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## POINTS OF PRIDE DECEMBER 2017

### ACADEMICS

- The district had its proposal to introduce nanotechnology into the high school curriculum accepted by Brookhaven National Laboratory's Center for Functional Nanomaterials for the second consecutive year. Freeport is the only district on Long Island to have an approved user project at the CFN. As a result of the proposal's acceptance, Freeport High School science research instructor Edward Irwin has, for the second consecutive year, earned the honor of visiting BNL to characterize the nanoparticles he and his students will have synthesized in the high school classroom setting.
- Following the award of a \$600,000 My Brother's Keeper Initiative Grant, the district has created a series of programs by implementing the Family and Community Engagement Program funded by this grant. The program is designed to raise the level of engagement among families of male students of color.
- Archer, Atkinson, Bayview, Giblyn and New Visions hosted Discovery Day for their students, featuring a slate of various activities related to astronomy and the mission of the International Space Station and incorporating the STEAM lessons taught in the classroom. Discovery Day prepared students for a unique opportunity later in the year, as they will attempt a video and audio connection with the astronauts aboard the International Space Station. Freeport is the only district in the nation to have been awarded that opportunity.
- The 236 members of Freeport High School's Navy Junior ROTC had their commitment and discipline on full display at the annual Inspection and Battalion Parade before the Board of Education, administrators, Village of Freeport trustees, local war veterans and families.
- Students at Freeport High School experienced augmented reality by participating in the Google Expeditions Pioneer Program.
- As part of a 10-year annual tradition, students at Freeport High School hosted 18 foreign exchange students from Germany and led them through a variety of fun and educational activities during their stay.
- Students at Atkinson worked with their families on engaging and interactive STEM activities as part of STEM Night.



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- Students from Adelphi University led STEM activities and workshops for students and their families at the annual Bayview/Giblyn STEM Night.
- New Visions hosted DeSTEMber Night, featuring holiday-themed STEM activities, for third-graders and their families.
- Under the direction of their classroom teachers and librarian Christine Meloni, students at Dodd have been videoconferencing with several experts from various institutions and organizations.
- Dodd hosted a Parent University event that focused on New York State exams.
- The Dodd Mentoring Program received a grant from Mentor New York to help celebrate National Mentoring Month.

## **ATHLETICS**

- Freeport High School seniors Oscaria Bruce and Gerald Urena were selected as the school's recipients of the 2017 Outstanding Physical Education Student Award and honored at Crest Hollow Country Club.
- The New York State Athletic Administrators Association selected Freeport High School teacher Eileen Shultis as a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, bestowed upon a person who is not an athletic administrator but has made a significant contribution to athletics. Shultis has been the Nassau County girls bowling coordinator for the past 15 years, and during that time has helped expand the league to 42 teams.
- Freeport High School senior Robert Fitzsimmons was selected to Newsday's All-Long Island Football First Team.
- The Freeport High School 4x400-meter relay team, comprised of juniors Jordan Jackson, Jahmel Maynor Mendez and Kevon Smith and senior Sebastian Buckeridge, earned a time of 3:25:17 at the North Shore Season Opener at the Armory.
- Freeport High School hosted its annual Cheerleading Competition.

## **THE ARTS**

- The Freeport High School Select Chorale performed at Radio City Music Hall for the first time in its history.
- Each school in the district has been hosting a Winter Festival of the Arts, showcasing the talents of its students and staff with holiday spirit and festive cheer.

## **ALTRUISM**



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- Archer Street hosted its annual Giving Tree food drive, collecting 25 boxes of food that were delivered to Our Holy Redeemer Church in Freeport.
- The Dodd Respect Club hosted an assembly led by the ReesSpecht Life Foundation that taught students about the importance of cultivating kindness.
- For the fifth year in a row, Giblyn students and staff displayed their continued support for the fight against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) by welcoming Chris Pendergast of the Ride for Life organization, who visited the school to discuss the neurological disorder.