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# Levittown LEADER

## Class of 2026 MAKES THE GRADE

The Division Avenue and General Douglas MacArthur Class of 2026 reached the ultimate achievement of their high school careers as they crossed the stage at the Hofstra University David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex to become official alumni of Levittown Schools.

Principal Joseph Sheehan welcomed guests to MacArthur's 66th commencement and commended the Class of 2026's many achievements and perseverance.

"Today, you stand on the threshold of a new chapter in your lives, filled with dreams, aspirations and opportunities," Mr. Sheehan said. "You are well prepared to take your next steps with courage and conviction and make choices that will shape your future and define your impact on the world."

MacArthur valedictorian Meaghan Campbell encouraged her classmates to let go of the labels and expectations that can define them. Using the familiar debate over which color folder belongs to each school subject as a metaphor, she reminded graduates that there is no single path forward. "What color school folder belongs to what school subject?" she asked. "This is your chance to leave the labels and expectations and create a future that is limitless. Be proud of who you are and craft a future that will let you explore who you can be. Science isn't always green, math isn't always blue, and you aren't a static figure."

At Division's 67th commencement, Principal Jeffrey Myers encouraged graduates to celebrate their achievements while acknowledging the spirit and camaraderie they expressed through their years in high school. "It's not just about brains, awards, championships, performances or college acceptances," Mr. Myers said. "It's about being part of something bigger than yourself."

In his valedictory address, Nish Keer discussed the different methods that can be used to approach mathematical problems – an insight he gained when viewing different teams during Science Olympiad competitions. "Those unique innovations taught me that there is rarely one right way, that the person next to you might be taking a completely different path to the same destination," he said.

During their respective ceremonies, audience members also heard from MacArthur salutatorian Sara Duda and Class President Anthony Ross, as well as Division salutatorian Andrew Zhao and Class President Isabella Montes.

Board President Christina Lang encouraged graduates to embrace every lesson learned along the way before beginning the conferring of diplomas. Each member of the Class of 2026 proudly stepped up to shake hands with administrators and trustees, becoming official alumni upon the ceremonious turning of their tassels and tossing of their caps.



*"The degree you earn, the business you build or the rank you achieve may shape your career, but your character will shape every relationship you have, every decision you make, and ultimately, the legacy you leave behind."*

– Superintendent of Schools  
Todd Winch



# MEET YOUR CLASS OF 2026

## Valedictorians and Salutatorians

DIVISION AVENUE

### NISH KEER: VALEDICTORIAN

Nish, Division's valedictorian who achieved an impressive GPA of 105.51, is a leader in several academic extracurricular groups, including the co-president and co-captain of the Science Olympiad team, president of the Mathletes team and president of the World Language Honor Society. Nish is also the president and cofounder of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which collaborates with the Levittown Chamber of Commerce to invite local entrepreneurs to the school to speak with students. Nish is a National Merit Scholar, earned the National Spanish Exam gold medal and achieved a score of five on all 10 AP tests taken before his senior year. Nish is committed to the Stony Brook University Honors College, where he will double major in applied mathematics and either pure mathematics, physics, economics or computer science.



### ANDREW ZHAO: SALUTATORIAN

Andrew, Division's salutatorian who holds a GPA of 102.75, is a musically gifted student. Beginning as a clarinet player, he challenged himself to take up the saxophone and has soared. In both the marching band and jazz band, Andrew has performed a saxophone solo. He has also played clarinet in the pit orchestra for a production of "The Addams Family" and played the saxophone for "Lost Boy." Andrew credits his music teacher, Christopher Rossi, for supporting him in expanding his musical skills by playing the saxophone. Andrew plans to attend New York University and study applied physics.



### MEAGHAN CAMPBELL: VALEDICTORIAN

Meaghan, MacArthur's valedictorian, achieved a GPA of 105.2 while balancing a highly successful athletic career as a three-sport player. Meaghan is a star basketball player and was named a Scholar Athlete, a Newsday top player, earned All-County and All-Conference honors and scored her 1,000th point this year. Meaghan helped lead the varsity volleyball team to success as conference championship winners. In the Science Research program, Meaghan has conducted projects that observe human behavior and social conformity and presented her work in the Institute for Advanced Computational Science Women in STEM, Long Island Science Congress and Northwell Medical Marvels competitions. She will attend Vassar College to study neuroscience and behavior and to continue her basketball career.



### SARA DUDA: SALUTATORIAN

Sara, MacArthur's salutatorian who attained a GPA of 104.8, is a medal-winning member of the Science Olympiad team and competes with the Mathletes team. In Science Research, Sara has studied both social sciences and plant life, notably by simulating lunar conditions to see if coffee grounds or coconut husks can help a plant grow. She was an early entrant into the AP Physics program during her sophomore year and the AP Calculus program in her junior year. She will attend Farmingdale State College to study nursing, aligning with her passion for helping others. She hopes to eventually obtain a doctoral degree and become a CRNA.



MACARTHUR

Diplomas granted: 598

Graduation Rate: >99%

Total Advanced Regents Diplomas: 301

Attending four-year colleges: 470

Total Regents Diplomas: 164

Total Advanced Regents with Honors Diplomas: 301

Attending two-year colleges: 62

Seal of Civic Readiness: 232

Seal of Biliiteracy: 169

## Congrats CLASS OF 2026

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