



SMITHTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# DIGEST

SCHOOL &amp; COMMUNITY



## Congratulations CLASS OF 2025!

It was a day of celebration and inspiration as the 683 graduates of Smithtown High School East and High School West turned their tassels and tossed their caps into the air, signifying the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.

At High School West, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Secaur told the class he had a different perspective at this year's graduation, due to the fact his oldest son is a new high school graduate himself.

"This is the end of my 28th year in public education, and as you can imagine, I have made many graduation speeches," Dr. Secaur told the class. "But this is the first one where I can truly understand the perspective of the parents here today. They share our collective pride and optimism in what you have accomplished, and will accomplish, in the future. So, when they ask you for A LOT of pictures in a few minutes, smile and say, 'Of course!'"

"Wherever you go," Principal William Holl told the graduating seniors, "whether it's college, the workforce, the military or another path, know this: You have the power to make a difference. Be the person who lifts others up. Be the voice of reason in times of uncertainty. Be the hand that reaches out when others need support."

Honor Speaker Charlotte Muratore, selected by her peers to speak, encouraged her classmates to take risks. "At your

next destination, continue to tap into your passions," she said. "Find a circle of friends that share your joy; take on a new club, internship, relationship or class that piques your interest. Take the risk to seek the reward."

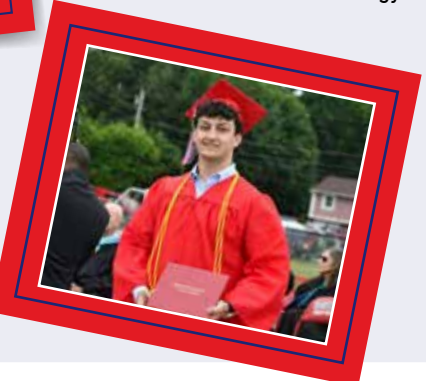
At the High School East ceremony, Principal Robert Rose, overseeing his final graduation before retirement, addressed the graduating seniors. "Your achievements have been nothing short of remarkable, and your perseverance and commitment have paid off," Mr. Rose said. "I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every student here, those before you and the entire Smithtown community. Coming to Smithtown was one of the best things that ever happened to me."

Honor Speaker Rabia Chattha wanted her colleagues to know what she learned outside of the classroom was just as important as what she learned inside of it. "You are not defined by your grades," Rabia exclaimed. "You are not defined by the college you are attending. You are not defined by the dozens of clubs you put on your resume. But you are defined by your passion. People will remember you for how you made them feel."

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



CLASS OF 2025 COLLEGES ATTENDING:



Adelphi University  
Alfred State College  
American University  
Arizona State University-Tempe  
Auburn University  
Binghamton University  
Boston Conservatory at Berklee  
Boston University  
Bridgewater State University  
Bryn Mawr College  
Career Education  
Centenary University  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Colgate University  
College of Charleston  
Commonwealth University  
Connecticut College  
Continuing Ed Program  
Cooper Union for the Advancement  
of Science and Art  
Cornell University  
Cosmetology  
CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College  
Curry College  
DeSales University  
Drexel University  
Eastern University  
Electrical Program  
Electrical Trade  
Elon University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Endicott College  
Fairfield University  
Farmingdale State College  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Five Towns College  
Flagler College  
Florida Institute of Technology

Florida Southern College  
Fordham University  
Furman University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgian Court University  
Grossmont College  
Harvard University  
Hendrix College  
High Point University  
Hofstra University  
Indiana University-Bloomington  
Iona University  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
Johns Hopkins University  
King's College  
La Salle University  
Lehigh University  
LIU Post  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola University Maryland  
Manhattan University  
Marist University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Mercy University  
Michigan State University  
Michigan Technological University  
Molloy University  
Montana State University  
Muhlenberg College  
New York Institute of Technology  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Ohio State University-Main Campus  
Pace University  
Pennsylvania College of Technology  
Pennsylvania State University  
Plymouth State University

Providence College  
Purdue University-Main Campus  
Queens College  
Queens University of Charlotte  
Quinnipiac University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rowan University  
Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
Sacred Heart University  
Saint Joseph's University  
Saint Leo University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Seton Hall University  
Shenandoah University  
Siena College  
St. John's University-New York  
St. Joseph's University, New York -  
Long Island Campus  
State University of New York at New Paltz  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk County Community College  
Suffolk University  
SUNY at Purchase College  
SUNY Brockport  
SUNY Buffalo State  
SUNY College at Geneseo  
SUNY College at Oswego  
SUNY College of Environmental Science  
and Forestry  
SUNY Cortland  
SUNY Fredonia  
SUNY Maritime College  
SUNY Old Westbury  
SUNY Oneonta  
Syracuse University  
Texas State University  
The George Washington University  
The University of Alabama

The University of Tampa  
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Universiteit Leiden  
University at Albany  
University at Buffalo  
University of California-Los Angeles  
University of Central Florida  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Florida  
University of Georgia  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Maryland-College Park  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
University of Massachusetts-Lowell  
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor  
University of Mississippi  
University of Mount Saint Vincent  
University of Nevada-Las Vegas  
University of North Florida  
University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Scranton  
University of South Carolina-Columbia  
University of Virginia-Main Campus  
Utica University  
Vassar College  
Virginia Tech  
Wagner College  
West Virginia University  
Western New England University  
Wilkes University  
Wingate University

HSE and HSW  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NATIONAL MERIT WINNERS: 2  
NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS: 9  
NATIONAL MERIT LETTERS  
OF COMMENDATION: 8  
NYS AWARDS OF  
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: 16  
REGENERON STS SCHOLARS: 3



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# It's An HONOR

*In lieu of valedictorian and salutatorian, the Class of 2025 at Smithtown High School East and West selected honored speakers to represent their class at commencement.*

High School East's Rabia Chattha was chosen to represent her peers at commencement.

Rabia is vice president of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Math, Rho Kappa and Tri-M Music honor societies. She is president of Science Olympiads, president of Relay 4 Life, an accomplished violist and founder of Game 4 A Change, an organization to help raise money and awareness for those with cancer. Rabia will be majoring in biochemistry at Stony Brook University in the Honors College.

Charlotte Muratore was selected as the honor speaker at High School West. Charlotte is co-president of the National Honor Society and vice president of competitions for DECA. She has been a member of the varsity soccer, winter track and lacrosse teams for all four years of high school. She is also a member of the Business, Math, Rho Kappa, Science and Spanish honor societies. She will be majoring in biology at the University of Florida.



**Rabia  
Chattha**



**Charlotte  
Muratore**

## 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.

Michael Aleci  
Nancy Aquiare  
Barbara Beard  
Carie Bodo  
Laura Bremen  
Kim Brosnan  
Frances Cannella  
Alfred Chandler III  
Joanne Corrado  
Darcie Cortese  
Linda Donohue  
Florence Duckham

Laurene Escalona  
Margaret Fici  
Annmaria Fisk  
Wendy Gahan  
Anthony Gaudino Jr.  
Bonna Gittleman  
Mary Goldberg  
Alfred Gromatsky  
Barbara Haining  
Robin Hartill  
Christopher Heedles  
Alfonsina Hricisak

Darlene Jamison  
Janice Kennedy  
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Martin Lamberti  
Karen LaRussa  
Barbara Levens  
Janice Mangino  
Michelle Manning  
Cheryl Markey  
Patricia Martin  
Leslie McKeever  
Linda McKenna

Laura McVeety  
Glenn Meyer  
Kimberly Muffy  
Patricia Munding  
Beverly Musco  
Michael Nolan  
Pragna Patel  
Lauren Perrone  
Susan Picini  
Kim Poslusny  
Andrea Raso  
Robert Rose

Filoxeni Salvage  
Nancy Skon  
Edward Smith  
Jeffrey Smith  
Susan Sternbach  
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