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## Congratulations To Commack High School

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### **COMMACK HIGH SCHOOL AWARDED GOLD MEDAL AND NAMED TO US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT'S 2012 BEST 100 HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE NATION**

It was announced on May 7, that Commack High School is ranked as one of the Best 100 Schools in the United States by U.S. News & World Report. In addition, Commack received a Gold Medal ranking and is ranked 18th in New York State, and first in Suffolk County!

According to US News & World Report, "We evaluated nearly We evaluated nearly 22,000 public high schools in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Schools were awarded gold, silver, or bronze medals based on state proficiency standards, how well they prepare students for college, and other factors." The three steps included determining if students at each school were performing higher than students in the rest of the state, looking at math and reading scores and proficiency rates, and using Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate test data to determine college-readiness performance.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Donald James, was ecstatic with the results. He said, "It is an amazing honor for Commack High School to be named one of the Best 100 High Schools in the nation, an honor bestowed upon the entire community. Key players in this accomplishment include students, teachers, administrators, staff, the Board of Education,

parents, and residents - all of whom had a hand in attaining this significant recognition. Clearly, Commack is meeting and exceeding all standards and preparing students for success after high school. Congratulations are in order for the entire community! Again, thank you to everyone who played a role in this accomplishment. It is a proud day in Commack!"

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