



The Bulletin Board

News from the Hicksville UFSD

Top of the Class of 2021

Congratulations to Navpreet Singh for being named the Class of 2021 valedictorian and to Cailin Hoang for being named the salutatorian.

Navpreet is an accomplished member of the Hicksville High School community and has received many recognitions due to his academic excellence. Throughout his time as a high school student, Navpreet took 12 Advanced Placement classes. He was named a National AP Scholar and a Questbridge College Prep Scholar, and received the AP Capstone Diploma in 2020. Most recently, Navpreet was announced a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and a Questbridge National College Match Finalist. His involvement in the English Honor Society, Math Honor Society, National Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Social Studies Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society are testaments to his academic achievements.

Additionally, Navpreet dedicated his time to many clubs in the district. Since seventh grade, Navpreet has been involved in the Science Olympiad club, earning 17 medals, including one state medal. This year, he served as the president of the club. Since ninth grade, Navpreet has been an active member of the Robotics Team. During his sophomore year, he traveled to Detroit and competed in the World Championships. Navpreet was also an officer for the Model United Nations club. Along with extracurricular clubs, Navpreet played the tenor saxophone in the Jazz Band and Marching Band and was a student-athlete on the varsity tennis team. This fall, Navpreet plans to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Cailin is a well-rounded student, involved in many extracurricular activities. During her time at Hicksville High School, she took 11 Advanced Placement courses. Her academic performance led to her involvement in many honor societies, including English Honor Society, Math Honor Society, National Honor Society, Social Studies Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society. Cailin was also the president of the Science Honor Society, encouraging her peers to engage in a scientific community. Throughout her five years as a member of the Science Olympiad club, Cailin received 11 medals and was named an officer in 11th and 12th grades. In the arts, Cailin is a standout student. She served as public relations officer of the Art Honor Society. At the High School's Empty Bowls fundraiser, Cailin used her talent to create artwork for sale that raises money for a local food pantry. Additionally, she was a violinist in the String Ensemble and a section leader of the Marching Band.

Outside of school, Cailin dedicates her time to help the community. She is an employee and volunteer with the Nassau County Office of Asian American Affairs, helping to bridge the gap between Asian minorities and the local government. She volunteered with the Nassau University Medical Center in 2018 and with the Buddy Break Organization from 2018-2019, watching over children with disabilities while their parents were busy. This fall, Cailin plans to attend Yale University.

Congratulations to Navpreet and Cailin! We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.



Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

Navpreet Singh, Valedictorian
"I know our senior year wasn't what we imagined it to be, but we made the most of what was given to us, and we will use the lessons that we learned to make ourselves better in the years to come."

Cailin Hoang, Salutatorian
"Take no reservations, put all your effort forth and cherish every opportunity to strengthen your mental landscape. And so, welcome not to the end but to the beginning of the next chapter of our lives."

On June 26, Hicksville High School's Class of 2021 proudly marched to the school's McCormack Field as "Pomp and Circumstance" echoed throughout the stadium. The 2021 commencement ceremony kicked off with Assistant Principal Patrick Harris reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by Rohina Nodrat's rendition of the national anthem.

Principal Raymond Williams was the first to address the Class of 2021, speaking of the strength, resilience and perseverance shown by each of the graduates during an unprecedented school year. Others who spoke of overcoming adversity and left the graduates with encouraging words included honored guest Dr. Augustine E. Tornatore, Board of Education member Carla Hoene, Class of

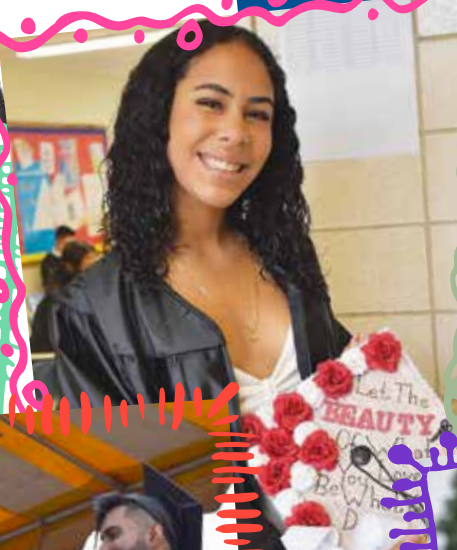
2021 valedictorian Navpreet Singh and salutatorian Cailin Hoang, and Superintendent of Schools Marianne Litzman.

Students were then called up to the stage to receive their diplomas from Principal Williams, celebrating the end of an era and the beginning of the next chapter of their lives. Congratulations to our graduates and best of luck in your future endeavors!

84% Continuing to a Two- or Four-Year College and 16% Continuing with Military Service or Other Postsecondary Plans

58.2% Graduated with a Regents with Advanced Designation Diploma

98.97% Graduated with a Regents Diploma



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ALUMNI *Spotlight*



ERIN BREEN LAVELLE

Hicksville High School
Class of 2008

After graduating from Hicksville High School in 2008, I attended Hofstra University where I played on the women's soccer team for four years. My time as a student-athlete at Hicksville High School prepared me for the rigors of balancing a Division I sport and a full academic course load. It was the example set forth by both my teachers and my coaches that allowed me to have success both on and off the field.

I graduated from Hofstra in 2012 with a degree in early childhood education, childhood education and history. I then went on to get a job teaching kindergarten on Long Island. I bring many of the lessons and values that I learned while in high school to my classroom every day. I am a proud graduate of Hicksville High School and am very grateful for my time there. Go Comets!