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POINTS OF PRIDE JUNE 2018

- Board of Education Vice President Anthony Miller was presented with the New York State School Boards Association's School Board U Lifetime Achievement Award.
- The district launched a 1:1 Chromebook rollout at Dodd, equipping each student with a Chromebook as Phase 3 of the Smart Schools Bond Act.
- A record-breaking \$89,000 in community scholarships was awarded to graduates who met and exceeded the criteria in the areas of leadership, scholarship, the arts, athletics, the ability to succeed despite adversity, and outstanding community service during the 50th annual Scholarship and Honors Program.
- The district celebrated the hard work and service of 38 staff members who are retiring this year with a special ceremony.
- Dodd science teacher Barbara Algarin was selected as one of only 10 teachers in New York State to receive the Regeneron STEM Teaching Fellowship, a partnership among the STEM Leadership Center, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Teachers College of Columbia University and NASA Endeavor through U.S. Satellite Laboratory.

ACADEMICS

- The district has been awarded the Smart Scholars Cohort 4 Early College High School grant, which will afford 50 students each year the opportunity to earn college credits through SUNY Farmingdale State College while still enrolled in Freeport High School. As part of the grant, which runs through 2022 and totals \$625,000, students will be able to earn 35-44 college credits toward a bachelor's degree in computer programming and information systems at no cost to the students. Courses in the Cohort 4 grant are specifically aligned with this major and will only be transferrable within the SUNY system.
- More than 600 students and their families attended the district's Family Literacy Night.
- The Freeport High School Science Department selected Saif Ali as the recipient of the 2018 Rensselaer Medal. Ali will be awarded a \$25,000 per year merit scholarship that is guaranteed for four years should he apply, be accepted to and choose to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (five years if he enrolls in the School of Architecture program).



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- Through a grant from the Freeport Educational Foundation that afforded them the opportunity to work with Makerspace, Bayview students used science, engineering, coding and problem-solving skills to complete a variety of tasks that were presented through the lens of the International Space Station.
- Dodd seventh-graders worked in a forensic science lab at the Cold Spring Harbor DNA Learning Center, where they used gel electrophoresis techniques to isolate DNA fragments.
- Dodd students Naya Hall, Ana James, Linsey Matthews-Correria, Ryan Retzlaff, Anthony Trenchfield and Ryan Tucker were recognized for their participation in Hofstra University's 2018 Saturday Scholars Academy STEM program.
- Fifteen Freeport High School students were inducted into the New York State Science Honor Society at the 14th annual Science Awards Ceremony.
- As part of a collaborative project, Bayview second-graders wrote descriptive stories using Slides on Google Classroom and technology students at Freeport High School used a coding program, Scratch, to animate their stories.
- Atkinson English as a New Language students received a visit from author Enrique Flores-Galbis as part of their unit on tales that involve a hero who goes on an adventure.
- Columbus hosted Multicultural Night for students and their families.
- Students in the district's elementary schools learned about kindness and diversity as part of the Hip Pickles group's Music with a Message program.
- Archer, Atkinson, Bayview, Giblyn and New Visions decorated their libraries to resemble cafés and hosted "Book Tastings" for their students. Freeport High School students decorated their library and hosted the younger students for tutorials on Summer Reading Google Classrooms.
- Archer Street kindergartners learned about basic health and safety as part of a Teddy Bear Clinic led by nurses from NYU Winthrop Hospital with assistance by nursing students from Adelphi University.
- Students in the district's elementary schools received a visit from popular children's book characters Elephant and Piggie as a precursor to the district's Family Literacy Night.
- New Visions students celebrated Author's Day by sharing their original writing with their parents and special guests.

ATHLETICS



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- Dodd spring track coaches Yvonne Brown and Marques McFarlin were honored by the Nassau Track and Field Coaches and Officials Association for sportsmanship and fair play.

THE ARTS

- The Freeport High School Wind Ensemble earned a Gold rating for its performance at the New York State School Music Association's Majors Festival.
- Sixty-one members of the Class of 2018 were recognized for their musical talents during the annual Freeport High School Music Awards.
- The Freeport High School Select Chorale performed at Carnegie Hall for the ninth consecutive year.
- Freeport High School sophomore Tyler Hawkins, an oboist with the school's wind ensemble, was awarded a scholarship from the Nassau Music Educators Association to study at the Fredonia Summer Music Festival.
- Dodd eighth-grader Gianna Bonilla-Rivas was named a finalist in the Intellectual Freedom Committee of Nassau County's 14th annual "Freedom to Read" Essay and Art Contest.
- Atkinson students performed their rendition of "Grease."
- The district's elementary schools hosted Spring Festivals of the Arts.
- The district hosted its Secondary Art Exhibit and Reception, highlighting an exhibit of two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork by Dodd and Freeport High School students.
- New Visions students participated in an Earth Day poster contest sponsored by New York State Sen. John E. Brooks. He visited the school to present a citation to the winner of the contest, second-grader Sabrina Turcios, who worked under the direction of art teacher Nancy Williams.
- Pre-kindergartners at Columbus Avenue performed musical selections as part of the annual Circus Show.

ALTRUISM



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- The Speak Truth to Power Club at Freeport High School raised \$500 to benefit the Freeport Interfaith Nutritional Network, a local soup kitchen providing food and other provisions for the community.
- Bayview participated in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-A-Thon fundraiser and raised \$1,418.