

## Superintendent's Highlight

### June 5, 2020

We may be living in a new normal but excellence continues to be recognized here in the POB Schools. We are thrilled to announce the Valedictorian and the Salutatorian of the Class of 2020! Although they will take different roads when they leave Plainview-Old Bethpage in the fall, they traveled similar paths on their way to their senior year. Both **Salil Kamath, Class Valedictorian**, and **Elizabeth Korn, Class Salutatorian**, began their POB journey in our Kindergarten Center, attended Parkway Elementary School, and then headed to Mattlin Middle School together. We know the faculty at those buildings are smiling extra brightly this year!



**Salil Kamath** is described as selfless and thoughtful - a true “gentleman and a scholar”. He is morally grounded and authentic in his concern for others. He is well-traveled and is always seeking ways to learn about new cultures. He is humble when asked about his accomplishments because he truly has a keen intellectual curiosity. As the FRC Team 353 Programming Lead, FIRST Long Island Student Event Team Volunteer and Vice President of Mathletes, Salil has taken advantage of POB’s extracurricular offerings to pursue his passions. Salil will be attending Georgia Institute of Technology in the fall and plans to major in Computer Science.

**Elizabeth Korn** views challenges as an opportunity to grow. Earning a perfect score on all of her Advanced Placement exams, Elizabeth is clearly among the brightest of her class and has a true love of learning. She has a passion for research and earned a selective internship at Stony Brook University’s Garcia Center and worked tirelessly on her research project, “Gel and Electric Field-based Desorption of DNA from PMMA-Coated Silicon Surfaces to Optimize Sequencing Accuracy”. Among other accolades, Elizabeth received the honor of “Best Presentation” at the Medical Marvels Competition, as well as being named as a Long Island Scholar Artist. Elizabeth will study Biological Sciences with a concentration in Biochemistry at Cornell University in the fall.



They will both be great ambassadors for the #POBproud tradition.