

Farewell TO OUR RETIREES

Smithtown Central School District would like to extend its well wishes to the following retirees and thank them for their many years of service and dedication to the Smithtown community and its students.

- Donna Atkinson, health teacher
- Christine Balestrieri, office assistant
- Lynne Barry, science teacher
- James Berger, head custodian
- David Bestenheider, maintenance mechanic
- Barbara Boneillo, special education aide
- Vincent Campagna, maintenance mechanic
- Joanne Ceponis, senior office assistant
- Kathy Coffin, computer lab aide
- Linda Cristani, science lab aide
- Olga Crnosija, science teacher
- Claudine DeCoteau, ELA teacher
- Eileen DiCristofaro, special education teacher
- Doreen Downs, food service worker
- Tina Dray, principal office assistant
- Regina Dunne, school lunch director
- Jamie Dvorak, food service worker
- Allison Edwards, senior office assistant
- Diana Feirstein, special education teacher
- Cheryl Glick, special education aide
- MaryPat Grafstein, business teacher
- Jane Groneman, senior office assistant, principal's secretary
- Cormac Harte, custodial worker
- Debra Kalabza, music teacher
- Peggy Knudsen, senior office assistant
- Virginia Kohilakis, special education teacher
- Janet Lobiondo, social worker
- MaryGrace Lynch, elementary principal
- Dawn McNamara, office assistant
- Marlene Mitchell, computer lab aide
- Lisa Molano, elementary teacher
- Alexis Nagowski, teacher assistant
- Sharon Nilson, special education aide
- Cindy Nocero, assistant principal
- Richard Noriega, head custodian
- Laura Persichilli, ELA teacher
- Patricia Petrucelli, physical education teacher
- Paul Richters, maintenance mechanic
- Arleen Rogan, computer lab assistant
- Theresa Russo, special education teacher
- Patrick Smith, coordinator of pe/athletics/health/nurses
- Patricia Szabo, elementary teacher
- Donald Wallace, maintenance mechanic
- Maryann Walsh, senior office assistant, principal's secretary
- Jeff Woodard, chief custodian
- Beth Woods, school purchasing agent
- Linda Wurtz, principal office assistant
- Barbara Zemick, science teacher

It's an 'Honor'

In lieu of valedictorian and salutatorian, the Class of 2022 at Smithtown High School East and West selected honored speakers to represent their class at commencement.

At High School East, Aman Mistry was chosen by his peers.

Aman boasts a GPA of 4.78. He is the co-founder/co-captain of the Science Olympiad Team at Smithtown East which medaled at the regional and state levels. He is president of the Quiz Bowl, secretary of the Outreach Math Honor Society and was a finalist in the New York Times STEM Essay Contest, NSPC Health Science Competition and winner of Stony Brook Young Investigators Review Essay competition.

Tyler Nagosky was the chosen speaker at High School West.

Tyler has a weighted GPA of 4.51 and will major in biology at Stony Brook University. He placed first at the International Science and Engineering Fair (NYSSEF) in Animal Sciences.

He is president of the National Honor Society, vice president of the German Honor Society and excels in track and field as well. Tyler is captain and First Team All-County in cross-country.

He's also captain and All-Division for spring and winter track and field.



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Congratulations, Class of

2022



Moving UP

Accompsett, Great Hollow and Nesaquake middle schools all celebrated the achievements and accomplishments of their respective eighth grade classes. Families gathered to commend students as administrators, teachers and staff offered well wishes during the middle school moving-up ceremonies. The eighth graders will enter High School East and High School West in the fall to become the Class of 2026!



On a beautiful Thursday night in June, more than 750 seniors from High School East and High School West received their Class of 2022 diplomas.

Assistant Superintendent Kevin Simmons, who was the principal at East for 3 1/2 years before moving to the district office, was the keynote speaker on June 23 at High School East. Simmons was introduced by Principal Robert Rose.

At High School West, Superintendent Dr. Mark Secaur addressed the students, stressed the importance of family and quoted philosopher Henry David Thoreau when he said, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams, live the life you have imagined."

Meanwhile at High School East Aman Mistry was voted by fellow seniors as the honor speaker, and fellow senior and president of the Class Council Trishaulla Kanhai also spoke to the class.

Aman, who will be attending Stony Brook University, recalled showing up at high school and seeing the 6-feet-tall seniors with facial hair and telling his parents he was going to be like that someday. He also went through

achievements of the class, from athletic feats to scientific awards.

Meanwhile at High School West, National Honor Society President Tyler Nagosky was chosen by his classmates to speak, along with class co-presidents Hunter Hayes and Madison Hilman. Tyler stressed the importance of family and complimented the class on how much they had overcome.

Madison added, "If you're heading toward something that is important to you or participating in something that you're passionate about, it will all be worth it."

High School West principal John Coady told the students they've "gone above and beyond to help others during this pandemic, and we are so proud of you."

After the congratulatory speeches, students were awarded their diplomas by the Board of Education and school counselors. The seniors then participated in the traditional moving of the tassels to indicate their becoming alumni of the Smithtown Central School District. Caps in the air, music and plenty of pictures rounded out a perfect graduation night!

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Off to College

Members of the Class of 2022 can be found at the following colleges and universities beginning this fall:

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| AMDA College of the Performing Arts - Los Angeles | Roger Williams University |
| Adelphi University | Rutgers University-New Brunswick |
| Adelphi University (School of Business) | Sacred Heart University |
| Alfred University | Sam Houston State University |
| Arizona State University | Savannah College of Art and Design |
| Ave Maria University | School of Visual Arts |
| Belmont University | Seton Hall University (College of Arts and Sciences) |
| Binghamton University | Sienna College |
| Binghamton University (Harpur College of Arts and Sciences) | Skidmore College |
| Binghamton University (School of Management) | St. John's University-New York |
| Binghamton University (Watson School of Engineering and Applied Science) | St. Joseph's College-Long Island |
| Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania | St. Thomas Aquinas College |
| Boston College | Stetson University |
| Boston University | Stevens Institute of Technology |
| Brown University | Stony Brook University |
| CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College | Stony Brook University (Honors College) |
| CUNY Brooklyn College | Stony Brook University (Scholars for Medicine Program) |
| CUNY Hunter College | Suffolk County Community College |
| CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice | Suffolk County Community College-Eastern Campus |
| CUNY Queens College | Suffolk County Community College-Western Campus |
| Carnegie Mellon University | Suffolk University |
| Castleton University | SUNY Buffalo State College |
| Clemson University | SUNY College at Brockport |
| Cleveland State University | SUNY College at Geneseo |
| Coastal Carolina University | SUNY College at Oswego |
| College of Charleston | SUNY College at Plattsburgh |
| College of Mount Saint Vincent | SUNY College at Potsdam |
| College of the Holy Cross | SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry |
| Culinary Institute of America | SUNY College of Technology at Delhi |
| DeSales University | SUNY Cortland |
| East Carolina University | SUNY Empire State College |
| Fairfield University | SUNY Maritine College |
| Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham Campus | SUNY New Paltz |
| Farmingdale State College | SUNY Oneonta |
| Fashion Institute of Technology | SUNY at Fredonia |
| Five Towns College | Sweet Briar College |
| Florida Atlantic University | Temple University |
| Florida Institute of Technology | The University of Alabama |
| Florida International University | The University of Tampa |
| Florida Southern College | The University of Tennessee-Knoxville |
| Fordham University | Tufts University |
| Furman University | Tufts University (Studio Art: Joint Program with School of the Museum of F) |
| George Washington University | Union College |
| Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus | United States Merchant Marine Academy |
| High Point University | University at Albany |
| Hofstra University | University at Buffalo |
| Indiana University-Bloomington | University at Buffalo (Engineering and Applied Sciences) |
| Iona College | University of Arkansas |
| Jacksonville University | University of Bridgeport |
| James Madison University | University of Central Florida |
| Lehigh University | University of Cincinnati-Main Campus |
| Long Island University | University of Connecticut |
| Louisiana State University | University of Delaware |
| Loyola University Maryland | University of Florida |
| Manhattanville College | University of Georgia |
| Marist College | University of Hartford (College of Education, Nursing and Health) |
| Maryville University of Saint Louis | University of Kentucky |
| Marywood University | University of Maryland-College Park |
| Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences | University of Massachusetts-Amherst |
| Michigan State University | University of Massachusetts-Boston |
| Millersville University of Pennsylvania | University of Miami |
| Mitchell College | University of New Hampshire-Main Campus |
| Molloy College | University of New Haven |
| Monmouth University | University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus |
| Montclair State University | University of Rhode Island |
| Mount Saint Mary College | University of Scranton |
| Nassau Community College | University of South Carolina-Columbia |
| New England Institute of Technology | University of South Florida-Main Campus |
| New York University | University of Virginia-Main Campus |
| Nichols College | Ursinus College |
| Northeastern University | Utica University |
| Northwestern University | Vanderbilt University |
| Ohio State University-Main Campus | Villanova University |
| Pace University, New York City Campus | Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University |
| Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus | Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Engineering) |
| Providence College | Wagner College |
| Quinnipiac University | West Virginia University |
| Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | Western Carolina University |
| Rider University | Wheaton College |
| Ringling College of Art and Design | Yale University |
| Rochester Institute of Technology | |

Class of 2022 Accomplishments:

- National Merit Letters of Commendation: 10
- National Merit Winners: 2
- National Merit Finalists: 1
- NYS Awards of Academic Excellence: 17
- ISEF Finalist: 1
- Regeneron STS Semifinalist Scholar: 2
- Regeneron ISEF Semifinalist Scholar: 2
- ISS Genes in Space: 1
- NSPC Health Science Competition (Second Place): 1

Class of 2022

