Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Shoreham-Wading River High School’s Class of 2020 was honored at the school’s 44th commencement exercises, held in four separate socially distant ceremonies on June 26 and 27.

Principal Mr. Frank Pugliese welcomed everyone and senior Raymond Colon sang the national anthem assisted by American Sign Language interpreters, seniors Gianna De Luca, Abigail Korzekwinski and Alyson Mallon. After Mr. Pugliese thanked the Board of Education, educators, administrators, staff and parents for coming together to make the event possible, Assistant Principal Mr. John Holownia introduced salutatorian Stephanie Searing, who reflected on the friendships created, the shared memories and lifelong bonds and wished her classmates success in the future.

Senior Nicolette Tingo sang “People” from “Funny Girl” before guidance counselor Ms. Lucy Eschbach introduced valedictorian Jacqueline Holden, whose speech thanked those who supported her efforts throughout her academic career.

Wildcat Athletic Club President Mr. Edward Troyano then presented the club’s annual commemorative coin before Superintendent of Schools Mr. Gerard Poole addressed the students and lauded them for their academic, artistic and athletic accomplishments and offered words of optimism for the future.

Teachers Mrs. Mary Hygom and Mr. Jason Malvagno served as lectors as each student was called to the podium to pick up their diploma.

Mr. Pugliese then addressed the graduates again and quoted A.A. Milne – “You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think” – before congratulating the graduates on this milestone.

Thirty-five students from the Class of 2020 were recognized for their academic accomplishments during the June 23 virtual Board of Education meeting. Each student was lauded for maintaining a cumulative weighted GPA of 95 or higher. “We are exceptionally proud of these students and cannot wait to hear about all of their future accomplishments,” Principal Mr. Frank Pugliese said.

Congratulations to these 14 student-athletes, who will continue their athletic journeys at some of the nation’s top colleges in the fall:

Aidan Crowley
Baseball – Boston College

Brady Cummings
Soccer – Hartwick College

James Dacos
Soccer – St. Joseph’s College

Jack Erb
Lacrosse – Siena College

Nicole Garcia
Cross-country and track – Stony Brook University

Gavin Gregorek
Lacrosse – Navy

Madison Joannou
Soccer – Merrimack College

Abigail Korzekwinski
Basketball – SUNY New Paltz

Robert McGee
Lacrosse – Penn State

Cristian Mercado
Lacrosse – Wagner College

Blake Osness
Baseball – Westminster College

TJ Riess
Baseball – Farmingdale

Matt Zahn
Football – Stony Brook University

Adam Zelin
Cross-country and track – Adelphi University

Tabina Ali
Joshua Aliberti
Gavin Barone
Matthew Baylous
Sarah Cain
Benjamin Carrier
Ellis Casey
Veronica Coman
William Cutinella
Grace DelSeni
Christina DeLuca
Alison Devall
Donald Doherty
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Trevor Kessel

Madsyn King
Maya Klatsky
Abigail Korzekwinski
Isabelle Licata
Gabriella Meli
Emily Mulcahy
Margaret Panasci
James Rose
Samantha Rutkowski
Elle Schepis
Wilson Schmalzle
Stephanie Searing
Sarah Sheridan
Camden Sisler
Michael Turecamo
Jacob Vogel
William Wells
Shoreham-Wading River High School’s Jacqueline Holden and Stephanie Searing served the Class of 2020 as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

These two well-rounded students both have impressive achievements and interests and have taken advantage of many of the district’s courses and extracurricular activities.

Valedictorian Jacqueline’s achievements include involvement with the Drama Club and Tri-M Music Honor Society, where she serves each club as treasurer; leadership roles as secretary for both Women in Science and Engineering and Students Against Destructive Decisions; and varsity captain of Brainstormers. Outside of a busy high school career, she is a leader in St. Mark’s Teen Choir and a Girl Scout.

Jacqueline will study molecular biology at the University of Pittsburgh in the fall.

Salutatorian Stephanie Searing served as vice president of the National Honor Society’s Peer Tutoring, is treasurer of Tri-M Music Honor Society, represented her peers as the ex-officio student member of the Shoreham-Wading River Board of Education, and is a member of Mathletes, the varsity track team and varsity tennis team. Stephanie is principal violist of the Children’s Orchestral Society and participated in the Plum Island Animal Disease Center High School STEM Forum, a unique opportunity where she presented her findings on the organ shortage in America to scientists from Brookhaven National Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Mystic Aquarium, Plum Island, Suffolk County Community College and University of Connecticut, among others.

Stephanie will attend Stevens Institute of Technology where she will major in biomedical engineering.

“These two students represent the exceptional programming offered at our high school,” Principal Mr. Frank Pugliese said. “Their leadership skills and well-rounded academic, athletic, extracurricular and community involvement exemplify the goals of the Shoreham-Wading River School District – providing all students the skills required to become lifelong learners in a self-sufficient manner. We look forward to hearing more about their accomplishments in the future.”
Onward With Optimism!

Congratulations Class of 2020

Gabrielle N. Acer
Cassidy Briann Alban
Tabina Ali
Joshua M. Aliberti
Angelina Marie Anderson
Christopher Q. Anderson
Dylan J. Anderson
Katherine Anker
Xavier J. Arline
Frank M. Arnun
Abigail J. Bakos
Gavin A. Barone
John J. Basile
Anna E. Baumeister
Christopher K. Baumeister
Matthew J. Baylous
Kevin C. Beagen
Ryan R. Betcher
Madison B. Borkowski
Brianna V. Cohen
Lakin B. Ciampo
Joseph H. Christine
Joseph M. Ceschini
Honore M. Cavaco
Maximus M. Calovi
Martin A. Carmona
Benjamin J. Carrier
Michael R. Casazza
Ellis M. Casey
Troy P. Cathey
Honoré M. Cavaco
Joseph M. Ceschini
Joseph H. Christine
Lakin B. Ciampo
Brianne V. Cohen
Raymond J. Colon
Veronica A. Coman
Mark J. Costas
Trevor D. Coster
Aidan J. Crowley
Brady Cummings
Grace A. Curry
William G. Cutinella
Daniel George Dacos
James Alexander Dacos
Olivia M. Daleo
Liam V. Daly
Michael DeCastro
Grace A. DelSeni
Christina M. DeLuca
Gianna M. DeLuca

Connor R. DeLumen
Jake E. DePaoli
Kenneth V. DeTiberiis
Alison C. Devall
Jaida G. DiGiamo
Donald J. Doherty
Ryan M. Dold
Joseph R. Domiano
Brendan M. Donnelly
Nathanial G. Donohue
Owen W. Donohue
Aidan A. Drost
Victoria Y. Dwyer
MaKenna N. Eliot
Scott L. Engelhardt
John C. Erb
Tarik D. Esobar
Alexandra E. Farron
Nikolas F. Ferraro
Jamie E. Fioto
Jason E. Fioto
Kylee S. Fischer
Matthew M. Fischetti
Peter M. Flanagan
Francis J. Fontinell III
Sean M. Franson
Gabrielle T. Garcia
Nicole L. Garcia
Myles E. Garvin
Sabrina Con Giardini
Maura A. Ginley
Rocco T. Giordano
Collin S. Gordon
Ryan M. Grant
Megan A. Greene
Gavin Gregorek
Zachary Gregorek
Sophia Han
Kaitlyn E. Hernandez
Melissa G. Hetzel
Dain T. Higgins
Jessica L. Hitz
Sara Hobbes
Jacqueline G. Holden
James E. Hunt
Aidan R. Hutchins
Madison A. Joannou
Makayla M. Josephs
Dylan A. Jung
Julie A. Kadletz
Carley R. Kanka
Ryan P. Kelley
Gabriel John A. Kent

Trevor J. Kessel
Madisyn A. King
Carly Ann Kjaer
Maya Isabelle Klatsky
Abigail G. Korzukwinski
Alexander V. Kravchenko
Hayden E. Lachenmayer
Denis D. Lane
Hunter T. Lange
Jillian M. Laper-Dowling
James C. LaValle
Michael C. Leonard
Isabelle E. Licata
Salvatore J. LiVigni
Amanda R. Loescher
Cameron A. LoSchiavo
Ashley N. Luppens
Antonio M. Maccaro
Ryley M. MacLagan
Tyler J. Magliulo
Patrick J. Mahan II
Allyson M. Mallon
Nicholas G. Mango
Gianna Marie Marfoglio
Robert A. Marigliano
Julia E. Marsala
Robert A. McGee III
Arianna M. McMorris
Alexandra D. Medvedeva
Gavin T. Melandro
Gabriella M. Meli
Cristian M. Mercado
RoseMarie S. Minneci
Tara C. Mirabell
Brianna Rae Montes
Emily Rose Mulcahy
Fatou B. Ndiaye
Samanta J. Nicosia
Terrence J. Nolan Jr.
Blake C. Osness
Victoria S. Pace
Amanda Padrazo
Courtney P. Palumbo
Margaret R. Panasci
Isadora N. Petretti
Devin M. Pisani
Michael R. Plisco
Michael O. Plagge Jr.
Brooke M. Powers

Sean M. Reagan
Paul Carrano Reilly
Shannon R. Reilly
Thomas J. Riess
Mario Rivera
Raphael Roa
Luca A. Romano
James A. Rose
Jack Rubin
Madeline V. Rutkowski
Samantha E. Rutkowski
Joshua M. Sagat
Spencer Sanchez
Cullen P. SantaMaria
Elle I. Schepis
Dylan T. Schiro
Michael J. Schmalzle
Wilson Schmalzle
Jared S. Sciarrino
Aaron D. Scott
Stephanie L. Sealing
Sarah E. Sheridan
Elizabeth Marie Shields
Cameron J. Sisler
Samantha G. Sperling
Sean C. Spitaliere
Noell Spuhler
Zoe B. Squires
Summer M. Steigel
Lily A. Suessner
Gianna N. Tambascio-Cardone
Jay F. Taylor
Heather R. Tepper
Nicolette Ting-Toyo
Andrew J. Trezza
Catalena A. Trimmingham
Michael J. Turecamo
Michael J. Varrone
Jacob Vogel
Kate E. Vogeli
Danielle E. Walczyk Perner
William J. Wells III
Lana I. Wilcox
Matthew J. Zahn
Adam J. Zelin
Zachary D. Zeller
Adam J. Zinn

Thank You for Your Service

On behalf of the Shoreham-Wading River School District, we thank these eight graduates of the Class of 2020 for their future service to our country:

Dylan Anderson
Air Force

Benjamin Carrier
Army ROTC at Fordham University

Gabriel Kent
U.S. Air Force ROTC at Fordham University

Xavier Arline
U.S. Naval Academy

Dain Higgins
Army

William Cutinella
U.S. Air Force ROTC at Princeton University

Josef Brown
Air Force

Gianna Gregorek
U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School

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Points of Pride
During a Pandemic

The past few months have been at times demanding and stimulating, challenging and invigorating. Through it all, our community came together, and our students have continued to learn and engage others. They have been recognized for academic excellence, creativity, community engagement, tackling environmental issues and social activism. Below is just a sampling of these proud moments:

- 73 students were inducted into the National Honor Society.
- An eighth grader won first place in the state competition of the virtual National History Day project.
- Two students were recognized by the Parrish Art Museum for their artistic talents.
- Two students were recognized by New York State’s Students Against Destructive Decisions for their contributions to the school and community through the school’s S.A.D.D. chapter.
- The High School’s Global Awareness Club created its first virtual newsletter.
- In a socially distant manner, Wading River School students honored the ecosystem when they released more than 200 trout that were raised in the school into Deep Pond at the Schiff Scout Reservation in Wading River.
- 25 Prodell students were honored with outstanding achievement and scholarship awards in a virtual ceremony.
- The High School created both a virtual art show and the annual Suites and Treats for at-home viewing.
- Stony Brook University’s iGEM team, along with an SWR alumnus, presented a workshop to the High School’s AP Research students on the research process, focusing on the area of synthetic biology.
- Two Miller Avenue second graders created coding games while at home.
- Dozens of students took part in the 5th annual STEAM Symposium, which was creatively developed by educators throughout the district to support students during COVID-19 distance learning.
- Prodell orchestra students created a virtual orchestra video of their performance of one of their spring concert pieces, “Themes from the New World Symphony.”
- One senior will attend Northwestern University on an Evans Scholarship, a full housing and tuition scholarship awarded to golf caddies.
- Wading River fifth graders took part in a moving-up ceremony to celebrate their move to Prodell Middle School.
- Elementary students took part in virtual field day events to continue with physical education.
- Prodell chorus students virtually performed “The Star-Spangled Banner” for the Board of Education to recognize Memorial Day.
- And for those who thought they saw a unicorn visiting homes of seniors, it was in fact our supportive Wildcats Helping the Music and Arts members delivering congratulatory gifts to the senior class members.
Dear Shoreham-Wading River Community,

Congratulations to the Shoreham-Wading River High School Class of 2020, as we reflect on their many accomplishments in local, county and state athletics, as well as their participation in several prestigious music and arts events. In addition, the Shoreham-Wading River High School has been acknowledged for several distinguished academic recognitions, including status as a National Blue Ribbon School and as a New York State Recognition School on the U.S. News & World Report Best High School list. Shoreham-Wading River was also ranked in the National Association of Music Merchants 2020 Best Communities for Music Education.

When the school year came to an unexpected halt in March, the strong connections among students, faculty, administration and families went into full gear. Together, everyone steadily adapted to the challenges of at-home learning and, by April, a reopening committee was formed and set to work on a plan to ready our school buildings for September.

To develop a plan, the District conducted a careful review of all available instructional spaces in each building to calculate how many students could be appropriately socially distanced in classrooms by six feet. The analysis revealed that the District is able to bring back all K-12 students every day with appropriate social distancing. Please visit our webpage (http://www.swrschools.org) to access our reopening plans, and to view recent Board of Education meetings which share our plans in greater detail.

Please reach out to my office at any time, should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gerard W. Poole
Superintendent of Schools

In April, the School District formed a reopening committee for the 2020-21 school year with three subcommittees with priority focus on health and safety, academic success, and mental health and well-being. As we move forward with plans to safely return all students and staff to in-person instruction in a program that is as closely aligned to our core program as possible, our priorities and goals consider the needs of the Whole Child while adhering to the New York State reopening guidelines. Updated information can be found on the District website: www.swrschools.org.