

# FREEPORT POINTS OF PRIDE

The Freeport Public Schools take great pride in sharing some of our outstanding achievements during the 2018-19 school year.

## OUR PARTNERSHIPS:

Adelphi University, Farmingdale State College, Hofstra University, Molloy College, Nassau Community College, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Stony Brook University, SUNY Old Westbury, The Graduate Center, CUNY, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cradle of Aviation Museum, International Association of Human Values and Long Island Children's Museum

## GRANT FUNDING: MORE THAN \$7.4 MILLION

- To date, during the 2018-2019 school year, the district has been awarded more than \$7.4 million in competitive and allocated grant funding. This enables the district to provide additional essential programs and services at no cost to taxpayers.

## CLASS OF 2018:

- 480 total graduates.
- More than \$6 million in scholarships offered to graduates.
- More than \$98,000 in community scholarships earned by graduates.
- Nearly 1,000 college acceptances offered to graduates.
- 52 alumni and current Freeport High School students earned the designation of Advanced Placement Scholars for excelling on the 2018 AP exams.
- 266 Regents diplomas awarded, including Regents with Honors and Regents with Advanced Designation diplomas.
- 61 graduates achieved a diploma endorsed with the Seal of Biliteracy.
- 270 college credits earned by graduates through Dual-Enrollment courses, P-Tech and Smart Scholars.
- The Class of 2018 was the first class to receive CTE seals in automotive technology; 12 seals were awarded.

## OUR ACADEMICS:

- Full STEAM Ahead – All schools are involved in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics) activities, including Discovery Days and evening STEAM universities.
- Dr. Rainer Weiss, winner of the 2017 Nobel Prize in physics and professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, visited Freeport High School, where he presented his discovery of gravitational waves to students, faculty and invited guests, visited science classes and toured the high school research lab.
  - The district kicked off the 2018-2019 school year by expanding its 1-1 Chromebook rollout initiative in the Dodd Middle School and Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School.
  - Dodd Middle School's seventh-grade

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019 TOP TEN



*Freeport High School Class of 2019 Top 10 seniors: Bottom row, from left, valedictorian Leah Hochman, salutatorian Laura Chumplitaz, Debandra Blackwood (3) and Selah Rose (4). Top row, from left, Freeport High School Assistant Principal Nelson Holland, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Elizabeth Hastings (10), Savanna Natoli-Alabre (9), Daisy Abello-Reyes (8), Valentina Vinasco (7), Clara Petta-Gonzalez (6), Hailey Brown (5) and Freeport High School Principal Joe Mille.*

Research Skills classes received a visit from representatives of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, who spoke about the movement of water on earth for their water sustainability module.

- Freeport High School's National Honor Society inducted 99 students during its annual ceremony.
- Dodd Middle School's National Junior Honor Society inducted 93 students during its annual ceremony.
- Dr. Greg Olsen, American entrepreneur, scientist and space explorer, visited Freeport High School, where he shared his experiences as the third private citizen who has traveled to the International Space Station.

## OUR SPORTS PROGRAMS:

- The Freeport Red Devils varsity football team won the Conference 1 Nassau County championship, the Long Island Conference I championship and the coveted Rutgers Cup. This is the 12th time the Red Devils won the Rutgers Cup since 1937. They are also ranked No. 1 in New York State.
- The varsity cheerleaders placed ninth at Nationals and had the best finish in school history.
- Senior Kevon Smith broke a school record and ran one of the fastest 500 meters in Nassau County history at the Hall of Fame Invitational.
- The girl's 4 x 400-meter relay team finished first and set a meet record at the Hall of Fame Invitational.
- Six varsity teams from the fall season qualified for the New York State Scholar Athletic Team Award: cheerleading, cross-country, girls soccer, girls swim, girls tennis and girls volleyball. To earn this distinction, 75% of the team must maintain a combined average of 90% or higher.

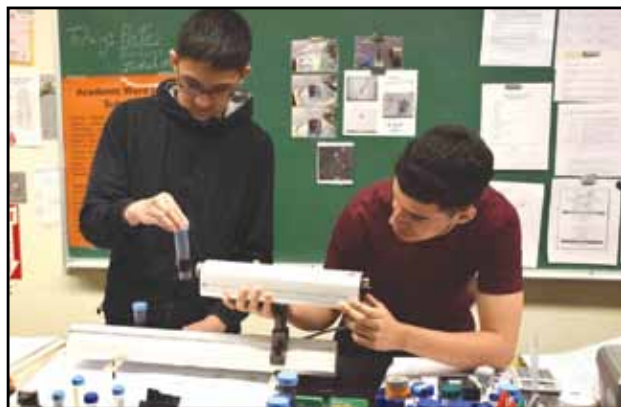
- Five members of the Class of 2019 have received college athletic scholarships and have signed letters of intent.
- The girls 4 x 200-meter relay team set a school record and placed first at the New York State Indoor Track and Field Championships. The boys 4 x 200-meter relay team also set school records and placed third.
- Freeport High School 4 x 4 mixed relay placed second at the Indoor Track Nationals. The team achieved All-American status.
- Myles Norris placed second in the 285lb division, and Lee Mauras placed sixth at the New York State championship.

## OUR MUSIC AND ARTS PROGRAMS:

- The district has once again been named a Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation for 2019. This prestigious distinction is earned by districts across the nation that exhibit exceptional efforts and commitment toward maintaining music education, and excel in their instruction of music and in their array of music programs offered to students.
- Several Freeport High School musicians were selected to perform as All-State Choral participants in the New York State School Music Association All-State Festival in Rochester.
- In addition to amazing audiences at our annual concert series, including the Peace Concert and Black History performance, our students are invited to perform in local, regional and national concerts and competitions. Prestigious venues include St. Patrick's Cathedral, Carnegie Hall, Empire State Building, State Capital, All-Eastern Select concert, Freeport Village events, and Nassau County Legislative events among others.



# Did You Know About Our PROGRAMS OF DISTINCTION?



## **Nanotechnology K-12 Science Curriculum**

Freeport was the first school district on Long Island to have its nanotechnology program approved by the Center for Functional Nanomaterials at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Through the high school's advanced science research program, students are introduced to nano-enabled lab activities and work with BNL scientists. This real-world experience enables them to explore college and career paths beyond the typical high school classroom.



**Authentic Science Research Program** – This four-year high school program allows students to practice authentic and original scientific research independently and with scientists and professionals within their field of research. All students are required to compete in local and regional science competitions and, once they advance, in national and international science competitions.

**P-Tech** – This six-year, high-intensity program enables students to simultaneously earn a high school degree and an associate's degree in engineering through a

partnership with Farmingdale State College. Students in the program may take high-level college courses in mathematics and science.



**Dual-Enrollment** – Through a partnership with Farmingdale State College, students can earn college credits while attending high school. Freeport High School teachers have been vetted by Farmingdale State College to teach the courses.

**Smart Scholars** – This program, through a partnership with Farmingdale State College, allows students who are on free and reduced-price lunch programs and whose parents never attended college to earn college credits at no cost while still in high school. Freeport High School teachers have been vetted by Farmingdale State College to teach the courses.



## **Pathways to Success Program**

Freeport High School offers 13 Pathways Programs, including Architecture and Construction, Business Management and Administration, Finance, Health Science and Information Technology. These programs allow students to participate in a career pathway of their choice and to experience learning opportunities in order to be successful in college, postsecondary training and ultimately in their chosen career. Each pathway is a multiyear program of academic and technical study with a full range of postsecondary options within each career cluster. All programs provide the opportunity to earn college credit and industry-recognized credentials or certifications.