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## West Islip's Class of 2009 Graduation

### Unforgettable Speeches by Unforgettable People

On June 27, 2009, four hundred and fifty-six members of the West Islip Class of 2009 received their diplomas under an amazingly blue sky. The graduating seniors had much to celebrate. This year's graduating class has logged in over 30,000 hours of community service and has been awarded \$4.5 million in scholarships.

Graduation began with a musical performance by the Graduation Ensemble of "Pomp and Circumstance," led by James Kraiss. The West Islip American Legion Post No. 1738 presented the flags as Student Senate President, Nicole Muller led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was sung by National School Choral Award winner Amanda Corey. The ceremony continued with speeches given by this year's Valedictorian Sherilyn Hellberg, and Co-Salutatorians James Criscuolo and Mary Priolo. Vocal Motion sang "This Day" under the direction of Dr. Salvatore Fiore, and Paige Engledrum gave a special tribute to retiring principal Mr. Ken Hartill, who has been with the school district for 17 years.

West Islip's Class Valedictorian Sherilyn Hellberg gave an unforgettable speech. This amazing young woman has forged and triumphed battles of her own. At the age of ten years old, she was diagnosed with alopecia areata, an aggressive autoimmune disease in which the body attacks its own hair follicles, suppressing hair growth.

"I can barely remember those first years. I do remember a few things, however, unnaturally vividly: the flurry of visits to the doctors and the helpless confusion. But more vividly than anything, I remember the reflection I saw in the bathroom mirror one day, halfway through seventh grade, completely bare of eyebrows, of eyelashes, of any hair at all," states Sherilyn. "Everyone has something that he or she will have to overcome. And despite it all, I'm still me."

Sherilyn added, "Be free to do what you know is right; be free to pursue what you love; and most importantly, be



Pictured above (top), West Islip Class of 2009 graduation procession. Pictured above (bottom) Valedictorian Sherilyn Hellberg (center) celebrates graduation day with friends (l-r) Kelsey Paulsen, Emily Gleason, and Allison Graber.

free to be who you truly are. Embrace every part of who you are and know that the things which you cannot control in your life DO NOT matter. Know that it is that knowledge and inner strength in every one of us that DOES matter. Never let some obstacle, be it physical, financial, or emotional hold you back. Each and every one of you, somewhere inside you, has the power, the intelligence and the character to do and to be whatever and whomever you wish."

Congratulations to West Islip's Class of 2009

# Graduation Highlights

## Superintendent Dr. Beth Virginia Blau's Commencement Address Excerpts

"As a child growing up, my favorite movies were the black and white science fiction films. One such film, *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, painted an intriguing alternative reality---a world where time could literally be stopped!

What if, I had the power just once, to stop time on the date of my choice, would I do it? If I could give that power to you, would you accept it?

Perhaps at first, it would seem inviting. For example, the Lacrosse team might stop time on the date of its recent State championship, reliving its glory over and over again. Others might opt to have their first kiss, their first date, the day they received their first college acceptances or first driver's license, or their senior prom night permanently etched in stone.

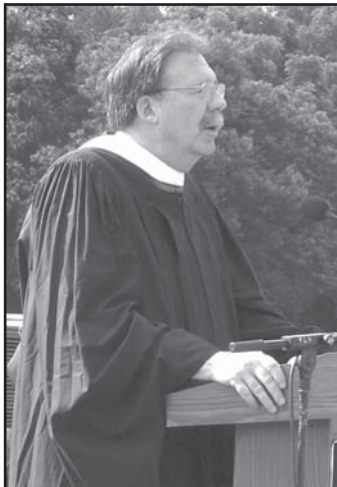
But such a gift would come at a tremendous cost; for if time could be stopped, even on a date of our own choosing, never again would there be new human beings, new ideas, or new accomplishments.

Perhaps the more desirable and attainable skill would be

the ability to use hindsight to accurately predict upcoming events.

As Confucius once wrote 'Study the past if you would divine the future' and the history of this class speaks volumes about their achievements to come. Others have already praised their 30,000 hours of community service, their \$4.5 million in scholarships, their recognitions from NYSSMA for musical excellence, and their accolades for athletic prowess coupled with sportsmanship and academics. But of equal or greater importance is their empathy, their determination, their ethics, and their passion for the environment.

Think of tomorrow as a blank page, just waiting to be filled with your dreams. All you have to do is be yourselves and live the stories that are unique to you. Be proud. Be confident. And most of all be happy!"



## High School Principal Ken Hartill to Retire After 17 Years of Dedicated Service

After seventeen years of service to our district, Mr. Ken Hartill has retired as High School Principal. Formerly a Social Studies teacher and Assistant Principal for the Sewanhaka Central High School District, he has been an educator for over forty years, devoted to the students, he affectionately calls "his kids."

He has been involved in many charitable causes including: hosting Suffolk County Special Olympics, co-chairing the Lionheart Fund, instituting a diploma/community service endorsement program, contributing to the Health and Wellness 5K Fun-Run, co-founding the West Islip Alumni Association and co-chairing the Hall of Fame Committee. He introduced the International Baccalaureate Program to West Islip, as well as having served on a number of committees including site-based team, PTSA, and Past President of the West Islip Association of Supervisors and Administrators.

Mr. Hartill is the recipient of the Jenkins Memorial Award and SAANYS award for Best Community Service Program. He has received the honor of being the Academic

Teacher of the Year, Carey High School PTSA Yearbook Dedication recipient and PAWS Annual Honoree. He has received numerous awards including the New York State Distinguished Service Award, Phoebe Apperson Hearts Outstanding Educator Award and the March of Dimes Golden Apple Award for Educational Leadership and Community Service. Additionally, he has published many articles including "Service with a Smile, Leadership for Student Activities."

High school senior Paige Engeldrum commented about Mr. Hartill in a graduation tribute speech. "Mr. Hartill has not only been a great leader, but has continuously strived to bring the best to West Islip. He has been an avid supporter of our musical programs, school plays and sporting events, to name a few. Mr. Hartill's endless dedication, support and commitment have made our experience at West Islip High School one that will never be forgotten."

During the graduation ceremony, Mr. Hartill spoke about the honor and privilege it has been as West Islip's high school principal. "Education is a sacred process. Every generation must take its children to the summit of its knowledge and state, 'This is what we know. This is what we believe to be important. Now, take it and add to it.' This is what we have been doing with your children for the last 13 years. Sooner than you realize, you will be transferring your knowledge and values to your children and you will demand that they add to it."



## National Merit Winners



Pictured above (l-r) Superintendent of Schools Dr. Beth Virginia Blau congratulates Merit Scholar recipients Christopher Murray and Amanda Porter.

West Islip High School seniors Christopher Murray and Amanda Porter were awarded National Merit Scholarships. Christopher received \$2,500 to the college of his choice and Amanda has accepted a full scholarship to State University at Stony Brook.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is a United States academic scholarship competition for academic recognition. College scholarships administered by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a privately funded, not-for-profit organization, are awarded to the top finalists. The program uses the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as the initial screen of over 1.5 million program entrants.

## 1300+ SAT Club

Dana Andrews  
Samantha Boniberger  
Christopher Camesas  
Daniela Cassataro  
Giancarlo Coiro  
James Criscuolo  
Christina Cuzzo  
Joseph Ferrone  
Kerri Flaherty  
Daniel Frodell  
Allison Giambone  
Rebecca Greene  
Jeffrey Gregory  
James W. Guerra

Sherilyn Hellberg  
Christine Ibrahim  
Sean Keller  
Kelsey Kjeldsen  
Susan Loeb  
Bryanne Lotter  
Mariko Lytell  
Corey Michaelis  
Philip Montgomery  
Jacqueline Morley  
Christopher Murray  
Emily Nolan  
Dominic Passarelli  
Kelly Pfingst

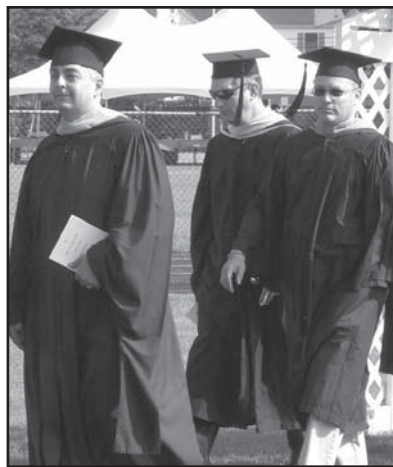
Lisa Pilchman  
Christopher Porcelli  
Amanda Porter  
Mary Priolo  
Kaitlyn Reilly  
William Remmers  
Michelle Rooney  
Kayla Rosenberg  
Kamil Siniakowicz  
Kerianne Squitire  
Tracy Tanoff  
Kurtis Traylor  
Wade Turri  
David Wisniewski

## Board of Education Honors Valedictorian and Salutatorians



Pictured above (l-r), Co-Salutatorian Mary Priolo, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Beth Virginia Blau, Co-Salutatorian James Criscuolo, Valedictorian Sherilyn Hellberg, Board of Education President George Smith and High School Principal Ken Hartill.

The West Islip Board of Education honored the Class of 2009's Valedictorian Sherilyn Hellberg and Co-Salutatorians James Criscuolo and Mary Priolo during the June 11th Board of Education meeting.



## Top 10 Students

Sherilyn Hellberg - Valedictorian  
Mary Priolo - Salutatorian  
James Criscuolo - Salutatorian  
Christopher Murray  
Mariko Lytell  
Jacqueline Morley  
Christina Cuzzo  
Amanda Porter  
Kaitlyn Reilly  
Daniela Cassataro



# Graduates' Plans

Affatigato Jr., James	College of St. Rose	Chetta, Anthony	Suffolk County CC
Albanese, Samantha	Suffolk County CC	Chinkel, Caroline	Roger Williams University
Ali, Aaqil	SUNY @ Stony Brook	Chiofalo, Jr., Anthony	Suffolk County CC
Alvarez, Corey	Suffolk County CC	Clark, Richard	Suffolk County CC
Amato, Marissa	Suffolk County CC	Clifford, Thomas	Kean University
Andrews, Dana	Quinnipiac University	Cochrane, Nicole	SUNY @ Oswego
Ankudavich, Aaron	SUNY @ Stony Brook	Coiro, Giancarlo	SUNY @ Albany
Archer, Dillon	SUNY @ Oswego	Coleman, Christopher	Suffolk County CC
Astuto, Victoria	SUNY @ Potsdam	Conley, Dillon	Suffolk County CC
Austin, Nicole	Suffolk County CC	Conner, Peter	United States Marine Corps
Aviles, Anthony	Suffolk County CC	Conrad, Darren	Job Corps
Azzato, Samantha	Suffolk County CC	Constantine, Nicole	Suffolk County CC
Badolato, Bryan	Sacred Heart University	Conste, Donald	United States Merchant Marines
Baierlein, Alexandra	SUNY @ Oswego	Cook, Courtney	Undecided
Barker, Roseanna	American Musical & Dramatic Academy	Coppola, Natalia	SUNY @ Albany
Barrett, Melissa	Boston University	Corey, Amanda	University of Miami
Barth, Leslie	New York College of Health Prof.	Corso, Christopher	Briarcliffe College
Bartley, Julie	Suffolk County CC	Cosgrove, Claire	University of Delaware
Bassler, Heather	Dowling College	Costantino, Joseph	Sacred Heart University
Beck, Richard	CUNY - Brooklyn College	Costanza, Joseph	SUNY @ Stony Brook
Benedetti, Gina	CUNY - Hunter College	Costea, Christopher	SUNY @ Albany
Benedetto, Jennifer	Suffolk County CC	Craig, Shane	SUNY @ Cortland
Bilella, Christianna	Suffolk County CC	Criscuolo, James	Carnegie Mellon University
Bilello, Danielle	Suffolk County CC	Cucceraldo, Gina	SUNY FIT
Birnbaum, David	CUNY - John Jay	Cuzzo, Christina	University of Pennsylvania
Boland, Michael	Suffolk County CC	Czurda, Megan	University of Delaware
Bollbach, Emily	Suffolk County CC	D'Alessio, Vincent	Western Connecticut
Boniberger, Samantha	Hofstra University	D'Antoni, Vincent	Nassau County CC
Bos, Ryan	SUNY @ Farmingdale	Damiani, Steven	Daytona Community College
Braddish, Ian	University of NC-Chapel Hill	Dannenfelser, Michael	Employment
Brady, Brian	Nassau County CC	Danziger, Catherine	Suffolk County CC
Brady, Lauren	Iona College	DaSilva, Anthony	Suffolk County CC
Bresko, Emily	University of Colorado @ Boulder	Day, Stephanie	Marywood University
Brocking, Matthew	Suffolk County CC	Dean, Samantha	Loyola College
Brohan, Kasey	SUNY @ New Paltz	Degasero, Theresa	Johnson & Wales University
Bruckner, Gary	University of Central Florida	Deister, William	SUNY @ Potsdam
Bruno, John	CUNY - John Jay	Del Giudice, Anthony	Suffolk County CC
Buonadonna, Anthony	Suffolk County CC	Delillo III, Anthony	CUNY - Baruch
Burch, Tyron	Undecided	Dellilo, Daryn	SUNY @ Farmingdale
Burke, Colleen	Sacred Heart University	Delyra, Richard	Suffolk County CC
Burke, Patrick	Kean University	Demaria, Jessica	Suffolk County CC
Buscemi, Stephanie	Pace University	Denninger, Ryan	SUNY @ Cortland
Butler, Jake	Employment	Des Gaines, Andrew	Suffolk County CC
Bystry, Rafal	CUNY - Queens College	Desena, Michaelene	Pace University
Cabibi, Deanna	Suffolk County CC	Diaz, Cesar	Suffolk County CC
Calamari, Karissa	SUNY @ Cortland	De Sivo, Nicholas	St. John's University
Calero II, Gabriel	Suffolk County CC	DiLeo, Kristen	Quinnipiac University
Camasas, Christopher	Bucknell University	Di Iorio, Joseph	Undecided
Campasano, Cassie	Jacksonville University	DiLevo, Danielle	SUNY @ Albany
Campbell, Lauren	Laboratory Institute of Merchandising	Dimola, Tina	Dowling College
Cantante, Stephanie	Adelphi University	Distefano, Nicholas	Suffolk County CC
Cantore, Michael	Dowling College	Dolan, Kevin	United States Air Force Academy
Capon, Anthony	Springfield College	Dolce Gagliardo, Krista	Suffolk County CC
Carey, Melissa	Suffolk County CC	Dorfmeister, Stephanie	Suffolk County CC
Carrigan, Talia	Suffolk County CC	Doyle, Ashleigh	Dowling College
Cassagnau, Jacqueline	BOCES - Adult Education	Eng, Melissa	St. John's University
Cassataro, Daniela	New York University	Engbrethson, Steven	Employment
Castro, Mary	Adelphi University	Engeldrum, Paige	Hamilton College
Cestaro, Lauren	St. Joseph's College	Ergezer, Bilge	Suffolk County CC
Cestaro, Nicholas	Kean University	Esposito, Joseph	Suffolk County CC

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If there is a change in college designation, please notify the Counseling Office at 504-5833 to request a final transcript.

Estelle, Kasey	SUNY @ Farmingdale
Fannon, Heather	Dowling College
Fannon, Patrick	SUNY @ Cortland
Fannon, Rory	Suffolk County CC
Fagnoli, Katie	SUNY @ Albany
Fay, Angela	SUNY @ Stony Brook
Fee, Meaghan	University of Arizona
Feingold, Kelly	SUNY @ Morrisville
Feminella, Mary	Suffolk County CC
Fernandez, Christopher	Suffolk County CC
Ferraro, Alyssa	Hofstra University
Ferrone, Joseph	Fordham University
Finnegan, Salliebeth	University of Oregon
Fiordiliso, Vincent	Suffolk County CC
Fiore, Danielle	Suffolk County CC
Fisco, Jonathan	SUNY @ Oswego
Flaherty, Kerri	American University
Flanagan, Caitlin	Queens University - Charlotte
Frame, Jesse	Suffolk County CC
Franckowski, Rebecca	SUNY @ Stony Brook
Frankevicz, Brian	Employment
Frodell, Daniel	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Froelich, Jake	SUNY @ Albany
Gafa Jr., Charles	SUNY @ Buffalo College
Galgano, Laurie	Monmouth University
Gallagher, Cory	SUNY - Maritime
Galloway, Ryan	SUNY @ Purchase
Gallucci, Joseph	Molloy College
Gancio, Steven	University of Connecticut
Gelling, Kyle	George Washington University
Gemellaro, Joseph	Suffolk County CC
Genovese, Beth	St. Joseph's College
Giambrone, Allison	University of Connecticut
Giever, Heather	Towson University
Giever, Laura	Towson University
Glass, Catherine	Sacred Heart University
Gleason, Emily	College of Charleston
Goetz, Christine	Suffolk County CC
Goetz, Jonathan	CUNY - Hunter College
Gonzalez, Peter	SUNY @ Cobleskill
Goodwin, Lauren	Adelphi University
Graber, Allison	George Washington University
Graffeo, John	Suffolk County CC
Graham, Connor	Suffolk County CC
Grawunder, Jacqueline	SUNY @ Delhi
Greco, Anne	SUNY @ Oswego
Greco, Rachel	Fairfield University
Greene, Rebecca	Fordham University
Gregory, Jeffrey	SUNY @ Binghamton
Guadarrama, Manuel	Suffolk County CC
Gude, Chelsea	Undecided
Guerra, James P.	Suffolk County CC
Guerra, James W.	Cornell University
Guido, Christopher	Briarcliffe College
Haas, Shannon	Suffolk County CC
Hanrahan, Kyle	SUNY @ Albany
Hantzschel, Shaun	Suffolk County CC - Honors Program
Harrison, Steven	Suffolk County CC
Harrison, Thomas	Undecided
Harsch, Erick	Dowling College



Harty, Thomas	SUNY @ Farmingdale
Hassler, Amanda	Towson University
Hatzel, George	Niagara Community College
Hecht, Kaila	SUNY @ Oswego
Heilpern, John	University of Miami
Hellberg, Sherilyn	Columbia University
Hennessy, Paul	Suffolk County CC
Henry, Lauren	SUNY @ Albany
Herman, Amanda	College of St. Rose
Herron, Kelsey	Adelphi University
Hirt, Kaitlyn	Suffolk County CC
Hock, Brandon	CUNY - Lehman
Hoffman, Chelsea	SUNY @ Farmingdale
Holobinka, Nicole	Dowling College
Hopkins, Jillian	University of Miami
Hopkins, Veronica	Suffolk County CC
Hubert, Vivien	Adelphi University
Huntington, Daniel	U. of Massachusetts Amherst
Hussain, Alessandra	Manhattan CC
Ibrahim, Christine	Mass. College of Pharmacy
Ingoglia, Anthony	Suffolk County CC
Interlicchio, Stephanie	SUNY @ Oswego
Jelardi, Deanna	SUNY @ Fredonia
Jenny, Alyssa	Suffolk County CC
Johnson, James	Suffolk County CC
Jones, Jaime	SUNY @ Albany
Joyce, Tara	Suffolk County CC
Kanakis, Antonios	Suffolk County CC
Kane, Danielle	Utica College
Kaplan, Matthew	SUNY @ Albany
Kastanek, Virginia	SUNY @ Delhi
Kastner, David	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Katt III, Arthur	Suffolk County CC
Keegan, Thomas	Nassau County CC
Keller, Sean	Lehigh University
Keller, Taylor	Suffolk County CC
Kelly, John	Suffolk County CC
Kelly, Kaitlin	Hartwick College
Kelly, Stacy	Utica College
Kilfoyle, Michael	Suffolk County CC
Kjeldsen, Kelsey	Pennsylvania State University
Klein, Kevin	SUNY @ Fredonia
Knuth, Donald	Suffolk County CC
Kordich, Vanessa	NY Institute of Technology
Krais, Matthew	SUNY @ Fredonia
Kuhlwillm, William	St. Joseph's College

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Kulmatycki, Kyle Suffolk County CC  
 Kyc, Alexander Suffolk County CC  
 La Pierre, Corey Suffolk County CC  
 La Rocco, Matthew New York Institute of Technology  
 Lacey, Richard Suffolk County CC  
 Lafond, Taryn SUNY @ Oneonta  
 LaMarca, Julia Pratt Institute  
 Lane, Chelsea Towson University  
 Lashinsky, Diana SUNY @ Oswego  
 Lee, Jenna Kingsborough Community College  
 Lehnert, Nicholas Suffolk County CC  
 Lemaitre, Theresa SUNY @ Binghamton  
 Leonard, Patrick York College of Pennsylvania  
 Lima, Christopher Suffolk County CC  
 Limitone, Jack Suffolk County CC  
 Loeb, Susan Tulane University  
 Lohan, Korrie Suffolk County CC  
 Lorentzen, Dana Suffolk County CC  
 Lospinuso, Michael Western New England  
 Lotter, Bryanne Franklin and Marshall College  
 Luttenberger, Brian SUNY @ Stony Brook  
 Luttenberger, Eric SUNY @ Farmingdale  
 Lynaugh, Peter Suffolk County CC  
 Lyons, Lindsay Quinnipiac University  
 Lytell, Mariko University of Virginia  
 Maglione, Corine St. Joseph's College  
 Mall, Maxine SUNY@Albany  
 Malone, Daniel Wagner College  
 Mann, Sabrina Nassau County CC  
 Marino, Valerie SUNY @ Stony Brook  
 Marletta, Anthony Indiana University - Bloomington  
 Marotta, Allison Suffolk County CC  
 Marter, Nicholas St. Joseph's College  
 Mattered, Scott SUNY @ Cortland  
 McCaffery, Sean Marist College  
 McCarthy, Robert Suffolk County CC  
 McCarthy, Valerie SUNY @ Morrisville  
 McCormack, Michael Yale University  
 McGrath, Steven Suffolk County CC  
 Medina, Brandon BOCES Adult Education  
 Mellone, Michael SUNY Maritime  
 Merrill, Dylan Suffolk County CC  
 Michaelis, Corey SUNY @ Binghamton  
 Miller, Alexandra Marymount Manhattan College

Mineo, Edward Suffolk County CC  
 Minieri, Matthew Brookdale Community College  
 Mirro, Joseph SUNY @ Albany  
 Mistretta, Robert Suffolk County CC  
 Montgomery, Philip Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Morales, Jonathan Suffolk County CC  
 Morgan, Christian Barry University  
 Morgan, Lindsay SUNY @ Oneonta  
 Morgano, Eric SUNY @ Canton  
 Morley, Jacqueline Princeton University  
 Moruzzi, Ashley SUNY @ Albany  
 Muller, Nicole New School U-Parsons/ Eugene Lang  
 Multer, Matthew SUNY @ Albany  
 Murphy, Sean SUNY Maritime  
 Murray, Candice Suffolk County CC  
 Murray, Christopher Harvard University  
 Napolitano, Richard Employment  
 Nappo, Arthur Dowling College  
 Neidig, Katherine Suffolk County CC  
 Nenadich, Joseph Employment  
 Newberg, Andrew SUNY @ Buffalo University  
 Nilsen, Alexander Dowling College  
 Nobile, Gerald Hofstra University  
 Noble, Heather Suffolk County CC  
 Nohilly, Meagan Suffolk County CC  
 Nolan, Emily SUNY @ Buffalo University  
 Novello, Nicole Nassau County CC  
 O'Brien, Kevin Adelphi University  
 O'Brien, Melissa Suffolk County CC  
 O'Connor, Caitlin SUNY @ Albany  
 O'Gara, Aran SUNY @ Albany  
 O'Gara, Richard Siena College  
 O'Grady, Annmarie Suffolk County CC  
 Ognibene, Garrett Suffolk County CC  
 Ormsby, Kyle Suffolk County CC  
 Pace, IV, Frank Employment  
 Palminteri, Mitchell Suffolk County CC  
 Papa, John Suffolk County CC  
 Parro, Kaitlin Suffolk County CC  
 Passarelli, Dominic SUNY @ Binghamton  
 Paterno, Michael St. John's University  
 Paul, Kori Barry University  
 Paulsen, Kelsey Bloomsburg University  
 Pellegrino, Jennifer Suffolk County CC  
 Penna, Christina Suffolk County CC  
 Pepe, Philip Suffolk County CC  
 Pfgingst, Kelly SUNY @ Binghamton  
 Philips, Ashley Suffolk County CC  
 Piening, Kevin SUNY @ Albany  
 Pilchman, Lisa University of Delaware  
 Pinna, Jessica Nassau County CC  
 Pirkel, Gabrielle SUNY @ Brockport  
 Plate, Jessica SUNY @ Oneonta  
 Poomchonghko, Nopawan University of Miami  
 Porcelli, Christopher St. John's University  
 Porter, Amanda SUNY @ Stony Brook  
 Power, Sheilah University of Delaware  
 Priolo, Mary CUNY - Baruch  
 Prior, Amanda Suffolk County CC  
 Ragusa, Daniel CUNY - Baruch  
 Raimondi, Marissa Dowling College  
 Ramsbotham, Patrick SUNY - Maritime

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Raschke, Derek	Suffolk County CC	Soltan, Jessica	Suffolk County CC
Reilly, Kaitlyn	Providence College	Specht, Travis	Colorado Mountain College
Reilly, Kelly	Suffolk County CC	Speziale, Chiara	American University
Remmers, William	School of Visual Arts & Des.	Squitire, Kerianne	SUNY @ Stony Brook
Riccardella, Danielle	SUNY @ Buffalo State	Stephenson, Robert	Stevens Institute of Technology
Richards, Kristin	St. Joseph's College	Stewart, Matthew	SUNY @ Buffalo
Ricigliano, Gregory	St. John's University	Suarez, Thomas	SUNY @ Stony Brook
Riegel, Laura	SUNY @ Stony Brook	Sullivan, Catherine	Suffolk County CC
Rivera, David	Suffolk County CC	Sullivan, Kaitlyn	SUNY @ Oswego
Rivera, Emmanuel	Suffolk County CC	Surace, Jaime	Assumption College
Rivera, Nathalia	Suffolk County CC	Surace, James	Suffolk County CC
Rizzo, Amanda-Jo	Nassau County CC	Taft, Malori	Adelphi University
Rode, Charles	SUNY @ Buffalo	Tait, Alexander	Suffolk County CC
Rodriguez, Jonathon	Briarcliffe College	Tait III, Thomas	New York University
Rodriguez, Monique	BOCES Adult Education	Tanoff, Tracy	SUNY @ New Paltz
Rolston, Christine	St. John's University	Tarantino, Matthew	Hofstra University
Romaka, Jacklyn	Undecided	Tavella, Lisa Marie	University of Rhode Island
Rooney, Michelle	Utica College	Teufel, Kelly	SUNY @ Buffalo
Rosenberg, Kayla	University of Delaware	Teymour, Shereen	Boston University
Rosenfield, Lee	Suffolk County CC	Thomas, Michael	Employment
Roy, Kelly	Manatee County CC	Timmons, Christopher	SUNY @ Oswego
Rubino, Michael	SUNY @ Buffalo	Tinnirello, Alexis	SUNY @ Morrisville
Russo, Matthew	Pepperdine University	Toohy, Eric	SUNY @ Buffalo
Ryan, Courtney	St. Joseph's College	Traylor, Kurtis	Suffolk County CC
Ryan, Kevin	Hofstra University	Trovato, Peter	Undecided
Saake, Chelsea	Suffolk County CC	Troyano, Taylor	SUNY @ Oneonta
Sadkowski, Susan	Syracuse University	Turri, Wade	Loyola College (MD)
Sagl, James	Goucher College	Valenti, Stephen	Suffolk County CC
Salamone, Michael	Suffolk County CC	Valenti, Thomas	Adelphi University
Salanitri, Joseph	SUNY @ Albany	Valentine, Paul	SUNY @ Albany
Salatto, Matthew	Colorado Mountain College	Valentino, Anthony	SUNY @ Cortland
Sandalena, Anthony	Suffolk County CC	Vandette, Shannon	Iona College
Sangiorgio, Sara	Adelphi University	Vaneron, Kristenlyn	Undecided
Sannito, Megan	Suffolk County CC	Vansprundel, Kimberly	Nassau County CC
Santopetro, Joseph	Suffolk County CC	Vazquez, Eric	Suffolk County CC
Santorio, Paul	Pennsylvania State University	Verdone, Maria	Employment
Santospirito, Laura	SUNY @ Stony Brook	Villone, Giorgio	Pennsylvania State - Hazelton
Sauerland, Alicia	York College of Pennsylvania	Vollmer, Kelly	Siena College
Savona, Joseph	Suffolk County CC	Von Toussaint, Robert	Suffolk County CC
Scarpitta, Peter	Employment	Wagner, Courtney	Suffolk County CC
Scarr, Julie	SUNY @ Cortland	Waibel, Steven	Colorado Mountain College
Schatzger, Kimberly	Dowling College	Walsh, John	Sacred Heart
Schmidt, Kiersten	Suffolk County CC	Walsh, Ryan	Suffolk County CC
Schmitt, Derek	Suffolk County CC	Waly, Omar	Undecided
Schou, Joseph	Pennsylvania State University	Wandzilak, Julie	Sacred Heart University
Schultz, Brian	Iona College	Wanner, Brittany	Bucknell University
Scuderi, Alexandria	SUNY @ Farmingdale	Weatherly, Christopher	College of Saint Rose
Segreto, Melanie	Siena College	Weiner, Julie	Mount Saint Mary's College
Sesto, Paul	Bucknell University	Weisberg, Justin	Employment
Sgueglia, Joseph	Suffolk County CC	Weitzman, Brianna	Pace University
Shaw, Victoria	St. Joseph's College	West, Jillian	Suffolk County CC
Shay, Brian	SUNY @ Farmingdale	Williams, Kenneth	Suffolk County CC
Shelorke, Michelle	Hofstra University	Williamson, Derek	SUNY @ Buffalo State College
Shepard, Crystal	U.S. Army	Winter, Kyle	SUNY @ Oneonta
Sierra, Daniel	Suffolk County CC	Wisniewski, David	Gettysburg College
Simpson, James	Suffolk County CC	Wolf, Raymond	SUNY @ Albany
Siniakowicz, Kamil	Pennsylvania State University	Wood, Joseph	Quinnipiac University
Sixsmith, Shannon	Suffolk County CC	Worley, Joseph	Suffolk County CC
Skaliotis, Demetrios	Suffolk County CC	Wormuth, Katie	Suffolk County CC
Smith, Ian	SUNY @ Buffalo State	Yunas, Natasha	Hofstra University
Smith, Jeffrey	SUNY @ Albany	Zaremba, Ryan	West Point Prep (USMAPS)
Smith, Thomas	Thomas Edison State College	Ziegler, Olivia	Fairfield University

# Senior Awards

## ART

Excellence – Daniela Cassataro and Julia LaMarca  
Achievement – Nicole Muller and Malori Taft  
Excellence in Graphics – Anne Greco and Arthur Nappo

## BUSINESS

Excellence – Kelsey Kjeldsen  
Academic Achievement – Melissa Barrett and  
Kasey Brohan  
Achievement – Kyle Gelling

## DANCE

Excellence in Dance – Catherine Glass  
Excellence in Choreography – Chelsea Lane and  
Susan Loeb

## ENGLISH

12 – Achievement – Tina Dimola  
R – Academic Achievement – Jessica Pinna  
H – Achievement – Laura Santospirito  
H – Excellence – Kyle Gelling  
AP – Excellence – Jacqueline Morley  
AP – Excellence in Writing – Christina Cuzzo  
SUPA Excellence – Bryanne Lotter  
SUPA Excellence in Writing – Tracy Tanoff

## FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

Excellence – Valerie Marino  
Academic Achievement – Julie Weiner  
Achievement – Marissa Raimondi

## HEALTH

Honors – Catherine Danziger  
Excellence – David Birnbaum  
Achievement – Giancarlo Coiro

## MATHEMATICS

Excellence – AP Calculus – Christopher Murray  
Academic Achievement – Pre Calculus A – James Sagl  
Achievement – Pre Calculus B – Samantha Boniberger  
Excellence – AP Statistics – Claire Cosgrove  
Academic Achievement Statistics: Danielle Fiore  
National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics  
Excellence in Math – Amanda Porter  
Suffolk County Math Contest – High Score Level C –  
Christopher Murray  
Suffolk County Math Contest – High Score Level C+ –  
Amanda Porter

## MUSIC

National School Choral Award – Amanda Corey  
National School Orchestra Award – Kerri Flaherty  
John Philip Sousa Awards – Dana Andrews,  
Victoria Astuto and Donald Conste  
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award – Thomas Tait III



Distinguished Performance for Vocal Motion – Amanda  
Corey, Deanna Jelardi and Maxine Mall  
Distinguished Performance in Orchestra – Jennifer  
Pellegrino, Laura Riegel and Victoria Shaw  
New York State Council of Administrators of  
Music Education (NYSCAME) Scholarship –  
Amanda Corey  
Suffolk Co. Music Educators' Award – Victoria Astuto

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Excellence – Lindsay Lyons and Ryan Zaremba

## SCIENCE

Excellence in Biology – Daniela Cassataro  
Excellence in Environmental Science – Mary Priolo  
Academic Achievement in Physics – Kasey Brohan and  
Lindsay Morgan  
Excellence in Physics (APB) – Amanda Porter  
Excellence in Physics (APC) – Christopher Murray  
Excellence in Research – Samantha Boniberger  
Suffolk County Science Teachers' Association Award –  
Daniela Cassataro

## SOCIAL STUDIES

AP - Outstanding Student in Government –  
Sherilyn Hellberg and Mariko Lytell  
H - High Honors in Government – Shereen Teymour  
R - Excellence in Government – Brian Luttenberger  
L - Achievement in Government – Jessica Soltan  
AP - Outstanding Student in Economics –  
James Criscuolo  
H - High Honors in Economics – Joseph Schou  
R - Excellence in Economics – Thomas Valenti  
L - Achievement in Economics – Taylor Keller  
Excellence in Philosophy – Christopher Murray

## TECHNOLOGY

Excellence – Michael Rubino and Donald Conste  
Achievement – Jake Froelich and Kyle Kulmatycki  
Academic Achievement – Michael Lospinuso  
Excellence in Cisco Networking Academy – Ryan Bos  
and Robert Stephenson  
W.I. Robotics Booster Club, Inc. Scholarship Award –  
James W. Guerra and Robert Stephenson



# Senior Awards

## WORLD LANGUAGES

Excellence in Italian AP – Daniela Cassataro  
Excellence in Spanish AP – Christina Cuzzo  
Academic Achievement in Spanish 5 – Deanna Jelardi  
Syracuse University Project Advance in Spanish –  
Sean McCaffery  
Multi-lingual Award (French and Spanish) –  
Rebecca Franckowski  
Excellence in French AP – Rebecca Franckowki



## United States Military Appointments

Recognition of Appointment to US Air Force Academy:  
Kevin Dolan

Recognition of Appointment to Merchant Marine Academy:  
Donald Conste

Recognition of Appointment to US Military Academy  
Preparatory School: Ryan Zaremba

Army Reserve National Scholar Athletic Award:  
Sherilyn Hellberg and Christopher Porcelli

Marine Corps. Distinguished Athlete Award:  
Scott Mattera and Olivia Ziegler

# Class of 2009 Recognition

## New York State Scholarships for Academic Excellence

Samantha Boniberger

James Criscuolo

Christina Cuzzo

Rebecca Greene

Sherilyn Hellberg

Mariko Lytell

Jacqueline Morley

Christopher Murray

Dominic Passarelli

Christopher Porcelli

Amanda Porter

Mary Priolo

Kaitlyn Reilly

Brittany Wanner

## CLASS OF 2009 Recognition of Class Officers

President – Nicole Muller, Vice President – Paige Engeldrum  
Treasurer – Lisa Tavella and Secretary – Rachel Greco

## Recognition of Student Senate Seniors

Dillon Archer, Shane Craig, Paige Engeldrum – President, Rebecca Greene, Ashley Moruzzi, Nicole Muller – President, Kaitlyn Reilly, Michael Salamone, Alexandria Scuderi, Taylor Troyano, Wade Turri – President and Kelly Vollmer

## SPECIAL AWARDS

### National Merit Scholarships

Christopher Murray and Amanda Porter

### The County Executive Public Service Award

Sherilyn Hellberg

### State of N.Y. Office of the Attorney General Triple "C" Awards

Shaun Hantzchel and Jessica Plate

### State of New York Office of the State Comptroller

Daniela Cassataro

### Recognition of Executive Board of the National Honor Society

President – Gary Bruckner, Vice President – Emily Nolan  
Vice President for Tutoring – Kaitlyn Reilly,  
Vice President for Community Service – Jaime Surace,  
Treasurer – Sean Keller, Secretary – Daniela Cassataro  
and Historian – Kelsey Kjeldsen

# Scholarships & Awards

Andrea's Haunted House Scholarships – Jillian Hopkins, Donald Knuth, Kaitlyn Reilly, Kelly Reilly, Kiersten Schmidt and Brianna Weitzman

Ann Amoia Scholarships – Twirling and Dance Assoc. – Christianna Bilella, Karissa Calamari, Stephanie Cantante, Talia Carrigan, Ashleigh Doyle, Mary Feminella, Veronica Hopkins, Vivien Hubert, Virginia Kastanek, Korrie Lohan, Maxine Mall, Katherine Neidig, Gabrielle PirkI, Shannon Sixsmith, Kaitlyn Sullivan and Katie Wormuth

Marilyn Andia Memorial Scholarship – Kelly Pflugst

ASK US Scholarships – Theresa Degasero and Alexis Tinnirello

Babylon Chorale, Inc. Vocal Music Award – Amanda Corey

Babylon Lion's Club – William L. Cassidy Scholarships – Shaun Hantzschel, Shannon Vandette

Babylon Rotary Scholarships – Jacqueline Morley and Kaitlyn Reilly

Connie Baird Islip Breast Cancer Memorial Scholarship – Jacqueline Morley and Kaitlyn Reilly

Frank Barba, Jr. Memorial Music Scholarship – Victoria Astuto

Beach Street Middle School PTA Scholarships – James W. Guerra and Mary Priolo

Kristian C. Becker Memorial Scholarship – Peter Gonzalez



Paul J. Bellew PTA Scholarships – Mariko Lytell and Gabrielle PirkI

The Jeremy Richard Best Class of 2009 Memorial Scholarships – Stephanie Day, Allison Graber and Nicole Muller

Susan B. Bradley Memorial Scholarship – Gabrielle PirkI

Harvey B. Brownstein and Frederick J. Nicaise Business Memorial Scholarship – Gary Bruckner

Randolph A. Buckley Memorial Scholarship – Valerie McCarthy

Captree PTA Scholarships – Mary Priolo and Michael Rubino

Frederick J. Chapey Memorial Scholarship – Veronica Hopkins



Class of 1969 Memorial Award – Daniela Cassataro and Shaun Hantzschel

Joseph Columbo Memorial Scholarship – Dana Andrews

Friends of William Cutillo Memorial Scholarship – Ryan Bos

Dante Foundation of Nassau County, Inc. Scholarship – Daniela Cassataro

DECA Scholarship "Outstanding Member of the Year" – Aaqil Ali

Paul Fauci Memorial Scholarship – Corey La Pierre

FBLA Outstanding Member of the Year Scholarship – Gary Bruckner

Christine & Michael Freyer Memorial Scholarship – James Criscuolo

Jesse Greenwald Science Scholarship – Sherilyn Hellberg

The Heilpern Family Scholarship – Katie Wormuth

E. W. Howell Co. Inc. Scholarship in Memory of Jeremy Best – Michael Rubino

Jostens Recognition Award – Brittany Wanner

Nick LaGiglia Memorial Scholarship – Andrew Newberg

Joseph Lite & Robert Annino Memorial Scholarship – W. I. Lions Club – Wade Turri

Long Island Blood Services Scholarship – David Rivera

Long Island Master Gardeners Scholarship – Thomas Harty

Manetuck Elementary Alumni PTA Scholarships – Dana Andrews and Lauren Brady

Elizabeth T. McNamee Memorial Scholarships – Leslie Barth, Theresa-Ann Degasero, Kerri Flaherty, Nicole Muller, Kaitlyn Reilly and Alexis Tinnirello

# Scholarships & Awards

Terence A. McShane Memorial Scholarship – Shannon Vandette

Billy Morris Memorial Soccer Scholarship – Paul Valentine

National Honor Society Distinguished Service Award – Wade Turri

N.Y. Lottery Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship – Nicole Muller

Oquenock PTA Scholarships – Kasey Brohan and Deanna Jelardi

Dr. Andrew Pecoraro Scholarship – Michael Rubino

The Mark Rosen Memorial SEPTA Scholarship – Anthony Capon

Sagtikos Historical Society Award – Sherilyn Hellberg

Lindsey Sangiorgio Memorial Scholarship – Lauren Cestaro

Darlene Schultheis Memorial Scholarships – Nicholas Cestaro and Caitlin O'Connor

Student Senate Ryan Hartley Memorial Scholarships – Paige Engeldrum, Nicole Muller and Wade Turri

Suffolk Transportation Scholarship – Gerald Nobile

Debbie Tibaldi Memorial Scholarship – Paige Engeldrum

Udall Road Middle School P.T.A. Scholarship – Deanna Jelardi

Wayne R. VanAcker Memorial Art Scholarship – Nicole Muller

Westbrook PTA Scholarship – Kiersten Schmidt

Westbrook PTA Scholarship in Memory of Paula Dewhurst – Shaun Hantzschel

Western Suffolk Counselors Association Scholarship – Nicole Muller

W. I. Alumni Association Scholarships – Daniela Cassataro, Stephanie Day, Nicole Muller, Gabrielle Pirkl, Kaitlyn Reilly and Paul Sesto

W. I. American Legion Post #1738 Scholarship – Kaitlyn Reilly

West Islip Administrators and Supervisors Association Scholarships – George Hatzel and Kiersten Schmidt

W.I. Beautification Society – Dorothe Karwoski Memorial Scholarship – Cassie Campasano

W. I. Bicentennial Committee Scholarships – Christina Cuzzo, Christine Ibrahim, and Emily Nolan

W. I. Breast Cancer Coalition for Long Island, Inc. Science Scholarship – Daniela Cassataro

West Islip Chamber of Commerce Scholarships – Gary Bruckner and Ashley Moruzzi

WICCA-West Islip Community Cultural Arts Scholarships – Stephanie Day and Laurie Galgano

W. I. Council of PTA Scholarships – Leslie Barth, Gary Bruckner, Daniela Cassataro, Stephanie Day, Sherilyn Hellberg, Jillian Hopkins, Christine Ibrahim, Chelsea Lane, Mariko Lytell, Allison Marotta, Nicole Muller, Emily Nolan, Gabrielle Pirkl, Kaitlyn Reilly, Kiersten Schmidt, Paul Sesto and Shereen Teymour

W. I. High School Dollars for Scholars Scholarships – Veronica Hopkins, Daniel Malone, Nicole Muller and Christine Rolston

W. I. High School PTSA Scholarships – Daniel Frodell and Christine Ibrahim

W. I. Little League – Mike Lorentzen Memorial Scholarships – Dillon Archer, Kyle Gelling, Corine Maglione and Jaime Surace

West Islip Secretarial Unit Scholarship – William Kuhlwillm



W. I. SEPTA Scholarships – James W. Guerra, Amanda Prior and Jeffrey Smith

W.I. Soccer Club Community Service Scholarships – Giancarlo Coiro, Diana Lashinsky, Jacqueline Morley, Laura Riegel, Melanie Segreto and Kelly Vollmer

W. I. Symphony Orchestra Award – Laura Riegel

West Islip Teachers' Association Scholarships – Lauren Cestaro and Gabrielle Pirkl

You Color Our World Scholarship from the Heilpern Family – Nicole Muller

Richard Zocchia Memorial Scholarship – Paul Valentine



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## Class of 2009 Awards

### Senior Year Academic Achievement Awards

Gina Benedetti	Taryn Lafond	Courtney Ryan
David Birnbaum	Chelsea Lane	Michael Salamone
John Bruno	Corrie Lohan	Alicia Sauerland
Caroline Chinkel	Sean Murphy	Shannon Sixsmith
Claire Cosgrove	Alexander Nilsen	Joseph Sgueglia
Joseph Costantino	Kelsey Paulsen	Matthew Tarantino
Michaelene DeSena	Kevin Piening	Christopher Timmons
Danielle Dilevo	Jessica Plate	Stephen Valenti
Jonathan Fisco	Sheilah Power	Anthony Valentino
Jake Froelich	Amanda Prior	Christopher Weatherly
Nicole Holobinka	Patrick Ramsbotham	Brianna Weitzman
Stephanie Interlicchio	Kelly Reilly	Raymond Wolf



### Four Year Honors

Aaqil Ali	Anthony Delillo III	Amanda Herman	Jacqueline Morley	Paul Santoro
Dana Andrews	Kristen DiLeo	Kelsey Herron	Nicole Muller	Laura Santospirito
Aaron Ankudavich	Paige Engeldrum	Jillian Hopkins	Matthew Multer	Joseph Schou
Victoria Astuto	Heather Fannon	Christine Ibrahim	Christopher Murray	Melanie Segreto
Melissa Barrett	Joseph Ferrone	Deanna Jelardi	Andrew Newberg	Paul Sesto
Richard Beck	Danielle Fiore	Jaime Jones	Emily Nolan	Victoria Shaw
Samantha Boniberger	Kerri Flaherty	Sean Keller	Dominic Passarelli	Michelle Shelorke
Lauren Brady	Rebecca Franckowski	Kelsey Kjeldsen	Kelly Pfingst	Kamil Siniakowicz
Emily Bresko	Daniel Frodell	Julia LaMarca	Lisa Pilchman	Chiara Speziale
Kasey Brohan	Kyle Gelling	Diana Lashinsky	Jessica Pinna	Robert Stephenson
Gary Bruckner	Beth Genovese	Theresa LeMaitre	Gabrielle Pirkil	Matthew Stewart
Coleen Burke	Allison Giambrone	Susan Loeb	NopawanPoomchonghko	Jaime Surace
Stephanie Buscemi	Heather Giever	Bryanne Lotter	Christopher Porcelli	Malori Taft
Christopher Camesas	Laura Giever	Brian Luttenberger	Amanda Porter	Thomas Tait III
Daniela Cassataro	Allison Graber	Mariko Lytell	Mary Priolo	Tracy Tanoff
Mary A. Castro	Rachel Greco	Corine Maglione	Kaitlyn Reilly	Lisa Marie Tavella
Lauren Cestaro	Rebecca Greene	Maxine Mall	Kristin Richards	Kelly Teufel
Giancarlo Coiro	Jeffrey Gregory	Valerie Marino	Laura Riegel	Shereen Teymour
Amanda Corey	James W. Guerra	Anthony Marletta	Michelle Rooney	Wade Turri
James Crisculo	Shaun Hantzschel	Sean McCaffrey	Kayla Rosenberg	Paul Valentine
Christina Cuzzo	Amanda Hassler	Michael McCormack	Michael Rubino	Shannon Vandette
Megan Czurda	John Heilpern	Alexandra Miller	Matthew Russo	Brittany Wanner
Stephanie Day	Sherilyn Hellberg	Joseph Mirro	James Sagl	Natasha Yunas
Samantha Dean	Lauren Henry	Lindsay Morgan	Joseph Salanatri	Olivia Ziegler