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Dragons and Generals Cross the Stage

The culmination of countless successes was reached on June 21 as the Class of 2025 from Division Avenue and General Douglas MacArthur high schools officially became alumni of Levittown Schools at the Hofstra University David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex.

Principal John Coscia welcomed guests to Division's 66th commencement and urged graduates to maintain their perseverance in the face of adversity and embrace those who have supported their journeys. "Fear tells us to hesitate; it tells us to play it safe, to stay where it's comfortable" he said, "but love tells us to step into the unknown, to chase our dreams, to trust and to grow."

Division valedictorian Vidhi Patel, who joined Levittown Schools in 10th grade, shared her appreciation for her peers. "I want to thank my fellow graduates for this new perspective," she said. "Because of you all, I was able to make the most of my three years here and found my passions. I became part of a new community."

At MacArthur's 64th commencement, Principal Joseph Sheehan told the Class of 2025 to "go after your dreams with steadfast confidence and passion" and recalled a personal moment he shared with the seniors.

"When you asked me to join you on stage at the senior variety show last month, I was beyond touched, and it truly meant more to me than you could ever imagine," Mr. Sheehan said. "My mind was, 'I am Mac.' But the truth is, I'm not 'Mac'; you are not 'Mac'; we are 'Mac.'"

MacArthur valedictorian Melody Hong gave her class address, relating their journeys to the paths and varying destinations that rubber ducks travel in a race. "In the end, we all end up in different places along the river, but that does not take away any value at all from each of our journeys," she said.

"You've already come so far, and you continue to do a good job where you are now – so keep going!" Melody continued. "You've got this. We've got this."

Superintendent of Schools Todd Winch individually recognized students who will serve in various branches of the United States Armed Forces and offered graduates key pieces of advice: "Share laughter with your friends, celebrate small wins and pay attention to moments that seem ordinary, because those are often the ones you will remember the most."

Seniors also heard from Division salutatorian Jennifer Chen and Class President Vincent DiCicco, as well as MacArthur salutatorian Katherine Tian and Class President Thomas Bennett. Board of Education President Jennifer Messina began the conferring of diplomas, and the Class of 2025 officially became alumni upon the turning of their tassels.



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> – Superintendent of Schools Todd Winch



Meet Your Class of 2025

Valedictorians and Salutatorians

DIVISION AVENUE

VIDHI PATEL: VALEDICTORIAN



Vidhi, Division's valedictorian whose fierce determination can be seen in her remarkable 105.06 grade point average, is the Class of 2025 Student Council president. She has helped lead the Science Olympiad team to success as its vice captain and organized philanthropic endeavors as the co-president of the Key Club. She is a member of the World Language Honor Society, Division's Ambassadors Program and the Diversity Club. This year, Vidhi attended monthly Board of Education meetings as Division's student liaison. She will study biology at Williams College.



JENNIFER CHEN: SALUTATORIAN

Jennifer, Division's salutatorian who achieved a grade point average of 102.65, is a competitor in the Science Olympiad, which has seen much success at Division, and is a member of the National Art Honor Society, Key Club and Levittown Youth Council. As a Peer Leader at Division, she assisted younger students in navigating their earliest steps as high schoolers. Jennifer will attend Hamilton College to study applied mathematics.

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MELODY HONG: VALEDICTORIAN



Melody, MacArthur's valedictorian who attained an impressive grade point average of 104.08, made school history by being named a finalist in the prestigious 2025 Regeneron Science Talent Search, the oldest science and math competition for high schoolers in the nation, for which she won an $80,000 prize. Melody is the captain of the Science Olympiad, a member of the Quiz Bowl, a U.S.A. Brain Bee national finalist and a principal cellist in the orchestra. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Honor Society and the Math Honor Society. She plans to study applied mathematics and will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



KATHERINE TIAN: SALUTATORIAN

Katherine, MacArthur's salutatorian who sports a grade point average above 102.85, credited her community service experiences as influential. Katherine, who is originally from Flushing, often joins the Chinese community for various celebrations and entertains crowds with the guzheng, a Chinese acoustic instrument which she has played for 11 years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Math Honor Society, canvassed for the 2024 state Assembly election and earned the Rensselaer Medal, a $40,000 scholarship. At the New York Tutoring Center, Katherine helps students in elementary school with their studies across all subject areas. Katherine plans to study neuroscience at New York University.



Senior members of Division's concert choir sang the national anthem.



Senior band players performed "Flight of the Thunderbird."



Seniors joined their peers in Division's string orchestra.



Future United States servicemembers received individual recognition.



Medals and diplomas were boasted with pride.

Thanks To Our Service Members:

Esedess Aiden Anzures – *U.S. Military @ SUNY Maritime*
Daniel DeSabaot – *U.S. Coast Guard*
Brian D'Henin – *U.S. Military @ SUNY Maritime*
Bryan Garcia – *U.S. Army*
Jorge Garcia – *U.S. Army*
Gavin Marciano – *U.S. Air Force*
Taylor Payne – *U.S. Army*

Class Stats

Diplomas granted: 592
Graduation Rate: > 99%
Total Regents Diplomas: 182
Advanced Regents Diplomas: 319
Total Advanced Regents with Honors Diplomas: 57
Attending four-year colleges: 435
Attending two-year colleges: 81
Military service and workforce: 5
Seal of Biliteracy: 155
Seal of Civic Readiness: 319

It was a "sweet victory" for the Class of 2025.



The MacArthur Class of 2025 Student Council celebrated a year of success.



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