

The Bulletin Board

News from the Hicksville UFSD

Marianne Litzman NAMED NEW SUPERINTENDENT

On Wednesday, June 13, the Board of Education unanimously appointed Marianne Litzman as superintendent of schools. The appointment was effective July 1, 2018, following the retirement of Superintendent Dr. Carl Bonuso.

"After conducting an extensive and thorough search and interviewing several highly qualified candidates, it was evident that Marianne Litzman possesses the vision and leadership skills we are looking for to lead our school district to the next level of success," said Board of Education President Phil Heckler. "Her familiarity with our students, staff and community will ensure a smooth transition at a critical juncture in our district, specifically the concurrent appointment of three new elementary school principals and the implementation of the Next Generation Learning Standards recently adopted by the NYS Education Department."

Mrs. Litzman brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new position. This year, she was selected as a recipient of the Nassau BOCES 2018 Education Partner Award for her outstanding contributions to public education in Nassau County.

She began her service to the district as a science teacher

and science coordinator, then as continuing education director, principal of the district's evening high school, assistant principal of Hicksville Middle School, principal of Dutch Lane Elementary School and, currently, as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

"I am honored and grateful for this opportunity to lead Hicksville Public Schools as superintendent," said Mrs. Litzman.

"Throughout my career in the district, it has been my privilege to collaborate with a dedicated staff and the supportive Hicksville community in working to meet the educational needs of all our students. I look forward to continuing to strengthen the home-school connection in order for our district to shine brightly throughout the future. I want to express my appreciation to the Board of Education for their support and look forward to working together in providing opportunities for all



children to reach their potential and prepare them for the world they will meet upon graduation and beyond."

Mrs. Litzman holds a Bachelor of Science in education, magna cum laude, from Northeastern University, a Master of Arts with Distinction from Hofstra University and a Professional Diploma in educational administration from LIU Post. She is a three-time PTA Founders Day honoree and a recipient of the 2018 Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award.

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Congratulations to all!

The district congratulates its fifth-graders and eighth-graders who received recognitions and moved up to the next level of their education this June. We wish them the best of luck as they prepare to transition to the middle and high schools.



ALUMNISPOTLIGHT

SHAUN J. GLOVER
Hicksville High School
Class of 2000



My name is Shaun J. Glover from the graduating class of 2000. I wanted to share with you my experience with Hicksville High School. I feel my success in school was due to the great guidance I received along the way. My guidance counselor was Ms. Hannon, who guided me on which classes would be the best fit for me. The communication between the teachers, counselors and my family was a key for success. Whenever I was falling out of line, it was addressed at school and home. With these combinations, I was guided on what I should do with the rest of my life. I was supported during the whole college search and selection. I went away to college to study, met my wife and became an occupational therapist, currently working for a facility in New Jersey. We have a house in Monroe, New York, where we raise our three kids. All of this has been accomplished due to the efforts of Hicksville High School.

SHERI BOSSONG
Hicksville High School
Class of 2010



My name is Sheri Bossong, and I'm a proud Hicksville High School Graduate Class of 2010. After high school, I attended Stony Brook University and received a Bachelor of Engineering in engineering science. I enjoyed my time at Stony Brook so much that I stayed and received my master's in material science. In college, I had an amazing experience doing research in Finland for a summer through the NSFREU program. The opportunity was unforgettable, and Finland is a beautiful country. Currently, I'm working for a construction management company in Manhattan, Lendlease. I supervise, coordinate and manage all the mechanical trades on a residential tower called Central Park Tower. Central Park Tower will be the tallest residential building in the Western Hemisphere.

Hicksville schools were very influential to my life and career. Through my seven years participating and competing with Science Olympiad, I developed meaningful relationships and my love of engineering. The guidance and support of the coaches always pushed me to succeed and instilled in me perseverance and dedication that I carry with me today.

Congratulations



94% of graduates earned a Regents endorsement on their diplomas.

More than \$149,000 in local scholarships were awarded to students.



Bright Awards

With their proud family, friends and teachers applauding their remarkable accomplishments, members of the high school's Class of 2018 marked a milestone in their academic careers during a spirited graduation ceremony on June 23.

The graduates received motivational words of wisdom from Board of Education President Phil Heckler, former Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carl Bonuso and Principal Raymond Williams, in addition to student addresses by salutatorian Sonali Malhotra and valedictorian Srishti Tyagi. Tyagi spoke about the importance of experiencing failure to spur growth, while Malhotra encouraged her peers to stay on track no matter what others may say about them.

"We are so consumed by a lust for security and a predetermined future of success that we feel threatened by change," Tyagi said. "This prevents us from realizing that failure is crucial in allowing us to embrace change and grow as people. Become well acquainted with failure because when it inevitably shows up at your door, you can greet it like an old friend."



CLASS OF 2018



Futures with the Graduates

94%
of graduates planned to
attend two- and four-year
colleges, technical schools or
enter into military service,
and 6 percent planned to
enter the workforce.



Live boldly, take risks and make mistakes; it's the only way you can adapt, learn and grow. We have proven to the world that we are ambitious, creative, dedicated and passionate, and that we can set goals, achieve them and be successful."

"Regardless of what others tell you, you do not have to be a certain way, or conform with a certain set of expectations, in order to accomplish something," Malhotra said. "Remember to view everyone as an equal because race, gender, age or any other factors that make us unique truly do not make one superior or inferior to another. Sooner or later, you will realize that collaboration will get us places and selfishness is useless. This is why Hicksville High School was such a great place to be. This diversity we take for granted taught us how to work together. I hope that the future holds great things for all of us."

The ceremony concluded with graduates shifting their tassels from right to left and tossing their caps high into the air, signifying that the sky is the limit as the Class of 2018 sets its sights on the future.

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