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POINTS OF PRIDE

MAY 2017

ACADEMICS

- Atkinson science facilitator Matthew Yatsyla was named Nassau Outstanding Intermediate Teacher of 2017 by the Science Teachers Association of New York State.
- High school students presented their exceptional research-driven science projects at the school's 13th annual Science and Engineering Fair.
- High school students learned about educational programs, technology and the roles of industry experts during a visit to Microsoft Times Square.
- Seventh-graders at Dodd visited Brookhaven National Laboratory for a nanotechnology presentation.
- Third-graders at Bayview participated in the CAPS Bully Prevention Poster/Poem Contest. Saniya Yellordy was named grand prize poem winner for the CAPS 2017-2018 calendar, and Garfield James was announced as a student that has been cited for honorable mention.
- New Visions was transformed into a literacy campground, where "campers" and their families rotated through bilingual literacy stations at the first Family Literacy Campout/Parent University.
- Students at Dodd participated in Every Kid Healthy Week and learned about the importance of nutrition and physical activity and the link between them.
- Sen. John Brooks visited New Visions and presented Lourdes-Saunders Blake with a certificate for winning the Earth Day contest in Nassau County. Stephanie Sorto and Cynthia Reyes Carbajal also received certificates for their participation.
- As part of their celebration of Earth Day, students at Atkinson created litterbugs out of eco-friendly and reusable materials.
- Atkinson students Brianna Bras, Thor Cepeda, Yadira Cruz, Donovan Lingonde, Lebron Linshue and Sejla Omeragic were named winners of the school-level PTA Reflections contest.
- As part of an annual tradition, New Visions hosted STEAM Night for students and their families to explore the areas of science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics.
- Real estate agents in the Village of Freeport had an opportunity to learn about the school



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district's various achievements, programs and activities and engage in a dialogue with district officials during a Realtors Luncheon at New Visions.

ATHLETICS

- For the first time in 16 years, the varsity softball team finished the regular season as Conference AA-III champions and made the playoffs.
- For the first time since 2004, the varsity boys track team won the conference championship. The team was tied with Massapequa High School, and both were named co-conference champions.
- Seniors Joel Cruz, Jaelin Hood and Rashad Tucker were selected to play in the Empire Challenge All Star game at Hofstra University on June 21. Russ Cellan will be coaching the offensive line.
- Senior Dashaun Thomas, juniors Chad Elder, Frankie Paulino and Ikce Quiles, and freshman Lee Mauras were honored at the Nassau County Awards dinner at Crest Hollow Country Club for having achieved All-County distinction.
- Youth Empowerment Seminar program instructors met with the physical education classes at Archer and spoke about the benefits of yoga and mindfulness.

THE ARTS

- The high school's Select Chorale performed at the 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center, and is set to perform at Carnegie Hall.
- Members of marching bands in grades 4-12 across the district are set to perform on May 29 in honor of Memorial Day.
- Dodd teacher Cynthia Vanager-McManus and her class saw the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus at Nassau Coliseum for its final tour.
- Students from Dodd and the high school had the honor of displaying their remarkable artwork at the Freeport Memorial Library's Secondary Art Exhibit. At a special ceremony, high school Principal Linda Carter was presented with a framed still life painting by senior Abigail Aguilar and the district's art department as a token of appreciation for all of her years of dedicated service.
- Students at the high school took center stage to showcase a variety of their skills before their peers and teachers during the annual Talent Show.

ALTRUISM



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- As part of the Freeport Cares tradition, hundreds of students and staff members of the district were joined by members of the Board of Education, local elected officials and community residents in a celebration of peace and nonviolence at the eighth annual Peace March and Health and Wellness Fair.
- Seniors Santana Hernandez, Jennifer Herrera, Ismary Jimenez, Nyeem Maloney and Victoria Wright were honored for their community service to the high school and Freeport community at the Holocaust Remembrance Day program held at Hofstra University.
- Members of the high school's DECA team participated in the Locks of Love hair donation drive to help children and adults under the age of 21 who are suffering from long-term hair loss from any diagnosis.
- Columbus Avenue participated in Light It Up Blue Spirit Day to raise awareness for autism. The school raised \$230 and donated it to the Nassau Suffolk Chapter of the Autism Society of America.
- High school students raised \$600 as part of ongoing grassroots efforts to raise awareness of important issues in the global community.