



*Distinguished  
Seniors'  
Annual Dinner  
April 28, 2011*



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*"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."  
—John F. Kennedy*

# About the Dinner

*We are proud to gather this evening to honor eighty-three members of Huntington High School's Class of 2011. 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.*



Huntington High School

"A Tradition of Excellence Since 1657"

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*

*—Eleanor Roosevelt*



**Olivia Weller**

No doubt about the facts. Hard work and family support are behind two-time County Fencing champion Olivia's academic and sporting accomplishments. Along with making great friends while participating in Student Government and Fencing, Olivia has the academic foundation to pursue a Communications major with a concentration in Business and Politics at Cornell University.



**Joseph West**

Managing his time well gave Joseph the opportunity to pursue rigorous academics while earning accolades as a Suffolk County All-League Swimmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> place medalist in State Championship for Men's Rowing, and Eagle Scout rank. Along the way he enjoyed great friends and great teachers. Next year, Joseph will pursue a Mechanical Engineering major in the Monroe CC partnership program with Rochester Institute of Technology.

*"Don't quit before the miracle happens."*

*—Robert Potter*

# Program

**Pledge of Allegiance.....Alexandra Kiley**  
President- Student Council

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

**Introduction of  
PTA Presidents.....Bari Fehrs**  
President—PTA Council

**Introduction of  
Principals.....Alexandra Kiley**  
President—Student Council

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

**Presentation of  
Student Awards.....Dr. Carmela Leonardi**  
Principal, Huntington High School

*"The doors of wisdom are never shut."*

*—Benjamin Franklin*

# Honored Teachers

Jefferson Primary

Honored Teacher.....Ms. Eileen Wallace  
 Principal.....Ms. Margaret Evers  
 PTA Co-Presidents.....Ms. Jennifer Hebert  
 .....Ms Toniann Mangan

Washington Primary

Honored Teacher.....Mr. Jim Hoops  
 Principal.....Ms. Marsha Neville  
 PTA Co-Presidents.....Ms. Shari Harris  
 .....Ms. Terry Moreno

Flower Hill Primary

Honored Teacher.....Mr. Ronald Wilson  
 Principal.....Mr. Marlon Small  
 PTA Co-Presidents.....Ms. Susan Lyons  
 .....Ms. Tracy Tucker

Huntington Intermediate

Honored Teacher.....Mr. Ronald Wilson



*"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." -Albert Einstein*



**Dylan Tuozzo**

Traveling to Italy and hosting an exchange student as a participant in the Italian exchange program, as well as going to New Orleans with the Habitat for Humanity club confirmed Dylan's penchant for travel and service. Despite these and numerous other extra-curricular commitments and community service, Dylan found the secret ingredient needed to balance school-work and spending time with friends. Dylan gratefully acknowledges her friends and teachers who have helped her these four years. Dylan is undecided as to her major as she heads to University of Vermont. No doubt though, more travel will be in her future.



**Jasmin Valcourt**

Jasmin credits hard work and dedication as the keys to her success. As she moves on to college, where she plans to pursue a major in Graphic Design, Jasmin will recall the good times as a member of the Marching Band, and the sense of accomplishment derived from taking AP classes.



**Michael Valente**

On to Syracuse University as a Digital and Broadcast Journalism major, future sports analyst/broadcaster, Mike honed his skills and interests as a four year member of the Tennis team, Sports Editor of Dispatch, School Mascot, and Secretary of Key Club. Mike believes that by taking Honors and Advanced Placement courses he maintained his focus, was intellectually stimulated by his teachers, and acquired a broad base of knowledge. Strong friendships accompanied him in all of his activities.



**John Stahno**

Planning to major in Business or Pre-Law at Stony Brook University, John will recall his hard work, support of family, friends and time involved in clubs and sports teams. He is proud to be a member of the English and Science Honor Societies, and grateful to have been recognized with Pride Awards for Orchestra, Chemistry and Spanish.



**David Stillman**

As Editor of Dispatch, Tennis & Volleyball Teams' Captain, and President of Math Honor Society, David observed that he was always doing so in the companionship of friends. These friends and his own drive spurred his desire to always improve upon his previous efforts. David will attend Northwestern University in Fall 2011.



**Eric Szilagy**

Putting his best foot forward, literally and figuratively, is second nature to Eric and has yielded the results he worked for in academics and athletics. Named All-County and All-League Track and Field since grade nine, Eric is also an enthusiastic soccer team player. The good time management and organized work habits Eric utilized in high school will serve him well at University of Connecticut as he pursues a Business Management major.

# Honored Teachers

## Southdown Primary

Honored Teacher.....Ms. Joanne Cicio  
Principal.....Ms. Michelle Marino  
PTA President.....Ms. Dawn Weir

## Woodhull Intermediate

Honored Teacher.....Ms. Diane Grassi  
Principal.....Ms. Mary Stokkers  
PTA Co-Presidents.....Ms. Pam Fallon  
.....Ms. Julie LaBella

## J.T. Finley Middle School

Honored Teacher.....Ms. Mary Lou Leonetti Erickson  
Principal.....Mr. John Amato  
PTA President.....Ms. Alice Marie Rorke

## Huntington High School

Honored Teacher.....Mr. Michael Graziano  
Principal.....Dr. Carmela Leonardi  
PTA Co-Presidents.....Ms. Marilyn Maggio  
.....Ms. Mary Ann Smith



*"If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if in terms of ten years, plant trees; if in terms of 100 years, teach the people." - Confucius*

# Class of 2011

## Distinguished Seniors

Joseph Adelmann	Devon Fox
Sami Aiman	Diana Frank
Steven Arnoux	Kianna Freitag
Cristina Badalamenti	Alexander Gennaro
Jaclyn Beatty	Lauren Gerbavits
Michelle Byrne	Alexa Giammarino
Sarah Casey	Marissa Goldstein
John Castelli	Henry Grill
Itzel Cedillo-Rosas	Anna Harris
Danielle Cerezo	Cody Jacobs
Adam Cerini	Benjamin Jensen
John Coffey	Amber Kavanagh
Aliyah Cohen	Christopher Keddell
Alyson Coleman	Alexandra Kiley
Jeffrey Conte	Benjamin Kitzen
Louis Contino	Nadav Klein
Lauren Corcoran	Jonah Kramer
Thomas Corrao	Gavin Lai
Matthew Curley	Shayne Larkin
Phoebe Curran	Connor Leek
Conner Davis	David Lillienstein
Rebecca Deegan	Paul Mazzotta
Eleanor Derbyshire	Kenneth McGrath
Chloe Drace	Gabriella Mitchell
Sandra Duarte-Zavala	Jeffrey Moreira
Sarah Ehrman	Shira Moskowitz
Amelia Eisen	Ryan Mulligan
Alex Falcones	Tara Narine
Carolyn Fante	Patrick O'Brien
Nicole Farriella	Courtney O'Bryan
Emily Feldman	Michael O'Connor
Mikah Feldman-Stein	Mary-Elizabeth O'Neill

Eva Prior  
 Mia Rienzo  
 David Rosenberg  
 Meghan Rowland  
 Nicholas Saputo  
 Giancarlo Savoy  
 Derek Schmelter  
 Sabina Schneider  
 Anne Scott  
 Nicholas Shivers  
 Natasha Siegel  
 John Stahno  
 David Stillman  
 Eric Szilagy  
 Dylan Tuozzo  
 Jasmin Valcourt  
 Michael Valente  
 Olivia Weller  
 Joseph West



**Anne Scott**

A sense of humor to lighten the mood when the going gets tough is Anne's ace in her hand of cards. Delighted to be recognized as a Distinguished Senior, Anne is appreciative of the teachers who encouraged her and provided guidance and support. Active membership in several music ensembles, a section leader, and Field Major in the Blue Devil Marching Band, were Anne's starring roles at Huntington High School. Though Anne is undecided on her major as she chooses between Marist College and Gettysburg College, music is certain to be integral wherever life takes Anne.



**Nicholas Shivers**

Laser fine focus, 100% effort, and high standards in all endeavors, in and out of the classroom, are hallmarks of Nick's style. Of particular significance to Nick was his participation in Math and Italian Honor Societies, Marching & Pep Band and Habitat for Humanity. Captain of the Varsity Golf team, Nick will bring his drive and ambition to fruition as a Business major in preparation for a career in business. He will attend the Carroll School of Management at Boston College in the fall.



**Natasha Siegel**

Self-motivation and the support of family, friends, and teachers are the key ingredients to Natasha's success. Advanced Placement courses and the outstanding music and art programs enriched her educational experiences. Participating in float night, homecoming and prom, as well as playing violin in Chamber and Symphony Orchestra, playing Field Hockey and running Varsity Track, are fond memories for Natasha. Being selected as the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards local honoree, a semi-finalist in the Coca Cola Scholars Program and the President's Volunteer Services Award, are noteworthy accomplishments. Natasha plans to attend Lehigh University as a pre-med student.



**Giancarlo Savoy**

Giancarlo credits his parents and his own internal drive for his success as a student. Interacting with other passionate learners as well as being a homework helper to younger students fostered a source of enjoyment for Giancarlo, who plans to major in Computer Engineering at either Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute or Worcester Polytechnic Institute this fall.



**Derek Schmelter**

Planning to major in Environmental Science at either SUNY Brockport or University of Connecticut, Derek states that teachers who cared about his education ensured his success as a student. Derek hit the right notes when he was in Pit Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and the Tri-M Music Society, and he hit the high notes as Drum Captain of the Blue Devil Marching Band.



**Sabina Schneider**

As a tenth grader, Sabina discovered her penchant and passion for fashion design, such that she devoted **all** of her free time to sewing and painting. As an aspiring fashion designer, Sabina notes the invitation and trip to Washington DC to meet Michelle Obama and view her inaugural gown as the highlight of her time at Huntington High School. She will continue to pursue her passion at Fashion Institute of Technology this fall.



**Joseph Adelman**

“Balancing my time between school and my family and friends has been the key to my success,” shares Joseph. He credits his parents for their love and support and his teachers for their encouragement. Steven is committed to a work ethic that allows him to perform well in school while still having fun. What he has enjoyed most are the close relationships he developed through the years of Honors and AP classes, as well as the “insight and inspiration” provided by the beloved Mr. Potter. Three years as President of the Gay/Straight Alliance provided Joseph with training and leadership skills he will take with him as he leaves Huntington High School and attends college at either New York University or Hofstra University.



**Sami Aiman**

Sami attributes his success to family. “My parents always pushed me hard and ingrained in me a sense of standards,” Sami proudly admits. Having a supportive network of family and close friends has helped keep him motivated and on track. Sami leaves his mark as Vice President of the Math Honor Society, member of Science and English Honor Societies, as well as two-time Pride Award recipient. He will study Mathematics and Economics at Binghamton University in the fall.



**Steven Arnoux**

Encouragement from his parents, family and friends is what Steven thinks is the foundation to his success. He is inspired by his parents who “push me to work harder and harder every day.” He offers his best abilities in pursuits in and out of school, enjoying the opportunity to mix academia with spending time with his peers as a member of the Marching Band and the Track Team. The highlight of his extracurricular involvement was building a house with Habitat for Humanity and marching in the Huntington parades. Steven will continue his studies in college this fall where he’ll pursue a major in the medical field.



**Cristina Badalamenti**

“Hard work, dedication and never giving up” are the tenets of success for this scholar athlete. Cristina has achieved much here, academically, athletically and personally. A key player on the Varsity Track team, she broke the school record in the 4 x 200 and 4 x 100 relays. She is also a member of the Varsity Soccer team and serves as President of the Italian National Honor Society. These experiences provided a gateway to new friendships and fond memories. Cristina wishes to thank her parents and two older sisters for their boundless love and support as well as her “amazing” teachers who fostered a genuine desire to learn. Cristina will pursue a major in Occupational Therapy at either Sacred Heart or Philadelphia University this fall.



**Jaclyn Beatty**

Leadership and compassion best describe Jackie. She has learned how to better herself and seek new opportunities to reach her goals. “Being dedicated, focused and friendly” guide Jackie’s path to success. She has enjoyed meeting other students and learning from the inspiring teachers here. Jackie is a true scholar athlete, captaining the Blue Devil Softball team while attaining stellar grades. Helping others in New Orleans with Habitat for Humanity is the pinnacle of her high school experience. Jackie will take her passion and talents with her to Sacred Heart this fall where she plans to pursue a major in Special Education or Business.



**Michelle Byrne**

Michelle attributes her success to the support of her family, friends and teachers. “Their encouragement always pushed me to ensure that I surpass my own expectations in all that I do,” explains Michelle. An exceptional student, Michelle holds the position of President of the Spanish Honor Society as well as being an active member of the English, Science and Math Honor Societies. Michelle has enjoyed her high school career with the great friends she has made and the fun experiences she has had here at Huntington High School. She’ll be successful in college next year whether it be Cornell, Colgate, Villanova or Middlebury!



**David Rosenberg**

David enjoyed playing guitar with Jazz Band and the Pit Orchestra. With avid participation in the video program, David’s career focus matured. Encouraged by his supportive parents, a major in Film at Ithaca College is the next step in David’s fascination with video and film.



**Meghan Rowland**

Rain or shine, hot or cold, day or night, the Blue Devil Marching Band was Meghan's favorite high school activity. High standards, hard work, and commitment are traits that define Meghan, whether she is in the classroom, marching on the field, or organizing a Spanish, Math, or English Honor Society activity. Meghan plans to pursue a Biology major in college. She will attend Villanova University or University of Delaware Honors Program in the fall.



**Nicholas Saputo**

Nick credits his involvement with the Lacrosse and Football teams at Huntington High School for teaching him leadership and determination, key ingredients in his being recruited to play Division 1 Lacrosse at Drexel University. He’s proud of his athletic accomplishments including being named 2009 Special Teams Player of the Year for football, 2009 All-County Division II Rookie of the Year for lacrosse, and 2010 All-Division, All-County selection for lacrosse. In addition to his commitment to sports during high school, Nick has enjoyed being an “American Dream” Social Studies intern. Nick plans to major in Business at Drexel.



**Mary-Elizabeth O'Neill**

Her extraordinary talent and passion for music clearly have paved the way for Mary-Liz's success and happiness in high school. She also credits her family's support as a key to her achievements. She has attended the Juilliard pre-college for the past three years and placed second in the Classical Singer National Competition and is a Long Island Arts Alliance Scholar Artist. Her intended major at the college level is vocal performance, where there is no doubt she will be outstanding! She is planning to attend Juilliard this fall.



**Eva Prior**

Eva proudly states that her dad is the driving force behind her success. Learning new things through photography and biology stand out for Eva, as does being on the High Honor Roll for the entire first three years of high school and her position as soccer goalie. She looks forward to studying Psychology/Pre-Med at Marist College.



**Mia Rienzo**

Mia appreciates the sense of accomplishment acquired by working hard and being challenged by her classes while balancing schoolwork with her varied extra-curricular activities. Among these activities, Mia notes the Habitat trip to New Orleans, three-time medalist at the L.I. Junior Rowing championships, County Fencing finalist, and playing the flute with Wind Ensemble as highlights. Planning to pursue a career in Physical Therapy/Health Sciences, Mia is undecided between Binghamton and Northeastern Universities.



**Sarah Casey**

Sarah is an independent learner who is willing to think outside the box. Her creativity and excellent time-management skills have allowed her to participate fully in extracurricular activities while maintaining a rigorous course load. A member of the Varsity Field Hockey team (two-time All-Conference recognition) and the news anchor on our very own Huntington High School newscast, Sarah exudes drive and determination. Sarah will attend Pace University in the fall majoring in Business.



**John Castelli**

What are the keys to his success? "Curiosity and a love for learning, great teachers who have helped fuel that curiosity and a very supportive family," explains Jack. He has enjoyed taking academically challenging courses together with art courses. Serving as an intern, participating in both JV and Varsity athletics and the friendships resulting from that involvement are what Jack values most during his time here. Jack belongs to the academic honor societies, has completed a variety of volunteer experiences and earned AP Scholar with Honor Distinction. Trinity College welcomes Jack this fall where he will major in Liberal Arts/History/Political Science.



**Itzel Cedillo-Rosas**

Itzel has a clear vision of her future. That, combined with her remarkable perseverance, will take her well into the stratosphere of her chosen profession, Art Education. With outstanding integrity and honesty, Itzel's presence is a boost to everyone's day! Itzel will attend Suffolk County Community College in the fall.



**Danielle Cerezo**

Danielle's motivation to succeed is driven by the high expectations and standards she sets for herself. With support from her family, friends and teachers, she has excelled. Danielle has served our community well as a member of AWOD, Grandfriends and the Key Club. However, her most recognizable role would certainly be as the Drama Club's Student Director, having recently finished the production of Carousel. Danielle plans to major in Biology at University of Vermont, SUNY Geneseo or Ithaca College.



**Adam Cerini**

Life according to Adam: "Success is not as simple as unlocking a door using the right key. Think of it more like breaking bricks with your fist; you have to work to grow stronger before you can reach your goal. The simple satisfaction of accomplishment should be enough for anyone to strive for success." Well said, Adam. This All-County musician has played the clarinet in several of Huntington's ensembles (Wind Ensemble first chair, Jazz Band soloist, and Pit Orchestra) as well as in his synagogue's band. A major in Engineering awaits Adam at Cooper Union, the appropriate choice for a student who clearly knows how to structure and implement his goals!



**John Coffey**

Being friendly, respectful, helpful and staying positive are values which have taken John farthest in life. Remaining faithful to his morals and striving to improve his character are actions which will always result in success. John has enjoyed being involved in extracurricular activities and various school events which enabled him to make lasting friendships and to give back to the school and community. Some of his accomplishments include being the Team Captain for the Crew Team and a member of the National Honor Society as well as the English, Science and Italian Honor Societies. He will be attending SUNY Maritime College and majoring in Naval Architecture/Marine Engineering.



**Patrick O'Brien**

Family support is what Patrick attributes to his success, as well as friends and athletics. He feels that Natural Helpers has made him a better person. He looks forward to going off to SUNY Geneseo in the fall.



**Courtney O'Bryan**

Courtney attributes her success to "not sweating the small stuff" and maintaining perspective on what is important. She credits her parents with their consistent support and gentle prodding as a major factor in helping her to work to her limits. Her school spirit and athletic involvements have made her high school experience a happy, well-rounded one. She looks forward to a career in nursing.



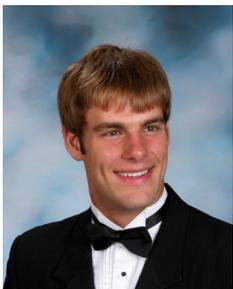
**Michael O'Connor**

The ability to juggle academics with extra-curricular activities and a job not only have paved the way for Michael's successes here but undoubtedly will serve him well throughout college and beyond. Spending time with his friends on the Crew Team stands out for Michael, as does earning his status as Eagle Scout for Troop 12, and being Treasurer of both Math and Spanish Honor Societies. He looks forward to working toward a career in Mechanical Engineering as he attends Carnegie Mellon University this fall.



**Shira Moskowitz**

Diligence, motivation, and prioritizing are Shira's keys to success. She consistently pushes herself to be better and better each day, and makes choices that help her to achieve her goals. She doesn't let minor setbacks discourage her. Standing out for her are the variety of people she has met by attending two schools, and spending a semester in Israel. Her leadership skills have been sharpened through her roles in North American Federation of Temple Youth, Drama Club, Science, Spanish, and National Honor Societies, and Chorus. Shira plans to study Women's Studies and Religion, with a focus on Middle Eastern religions at the college level.



**Ryan Mulligan**

Always doing what needed to be done, no matter how tired he was, with no excuses, getting every bit of extra help he could, being determined to reach success and knowing that hard work always pays off are the keys to Ryan's success. He is most proud of being President of Young Leaders Community Service Group, starting Varsity Football since 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and being a National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame inductee as a Scholar Athlete. He looks forward to attending the United States Merchant Marine Academy after graduation.



**Tara Narine**

Tara sees her successes as a result of the support systems she has and her relationships with her teachers and friends. Her internship with Mrs. Kenny and her involvement in school activities stand out as most memorable. Girl Scouts has been a big part of Tara's life from kindergarten through high school and she is proud of all she has done through this organization. Varsity Soccer, Art, and National Honor Society round out her most meaningful memories. She looks forward to majoring in Math at SUNY New Paltz.



**Aliyah Cohen**

Three keys to Aliyah's success: Balance, Inspiration and Optimism. High school has given her a chance to meet a variety of students and expand her knowledge. Highlights for her time in high school were participating in a student exchange in Italy and presenting her breast cancer research at the Breast Cancer National Convention in San Francisco. While her major is undecided at this time, she is going to attend the University of California at either Santa Barbara or Davis.



**Alyson Coleman**

Without determination and a strong work ethic, Alyson would not have been inclined to work hard and succeed in the way she does. The satisfaction of being successful in the classroom has enabled her to see and reach her goals. She has enjoyed her participation on sports teams such as Soccer and Track. Her involvement with Habitat for Humanity has been especially rewarding. In February and April 2011 she spent two weeks building homes in New Orleans for the club. Alyson plans on majoring in Business or Political Science. She will attend SUNY Binghamton or SUNY Geneseo.



**Jeffrey Conte**

The key to Jeffrey's success is the support of his family, teachers and classmates. He has enjoyed the challenging coursework in all of his math and science classes. An active and involved student, Jeffrey participated in the Marching Band for two years and has competed for the Huntington Basketball Team for all four years in high school. This fall he will take his determination and enthusiasm to Manhattan College where he plans on majoring in Engineering.



**Louis Contino**

Louis attributes his success to adapting creativity toward whatever task is at hand. His strong people skills and powerful personality have allowed him to excel in leadership roles. He has also enjoyed establishing wonderful friendships which have enabled him to grow. Louis is proud of how far he has come, “not just academically, but as a person as well.” His high school highlights include receiving the Award of Excellence in the Scholar Artist Competition, and Best in Show in the Long Island Media Art Show as well as receiving a grant from the Art Honor Society. Louis will put his creativity and leadership skills to good use as he pursues a major in Business and Advertising at either Emerson College or Quinnipiac University.



**Lauren Corcoran**

For Lauren, schoolwork is her first priority. She excels in this by working hard, staying focused and having a supportive family. Being with friends and making new ones have been a focal point of her high school career. Her accomplishments include Woodwind Captain and Flute Section Leader for the Marching Band, Student Government Organization Corresponding Secretary and holding other leadership positions in Chorus, Band and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Lauren plans on majoring in Vocal Performance at Florida State University.



**Thomas Corrao**

A strong supportive family and positive friendships are the drive behind Thomas' success. He has relied on this framework of support to achieve the goals he sets for himself. During high school he has enjoyed extracurricular activities and the opportunity to pursue artistic interests outside of school. This drive has enabled him to be President of the Huntington High School Video Club. He is planning to attend Emerson College and major in Film.



**Kenneth McGrath**

Consistency, focus, and hard work are the ingredients for Kenny's success. Going to athletic events at school and a job are the standout memories for him. He looks forward to going to C.W. Post in the fall.



**Gabriella Mitchell**

Time management has been a key factor in Gabriella's success. She has successfully balanced academics with school activities, and values the many people she has been fortunate to get to know through all of it. She plans to attend Stony Brook University as an Athletic Training major.



**Jeffrey Moreira**

Behind Jeffrey's successes are the friends and family who have encouraged and pushed him to reach his goals. Soccer, Marching Band, and Track and Field are those activities that Jeffrey has valued the most. All-County Soccer, Pride Awards, Hispanic Heritage Award and Science Honor Society are accomplishments that Jeffrey is particularly proud of. He plans to major in Engineering at the college level at either Hofstra University or SUNY Buffalo.



**Connor Leek**

“To work as hard as I can, find what I am good at and love to do, make that a career, and be myself” are the goals that Connor plans to endeavor in the near future. Instead of just enjoying one aspect of his high school career, Connor enjoyed the overall experience of meeting the wide variety of people, education, and communities that Huntington has to offer. Crew and swimming were two big highlights for Connor, as well as achieving the Honor Roll and the High Honor Roll. Connor plans to pursue a major in Bio-Medical Engineering at the University of Buffalo in the fall.



**David Lillienstein**

Perseverance seems defined by David. He says that “being the best I can be and striving to exceed my own potential” is what has helped him to become a true “Distinguished Senior.” What were David’s favorite parts of high school? The video program and the teachers were what he most enjoyed. Over the past four years, David has excelled in our video program and his activities reflect his success: President of the Video Club, “Best in Show” for video, Editor of the Yearbook, and not to mention, Captain of the Huntington Crew Team. It is no surprise that David plans on majoring in Cinema and Photography at Ithaca College this fall.



**Paul Mazzotta**



**Matthew Curley**

Matthew’s willingness to take on challenges and learn from his mistakes has given him the ability to balance schoolwork, sports and other extracurricular activities successfully. He values his relationships with his peers as well as his teachers. By interning this year he has gained a keen insight on what to expect when he student teaches during college. Matthew is a member of the English Honor Society and Captain of the Varsity Baseball Team. He plans on studying Mathematics at Loyola University in Maryland.



**Phoebe Curran**

Phoebe’s enthusiasm and zest for life have infiltrated and positively affected the student body of Huntington High School. She attributes her success to the support and encouragement of her family as well as her sunny, upbeat, positive attitude! She’s enjoyed her high school experience immensely, particularly her participation on the Varsity Swim team and as one of the Video Club newscasters. Phoebe will be attending Boston University in the fall majoring in Communications.



**Conner Davis**

Conner is a leader who demonstrates a strong work ethic and a creative, dynamic spirit. This National Merit Scholarship Finalist has consistently excelled academically, both in his Huntington High School studies and his coursework at Stony Brook University and the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth. Conner will major in Mathematics at the University of Texas at Dallas, Vassar College or Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



**Rebecca Deegan**

Rebecca truly embodies the fun-loving teenage spirit as well as the charisma of academia and exploration of Huntington High School. Throughout her four years of high school, Rebecca has excelled academically through her sheer motivation to achieve success and mastery in a challenging curriculum of AP and Honors level courses. This Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, Drama Club thespian and Varsity fencer will major in Pre-Veterinary studies at either University of Delaware or SUNY Geneseo in the fall.



**Eleanor Derbyshire**

Eating a balanced breakfast everyday has given Nellie the strength to create a stellar transcript and comprehensive resume of accomplishments! She's enjoyed participating in the orchestra quartet throughout her high school years as well as the fencing program. Although undecided in her major, Nellie will attend either Hunter College or Fordham University in the fall.



**Chloe Drace**

Chloe's success is attributed to being focused and working hard in her academics. This left plenty of time for clubs, sports, volunteer work, creativity, employment and a social life! Her favorite classes are AP Biology, Math and Fashion. Standout school functions include Homecoming and attending football games. Chloe's accomplishments include extensive volunteer service at Huntington Hospital, membership in the National Honor Society and English Honor Society, involvement in Grandfriends, and playing high school soccer. She is planning to attend the University of North Carolina at Wilmington where she will major in Nursing.



**Jonah Kramer**

Jonah attributes his success to the support of his friends and mentors, but most importantly, the love of his family. "I would not have been able to do it without them," states Jonah. Theatre and The Arts largely define Jonah, and his extracurricular accomplishments mirror his passion for them: President and Dance Captain of the Drama Club, and Secretary/Section Leader of Chamber Choir. What Jonah has enjoyed most here at Huntington are the people he's met and the experiences he's had because they are what have molded him into the person he is today. Jonah will pursue his dream at Tisch School of the Arts at New York University this fall.



**Gavin Lai**

Gavin attributes trying his best as the key to his high school success. His teachers have also played a big part. "An aspect of my high school career that I've enjoyed the most is my teachers. Some of them have been very interesting and fun. Most memorable to me has been Ms. Tedeschi, as she has really influenced my high school career." Membership in the English and Science Honor Societies shows that Gavin's hard work has paid off! Pharmacy is an interest he will pursue at SUNY University at Buffalo.



**Shayne Larkin**

"The key to my success has been my vision toward the top! In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, I made it my business to get into some accelerated classes. Today, my entire schedule's comprised of them!" To this day, Shayne carries out this vision through her activities, such as creating the school's Environmental Club, holding office in Student Government, acting as the Varsity Crew Captain and Marching Band Section Leader. Shayne has enjoyed forming incredible bonds with many different people through her classes as well as extracurricular activities. She loves being a part of the Huntington community. Sociology calls at Shayne and she will pursue it at University of Delaware.



**Alexandra Kiley**

“Keeping a positive outlook!” That’s what she will tell you in defining success. Ally has been able to have fun with and get excited about her work and activities, from Homecoming Floats to English papers. What has Ally enjoyed most about high school? “Those moments when I’ve seen the whole class join in something together,” says Ally. Ally’s solid dedication to excellence has led her to President of Student Government, Lead in Drama Club, President of English National Honor Society, Homecoming Queen, a National Merit Commended Student, and the achievement of the Girl Scout Gold Award. Ally will be attending Harvard College in the fall and will major in History and Theatre.



**Benjamin Kitzen**

“The key to my success has been the support of my family and friends. In addition, through the years, I’ve learned to never give up. It’s not about how you start, it’s about finishing strong.” The arts and the creativity that Ben was able to have within Huntington is something that he thoroughly enjoyed. In addition, the solid relationships that he formed with teachers are also a highlight. Some of Ben’s noteworthy accomplishments include Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, National English Honor Society, and Yearbook Senior Editor in Chief. The fall will find Ben in pursuit of Communications and Rhetoric at SUNY Albany.



**Nadav Klein**

Pushing himself to meet his parents’ expectations, Nadav Klein is proud that he took demanding classes. From east coast to west coast at the University of Washington – Seattle, future businessman Nadav will take with him memories of good friends, Varsity Soccer, and community service during his time at Huntington High School.



**Sandra Duarte-Zavala**

Sandra is driven to be successful. Her persistence to do well in her courses helps her certify that her efforts will have a positive outcome. Sandra has enjoyed taking classes and doing projects with her friends. Her balance of academics and fun with friends has led her to be successful in getting good grades. Sandra’s involvement in raising money for third world countries in Central America has been very rewarding. She plans on studying Biology in the fall at Adelphi University.



**Sarah Ehrman**

Sarah puts extra effort into all of her activities in order to accomplish her goals. This was instilled in her by her family, teachers and peers. In high school she has enjoyed meeting new people and participating on sports teams. She is proud of her accomplishments which include receiving a National History Day’s “Best in Class” Award, participating in the Suffolk County Soccer Championship game and being Captain of the Soccer and Lacrosse teams. This fall she will attend Stony Brook University and major in Health Science/Physical Therapy, where her enthusiasm, leadership skills and drive will certainly bring her much success.



**Amelia Eisen**

Amelia believes that the support from her family, teachers and peers has helped her establish a strong work ethic and dedication to school. Each year she met the challenges of her coursework with success and took advantage of the many opportunities these provided, including developing great friendships here at Huntington High School. Amelia’s extracurricular involvement and accomplishments include playing on the Varsity Tennis Team, serving as President of the Science Honor Society and Vice President of the English Honor Society, as well as being the Entertainment Editor of the school newspaper, Dispatch. She plans on majoring in Architecture at Northeastern University.



**Alex Falcones**

Alex has consistently demonstrated a strong level of academic and personal commitment by enrolling in classes that have tested his confidence and heightened his senses. With unwavering motivation and determination, Alex has excelled! The University at Buffalo will welcome Alex in the fall. There, he will major in Mechanical Engineering and will continue to make us proud!



**Carolyn Fante**

Committed to a career in international relations, Carrie Fante, the Huntington High School Class of 2011 Valedictorian, will attend either the University of Pennsylvania, Tufts University or Hamilton College in the fall. Carrie is an outstanding young woman with limitless potential for she is a passionate learner, an eloquent speaker, an open-minded humanitarian and a sincere friend. As the Co-Editor in Chief of the Dispatch, President of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Spanish Honor Society, and Varsity Soccer star, Carrie has contributed much more than the average 17-year-old, attributing much of her success to the encouragement of her friends and family.



**Nicole Farriella**

Nicole is a fantastic role model for her peers, a responsibility she takes seriously! She is a member of the YMCA Leaders School program and Unity in the Community and has even received the Huntington Youth of the Year Award through the Leaders Club! Throughout her high school career, Nicole has made the conscious decision to give 100% of her energy and focus to each activity she undertakes. Nicole has made mature choices and is excited to embark on her collegiate career at either SUNY New Paltz or the University of Rhode Island.



**Benjamin Jensen**

“Setting personal goals, balancing work and fun, and managing time” – this is what Ben thinks are the foundations to his success here at Huntington High School. Membership in clubs, Habitat for Humanity, and Varsity Crew provided for unforgettable experiences for Ben. He’s off to the University of Vermont to major in Captive Wildlife Care and Education. His determination and motivation to do well will follow him.



**Amber Kavanagh**

Amber states that time management and staying organized are extremely important factors to her accomplishments in high school. You cannot argue with her success. Not only has she earned her Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards in Girl Scouts through her 13 years of involvement, but she is also section leader in the Marching Band, first chair in Wind Ensemble, and is an active member of the EMS Post Squad. Amber enjoys being a member of various groups and activities, meeting new people, taking classes she enjoys, and having fun. Planning to attend either Loyola University or Marist College, Amber’s intended major is Biology, Pre-Med.



**Christopher Keddell**

“Putting academics before extracurricular activities and having good support at home” is what Chris considers the key to his success. “I was inspired by teachers who made the subjects very interesting and urged me to excel.” His experiences on the Football team, playing the cello in the Orchestra, and receiving three Pride Awards are held in high regard by Chris. SUNY Brockport welcomes Chris this year as he pursues studies in Chemistry.



**Henry Grill**

Henry claims that accomplishments for him were generated by “the drive to succeed that’s been instilled in me by my family, friends, and teachers. This has allowed me to stay dedicated, involved, and passionate about my studies throughout my high school career.” What was meaningful to Henry at Huntington High School? He has always enjoyed his history and science classes. Also, the opportunities to meet new people at Huntington have been a great experience for him. SUNY Maritime has welcomed Henry for attendance this fall. His intended course of study is Marine Transportation.



**Anna Harris**

“Keeping myself organized and prioritizing the things that are most important to me” – that has brought Anna success. Drama Club and Chamber Choir were not only a big part of her high school career but were also memorable for her because they created a “family” environment. Anna felt very close to everyone involved in these clubs. Some noteworthy accomplishments of Anna’s include All-State Choir, All-Eastern Choir Alternate, and the role of Nettie Fowler in “Carousel.” Anna will major in Marine Biology and Vocal Performance at University of Maryland.



**Cody Jacobs**

Support from her parents and the close relationship she has with them are critical to Cody and to her success. We asked Cody what was most notable to her throughout her four years and she stated “Miracle Corners of the World Retreat with students from all over the world, Drama Club, and Fencing Team.” In addition, she has enjoyed following through with photography all four years here at Huntington and even plans to major in both Photography and Anthropology. We know that success will follow her as she attends Concordia University in the fall.



**Emily Feldman**

Emily is a student who is full of insight, confidence and enthusiasm, each characteristic exuded brilliantly with a humble and modest nature. Her peaceful disposition, in conjunction with her academic prowess, renders her a force to be reckoned with. She has enjoyed her high school experience, particularly her internship with Ms. Wallace’s third grade class at Jefferson Primary School. Emily will attend either New York University or Emerson College in the fall majoring in Public Relations.



**Mikah Feldman-Stein**

An Early Decision applicant to Wesleyan University, Mikah was thrilled when he received his acceptance letter in December. He has consistently challenged himself in the classroom, setting high expectations and most often reaching his goals. Outside of class, Mikah is widely known as one of the most talented musicians at Huntington, serving as a member of our district ensembles as well as the Nassau-Suffolk Jazz Ensemble. With a concentration in Pre-Medical studies, Mikah will continue to make us proud!



**Devon Fox**

Devon credits her perseverance and diligence as the keys to her high school success. Devon leaves for Hobart and William Smith Colleges this fall to pursue a major in Psychiatry. She takes with her the great experience she had as Color Guard Captain, as well as everything she has enjoyed learning from all of her teachers.



**Diana Frank**

The keys to Diana's success are having teachers who are very accommodating, understanding and great at what they do. She will always remember being part of extracurricular activities, especially Drama Club, because of the lasting friendships she developed. Her most noteworthy activities include performing in five high school plays, building a house in New Orleans and on Long Island for Habitat for Humanity, and performing with the Marching Band at the Dome in Syracuse. Diana plans on studying Psychology at Tulane University.



**Kianna Freitag**

Kianna is a versatile young lady with tremendous spirit and poise. The encouragement of her family and friends, along with a stellar work ethic, has allowed Kianna to shine. She cites her trip to Washington D.C. to meet Michelle Obama as one of her most memorable moments in high school! This All-County Varsity Field Hockey captain has made a positive contribution to our high school community, athletically, academically and socially. Kianna will attend the University of Delaware, James Madison University or the University of Massachusetts in the fall.



**Alexander Gennaro**

Alex claims that success for him was generated by "my competitiveness. I always want to do well and better than everyone else so I really push myself." Playing Varsity Football and making the playoffs are two of Alex's noteworthy accomplishments to go along with being a member of both English and Italian National Honor Societies. Some highlights of Alex's high school career were taking AP courses, playing varsity sports, and taking business classes. It seems fitting that Alex has chosen Business as his college major. He hasn't decided where he will pursue it as of yet.



**Lauren Gerbavsits**

Lauren's enthusiasm and zest for life have infiltrated and positively affected the student body of Huntington High School. Willingness, determination, and time management have allowed Lauren to flourish and be successful. She has greatly enjoyed her time on the Varsity Soccer team and her involvement in many different clubs (HOPE and Grandfriends to name a few). Lauren says that her grandma played a major role in her education as a child, which has been a big key to her success, alongside the many teachers and coaches that have inspired her as well. Lauren will pursue a major in Nursing, where is yet to be decided.



**Alexa Giammarino**

"I have always given 100% of my time and efforts into anything I'm working on. With dedication and motivation, I was able to achieve my goals," explains Alexa. She also thanks her teachers, who have been amazing and have helped her succeed along the way. Alexa has thrived in creating a balance between academics, extra-curricular activities, and friends. To name just a few of her accomplishments, she is President of our 2011 class, Jr. and Sr. High Step Captain, National Honor Society Treasurer, and a member of Habitat for Humanity, English, Math, Science, and Art Honor Societies. Alexa heads to either Northeastern University or New York University this fall to study Biology.



**Marissa Goldstein**

The University of Delaware will welcome Marissa this fall where she will pursue a major in Fashion Merchandising. What she really enjoyed most here at Huntington High School was establishing close relationships with her teachers, learning about who she is as a person, and forming strong lasting bonds with her classmates. Marissa served as Secretary of our Art Honor Society and as a member of Dispatch, all while receiving a Pride Award for Fashion and achieving the High Honor Roll every single quarter. How does she do it? "Staying focused and organized, coming to class prepared and ready to ask questions, and not being afraid of failure" are her keys to success!