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POINTS OF PRIDE

June 2019

ACADEMICS

- The district is proud to announce that Freeport High School student Rosa Medina was awarded the 2019 Rensselaer Medal from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In addition to this honor, Rosa has also earned a \$100,000 college merit scholarship (\$25,000 for each of four years) from the institution, if she decides to attend in the fall 2020.
- Archer School hosted its annual Family STEAM Night, where students teamed up with their families to brainstorm and complete tasks that focused on science, technology, engineering, art and math. They enjoyed the LEGO challenge, cardboard challenge, arts and crafts, and more to explore different STEAM phenomena.
- Life skills students from the high school, Atkinson School and Dodd Middle School teamed up with students from the high school's advertising and media class to create fun and interactive stories through computer science. They used Google CS First Storytelling for the collaborative project and transformed stories into animation videos through coding written by high school students.
- A team of 20 Dodd Middle School seventh graders took an oath in front of their parents and teachers during the annual swearing-in ceremony for the 2019-2020 school year's Peer Mediation Program. The ceremony came after the group successfully completed 16 hours of training for the organization.
- The district was proud to officially open the Freeport High School Based Health Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The brand-new establishment is in partnership with Family Health Centers, which is part of the LI Federally Qualified Health Center. The center is equipped with three staff members, two exam rooms, a lab and mental health office. It provides students with services including checkups, physicals, vaccines, sports physicals, reproductive health, behavioral health and referrals to specialists. All services are provided to students free of charge.
- The Freeport School District is proud to announce that Freeport High School science teacher Mr. Edward Irwin has been chosen as Nassau County's Most Outstanding High



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School Science Teacher of the Year by the Science Teachers Association of New York State.

ATHLETICS

- Freeport High School received the Award of Excellence by the NYSPHSAA for exemplary display of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity.
- Eleven of the high school teams were recognized as NYS Scholar-Athlete Teams and over 100 athletes earned scholar-athlete awards.
- The cheerleading team made the finals at nationals and placed ninth overall for the first time in school history.
- The district had state champions in both girls and boys track for the first time in over 15 years.
- The high school girls indoor 4-by-400-meter relay team won the state championship along with Kevon Smith in the 400-meter in the winter and spring.
- Several other athletes in swimming, wrestling and track won county championships and competed at states.
- The high school girls bowling and softball teams were conference champions.
- The high school girls basketball team competed in the Nassau County semifinals.

THE ARTS

- The district is excited to announce that Bayview first grader Sherry Ann Andrews was selected as a winner for an annual poster contest hosted by the Long Island Speech-Language-Hearing Association. For the contest, she crafted a poster that exemplified communication. She was recognized by the organization and received a gift card for her win.
- Fourth grade classes from New Visions School along with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kishore Kuncham were invited to the Freeport Memorial Library to cut the ribbon at the unveiling of the Village of Freeport mural. Artist Ji Yong Kim was selected by the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport to paint a mural on the library building that would reflect the history of the Village of Freeport. Before the ribbon-cutting, fourth grade students attended a history of Freeport learning session.



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ALTRUISM

- Freeport's Leo F. Giblyn School students raised over \$4,200 for the Freeport Educational Foundation by participating in a schoolwide Walk-A-Thon. During the march down the Nautical Mile, local stores and restaurants came out to cheer them on and offered their own donations. In addition to the walkathon, students who raised donations were entered into a drawing and selected to be Principal for the Day.
- ALS Ride for Life made a stop at Leo F. Giblyn School during its crusade to raise awareness about amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. This is the sixth year the nonprofit organization included the school in their tour. Music teacher Ms. Shannon Abramovitz had two moving songs prepared, one sung by the fourth grade and one sung by the entire school of more than 600 students. This year, families generously raised \$2,300 to support the cause.