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## A DISPATCH SEND OFF: GOODBYE CLASS OF 2015



A LAST GOODBYE  
TO THIS YEAR'S  
RETIREEES

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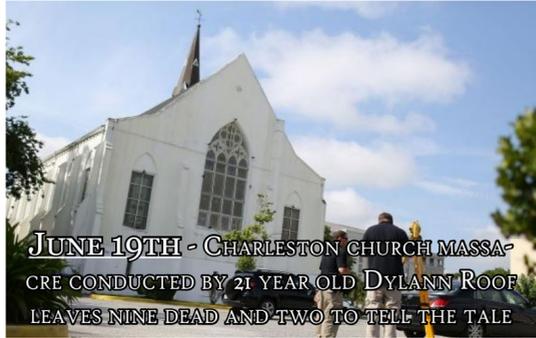
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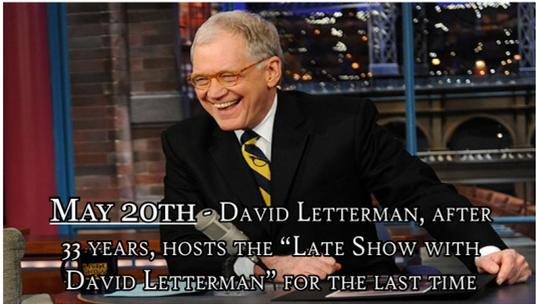
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# THE PAST FOUR YEARS:

JUNE 26TH, 2015:  
*GRADUATION*



**JUNE 19TH** - CHARLESTON CHURCH MASSACRE CONDUCTED BY 21 YEAR OLD DYLANN ROOF LEAVES NINE DEAD AND TWO TO TELL THE TALE



**MAY 20TH** - DAVID LETTERMAN, AFTER 33 YEARS, HOSTS THE "LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN" FOR THE LAST TIME

BY TAYLOR HABERKERN AND MICHELLE D'ALESSANDRO



**JAN 7TH** - TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE OFFICES OF SATIRICAL NEWSPAPER "CHARLIE HEBDO" IN PARIS KILLS 12 (INCLUDING JEAN CABUT AND STÉPHANE CHARBONNIER), INJURES 11



**DEC 3RD** - DARREN WILSON, THE POLICE OFFICER WHO SHOT DEAD UNARMED BLACK TEENAGER MICHAEL BROWN IN FERGUSON, MISSOURI, RESIGNS

# LOOKING BACK



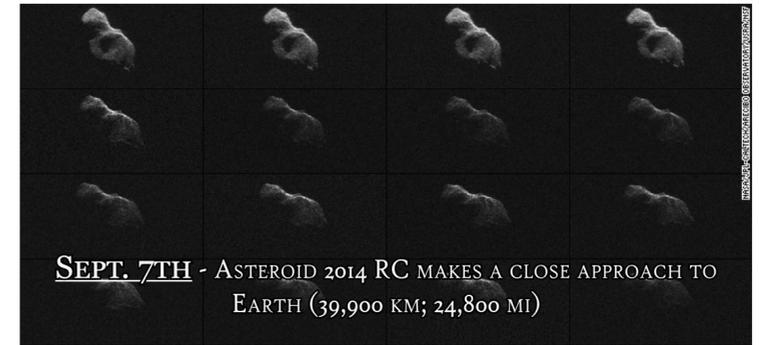
**NOV 24TH** - A 12-YEAR-OLD BOY IS SHOT DEAD BY POLICE IN CLEVELAND, AFTER BRANDISHING WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE A FAKE GUN IN A PLAYGROUND, PROTESTS ERUPT THE NEXT DAY ACROSS THE U.S.



**NOV 3RD** - NEW YORK'S 104-STORY ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER OFFICIALLY OPENS 13 YEARS AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS



**SEPT. 18TH** - EMMA WATSON DELIVERS AN ADDRESS TO A STANDING OVATION AT UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY, HELPING LAUNCH THE UN WOMEN CAMPAIGN HEFOR-SHE, WHICH CALLS FOR MEN TO ADVOCATE FOR GENDER EQUALITY

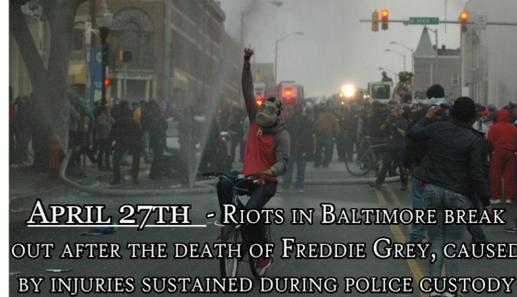


**SEPT. 7TH** - ASTEROID 2014 RC MAKES A CLOSE APPROACH TO EARTH (39,900 KM; 24,800 MI)

SENIOR YEAR ('15-'14)



**MAY 22ND** - IRELAND BECOMES 1ST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD TO LEGALIZE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BY POPULAR VOTE



**APRIL 27TH** - RIOTS IN BALTIMORE BREAK OUT AFTER THE DEATH OF FREDDIE GREY, CAUSED BY INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING POLICE CUSTODY



**DEC 3RD** - PROTESTS ERUPT IN CITIES ACROSS THE US AFTER A GRAND JURY DECIDES NOT TO CHARGE THE NY POLICE OFFICER WHO KILLED ERIC GARNER WITH A CHOKE-HOLD



**APRIL 25TH** - 7.8-MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE NEAR KATHMANDU IN NEPAL, KILLING 8000, LEAVING OVER 100,000 HOMELESS, DESTROYING MANY HISTORIC SITES



**DEC 2ND** - COMEDIAN BILL COSBY RESIGNS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY FOLLOWING RENEWED SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS



**OCT 19TH** - A WORKING HUMAN INTESTINE IS GENERATED IN A LABORATORY FROM STEM CELLS IN THE UNITED STATES

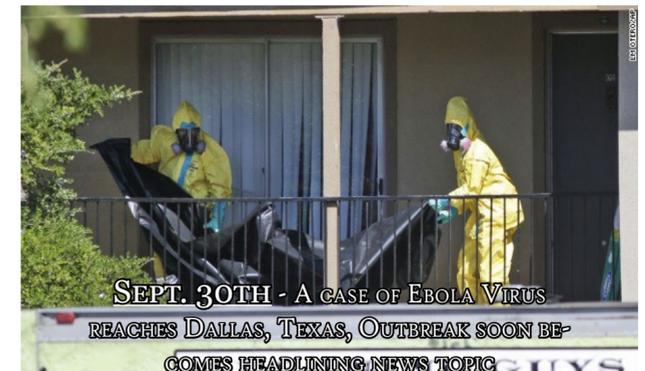


**OCT 7TH** - SPANISH NURSE DIAGNOSED WITH EBOLA, THE FIRST CASE IN EUROPE



**SEPT. 30TH** - A CASE OF EBOLA VIRUS REACHES DALLAS, TEXAS, OUTBREAK SOON BECOMES HEADLINING NEWS TOPIC

**SEPT. 26TH** - WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION ESTIMATES THAT EBOLA DEATH TOLL HAS REACHED 3,091 - WITH LIBERIA, GUINEA AND SIERRA LEONE HIT HARDEST



JUNIOR YEAR (2013-2014)

BY TAYLOR HABERKERN AND MICHELLE D'ALESSANDRO



MAY 31ST - SOUTH KOREAN PSY'S "GANGNAM STYLE" BECOMES THE FIRST VIDEO TO REACH 2 BILLION VIEWS ON YOUTUBE



MAR 8TH - MALAYSIA AIRLINES FLIGHT 370 WITH 239 PEOPLE LOSES CONTACT AND DISAPPEARS, PROMPTING THE MOST EXPENSIVE SEARCH EFFORT IN HISTORY



JAN 26TH - 56TH GRAMMY AWARDS: MACKLEMORE & RYAN LEWIS, LORDE, AND DAFT PUNK WIN



NOV 27TH - "FROZEN", THE HIGHEST-GROSSING ANIMATED FILM OF ALL TIME, STARRING IDINA MENZEL AND KRISTEN BELL, IS RELEASED



NOV 8TH - AT LEAST 6,000 PEOPLE ARE KILLED AFTER TYPHOON HAIYAN, THE STRONGEST STORM RECORDED AT LANDFALL, MAKES LANDFALL IN THE PHILIPPINES



OCT 22ND - "THOR: THE DARK WORLD", DIRECTED BY ALAN TAYLOR, STARRING CHRIS HEMSWORTH AND NATALIE PORTMAN, PREMIERES IN LONDON

SOPHOMORE YEAR (2012-2013)



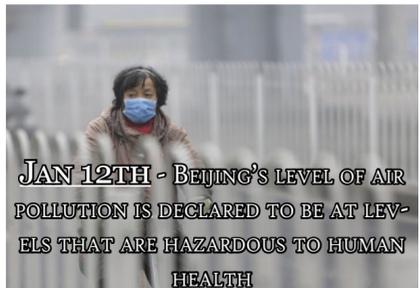
APR 15TH - 3 PEOPLE ARE KILLED AND 183 ARE INJURED AFTER TWO EXPLOSIONS NEAR THE FINISH LINE OF THE BOSTON MARATHON, SUSPECTS KILLED AND CAPTURED 4 DAYS LATER



MAR 30TH - NORTH KOREA DECLARES IT IS AT A STATE OF WAR WITH SOUTH KOREA



FEB 11TH - POPE BENEDICT XVI ANNOUNCES HIS RESIGNATION FROM FEBRUARY 28, THE FIRST POPE TO RESIGN SINCE 1415



JAN 12TH - BEIJING'S LEVEL OF AIR POLLUTION IS DECLARED TO BE AT LEVELS THAT ARE HAZARDOUS TO HUMAN HEALTH



NOV 26TH - THE COST OF HURRICANE SANDY TO NEW YORK IS ANNOUNCED TO BE \$32 BILLION



NOV 6TH - BARACK OBAMA RE-ELECTED AS US PRESIDENT, BEATING OUT REPUBLICAN MITT ROMNEY



OCT 9TH - WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND EDUCATION ACTIVIST MALALA YOUSAFZAI IS SHOT THREE TIMES BY A TALIBAN GUNMAN BOARDING A SCHOOL BUS IN PAKISTAN

FRESHMAN YEAR (2011-2012)



MAY 5TH - JAPAN SHUTS DOWN ITS NUCLEAR REACTORS LEAVING THE COUNTRY WITHOUT NUCLEAR POWER FOR THE FIRST TIME



APR 11TH - "THE AVENGERS" PREMIERES IN LOS ANGELES



APR 10TH - APPLE INC. CLAIMS A VALUE OF \$600 BILLION MAKING IT THE LARGEST COMPANY BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION IN THE WORLD



MAR 20TH - DISNEY MOVIE JOHN CARTER RECORDS ONE OF THE LARGEST LOSSES IN CINEMA HISTORY WITH A \$200 MILLION DOLLAR WRITE DOWN



OCT 31ST - THE WORLD POPULATION REACHES 7 BILLION IN HABITANTS ACCORDING TO THE UNITED NATIONS



OCT 29TH - RECORD-BREAKING SNOWSTORM IN THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES LEAVES NEARLY 2 MILLION RESIDENTS WITHOUT POWER FOR MORE THAN 36 HOURS.



SEP 17TH - OCCUPY WALL STREET MOVEMENT BEGAN IN ZUCOTTI PARK, NEW YORK CITY. THAN 36 HOURS.

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# MS. DILLON: THE BOOK WOMAN

MS. DILLON HAS BEEN WITH THE HUNTINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 24 YEARS, SERVING AS THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIAN FOR 5. IN THIS SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, SHE WAS ABLE TO TURN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY INTO A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE ENTIRE BLUE DEVIL COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS INSPIRE COUNTLESS BUDDING STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR TRUE POTENTIAL INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

BY: CHARLES BEERS

Ms. Dillon was raised in Wantagh and attended Sacred Heart Academy in Hempstead. After high school, she attended St. Bonaventure University, where she majored in English. After receiving her master's degree from C.W. Post's Palmer School of Library Science, Ms. Dillon worked tirelessly at Woodmere Academy and Herricks High School for a combined total of 9 years. Soon, however, she learned that there was a position at Woodhull Early Childhood Center and quickly became a member of the Huntington community, aiding Woodhull, Huntington Intermediate, and eventually the high school itself. In each setting, Ms. Dillon worked tirelessly to make sure the library was a relaxing place for kids to relax and read throughout their busy days.



2015's advisor and most trusted supervisor, helping foster one of the most successful classes in Huntington High School history. She played an integral role in our class' biggest events: she helped build three 1st place Homecoming Parade floats, collected boxes of food for Stuff the Bus, and supervised not only the first Huntington High

extracurricular activities required, Ms. Dillon never hesitated in staying late or working on weekends to ensure each club's success. Mr. Dillon will always be remembered for helping those in need of assistance, offering advice, or just providing a place to eat lunch and do homework.

Ms. Dillon has left an everlasting impact on the Huntington School District and, more importantly, the students who look up to her. On a personal note, Ms. Dillon has been there for me since the beginning of my freshman year. Not only did she help me find the confidence to succeed in the formidable high school setting, but she also inspired me to push myself and try new things, such as becoming the editor of The Dispatch and continuing to be a part of the student government. I owe these

successes to her.

So, for myself, the Class of 2015, and the entire Huntington community, I thank Mrs Dillon and congratulate her on her retirement. Huntington High School will not be the same without "the book woman!"

School Jeopardy tournament, but also the class plays for Playfest each year. Ms. Dillon also has allowed other school clubs to thrive, serving as a mentor for the Debate Club and the newly appointed advisor for the successful Mock Trial team. Despite the significant time investments that these

## ~WORTH LEAVES A STYLISH LEGACY~

This year the art department will be losing an exceptional talent, the art teacher Amy Worth, who will be retiring at the end of this year. Amongst the smiles, congratulations and numerous hugs, there is a great sadness to see her leave. Ms. Worth came to us following a successful 25 year career in textile design. For ten of those years she worked at Folia Fine Fabrics, a company that provided product directly to Ralph Lauren.

She has achieved much during her 13 years at Huntington High School. Her greatest achievement came via a personal invitation from Michelle Obama in 2010 to have her and Ms. Singer's combined fashion classes attend the installation of Mrs. Obama's inaugural dress to the Smithsonian Museum. This came after Mrs. Obama received a portfolio containing designs created for the historical occasion by Ms. Worth's and Ms. Singer's students. During their visit to the Smithsonian students

were treated to a personal workshop with Jason Wu who designed Michelle Obama's inaugural dress. In addition, they also got to meet designer Tory Burch and other established designers in the fashion world who also attended the occasion. Ms. Worth was also the driving force behind the annual fashion show that has accompanied the district's art show since 2005. A progres-



sive first amongst many of the districts on Long Island.

An abounding respect for her grew not only out of her abilities to teach, but her endlessly caring nature, her support and her guidance to countless students throughout her career. Many students over the years have stated with utmost certainty that they went farther than they imagined under her tutelage. Although Amy Worth is comfortable with her students stealing the spotlight, however all focus was on her in 2014 when she was awarded second place for fashion illustration by the Folk Art Museum. This was an incredible honor considering the finished products of many hours of quality work presented by competitors. We wish her well and owe her a huge debt of gratitude. To keep in touch, many of the people she now considers family, plan to visit her as often as possible at her gallery in Greenport, where she intends to continue her passion for the arts.

# MRS. MASTRA SAYS GOODBYE

BY KATY DUVAL

After fifteen years of teaching Italian at Huntington High School, Mrs. Carmela Mastragostino will be retiring this year. Mrs. Mastra has built a reputation at Huntington for being passionate about her subject and her students. She has shown herself to be a teacher who will continually motivate her students and challenge them to be their best.

Mrs. Mastra emigrated with her family from Italy to the United States when she was a child, but her love for her first country never left her. Mrs. Mastra's love for Italy and its culture has been the focus of her career as a teacher. She has tried to pass on not only her love for the language, but the country and its history itself to her students. Her love for Italy is far from unfounded. From Antiquity, the Italian culture has contributed some of the most prized treasures of the Western world. Italy has its hands in so much of what we take for granted in our lives today in the areas of history, literature, religion, food, film, and much more. As her student for three years, I can say from personal experience that having Mrs. Mastra as a guide through Italian culture has been an

eye-opening experience. While everyone knows about the significance of the Roman Empire, in Mrs. Mastra's class I learned so much more than that. Probably the most fascinating aspect of Mrs. Mastra's class has been learning about Italy post-World War II and the ways in which the Italian people forged ahead out of being ravaged by war to reclaim itself as a capital of culture. My peers and I have a deeper understanding of Italy and Mrs. Mastra's love for the country is undoubtedly reflected in her students. Mrs. Mastra's greatest asset as a teacher is her visible passion. The quintessential Italian woman, Mrs. Mastra injects every lesson with liveliness and zeal. She keeps her class entertained with her sense of humor and has a personal connection with all her students.

Mrs. Mastra's love for teaching began when she first started school in America. Still very new to the country and having difficulty learning English, Mrs. Mastra's teacher Mrs. Brandman decided to help her with the language. Every day when the class went to the school library, Mrs. Brandman sat with Mrs. Mastra and tutored her in English. Mrs.

Mastra saw first hand how teachers can change their students lives and knew that was the profession she wanted to be in. The two stayed close and remained in contact for years, even exchanging Christmas cards. Now, Mrs. Mastra has proved again the effect that teaching can have on students, as she has shaped young lives much in the same way Mrs. Brandman shaped hers. Whether she was teaching ESL or Italian, Mrs. Mastra has left an indelible mark on all of her classes.

It's difficult to imagine Mrs. Mastra as anything but a teacher, but from 1984 to 1991 she lived in Italy and worked as a civilian on an American Air Force base as the head of its Small Purchase Office. Coincidentally, the base was located in her husband's hometown, though they actually met before while working together in a department store in New York City. While Mrs. Mastra loves her job as a teacher, working at the Air Force base taught her skills and let her have experiences that she wouldn't have been able to have anywhere else. In 2000, she moved back to New York and began working at Huntington High School.



In Huntington, Mrs. Mastra established the AP Italian curriculum and has been the only one in the Foreign Language Department to teach it since. After she retires, she hopes that the program stays as strong as it is now. The AP Italian program is the legacy Mrs. Mastra will leave at Huntington High School, while her legacy in her students' hearts will be that of a beloved teacher.

In her retirement, Mrs. Mastra plans to spend more time in Italy and with her family. As a citizen of two countries who is passionate about both, retirement will hopefully be an opportunity for Mrs. Mastra to blend these two places more seamlessly into her life.

Mrs. Mastra will be greatly missed at Huntington High School not just for her skills as a teacher, but also for her beautiful and caring personality. We hope the best for her as she starts this new chapter in her life.

## HUNTINGTON BIDS FAREWELL TO MRS. WALTER

BY SARAH JAMES

If you have ever been down to guidance, which we all have, you've seen Mrs. Walter, however, we don't all take the opportunity to chat and learn a thing or two about her—I know I didn't. So, it may come as a surprise that the friendly and familiar face in guidance west won't be there for much longer. As the end of the year approaches, so does Mrs. Walter's retirement. After 27 years in this building, 30 in the school district, and a lifetime as a member of this town Mrs. Walter will be saying a "bitter-sweet" goodbye to all of her colleges, friends, and students that have become something of a second family. Mrs. Walter's years here have been filled with happiness from the time she graduated from Huntington High School in 1960 to



when she started substituting at Finely Middle School in '85, to now as she wraps up 27 years of secretarial work in guidance. In a time when she needed it the most Mrs. Walter came to work at Huntington and fell in love with the kids, and colleagues and made friends—"people to pick you up" she told me. She enjoyed not only her work with the students but beyond that, being a part of such a large, receptive community

as she met "wonderful parents" and got to know families, however Mrs. Walter wishes to explore "different avenues" as she put it. In retirement she seeks more time with her family, she wishes to pursue rest and jokingly she told me about taking a month or two just to unwind at a spa.

I am sure I can speak for students and staff when I say that Mrs. Walter will be deeply missed. We hope that we see you around as a member of this community. We hope that in your retirement you find rest and uncover many other beautiful aspects of life yet to be seen. We hope that you grow closer to your family, but that you never forget the family you will always have here at Huntington High School. Good luck!



# THE LEGACY OF DR. LEONARDI

AFTER 34 YEARS OF BEING IN EDUCATION, WITH 24 OF THOSE YEARS AS PRINCIPAL OF JACK ABRAMS AND HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, DR. CARMELA LEONARDI IS RETIRING. STARTING AS A PRESCHOOL AND ESL TEACHER, DR. LEONARDI COMBINED HER LOVE FOR EDUCATION AND CHILDREN INTO ONE MEANINGFUL CAREER. HER INFLUENCE ON EXPANDING THE COURSES OFFERED IN HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL IS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT WILL BENEFIT STUDENTS FOR YEARS TO COME, AS WILL HER PRECEDENT OF ALWAYS KEEPING AN OPEN MIND. BEING A FIRM BELIEVER IN LISTENING TO THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF THE SCHOOLS WHERE SHE WAS PRINCIPAL ALLOWED FOR DECISIONS THAT APPEASED MULTIPLE POINTS OF VIEW.

BY KATY DUVAL

Dr. LeonardI has had a long history with education. She was always fascinated by the process of how people learn and how that process could be improved. She was able to share her passion for learning by working as a teacher for decades as well as an adjunct professor of Italian. Having earned a Ph.D. in reading and cognition herself, Dr. LeonardI recognizes the value education has had in her own life. Going through her doctoral program, she believes, taught her about how thorough one must be in understanding something before they can know it. Without the education she has had, she believes she would not have as flexible a mind as she does now.

Furthermore, she understands that a community thrives when its citizens are as educated as they can be. To Dr. LeonardI, education represents the ability to make informed decisions and build off of past experiences. Without knowledge, a person cannot connect the many pieces of life's puzzle in a meaningful way. A firm foundation of learning allows for a person to use prior knowledge to make informed decisions about their future and their community. Moreover, Dr. LeonardI believes that education has to be broad and support the needs of every student, which is why for her whole time as principal she has been steadfast in creating and expanding electives and the arts, even in times of budget cuts.

For Dr. LeonardI, it was easy to dedicate herself to Huntington High School and the Huntington community. "People come together here as a family," she said, when I asked her about what she thought was special about Huntington. It was clear that she really feels a connection to this community, whose students are dedicated to service and one another. The students at Huntington are inspired by their teachers and administrators continually. Likewise, the faculty is often inspired by the kids, who are always expressing a desire to learn and make a positive impact. Even though Dr. LeonardI admits that ups and downs are a part of life, she sees her time at Huntington as an invaluable experience. The



last four years, especially, she says, she has loved it all, until the last minute. She credits her enjoyment to the superintendent and the rest of the administration who have been wonderful people to work with,

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always doing what is best for the students. In the end, Dr. LeonardI says that she has always tried to make the decisions she felt



were best without leaving anyone out. I think it's safe to say that Huntington High School thanks her for her commitment to being open-minded in her decisions and her overall administration.

Dr. LeonardI has fostered a great relationship with teachers and students by showing her support for innovative ideas and putting trust in what they think is best. That's not to say that she doesn't have differing opinions sometimes, but part of the beauty of education is that in it, there is an ability to make compromise. After creating such a comfortable home in the community, she of course had doubts about retiring. "Being around young people kept me young," she said. She wondered if she would miss that energy in retirement.

However, Dr. LeonardI has realized that the energy she got from her job doesn't have to disappear when she retires. She came to the conclusion that she would be able to thrive as she enters the next chapter in her life, by keeping an open mind and remembering that there is always room for individual growth. Now, Dr. LeonardI looks at retirement as an adventure. It's

an opportunity for her to realize who she is outside of being a teacher or principal, as well as a chance for her to connect with friends and family. There are always new experiences to be had, especially in retirement.

To the students of Huntington, Dr. LeonardI would like to impart the message that one should never think of themselves as a finished product. People are always evolving with every new thing, and around every corner of life is something exciting. She would like the Huntington High School community to continue to recognize the talents of the students and foster their growth. She knows she will miss Huntington High School, but is thankful for her time spent here. "After so many years," she says, "I look at it as a gift."

So does Huntington High School. The students and faculty offer the fondest of farewells, Dr. LeonardI. We hope you enjoy retirement and continue to stay involved with our community.