



# BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL



2014 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

## We'll Miss You, Ms. Jules!

### *A Fond Farewell to Bridgehampton's Much-Loved Athletic Director*

Say it ain't so. At the peak of a stellar, 33-year career in education and administration, 32 of them spent here at Bridgehampton, our very own Ms. Mary Anne Jules is retiring this August. Her long tenure has been a gift to the school and community, and the legacy she leaves of a top-notch shared sports program is one that future classes will continue to reap the benefits of.

Mary Anne is a native of Baldwin and a graduate of Baldwin High School. She went on to Cortland State, earning a BA in Physical Education, and briefly taught PE at an elementary school in Syracuse before landing a job at Bridgehampton and returning to Long Island in 1982, where she's stayed ever since. Early in her teaching career, she completed a Masters in Elementary Education at Southampton College, and followed up with an Administrative Degree from Dowling.

When Mary Anne first came to Bridgehampton, there were three sports, Boys and Girls Basketball and Golf. Slowly but surely, she changed that, first by coaching and hosting basketball and softball, and then, in 1989, by starting a shared sports program with East Hampton and Pierson. Bees were suddenly able to play soccer, track, gymnastics, football, tennis, field hockey, wrestling; indeed,



one of her chief gratifications was watching that program grow over the years until every sport became available to Bridgehampton students.

In 1991, Mary Anne became Athletic Director, a position she thrived at for over 2 decades. Just one marker of her success: The final year of her tenure saw the largest number of middle and high school students in Bridgehampton history playing at least one sport—86 percent, far exceeding the 50-percent bar to which

most schools aspire. No small part of that achievement was due to her dual role as administrator and teacher. Throughout her career, it was important for her to continue to have the opportunity to teach K-12 physical education, a passion generations of students profited from.

Awards for athletes are another of Mary Anne's legacies. She created the John Niles Award, honoring sportsmanship, leadership and dedication to athletics; the Scholar Athlete Award, recogniz-

ing athletic and academic achievement; the "Attitude Is Everything" Award, honoring a student who consistently demonstrates a positive attitude while participating on an athletic team; and the Coaches Award, commending hard work and team commitment. She also implemented the Section XI Gold Key Awards, the highest honor in Section XI an athlete can receive for sports participation, earned by those who letter in eight junior varsity or varsity seasons in grades 10 through 12. The awards are given out, along with academic awards, at the Day of Achievement ceremony in May. Mary Anne herself received one of the highest honors for Athletic Directors in Suffolk, serving as Section XI president for three years while representing the smallest school in the county. She also served as vice president of Conference IV, as treasurer of Suffolk County Athletic Directors Association and as a member on various committees of Section XI.

A primary goal throughout her career was to instill in students the knowledge that they can have an improved life through physical education and athletics, to "teach personal living skills" through PE: discipline, commitment, cohesiveness, communication, co-

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## From the Desk of the Superintendent/Principal

DR. LOIS R. FAVRE

After a nail-biting budget season, the summer has been most productive. We have continued working on the projects from the five-year plan, including the adding of a storage building on campus, which we anticipate will free up some much needed space within the main building. We have also installed a new playground that meets updated codes for safety that will be sure to delight our students. Despite the amount of work going on within the building, we were able to offer our well-received summer programs. These included Summer Musical Theatre, in which students performed *Tikki Tikki Tembo*, directed by Lindsey Sanchez; the Young Farmer's Program with JudiAnn Carmack Fayyaz, where students learned about food from farm to table; and finally finishing up the summer, our Jump Start program with Nancy Moloney focused on getting students reading, writing and working on math just in time for school to start again.

Books and supplies have been ordered, classrooms painted, schedules ironed out, and teacher and aide assignments updated. Summer curriculum projects have been completed by teachers to update course offerings. We begin the year proud of our acknowledgement as a top high school by *US News and World Report* and extremely grateful to the Bridgehampton Community that our programs



can continue again this year.

Goals for the school year include a move to a more project-based curriculum for our middle school students, aligning with common core standards and focusing on the development of skills for college and career readiness. At the elementary level we will continue our focus on data-based decision-making, including discipline data through the merging of our Response to Intervention and our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports team, making for seamless discussion on improving student achievement as well as a renewed focus on Writers Workshop to develop skills. High school goals include surveying our students for career interests and a continued focus on adding rigor and relevance to the curriculum. Internships in the community, as well as opportunities for real world application of skills remain a focus.

As the world becomes increasingly technology-dependent, we have been working toward developing responsibility with technology in our students. On a trial basis, we permitted students the use of cell phones during class time, particularly for calendar use and internet research. After a careful review of incidents from last year, a majority of referrals had to do with cell phone misuse. For next year, no students in grades K-8 may have cell phones on their person at any time during the school

day.

For students in grades 9-10, they may take them to lunch and for our juniors and seniors it will be an upperclassmen privilege, provided they follow the guidelines we outline for them at the beginning of the year. We anticipate the roll out of a one-to-one computer initiative that will have technology in the hands of our secondary students for much of their school day. Inherent in the success of the program will be student responsibility and appropriate use of the technology.

We look forward to welcoming our teachers back to school on September 3rd and 4th for our Superintendent's Conference Days and welcoming our students back on September 8th. A Back to School Night schedule will be sent out in September. With the many changes going on in education we plan to have separate Back to School Nights for grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12, so we will have time to update all on our areas of focus, the common core standards, and their impact at each level. While we realize that some may need to attend more than one session, we hope to plan it in such a way as to make it as convenient as possible for our parents.

Thanks for your support of Bridgehampton School. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

## Bridgehampton High School Gets the Bronze!

In June Bridgehampton High School received a bronze medal in the *US News and World Report* ranking of best high schools for 2014. With the help of teachers Jeff Neubauer and Linda Murphy in our mathematics department and parent Jeff Mansfield, now on our Board of Education, we were able to determine that this ranking puts us in the top 10-24 percent of

the best high schools in New York State. We were the only high school on the South Fork to receive this distinction. Of the 1148 New York schools ranked, only 154 schools ranked higher than bronze. According to the report, Bridgehampton leads



area schools in meeting standards in English with distinction (76%) and in the proficiency of "disadvantaged students" (93.3%), and it is right up there with the rest of area schools in overall proficiency in English and Mathematics. We are very proud of our teachers,

staff, students and families and of the work that is done, as a team, to assure the success of our students. The bronze medal from *US News and World Report* validates that hard work and assures us we are certainly headed in the right direction! (For more information, please check the [Best High Schools Bronze Medal](#) link on the homepage of the school website.)

# DAY OF ACHIEVEMENT, MAY 15, 2014



**Anajae Lamb** was the recipient of this year's **John Niles Award**, Bridgehampton's top sports honor, recognizing outstanding sportsmanship, leadership and dedication to athletics. Anajae was also one of two Bridgehampton recipients of a 2014 **Gold Key Award**, given to Section XI athletes who letter in eight junior varsity or varsity seasons in grades 10 through 12.



Pictured here with Pierson Coach **Jon Tortorella**, 2014 graduate **Henry Kotz** was a member of the Pierson-Bridgehampton Varsity Baseball Team, NYS Class C Finalists with a league record of 12-0. Henry was also a recipient of Section XI's prestigious **Gold Key Award**. In other baseball news, BHS Social Studies teacher and Pierson JV coach **Henry Meyer** (not pictured) was voted **JV Coach of the Year in League 8 Baseball**. Go, Henrys!



**Jennah Hochstedler** was given the **Scholar Athlete Award**, traditionally presented by **Jack Zito** of the Bridgehampton Fire Department to a student who excels in both athletics and academics. Jennah also earned the "**Attitude Is Everything**" Award for consistently demonstrating a positive attitude while participating on an athletic team, an honor her sunny disposition and famous smile had destined her for.



With Guidance Counselor **Danielle Doscher**, the high school and middle school students with the highest academic average in each grade were: **Jennah Hochstedler**, 12th; **Hayley Lund**, 11th; **Harriet deGroot**, 10th; **Max Cheng**, 9th; **Autumn Street**, 8th; **Autumn Coffey**, 7th; and **Caleigh Hochstedler**, 6th.



The **Principal's Leadership Award** was given to a student in each 6th-12th grade class. High school recipients (left to right) **Matthew Hostetter**, **Hayley Lund**, **India Hemby** and **Tyler Stephens**, and middle school leaders **Justin LaPointe**, **Nat DePasquale** and **Franky Bonilla** were honored by **Dr. Lois Favre**.

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operation, all those essential life skills could be learned on the court and the field.

When asked her plans for the future, Mary Anne's first answer was quick, "To not get up

at 4:30." So don't expect to see her jogging at the break of dawn anymore? "You'll see me jogging, just not at 4:30." She plans to do volunteer or part-time work—she's always worked and can't imagine a life without it—and

looks forward to spending more time with family and watching her three nephews play Division I Lacrosse, two at Sienna and one at Holy Cross. "And maybe I'll take up golf."

"I'm very thankful for my ca-

reer and to finish with a job that I really love. And I'll miss everyone," she said in parting. Then couldn't help adding, "Keep exercising."

How we'll miss you, Ms. Jules. Long may you run!

# THE CLASS OF 2014



**Tatyana Dawson**  
**Salutatorian**  
*attending LIU - CW Post*



**India Hemby**  
*attending Averett University*



**Jennah Hochstedler**  
**Valedictorian**  
*attending Oral Roberts University*



**Henry Kotz**  
*attending University of Mississippi*  
*- Oxford (Ole Miss)*



**Anajae Lamb**  
*attending St. John's University*



**Jerome Walker**  
*attending Brevard College*



## ...AND CONGRATULATIONS, PRE-KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2014/2027!

In a morning ceremony on June 24 led by teacher **Nancy Moloney**, these jubilant Pre-K 4 graduates moved up to kindergarten: (left to right) **Justin Masone, Summer James Lillie, Yaredci Chavez Lalvay, Joseph Penafiel, Rubi Cruz Potrero, Emma Kapon, Hailey Aubrey Vallejo, Henry Luka Hope** and **Elver Yair Cruz**. (Not pictured: **Santiago Cortez Molina**)

# GRADUATION DAY

JUNE 29, 2014



A former Bridgehampton graduate with a distinguished military career, Darnelle Brown gave a moving keynote speech, during which he invited nephew Anajae Lamb to the podium to trade some old-school, avuncular advice for help with taking his first selfie.



Arguably one of the best-dressed classes in Bridgehampton history, the grads dressed down for a classic informal Class of 2014 photo.



India Hemby on the ukulele, performing a beautiful rendition of "The Best Day" as a tribute to all the mothers—and others—who'd helped the grads along the way.



Jennah Hochstedler's Seuss-infused valedictorian address stood up to high winds and began a rash of selfies.



A proud, emotional moment for Tatyana Dawson, delivering a gracious and heartfelt salutatorian address.



Jerome Walker and Anajae Lamb make joyful, parading exits on their very last day at Bridgehampton School. So that's where the classroom flags went...



Three Grads: Newly graduated Henry Kotz with sisters Genevieve, Class of 2012 (left) and Olivia, Class of 2009 (right).



That happy moment they've all been waiting for, on stage and off...

# Bridgehampton Stars of the Stage, the Page, the Arts ... and Chemistry



The 4-week **Summer Musical Theatre Program**, directed by Chorus Teacher **Lindsey Sanchez** with assistance from senior **Jada Pinckney**, culminated with a delightful July 24th morning performance on the gymnasium stage of **Tikki Tikki Tembo**, a dramatization of a folktale set in ancient China. This year's cast and crew, engaged in performance art, stage design and all that is involved in musical theatre, was comprised of students in grades K-5, including **Gylia Gaskin, Hugo Kapon, Avery McClelland, Aniela Bedini, Chiara Bedini, David Simmons, Sarah Kapon, Ella Schmidt, Cricket Beard, Lachlan Beard, Sascha Gomberg, Neo Simmons** and **Gillian Tanner**.



**Congrats on Teeny Noms!** Bridgehampton Drama Club's spring production of **Snoopy! The Musical** received 2 Teeny nominations from the East End Arts organization: **Jannah Hochstedler** for Best Lead Actress in a Musical and the entire cast for Outstanding Ensemble. At the June awards ceremony at Longwood High School in Middle Island were (from left) **Elizabeth Hochstedler, India Hemby, Hayley Lund, Jennah Hochstedler, Matthew Hostetter** and **Caleigh Hochstedler**. **Tyler Stephens** and **Laura Uribe**, not pictured, were also in the ensemble.



Reading specialist and Dignity Act coordinator **Jessica Rodgers**, library media specialist **David Holmes** and teacher assistant **Ninfa Boyd** hosted a summer reading kick-off assembly, **Be a Superhero Summer Reader**, for students in kindergarten through 5th grade on June 23rd, the last Monday before vacation. With *wham-boom-kapow* totes full of specially selected books, folders to keep track of reading, and lively shades to sport, young bees headed to the beach in great literary style.



**Congratulations, 2014 LongHouse Student Annual VII Winners!** At a ceremony on June 17, Bridgehampton's **Marimba Band** and 12 middle and high school students were honored for work submitted through art teacher **Robin Gianis**, technology teacher **Judiann Carmack-Fayyaz**, music teacher **Dave Elliott** and English teacher **Tom House**. Awards included 1st place in Performing Arts for an Original Student Composition, **Marimba Band**; 1st place in Art and Poetry, **Madeleine Koral**; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively, in 6th grade Mixed Media, **Caleigh Hochstedler, Alannah Johnson** and **Max Tiska**; 2nd place in HS Ceramics, **Jada Pinckney**; 3rd place in HS Ceramics, **Jannah Hochstedler** and **Laura Uribe**; 1st and 2nd place, respectively, in Poster, **Chjuvaughn Cameron** and **Cecilia Callica**; 2nd place in Photography, **Autumn Street** (pictured above by winning photo); and honorable mentions in Digitally Enhanced Photography, **Chjuvaughn Cameron** and **Claudio Figueroa**.



Incoming junior **Harriet deGroot** received a 2014 New York American Chemical Society Award for **Outstanding Scholastic Achievement in High School Chemistry** at a ceremony in May at Nassau Community College. Harriet was nominated by science and math teacher **Helen Wolfe** for this prestigious award which recognizes the best chemistry students at high schools in Nassau, Suffolk and Queens Counties.

# SPOTLIGHT ON 2006 ALUMNA KARESS TAYLOR-HUGHES

Columbia graduate student in Sports Management Karesse Taylor-Hughes appeared at the Bridgehampton Child Care and Recreation Center on June 13th for a screening of the award-winning documentary *The New Black*, a version of which appeared recently on PBS. A successful and internationally recognized activist for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, Karesse is featured throughout the film, which highlights her advocacy work in such important and influential organizations as Equality Maryland and the Human Rights Campaign. The film, as described on its website, [www.newblackfilm.com](http://www.newblackfilm.com), "tells the story of how the African-American community is grappling with the gay rights issue in light of the recent gay mar-



riage equality in Maryland and charts the evolution of this divisive issue within the black community." During *The New Black's* NYC premiere last year, Karesse was interviewed with the film's director Yurba Richen on MSNBC's live news show *The Cycle*.

riage movement and the fight over civil rights." It documents activists such as Karesse, as well as family and clergy on both sides of the campaign to legalize gay marriage. "*The New Black* takes viewers into the pews and onto the streets and provides a seat at the kitchen table as it tells the story of the historic fight to win

marriage equality in Maryland and charts the evolution of this divisive issue within the black community."

Karesse was thrilled to conduct her first solo film screening in her hometown, and especially at her "old stomping ground, The Center," where as a child she'd spent her summers and just about every day after school. In a recent interview, she remarked how ironic it was that someone who had not intended to go to college—she had her eyes set on the military in high school—should be on the verge of getting a Masters from an Ivy League school. She credits teacher aide and community liaison Ava Mack, former teacher Joanne Palisi and Coach Carl Johnson for encouraging her to combine her interest in sports with education. With Johnson's help, she

secured a partial athletic scholarship managing the women's basketball team at the University of Maryland, from which she earned a BS in Kinesiology and a minor in Leadership in 2010. Along the way, Karesse's world has widened figuratively and literally to an extent she'd never anticipated: at just 25, she estimates that sports, education, *The New Black* and her own traveling has taken her to 27 US cities and 8 countries.

And the future looks bright, indeed. Karesse finishes her Columbia degree this December and is exploring PhD programs that will combine her passions for advocacy and sports, and, as she puts it, lead to a career in "the advocacy side of sports." Congratulations, thank you and good luck from your proud alma mater, Karesse!

## ***Bridgehampton School's Mission and Belief Statements and Profile of a Graduate***

### ***Mission Statement:***

It is the mission of the Bridgehampton School to inspire lifelong intellectual curiosity and respectful individual expression by reaching beyond our school community and teaching all students the essential skills to actively participate in the global community and to flourish in the 21st Century.

### ***Belief Statement:***

We believe that our children will shape the future by expressing their intelligence, curiosity, compassion, leadership and invention by reaching beyond our small school community and working to their fullest potential to preserve and improve our world.

### ***Profile of the Bridgehampton School Graduate:***

The Bridgehampton graduate will be a reflective, compassionate and motivated individual who combines academic prowess and social tolerance in order to become a successful member of society. The following attributes shall be indicative of the Bridgehampton graduate:

- An effective communicator in written and oral expression;
- An analytic problem solver – resourceful and efficient when addressing local and global issues;
- A technologically- advanced individual, able to meet the challenges of 21st century society;
- An individual who will face life's challenges responsibly;
- An intrinsically-motivated citizen who inspires others to work for the greater good;
- An individual who effectively uses time management and organizational skills;
- A critical thinker who blends life experiences with intellectual scholarship;
- A creative thinker who welcomes opportunities to engage their curiosity of the arts, sciences and humanities;
- A respectful and willing individual who embraces cultural diversity; and,
- An individual who actively pursues foreign languages to effectively and diplomatically communicate the exchange of ideas in our global environment.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO BHS NATIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS



Current National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society members, along with new inductees—19 students in total—were honored at a morning ceremony on May 28, presented by English teacher and NHS Advisor **Lenore Wright** in the school gymnasium. Pictured, from top left, are junior **Harriet deGroot\***, senior **Claudio Figueroa\***, juniors **Matthew Hoshstedler\*** and **Chjuvaughn Cameron\***, 2014 graduates **Tatyana Dawson** and **Jannah Hochstedler**, Ms. **Lenore Wright**, juniors **Elizabeth Hochstedler\*** and **Laura Uribe\***; center: seniors **Jada Pinckney\*** and **Hayley Lund**; and bottom row: junior **Isaiah AQUI**, sophomores **Max Cheng\*\*** and **Madeleine Koral**, freshman **Autumn Street**, sophomore **Nia Dawson**, eighth-grader **Autumn Coffey\*\***, senior **Daniel Denton\***, eighth-grader **Jonathan deGroot\*\***, and junior **Giselle Carmona**.

*\*new NHS inductee; \*\*new NJHS inductee*



## BRIDGEHAMPTON CULTURE CLUB WIDENS STUDENTS' HORIZONS

A new school club and elective course for students in grades 10-12 will explore world cultures and culminate in a spring-break tour of London, Paris and Barcelona. Gearing up early on a Saturday in July, 9 of our 15 club members—Hayley Lund, Elizabeth Hochstedler, Harriet deGroot, Claudio Figueroa, Jada Pinckney, Nia Dawson, Matthew Hostetter, Isaiah AQUI and Max Cheng—gathered after a car wash in front of the school for what they hope will be the first of many group photo ops. Fundraisers will continue throughout August and the school year. Please drop by our events, visit [www.bridgehamptoncultureclub.com](http://www.bridgehamptoncultureclub.com), or contact English teacher Tom House at [thouse@bridgehampton.k12.ny.us](mailto:thouse@bridgehampton.k12.ny.us) for more details. Donations for yard sales are gratefully accepted—clean house and send a student to Europe!

### UPCOMING CULTURE CLUB FUNDRAISERS

- Yard Sale & Car Wash – Sat, August 16, 9am – 2 pm
- Yard Sale Part 2 & Car Wash – Sat, August 30, 9am – 2 pm
- Outdoor Movie Night on the back lawn – Fri, September 19

## SAVE THE DATES!

**SUPERINTENDENT CONFERENCE DAYS – WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 & 4**

**FIRST DAY OF CLASSES – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

**PTO BARBECUE – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**