on Crisis Mitigation. POBJFK HS has six students that are currently part of this opportunity – Rachel Fener, Sophie Goodman, Simran Goraya, Zachary Katz, Christian LaMantia and Aidan Shor. Ms. Crystal Berger, Legislator Drucker's Chief of Staff, is virtually meeting with the students and discussing various topics related to what is going on day-to-day.

The students had a town hall type meeting via Zoom with Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder. Commissioner Ryder spoke about how the police department is navigating through this and he took questions from the interns.

Ms. Lindsay Covello, owner of L&M Party Productions, is holding wedding webinars for prospective clients to understand what is going on within the hospitality industry during COVID-19. Ethan Strauss started an internship with L&M Party Productions last week and will be involved in assisting with the webinars and interacting with vendors and experts in the wedding industry.

Thank you to Gina Farrell and Scott Lieberman, POBJFK HS Business Education teachers and Internship Coordinators, who have also taken their responsibilities remotely in order to ensure that our students continue to be afforded meaningful learning opportunities. #POBproud.