



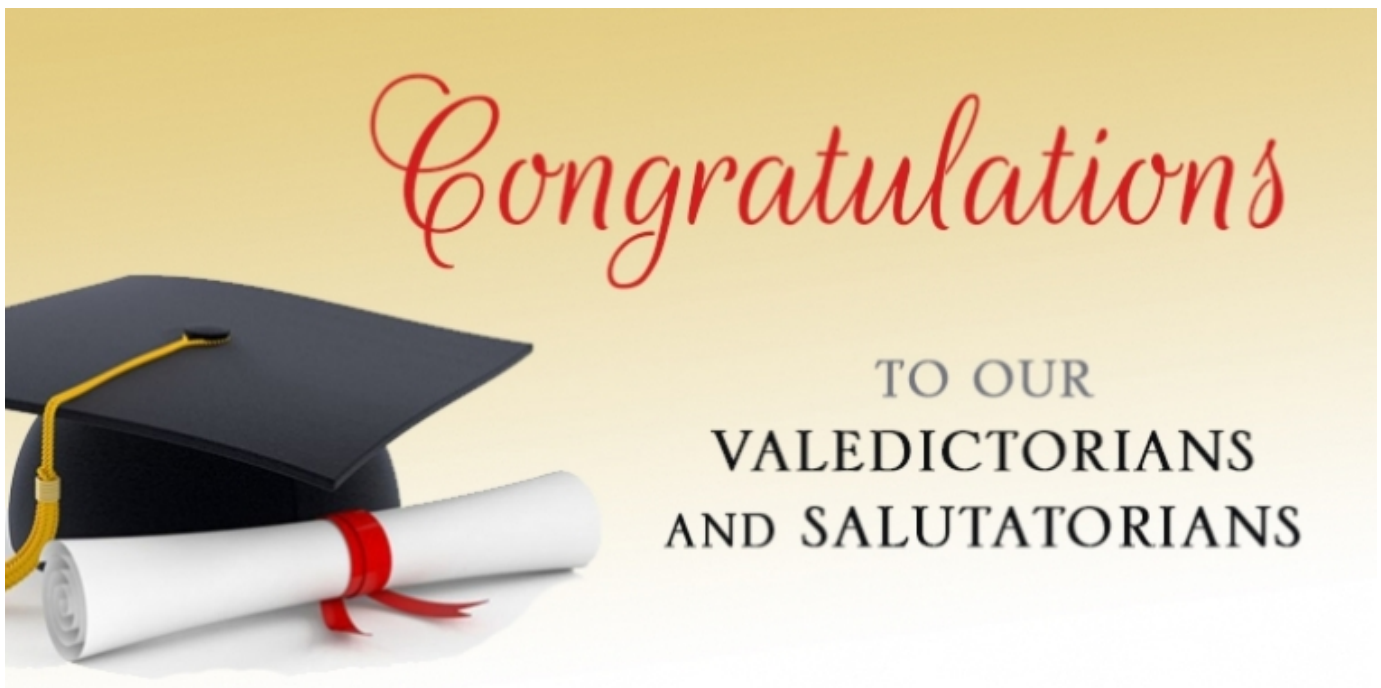
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Senator Palumbo Hosts Virtual Event to Acknowledge the Accomplishments and Achievements of the 1st Senate District's Valedictorians and Salutatorians

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Senator Anthony Palumbo (R,C - New Suffolk) today hosted a virtual Valedictorian and Salutatorian celebration event to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of 41 of Long Island's most accomplished students. Senator Palumbo welcomed Assemblyman Fred Thiele (I-Sag Harbor), Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio (District 2), Assemblyman Joe DeStefano (District 3), and Assemblyman Steve Englebright (District 4) to join in the morning

of conversation and accolades for the students.

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“For nearly a decade representatives in the 1st Senate District have celebrated the magnificent achievements and accomplishments of the region’s valedictorians and salutatorians,” said Senator Anthony Palumbo. “Now, more than ever, it is important to continue this tradition started by my predecessor Senator Ken LaValle and recognize the hard work and dedication that these extraordinary students have shown throughout their academic careers and in these unprecedented times.”

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Assemblyman Thiele stated, “Each year, it is a distinct privilege to honor the tremendous achievements of the East End’s valedictorians and salutatorians. Through challenging times, these students have persevered and their dedication to their academic careers is apparent. I congratulate these extraordinarily accomplished members of the Class of 2021, and wish them continued success in their future endeavors.”

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Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio stated: “Congratulations to each of our Valedictorians and Salutatorians on achieving these great honors. I know that each of you will continue to strive and succeed as you move forward in life.”

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Assemblyman Joe DeStefano stated: “I think it is important to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of these amazing students, especially considering the unconventional classroom circumstances of the last year and a half. I wish these young people the best of luck on all their future endeavors.”

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Assemblyman Steve Englebright stated: “My colleagues and I wish our graduating Valedictorians and Salutatorians all the best as they begin the next chapter in their lives.”

The following students overcame the obstacles of a challenging year, in the midst of a pandemic, to earn the rank of top of their class. Congratulations to:

Zoe Lucas and Miles Clark - Bridgehampton School District,
Jesse DeMatteo and Gillian Shrey - Center Moriches UFSD,
Sydney Carter and Anthony Lin - Comsewogue UFSD,
Benjamin Barris and Anni Spacek - East Hampton UFSD,
Skylar Bachisin and Olivia Reid - Eastport South Manor CSD,
Emily McInnis and Aidan Crowley - Greenport UFSD,
Tara Lauther and Katerina Reich - Hampton Bays UFSD,
Emily Arbuiso and Gavin Stumpf - Longwood CSD,
Luke Altman and Weronika Jachimowicz - Mattituck-Cutchogue UFSD,
Kyla Bruno and Jason Cirrito - Miller Place SD,
Elaina Varriale and Paige Brauer - Mount Sinai SD,
Peggy Yin and Massimo Cipriano - Port Jefferson SD,
Aria Manucha and Kyle Martelli - Riverhead CSD,
Ashlynnne Xavier and Fiona Grace McEvoy - Rocky Point UFSD,
Gaylin Davey and Lucia Beeton - Sag Harbor UFSD,
Theodore Olinkiewicz and Jane Richards - Shelter Island UFSD,
Owen Beran/Mika Misawa and Daniel Julian - Shoreham-Wading River CSD,
Benjamin Ward and Hanna DeSimone - Southold UFSD,

Jacqueline Glaser and Jade Hawkesworth - Westhampton Beach UFSD,

Christian Reilly and Dorian DeLeon - William Floyd SD

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“It was a great pleasure speaking with these remarkable students and hearing about their future plans, accomplishments and favorite memories from high school,” said Senator Palumbo. “Congratulations to all of our valedictorians and salutatorians. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and congratulate them, and their parents on their significant accomplishments.”