Learn about our Class of 2019 and see more photos from our moving up ceremonies, Pre-K through 12, inside.

Additional photos of our graduates can be found on our website under Latest News.
Introducing Our Graduates

Class of 2019 - Oceanside High School

Alison Abbey *
Alexandria Acero
Taylor Adler *
Mikayla Agid
Areej Ahmed *
Lucia Alamia
Matthew Altman
Leonardo Alvarez
Samantha Amber
Kyle Ambruso
Asadullah Bin Amir
Joseph Amir
Allison Ampudia
Thomas Andreoli
Jonathan Andujar
David Argiro
Nicole Arteaga
Liam Artus
Kevin Artus *

Jack Berkman
Sloane Bittner
Gianna Bloom
Jillian Bloom *
Christina Boerem
Lauren Boschert
Lauren Bouderau *
Ryan Breen
May Brintouch
Zachary Bronnberg
Justin Brooks *
Viktor Buckley *
Dylan Burgos
Isabella Burke
Samuel Burns
Olivia Burnside
Empress Cadet
Clay Calderon
Arcadia Calimano

Jolene Castro
Joseph Cavero
Matthew Champagne
Daniel Charnow
Kristi Chmielewski
Tiffany Chou *
Mateo Chumpitaz
Ante Cindric
Justin Ciocoi *
John Citarella
Fedley Clarke
Jessica Cocchiola
Alyssa Colon
Elysia Colon *
Christina Colucci
Tori Conroy
Alexa Consiglio
Brianna Costante *
Christiania Crawford-

Alfonso Davila
Giovanni DeMarzo
Andrew Devita
Rishab Dhanjal
Joseph DiCanio
Madeline DiDominica *
Tiffani-Amber Digrazia
Casandra Dolan
James Dolan
Katie Donaldson *
Jake Doshna
Ryan Downing *
Sabrina Duckworth
Savannah Duckworth
Gabriella Dziwura *
Joel Echeverria Garcia
Logan Eckstein
Amanda Eidelman
Noah Eisel
Molly Eisenberg *
Sarah Engelmann *
Gabrielle Esposito
Mariah Esquenazi-Eberhardt
Melanie Estevez
Timothy Evans
Sera Eviner *
Liam Fager *
Tara Farrell
Angeline Fazio *
Brendan Feehan
Emily Feinberg *
Dominique Fiorello
Daniel Fishman
Ryan Fishman
Nicholas Fiumara
Rachel Fleissig
Owen Flood
Panagiotis Folas *
Jack Forbes
Madison Forte *
Sabrina Foster
Brett Fowler
Anthony Frangos
Tomas Frias
Mark Friedman
Angelina Fucile *
Angela Gagliardi
Alexandra Garcia
Mathew Garcia
Anthony Giannini
Alexandra Gigli

Ketiana Augustin
Rebecca Auriemma
Nicholas Autorino
Kristen Babel *
Christina Bacon
Jessie Baez
Osman Baghan
Noah Barash
Robert Barnett
Barbara Barrios
Quinton Barteldt
Jethel Leiane Bayawa *

Connor Calkin
Christian Calovic
Diana Canales Castillo
Edwin Candelaria Canela
Jack Candriotti *
Angela Caronna
Lyasia Carpenter
Christopher Cascio
Daniel Cascio
Jillian Cascio
Chelsea Cascio *
Alexandria Casella *

Matherson
Aaliyah Cruz
Ryan Cuadra
Haley Cuba
Ashley Curcio
Jonathan Curcio
Chiara Cusano
Matthew Cutillo
Noah Davis
Rebecca Debellis *
Oscar DeJesus Grullon
Anthony Delgado

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Chelsea Gilbert
Karlee Gillespie
Olivia Gilmartin *
Helen Gluckman
Rebecca Goldfarb *
Jessie Goldstein *
Michelle Gomez *
Janyce Gomez-Cobb *
Amanda Gonzalez *
Manuel Gonzalez Martinez
Catherine Gorres *
Brooke Goulston
Jillian Grech
Frankie Greco
Samantha Greco *
Kionna Green
Taylor Greenberg
Mikayla Gross
Owen Gyves
Vanessa Haertig *
Olivia Hagan *
Daniel Haggerty
Victoria Hanlon
Joshua Harnisher
Nicholas Hartofilis
Maxine Heintz *
Kaitlyn Hennig *
Anthony Hernandez
Elissa Heydemann *
Luke Hickam
Patrick Hirdt
Natalie Hissong *
Ryan Hong
Alexa Horn *
Christian Howard
Alexander Impastato *
Ryan Isaacson
Bhishal Jaiprabhad *
Aijah James
Danielle James *
Parker Jervis
Raphael Jimenez
Grace Ju *
Spencer Jurgelewicz
Mary Justin *
Madison Kallman *
Madison Kasten *
Irene Kavadias
Joshua Kavanagh
Dean Keener
Andrew Keller *
Alexis Kessler *
Joseph Kiesche
Sera King
Kaitlin King *
Ava Kirchner *
Sophia Kolenovic
Christina Korotki *
Jillian Kostal
Samantha Koval *
Juliana Kovitz
Rick Krefsky
Charles Kreuzburg
Alexis Laiso
Alexa Lake
James Lapadula
Paul Lastella
Jake Lazzaro
Tommy Le
Timothy Le *
Christopher Lehr
Sylvia Lutz
Allenby Lyson III
Kyle Madden
Kelly Madden *
Ariel Maimon
Cesario Malde
Colin Mangan *
Edward Mannone
John Marcantonio
Isabella Marchiel *
Samuel Marino
Alexa Markoulli *
Kevin Marshall
Matthew Martinez
Michael Mascoll
Marisa Mastropieri *
Vincent Matarese
Nicholas Mauro *
John Mayors *
Luke McDade

Kristin Milbank
Michael Milberg
Lauren Miller
Dylan Milo
Jeffrey Mizrachi
Anjali Mohan *
James Molnar
John Mooney Jr.
Norvi Morales
Mikala Morgan
Katie Morgan *
Victoria Moy
Christian Muller
Emily Myer *
Paula Naranjo Velastegui *
Kristen Nash
John Natoli
Mary Neidecker
Erika Nilsen
Colleen O’Keeffe *

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Annamaria Pavlou *
Thomas Pellegrino
Nicole Pepe
Gina Pepe *
Robert Peralta
Peyton Persad
Ryan Phillips
Gabriella Piacentino *
Isabella Picillo *
Brian Pod

Nicole Ricottone
Rachel Ring
Sebastian Rios
Jonathan Rivera
Eylin Rivera Quintanilla
Tahjae Robinson
Juan Rodriguez
Natalie Rodriguez
Carolyn Rosamilia
Anthony Rosario

Rebecca Schrager *
Giana Sciremammano *
Noah Scott
Ashley Segarra *
Joseph Sena
Bryan Seng
Melina Serrao *
Eric Shapiro *
Jordyn Sheehan
Faith Sheinberg *

Valerie Stokes
Nicole Stoupas
Thanae Stoupas *
Kelly Strasser *
Ashley Strobing
Grace Stuart
Allyson Stuart *
Evan Swerdloff
William Szucs
Paul Tafler
Joseph Tafuri
Cameron Tait-Setal
Nadia Tariq *
Joshua Tiernan
Samuel Tomasello *
Keyla Torres Felipe
Matthew Torrisi
Ryan Traficante
Emanuel Trama *
Isabella Tripodi
Frank Trotta
Eleftherios Tsakos *
Brett Turner
Snowi Ultsh
Alexander Utrecht *
Jenna Valentin
Julian Valerio
Kaitlyn Valukis
Charles Velarde
Arthur Velasquez
Jalee-Ann Velazquez
Bianca Vella
Camryn Ventura
Andrew Villalba
Austin Vlahakis
Theodore Walcott
Casey Walsh *
Victoria Ward *
Max Wasserman
Michael Waters
Nicole Weber
Kimberly Williams *
Joseph Wynne
Brianna Yobs
Devorah Yonk *
Zahida Yosofi
Shane Zaccoli *
Aaliyah Zheng
Dia Zheng *

Alexandra Policastro
Hailey Postl *
Victoria Prendergast *
Branden Primiano
Rebecca Provler *
Jillian Quadrino
Alberto Quezada
Timothy Radtke *
Jake Ramalho *
Adriana Ramirez
Cristopher Ramirez
Alexandra Randazzo
Austin Randazzo
Anthony Ranieri *
Isabella Ranieri *
Walter Reese
Jennifer Reeves
Jake Reyer
Justin Rich *

Grayson Rosen
Jenna Rothstein *
Eri Roughtan *
Etzio Rovello *
Christina Ruggiano
Christina Rugolo *
Kenneth Russo
Ariella Sabag
Kayla Sabag
Darlene Salcedo
Emily Sanchez
Jacob Sanchez *
Chandler Santos
Muhammad Saud
Andria Scaglione *
Giulia Scaglione
Nicola Scaglione *
Giovanni Scandiffio
Harrison Schmidt *

Jacqueline Shtamler
Christopher Siklas
Brian Silva
Dillon Silva
Sage Simmons
Jesse Simon
Skyla Simshauer
Jordan Snyder
Grace Snyder *
Gabriel Soares
Demetra Sofocli
Christian Soria *
Hannah Southard *
Toniraquel Spota *
Christiana Stanzione
Robert Statler
Alexandra Stein
Matthew Stewart
Maeghan Stock *

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“Oceanside Schools: Anchored together by purpose, passion and people.” Those are the words in the school district’s logo that inspired Dr. Phyllis Harrington’s speech to high school graduates on June 21st.

Echoing the words of American orator William Jennings Bryan, Dr. Harrington told students that destiny is a matter of choice, not chance, and encouraged them to use their gifts to pursue a life of purpose. Equally important, she stated, was her hope that each student would seek and discover their passion, and be fortunate enough to make it their life’s work.

Finally, Dr. Harrington focused on the importance of people and relationships.

“Remember, that in all relationships, the least important word is ‘I,’ the single most important word is ‘we,’ the two most important words are ‘thank you,’ the three most important words are ‘all is forgiven,’ the four most important words are ‘what is your opinion,’ the five most important words are ‘you did a great job,’ and finally, the six most important words are ‘I want to understand you better.’ Relationships matter.”

Students demonstrated their adherence to these ideals over the past year, raising more than $11,000 for local, national and global charities, including:

- The American Cancer Society - Funds research into preventing and ultimately curing cancer, as well as offering education, treatment and support.
- Autism Society of America - The leading source of trusted and reliable information about autism, seeks to maximize the quality of life for all people living with autism.
- Glamour Gals - Inspires and organizes teen volunteers to provide ongoing companionship and complimentary beauty makeovers to women living in senior homes.
- Make A Wish - Fulfills dreams for children facing critical illnesses.
- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Dedicated to funding research, finding cures and ensuring access to treatments for blood cancer patients.
- Long Island Birthday Wishes - Makes a difference in the lives of homeless children and their families by bringing them the joy of a birthday party.
- Oceanside Community Service - Lends a helping hand to neighbors in need for over 65 years.
- Oceanside Council of PTAS - Supporting Dawn Delirium, the post-prom party that offers a safe, substance-free environment for students to celebrate the culmination of their high school years.
- Save The Children - The world’s first global charity for children and one of the most trusted, aims to give all children the best chance for the future they deserve.
- Sunrise Day Camp - Provides a summer camp for children with cancer and their siblings.
- UNICEF USA - Supports UNICEF's worldwide mission to put children first by providing health care, sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more.
Students Earn “Seal of Biliteracy”

Eighteen Oceanside High School graduates have earned the prestigious New York State Seal of Biliteracy, indicating proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English. The students are:

Kristin Babel*
Barbara Barrios
Tiffany Chou
Justin Ciocoi*
Gabriella Dziwura
Molly Eisenberg*
Mariah Esquenazi-Eberhardt
Sera Eviner
Angelina Fazio
Janyce Gomez-Cobb
Maxine Heintz
Grace Ju
Madison Kallman
Paula Naranjo
Ivana Ortega
Stephanie Panameno
Devang Patel
Allyson Stuart*

*not pictured below

New York State instituted the Seal of Biliteracy to recognize high school graduates who had attained a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing one or more languages, in addition to English. OHS began implementing the process with its Class of 2019. Dr. David Rose, Director of World Language, formed a committee comprised of himself, World Language teachers Nieve LaRocca, Nirmala Ramsaran, and Janet Cavagnaro, and counselor Carla Stillwell, to guide the students through the rigorous criteria.

Among the requirements, the students took Advanced Placement Spanish in their junior year and passed the AP exam with minimum scores of 4 or 5. In addition, they developed presentations and wrote essays demonstrating their skills. The district is working with the state to fine tune the process so that students studying other languages will also be able to participate. Eventually, Dr. Rose said he hopes that students who are proficient in languages that are not offered at OHS will also be eligible.

“I am so proud of this exceptional group of graduates,” said Dr. Rose. “This is a significant achievement for them and a testament to the strength of our school district’s World Language program.”

In recognition of their achievement, the students received a seal from New York State on their diplomas and a special cord to wear at graduation.

“It was my privilege to have taught Spanish to a number of these talented students, as well as mentoring them this year to obtain the New York State Seal of Biliteracy,” said Ms. LaRocca. “I wish them a successful future!”

The students were invited to be honored at the recent Board of Education meeting, shown below.
Fourth Quarter OHS High Honor Roll

Grade 9
Patrick Affissio
Andrew Bauer
Sonny Berenson
Caroline Bittle
Sara Brobst
Vincent Calvagno
Anthony Capellan
Brenna Clark
Danielle Cohen
Jake Cohen
Liam Coll
Jackson Connolly
Delia Cuccio
Giovanna D'Angelo
Mikayla Danon
Jessica Davis
Gabriel Alejandro De-Guzman
Patryk Dubaj
Emma Edwards
John Ekstrom
Thomas Eldho
Juliana Febrizio
Elena Feustel
Lynda Feustel
Sydney Fuchs
Victoria Gamarr
Carlos Garcia
Jordan Gerold
Noah Goldenberg
Juliana Greenberg
Matthew Guglielmo
Sean Gunthorpes
Joshua Gutman
Liam Hannon
Brenna Hauffer
Victoria Hebert
Julia Heidt
Daniel Hoffman
Joshua Javillo
Anoop Krishnadas
Julia Kufeld
Evan Kwiat
Matthew Levine
Isabelle Lisi
Hunter Litt
Catherine Marino
Stephen Markman
Benjamin Mascuch
Riley Mazzocco
Natalie Medugno
Elena Mezack
Carla Morales
Frank Morizio III
Jackson Murray
Mary Murray
Mayra Olazo
Samantha Olewnicki
Carleigh O'Marra

Dino Palmieri
Sebastian Patino
Christian Piedrahita
Kimberly Polacco
Cassidy Reichert
Brianna Reilly
William Ringhauser
Matthew Roesler
Vivian Rose
Spencer Roth
Emily Roughan
Kristina Ryan
Joanna Savopoulos
Emme Schnell
Brooke Scully
Riley Seaver
Paris Siegel
Michael Sodano
Alyssa Strandberg
Julie Straniere
Rachel Tricolla
Megan Vitale
Alexandra Vlahakis
Isabel Weintraub
Gabriel Weiss
Sophie Weissman
Lucy Wiley
Kieran Wilken

Grade 10
Adam Abbey
Wren Allega
Nicole Andrews
Jordan Bastine
Jason Bier
Sarah Brennan
Jessica Brew
Dylan Brooks
Sophia Cacioppo
Brianna Calderon
Anthony Cinetti
Samantha Civil
Tristan Degen
Cameron Denman
Mario Depasquale
Jack Dolger
Alex Eckstein
Michael Esposito
Halle Eviner
Meral Eviner
Anthony Famighetti
Madeline Feldman
Matthew Friedman
Madison Graff
Imee Michelle Guillero
Andrew Isaacson
Margaret Keller
James Kirk
Isabella Klemm
Elizabeth Laudicina
Charles Leventhal
Liat Levine
Madeline Levine
Olivia Losurdo
Cailyn Mahaffey
Rohan Manmadhan
Lindsay McFall
Lara Mesita
Gabrielle Modzelewski
Nicole Morales
Sheridan Morgan
Courtney Murphy
Aspen O'Brien
Allison Olazabal
Arianna Paul
Michael A. Pesce
Diego Piedrahita
Alexa Poplawski
Benjamin Provler
Lara Rhatigan
Giuseppe Rizzi
Emma Romano
Samantha Santiago
Leona Satler
Mark Satler
Antonio Saulle
Justine Sciremammano
Isabelle Segretti
Driska Shanthan
Aidan Shapiro
Julia Shapiro
Paige D. Smith
Evin Spanier
Emma Stanco
Shannon Stanton
Luke Straniere
Catherine Tsarouhtsis
Scott Yanover
Derek Zheng

Grade 11
Karli Agruso
Ryan Aizer
Christopher Alaima
Noah Bass
Jamie Behar
Samantha Berthelsen-Leon
Jack Bier
Katelyn Blankoph
Leslie Blau
Margareta Bogdanova-Shapikina
Catherine Buhse
Joseph Callanan
Marco Campanelli
Julia Candiotti
Ethan Chetkov
Vince Chi
Gianna Cicitta
Sarah Cilento
Jack Conger
Kirstin Deacon
Sofia Dianellos
Ariana Elbaz
Jonathan Fasano
Austin Fassenfeld
Jalen Fleurmond
Andrew Florin
Christina Foliad
Nicola Ford
Matthew Furst
Sari Goldstein
Juliet Hagens
Catherine Henn
Victoria Jennings
Maia Jerchower
Daniel Khaykin
Sarah Kirshenbaum
Alison Kleyman
Lucy Lebowitz
Hannah Levine
Paige Melito
Annelisa Milano
Nichols Miller
Kaitlyn Monahan
Daniel Mullin
Emma Nastro
Paige Olewnicki
Madison Pagano
Christen Pastrana
Sasha Phillips
Sara Raimondi
Gabriella Ricottone
Ernesto Rosales
Vindell
Abigail Rosenthal
Ian Schiavo
Carly Schuster
Julia Schwafsick
Emily Seaver
Ryan Silver
Stephen Sklar
Abigail Snider
Carly Waldman
Evan Waxman
Melissa Wilmer

Grade 12
Alison Abbey
Samantha Amber
Kyle Ambruso
Kristen Babel
Jethel Leiane Bayawa
Jillian Bloom
Justin Brooks
Jack Candiotti
Alexandria Casella
Brianna Costante
Ashley Curcio
Rebecca Debellis
Katie Donaldson
Amanda Eidelman
Sara Evner
Angelina Fazio
Madison Forte
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Chelsea Gilbert
Rebecca Goldfarb
Michelle Gomez
Amanda Gonzalez
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Mikayla Gross
Olivia Hagan
Kaitlyn Hennig
Elissa Heydelmann
Natalie Hisson
Ryan Isaacson
Bhishal Jaiprakash
Danielle James
Grace Ju
Madison Kallman
Christina Korotki
Samantha Koval
Jaymie Litt
Colin Mangan
Edward Mannone
Isabella Marchiel
Alexa Markoulli
Nicholas Mauro
John Mayors
Maggie McGarry
Elizabeth McGrath
Emily Myer
Devang Patel
Gabriella Picentino
Isabella Picillo
Timothy Radtke
Jake Ramalho
Isabella Ranieri
Eri Roughan
Christina Ruggiano
Christina Rugolo
Andria Scaglione
Giulia Scaglione
Harrison Schmidt
Rebecca Schrager
Giana Sciremammano
Ashley Segarra
Eric Shapiro
Jacqueline Shtamler
Maeghan Stock
Samuel Tomasello
Eleftherios Tsakos
Alexander Utrecht
Casey Walsh
Deborah Yonk
Diz Zheng
Natalie Hissong, Class of 2019 Valedictorian, has a head full of ideas and a nimble mind that can tackle whatever she chooses to learn. Math, philosophy and history are all in the running for now. Earning the top grades was never Natalie’s focus; she wanted to sample challenging classes and “see what my potential could be if I tried really hard.”

Math was Natalie’s first love from an early age. But she had never thought about studying history until a course during junior year sparked her interest. Among her favorite classes: AP U.S. History, Physics, Calculus, and AP Government. Natalie counts the OHS Government, Economics and Mentoring program in 12th grade as one of her favorite experiences.

“I love the freshmen in my group,” she said. “They’re so funny. They remind me of myself and I hope I was able to give them advice that I wish someone had told me.”

Outside of the classroom, Natalie served as president of the Mathematics Honor Society and Treasurer of the National Honor Society. She also played golf and ran cross country. Her biggest challenge, she said, was learning to balance the coursework that became harder each year with sports, other activities, and sleeping. But she was motivated by her enjoyment of the classes and seeing her efforts pay off.

Now she’s looking forward to meeting new people at college and getting different perspectives and opinions, “especially since I’ve been in classes with a lot of the same people for years. I’ll miss them. It’s bittersweet. I’m ready to meet new people but I’m going to miss the teachers I’ve had and the friends I’ve grown up with.”

A friend to many of her classmates, including Salutatorian Madison Kallman, Natalie’s advice to incoming freshman is to try one’s best, don’t take one’s self too seriously and don’t compete with classmates.

“The people in my grade were all friends and we helped each other,” she said.

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After her friend Natalie was named Class of 2019 valedictorian, Madison Kallman suspected what was coming when she was later called down to the office. Earning the salutatorian title was a validation of her hard work, she said, and she was equally happy for Natalie’s achievement.

That kind of esprit de corps has infused Madison’s high school career. She formed close bonds with peers in the College Research program and expressed pride in the family dynamic of the World Interest Club, touting members’ hard work in keeping the club afloat.

She also earned the confidence of her swim teammates and was named Team Captain, participated in Key Club and volunteered at South Nassau Hospital. Last summer, Madison was a research intern at Baruch College, measuring an oyster farm’s nitrogen levels and enjoying the intrigue of multiple approaches to solving a prob-
Members of the OHS Class of 2031 celebrated moving up to Kindergarten from our four-year old pre-k program. Will one of these youngsters be the first human to step onto the dusty red surface of Mars? Perhaps this will be the generation to end poverty, cure deadly diseases or eliminate the need for 1001 passwords.

Below, Oceanside Middle School students prepared to take their place as the OHS Class of 2023. Befitting the occasion, they proceeded into the auditorium to the sound of the 7th grade band performing *Pomp and Circumstance*.

Later, the audience laughed and clapped as OMS Principal Dr. Allison Glickman-Rogers danced to *Hold On* by Wilson Phillips, the song of her post-middle school summer of 1990, then speculated what might be the summer song of 2019? Everyone seemed to agree on Lil Nas’ *Old Town Road*.

What she’s learned from high school and would pass along to younger students is that you get out what you put in. It’s not all work and duty, though, as Madison will attest.

“I can’t decide whether I’m more excited about the great ramen in Toronto or the research lab.”
Clockwise from top left: School #2, School #9E, School #4, School #8, School #3, School #5.
Loving Up Day
School Calendar

Please note the following important dates when schools re-open:

- Freshman Orientation at OHS: August 23
- First Day of School for Students: September 3
- OHS Grade 9 Parent Orientation: September 12
- High School Back to School Night: September 16
- OHS Castleton Back to School Breakfast: September 17
- Elementary Back to School Night: September 19
- OMS Back to School Night: September 24
- #6 Kindergarten & Pre-K Back to School Night: September 26

School calendars will be mailed in August to all families with children enrolled in school. All others may stop by the District Office at 145 Merle Ave. to pick up a calendar or call 678-7525. The full, final calendar will be posted on the district website at oceansideschools.org.