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Farewell to the Class of 2017!

On June 23rd, South Side High School Seniors gathered at Hofstra University to bid farewell to the Rockville Centre School District. Clad in blue caps and gowns, students entered the arena to “Pomp and Circumstance” performed by the South Side High School Wind Ensemble and conducted by Mr. Barry LeBron, followed by the senior members of the Chambers Singers’ rendition of the “National Anthem” conducted by Dr. Doreen Fryling.

We are extremely proud of the achievements of the Class of 2017; 87% earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, 51% of our graduates are IB Diploma Candidates and 96% of our graduating seniors plan to continue their education, attending a 4-year or 2-year college.

Speeches of congratulations and motivation were delivered by South Side High School Principal John Murphy, Board of Education President Mark Masin and Senator Chuck Schumer. Dr. William Johnson presented the Laurel Awards to Brandon Stein and Paulina Kenny. Ms. Bobbi Edelson from the Alumni Association presented the Centennial Award for School and Community to Kayhan Kazbay and Anna Rodriguez. Salutatorian Grace Feiner shared memories and spoke words of encouragement. Valedictorian Morley Hawriluk spoke to his fellow classmates about preserving and cherishing our planet. As the students were being called to come to the stage to receive their diplomas, unfortunately, the sprinkler system burst, disrupting the ceremony and forcing all in attendance to evacuate the building. This was not the end of the ceremony as some students had not yet walked across the stage and Senior Class President Paulina Kenny had not delivered her speech. As a way to honor these students and give the class of 2017 a chance to hear their Class President’s ‘Congratulations to the Class of 2017’ address, a second ceremony was held in the High School auditorium on June 29th, dubbed Graduation 2.0 by the South Side faculty. During the event Principal John Murphy reminded the crowd that this was a continuation of the commencement, not a separate event. Mr. Murphy noted that there was a silver lining to the disruption of the first ceremony. He said, “It’s a living testament to the fact that bad things do happen, but even under the worst of circumstances ... the loving kindness does seem to pierce through, and we see people coming together and, in that regard, we are fortunate.”

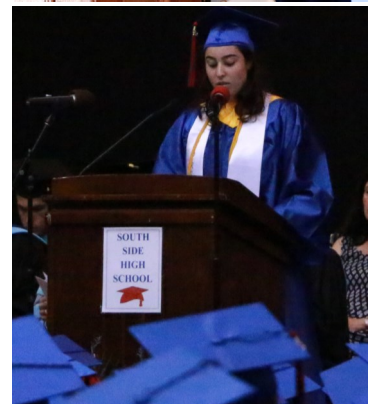
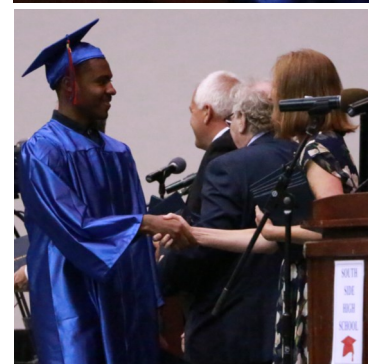
Graduates were gifted umbrellas bearing the school insignia and note cards reading, “May This Be The Only Time It Rains On Your Parade.”

Congratulations to all of the Graduates of the South Side High School Class of 2017!



South Side High School Class of 2017

Michael Z. Afanador		Michelle Cosares	❖	Lauren M. Habacker	❖
Karalyn N. Agoglia	❖●	Carter Francis Cosgrove	❖●	Greg Bayham Hall	❖●
Marco A. Aguilar	❖	Victoria Elizabeth Coughlin	❖●	Adam Hamacher	❖
Madelyn Rose Ajello	❖●	Leslie Cruz	❖	Devin M. Hamilton	❖
Henry J. Amione	❖	Tara C. Culkin	❖●	Morley Jon Hawriluk	❖●
Anthony Tairik Arias	❖	Joshua D. Curtis	❖●	Haley Jean Hayden	❖
Ethan Asch		Talia Cutrone	❖●	John J. Healy	❖●
Damilola Awosika	❖●	Ryan T.V. D'accordo	❖●	Margaret Hefner	❖●
Nicholas T. Aydinoglu	❖	Benjamin R. Dacek	❖●	Christopher B. Heins	❖●
Brendan J. Azueta	❖●	Keyri De Leon		Eileen Herrera	❖
Ryan Wilson Richard Backus	❖	Nicole A. De La Haye	❖	Emma R. Herrmann	
James A. Barrett	❖	Isabella R. Dell'Amore	❖●	Kenneth T. Hoefler	❖
Matthew P. Barrett	❖	Alexandra Diez	❖●	Samantha A. Horowitz	❖●
Alexandra Nicole Barry	❖●	Grace H. Donovan	❖●	Julia Hospodka	
Patrick C. Basile	❖●	Erin G. Dooney	❖●	Liam W. Itgen	❖●
Shane C. Batyr	❖	Thomas L. Doyle	❖●	Wallace Jackson II	
Sarah Emerson Baylis	❖●	Aaron Jelani Osaze Duggan	❖●	Kelly F. Jahn	❖●
Emily Maria Boranian	❖	Alexandra Eva Eastzer	❖●	Carolyn Jansen	❖
Aidan Lawrence Botta	❖	Olivia E. Edell	❖●	Brandon T. Jenkins	
Kaleigh Elizabeth Botta	❖	Emily V. Edwards	❖	Alex Johnson	❖●
Elise Paige Bravate	❖	Bethany G. Encarnacion	❖	Andréa Kalafatis	❖
Erica R. Burroughs		Kristen M. Enea	❖	Kayhan Kazbay	❖●
Thomas J. Buzzi	❖●	Meghan M. Fahy	❖●	Joshua I Kellner	❖●
Sean P. Byrne	❖●	Grace O. Feiner	❖●	Brigit C. Kelly	❖●
Haley A. Cabassa	❖	Dennis Howard Felson	❖	Vanessa Kelly	❖●
Jake Dylan Camarillo	❖	Christine L. Ferrara	❖●	Kevin J. Kenny	❖
Aymar Carmichael	❖	Brian A. Ferro	❖●	Paulina E. Kenny	❖●
M. Kate Carrigan	❖	Cynthia Flores		Isabelle C. King	❖●
Charlotte A. Carver	❖	Annie E. Ford	❖●	Katlyn R. Kirby	
Joseph Casagrande		James Fowler	❖	Kayla A. Klarides	❖●
Sean M. Caster		Francis E. Gallagher	❖	Juliana D. Klaum	❖
Joseph Catuogno	❖●	Connor A. Gallego	❖●	Alexander E. Klein	❖
Daniel J. Cavallo	❖●	Samantha E. Gallego	❖●	Mitchell J. Koenig	❖
Liam W. Chung	❖●	Michael Thomas Gallub	❖	Grace Marie Lacava	❖●
Jack C. Cino	❖	Ethan C. Gelman	❖	Ruo-Yah Lai	❖●
Jonathan S. Cisario	❖	Rita R. Gentile	❖●	Alessandra Dorothy Land	
Sabrina Collado	❖	Matthew S. Goldberg	❖	Ryan M. Langdon	❖●
Kiersten Colvin	❖●	Elizabeth Lauren Gomiela	❖	Darren Charles Lawless	❖
Connor P. Coniglio	❖	Marvely M. Gonzales Guevara		Justin P. Lawless	❖
Nicole Connelly	❖	Kiara J. Graham		Michael Leake	❖
Chelsea D. Connolly	❖●	John William Grandazza		Timothy Leake	❖
Fiona J. Conroy	❖●	Brandon A. Grayson	❖	Kyra Trudi Lee	❖●
Bridget K. Considine	❖	Isabelle C. Grillo	❖●	Sydney A. Levy	❖●
Clifford C. Cornell	❖●	Jeffrey Dylan Groff	❖	Joseph C. Licalzi	❖●



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Brian N. Limerick	❖	Madeline E. Musnisky	❖●	Madelyn Santana	
Caroline M. Livingstone	❖●	Kelsey Rachel Nass	❖●	Ian J. Santora	❖
Liana K. Lo	❖●	Elizabeth F. Navarino	❖●	Joseph Sarro	
Gabrielle Adele Lucas	❖●	Dayna E. Newman	❖●	Brandon N. Schiffman	❖
Jake Thomas Lunney		Taylor Lee Nunziato	❖●	Kevin Andrew Schnee	❖
Kiera K. MacAneney	❖●	Narisse A. Nurse	❖	Daniel C. Schwartz	❖
Brittany Ann MacKnight	❖●	Agatha M. O'Connell	❖●	Christina Marie Scotto	❖
Camila E. Madera	❖	Hannah J. O'Connor	❖●	Matthew Aaron Seganti	❖●
Allison Clark Mahoney	❖●	Todd Ohanian	❖●	Paige V. Shaw	
Daniel P Mallay	❖●	Dylan James O'Leary	❖●	Jennifer M. Sheehan	❖●
Joseph P. Marasco	❖●	Kayla G. O'Rourke	❖	Erin M. Sherlock	❖●
Marc A. Marasco	❖●	Michael Ortiz	❖	John M. Sherry	
Natalie Marinelli	❖	Matthew C. Palmas	❖	Tess E. Siegel	❖
Joseph A. Marino	❖	Emma R. Parascos	❖●	Charles Silecchia	❖●
Dalvin Martinez		Katherine Parker	❖●	Juan M. Siliezar	❖●
Jessica J. Martino	❖●	Austin C. Patchke		Rose Noelle Simorella	
Kyle M. Martirano	❖●	Thiana G. Paulino		John C. Sliva	❖●
Ryan T. Martirano	❖●	Clare C. Petrocelli	❖●	Emily G. Sobel	❖●
Olivia Mastrosimone	❖●	Jonathan M. Pickett	❖	Danielle S. Sorscher	❖●
Taylor A. Maughan	❖●	Ryan Michael Prendergast	❖●	Nikki Stamile	❖●
Jessica Mauro	❖●	Christian E. Prevete	❖	Samantha L. Stanton	
Emily McAteer		Paige Nicole Pusateri	❖●	Brandon H. Stein	❖●
Elisabeth McCarthy	❖●	Colin Quelle	❖●	Lukas M. Straube	❖●
Ryan James McCarthy	❖	Kelsey A. Quinn	❖●	Tia Sutton	
Aaliyah Christina McCrea		Anthony J. Ranieri	❖	Yasmin Syed Aslam	❖
Matthew A. McDonald	❖●	Michaela E. Reis	❖●	Daniel C. Talty	❖
Peter McEntee	❖●	Rodrigo A. Rendon		Jeffrey M. Tavarez	
Sean Michael McGee	❖	Jade H. Rheingold		James Hamilton Testa	❖●
Ryan F. McGurren	❖	Tyler J. Riccio	❖●	Jourdin Y. Thomas	❖●
Evelina Balapanova McMahon	❖	Scott T. Richman	❖	Michaela A. Titus-Simmons	❖
Lauren Elizabeth McNally	❖●	John J. Rigazio		Scott Thomas Trutt	
Trevor A. McNally	❖●	Daniel A. Riordan	❖	Jake F. Turchin	❖
Alexandra K. McNicholas	❖●	Katie R. Rivas	❖	Thomas J. Van Vort	❖●
Anthony L. McPherson		Rosalynn A. Rivas	❖	Darlisy Vargas	❖●
Joshua Medidha	❖●	Anna Rose Rodriguez	❖●	Amanda M. Ventura Molina	❖●
Tasheen T. Moore		Ciara H. Rodriguez	❖●	Nigel M. Viegas	❖●
Kevin M. Moran	❖	Leslie Rodriguez	❖	Victoria Eileen Ward	❖
Allison J. Mullooly	❖●	Christopher J. Romanowski	❖●	Tyquan M. Whitfield	❖●
Colin Joseph Mullooly	❖	Omar Rosario		Tyler Wukitsevits	❖●
Brendan Gerard Murphy	❖	Daniel Thomas Rosenberger	❖●	Thomas J. York	❖●
Julie M Murphy	❖●	Justin Ross	❖	Olivia G. Yuhas	❖●
Andrea S. Murray	❖●	James Patrick Ryan	❖●	Jacqueline E. Zogas	❖●
Mae M Murray	❖●	Wyatt Liam Safir	❖		
Jaymi M. Musacchio	❖	Maria N. Saia	❖		

❖ Regents Diploma Advanced Designation
● IB Diploma Candidate



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

During the fifth grade Moving-Up ceremonies at Covert, Hewitt, Riverside, Watson and Wilson elementary schools, there were words of congratulations on jobs well done as students bid farewell to their elementary years. There were also words of encouragement and support for the students' transition to South Side Middle School. Memories were shared and guests were treated to musical performances by the talented students. We wish all incoming 6th graders great success as they start their first year at South Side Middle School.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

At the South Side Middle School Final Assembly, eighth graders were celebrated for their achievements and the successful completion of their work at the Middle School. The ceremony was attended by the students' families, school faculty, administrators and members of the Board of Education. The ceremony was opened by 8th grader Kalib Hardley-Ferrens, followed by a speech from South Side High School 2018 SGA President Lily Coll. Both students spoke of the value of hard work and dedication and congratulated the eighth graders on their accomplishments. The ceremony also featured speeches by Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Johnson, South Side Middle School Principal Shelagh McGinn and Board of Education Vice President Liz Dion, all of whom expressed how proud they were of the students and also urged them to continue working hard in high school and beyond.

The farewell address was given by classmate Emilio Grillo and students were then called to the stage to accept their certificates. We wish them much success at South Side High School.





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DATES TO REMEMBER

August

29 BOE Tour of Buildings

September

4 Labor Day

5 First Day of School

6 Board of Education Regular Meeting

19 Board of Education Public Work Session



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If you believe that your school-age or preschool child may have a disability, please contact Dr. Noreen Leahy, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education, at (516) 255-8928, or Dr. Orly Gadon, Chairperson of the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Education at (516) 255-8942.



Congratulations to the Class of 2017!
We wish you much success on all life's journeys!