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## POINTS OF PRIDE APRIL 2017

### ACADEMICS

- The high school unveiled its new Mac Lab during a grand re-opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by students, faculty members and administrators. The lab, which features 30 new Apple iMac computers and a high-tech oversized Hewlett Packard DesignJet printer, was funded by the Title 2 Grant and will be used for digital art, digital music and technology classes.
- The district earned the distinction of hosting the statewide Future Problem Solving competition at Freeport High School. With schools across New York competing, the high school earned first- and second-place in the middle and senior divisions, and Dodd placed third overall in its first competition. The two top teams will attend the national conference in Wisconsin in June.
- Dodd inducted 102 eighth-grade students in the National Junior Honor Society. The students were honored for demonstrating the five tenets of scholarship, citizenship, leadership, character and service.
- The Dodd Science Olympiad team secured 15 medals in its competition on March 18 and placed 13th out of 39 teams across Long Island.
- As part of a two-day writer's workshop, students at Dodd received a visit from Long Island author Jennifer Wolf Kam. Thirty students who have an interest in writing creative fiction had the opportunity to learn about characterization and dialogue, and shared their own creative pieces with Kam. Hardcover copies of her novel, "Devin Rhodes is Dead," were purchased by the district and provided to students.
- An educator from Brookhaven National Laboratory visited Archer Street to conduct an interactive lesson about magnets to fourth-graders.
- Students in the high school's 21st Century High School Heroes club, under the direction of adviser Eileen Shultis, visited New Visions to conduct age-appropriate financial and economics lessons to second-grade students. The high school students planned for the day by preparing material provided by nonprofit youth organization Junior Achievement.
- English as a New Language students at Atkinson researched significant athletes to



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complement their study of Jackie Robinson. Students researched, memorized facts about, and transformed into their favorite sports figures as part of the project.

- As part of its slate of after-school activities, the Bilingual Club at Dodd discussed the novel, "Dancing Home" by Alma Flor Ada. Students were provided with free copies of the novel, in their choice of English or Spanish, and after reading it, participated in spirited and analytical discussions.
- Students and their families at Bayview were treated to a book fair and an entertaining lesson in character education at the annual Bayview Family Book Club event. As part of program, the school's faculty members pantomimed two books on stage that were read aloud in both English and Spanish. The books were about the growth mindset and were designed to develop high self-esteem.
- The high school is set to host its annual Science and Engineering Fair on April 28.

## **ATHLETICS**

- Two members of the high school varsity cheerleading team were honored with distinctions by Newsday: two-year captain and five-year team member Deanna Carroll was named 2016-17 All-Long Island First Team, the Nassau County Cheerleader of the Year, and the overall Long Island Cheerleader of the Year. In addition, three-year team member Saadiya Toliver was named 2016-17 All-Long Island First Team.

## **THE ARTS**

- Students and staff at the high school presented a rendition of the Broadway musical "Hairspray" to members of the school district and Freeport community.
- The high school's Select Chorale performed at the Westminster Choir College Invitational. The group has been invited to perform at the 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center and Carnegie Hall in May.
- Students across the district had the honor of having their artwork featured in an Elementary Art Exhibit at Freeport Memorial Library. The exhibit included the beautiful work of students from Archer, Atkinson, Bayview, Columbus, Giblyn and New Visions.
- The district celebrated art and art education across its schools as part of Youth Art Month. At the high school, a culminating ceremony featuring a slideshow of all students' works created during the month was held in the library, and was attended



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by administrators, faculty members and students.

- Giblyn was selected to showcase the artwork of its students at the Long Island Children's Museum. The work was exhibited in the Community Gallery, and represented the creativity of students in grades K-4 in Susan Warren's art room from September through March.
- The district is set to host its eighth-annual Night of Jazz at the high school on April 24.

#### **ALTRUISM**

- The district will host its eighth-annual Peace March and Wellness Fair at the high school on May 6. Hundreds of school district and community members will come together to promote peace, wellness and nonviolence locally, nationally and globally.