

Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS announces Class of 2024 valedictorian, salutatorian

Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS is proud to announce Safal Kamath and Matthew Kang as the Class of 2024 valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

Throughout his academic journey at POBJFKHS, Safal has consistently excelled in the most challenging courses, going above and beyond by enrolling in additional summer classes to further advance his studies. Having traversed the globe, Safal possesses a broadened perspective on international cultures, allowing him to appreciate the interconnectedness of world affairs. Safal is so much more than good grades; he is a humanitarian, he is an empathetic, caring, and wonderful young man. He is genuine and authentic in all that he does.

Academically, Safal's dedication to excellence is evident in his pursuit of 15 Advanced Placement courses and the most challenging math class, Multivariable Calculus. Safal's cumulative efforts have earned him an impressive 103.26 grade point average. Beyond academics, Safal presides over the Chess Club, Mathletes and Coding Club and is vice president of the Spanish Honor Society. He has founded a tutoring service and a nonprofit organization to promote STEM awareness, demonstrating a commitment to giving back to his community. Safal will continue his studies and plans to major in computer science.

Salutatorian Matthew Kang is a deep and thoughtful person whose selfless dedication to the betterment of his community is both remarkable and inspiring. Matt has served as the student government class president since his sophomore year. As founder and president of the Math Honor Society at POBJFKHS, Matt developed a response to the growing demand for peer tutors, especially in math, and initiated a tutoring program, getting the program off the ground and pairing tutors with students in need. Not only does Matt have the attitude and desire to be successful; he is also incredibly talented, caring, and sensitive to the needs of others.

Matt has earned a 103.08 cumulative average in high school while taking 17 Advanced Placement courses and earning a 36 on his ACT. Matt has been recognized as a National Merit Finalist and by the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. He will be pursuing an economics degree in college.

The district congratulates Safal and Matt for achieving top academic honors and wishes them the best in their future endeavors.



Safal Kamath



Matthew Kang