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POINTS OF PRIDE

JANUARY 2018

- Board of Education President Michael Pomerico was selected as a recipient of the Nassau BOCES 2018 Education Partner award for his outstanding contributions to public education in Nassau County.
- The Freeport Cares group, chaired by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kishore Kuncham, and which many district administrators participate in, was honored for its leadership and peace advocacy efforts at “An Enduring Dream,” a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s life and legacy, hosted by the Village of Freeport.

ACADEMICS

- Freeport High School is set to host the district’s annual robotics tournament on Feb. 3 and the public is encouraged to attend. There will be 31 teams from Nassau County participating, including seven teams from Freeport: four from Freeport High School, two from Dodd and one from Atkinson. This year will be the first in which the United States Army Corps of Engineers will set up a booth that will showcase the robots that are used to defuse bombs.
- Freeport High School hosted its annual Freshman Open House.
- Alyssa Donnelly, Alexander Duffy and Brianna Rodriguez placed first, second and third, respectively, in the annual spelling bee at New Visions. Donnelly will represent the district in the Long Island Regional Scripps Spelling Bee competition at Hofstra University.
- Domenica Gianferrara, Caleb Cortes, Kiara Pierre, Christopher Yotagri and Anais Olivo placed first, second, third, fourth and fifth, respectively, in the annual spelling bee at Atkinson. Gianferrara will represent the district in the Long Island Regional Scripps Spelling Bee competition at Hofstra University.
- Columbus hosted Discovery Day for its 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 is designed to prepare 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.



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- Archer hosted its annual Team-Building Day to promote the importance of camaraderie and working together to accomplish goals. The day will feature a variety of activities, including building a Lego tower, hula-hooping and Magic Carpet Tablecloth.
- Bayview, for the second time this year, hosted the Cradle of Aviation; during this visit, students engaged in interactive activities as part of an assembly about simple machines.
- Bayview is set to host Tom Jeffries of the Long Island Traditions group to present “From a Bayman’s Perspective” to speak about his experiences as a bayman.
- Giblyn students learned about Chinese Lunar New Year festivities and Chinese culture during a visit from a member of the Long Island Children’s Museum.

ATHLETICS

- Freeport High School hosted its annual wrestling tournament.
- Four Freeport High School wrestlers competed at the Eastern States Wrestling Tournament, held in Sullivan County on Jan. 12-14. Senior Ikce Quiles placed sixth in the 182-pound division, defeating two All-State wrestlers during the tournament, and is the first wrestler from Freeport High School to place in this competition. Sophomores Myles Norris and Lee Mauras both came within one match from placing. Senior Frankie Paulino finished with one win and two losses.
- David Taylor, security guard at Freeport High School and Dodd basketball coach, was honored prior to the men’s basketball game at Hofstra University’s Mack Sports Arena on Jan. 18 for his athletic accomplishments, while playing basketball at Hofstra University, and for his work coaching youth sports in the Freeport community.

THE ARTS

- New Visions hosted its annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, during which students from all grade levels sang inspirational songs, and five students were awarded for their outstanding exemplification of leadership and peace: Abigail Brewster, Dimas Guevara, Julia Mendoza-Piñeyro, Suleidi Oloroso and Christopher Tavarez.