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Town of Islip

Student Achievement



AWARDS NIGHT
Tuesday, April 21, 2020

“Education
is the most
powerful
weapon
which you
can use to
change the
world.”

- NELSON MANDELA



*We would like to thank the many
teachers, principals, and
superintendents whose enthusiasm,
cooperation, and dedication make this
annual event possible.*

*A special thank you to the Student
Selection Committee for donating their
time and expertise in choosing our
recipients.*

*Karen Forsman
Angela LaGiglia
Irene Munno*

SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN NEED

Students selected for the **Service to People in Need** award must have voluntarily participated in an activity that contributed to the well-being of others. These students have distinguished themselves by their unselfish spirit of giving to those less fortunate and involving themselves in such activities and/or programs including but not limited to: food and clothing drives, peer support programs, as well as the Girl Scouts. Each one of these young individuals has taken that extra step to respond to someone in need and then taken the initiative to improve the lives of others.

Congratulations to the following honorees:

Angel Alvarado	Senior	Brentwood-Sonderling
Catherine Bell	Sophomore	Central Islip
Ezequiel Diaz	Junior	Brentwood-Sonderling
Bruno Franchino	Senior	Bay Shore
Sarah Klueber	Senior	Bay Shore
Kaela McLeod	Senior	Bay Shore

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students selected for the **Social Studies** award possess and demonstrate outstanding academic achievement in all areas of social studies, with enrollment by some in Advanced Placement courses, in Suffolk Community College's Early College Program, in St. John's University's College Advantage Program, and participation in the National High School Model United Nations Conference. Additionally, the students may be active participants in civic clubs and organizations within the school or community.

Congratulations to the following honorees:

Daniel Castro	Junior	Brentwood-Sonderling
John Gartland	Senior	Bay Shore
Tim Rainis	Senior	Bay Shore
Jia (Alex) Xi Yeung	Senior	Connetquot

PROGRAM

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Awards Presentation

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CATEGORIES

Fine Arts

Language Arts

Leadership

Mathematics

Scholarship & Athletics

Technology

Performing Arts

Science

Secondary Language

Service to People in Need

Social Studies

Closing

FINE ARTS

Students receiving recognition in the **Fine Arts** category have exhibited outstanding talent in: painting, drawing, sculpture, design, graphic art and other artistic medium. Some students are members of the National Art Honor Society, participate in art clubs, have won design contests, have had their artwork featured in the Art League of Long Island Advanced Placement Art Show and the Five Towns College Media Art Show.

Congratulations to the following honorees:

Jolie Iamunno	Senior	East Islip
Jordan Morales	Senior	Bay Shore
Keirsten Nizen	West Islip	Freshman

LANGUAGE ARTS

Students receiving recognition in the **Language Arts** category have demonstrated outstanding creative writing ability in any of the genre, including, but not limited to: essay writing, non-fiction writing or poetry in any of its forms, and complex imagery. Some are Advanced Placement scholars, contest winners, and/or have had their work appear in school, magazine, and community publications.

Congratulations to the following honorees:

Sydney Camenzuli	Senior	Islip
Daniela Garcia	Senior	Bay Shore
Victoria Kenney	Junior	St. John the Baptist
Johntae-Allen		
Rawling-Lemaine	Freshman	Bay Shore
Gustavo Ruiz Orellana	Junior	Brentwood– Sonderling

SECONDARY LANGUAGE

Students receiving the award in the **Secondary Language** category have demonstrated outstanding skills; with enrollment in AP language courses and the pursuance of the New York State Seal of Biliteracy. Many develop a true love of the language studied and its culture. There are ENL students who have exhibited remarkable accomplishments as well in this category.

Congratulations to the following honorees:

Ingrid Aviles	Senior	Brentwood-Sonderling
Raja Deonanan	Sophomore	Brentwood-Freshman Center
Mishell Llamoca Perfecto	Senior	Islip
Temilola Olaofe	Sophomore	Brentwood-Freshman Center
Lauren Zabell	Senior	Bayport-Blue Point



SCIENCE

Students receiving recognition in the **Science** category have exhibited outstanding potential in the sciences through various endeavors, as demonstrated by enrollment in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses, members of a Science Olympiad team, STEM Academy, and/or GENESIS Research Program. Some presented research findings to Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and Plum Island Stem Forum, and participated in specific projects, in any one of the science fields, such as research interns at Good Samaritan Hospital and the Feinstein Institute of Medical Research. Students conducted research at Brookhaven National Laboratory, and participated in the National Regeneron Science Talent Competition.

Congratulations to the following honorees:

Marisa Calderone	Senior	West Islip
Christine DeLa Cruz	Senior	Bay Shore
Melissa DiBlasi	Sophomore	Connetquot
Bethany Fanning	Senior	West Islip
Grace Gallagher	Senior	West Islip
Vanessa Gentile	Senior	West Islip
Victoria Leonard	Senior	Brentwood-Sonderling
Gizela Maksym	Senior	West Islip
Jalaj Mehta	Junior	Hauppauge
Samantha Navarro	Junior	St. John the Baptist
Victoria Pearsall	Junior	Islip
Sarah Pfisterer	Senior	St. John the Baptist
Anna Rentz	Senior	West Islip
Emma Rideout-Mann	Junior	St. John the Baptist
Adia Scarmack	Junior	St. John the Baptist
Tiarnan Smith	Senior	West Islip
Samantha Soevyn	Senior	West Islip
Tristan Tran	Senior	West Islip
Patrick Wright	Senior	St. John the Baptist
Yu Zhu	Senior	Central Islip

LEADERSHIP

Students receiving recognition for the **Leadership** award possess skills which display their special ability to lead by example, with confidence and certitude, inspiring those in their charge to follow. These students are self-motivated, courageous people of action and decisiveness, willing to accept the responsibility and consequences of their actions. Many hold elected offices in various school sponsored organizations.

Congratulations to the following honorees:

Daniela Canales	Senior	Brentwood-Sonderling
Adrian Caneses	Junior	Brentwood-Sonderling
Devi Chowdury	Senior	Islip
Skyla Fay	Senior	Brentwood-Sonderling
John (Jack) Gartland	Senior	Bay Shore
Kahleed Grace	Senior	Central Islip
Julianna Levanti	Junior	Connetquot
Ava Manzo	Junior	St. John the Baptist
Kunal Singh	Senior	Bay Shore
Olivia Zhang	Junior	East Islip



MATHEMATICS

The honorees in the **Mathematics** category have exhibited exceptional abilities in school programs, some taking multiple math courses concurrently and/or enrolled in AP Calculus BC. Others received awards participating on a math team, while leading fellow students in competitive math oriented activities.

Congratulations to the following honorees:

John DiBenedetto	Junior	West Islip
Alexander Gonzalez-Lizama	Junior	Bay Shore

SCHOLARSHIP & ATHLETICS

Students receiving recognition in the **Scholarship and Athletics** category serve as positive role models by exhibiting team spirit, leadership and good sportsmanship, while maintaining excellent grades and exemplary academic achievement throughout the school year. Students are members of various honor societies, some are AP scholar award winners and/or are All-County athletes, sometimes participating in as many as three sports and may be four year letterman winners.

Congratulations to the following honorees:

Joseph Darcy	Senior	Bay Shore
Brian Healy	Senior	St. John the Baptist
Ahliyah Hightower	Senior	Central Islip
Amanda Squeglia	Senior	West Islip
Matthew John Zusi	Sophomore	Chaminade

TECHNOLOGY

Students receiving recognition in the **Technology** category have demonstrated outstanding skills in applying technology to research, planning, designing, creating, and constructing projects, which serve to communicate information and ideas to solve practical problems. These students are Advanced Placement scholars and excel in various programming languages.

Congratulations to the following honorees:

Peter Palma III	Senior	Bay Shore
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PERFORMING ARTS

Students receiving recognition in the **Performing Arts** category have demonstrated outstanding talent and ability in any one or combination of the performing arts, including but not limited to: music, voice or instrumental performances in the All-State Choir, NYSSMA, SCMEA, NAFME, as well as performances in high school productions and festivals.

Congratulations to the following honorees:

Perry Balsamo	Senior	Bay Shore
Jayden Brown	Senior	Brentwood-Ross
Daniel Henao	Senior	Brentwood-Sonderling
Joseph Leo	Senior	Islip
Rose Recce	Senior	Hauppauge
Jeremy Sodergren	Junior	Central Islip
Daphne Sparacio	Senior	Bayport-Blue Point