

## **Huntington High School's 150<sup>th</sup> Commencement**

### **Dante Allen's Introduction of Principal Dr. Carmela Leonardi**

As John Quincy Adams said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." Good leaders have the ability to ignite that spark in others, to get them to do the things that they normally would not do. Good leaders are very passionate and believe in what they are doing and get others to believe the same.

All of these characteristics come to mind when we think of our leader, our principal Dr. Leonardi. Dr. Leonardi has served as Huntington High School's principal since 2001. Before that she was at Woodhull [Kindergarten Center] and Huntington Intermediate School. Prior to Huntington, she worked in Lawrence School District. She also worked in Franklin Square. Dr. Leonardi graduated from Hofstra University with a Ph.D in reading and cognition. She completed two professional diplomas and has several teaching certifications. Oh my God, that is a lot of school!!!

Her strong belief that all students can learn has driven her to work closely with her staff and to be a great leader.

With that, I would like to introduce our lovely principal, the boss lady, Dr. Carmela Leonardi.