



SMITHTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# DIGEST

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

## Congratulations CLASS OF 2023!



Even the threat of rain couldn't dampen the spirits of more than 670 seniors from High School East and High School West as they received their Class of 2023 diplomas.

On the morning of June 22, the forecast called for rain but SCSD officials held out hope they could hold an outdoor graduation. As the weather improved, so did the spirit of community as crews at High School East and High School West worked feverishly to make sure the outdoor commencement would go off without a hitch.

At High School East, Assistant Superintendent and former East principal Dr. Kevin Simmons was the keynote speaker. Simmons was introduced by Principal Robert Rose, who told the class, "I am truly humbled of your powers in the classroom, on the stage, in the arts and on the athletic

fields. I've always said Smithtown East is a special place, and that is primarily because of you."

Superintendent Dr. Mark Secaur addressed the students at High School West, stressing the importance of family and telling them, "You have left a legacy for future students."

Meanwhile at High School East, Sophia Augier, who was voted honor speaker by her fellow seniors, and Senior Class President Caileigh Harrigan spoke to the class. Sophia, who will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, highlighted her class overcoming the pandemic by sticking together and urged her classmates to "remember the significance of treating each other with kindness and respect."

Stephen Jung, the Smithtown High School West Honor Speaker, spoke to the class about overcoming the pandemic, saying, "Each of you earned a right to be here and that deserves its own applause."

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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Cornell University  
CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College  
CUNY City College  
CUNY Hunter College  
CUNY Medgar Evers College  
CUNY Queens College  
Drew University  
East Carolina University  
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania  
Farmingdale State College  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida SouthWestern State College  
Florida State University  
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus  
High Point University  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Hofstra University  
Ithaca College

Jacksonville University  
James Madison University  
Le Moyne College  
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Maine College of Art & Design  
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Nassau Community College  
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New York Institute of Technology  
New York University  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Ohio State University-Main Campus  
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Orange County Community College  
Pace University, New York City  
Pennsylvania State University  
Providence College  
Purdue University-Main Campus  
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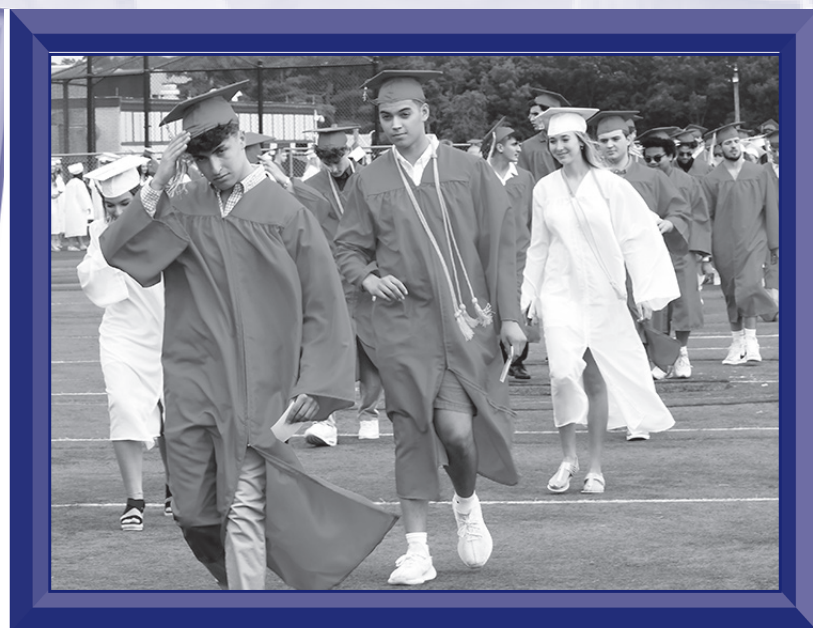
National Merit Letters of Commendation: 8  
National Merit Finalists: 2  
NYS Awards of Academic Excellence: 16  
Regeneron STS Semifinalist Scholar: 1  
Regeneron ISEF (Fourth place): 1  
ISS Genes in Space: 1  
ASHG DNA National Essay Contest (First place): 1  
ASHG DNA National Essay Contest (honorable mention): 2



# SCHOOL EAST AND WEST Colleges Attending:

Seton Hall University  
Siena College  
Southern Connecticut State University  
St. John's University-New York  
St. Joseph's University, New York - Long Island Campus  
Stanford University  
Stetson University  
Stonehill College  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk County Community College  
SUNY at Fredonia  
SUNY at Purchase College  
SUNY College at Geneseo  
SUNY College at Old Westbury  
SUNY College at Oswego  
SUNY College at Plattsburgh  
SUNY College at Potsdam  
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry  
SUNY Cortland  
SUNY Maritime College  
SUNY Oneonta  
SUNY New Paltz  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Texas Christian University  
The Catholic University of America  
The College of New Jersey  
The George Washington University  
The New England Conservatory of Music  
The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education  
The University of Alabama  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
The University of Tampa  
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
Thomas Jefferson University

United States Military Academy  
University at Albany  
University at Buffalo  
University of California-Berkeley  
University of California-Davis  
University of California-Santa Barbara  
University of Central Florida  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Florida  
University of Hartford  
University of Maine  
University of Maryland-College Park  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth  
University of New Hampshire-Main Campus  
University of North Carolina Wilmington  
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of South Carolina-Columbia  
University of South Florida-Main Campus  
University of Vermont  
University of Zurich  
Villanova University  
Virginia Tech  
Wake Technical Community College  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
West Chester University of Pennsylvania  
West Virginia University  
Wingate University  
York University







*In lieu of valedictorian and salutatorian, the Class of 2023 at Smithtown High School East and West selected honor speakers to represent their class at commencement.*

At High School East, **Sophia Augier** was selected by her peers. Sophia boasts a GPA of 4.64, and is president of the Math Honor Society, head of the Fabrication Robotics Team, a member of the Tutor Relations Rho Kappa and the Public Relations Spanish Honor Society and a recipient of the Long Island Science Congress Honors Award.

Sophia is a certified emergency medical technician and a volunteer at the Nissequogue Fire Department Ambulance Core and Stony Brook Hospital Emergency Department. She was

named Emergency Medical Technician of the Year and will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a major in bioengineering.

**Stephen Jung** was selected as the commencement speaker for High School West. Jung has a 4.65 weighted GPA, is president of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, co- president of the National Honor Society, president of the Red Cross Club, officer of the National English Honor Society, editor-in-chief of the Penumbra Literary magazine, president of the Chamber Music Society, principal violist of the Symphonic Orchestra, All-State violist, member of Pit Orchestra, member of Quiz Bowl and Science Research student.

# Farewell to Our Retirees

The 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.

- Maryellen Adams.....Non-Certified Monitor/Aide
- Dorothy Amoruso.....Non-Certified Monitor/Aide
- Robin Baker.....Certified Teacher
- Eileen Barral.....Non-Certified Clerical
- Eva Beringer-Lyons .....Non-Certified Monitor/Aide
- Janet Bernabeo .....Non-Certified Clerical
- Ellen Bosch.....Certified Tutor
- Christine Bracco.....Non-Certified Nurses
- Maryann Ceo.....Non-Certified Clerical
- Linda DeLecce.....Non-Certified IT
- Charles Dennis.....Certified Teacher
- Mary Diliberto.....Certified Teacher
- Louise Dobbs.....Non-Certified Food Service
- Kathleen Eagan.....Certified Teacher
- Jennifer Floyd .....Certified Teacher
- Eileen Flynn.....Certified Teacher Assistant
- Elaine Froehlich.....Certified Teacher
- Barabara Heedles .....Non-Certified Clerical
- Richard Hurley.....Certified Teacher
- Darryl Kennedy.....Non-Certified Facilities
- Jean Marie Kliphuis.....Certified Teacher

- Vincenza Kurakoff .....Non-Certified Food Service
- Roseanne LaFranca .....Non-Certified Monitor/Aide
- Regina Lefko .....Non-Certified Food Service
- Janine Lavery .....Certified Administrator
- Laura McAvoy.....Non-Certified Food Service
- Debra March .....Non-Certified Monitor/Aide
- Patricia O'Connor.....Non-Certified Nurses
- Karen Phillips.....Certified Teacher
- Leslie Pramnieks .....Certified Teacher
- Kenneth Pyz.....Non-Certified Facilities
- Glenn Rogers .....Certified Teacher
- Jeanne Rohena .....Non-Certified Clerical
- Theresa Rossi.....Non-Certified Clerical
- Elvira Ruggieri .....Non-Certified Clerical
- Felicia Sheridan .....Non-Certified Food Service
- Max Strieb.....Certified Teacher
- Barbara Vaccaro .....Non-Certified Monitor/Aide
- Lillian Vitalo .....Certified Teacher
- Lorraine Wagner-Johnson.....Non-Certified Monitor/Aide
- Robin Weisberg.....Certified Teacher

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