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POINTS OF PRIDE

September/October 2019

ACADEMICS

- District students sharpened their skills in space engineering this summer by beginning to design a prototype and utilize a three-dimensional printer to construct a CubeSat that will carry an experiment NASA will launch into outer space. This project became a reality when the district was awarded the prestigious NASA/New York Space grant. Freeport is the third public school district in New York State to win this grant and the first school district on Long Island.
- Freeport High School seniors Rosa Medina, Ryan Strong and Travell White (Class of 2020) ventured to Brookhaven National Laboratory and participated in its prestigious High School Science Research program over the summer.
- Freeport's Atkinson School was teeming with fresh opportunities, as district administrators and board of education members welcomed its new staff during the annual First Year Teachers' Orientation. Fourteen new teachers were distributed Chromebooks to kick off the multi-day orientation and were eager to start their new journey at Freeport.
- Freeport High School was a sea of smiles as teachers, staff, Board of Education members and administrators came together for the annual Superintendent's Conference Day. Before everyone broke off into individual building sessions, the entire staff gathered in the Performing Arts Center to celebrate the start of the school year with an inspiring message from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kishore Kuncham.
- Freeport district administration, staff, and Board of Education members welcomed Colonel Anselmo Brandao, general commander of the State of Bahia Police in Brazil, and discussed useful techniques in reducing stress and improving mental health. Also attending the meeting was Colonel Brandao's team of experts, representatives from Nassau County and Freeport Village, Nassau County Police Department Assistant Commissioner Marianela Casas and Freeport Village Assistant Chief of Police Ray Horton.



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- Fifty-three current students and alumni from Freeport High School have earned the designation of Advanced Placement Scholars for excelling on the 2019 AP exams. The district has continued to see an increase in the number of AP Scholars throughout the years. Graduated senior Saif Ali earned the National AP Scholar designation, which is the highest designation one can achieve. Saif also earned AP Scholar with Distinction, along with nine other students. In addition, eight students were named AP Scholars with Honor and 35 were designated as AP Scholars.
- Bayview Avenue School's third grade students were eager to be paired up with members of the Freeport Fire Department for the school's 14th annual Hooked on Firefighters Kickoff. Five classes were assigned to firefighters, who educated students on fire safety through a simulated smokehouse and fire truck demonstrations.
- Columbus Avenue School was filled with excitement for the school's Parent University Event, Leap into Kindergarten. Students and their parents enjoyed a night of fun interactive learning experiences, including early literacy skills, mindfulness and math.
- New Visions School hosted a fiesta for Hispanic Heritage month, where staff and fourth grade students in Ms. Tiffany Grimes and Ms. Dianna Lanzetta's class brought in a variety of Hispanic dishes to sample. These savory dishes included empanadas, carnitas, rice and beans, tacos, salsa, guacamole with cheese and tortilla chips, tres leches, flan and more.
- Archer Street School students attended a Math & Movement Family Fun Night, where they used fun floor mats to learn and engage with math concepts through movement. The exercises included teaching and learning with visual, auditory, and kinesthetic elements. The evening was well attended with more than 100 families.

ATHLETICS

- It was a beautiful sunny day during the Freeport High School's varsity football homecoming game, as the Red Devil's dominated the field and defeated the Baldwin Bruins 54-13. The varsity cheerleading team kept the crowd in high spirits throughout the game, and during halftime the high school's flag team, marching band and kickline team provided an energetic performance.



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THE ARTS

- The district is proud to announce that five talented student-musicians have been selected to perform at this year's New York State School Music Association All-State Festival in Rochester. They were selected for this prestigious honor based upon a rigorous audition process, under the direction of their respective music instructors including Orchestra Director Jill Boardman, Band Director Michael Lasorsa and Select Chorale Director Monique Retzlaff. Students include Oscar Brown (select chorale), Tyler Hawkins (band), Elijah Hollingsworth (select chorale), Darron Roberts (orchestra) and Sincere Williams (select chorale).
- Spanish language classes at Freeport High School brought their dancing shoes to the school library and learned how to dance Salsa in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The students participated in a video conference with members of the Cowles Center for Dance and Performing Arts in Minneapolis, MN, who guided them on their dance movements throughout the lesson.
- The Freeport High School Red Devil Marching Band had the wonderful opportunity to perform "The Star Spangled Banner" at Citi Field, under the direction of Michael Lasorsa, Adam Rubin and Color Guard Coaches Shawntee Carter and Jahn Scott. The students performed with the first time ever "Amazin' Band," which consisted of collaborative sounds from four different high school marching bands from Nassau and Suffolk Counties
- The Freeport School District spread their message to "Be the Change" through its Annual District-Wide Peace Concert & Art Exhibit on Oct. 3. This special event also celebrated International Day of Peace, International Day of Non-Violence and the 150th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi.

ALTRUISM

- Students, staff, Board of Education members and district administrators joined together with members of the community and local and state leaders to walk in their fifth annual Peace Walk in an effort to promote peace throughout Freeport and the surrounding areas. The purpose of the walk is to honor International Day of Peace.



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- The Freeport High School library celebrated International Day of Peace by inviting students to leave messages about peace or Climate Action. For each message, the students received an International Day of Peace button.
- Students, staff, members of the Board of Education and administration of the Freeport School District wore red, white and blue during New Visions School annual Heroes Day ceremony on Sept. 11. All gathered in front of the school to honor and remember those who sacrificed their lives 18 years ago, with members of the Freeport Fire Department and Freeport Police Department in attendance.
- The Freeport community came together for its final peace pole dedication at the district's administration building. The district now has nine peace poles installed, with one at each building.