



Inside Islip Schools

SUMMER 2014

Committed to Excellence

Time of Their Lives Ahead

Class of 2014



The commencement of the Islip High School Class of 2014 was celebrated on June 25 by members of the Board of Education, administration, family, friends, faculty and invited guests, officially completing the seniors' educational journey through the Islip School District. Marching into the gymnasium to "Pomp and Circumstance," as played by the high school wind ensemble and concert band, the students were cheered by family and friends and warmly welcomed by Principal Dr. Eileen Rossman.

"The world you are about to step into requires that grit and persistence you have shown over the past four years at Islip," said Dr. Rossman, who was overseeing her final graduation and will be retiring after 40 years in education. "You are about to join a generation of innovators and explorers who will take on climate change, restore faith in our democracy, reach new heights in the cosmos and form a global community. But your journey begins here with the first step across the ramp. You will need to bring all the lessons your families, teachers and friends here at Islip have taught you."

Chosen by the seniors as their class song, Green Day's "Time of Your Life," which was performed by senior choral members, played as a recurring theme throughout the night as

numerous speakers offered encouragement. In addition to Dr. Rossman, the Class of 2014 also listened to words of congratulations from Board of Education President Catherine M. Romano, Superintendent of Schools Susan A. Schnebel, valedictorian and future University of Miami

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student Gina Panarese and salutatorian Andrew Lithen, who will attend Stony Brook University.

"Do what's uncomfortable and scary and hard but pays off in the long run," said Gina. "Be willing to fail. Embrace your failures, fail and fail again because without

these struggles you will never truly appreciate your accomplishments. Live like this and I guarantee you will look back with no regrets. We are going to change the world around us, whether in big ways or in small ways, we will make an impact."

Andrew added, "Classmates, we are about to embark upon the great crusade for which we have striven these many years. Assembled here today is the future of innovation, industry, art and leadership: us. We possess the ingenuity and imagination of American free enterprise – the very qualities of the famed industrialist, artist and inventor. So do something worthwhile."

Following the conferring of diplomas and the turning of the tassel from left to right, the elated graduates tossed their caps into the air as proud family and friends cheered. As the senior class song says, "Take the photographs and still frames in your mind/hang it on your shelf in good health and good time/I hope you had the time of life."

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE Class of 2014

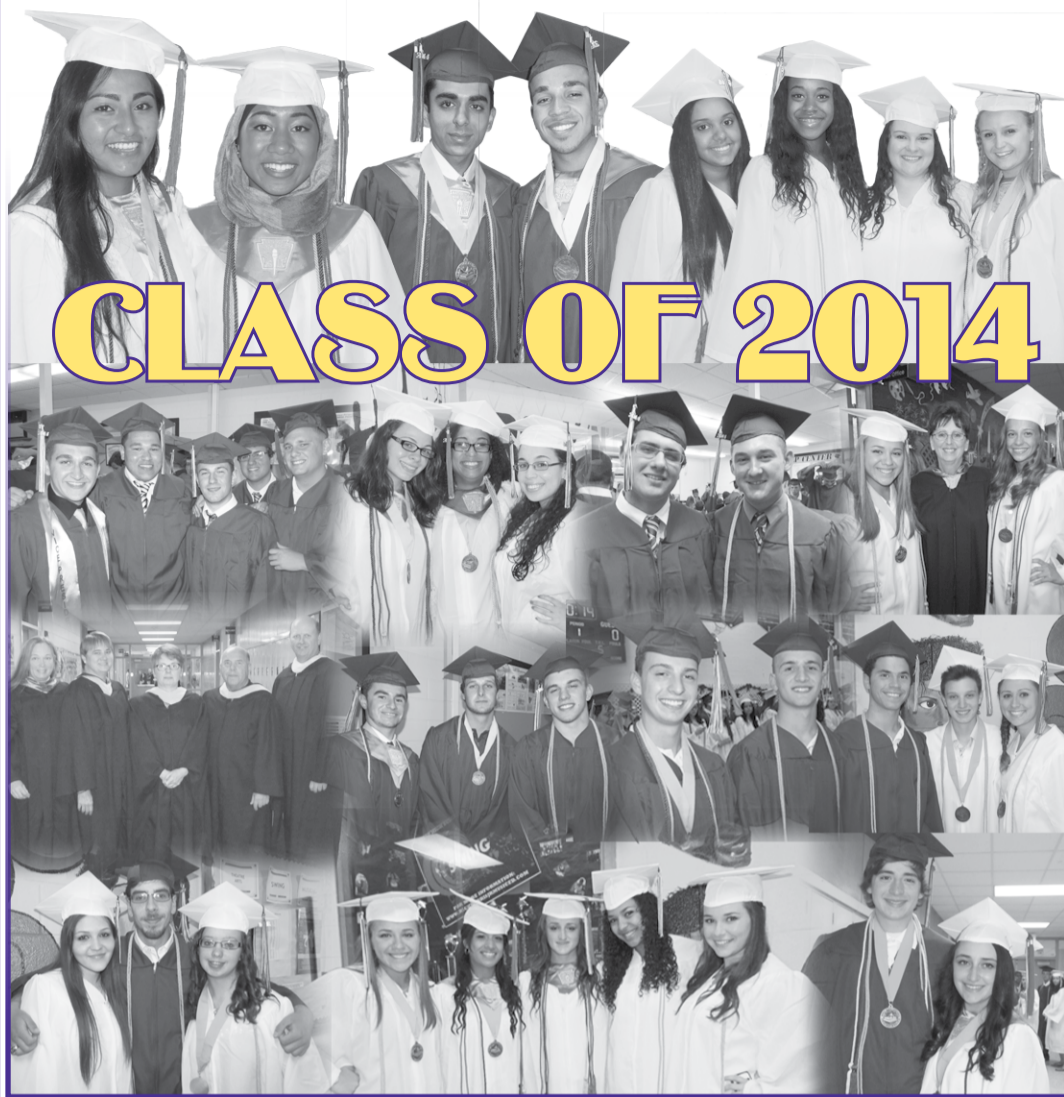
The percentages of diplomas awarded for Islip High School Class of 2014:

Advanced Regents Diploma w/ Honors	21.1%
Advanced Regents Diploma	42.2%
Regents Diploma	35.3%
TOTAL REGENTS DIPLOMAS	98.6%
The percentages for students' post-high school plans are:	
4-year colleges	54.8%
2-year colleges/Cert. Programs	38.6%
Work	5.6%
Military	1.3%

Continuing Education

Congratulations to the graduates of the Class of 2014, many of whom are attending some of the nation's premier colleges and universities. Below is a list of the institutions that Islip graduates will be attending in the fall:

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| Barry University | University of New Haven |
| Belmont Abbey College | New York Institute of Technology – Manhattan |
| Binghamton University | New York Institute of Technology – Old Westbury |
| Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania | North Carolina State University |
| University of Bridgeport | Northwood University, Florida |
| Brooklyn College of the CUNY | Pace University, New York City |
| Bryn Mawr College | Pace University, Westchester Campus |
| Canisius College | Paul Smith's College |
| Centenary College | Pellissippi State Technical Community College |
| University of Central Florida | Pennsylvania State University, University Park |
| City College of New York CUNY | Queens College of the CUNY |
| Clarkson University | Queensborough Community College of the CUNY |
| Coastal Carolina University | University of Rhode Island |
| Columbia University | Rowan University |
| University of Connecticut | Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at New Brunswick |
| The Corcoran College of Art and Design | Sacred Heart University |
| The Culinary Institute of America | Saint Michael's College |
| University of Delaware | Siena College |
| Dowling College | St. Francis College |
| East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania | St. John's University – Queens Campus |
| Edison State College | St. Joseph's College, Suffolk Campus |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – Fla. | State University of New York at Albany |
| Fairleigh Dickinson University | State University of New York at New Paltz |
| Flagler College | Stony Brook University |
| Florida Gulf Coast University | Suffolk County Community College, Ammerman |
| Florida State University | Suffolk County Community College, Western Campus |
| University of Florida | SUNY Alfred State College |
| Fordham University | SUNY College at Cobleskill |
| Franklin Pierce University | SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry |
| Furman University | SUNY College at Geneseo |
| The George Washington University | SUNY College at Old Westbury |
| The University of Georgia | SUNY College at Oneonta |
| University of Hawaii at Manoa | SUNY College at Potsdam |
| Hobart and William Smith Colleges | SUNY Delhi |
| Hofstra University | SUNY at Farmingdale |
| John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the CUNY | SUNY Fredonia |
| Johnson & Wales University (North Miami) | SUNY Maritime College |
| Johnson & Wales University (Providence) | SUNY Oswego |
| Lehigh University | Syracuse University |
| LIU Post | The University of Tampa |
| Louisiana State University | Tompkins Cortland Community College |
| Manhattan College | United States Military Academy |
| Manhattanville College | United States Naval Academy |
| Marist College | University at Buffalo, The State University of New York |
| Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts | Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology |
| University of Massachusetts, Amherst | Villanova University |
| University of Miami | Western New England University |
| University of Michigan | Worcester Polytechnic Institute |
| Middlesex County College | York College of Pennsylvania |
| Mohawk Valley Community College | |
| Molloy College | |
| Monroe College | |
| Montclair State University | |
| Nassau Community College | |



Seniors Flashback to the '50s for Post Prom

Continuing its 14th year tradition of offering a safe environment for members of the senior class to celebrate prom and graduation, the Islip Drug Education Awareness – Compass IDEA Task Force Coalition members and volunteers Kathy Fields and Ken Phalen hosted the annual post prom for the Class of 2014.

Following the prom, held at East Wind Caterers in Wading River, close to 300 seniors and their dates entered the high school cafeteria, which had been transformed into a scene from the 1950s – malt shop and drive-in movie included, to continue their celebration. During the evening, seniors experienced an array of food and drink, a variety of entertainment, including a DJ, games, game show production, henna tattoos, a photo booth and much more. Prizes, including gift cards, prize baskets, laptops and the grand prize – a used car to senior Bailey Feiler – were raffled off throughout the night.



“This evening is a complete community event,” said Mr. Phalen. “We have many friends, families and local businesses that come together to make this evening a great and safe option for our kids. Not only are goods and services donated to help offset the costs and keep the event free for the students, but we also have many volunteers who help set up, clean up and spend hours chaperoning.”

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