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**Distinguished  
Seniors' Dinner**

*Hosted By:*

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**April 29, 2010**

## ***About the Dinner***

*We are proud to gather this evening to honor seventy members of Huntington High School's Class of 2010. Members of the Board of Education and Administration salute the young men and women invited here this evening 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.*

*In addition, these distinguished seniors have selected one teacher to be honored from each of the district's schools. These Honored Teachers were chosen by the students as persons who have been the most influential and inspiring teachers encountered on their educational journey. We congratulate these individuals as well for their contributions to the education of our distinguished seniors*

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**Samson Widerman**

“What has kept me on top of my work throughout high school has been my ability to stay optimistic. Other than staying positive, I’ve found activities I enjoy such as painting or writing to fill time I would otherwise leave to procrastinate more difficult work.” Sounds like some good advice. Creating art, making music, and writing is what Samson thinks is the high school’s greatest gift to him. He gave back by participating in Marching Band, Drama Club, and Natural Helpers which “made me feel like I was an important part of something great.” You were, and are. A major remains elusive as of now, as does his college choice. Fear not: based on his record the choices will be creative.

# Program

**Pledge of Allegiance.....Rebecca Silverman  
President-Student Council**

**Welcome.....Bill Dwyer  
President-Board of Education**

**Introduction of  
PTA Presidents.....Denise D’Attolico  
President-PTA Council**

**Introduction of  
Principals.....Rebecca Silverman  
President –Student Council**

**Presentation of  
Teacher Awards.....Distinguished Seniors**

**Presentation of  
Students Awards.....Dr. Carmela Leonardi**

# Honored Teachers

## Jefferson Primary

Honored Teacher.....**Ms. Toni Young**  
Student Presenter.....**Alanna Tieman**  
.....**Dan Rabinowtz**  
Principal.....**Ms. Margaret Evers**  
PTA Co-Presidents.....**Ms. Norma Gorecki**  
.....**Ms. Kara Pitti**

## Washington Primary

Honored Teacher.....**Ms. Suzy Dinehart**  
Student Presenter.....**Luke Reigot**  
Principal.....**Ms. Marsha Neville**  
PTA Co-Presidents.....**Ms. Jessica Regan**  
.....**Ms. Shari Lewis-Taylor**

## Southdown Primary

Honored Teacher.....**Ms. Christine DePetris**  
Student Presenter.....**Colleen Teubner**  
Principal.....**Ms. Michelle Marino**  
PTA President.....**Ms. Pam Lumpe**

## Flower Hill Primary

Honored Teacher.....**Ms. Claudia Mingin**  
Student Presenter.....**Kelsey Iwanicki**  
Principal.....**Mr. Marlon Small**  
PTA President.....**Ms. Edie Pulizzotto**



**Clare Tonks**

Clare studied ballet for twelve years and performed in many productions. Learning to balance this time-intensive activity with her academics was a lesson with many future applications. Spending time with friends and a varied academic portfolio have worked to provide confidence. Clare is off to the George Washington University at summer's end, where she will major in Biology.



**Jenna Wallshein**

Jenna's life changing experience was getting involved with HOPE and Habitat for Humanities. "My trip to New Orleans and being actively involved in HOPE has changed my view of the world, I strive to make a difference." We think she will. She displays self motivation and determination, and challenged herself with the most difficult courses. "I see no greater reward than succeeding due to hard work." Well said. She served as President of HOPE, was elected to the National Honor Society, became involved with Hurricane Katrina's relief, science research, and volunteering at a shelter in NYC. She will attend the University of Delaware this fall.



**Ariel Wertheim**

Perseverance and the support of his family is critical to Ari. He has enjoyed challenging himself intellectually and making friends. His Music abilities have been recognized with All State attainment twice. He's off to Dartmouth to major in anything he so desires.



**Colleen Teubner**

Family support, motivation, and time management were the keys to Colleen’s success, she tells us, in meeting her personal and academic goals. Membership in the Marching Band and the Drama Club provided for “unforgettable experiences.” She gave back to us as well through her activity, achieving the positions of the Woodwind Captain and Flute Section Leader of the Marching Band. A 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Finish in the New York State History Day Competition brought more accolades. Colleen wants to pursue Psychology but is currently undecided in her college.



**Allison Thompson**

The University of Maryland will welcome Allison as its newest Terp this fall. Working to her potential was instilled in her early on in life. She doesn’t waiver much, or give up easily. She pursues answers with well-formed questions. She claims that participating in athletics was a conduit to meeting new people, all of which worked to help her learn, grow and find out more about herself. Volunteering in the community added more experiences to the mix. All of this will benefit Allison as a person and as budding Business major.



**Alanna Tieman**

Alanna learned about challenges through her participation as a section leader in Marching Band, Crew, as the Fencing Team Captain, Key Club participant, and election to the Art Honor Society, English Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Math Honor Society, and the National Honor Society. In fact, these recognitions have rewarded her successful engagement of those challenges. Biology is her chosen field. She has yet to choose between Binghamton University and the University of Delaware Honors Program.

**Woodhull Intermediate**

**Honored Teacher.....Ms. Jenny Finnegan-Strachovsky**  
**Student Presenter.....Tommy Monks**  
**Principal.....Mr. Jarrett Stein**  
**PTA President.....Ms. Karen Dwyer**

**Jack Abrams Intermediate**

**Honored Teacher.....Ms. Allison VonVange**  
**Student Presenter.....Caitlin Etri**  
**.....Rebecca Silverman**  
**Principal.....Ms. Mary Stokkers**  
**PTA President.....Ms. Pam Fallon**

**J. T. Finley Middle School**

**Honored Teacher.....Mr. Charles Williams**  
**Student Presenter.....Dan Smith**  
**.....Max Smoller**  
**Principal.....Mr. John Amato**  
**PTA President.....Ms. Donna McKenna**

**Huntington High School**

**Honored Teacher.....Mr. James Graber**  
**Student Presenter.....Michaela Acton**  
**Principal.....Dr. Carmela Leonardi**  
**PTA President.....Ms. Anne Connell**

# Class of 2010 - Distinguished Seniors

Michaela Acton  
Camille Barron  
Bo-Ashley Brindley  
Lauren Campbell  
Alexander Chisolm  
Johanna Clifford  
Sarah Cohn  
Brian Connell  
Everett Coraor  
Alyssa Crawley  
Jennifer Dell  
Elizabeth DeMaio  
Tatiana DiPaola  
Leif Drace  
Caitlin Etri  
Kieran Fell  
Alyssa Fennington  
Gabriella Ferreira  
Lena Freed  
Kirsten Freiman  
Rebecca Friedman  
Haley Garofalo  
Kevin Goodrich  
Justin Greenidge  
Maya Horton  
Kelsey Iwanicki  
Nana Jiang  
Alexandra Kimchy  
Anthony Kouttron  
Sarah Kulchinsky  
Esther Kum  
Olivia Limbach  
Sara Lustberg  
Amelia Jane Malone  
Lisa Marino

Evan McCann  
Meredith McCourt  
Daniel McGale  
Erin McGoldrick  
Christopher McQuade  
Andrea Meyer  
Greg Meyers  
Annie Minoff  
Elizabeth Mohr  
Thomas Monks  
Gregory Nigro  
Daniel Owen  
Daniel Rabinowitz  
Luke Reigot  
Dayna Reyes  
Jeremy Rhodes  
Brian Richardson  
Matthew Rubin  
Salvatore Russo  
Samuel Sainthil  
Robert Schmitt  
Nicholas Schoen  
Rebecca Silverman  
Casey Singer  
Daniel Smith  
Max Smoller  
Isabel Sorrentino  
Catherine Tacopina  
Colleen Teubner  
Allison Thompson  
Alanna Tieman  
Clare Tonks  
Jenna Wallshein  
Ariel Wertheim  
Samson Widerman



**Max Smoller**

So, Max, what do you attribute your success to? “My hard work and dedication towards learning. My experiences with my extracurricular activities has shaped me into a more complete and rounded person and my friends have been supportive all four years.” Well said. Max made things happen. He participated in Tennis and Volleyball, and was deeply involved in the music program as first chair in the Wind Ensemble for three years, first chair in Jazz Band for two years, and participated in Marching Band for four years. He also played in the Pit Orchestra for three years, as well as the Concert Band and Orchestra. He won All County honors with his trumpet. The National Honor Society and participation in the Spanish, English, Science, Math, and Music Honor Societies rounded and recognize his efforts. Max will attend the University of Delaware in the fall.



**Isabel Sorrentino**

“The key to my success: My family and friends; they encouraged me, made me laugh and, most importantly, made my high school experience fun and worthwhile.” So says Isabel, who used these gifts to help her achieve an All-County Honorable Mention award for field hockey, where she also attained the rank of captain and goalie for the 2009 season. She got to know some “amazing teachers” and developed numerous friendships while making her way through Huntington High School. The University of Delaware waits to welcome Isabel this fall, though her major remains undecided.



**Catherine Tacopina**

Cat credits her perseverance as getting her through even the most difficult aspects of thirteen years in school. Even more so however, she says, is the incredible support system from her family. “God only knows where I would be without them.” She helped herself develop this stick-to-it-ness with her activities, such as Colorguard Captain for junior and senior year, and working as Managing Editor for the *Dispatch*. She also played with the Wind Ensemble, Pit Orchestra, and Symphonic Orchestra. Cat will major in English, where is yet to be decided.



**Rebecca Silverman**

“Hard work, dedication, always keeping a smile on my face and a positive attitude has helped me get through many stressful times. If there is one thing I have learned, it is to always look on the bright side of things and to treat each and every person with kindness and respect.” That’s Rebecca. She performed in nine Drama Club productions, and “absolutely adores Schwendy, and every student in the Drama Club.” Rebecca leads the graduation processional this June as Valedictorian of the Class of 2010. She also leads as the G.O. President of the Student Government, and holds membership in academic Honor Societies. She digs A Capella and is part of Choral Fixation. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology will provide a few challenges to Rebecca over the next four years as she pursues Environmental Science and Theater – or is that she will provide a few challenges for MIT?



**Casey Singer**

“Dedication! I have never given up and have strived to do my best in every class I have taken.” Casey leaves for the University of Arizona this fall to pursue a major in Communications/Journalism. She takes with her the self-described “amazing experiences” she had as Student Government Historian that made her time with us “involved,” to say the least. She feels lucky to have been able to form special relationships with friends and thanks the teachers who guided her. We feel lucky as well.



**Daniel Smith**

Dan relishes with pride his experiences as a three-sport varsity athlete (volleyball, basketball, baseball), and his participation as a section leader in the marching band. He feels he took good advantage of all that the high school has to offer, including sports, music, clubs and school events. Keeping a good sense of humor helped him over the rough spots, as did some solid friendships. Dan will attend the University of Maryland in the fall with a prospective Business major.



**Michaela Acton**

Michaela attributes her success to good study habits, perseverance, passionate teachers (“my teachers have been incredible”), and supportive friends and family. Her experiences in varsity volleyball, soccer and lacrosse, and what she terms “an awesome junior internship” are her most memorable highlights at Huntington High School. Michaela has chosen Lehigh University to study the biological sciences.



**Camille Barron**

“The extra push my parents have always given me to do better” is Camille’s key to high school success. The college admissions process and its accompanying planning for the future are her strongest memories. These were enriched by her scholarship fundraising as a member of the French Honor Society. Camille is off to Binghamton University this fall to pursue a major in biology.



**Bo-Ashley Brindley**

“A combination of the love and support of my parents, the encouragement from numerous teachers and staff members, my passion for learning, and indulging my inquisitive mind with puzzles” figure large in Bo-Ashley’s successful run here at Huntington High School. A love of the Arts has earned her numerous art show awards, a Newsday scholarship, and gifting to Mrs. Michelle Obama with one of her design pieces. Stage Crew provided a conduit to internships and jobs, allowing her to meet and work with many famous musicians and technical theater professionals. Bo-Ashley intends on a major of Interior Architecture at The University at Buffalo.



**Lauren Campbell**

Lauren wishes to thank her parents for their boundless love and support. She credits great teachers who created a genuine desire to learn, and the family of students and teachers for her boundless possibilities. Her experiences as editor-in-chief of the *Dispatch* and membership in the National Honor Society and the Spanish, English, Science, and Math Honor Societies are held in high regard by her as incredible opportunities to lead. Lauren intends to major in Biology and Secondary Education at the Honors College of Hofstra University.



**Alexander Chisolm**

No doubt about it, time management is the key to success, according to Alexander. “Art classes -they have always been a welcome creative outlet,” while the presidency of the Science National Honor Society provided training in leadership. Carnegie Mellon University beckons in September, where Alex will pursue a major in Computer Science.



**Johanna Clifford**

Johanna attributes her strong focus as the key to her high school success as well as learning to balance her varied interests in the context of preparation for the future. Her aspirations, she claims, are the key to her happiness. To a young woman of such multiple interests, the opportunities and the prospect of being able to achieve so much allowed her to pursue all her academic and extracurricular interests, as well as “make the most amazing friendships that I know will last a lifetime.” Johanna was the Field Major of the HBDMB, a six-year varsity fencer and team captain, wind ensemble first-chair, vice president of the Science and English Honor Societies. Either Case Westerns Reserve or the University of Virginia will welcome her in the fall for a major in Biomedical Engineering.



**Samuel Sainthil**

What was important to Sammy here at Huntington High School? He claims it was “the continual influx of new knowledge and ideas from excellent teachers, and forging bonds of friendship and mutual respect and aid with my peers.” Well said, Sammy! Drama Club was a highlight, as was going to New Orleans during spring break of sophomore year with Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild the devastated areas. He thanks his family for their unqualified support. Though his major is undecided, Sammy will attend Columbia University.



**Robert Schmitt**

Perseverance seems defined by Rob. He claims that his success can be directly attributed to “working diligently, even when I was convinced that I would never understand the material.” He formed some solid relationships here, which helped with AP. Rob wants to be a Mechanical Engineer and he will study at Binghamton University in the fall.



**Nicholas Schoen**

Nicholas claims that success for him was generated by “caring and dedicated teachers, as well as learning to balance my schedule between school work and extracurricular activities.” It’s a familiar theme with Distinguished Seniors, who also seem to state with unanimity that “engaging classes and the exceptional teachers who kept me interested in learning” were also keys. Nicholas received the Honors Physics Department Award, and membership in the Math Honor Society and English Honor Society. He also was declared Catapult Competition Champion. The fall will find Nicholas in pursuit of Economics at Haverford College.



**Brian Richardson**



**Matthew Rubin**

SUNY Geneseo has welcomed Matthew for attendance this fall. His determination to do well will follow him. Biology and Government & Politics were favorites here at Huntington High School, where he also pursued National Helpers and Tennis. He has not decided on a major as yet.



**Salvatore Russo**



**Sarah Cohn**

Want to succeed? Just working hard and staying focused is the advice Sarah would give to you. Marching Band, Art Honor Society, Key Club coupled with a varied academic program are part of that formula. Making great friends as she has completes the picture. Art is her passion, and she will pursue it vigorously at either the University of Delaware or SUNY New Paltz.



**Brian Connell**

To be labeled distinguished, Brian thinks that it is important to focus on working hard and be mindful of time management to complete that which is required, and that which is self-chosen.. For example, he attributes his “incredible experiences in Stage Crew, my great times on the Crew team, as well as growing, learning, and maturing beside my peers” . Since his freshman year, he has held a position on the honor roll every quarter. SUNY Stony Brook will benefit from Brian’s aggressive pursuit of life where he attends this fall as a Nursing major.



**Everett Coraor**

Everett believes that no one succeeds without the support of family and friends. “Challenging my intellectual abilities in a highly social setting” is what he considers high school’s greatest gift. Tennis and white water slalom complements the high honors he achieved as an Intel Semi-finalist. His 1<sup>st</sup> Place award in the New York Science and Engineering Fair attests to a life already marked with distinction. Everett’s intended major is Physics. The college that will be honored to have him in their student body is yet to be decided.



**Alyssa Crawley**

“Encouragement from my parents, family and friends, really great teachers, enjoyable classes” – this are what Alyssa thinks are the foundations to her success here at Huntington High School. Music and Art largely define Alyssa, and her extracurricular accomplishments mirror her passion for them: Editor-in-Chief, 2009-10 yearbook; participation in various musical groups; the Tri-M Honor Society; 2009 Poetry of the Heart contest winner; participation in the Long Island Media Arts Show; an internship in Advanced Photo. She heads north to SUNY New Paltz this fall.



**Jennifer Dell**

Learning something new every day – the joy of learning and discovering a new way to know is what Jennifer brings to everything she does. She is focused in her display of this particular trait, and reinforces it by offering her best ability in pursuits in and out of school. The Italian Honor Society and tutoring students in Italian provided an opportunity to mix academia with spending time with peers. Biology will mark her major this fall as she enters the University of Vermont.



**Elizabeth DeMaio**

Elizabeth is magnanimous in attributing her selection as a Distinguished Senior to unqualified support from her family and loved ones. This source of strength is coupled to the balance she’s created between school, work, and friends. Her violin brings pleasure and calm, and her work with the Orchestra has led to high scores in NYSSMA competitions. She thanks her teachers for helping her develop her writing skills to the point where she is a contributing writer to the *Dispatch*. Mass Communications is an interest she will pursue at SUNY New Paltz.



**Luke Reigot**

“I would have gone crazy if I didn’t spend time with friends every week.” Just take a look at what’s he’s done. Music is an important part of Luke’s high school life. He participated in the Marching Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, and Brass Quintet, and wrote music for two bands he plays with. In his spare time, he managed to produce a video that won him Best in Show at the Long Island Media Arts Show and organized the SNHS band fest which raised over \$800 for scholarships. Nuclear Engineering has emerged as his major through all of this, and he’ll pursue that at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute this fall.



**Dayna Reyes**

Dayna leaves her mark as a National Hispanic Scholar, membership in the Marching and Concert Bands, Drama Club, and service as Choir President. She attributes her success to “having a great network of family and friends to help keep me on track, and having compassionate and patient teachers who are enthusiastic about the subjects they teach.” Social work calls at Dayna, but she hasn’t decided where she will pursue it as yet.



**Jeremy Rhodes**

Jeremy captained Blue Devil Basketball team and won All County Academic Honors for his efforts. He is also a member of the National, English, Spanish and Math Honor Societies. He aspires to do well in everything he attempts, and credits his teachers for their support. Having a job matured him and taught him about a new kind of responsibility. He hopes the friendships he formed stay strong through college. He will study Marketing and Business at Villanova University.



**Gregory Nigro**

“The freedom for me to explore the choices available to me while receiving support from my family in all of my endeavors,” says Greg, when asked about his key to success. He also credits Huntington High’s wide variety of challenging classes and the dedicated faculty who were always there to assist. He played varsity golf for four years, participated in the Long Island Science Congress, and interned at the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery. It seems fitting that Greg has chosen Environmental Studies as his college major, and is currently deciding among the University of Delaware and the University of South Carolina, both are good places to hone his golf game as well.



**Daniel Owen**

“After spending three great years at St. Anthony’s I’m so happy to be back in Huntington to graduate alongside my life long friends.” Welcome back, Dan. He brings with him his focus and positive attitude, and never allows a setback to throw him off his game. Playing hockey at St. Anthony’s and winning the Suffolk County Championship twice remain a happy memory. Though he is undecided as to a major, he has chosen Marist College for his September getaway.



**Daniel Rabinowitz**

The class discussions that actively engage the students such as Bible as Literature as taught by Mr. Schwendemann are what energized Dan, as did creating a computer generated piece of art on display in the atrium of the McQuilling Brokerage Partners building in Garden City. He, too, learned the fine art of prioritizing extracurricular activities and scheduling them to keep his options open. Computer art will be Dan’s passion at college. He will attend Binghamton University in the fall.



**Tatiana DiPaola**

Want to succeed? Tatiana offers putting lots of hard work into everything you do. Having the help and support from parents, teachers, and friends is also a major ingredient to the successful formula, she says. Giving back helps too, she advises, and examples of that effort are marked by her work in Natural Helpers, Crew, the Presidency of the National Honor Society, and Peer Mediation. Being declared the recipient of the American Association of University Women’s 2009 Excellence in Science Award helps as well. Tatiana knows not as yet what she will major in, or where she will go to pursue it. What we do know is that success will follow.



**Leif Drace**

Balance: that’s the key to success, according to Leif. Create a balance between academics, sports, art and community service. This was the formula Leif used in achieving an equilibrium that made high school less stressful and more enjoyable. Studying art, particularly graphic design, has provided direction to his future. Captain of the Fencing Team and his position as Creative Director and contributing cartoonist for the *Dispatch* serves as a further example of his notion of balance. Membership in the National Honor Society and the Art Honor Society shows it pays off. The Rochester Institute of Technology welcomes Leif this fall as he pursues studies in 3D Digital Graphics.



**Caitlin Etri**

Enjoy every experience, make the best of everything, and believe in your dreams – that will bring you success. Caity also thanks her parents for their constant care and devotion to all she pursues. Drama Club and Marching Band have been passions since her freshmen year, providing the gateway to new friendships and fond memories. Caity served as Drum Major of the Marching Band, and participated in Drama Club and Wind Ensemble. She also helped in the theatrical productions at Jack Abrams Intermediate School, working as assistant student director. Membership in the National, Science, Foreign Language, Tri-M, Math, and English Honor Societies as well as the Key Club mark her passage through Huntington High School. Caity heads to Cornell to pursue Environmental Science.



**Kieran McCarthy Fell**

Music looms large in defining Kieran. She has served as Drum Major/Section Leader of the HBDMB, was a selected participant in Conference All-State Band and Orchestra, and performed in the Wind Ensemble and the Pit Orchestra, all of which she considers to be incredible and defining experiences. She has also been recognized as a National Merit Scholar Commended Student and captured the National Spanish Exam Bronze Award. Fencing served as another memory maker. Family, friends, and teachers have provided unequivocal encouragement. Kieran takes her passion for flute to college this fall, where she will major in music performance at the University of Delaware.



**Alyssa Fennington**

“A supporting family and a few great teachers helped me through all my tough times. It’s great to know someone’s always behind you so no matter how far you fall you’ll always have someone to catch you.” Thus speaks Alyssa in defining a key to success. Stage crew was a big part of her high school career, and serving as stage manager this year in the spring musical made her high school experience complete. Alyssa is off to Suffolk Community College this fall to pursue studies in Computer Graphics.



**Gabriella Ferreira**

Fashion defines her. She envelops herself in reading magazines such as Vogue, Nylon and Bazaar. She attended the donation of Michelle Obama’s Inauguration gown in Washington D.C., and attended Fashion University for Teen Vogue Magazine in October 2009. She keeps notes on styles and colours that are “in” for the spring, and is sketching constantly. She loves meeting new people, making friends, and learning what she doesn’t know. More so, learning more about what she already knows and sharing it by helping teachers and fellow students gives her unlimited joy. She served as Treasurer of the Art Honor Society. Is there any wonder that she will major in Fashion Merchandising & Management at the Fashion Institute of Technology this fall?



**Annie Minoff**

What Annie will remember fondly is her 11<sup>th</sup> grade English Honors class with Mr. Krummenacker and Intro to Photography with Ms. Piffard. Coupling her academic and artistic pursuits was participation in Highstepping and service to the Key Club. It seems she defined in actions what she attributed to her success. “I balanced my academic and social life so I had a good amount of fun while keeping up with my school work.” Her election to the National Honor Society confirms success, so does her selection as a Distinguished Senior. While a major still eludes her, Marist, SUNY Oneonta, the University of Delaware, or Quinnipiac University all vie for her attendance this fall.



**Elizabeth Mohr**

Elizabeth attributes her success. to family and friends. Volunteering plays a large part of her life, as witnessed by her service as Chief of Explorer Post 215. While an active student in Huntington’s extracurricular life and the Student Internship Program, she’s off to SUNY at Farmingdale to become a nurse.



**Thomas Monks**

Although Tommy found the classes and teachers here exciting, his favorite part of high school was what happened between and after classes. Extracurriculars were what made high school so enjoyable from Key Club to Marching Band. “I couldn’t imagine making it through high school without the friends and experiences I’ve had because of these groups,” he claims. “Having a good family doesn’t hurt either!” Indeed, Music seems to be the turnkey to Tommy’s success. He participated in Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Orchestra, Choral Fixation, Chamber Choir and Concert Choir. Oh, did we mention his Presidential Volunteer Service Award for his 175 hours of service? Key Club figured mightily in Tommy’s success. He sets goals, both long term and short term. That’s a good trait for someone who has decided on pursuing International Business at the very fortunate Villanova University.



**Christopher McQuade**

Christopher is a double-threat kind of guy. Induction into the National Honor Society and achieving All-League honors in swimming for three years in a row make for a young man to be reckoned with. He credits a strong work ethic and a desire to set goals as central to his success. Christopher states he likes meeting new people and making new friends. He will have ample opportunity to do so at SUNY Binghamton this fall, where he will major in Business.



**Andrea Meyer**

“Applying myself as much as I could allowed me to achieve the grades I did” is what Andrea attribute her success to. Having a positive attitude 100% of the time and dedication complete the picture of Andrea. As witness to this, she received the Pride Awards for Algebra and Geometry. Andrea is off to SUNY Albany where she will major in Accounting.



**Greg Meyers**

“My ability to balance school work and hanging out with my friends, who prevented me from becoming too stressed out!” is the key to his success. Good advice, Greg. He lives what he preaches, too. A membership in the National Honor Society is coupled with participation in Soccer and the Swim Team. To give back, Greg also volunteers with Habitat for Humanity. Greg will major in business this fall at the University of Rhode Island.



**Lena Freed**

Lena’s thrilled to be attending SUNY Geneseo this fall. Her major is as yet undecided. She does know, however that the key to her success was the support of friends, family and teachers, and that without that support, her life would not be as rich as it is. Fencing, drama club, and art classes such as photography and drawing and painting have helped define her, and for double bass she was awarded two trips to All-State. The choice of a major, therefore, should be a pleasant outcome of the experiences she’s garnered and those yet awaiting her in western New York in a few short months.



**Kirsten Freiman**

“The real cornerstones of my accomplishments stem from the love and support I have received from my family and my friends. I thank them most of all for helping me reach my goals.” Thus speaks Kirsten, whose focus and determination are complemented by those she holds dear. Performing in many shows with the Drama Club, placing third in the state at the National History Day Competition, and singing with the A Cappella group were memory-makers and personality fortifiers. It’s north to SUNY Potsdam this fall for Kirsten, who has not as yet decided on a specific major to apply her ample talents.



**Rebecca Friedman**

The challenge of the rigors of AP and Honors classes and accomplishing things she never thought she’d be able to learn was key to Rebecca’s maturation, she tells us. Doing it with her peers was an added perk. Becoming an editor for the Dispatch and Vice President for the Italian Honor Society provided treasured interactions with students and staff, including the opportunity to tutor and give something back. Focused, diligent work will continue at Hofstra, SUNY at Stony Brook, or Fordham this fall, with a major in psychology.



**Haley Garofalo**

Don't give up! That's what she will tell you in defining success. With the help of some wonderful teachers that provided inspiration, Haley learned to push the envelope to help her discover her abilities. Varsity Crew, President of Italian Honor Society, and Vice President of Orchestra are examples of her get-it-done nature. A trip to Italy, working in a soup kitchen, and the exploration of museums expanded her world beyond the classroom. The Liberal Arts and Sciences will serve as a possible major at Binghamton University.



**Kevin Goodrich**



**Justin Greenidge**

Justin states that he has greatly enjoyed Advanced Placement classes that he found not only challenging, but well taught and a great introduction to college classes. Would it surprise anyone that he has a conscientious nature that engages and overcomes challenging problems? This has led to a series of prominent memberships in the National, Science, Spanish, Math, and English Honor Societies. Varsity Tennis and Varsity Volleyball provided another competitive outlet to Justin's personality. As one who enjoys challenging problems, it is no surprise that he will major in Mechanical Engineering at either the University of Delaware Honors College, the University at Buffalo Honors College, or Bucknell University.



**Meredith McCourt**

Meredith attributes her success to her participation in athletics. "I have enjoyed being on the soccer, basketball and lacrosse teams. I have learned a lot on the field and court," she writes. Her good grades represent the application of her talents in the classroom as well. Meredith was elected President of the Student Government as well, and it becomes obvious this young woman is a multitasking leader. She intends to pursue Business Management as a major at Fairfield University.



**Daniel McGale**

"My sense of humor has kept me from getting too stressed and keeping a level head during all the hard work," Dan tells us. His ability to stay focused coupled with a solid work ethic allowed him to accomplish all of his goals during his high school career. Participation in Playfest (Best Actor award) is an extracurricular highlight, as was membership on the Swimming Team. With his youth group and election as Treasurer for the G.O, these endeavors provided the mechanism for the forming of solid peer relationships. Marist College will welcome Dan this fall, where he will major in accounting.



**Erin McGoldrick**

"Always listening to my mommy and daddy and trying to do better than the best I think I can do." Good advice, Erin. Anyone who enjoys marching band rehearsals in the rain is a special person, and it's easy to see why she is surrounded by good friends. Erin worked her way to being Editor of EtCetera. She showed self confidence by playing a solo in marching band in front of thousands of people, "and being brave enough to join Chorus and sing my heart out." It's Gettysburg College for Erin, where she will shine in International Relations and Political Science.



**Amelia Jane Malone**

Amelia Malone is a young woman of integrity and character whose unwavering sense of duty and responsibility are evident in everything she does, academically, socially, personally. With a strong support system at home and guidance from her phenomenal teachers, Amelia has consistently excelled. One of the highlights of her high school career has been her internship with Mrs. Desiderio in her Global History Honors class. This fall Amelia will take up a major in photography at LIU at CW Post.



**Lisa Marino**

Lisa's enthusiasm and zest for life have infiltrated and positively affected the student body of Huntington High School. Working to the best of her ability, challenging herself and preparing for the future have allowed Lisa to flourish. She has greatly enjoyed her time on the varsity basketball team, especially the year they won the county championship; although she'd probably say that her having her artwork grace the cover of the HFEE Journal was one of her greatest achievements! Lisa is currently undecided in her college choice.



**Evan McCann**

Evan states, "Marching band was the highlight of my extracurricular involvement. My peers and I worked towards a common goal, and through thick and thin we persevered." Evan credits the interesting and exciting people he's met here as a key to his growth and accomplishments. His own motivations were reinforced by his relationships with students and teachers. SUNY Potsdam welcomes Evan as a Music Education major this fall.



**Maya Horton**

1<sup>st</sup> prizes in Art competitions, including Long Island's Best, Long Island Scholar Artist, and Nassau Community College Art Competition - Maya's talent seems located in the expressiveness of Art, but yet her interest in the human condition leads her to consider a major in sociology this fall at SUNY Geneseo. Her "amazing friends" and encouraging teachers have joined a supportive family in providing the latitude for her to believe in herself and her choices.



**Kelsey Iwanicki**

AWOD, Natural Helpers, Grandfriends, H.O.P.E., Soccer, and HiHi have helped Kelsey come to excellent terms with her future. Her conscientious nature was emboldened by what she considers an excellent faculty and meaningful friendships. It's down south for Kelsey this fall, where she will capture the campus of the University of South Carolina.



**Nana Jiang**

Pre-Medicine is Nana's intended major. For someone who relishes hard work and setting goals, it is a natural outcome. "I want my family to be proud of me," she states. We think they already are. "High School gave me the opportunity to make new friends and learn a lot of new things. These experiences are like bridges connecting me to the college of the future." We could not agree more. She bolstered her bridge with participation in the Math Honor Society and AWOD. One of two colleges will win the competition to have Nana on campus this Fall; Stony Brook University or the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.



**Alexandra Kimchy**

An All County Field Hockey Award, Varsity Lacrosse, membership in the Spanish, Science, Math and Art Honor Societies, Triathlon Club, and the Key Club give an idea of Alexandra's diverse interests and energy. She attributes focus, determination, and goal orientation as the traits she uses to maintain the drive to excel. She sees herself as a veterinarian, and has demonstrated the strength and resilience to take on a difficult work load that career choice requires. Cornell University will welcome her this September, where she will begin her journey in veterinary science as a biology major.



**Anthony Kouttron**

The key to success, as far as Anthony can define it is, "studying, studying, studying! And completing as much homework in school as possible." You cannot argue with his success. He is an RPI Medalist recipient, an AP Scholar with Distinction, completed an IT internship at Fortent, Eaged, and learned BASIC code. He's also helped us here at Huntington High School with computer technology, participated in National History Day, and took part in various science competitions. Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering will mark his major. Where he decides to enroll is undecided as of this writing.



**Sarah Kulchinsky**

A choice of Dance Education as a college major is an outcome of Sarah's involvement here at Huntington High School. Her solid dedication to excellence led her to the Captaincy of the Highsteppers, placement on the honor roll and Pride Awards in Math, English, Science and Social Studies. Hofstra University welcomes Sarah this fall.



**Esther Kum**

Self motivation, and support from teachers and parents have provided Esther with success. Her favorite classes have included the sciences and playing in the orchestra. Her activities have included the daily announcements, serving as G.O. Vice-President, and volunteering at Huntington High School. Esther is off to Fairfield University this fall to pursue a major in Biology.



**Olivia Limbach**

Olivia has discovered one of our trade secrets: what she seems to have enjoyed most during high school is seeing how the relationship between student and staff changes as the student progresses from a freshman to a senior. She has stated that a key to her success was making connections with teachers that "I can go to when in a bind" and doing her best to complete all assignments. It's what we like to think all students can do, and that she discovered this lets the secret out. Her work with the Stage Crew and GSA added calm to her experiences, and she will miss those "families" as she leaves us. Olivia will attend Stony Brook University in the fall.



**Sara Lustberg**

Hard work, in and out of the classroom, are attributes for success, according to Sara, as is getting involved in class discussions. The variety of subject matter allowed her to discover her strengths and interests. Complementing her inquisitive and involved nature were her volunteer work at Huntington Hospital and a service program at Yellowstone National Park and other locales out west. This complemented her service with the high school's honor societies and student government. It's off to the University of Michigan for Sara this fall, her intended major as yet not determined. That's okay, though. She's using the formula that made her such a splash here to determine what she'd like to immerse herself in for the next four years.