

#### **HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

"A Tradition of Excellence Since 1657"



"THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT."

- Abraham Lincoln



# DISTINGUISHED SENIORS CLASS OF 2020



We are proud to honor one hundred fifty-four members of Huntington High School's Class of 2020. Members of the Board of Education and Administration salute the young men and women who have distinguished themselves through their academic performance. It is with pride that we applaud their fine achievements and congratulate their families who share this honor.

"EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD."

-NELSON MANDELA



# **Matthew Youngwall**





# Michael Wright

The keys to Michael's success include working hard, being organized, staying focused and always having a positive attitude. He has most enjoyed the relationships he has formed with his teachers and friends, and participating in clubs and sports teams. Michael is a member of the Key Club, Lacrosse and Basketball teams. He is also a proud member of the National Honor Society. One noteworthy accomplishment was winning a Pride Award in English. Michael will major in Adolescent Education (Mathematics) at SUNY Geneseo.



Chaohan Yang

Chaohan believes that the opportunity to choose courses that he enjoys and interest him has been the key to his success. He has enjoyed many high school activities, which have enabled him to meet new people, form friendships, and have fun. Noteworthy accomplishments include being a proud member of the Science and National Honor Societies. While Chaohan is still deciding on a college, he intends to study Accounting.



Faith Youngquist

Faith attributes her success to perseverance through all challenges! Pushing herself and going at her own pace has played an important part in her academic achievement. Knowing she has a supportive team of teachers, counselors and friends, encouraging and inspiring her, has made her journey enjoyable. Highlights of Faith's extracurricular activities include Chamber Choir, Acapella, Tri-M, Wind Ensemble, participating in five Drama Club productions, and Student Government. She is also a proud member of the National Honor Society. Faith intends to major in Human Development and Early Childhood Education at Binghampton University.







#### Ryan Williams

Ryan owes his success to the strong support system he has in his family. "Be Awesome To-day" are words he hears from his Dad every day. Ryan's achievements can be credited to his parents' encouragement to work hard and always be the best that he can be. Ryan has enjoyed his entire time at HHS, but he mostly loved forming special relationships with friends and teachers. Ryan names Mr. Moriarity's class as his favorite because he managed to make high-level math fun. The highlight of his extracurricular activities include Northport-Huntington High School Ice Hockey Club, where his team made it to the NYS Championship. Ryan intends to study either Chemical or Environmental Engineering at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering.



#### **Daniel Williamson**

The key to Daniel's success has been his attentiveness and conditioning. He has most enjoyed hanging out with his friends, forming new friendships, and performing well on tests. Daniel has liked being a member of the Key Club. Noteworthy accomplishments include, earning Honorable Mention in the LI Science Congress Research Project, receiving a Spanish Pride Award, and being a Distinguished Senior. Daniel is also a proud member of the Math and Social Studies Honor Societies. He intends to major in Biomedical Engineering.



**Holly Wright** 

Knowing that her family and friends are there cheering her on has played an important part in Holly's academic achievement. She notes that having the best teachers has made her journey easier, knowing she could always reach out to them for help. Holly loves the close-knit community and all activities that Huntington has to offer. The sporting fields and classrooms have always been a special place for her. Holly is a four-year varsity player in field hockey, basketball and lacrosse. She received All Division, All County, and All County Honorable Mention for field hockey and participated in the Senior All Star field hockey game. She received All Tournament and All Division for lacrosse. Holly proudly has a piece of artwork in the Higher Arts Counsel of Huntington. She plans on studying Childhood Education at SUNY Cortland.



# Ava Waxenberg

Ava credits the ability to face her difficulties head on as the key to her success. She is most proud of being a co-founder of the Debate Club. Her noteworthy accomplishments include receiving scholarships, awarded a mini - grant from the Youth Ocean Conservation Summit, Women in Technology internship at BAE Systems, two-time award winner of science research competitions, VP of the Environmental Club, SNHS Treasurer, and Co-President of Debate Club. She is also a member of the Science, Social Studies, English and National Honor Societies. Ava has accomplished a great deal, all while volunteering and holding down a job! She intends to study Engineering in the future.



# **Christopher Weber**

The key to Christopher's success has been his self-discipline and drive to succeed. Balancing his 18 hour per week practice schedule with his schoolwork took a lot of diligence and discipline. He has most enjoyed the six years he has spent as a member of the Varsity Swim Team. He has also liked enjoying the high school experience with his old and new friends. Christopher is proud to have been a member of the Halesite Junior Firefighting Program for 6 years as well as an Officer for 1.5 years. His noteworthy accomplishments include Captain and MVP of the Varsity Swim Team, All-League and All-County finishes in swimming, and competing in Ocean Lifeguard competitions. Chris is unsure of his major, but he will definitely be swimming at SUNY Geneseo!



Anna Wickey

Anna attributes her success to hard work and dedication. She also notes that diligence is a very important component in achieving that endeavor. Creating long lasting friendships has been the most enjoyable part of Anna's high school journey. She is grateful to have met and formed relationships with the great teachers at HHS. Playing field hockey and softball have been a significant part of her high school career. She has made memories that will last a lifetime. Participating in and organizing community service events have been highlights for Anna. It has helped shape her into the person and student she is today. Anna plans to attend Temple University.

# HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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Superintendent, Mr. James W. Polansky

Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. Beth McCoy

Assistant Superintendent, Business, Dr. Kathleen Acker





Jason Verville





Bryce Vitulli

Bryce credits using every resource available as the key to his success. Whether it was going to extra help, staying in the library to work or study, or asking for help from teachers or friends, he knew he was never without a way to move forward. He has most enjoyed hanging out with friends, working on projects in Science Research, and getting to know all the great teachers at HHS. Bryce's accomplishments include 2nd Place Group Website at National History Day, Citizen Activist Award, Best American History Project and Honorable Mention at LISEF and Intern for Science Research. He will major in Environmental Science and Sustainability at Cornell University.



Steliani Vlahos

Steliani credits her success to completing her work on a timely basis, an excellent schedule, and her amazing teachers! Her favorite activity has been playing on the volleyball team in high school. Through volleyball, she has made many close friendships and had fun while doing it. Noteworthy accomplishments include, receiving an English Pride Award, participating in Student Government, and being PR Coordinator of her class senior year. Steliani is a proud member of the Social Studies, Art and National Honor Societies. She plans to major in Nursing at the University of Rhode Island.



# **Grace Tyrrell**

Organizational skills, being productive and prioritizing her health has been the key to Grace's success. She has enjoyed many aspects of high school including GSA, Natural Helpers, Relay for Life, K-Factor, Float Night and Marching Band. She is thankful for the Music and Art programs, which have created many opportunities for her. Highlights of her extracurricular involvement include Best In Show at Five Towns College, second place in the 10-Day Film Challenge, and the Military History Award for NHD. She is also a proud member of the National Honor Society. Grace plans to study Communication and Documentary Making at University of Albany.



**Kimberly Valle** 

Kimberly's hard work, determination, persistence, and work ethic have been the keys to her success. While facing disappointments on her journey, it has never stopped her from seeing the magic in learning! Surrounding herself with a strong support system of family and friends has been motivational to her. She found that, in attending extra help, she was able to form connections with her teachers. She has made fond memories through various school and sporting events, volunteering and societies. Noteworthy accomplishments include obtaining a 90+ GPA and taking rigorous honor and AP classes. Kimberly is also a proud member of the Italian, Social Studies and National Honor Societies. Kimberly was able to achieve many accomplishments all while holding down a job! She intends to study Biology in the future.



**Brandon Varady** 



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-ABRAHAM LINCOLN



Megan Agrillo

Megan attributes her success to being positive, staying on top of her work, and having awesome teachers! She has most enjoyed making new friends, playing sports and participating in all the activities HHS has to offer. Megan's noteworthy accomplishments include Pride Awards in Video, Geometry and Earth Science. She also won the NHD Genocide Award. She will be attending Sacred Heart University in the fall as an English major with a minor in Film.



**Tahiyat Akber** 

Tahiyat believes the key to her success has been never taking anything too seriously and trying to make everything she does enjoyable! She has created many meaningful relationships with new friends by participating in many clubs and activities, such as Float Night, Relay for Life and Safe Halloween. She is also a hospital volunteer! Academically, Tahiyat takes AP courses and is in the National Honor Society. She intends to study Biology in the future.



Kelly Alfaro-Alvarez

Kelly is a student that believes balance is the key to her success. She strived to focus on her school work while still enjoying her personal life! She surrounded herself with supportive people who helped her achieve her goals. Kelly has most enjoyed getting involved in clubs and activities, such as K-Factor, Key Club and Chamber Orchestra. She is a proud member of the National, Math, French and Art Honor Societies. Kelly plans to major in Biochemistry or Nursing in college.



### **Diego Torres**

The ability to understand concepts easily and minimize stress before exams has been the key to Diego's success. He has surrounded himself with a great group of friends, who have supported each other through their rigorous coursework. The friendships he has formed has made his journey enjoyable. Being a part of the Marching Band and Environmental Club have been highlights for Diego. He is also a Fencing Novice Foil Champion. Diego will be studying Forensic Science in the future.



Isabella Toscano

Staying positive and focused has given Isabella the ability to successfully accomplish many things. She has learned from her mistakes, continued on, and ultimately reached her goals. Involvement in sports has been a big part of Isabella's journey. The pride she takes in putting on a Huntington uniform will resonate with her forever. Friendships she has made among her sports families are a special part of her experience at HHS. Highlights of Isabella's extracurricular activities include playing on the volleyball, softball and basketball teams, Key Club, Grandfriends, Yearbook, Latin Club, Float Night, Relay for Life, and Habitat for Humanity. She is a proud member of both the Latin and Art Honor Societies. Isabella has also received a Math Pride Award and Scholar Athlete. She intends to study Psychology in the future.



Rocio Trujillo

Rocio credits her success to hard work, determination, time management, and staying focused. Meeting different people at HHS has been a highlight for her. She has most enjoyed forming close relationships with faculty, especially Mrs. Colica, Mrs. Sylvia, Mr. Gilmor, Mr. Graziano, Mrs. Espejo and Mr. **Santos**. Having these special bonds has given her a great support system. Rocio was the President of the Art Honor Society and the Treasurer of the Spanish Honor Society. Her involvement with Natural Helpers, Young Leaders and being an Intern for Chemistry has been among the highlights. Rocio will be studying Criminal Justice- Police Studies/Law Enforcement in the future.



**Nicholas Thompson** 





Joseph Tonjes

Joseph owes his success to the fact that he learns quickly and always applies himself. He takes pride in his work and pays close attention to the details that are required from each assignment. Joseph has most enjoyed his history classes; he especially likes working on projects. Getting to meet new people and form relationships has made his time at HHS memorable. Noteworthy accomplishments include two NHD awards, Victor Baptiste Essay Contest Honorable Mention and Science Research participatory awards. Joseph plans to study History/Political Science in the future.



**Aniyah Toro** 





Jeslyn Alfaro-Andrade

Jeslyn owes her success to her family. They have always encouraged her to do her best, and offered the best advice and help when needed. Jeslyn was sure to always pay attention in class, ask questions when she didn't understand, and study hard. She has most enjoyed the teachers and making friends! To Jeslyn, it felt like she was part of a family rather than just a school. She is a proud member of the Spanish and English Honor Societies. She also received an award at the Board of Education meeting for Video Class/The Arts in 2018. Jeslyn will major in Nursing at Adelphi University.



Zubair Ali

Zubair credits endless support, help and motivation from his family - mostly his parents (aka tiger parents). He has loved being able to meet such a loving and awesome community. He is proud to have been part of the academically gifted portion of his grade - and surviving so many AP's! Zubair's talent gave him the opportunity to be section leader in Marching Band and get a prominent role in the school musical. His discussion with the school district helped students to get Eid off as a holiday! Zubair plans to study History/International Relations and South Asian studies in his future.



**Andrew Amitrano** 

Andrew is the kind of student that is always trying and accepting the next challenge. He enjoyed taking part in the things he liked to do, such as woodworking and robotics, where he got to be a student and intern of Mr. Reynolds! Robotics enabled him to make many different things, and woodshop enabled him to build many things, such as the 13 Adirondack chairs for our school's courtyard! He always strived to have fun in classes with great friends and teachers. Andrew will study Mechanical Engineering in college.



Lena Annunziata

Lena attributes a positive attitude and never underestimating herself as the keys to her success. She made sure to choose courses and electives that sparked her interest! She believes this enabled her to be successful because she enjoyed the work she was doing. Lena liked playing on the soccer and lacrosse teams, and participating in the amazing Mock Trial program. The highlight of her extracurricular involvement was traveling to Albany for the Mock Trial State Finals where her team came in third! Lena will study Business Management/Entrepreneurship at Penn State University - Smeal College of Business.



**Kevin Aparicio** 





**Catherine Arevalo** 

The key to Catherine's success has been the endless support of her family. She has most enjoyed making memories she will never forget with her friends, and growing as a person. She is proud to have been academically successful throughout all of her years at HHS. Highlights include assisting Mrs. Fabela and receiving a Pride Award in freshman year. Catherine intends to study Computer Science at Farmingdale State College.



Foster Sullivan

Foster attributes his success to his smart, supportive and caring teachers at HHS. His motivation, along with his love of learning, has driven him to always do his best. Foster has most enjoyed being a part of the Robotics Club and getting more involved in music and Japanese swordsmanship. Noteworthy achievements include participating in the Cradle of Aviation Engineering Fair, where he came in first, placing second at NYSSEF in Computer Science and getting a NHD award. Foster intends to major in Computer Engineering.



**Cori Thomason** 

The keys to Cori's success are her dreams of her future, and her hopes to reach them! The most enjoyable part of her time at HHS is learning new things every day. Cori loved participating in EtCetera for the past three years and writing stories with everyone. She will be studying Health Science at Stony Brook University.



Isabella Thompson

Isabella believes that staying involved in extracurricular activities and having a great support system have been the keys to her success. This has enabled her to push herself to do her best and never give up! Forming relationships with teachers, faculty and students has made the journey enjoyable! Being a Captain of the Highsteppers has been a highlight for Isabella. As a team, they persevered through hard days and, as a result of hard work, placed at Nationals. She is also proud to be the President of Habitat for Humanity. Isabella intends to major in Social Work at the University of New Hampshire.



**Justin Stevens** 

Justin simply credits his success to faith, trust and pixie dust! He has most enjoyed meeting new people, forming friendships, running track and Mrs. Beck. Justin states that winning the State Championship with the Track team has been a highlight for him at HHS. He intends to study Economics at Dartmouth College.



Matthew Stolfa





**Jose Suarez** 

Motivation, music and guidance from his teachers has been the key to his success. Jose feels that a balance between academics and extracurricular activities aided in his achievements. Aspects of high school that he has most enjoyed are Marching Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, and Pit Orchestra. Building, developing and interacting with new and old friends has been fun for Jose. Noteworthy accomplishments include Section Leader for Marching Band, featured solos for concerts, Corresponding Secretary for Environmental Club, Band Secretary and a proud member of the Tri-M Honor Society. Jose intends to study Music Education at Syracuse University.



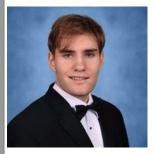
Dania Avelar-Romero

Dania credits her success to studying continuously and taking pride in every piece of work she did. She has most enjoyed meeting new friends and having close relationships with many of her amazing teachers. Extracurricularly, she has participated in Relay for Life. She is also a proud member of the National Honor Society as well as the Spanish National Honor Society. She has not decided on a college as of yet - but she intends to study nursing.



Hannah Avidor

Hannah made it a practice to always remind herself of the payoff of hard work. The support of her friends, family and teachers have been very important in that endeavor. She found that forming relationships with her teachers, finding a subject she loves, and participating in school events with her friends has made the journey enjoyable! Hannah is a member of the Science, English, and National Honor Societies. She is also the French Honor Society Vice-President, Key Club Treasurer and a Natural Helper. She plans to study Biology in the future.



Joshua Avidor

Joshua believes that finding a balance between extracurriculars and academics is extremely important to success. While he understands that academic pursuits are very important, he feels forming relationships with peers and pursuing activities he is passionate about are equally, if not more, important. Joshua has most enjoyed being in the Chorus and Drama Club, and being Treasurer of the Choir. He plans to major in English at SUNY New Paltz.



#### Karen Avila Anariba

The key to Karen's success has been support from God and her family. They have inspired her to never give up and always look forward to achieving her goals. Karen is very proud of her roots and hopes to inspire others with her effort and determination. She has most enjoyed learning a new language, making new friends and having awesome teachers. Extracurricular highlights include being a contributing writer for Dispatch and a Pride Award in Spanish. Karen will attend Suffolk Community College and major in Criminal Justice.



Ryan Baker

Ryan's key to success has been paying attention in class and staying focused and on top of his work. Forming lasting relationships with friends and having fun while working hard together has proved very important, as well as his great relationships with teachers. His favorite course was Virtual Enterprise where he was able to participate in the development of a new business. The highlight of his extracurricular activities include playing lacrosse and earning a special honors award in wrestling. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Young Leaders, Key Club and Relay for Life. Ryan intends to study Business at Penn State University.



Stephanie Bardales

Stephanie believes the key to her success is her work ethic. She always worked hard to achieve her good grades and honors. Stephanie also notes that she never could have been as successful without the time and effort of her outstanding teachers! Extracurricularly, she has most enjoyed participating in the annual Float Night, Key Club and being a member of the National Honor Society. Stephanie's intended major is Radiation Therapy.



#### **Natalia Stamatatos**

Natalia has made it a practice to work hard each and every day during high school. The support of her family has been a very important part of that endeavor. She has participated in Key Club, Float Night, and assisted with the set up for the K-Factor Talent Show. She has most enjoyed making new friends along the way. Natalia is also a proud member of the English Honor Society. She plans to study Advertising/Marketing for Fashion at either Fashion Institute of Technology or LIM College.



Lily Stein

Lily's key to success is pushing herself, taking challenging courses that interest her, and the love of learning! Having good relationships with her teachers made her feel comfortable in asking questions and enabled her to truly understand her subjects. Meeting new people every year has been a highlight for Lily. She has loved creating special bonds with her teachers. Having different kids in her classes each year has given her the opportunity to make many close relationships that she will cherish. Lily is credited with founding the Debate Club with a few of her close friends. She noted that the process, from meeting with Mr. Cusack, writing the proposal, and joining forces with other students couldn't have been easier. The club has brought her so much enjoyment. Lily has proudly earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, and tutors students at the Tri-CYA. Lily intends to study Math/Economics at University at Buffalo Honors College.



Omari Stephen

Omari credits his success to staying diligent, determined and always doing his best. Omari has most enjoyed meeting wonderful teachers and forming special connections with friends. Highlights of his extracurricular involvement include three-year Basketball team member and running Track. Omari is also a proud member of the National Honor Society. While Omari is still deciding on a college, he intends to study Sports Management in the future.



Lia Shechter

Lia credits the support around her for her success. Knowing that her family, friends and teachers are there for her has played an important part in her academic achievement. She has most enjoyed the special bonds she has formed and memories she had made throughout her journey. Extracurricular involvement includes four-year Marching Band member, Environmental Club, Captain of Science Olympiad, and a participant in the BAE Women in Technology Program. In addition to being a member of the Social Studies Honor Society, Lia was the President of the Science Honor Society, Tutoring Coordinator of Math Honor Society, and Recording Secretary of National Honor Society. She intends to major in Engineering.



#### **Nathan Soric**

Nathan credits motivation from his classmates and teachers, along with hard work, as the key to success. He believes absorbing as much knowledge as he can is an important part of academic achievement. The close friendships Nathan has formed has made his four-year journey both memorable and worthwhile. Among his favorite extracurricular involvements were the Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Pit Orchestra, and Nassau Suffolk Wind Symphony. Nathan also enjoyed participating in Robotics Club and JV and Varsity Basketball. He intends to study Music Education and Performance.



Marissa Stafford

Marissa owes her success to her great teachers, who have made learning enjoyable. She genuinely likes coming school! Being challenged in the classroom has been an important part of her academic achievements. Marissa likes playing sports and socializing with her friends. Extracurricularly, Marissa has played on the Varsity Soccer, Track and Lacrosse teams. She was a two-year All County recipient in Soccer, and received Pride Awards in Spanish, English, Sports Marketing and Physics. Marissa intends to study Communications at Cornell University.



### **Matthew Basil**

Matthew credits his success to hard work, determination, time management and developing good study habits. He has most enjoyed making many wonderful friends in HHS. He is proud to say that the people in the high school in general, both faculty and students, are very kind! He will always remember the fun events, such as Homecoming Bonfire and Relay for Life. Among his favorite extracurricular involvements were the Habitat for Humanity trip to New Orleans and the Key Club Target tour. Matthew is still deciding where his future path lies - but we know he will be a great success!



Riva Bergman

Riva owes her success to hard work and determination, pushing through anything, and never giving up! She has most enjoyed sporting events, pep rallies, walking through the hallways and seeing her friends, and the special bonds created with her teachers. She is proud to be a member of the Spanish and National Honor Societies as well as receiving Pride Awards throughout the years in Living Environment and Chemistry. Riva is VP of Graphic Design in Virtual Enterprise as well as the company presenter. Her intended future major is Social Science (Social Work).



Stephanie Bermudez-Rivera

Stephanie's key to success is working hard and getting all of her work done in a timely manner. She has most enjoyed being in honors and advanced classes. Stephanie is a proud member of both the Spanish Honor Society and the Math Honor Society. A noteworthy accomplishment was receiving a Chemistry Pride Award! Stephanie intends to study Finance at Molloy College in the fall.



Brooke Biernacki

Brooke credits her success to working hard and good time management. These two things have enabled her to take more rigorous courses throughout her four years of high school. She has most enjoyed becoming involved in the community here at HHS, whether through clubs, sports or simply being in a class! Brooke is particularly proud of the work she has accomplished through her involvement in Habitat for Humanity. She looks forward to studying Graphic Design at Binghamton University.



**Alice Bradford** 

Alice believes that the key to her success is her ability to get things done well, even after putting them off for long periods of time. She has most enjoyed the wide variety of courses available to her, which helped her narrow down her career path. The highlights of her extracurricular activities include Habitat for Humanity and Natural Helpers. She is most proud of being in several National Honor Societies as well as achieving National Top 10 every year in the National French Exam. Alice intends to major in Biology in the future.



Alicia Brooks

Through difficult times, Alicia was still able to successfully accomplish many things! She credits the support of those around her for her success. Alicia has enjoyed many high school activities, which have enabled her to make friends that kept her focused and enjoying school everyday. Her accomplishments throughout the last four years include breaking high school records and becoming All State and All American, joining Honor Societies, and becoming a dance teacher and a Natural Helper! Alicia plans to major in Secondary Education (History).



Julia Segal

Julia attributes surrounding herself with supportive people and choosing courses that challenge and interest her as the keys to success. Finding ways to minimize stress has also shown to be important. Julia has most enjoyed Art classes and being a member of the Choir. She is grateful to be able to grow alongside her friends, and for having so many amazing teachers guide her through her journey. Julia's noteworthy accomplishments include Spanish Honor Society President, Officer for Choir, member of Chamber Choir, and helping with the school yearbook. She is also a proud member of seven other Honor Societies, received two NHD placement awards, and Pride Awards. Julia plans to study Psychology at Vassar College.



John Segreti

John has made it a practice to only concern himself with the present, stay focused and overcome obstacles one at a time. He believes this allowed him to be successful. Surrounding himself with friends has made his experience enjoyable. Choosing classes that challenge him has made his high school career interesting. The highlights of his extracurricular activities include playing varsity sports such as cross country, winter track and tennis. John enjoyed the Engineering field trip and participating in many science research competitions where he received Honorable Mention Award for his project. John plans to study Chemical Engineering in the future.



Abigail Semelsberger





#### Ricardo Romero-Cisneros

Ricardo credits his parents' encouragement to do his best, as well as being guided by his great teachers, to achieve academic success. Forming lasting relationships with friends has been a highlight for Ricardo. He has also enjoyed preparing independent research throughout his time at HHS. Winning the Huntington Hispanic Heritage Award and receiving an Honorable Mention from the LI Science Congress Fair have been noteworthy accomplishments. Ricardo will be attending Stony Brook University and majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



# **Nicholas Rowley**

Nicholas owes his success to hard work, being productive and figuring out how he learns best. Art classes, particularly drawing and painting, have been most enjoyable for Nicholas. Building friendships and participating in the 10-day Film Challenge have been memorable experiences. Nicholas had a painting proudly hanging in the Walt Whitman Exhibit at Huntington Public Library and is also attending a precollege program at the School of Visual Arts. Nicholas intends to study Animation at Savannah College of Art and Design.



Patrick Sclafani

Patrick credits the support of family and friends for his success. His parents have taught him the value of hard work, being a leader and to never give up! These lessons have been motivating factors through his time at HHS. He found that forming relationships with teachers and faculty, making new friends, joining sports and clubs have made the journey enjoyable. Patrick is a two-time Captain of the Golf team and loved being a part of the Natural Helpers with Mr. Gilmor. Patrick intends to study Professional Golf Management at Penn State University.



William Burton, Jr.

Hard work, sacrifice and utilizing tools and alternative practices have been the keys to Billy's academic success. He has most enjoyed playing sports with his friends, and he has loved meeting new people and teachers every year. He values the new and long lasting relationships he has made with great people. Noteworthy accomplishments include High Honor Roll throughout high school, being in three Honor Societies, receiving three Pride Awards, and getting three NHD placement awards. Billy is also very proud of being a NYS Scholar Athlete four times. He plans to study Accounting at Arcadia University.



Sulma Campos Moreno

Sulma credits hard work and dedication, from the very first day, for her success. She has always tried to be the best that she could be to make her mom and dad proud! Meeting new people has been inspirational. Her experiences at HHS have been an enjoyment every day. She has especially enjoyed the college application process! Sulma is proud to say that she learned English her very first year here, and becoming a mentor for others has been a highlight. She intends to study Biology in the future.



Robert Caputi

Assiduity, diligence and consistency have been key in helping Robert achieve academic success. He found that time management and working closely with teachers has allowed him to get the most out of his education, all while balancing elements of enjoyment. He has seen that what he puts into his work is directly related to what his results are. That has been motivating and personally rewarding! Robert is a four year cross country runner, National Honor Society member and honor roll student - all while holding down a job! One highlight of his tenure at HHS was a community service trip to Thailand.



# **Christopher Carmen**

Chris credits his success to comprehending and retaining information. He has most enjoyed making a lot of good friends and getting to know the teachers that made his classes fun! The highlights of his extracurricular activities include membership on the Varsity Cross Country team and being a pole vaulter. Chris intends to study at the University of Vermont next year.



**Emily Cheshire** 

Emily is a student that believes it is very important to always try new things because you never know what will contribute to your life if you never try them! She credits her success to supportive teachers, coaches and friends who helped her every step of the way. Emily has most enjoyed being a Natural Helper. This group has enabled her to meet some of her closest friends, as well as others whom she never would have met. Highlights of her extracurricular activities include Treasurer of Natural Helpers and Key Club Officer. She is a member of the Spanish, English, Science, Math and Social Studies Honor Societies as well as a Varsity Lacrosse player. She is proud to be a Youth Ambassador for the Tourette Association of America. Emily plans to study neuroscience in the future.



**Natalie Ciccone** 

Natalie believes the key to her success has been her hard work and dedication to her studies. She has made great friends and had great teachers who have always encouraged her to do well! The lifelong friendships she has made, the organizations and clubs she has been able to join, and all of the fun she has had have been her most enjoyable aspects of high school. The highlights of her extracurricular activities include State Championship Marching Band competitions, drama club productions, Student Government and Natural Helpers. Natalie also participates in several Honor Societies. She plans to study Nursing in the future.



#### Madelyn Reed

Always doing her best and staying organized have been the keys for Madelyn's success. She has most enjoyed building strong connections with her fellow classmates and forming relationships with all of her teachers. Madelyn feels that participating in a variety of school events such as Honor Societies, Clubs, Music Ensembles and Sports all have played a key role in her growth as a student as well as an individual. Her noteworthy accomplishments include Vice President in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade, four-year Varsity Volleyball player and Volleyball All-League, Virtual Enterprise Pride Award, placed 13<sup>th</sup> in Virtual Enterprise International Championships and Principal Flute Player for the Wind Ensemble. Although, Madelyn has not decided on a college as of yet, she intends to study Management/Marketing.



Michael Reed

Michael believes that staying relaxed in every situation helped him to remain cool, calm and collected. Applying this concept has been the key to his success at HHS. Michael has enjoyed meeting new people and forming long lasting relationships. Additionally, he has loved discovering his passion for music. Michael is most proud of being a Drum Major in the Marching Band and performing at NYSSMA All State Conference. While Michael is still deciding on a college, he intends to study Music Education.



Julien Rentsch

Julien believes that finding a balance between academics and extracurricular activities is extremely important to his success. He has enjoyed making new friendships while participating in many of the activities offered at HHS. Extracurricular activities include leading the Varsity Soccer Team as the Captain and earning both Academic All County and League Champion. Julien has served as Vice President of Student Government, Orchestra President, and Treasurer of the French Honor Society. Noteworthy accomplishments include, Young Musicians Competition winner, receiving two NHD placement awards, LI Artist Merit-Award for Music and Suffolk Zone Award. He is also the Salutatorian of the Class of 2020. Julien intends to study Music Composition at Northwestern University.



# Diya Rai-Gersappe

Diya has always worked hard and pushed herself to reach her academic goals. Diya credits the support of her amazing teachers, friends and parents for her success. She will always remember participating in fun events such as Homecoming Bonfire, Prom, K-Factor, Musicals and Relay for Life. Diya has most enjoyed building wonderful relationships with friends and teachers. Among her favorite extracurricular involvements were Varsity Cross Country, Gemini Symphony Orchestra, Secretary of the Key Club, and President of the French Honor Society. Diya is also proud of winning a "Hunting-Tony" for Pit Orchestra in 2019 and presenting her science research at the MRS International Conference. Diya intends to study Biology at Vassar College.



#### **Eunice-Bonita Ramos**

Eunice credits the drive to do well and time management as the keys to her success. Her amazing support team was an important part of that endeavor. She has most enjoyed the wide variety of courses available to her at HHS. Noteworthy accomplishments include being a member of the French, Science, and Math Honor Societies. She has also enjoyed being a part of the Grandfriends Club. Eunice is also proud of being a Dispatcher at the Huntington First Aid Squad. She plans on studying Marketing in the future.



# **Daniela Ramos Campos**

The key to Daniela's success is her motivation. She always thinks about the people who do not have the opportunities she has, and this makes her passionate about changing the world. Her teachers have taught her to believe in herself, and that has allowed her to get to where she is today. Daniela has most enjoyed the moments where she was able to connect with the people who work inside the school building—from teachers and coaches to the kitchen ladies and custodians. She also enjoyed the times when she was able to address her peers, even when it was not easy for her to speak. Daniela's extracurricular activities are many! Volunteering at Huntington Hospital, 5 Honor Societies, Student Government, Women's Empowerment, Dispatch, Natural Helpers and United Amigos to name a few. She is also very proud to be the Senior Class President! She would like to major in Political Science with a minor in Catholic Studies or International Relations.



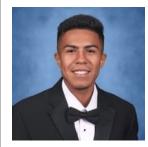
**Casey Coleman** 

The most important keys to Casey's success are being conscientious, having a good work ethic and being responsible and respectful of others. He has enjoyed making lifelong friendships and establishing great rapport with his many wonderful teachers. The highlight of his extracurricular activities was being a part of the Internship program. The experience gave him a lot of knowledge and contributed to the making of his future plans. Casey intends to major in Exercise Science at SUNY Cortland.



**Moira Contino** 

Moira owes her success at HHS to her persistent mental focus and strong commitment to her academic studies. She has enjoyed the many friendships she has made along the way, and is grateful for the opportunities presented to her. Her extracurricular involvements include Key Club, Habitat for Humanity, Officer of the Environmental Club and Secretary of the NHD Club. She is a proud member of the Social Studies, French, Science and National Honor Societies. Her accomplishments include a Huntington Camera Club Award, Pride Awards, NHD Awards and an IEA Award. Moira will be majoring in Biology.



**Brian Contreras** 

Brian attributes his success to having a stable mentality and continuing to work hard every-day. Also, having his parents remind him about the importance of his education helped him to remain focused and finish strong! Brian always found it fun and challenging to be in different classroom settings, and he most enjoyed meeting a lot of new people in the high school's diverse environment. Fall season and playing soccer with all his friends was an amazing extracurricular experience for him. Brian intends to study Mechanical Engineering in college.



#### Marissa Cribar

Marissa credits her success to all of the support she received from staff, as well as surrounding herself with academically like minded people. She most enjoyed interactive discussions with peers during class, learning about things that fascinate her, and getting to know everyone better. Marissa is a member of several Honor Societies, Habitat for Humanity, Environmental Club and Vice Rep for Sunrise Huntington. The Habitat build in NOLA and the Belize trip were the most memorable! Marissa will major in Biology (Pre-Vet), Environmental Studies and Sustainability at Colorado State University.



#### Beanna Cumella

Beanna believes the right attitude, passion to succeed, discipline and drive are the keys to success! She attributes the knowledge of these qualities to her upbringing and family environment. It has enabled her to succeed academically as well as personally. She enjoys growing and learning with her peers, maintaining long lasting friendships, creating bonds with inspirational teachers, and participating in school spirit events. The highlights of her extracurricular involvement were raising cancer awareness at Relay for Life, being a valued member of the girls' soccer team, and most importantly, building a house with Habitat for Humanity. Beanna has not decided on a major or college at this time.



Mia D'Alessandro

While setting academic goals is important, Mia finds it most successful for her to spend free time doing creative things! It enables her to clear her mind, find meaning in life, and is ultimately what keeps her refreshed and focused on the next step to academic success. The best thing about high school has been her personal growth - and the greatest, most loyal friends! Extracurricular highlights include being President and Editor of EtCetera and a member of the Art Honor Society. Achievements include Award of Excellence for her self portrait and winning Long Island's Best for a pop art portrait. Mia will study Graphic Design at Syracuse University in the fall.



**Daniel Petrylka** 





**Cole Pillion** 

Cole finds that the balance between hard work and interactions with classmates and having fun are the keys to his success. The support of teachers and staff have been very important in that endeavor. While working hard is key, he also believes that it is important not take himself too seriously. Playing on the soccer, track and lacrosse teams, while bonding with friends, are experiences he will never forget! Cole has achieved All League for Soccer, three Pride Awards, and was a participant in the LI Regional Envirothon. He plans to study Economics at Oberlin College.



Jessica Quintanilla

Never taking anything to heart and discovering what works for her has made Jessica successful. Jessica has most enjoyed the wide variety of courses available to her, which has helped her to grow. She found that forming friendships, and joining clubs that interest her have been highlights of her time at HHS. Jessica is credited with founding the Debate Club and is also a proud member of several Honor Societies. Although she has not selected a college, her intended major is Criminal Justice.



John Panos

Dedication, venturing outside of his comfort zone and hard work have been monumental in John's success. His commitment to his studies have made it possible for him to immerse himself in all AP classes. He values the close-knit relationships he has formed with other students. The business classes HHS has to offer and the leadership roles he has acquired and maintained have been highlights for John. Although John has not yet decided on a college, he intends to study Business Administration/Entrepreneurship.



Kyle Perea

Kyle believes that organization and pacing himself have been the keys to his success. He has credited music to be the main factor in attaining his goals. Kyle most enjoyed the music program and faculty. He has enjoyed meeting new friends and having close relationships with many exceptional teachers, Mr. Kenneth Donovan in particular. Just walking through the music hallway made his days at HHS memorable! Kyle's extracurricular involvement include Key Club and Chamber Orchestra. He is proud to be in the Manhattan School of Music precollege program, LI Youth Orchestra, and Gemini Youth Symphony. He is also a member of the Tri-M and Social Studies Honor Societies. Kyle plans to study Double Bass Music Performance in the future.



Luca Perna

Luca owes his success to completing every homework assignment and attending extra help to ensure good grades. He has been challenged by AP courses and credits success to good study habits. He has most enjoyed visiting the New York Stock Exchange with the Stock Analysis Club and participating in Envirothon. Luca's noteworthy accomplishments include Pride Awards in Chemistry, Living Environment, and Animal Behavior. Placing second in National History Day, competing at Hofstra, and becoming treasurer of the Social Studies Honor Society have been highlights at HHS. Luca intends to major in Finance.



Livia D'Anna

The key to Livia's success has been many group study sessions with friends and coffee! She has enjoyed being able to take classes that both challenge and interest her, which motivates her to do better. Livia's extracurricular activities include Highstepping and Key Club for all four years of high school. She is also a member of several Honor Societies. Studying English/Education will be in her future plans.



**Daniel Danziger** 





Mya Davis

Mya attributes her success to hard work, dedication, and some procrastination! Most enjoyable was being on a sports team and meeting some of her closest friends, as well as getting close with amazing teachers who have become mentors and friends. She has also enjoyed all of the school spirit events like basketball games, Float Night and the parades! Her noteworthy accomplishments include joining the Track and Field team and becoming Captain and working with Mrs. Forbes as an intern and lab assistant. She is also a member of the Math, English, Spanish and Science Honor Societies. Her intended majors are Biochemistry and Mathematics.



Kyra DeSalvo

Kyra has earned her success by challenging herself year after year. She feels this has helped her to develop better study habits and improve her work ethic! She has truly enjoyed being a part of the Huntington Marching Band and is proud to be Captain this year! She also loved being in the Musicals and making so many valuable friendships. One highlight was winning first place for National History Day individual paper. Kyra is a singer that enjoys taking part in Acapella, Chamber Choir and Cabaret Night. She also participated in many Honor Societies. She plans to study International Affairs and Political Science at Northwestern University.



Nayely Estrada-Rodriguez

Nayely credits her parents support and challenging herself as the keys to her success. She felt it was important to do things that were out of her comfort zone. She also thanks her amazing teachers, who were always there to lend a hand—and got her to where she is today. Extracurricular activities included China Club, United Amigos, AWOD and Natural Helpers. She is a member of both the National and Spanish Honor Societies. Her intended major is Special Education.



Josefina Fasolino

Josie thanks her family, friends and teachers for supporting her style and creativity—which enabled her to be the person and artist she wants to be. She enjoyed being on the fencing team, which enabled her to make great friends and boost her confidence. She has also enjoyed her many art classes and becoming close to her teachers. Some of Josie's accomplishments include winning seven Pride Awards throughout high school, taking 1st place in the NHD Group Exhibits, and having the highest record on the fencing team in her senior year! Josie intends to major in Fine Arts at Alfred University.



Aldo Ochoa Islas

The keys to Aldo's success are determination, hard work and perseverance. He enjoyed his classes and his relationships with staff the most. The highlight of his extracurricular involvement was participating in Relay for Life. Aldo will major in Engineering in the future.



Charles O'Rourke





Caitlyn Palermo

Hard work, determination and Caitlyn's faith in God have been the keys to her success. She has enjoyed building many wonderful relationships with friends and staff members. Being a part of the video program and participating in a ten-day film challenge has earned her many awards; such as Best Editing, Best Poster, and Overall Film to mention a few. Highlights of her extracurricular activities include the 2019 All-Division and Team Sportsmanship Award for Varsity Tennis. Although Caitlyn has not decided on a college as of yet, she plans to study Film Production.



#### **Adam Neber**

Adam owes his success to his ability to always learn from his mistakes and take his setbacks in stride. Being persistent and keeping a positive outlook on life has served him well. Adam has enjoyed many extracurricular activities that have enabled him to learn about music, technology, leadership, and invaluable life lessons. Through these activities, Adam has made new friends and formed close relationships. Highlights of his extracurricular involvement include Marching and Jazz Band, Pit Orchestra, and being Head of Strategy in Robotics. Adam plans to study Data Science and Analytics at Case Western Reserve University.



Isabella Neira





James Obermaier

Even when James felt there was no way to succeed, he would pick himself up and kept moving forward. He always found the path to success. James most values the friendships he has formed through Marching Band and Robotics Club. While in the Robotics Club, he held the position of Chief Technology Officer. James is also a proud member of the Science, Math and National Honor Societies. While he has not decided on a college yet, he intends to study Engineering.



**Jack Flores** 

Jack identifies many things as the keys to his success. Doing anything to achieve his goals, being organized and having good study habits, and never giving up are among them. He also credits surrounding himself with good people who are there to support each other in school, sports or life! He has enjoyed making new friendships with different types of people, with different backgrounds, interests and beliefs. The highlights of his extracurricular activities include playing Varsity tennis since 7th grade and competing at the National level, volunteering and mentoring at Huntington Hospital, and creating a tennis program for the underprivileged in our community. He will be majoring in Economics/Finance at Bowdoin College.



**Mauricio Flores** 

Mauricio credits his entire family and his friends as the keys to his success! He wants them to know that they are the reason he has gotten to where he is today. The confidence they have in him has driven him to stay focused and work hard. He has most enjoyed his relationships with his teachers and meeting all of the unique and interesting students in Huntington. He is a member of the Math Honor Society and is proud of his award from the Brookhaven Laboratory Program. Mauricio will study Biochemistry at Stony Brook University in the fall.



Isabella Fodera

Isabella believes the power of choice is the reason for her success! She realized that each person has the power to make their life everything they dreamed it could be! She has truly enjoyed taking enriching classes that deepened her understanding of the world, as well as meeting new people. Isabella has played on the Tennis team and ran Track. She is a women's empowerment and environmental/climate activist, and is a proud member of the Math Honor Society. Her intended major is Psychology at the University of Miami.



#### **Emerson Forbes**

Practicing and working toward the things he wants to achieve are the keys to Emerson's success. He is a percussionist that has worked tirelessly to learn and grow as a musician. He has enjoyed founding and participating in the Debate Club, as well as playing in the Jazz and Wind Ensemble and the Junior and Senior bands. Emerson also played JV and Varsity Soccer. He is a member of the English Honor Society and has performed at NYSSMA for 6 levels. He was also a member of the SCMEA All-County Band. He plans to study Music Education at the University of Delaware.



#### **Charles Forte**

Charles owes his success to studying hard - even when he didn't want to - and joining various clubs to increase his opportunities within the school community. He has most enjoyed coming to school each day and seeing his friends as well as playing on the Football team. He is a 4 sport athlete and a volunteer firefighter! Charles will study Construction Management at Roger Williams University in the fall.



Aiden Franznick

Being organized, not missing school, and staying calm under pressure are the things Aiden felt were the keys to his success. He has participated in the many extracurricular activities offered at HHS including Float Night, K-Factor, Bonfire, Volleyball Tournaments, Prom, Homecoming and Deck the Halls! He has enjoyed making many new friends. Aiden is a member of the National, Spanish, Social Studies, and Math Honor Societies. His extracurricular activities are Robotics, Key Club, Environmental Club, and China Club. He is planning to major in Engineering.



# **Robert Moreno**

RJ attributes his success to his parents support and their praise along the way. He has enjoyed having close relationships with many of his favorite teachers. Seeing his friends on a daily basis formed lasting friendships that will bond them together for life. Extracurricular participation included the Habitat for Humanity trip to New Orleans, and being a part of the Huntington Football Program. Although his intended major is undecided, RJ plans to attend Elon University.



**Ethan Mulroy** 

Ethan believes remaining dedicated to his long-term vision has been the key to his success. This, combined with being detailed oriented, has been very important in this endeavor. Developing lifetime relationships with peers, teachers and faculty have been a highlight for Ethan, as well as accumulating valuable skills to assist in his future development. Ethan has enjoyed his participation in Habitat for Humanity, Young Leaders Youth Development Organization, and Relay for Life. In addition, he was the Captain of the JV Basketball team and coached the Huntington Basketball Booster Club. Ethan is a proud member of the Italian, English, Math, Social Studies and National Honor Societies. He plans to major in Business/Economics.



Nathan Musso

Taking several AP classes, keeping his standards high and getting his work completed on time has been the key to Nathan's academic success. He has most enjoyed building lifelong friendships. Being a part of many musical ensembles has been the highlight of his time at HHS. Noteworthy accomplishments include, NYSSMA All State and NYSCAME All County. He is also a proud member of Tri-M, Spanish and National Honor Societies. Nathan intends to study Music Education.



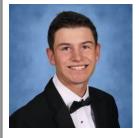
Ryan Miller

Ryan's approach to success has been motivating himself in order to keep up with his peers. Meeting new friends was a highlight during his time at HHS. He most enjoyed his Advanced Placement US History class with Mr. Donovan. His extracurricular involvement includes traveling to Texas with Habitat for Humanity, Robotics competitions and being a proud member of the National Honor Society. While helping with several projects in the courtyard he has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. His plans are to study Civil Engineering at Wentworth Institute of Technology.



Max Mittleman





Jack Monahan

Jack credits his natural intelligence and guidance from his parents in helping him remain committed to obtaining good grades. Jack values the social interaction with his friends as an important part of his high school experience. He has participated in a wide variety of activities such as Basketball, Golf, Tennis, Band, Environmental and Yearbook Clubs. A highlight for Jack was winning the 2019 Badminton Tournament. He is also a proud member of the National Honor Society. Jack plans to major in Business in the future.



Natalie Furman

Hard work, determination and being proud of herself were the recurring keys to Natalie's success since Freshman year. She found enjoyment in experimenting with art, music and learning about different fields of science. She has been a part of Huntington's Marching Band, Pit Orchestra, and Wind Ensemble. Taking a student leader role in Marching Band and Pit Orchestra has been very important to her! Natalie will major in Graphic Design/Visual Arts in the future.



Brenden Garcia

Brenden has strived to keep a healthy balance between studying hard and enjoying his high school days! He has enjoyed going to chorus class, meeting new friends, and learning all types of new things that may help him in the future. He participated in the Drama Club as well as Acapella. Brenden will be majoring in Computer Science at Southern Connecticut State University.



Martin Garcia

Martin believes that the key to his success is staying focused on the things he wants to accomplish. He has most enjoyed taking new classes and trying new things. Martin thinks this is very important as you might really enjoy something you've never experienced before. He is a hardworking and respectful student, and he intends to study Computer Science in the fall.



Kiara Gelbman

Kiara took classes she enjoyed, which made her more invested in the content and more dedicated to learning. She persevered through times of struggle and always remembered to enjoy the little things! She has enjoyed working with her peers to accomplish goals and learning about herself and her interests. Kiara loved playing Varsity Volleyball for three years and bonding with her lifetime friends. She is proud to have made a long lasting impact on the Huntington Community by her work with Dispatch. She will study Journalism after high school.



Matthew Gennarelli

Matthew believes that staying true to yourself, trying new things, and enjoying life are the keys to success. He feels he has been very lucky to meet a lot of great people, have wonderful and supportive teachers, and get a lot of great opportunities! Highlights of Matthew's extracurricular involvement include being COO of BioSol, the Virtual Enterprise company, with Ms. Tyree, and taking on various leadership positions on the Robotics Team. He played baseball for three years and is a National Merit Finalist. Matthew will major in Computer Science and Business Administration at the University of Southern California.



Alexandra Gerbavsits

The key to Alexandra's success has always been to work hard and try her best. She has strived to be the best person she can be, inside as well as outside the classroom. Having good study habits and learning how to manage her time have helped her become a successful student! Alexandra has made memories that will last a lifetime with all of her friends. She has been Captain of both the Varsity Soccer and Softball teams and was the recipient of the Suffolk Zone Award. She will always be a proud Blue Devil athlete! Alexandra will study Nursing at Monmouth University.



Johnny Menjivar





Silvia Merlos Meza

Silvia has credited perseverance and self-confidence as the keys to her success. Silvia loved participating in a Math Internship and the National Honor Society because it gave her the opportunity to mentor middle school students. Volunteering to help high school students with math has brought her pleasure during her time at HHS. While carrying a strong average, she has managed to graduate in only three years, all while working a full-time job! Silvia intends to study Adolescence Education/Mathematics at SUNY Old Westbury.



**Ashton Metzler** 

Ashton credits his success to teachers, friends and family. They always gave him things to look forward to at school and were always available to help when needed. He has most enjoyed the elective classes he was able to take; Art, Graphics, Wood Shop and Engineering. Ashton's main extracurricular activity centered around his participation in Key Club in his Senior year. He isn't quite sure what he will major in at Farmingdale State College, but he is considering Interaction Design.



# Joseph Mead

The key to Joseph's success has been developing his analytical reading and writing skills. His most enjoyable experiences at HHS include the successes and camaraderie as a member of the Mock Trial team. He also enjoyed playing lacrosse in this sophomore year. His most noteworthy accomplishments include being the 2018 Suffolk County Champs in Mock Trial, as well as coming in 3rd place in New York State. Joseph will major in Political Science with a Calculus minor at Loyola University Honors College.



#### Gabriel Medina-Jaudes

The secret to Gabriel's success is striving to do his best and finding unique ways to solve problems. The support from family, friends, and teachers has been beneficial to his achievements. Participating in Student Government has shown him the value of engaging with the community and serving the student body. Gabriel has particularly enjoyed acting as the G.O. Vice President, and playing the violin in the Chamber and Pit Orchestras. Noteworthy accomplishments include being selected for the Columbia University Science Honors Program, and receiving a Meritorious Award at the LI Science Congress Competition. Gabriel is a sixyear Varsity Fencer, and the Treasurer for the Math Honor Society. He plans to study Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University.



# Madeline Meidenman

Maddy believes that putting in time and effort, along with wanting to do well, have been the key to her success. Maddy really enjoyed the social aspect of high school. She was able to discover more about herself while learning from her teachers, and her studies. The highlights of her extracurricular activities include, playing Softball, Key Club, Yearbook Club, Latin Club, Habitat for Humanity, and Internships all while working part time. Noteworthy accomplishments include the National Latin Exam Honorable Merit Award, and she is also a proud member of the National Honor Society. Maddy plans to study Sports Administration at Louisiana State University.



Julia Giles

Julia credits patience, hard work, and help from her teachers and family for her success. She has most enjoyed being able to express herself more, making new friends, and feeling a sense of accomplishment and pride that she didn't have in middle school. She is grateful to high school for showing her that things get better! Julia was the Co-Publicist for Key Club and also a member of the English and Art Honor Societies. She is proud to have won first place at National History Day for Best Individual Documentary. Julia's major will be Visual Arts at SUNY New Paltz.



#### **Matthew Girimonti**

Staying focused and dedicated, doing everything to the best of his ability, and completing tasks in a timely manner have helped Matthew become a successful student. He has most enjoyed the opportunity to be part of various teams, clubs and classes that have exposed him to teachers, coaches, and peers with varying interests. He has created long-time friendships with teammates and coaches who, he feels, have made him not only a better athlete, but a better man. With Young Leaders and National Honor Society, he has had the honor and privilege to be of service to the Huntington Community. Matthew will study Finance at Elon University.



**Craig Haas** 

Craig lives by the quote "It's not what happens to you, but how you react that matters." He credits keeping a positive mindset and remaining self-disciplined for his success. Craig has most enjoyed running track with some of the most inspiring, friendly and athletic teammates. They constantly motivated him to find his focus and give his heart out on the track. Noteworthy accomplishments include U.S. House of Representatives Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, New York State Assembly Certificate of Merit, and various Pride Awards. Craig will be studying Accounting in college.



**Caroline Hartough** 

Caroline credits hard work, studying and having a good support system as the reasons for her success. She has most enjoyed making new friends, playing sports, and being on a team. Highlights and accomplishments include Pride Awards in Art, Social Studies, Math and Gym, and her group getting the Genocide Award during NHD. Caroline will major in Nursing at Youngstown State University.



**Abigail Holmes** 





**Catherine Jamison** 

The key to Cat's success is her competitive nature and drive to success in all she does. She also credits her incredibly supportive family for pushing her to be the best she can be. Catherine has served as the National Honor Society President, Natural Helper's President, and Captain of the Varsity volleyball team for 3 years. She plays viola, is a member of A Capella, and part of Robotics winning Chairmen's Team. She will major in Markets, Innovation and Design and minor in Art Entrepreneurship and English at Bucknell University. She will play Division I volleyball there as well.



Michael Mathews

Determination to succeed in his classes and balancing his after-school activities has been the key to Michael's success. Michael has loved his time on Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band and Marching Band. While in the Marching Band, he was the Section Leader and was able to take part in the Disney trip. Highlights of his extracurricular involvement include Varsity Baseball, Relay for Life, and earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Michael is also a proud member of the Science, Social Studies, Math, English and National Honor Societies. Michael plans to study Business at Fordham University.



**Christopher Mavrogian** 

Knowing that Christopher can accomplish whatever he puts his mind to has been his key to his success. He finds it important to have fun with family and friends so he can refresh and focus on his school work. He has enjoyed making new friendships through his participation in clubs and ensembles. Christopher has proudly earned the rank of Eagle Scout, Honor Roll, and High Honor Roll. Along with being the Student Body President, he has participated in the award-winning Pit Orchestra for the Spring Musical. Doing the morning announcements with his friends has been a privilege he will always cherish! Christopher plans to study Music Education and Performance at SUNY Potsdam Crane School of Music.



Aedan McDonald

The keys to Aedan's success are working hard and never giving up. He also credits the people who have always been by his side if he needed help. There is nothing Aedan hasn't enjoyed about high school! He's met so many people and done many new things that made him who he is today. In the classroom, he's learned both educational and real life lessons. On the sports field, he played to the best of his ability and had fun while doing it. The highlight of his high school career were the memories he made at every practice and every game with his teammates. Academically, being a Distinguished Senior is an important accomplishment for him. Aedan will major in Nursing at Utica College.



# **Abigail Maichin**

Abigail attributes her effort and hard work as the keys to her success. She has always surrounded herself with positive and supportive people. The different personalities and people she has met during her time at HHS has helped shaped her into the person she is today. Noteworthy accomplishments include, Rookie of the Year, All League, and All Conference on Varsity Basketball and All division and All-County on Varsity Lacrosse. Abigail is a proud member of the Science, English, Spanish, Math and National Honor Societies. Although she has not declared a major, Abigail plans to attend University of Notre Dame.



# Shyann Maragh-Jean-Baptiste

Shyann credits hard work, dedication, and drive as the keys to her success. The help and support of her teachers and peers have played an important part in that endeavor. She has most enjoyed participating in extracurricular and school spirited activities such as; football games, Float Night, Homecoming, pep rallies, fall drama, spring musical and prom. Highlights of Shyann's tenure at HHS include K-Factor, winning 1<sup>st</sup> place at National History Day and trip to Italy with Mrs.Tedeschi. Shyann intends to major in Biology/Pre-Med in the future.



**Karley Mathews** 

The key to Karley's success has been the support of her family, friends and teachers. This support has enabled her to achieve her goals. Her most enjoyable moments at HHS have been Habitat for Humanity and going to New Orleans to help build a home. Karley's involvement on both the Track team and Marching Band have made her a well-rounded person and she been fortunate enough to make some great friends along the way! Some of Karley's highlights at HHS have been Relay for Life, Youth Climate Summit, Natural Helpers, and Environmental Club. She is also a proud member the Art Honor Society. Karley will be attending Siena College.



# Neil Jean-Baptiste

Neil believes the most significant motivator is to keep yourself studious and imagine a prosperous and intelligent future, remembering that the work you do now will help create your future. He has most enjoyed playing in musical ensembles, creating and becoming President of one of New York State's first Environmental Clubs at the high school level. He is the Recording Secretary of Student Government, Vice President of Tri-M, and a Marching Band section leader and Captain. Neil will study Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Delaware.



Robert Jean-Gilles

The key to Robert's success is laughter! A little bit of humor goes a long way! He most enjoyed representing HHS at SCMEA All County Jazz, participating at Spring RYLA and Summer RYLA and being selected as a facilitator. Robert enjoyed certain research projects, getting a 4 on his AP World History exam and participating in the Drama Club and Marching Band. He is very proud to have won the Hunting-Tony for "Best Featured Actor in a Musical" in freshman year. Robert will study acting in the future.



Griselda Jimenez Contreras

Hard work, self discipline, and challenging herself have been the keys to Griselda's success. These things have enabled her to stick with her decisions, follow her dreams and persevere through challenges. She enjoys looking back on her time at HHS and seeing how far she's come as a student—and as a person. She's enjoyed meeting new people and all of her wonderful teachers. Griselda is a Certified Nurse Assistant and won 1st place at a nursing competition. She has won many Pride Awards, Student of the Quarter at Wilson Tech and is a proud member of both the Technical and National Honor Societies. Griselda will study Nursing.



# **Peyton Kalb**

The key to Peyton's success has been trying new things! Without that, she might never have met her lifelong friends and found out about things she loves to do. She has most enjoyed her strong relationships with her teachers, who have always been there for her with support. Peyton is Vice-President of the Science National Honor Society, Recording Secretary of the Spanish National Honor Society and a Section Leader in Marching Band. She is Co-Captain of the Volleyball team and a member of Varsity Crew for 3 years. Peyton is a proud member of many Honor Societies. She will study Biology in the future.



Paul Katigbak

Having his sights set on achieving a solid future has been key to Paul's success. Hard work and the mindset of getting the highest grade possible has served him well! Making and seeing friends, going out for Senior Lunch and traveling with Ms. Tedeschi are among his most enjoyed aspects of HHS. Paul is a member of the Lacrosse and Fencing teams, Class of 2020 Treasurer, French Honor Society Treasurer, and GO Treasurer. He is a proud member of the Math, Science and National Honor Societies, and a 2-time NYS History Day Medalist. Paul will major in Biology at Boston College.



**Lucas Kelly** 

Focusing on himself has been the key to Lucas' success. The focus and discipline that he fostered within himself helped him to achieve more. He's enjoyed growing his academic practice/work ethic, growing through friends, learning how to network and communicate professionally. Lucas' extracurricular involvement includes the Sunrise Movement Hub of Huntington, Student Government, Environmental Club, Key Club and the Social Studies Honor Society. He will be majoring in Political Science at Temple University.



John Lourenso

John attributes his success to utilizing resources, working hard every day, and keeping communication open with teachers and other students. He has most enjoyed getting to know his peers and teachers, and making lasting friendships. John is a member of the Varsity Golf team and is a member of the National Honor Society and Social Studies Honor Society. He will major in Business at Indiana University Kelley School of Business.



Jennifer Low

Jennifer credits the love and encouragement from friends and family as the key to her success. She believes that, without their support, she wouldn't be who she is today. She has loved the Music and Art Departments and the wonderful teachers there. They have pushed her to explore her creativity and given her a form of expression that has brought her much joy! The highlights of her extracurricular involvement include Dance Captain for the Drama Club, Drum Major of the Marching Band, and Chief of Business Operations for Robotics. She also won 2nd place in the 10-day Film Challenge Multistate Competition. Jennifer will study Film in the future.



Keenan Lyons

Keenan's keys to success are hard work, commitment and taking risks. This combination has enhanced his high school career and enabled him to spread his wings. Keenan has enjoyed the strong offering of courses and extracurriculars and the relationships he has made with students, teachers and administrators. Keenan most enjoyed the Music Program and being involved in all 8 Drama Club productions. He participated in Key Club, Chamber Orchestra and Chamber Choir, NYSSMA All-State Choir, and the National, Italian, English, Social Studies and Tri-M Honor Societies. He volunteered in the Helping Hands Mission, St. John's Youth Group and the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative. Keenan will study Musical Theatre at the University of Miami.



# Angelina Larkin

Her desire to be the best that she can be in everything is the key to Angelina's success. She is a perfectionist, which has sometimes been a source of failure, but more often, it is her driving force. Despite hardships, her desire for success has never faded. The maturing of her mind, progress and growth in her hobbies and talents, and finding the people who will be lifelong friends was the best part of high school. She found what she wants to be—and who she is. Angelina will be studying English, with a minor in Art, in college.



**Baylie Larsen** 

Time management and determination were Baylie's keys to success. She has always been a busy person, but she made an effort to put school first, and that hard work paid off. She has most enjoyed being a part of the Fashion program and it has played a major role in her life. She loved being a Highstepper, and her favorite classes were AP Biology and Calculus. Baylie's extracurricular involvements and accomplishments include placing 13th at Highstepping Nationals, National Honor Society Historian and Tutoring Coordinator, and being a member of Habitat for Humanity and Key Club. Baylie is also a member of seven Honor Societies. She will major in Biology/Pre-Physician Assistant in the future.



**Zadie Lauer** 

The key to Zadie's success is balance. It's easy to become overwhelmed with schoolwork, but by putting aside time for the things she enjoys, her friends and hobbies, she was able to be more productive when it was time for work. She has enjoyed watching herself grow as a person and the whole learning experience. It enabled her to form new friendships and discover the things she's passionate about. Her noteworthy accomplishments include her advocacy work with various organizations regarding racial justice, women's rights, and environmental justice. Zadie will major in Environmental Studies or Political Science.



# **Molly Kessler**

Molly believes that the key to her success was stepping outside of her comfort zone and trying new things. This allowed her to be a leader and someone that others could trust. She has enjoyed meeting and becoming friends with students in all grades, volunteering in the community, and being a part of a diverse environment with people of different beliefs and backgrounds. Extracurricular activities include organizing KFactor with the Key Club, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble and Natural Helpers. She belongs to many Honor Societies and volunteers with HIHI. Molly will be majoring in Human Development at Clark University.



Oskar Kilgour

Oskar's key to success has been taking classes in subjects he's interested in. Performing at halftime shows and building and organizing the float for Homecoming have been two of his most enjoyable events. His noteworthy accomplishments include being a 5 year Marching Band member and Drum Captain Senior year, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and Pit Orchestra. Oskar is the Treasurer of the National Honor Society and Class of 2020, Mathletes President, Financial Secretary of the Science Honor Society, and Ocean Bowl Team Captain. He will study Business Economics and Music Composition in college.



**Andrew Knowles** 

The keys to Andrew's success are always staying on top of his work, putting in 100% effort, and collaborating with his peers. He has really enjoyed the diverse group of extracurricular activities and the different groups of people he has been able to meet and work with these past 4 years. The highlights of his extracurricular involvement include Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Robotics, Mathletes, National History Day and Varsity Tennis. Andrew is a proud member of the Math, Social Studies, Science and National Honor Societies. He is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2020. Andrew will major in Mathematical Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University.



Ryan Knowles

Ryan owes his success to taking advantage of the opportunity to take as many AP classes as he could. He worked very hard and succeeded by studying and staying on top of his work. He has most enjoyed all of the extracurricular activities that Huntington has been able to provide. Participating in afterschool activities enables students to easily meet new people and make lifelong friends. Some highlights include Student Government, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Robotics and Relay for Life and Float Night. Ryan is a proud member of the National, Math, Social Studies and Science Honor Societies. He will be attending the University of Virginia.



Jonathan Koumas





Madelyn Kye

Madelyn attributes her success to her dedication to both her schoolwork and extracurricular pursuits. Being involved has allowed her to take advantage of many opportunities in our community. She has enjoyed being a part of the Orchestra, Field Hockey team, and participating in NHD. Her two favorite classes were AP Seminar and AP World. She is President of History Day/Social Issues Club, President of the Social Studies Honor Society and Vice-President of the English Honor Society. Madelyn will double major in History and Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins University.



**Margaret Lalor** 

Margaret owes her success to the desire to learn and never losing sight of direction despite setbacks. She has most enjoyed playing the flute (especially in Wind Ensemble), becoming an Intern, and creating strong bonds with teachers. She is a member of Key Club and several Honor Societies. She enjoyed participating in Relay for Life, BandFest, Safe Halloween, Homecoming and NHD. Margaret has gotten many Pride Awards, placed 3rd in regional competitions for NHD and participated in SCMEA. She will study Biology in the future.



**Madison Lange** 

Madison credits her family and friends and all their support, and the encouragement of all her teachers, for her success. Because of the sense of community at HHS, she enjoyed going to sports games and performing in K-Factor. Her favorite part of school was her VE class last year—with her favorite teacher, Ms. Furman. Madison has been involved in Habitat for Humanity, Key Club, and is an intern for Mr. Bisogno. She is a proud member of the National Honor Society and has received 4 Pride Awards. She has been a volunteer at Huntington Hospital for 2 years. Madison will be studying Marketing/Business.



**Patrick Langton** 

The key to Patrick's success has been his work ethic and his dedication. He has most enjoyed playing football, being on the Robotics team, and making friends. Patrick was the Head Mechanical Technician for Huntington Robotics. His biggest accomplishment has been designing and manufacturing a dodgeball launcher. Patrick will be attending Ohio State University where he will major in Mechanical Engineering.