



SMITHTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# DIGEST

SCHOOL &amp; COMMUNITY

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!

They turned their tassels, tossed their caps and celebrated as the newest graduates of Smithtown High School East and High School West. On a sunny Wednesday in June, more than 700 seniors comprised the Class of 2024 as they enjoyed a wonderful commencement ceremony.

At High School East, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Secaur told the class, "I was very impressed with your level of pride, commitment and care to leave High School East a better place than how you found it. Rather than succumbing to early-onset senioritis, you sought to leave a legacy for future students. For that, you should be proud."

Principal Robert Rose addressed the graduating seniors, confident in their abilities no matter what paths they choose. "Whether that be heading off to college, the military, a trade school, entering the workforce or just taking a gap year to find your path, you will all find your way," he said.

Honor Speaker Dylan Shen wanted his colleagues to know the No. 1 thing he learned from his high school experience. "I would like to tell you the most important thing that I learned in high school," he said. "No, not that the

mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell. It's this. We're not in the same boat. We're weathering different storms. But, we're in the same sea, and we sail together."

At High School West, retiring Principal John Coady told the crowd that Smithtown High School West "has become a second home and family. We have built a community that values kindness, caring and support. It is this foundation that has allowed us to foster a safe and nurturing environment where students can thrive."

Honor Speaker Brayden Stahl, selected by his peers to speak, encouraged his classmates to live in the present. "No matter where your journey takes you, do not quantify your life based on awards, salary or even Smash Brothers tournament wins, but instead please judge yourself on the amount of times you can step back, live in the present, and say to yourself, 'I really love what I'm doing in this moment right now,'" Stahl said.

After the congratulatory speeches and diploma distribution, the seniors then participated in the traditional moving of the tassels to indicate their becoming alumni of the Smithtown Central School District.







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## District Class of 2024 Colleges Attending:

Adelphi University  
Amherst College  
Anderson University  
Arizona State University-Tempe  
Ave Maria University  
Bentley University  
Binghamton University  
Boston University  
Bryant University  
Bucknell University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Central Connecticut State University  
Clarkson University  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Columbia University in the City of New York  
Commonwealth University Bloomsburg, Lock Haven and Mansfield  
Cornell University  
CUNY Queens College  
Dartmouth College  
Elon University  
Endicott College  
Fairfield University  
Farmingdale State College  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Five Towns College  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida Southern College  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
Framingham State University  
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus  
Georgia State University  
High Point University  
Hofstra University  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania-Main Campus

Indiana University-Bloomington  
Iona University  
Island Drafting and Technical Institute  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Johnson & Wales University-Providence  
Lehigh University  
Lewis University  
Long Island University - Post  
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College  
Manhattan College  
Manhattanville University  
Marine Corps Institute  
Marist College  
Marywood University  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
McGill University Mercy University  
Merrimack College  
Michigan State University  
Molloy University  
Monmouth University  
Muhlenberg College  
Nassau Community College  
New York Institute of Technology  
New York University  
Nichols College  
North Carolina State University at Raleigh  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Ohio State University-Main Campus  
Pace University  
Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus  
Providence College  
Purdue University-Main Campus  
Quinnipiac University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Robert Morris University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rollins College  
Sacred Heart University  
Salve Regina University  
San Diego State University  
Seton Hall University  
Siena College  
Southern Connecticut State University  
St. John Fisher University  
St. John's University-New York  
St. Joseph's University, New York - Long Island Campus  
St. Thomas Aquinas College  
State University of New York at New Paltz  
Stetson University  
Stevenson University  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk County Community College  
Suffolk County Community College-Western Campus  
SUNY College at Geneseo  
SUNY College at Oswego  
SUNY College at Plattsburgh  
SUNY College at Potsdam  
SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill  
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry  
SUNY College of Technology at Delhi  
SUNY Cortland  
SUNY Fredonia  
SUNY Maritime College  
SUNY Old Westbury  
SUNY Oneonta  
SUNY Polytechnic Institute  
Susquehanna University  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Texas Christian University  
The City University of New York - CUNY

The George Washington University  
The University of Alabama  
The University of Tampa  
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
Towson University  
U.S. Navy  
United States Coast Guard Academy  
United States Merchant Marine Academy  
University at Albany, SUNY  
University at Buffalo  
University of Arizona  
University of Bridgeport  
University of Central Florida  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Florida  
University of Georgia  
University of Hartford  
University of Indianapolis  
University of Maryland-College Park  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
University of Miami  
University of Mississippi  
University of New Haven  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus  
University of Rhode Island  
University of South Carolina-Columbia  
University of South Florida-Main Campus  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia-Main Campus  
Utica University  
Virginia Tech  
West Virginia University  
Western Connecticut State University  
William & Mary  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

National Merit Letters of Commendation: 13

National Merit Finalists: 3

NYS Awards of Academic Excellence: 16

Regeneron STS Scholar: 1





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# It's An Honor

*In lieu of valedictorian and salutatorian, the Class of 2024 at Smithtown High School East and West selected honored speakers to represent their class at commencement.*

At High School East, Dylan Shen was chosen to represent his peers at commencement. Dylan is a National Merit Scholarship finalist, Regeneron STS semifinalist, and a member of the Math, National and Science honor societies. He received the 2023 Long Island Science Congress Honors Award and qualified for

the Science Olympiad State Competition three times. He will be attending Cornell University.

Brayden Stahl was selected as the honor speaker at High School West. Brayden was the starting quarterback for the Bulls, earning All-State, All-County and All-League honors. He was a three-year symphonic orchestra member as well as a member of the Math, National and Spanish honor societies. Brayden will be attending Lockhaven University.

## 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.

Paul Alesse ..... Certified-Teacher  
James Canzoneri ..... Non-Certified-Facilities  
Sally Chester ..... Certified-Teacher  
Robert Ciavarella ..... Certified-Teacher  
John Coady ..... Certified-Administrator  
Alice Connell ..... Non-Certified-Monitor/Aide  
Bruce Creber ..... Non-Certified-IT  
Karen DeFranco ..... Certified-Teacher  
Donna DeNigris ..... Certified-Teacher  
Lori DiBlasi ..... Non-Certified-Monitor/Aide  
Kim DiLello ..... Certified-Teacher  
Lorraine Duffy ..... Non-Certified-Monitor/Aide  
Kathryn Dunleavy ..... Certified-Teacher  
Joanne Figueiredo ..... Certified-Teacher  
Deborah Flynn ..... Non-Certified-Clerical  
Concetta Gallagher ..... Non-Certified-Monitor/Aide  
Pierre Andre Guerrier ..... Non-Certified-Facilities

Joann Gulotta ..... Non-Certified-Monitor/Aide  
Wesley Hallock ..... Non-Certified-Print Shop Supv.  
Margaret Hurban ..... Non-Certified-Monitor/Aide  
Stephen Jackowski ..... Certified-Teacher  
Diane Lipenholtz ..... Non-Certified-Clerical  
Annette Lopez ..... Certified-Teacher  
Robin Martill ..... Non-Certified-Monitor/Aide  
Michael Mastrangelo ..... Certified-Administrator  
Anne Marie McKeever ..... Certified-Tutor  
Jane McTurk ..... Non-Certified-Clerical  
Daniel Molloy ..... Non-Certified-Facilities  
Diane Nicholl ..... Non-Certified-Nurses  
Cecilia O'Brien ..... Non-Certified-Clerical  
Amy Olander ..... Certified-Teacher  
Noreen Pangallo ..... Non-Certified-Clerical  
Karen Passarella ..... Non-Certified-Monitor/Aide  
Ellen Paulik ..... Certified-Teacher

Maureen Raiha ..... Non-Certified-Clerical  
Jean Randell ..... Certified-Teacher  
Lynda Randell ..... Non-Certified-Monitor/Aide  
Janet Read ..... Non-Certified-Clerical  
Maureen Rock ..... Non-Certified-Facilities  
Susan Ryan ..... Certified-Teacher  
Filoxeni Salvago ..... Non-Certified-Food Service  
Wendee Santora ..... Certified-TA  
Dianne Shanian ..... Certified-Teacher  
Michele Siano ..... Certified-Teacher  
Robert Springer ..... Certified-Teacher  
Sharon Weissman ..... Certified-Teacher  
Lori Williams ..... Certified-Teacher  
Donna Wrage ..... Certified-Teacher  
Michael Zeidman ..... Certified-Teacher

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