

Pawling

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fall 2018 Newsletter



Dear PCSD Community Member:

In a departure from recent years, this June's graduation weather provided relatively low humidity and seasonable temperatures, allowing graduates and family members to comfortably enjoy Pawling High School's 68th commencement exercises.

The 89 graduates kicked off the ceremony, entering the gym as the high school band played Pomp and Circumstance. The chorus offered the National Anthem followed by our PHS Alma Mater.

PHS Principal Helen Callan welcomed family and community members before inviting Salutatorian Abby Reid to address the gathering. Abby encouraged her classmates to embrace life's hiccups or minor setbacks. "Like hiccups, mistakes can also be embarrassing and uncomfortable. Yet, they are only temporary and eventually lead to personal growth. One of the most important lessons I've learned is to be okay with failure. If you make a mistake, it's how you get back on your feet and improve for the next time that truly matters... you must be persistent to overcome your obstacles and turn them into achievements."

Valedictorian Eilis Barrick reflected on the people who helped make her high school experience memorable. "Nowhere else would I have had such amazing teachers who truly cared about not only the material but their students...nowhere else would I have been surrounded by such amazing students...You all are some of the brightest, funniest and most incredible young adults that I have had the pleasure of spending four years with, and I wish you the best."

The Senior Class Gift was presented by Kelly Koerner on behalf of the graduating class. Following last year's class, the Class of 2018 provided financial support for the future purchase of an electronic sign on the high school campus.

At this year's Senior Scholarship Awards Night which preceded graduation, a number of scholarships were awarded to more than 40 different students. The Board of Education wishes to offer sincere thanks to the many donors who contributed more than \$110,000 in support of our graduates' pursuit of higher education. These scholarships will provide much needed assistance to Pawling families.

Matthew LaBarbera was honored with the Collette Family PHS Character and Leadership scholarship worth \$15,000. Eilis Barrick, Emma Martin, Abigail Reid, Martha Topolnitski, and

Cameron Walters each received \$10,000 from the Akin Hall Association. James Bellucci, Alex Badia, Kelly Koerner, and Olivia Zoeller also received scholarship awards from Akin Hall. Molly Wolff received the David Rathbun Music Scholarship and Emma Martin was recognized with the Alberta Shannon McGrath Memorial scholarship. Kelly Koerner was named the Roger Smith Rotary Club scholarship winner. (See a complete list on page 3.)

High School Principal, Helen Callan, concluded the ceremonies with brief remarks addressed to the graduates. "Each one of you is an individual with different experiences, but you're all connected by the fact that you grew together here at Pawling High School. This school and this community is like a family. Sometimes we laugh together, and sometimes we cry. Sometimes we agree, and sometimes we don't. Sometimes we celebrate each other's successes, and we offer a helping hand when we face challenges. Tonight, you are surrounded by the people who have been most instrumental in your journey up to this point. After tonight, you are moving to the next phase of your life. As you explore, grow, dream and become the people that you are meant to be, remember that you take the best wishes, hopes, and congratulations of your family here at Pawling High School. We wish you nothing but the best."

From my perspective as President of the Board of Education, I wish to thank prior and current Board of Education members who have served on behalf of our graduates during their time as students in our District. I also extend thanks to the entire community for your support of our students through your attendance at concerts, athletic contests, musical performances, plays, and other school events. I know we all join Ms. Callan in offering our best wishes and congratulations.

Jeff Asher
President,
Pawling Board of Education

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Be sure to check out our "Did-You-Know?" fact feature.



CLASS OF 2018 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

*Congratulations
to all!*

Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Science
Alfred University (2)
Anna Maria College
Arcadia University
Becker College (2)
Bentley University (2)
Berkeley College
Bloomsburg University
Boston College
Boston University (2)
Brandeis University
Bridgewater State University
California State University, East Bay
Central Piedmont Community College
Clark University
Clarkson University (2)
Clemson University Engineering & Science
Coastal Carolina University
College of Mount Saint Vincent
College of St. Rose (2)
Concordia College
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
City University of New York (CUNY):
Baruch College (2)
Brooklyn College
City College (2)
College of Staten Island
Hunter College (2)
John Jay College of Criminal Justice (3)
Lehman College
Daemen College
DeSales University
East Carolina University
Elmira College (2)
Elon University
Erie Community College
Fairfield University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Fordham University (6)
George Mason University (3)
George Washington University
Hamilton College
High Point University

Hillsborough Community College
Hofstra University
Iona College (2)
Ithaca College (2)
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University (2)
Keystone College
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Lasell College (2)
Long Island University - Post (2)
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Manhattan College
Marist College
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Medaille College
Mercy College (3)
Merrimack College
Michigan State University
Mitchell College
Mount Saint Mary College (3)
Naugatuck Valley Community College
North Carolina State University (2)
Northwestern State University of Louisiana
Pace University (7)
Penn State University
Plymouth State University (4)
Quinnipiac University (3)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rider University
Rochester Institute of Technology (5)
Roger Williams University (3)
Sacred Heart University (2)
Saint Leo University (2)
Saint Mary's College of California
Saint Michael's College
Salve Regina University
San Francisco State University
Schenectady County Community College
Seton Hall University
Siena College (4)
Southern Connecticut State University

St. John's University (2)
St. Lawrence University
State University of New York (SUNY):
Adirondack
Binghamton University (3)
Canton (2)
Cobleskill (3)
College of Environmental Science & Forestry
Cortland (7)
Delhi (4)
Dutchess Community College (11)
Farmingdale State College
Genesee Community College
Genesee (2)
Hudson Valley Community College
Morrisville (5)
New Paltz (7)
Old Westbury
Oneonta (4)
Oswego (2)
Plattsburgh (6)
Polytechnic Institute (3)
Potsdam
Purchase College
Stony Brook University (4)
University of Albany (5)
University at Buffalo (5)
Westchester Community College (2)
Suffolk University
Syracuse University (2)
Towson University
Union College
United States Military Academy – West Point
University of Alabama
University of California at Santa Cruz
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware (2)
University of Louisiana

University of Massachusetts at Amherst (3)
University of Massachusetts at Boston
University of Massachusetts Lowell (2)
University of Minnesota
University of New Hampshire at Durham
University of New Haven (1)
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of Pittsburgh
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
University of Rhode Island (3)
University of Rochester (3)
University of San Francisco
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of the Pacific
University of Vermont (2)
Utica College
Villanova University (2)
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesley College
West Virginia University
Western Connecticut State University (8)
Western New England University
Whittier College



92.7% of the Class of 2018 was accepted into 2 or 4-year colleges or the military!

2018 AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Thank You!

AKIN HALL ASSOCIATION OF QUAKER HILL \$10,000

Elizabeth Barrick, Emma Martin, Abigail Reid,
Martha Topolnitski, Cameron Walters

AKIN HALL ASSOCIATION OF QUAKER HILL \$2,000

James Bellucci

AKIN HALL ASSOCIATION MERIT AWARD \$1,000

Alex Badia, Kelly Koerner, Olivia Zoeller

ALBERTA SHANNON MCGRATH MEMORIAL \$2,000

Emma Martin

ALEXANDRA AWARD \$300

Heather Viani

AUGIE BALDINO, JR. MEMORIAL \$250

Elizabeth Barrick

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA \$300

Emma Martin

CHARLES HUBERT, JR. MEMORIAL \$300

Melissa Talamo

COLLETTE FAMILY PHS CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP \$15,000

Matthew LaBarbera

DANIEL VICTOR PURDY MEMORIAL \$1,000

Daniel DeGloria

DAVID B. CUNNINGHAM MEMORIAL GRANGE \$500

Amanda Scoca

DAVID RATHBUN MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP \$2,000

Molly Wolff

DOVER CHAPTER #576 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR \$100

Stephanie Sypher

DR GIUSEPPE BUCCI MEMORIAL \$750

Megan Gibbons

FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY AWARD \$100

Emma Athow

HARLEM VALLEY ARTS \$150

Jessica Tocci

HARLEM VALLEY LODGE #827 F. AND A.M. \$100

Abigail Reid

HOLMES-WHALEY LAKE CIVIC ASSOCIATION \$300

Tyler Kemmer

JAMES P. CASEY MEMORIAL \$300

Tessa Barry

JANINA BRAUN, DDS \$150

Melissa Talamo

JERI DEFABBIA MEMORIAL \$100

Grace Schartau

JOHN P. HEARN MEMORIAL \$500

Filomena Gentile, Cameron Walters

JOHN IMRE MEMORIAL \$250

Melissa Talamo

JOHN E. ROGERS CHEMISTRY \$200

Abigail Reid

JOHN R. WAGNER MEMORIAL MATH \$500

Abigail Reid

**LAURIE SPENS
PHOTOGRAPHY \$300**

Elizabeth Barrick

MICHAEL R. ROSS MEMORIAL \$500

Katherine Vogel

MIKEY MCKENNA MEMORIAL \$200

Melissa Talamo

**NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE \$1,500**

Abigail Reid

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE \$500

Elizabeth Barrick, Alex Badia, Emma Martin

NORTHRUP MUSIC AWARD \$250

Alex Badia, Emma Herman,
Jake Ferraiola, Benjamin
Clisby, Jonathan Melchor

PCSB BANK \$500

Tessa Barry

PATRICIA AND JAY SHERLACH MEMORIAL \$400

Dominic Giordano

PATRICK FEERY MEMORIAL \$500

Amanda Scoca

PAWLING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$500

Matthew LaBarbera

PAWLING CONGRESS OF TEACHERS \$750

Anthony Lozano, Katherine Vogel

PAWLING FAMILY QUICK STOP \$200

Dominic Giordano, Matthew LaBarbera,
Abigail Reid, Tyler Schilb, Olivia Zoeller

PAWLING FIRE DEPARTMENT \$1,500

Amanda Scoca

PAWLING FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY \$500

Amanda Scoca, Breann Scoca

PAWLING FIRE DEPARTMENT JAMES UTTER MEMORIAL \$1,500

Amanda Scoca

PAWLING FISH AND GAME \$350

Kelly Koerner

PAWLING HIGH SCHOOL DEDICATION AWARD \$300

Karen Diaz Aguilar

PAWLING HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB \$200

Cailey Olaya, Jessica Tocci

PAWLING HIGH SCHOOL SEAL OF BILITERACY AWARD \$200

Cindy Villatoro-Lazo

PAWLING LIONS CLUB \$300

Melissa Talamo

PAWLING P.T.S.A. \$500

Matthew LaBarbera, Breann Scoca,
Olivia Zoeller

PAWLING PUBLIC RADIO \$250

Filomena Gentile

PAWLING SHAKESPEARE CLUB \$500

Jessica Tocci

PEER LEADERSHIP \$300

Tessa Barry, Megan Gibbons,
Dominic Giordano, Emma Martin,
Abigail Reid, Cameron Walters

ROBERT M. HUBERT MEMORIAL \$100

Anthony D'Amico

ROGER SMITH PAWLING ROTARY CLUB \$2,500

Kelly Koerner, Breann Scoca

ROSE & KIERNAN \$250

Megan Gibbons

RUTH ROWE MEMORIAL \$1,000

Molly Wolff

SHANE L. SMITH MEMORIAL \$1,000

Breann Scoca

SHANE L. SMITH MEMORIAL \$200

Griffin Knapp

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY AWARD \$200

Matthew LaBarbera

STEPHANIE PUGLIESE MEMORIAL \$500

Amanda Scoca

SYLVIA JUROW MEMORIAL \$500

Grace Schartau

TELA COOK \$250

Filomena Gentile

THOMAS O'ROURKE GALLAGHER MEMORIAL \$200

Tyler Kemmer

VIOLA E. RANDOLPH \$600

Emma Athow, Matthew LaBarbera, Abigail Reid,
Martha Topolnitski, Cindy Villatoro-Lazo

VISUAL ARTS \$150

Madeleine Conroy

VISUAL ARTS \$100

Tessa Barry, Matthew LaBarbera

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Capital Projects Update: Many Projects Near Completion

In May 2016, the voters approved the expenditure of \$3 million in capital funds for school district improvement projects. These projects included repaving of the main driveways on the high school/middle school campus, replacement of the 50-year old windows at the high school, security improvements at the middle school and high school, New York State Education Department (NYSED) required ventilation improvements at PMS and PHS, fire safety improvements required by NYSED at PES and PHS, improvements to the high school cafeteria, improvements to the high school auditorium stage rigging and lighting, an emergency generator at the middle school, and LED lighting upgrades throughout the District.

Due to delays in the NYSED approval process, a number of the projects could not be completed during summer 2017, as originally planned. We were, however, able to complete much of the repaving project on the high school/middle school campus.

The other projects were postponed until this summer and are now in their final stages. Security improvements at both the middle school and high school neared completion for the beginning of the school year. A remodeled cafeteria greeted our high school students when they returned to school. Disappointing delays in the production of new seating for the cafeteria means that the new furniture will arrive after school begins, and our students will begin to enjoy upgrades in early fall. The improvements will yield a more comfortable and relaxing environment for students every day and better options for parent meetings throughout the school year.

The SED-required ventilation improvements were completed this summer, as were the fire safety improvements (smoke doors) at PES and PHS. The high school window replacement project will be completed in September with work taking place after regular school hours. The emergency generator at the middle school will provide power to allow continuous operations of our computer systems, along with safe storage of food supplies. LED lighting improvements will be carried out by District staff members as a cost-saving measure over the coming months.

In late August, NYSED finally gave approval for the replacement of the original stage rigging system on the high school stage, as well as upgrades to the stage lighting. In the coming months the District will begin the bidding process for these projects with a goal of beginning the work next spring so that the work may be completed prior to the opening of school in September 2019.

Important Fall Dates

October 5 th - Countywide Early Dismissal Drill	November 9 th - No School Superintendent's Conference Day
October 8 th - District Closed: Columbus Day	November 12 th - District Closed: Veteran's Day
October 9 th - Board of Education Mtg, PHS, 7:30 pm	November 21-23 rd - Thanksgiving Recess
October 12 th - Homecoming Parade, 6:00 pm	
October 22 nd - Board Meeting, PES, 7:30 pm	

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- New STEM classes at the middle school include The Science of Technology and Energy and the Environment?
- Cyber-Security is the newest course offering in the Computer Science sequence at PHS?
- Seven fall sports are available for student participation at the modified, JV and Varsity levels?



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