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On Friday morning at East Boston Memorial Stadium over 200 East Boston High School seniors from the Class of 2022 graduated as part of the school's annual commencement exercises. Top, students from the Class of 2022 enter East Boston Memorial Stadium. Below, students receive high fives, hugs and fist pumps from EBHS faculty as they enter the stadium for graduation.

By John Lynds

On Friday morning, over 200 East Boston High School seniors walked the stage at East Boston Memorial Stadium and received their diplomas as part of the high school's graduation exercise.

The evening kicked off with the traditional procession of the Class of 2022 into the stadium followed by the presentation of colors by EBHS JROTC.

Anivia Sophorirath then performed a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem, the crowd was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by EBHS Coach Dave Arinella.

The ceremony got underway with a welcome and remarks by Arinella before EBHS Headmaster Phil Brangiforte addressed the Class of 2022.

"Four years ago, all of you entered East Boston High as wide-eyed freshmen ready to embark on a new and exciting journey," Brangiforte began. "And then – 18 months into your high school career, COVID changed everything. Since that time, you have all faced incredible challenges: constant Zooming; playing sports with masks on; missing out on so many activities and events. Yet despite endless disruptions to your families, to your social lives, and to your education, the Class of 2022 has triumphed... and today... will walk across the stage as proud graduates of this



As we emerge from the dark cloud of COVID, I want all of you to know how incredibly proud I am to have served as your

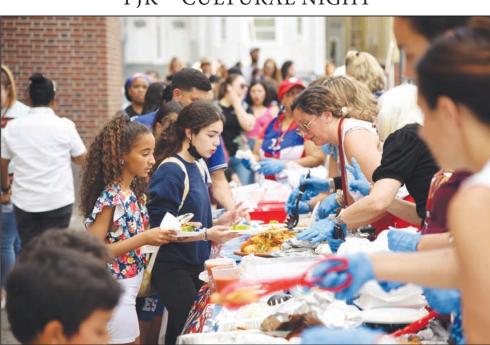
great academic institution. Headmaster. Your efforts in unprecedented adversity, your resilience and determination to overcome all obstacles, and your sheer will to succeed is an

inspiration for generations to come."

Brangiforte was followed by a keynote ad-

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PJK - CULTURAL NIGHT



Families enjoying the buffet during the Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary School's Cultural Night on June 14. See page 16 for more photos.

Meridian House to celebrate 50th Anniversary

By John Lynds

In January 1972 a small article appeared in the East Boston Community News inviting the community to a 'housing warming' hosted by the staff of a new halfway-house that had opened three months prior on Meridian Street.

It was the first article introducing the community to the Fran Rowan Meridian House. There was some debate in the community at the time whether or not a halfway-house that helps people struggling with substance abuse was the right fit for the community. After all, a program like the Meridian House was a foriegn concept in 1972 and some living in the area were weary of living next door to drug addicts trying to get sober.

However, the Meridian House's Director at the time, Buster Genualdo, said in the article the

"need" for the Meridian House in Eastie was "great"--as many struggled with substance abuse issues and had nowhere else to turn. Genualdo wanted the house warming to stimulate community support for the Meridian House and give residents an opportunity to see the magic that was happening within its walls.

Now, 50 years later the Meridian House has become an Eastie institution and one of the most respected residential treatment programs in the state.

On Tuesday, June 28 at 5 p.m. at the Cottage Park Yacht Club the Meridian House staff, as well as past and current residents, supporters and special guests, will celebrate 50 years as the first and oldest residential addiction treatment program in Boston.

"It's going to be a great

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Coletta delivers maiden speech

By John Lynds

District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta delivered her maiden speech on the council floor recently while offering an order for a hearing regarding a comprehensive, district-wide planning process for Boston's waterfront.

"Today, I rise for the first time with excitement, optimism, and endless love for the city and its people," Coletta began. "I'm hopeful for the future we can and will create for future generations with creativity and innovation and while I'm incredibly excited for the future of this city, I am keenly aware of the unique challenges ahead."

Coletta said as the city

looks directly into the face of what is a local threat to us all, and millions around the world-sea level rise due to climate change-she is worried about our fu-

"The progress we built both in our physical infrastructure as well as in our human infrastructure through the dismantling of oppressive systems and structures will all be for naught if we do not plan proactively to protect the resiliency of our coastline," said Coletta. "So today and thinking of our collective future, I rise with urgency and I rise with the intention to expedite the conversation in implementing a compre-

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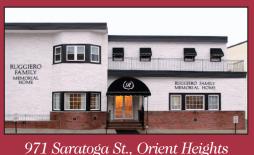
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FRESH AND LOCAL

Support those who feed us

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There are ways you can support the restaurants and local farmers who have dealt with so many difficulties since the beginning of the pandemic. We were very aware of the problems our friends in the hospitality industry have overcome and are still working around. These range from supply chain disruptions, inflationary prices for food and supplies, the cost of outdoor seating, and staff shortages. They deal with customers who are angry about regulations, price increases, and missing

Local Farmers Too!

menu items.

It should have been evident that our local farms and farmers' market staff were dealing with similar problems. We stopped to say hello to a favorite farmer at our local market recently while she was having lunch. You could see the stress in her expression as she told us

about customers criticizing her and her staff about price increases.

She and her family have had to work longer hours because they can't get the help they need. The price they pay for supplies and equipment has skyrocketed. For example, the cost of diesel fuel for their farm equipment and the trucks they drive to markets has more than doubled.

Another market vendor with prepared foods could not get the aluminum containers for one of her most popular items and lost sales and disappointed her customers.

What's more, there is no immediate hope in sight. A New York Times report did not see any improvement in the supply chain issues in 2022. While a headline in The Guardian read, "Global supply chain crisis could last another two years, warn experts."

How to Help

You can start by being more patient and understanding. Local restaurant owners and farmers operate on tiny profit margins and have very stressful businesses.

Try a new menu item or a daily special instead of complaining that your favorite lobster roll is unavailable or too expensive. Go to your favorite restaurants during off-hours and days. Bring containers for any food you want to take home. Finally, tip well and try to be kind to the staff.

Stop whining about the price of eggs at the farm stand. Instead, buy some produce to make a frittata instead of eggs-over-easy for breakfast. Continue to purchase the excellent quality that local farms provide. However, don't waste any of the food you do buy. Visit the markets more often. Buy what you need and use all of it.

Choose what's in season and what the farm has in abundance. These items represent the best value at the stand. Feel free to ask for guidance on what is a good buy that day.



Local farms and farmers' market staff face the same problems as restaurants, with customers complaining about prices and shortages.

Join their Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program if you want a farm to succeed. The money you give them upfront at the beginning of each season means they can borrow less from their bank at ever-increasing interest rates.

Face Reality

We have lost so many restaurants, and that hurts.

We miss many professionals who have left the hospitality business because of the stress, danger, and lost income from the pandemic. Those who remain need to be treated respectfully by customers and feel that they are valued, or they too may move on to other fields.

If we begin to lose local farms and use agricultural land for other purposes, we jeopardize our regional food security. And this will happen just as more of us turn to local food producers for healthier and more environmentally-friendly meals.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

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hensive district wide planning process for Boston's waterfront."

Coletta said Boston is extremely lucky to have a natural and environmental treasure that is our harbor.

"The waterfront became a necessary economic engine during the industrial era and over the years as the city expanded, contracted and expanded again, our waterfront has remained an industrial hub while also enjoying welcome investments into beautiful parks and open spaces on the water's edge," she said. "I think of places that I frequented as a child with my Abuela, like Piers Park and the iconic look LoPresti Park, with their sweeping views of Boston's skyline. We all have the right to access and enjoy Boston's tide lands protected by the Public Waterfront Act."

However, Coletta cautioned that despite these projections our waterfront is under intense pressure, both due to coastal flooding and private interests that seek to commodify its

"District One in particular faces pressures," said Coletta. "East Bos-



District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta delivers her maiden speech at a recent Council meeting.

Charlestown, North End are all coastal communities that for generations have borne significant burdens and environmental injustices. We face being hit first and worst by negative impacts of climate change in the coming years and the data is out there and it's unsettling. The Gulf of Maine, including its smaller cousin Massachusetts Bay, is the fastest warming body of ocean on the planet."

Due to this data Colet-

ta said Boston faces the greatest risk of flooding with more than 45% of the city's critical infrastructure at risk.

"This includes our hospitals, schools, police and fire stations," she said. "This is expected to increase by 20% by 2051. As we prepare for sea level rise, we must prioritize waterfront planning that dictates any new development while incorporating a strong plan for resiliency. We are dealing with a compounding displacement crisis, both due to development and gentrification. Looking to the very near future about 11,000 people, a majority of them low income and be displaced due to coastal flooding and the city has a significant role to play in planning for our future to fortify our coastline and mitigate the effects of storm surges in stormwater runoff."

Coletta believes the city can achieve increased resiliency without depending on investments from private entities or developers.

"The urgent need for coastal flooding does consider the need for a holistic plan to solve our housing process," she said. "I am pleased to see the recent announcement by Mayor Michelle Wu to launch an Municipal Harbor Plan (MHP) for East people of color, will soon Boston, that prioritizes waterfront resiliency and equity and I do look forward to partnering with her administration on this work. But while we consider next steps for this process, there are significant lessons to be learned from the downtown waterfront MHP that occurred between 2013 and 2017."

Coletta said first the city must be able to meet the sea to take in water by using both passive and active permeable landscape landscapes.

"Let's utilize contemporary resiliency strategies seen around the world as applied in cities in Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Venice," she said. "I know Boston is a competI say that we are behind the tap on this it will dawn on people. It will dawn on people that we are behind and that we seriously need to act urgently."

"Whatever happens through this process - it needs to be community-led, with an emphasis on centering the needs of residents for what their vision is for the waterfront... to help define the framework that developers must adhere to if they intend on building on our waterfront," she added. "We need a plan that takes into consideration modern resilience strategies through an equity lens that sets our vision to guide any new proposals."

Graduation // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

dress to the Class of 2022 delivered by Rep. Adrian Madaro.

"The Class of 2022 can be marked by one word: resiliency," said Madaro. "Your generation has faced more challenges in school over the past few years than any other in decades. A global pandemic, not only impacting our families and our communities, but shutting down schools, moving classes to remote learning, and returning with the complications of Covid restrictions. Not the best conditions for learning, or for socializing with your classmates, or for managing mental health during what can be, even in the best of times, a tough few years for a lot of people. In many ways,

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you've all faced the impossible. But you know what? You did it. Here you are, today. You may have struggled during these past few years, but this experience has only made you stronger, both as individuals and as a class. The challenges of your high school experience have shown that there is nothing you can't overcome, no obstacle that you can't tackle once you put your mind to it."

Madaro told the Class of 2022 to be proud of themselves, never stop learning and give back to the community. "Today marks the end

of the latest chapter of your life, and the beginning of the next," said Madaro. "Let your expe-

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riences here be the foundation on which you start to build your future, whatever it be. Be proud, give back, and always keep learning."

Following Madaro, EBHS Salutatorian Genesis Onuoha addressed the class.

"Outside these buildings, the world is full of false guarantees and life can be uncertain," said Onuiha. "Childhood is heavily structured...kind of like having bumpers on a bowling lane. The system exerts immense force to keep you on track. Then you graduate, the bumpers come off, the lane disappears, and you're a bowling ball sitting in an empty field. High school is not the highlight of our lives, it's the end of the first chapter and the beginning of the rest. For the past four years, I've watched many of you grow into amazing people and I believe that everyone here has the power to succeed. I know it's easier said than done, but you've all made it to this point, which proves you have great potential to make the world a better place. The next chapters in our lives

will look different for each

of us, and so will our defi-

nitions of success. All that

matters is that you're hap-

py with where you are at.

So follow the dreams that

will make you proud, or at

the very least, dreams that you can look back on in a couple of years and think to yourself, "At least I gave it a shot," because at the end of the day, as cliche and as corny as this sounds, a great poet once said, you only live once. So remember the only person who has to live with your choices is you."

EBHS Class of 2022 Valedictorian John Le then delivered his speech.

"I know these last few years have been hard for us, but we are finally here today," said Le. "Every one of you seniors should be proud of what you have accomplished to get here. It is a huge achievement. Whether you decide to go to college or pursue a different path, I know each and every one of you will be successful. As we continue our journey and move into this new chapter of our lives, it is important to note that there will be many challenges we will have to face. Whether they be big tests or trying to meet new people, you should always have an end goal in mind. Each and every one of you should be proud of yourselves for making it this far. I sincerely hope that whichever path you decide to take, you find what you are looking for and you make the most out of it. Best of luck to every-

one and thank you."

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Telephone: 617-567-4499 www.spinellis.com By John Lynds

At every meeting leading up to the Sumner Tunnel restoration project that began earlier this month, MassDOT officials promised they were coordinating with the MBTA to ensure public transit options and that the T was committed to uninterrupted Blue Line service.

At a time when Eastie's elected officials have been demanding increased Blue

Line service during the Sumner Tunnel project the MBTA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) dropped a bombshell on the community last week.

Last Thursday, MBTA announced weeksubway service changes that took effect Monday on the Blue Line as well as the Red and Orange Lines.

MBTA officials said these changes are the result of staffing challenges among the ranks of subway dispatchers in the MBTA's Operations Control Center. With a limited number of dispatchers, the service changes will allow the MBTA to schedule dispatchers in compliance with new FTA directives after an investigation into a recent spate of derailments, crashes and railroad crossing accidents.

On Monday, Blue Line weekday trains began operating every seven min-

utes until 9 a.m. and every eight to nine minutes for the rest of the day. Blue Line weekday summer service is typically five minutes between trains during morning and evening peak periods, every nine to 10 minutes between trains in the midday mornings, and every five to six minutes between trains in the midday afternoons.

The MBTA said the Blue Line volume was about 44% below pre-Covid ridership levels according to data collected last week.

"I share the neighborhood's frustration with this change in service at a time when my colleagues and I have been asking for an increase in Blue Line service and not a decrease due to the ongoing Sumner Tunnel project," said Rep. Adrian Madaro. "We will continue to work

with MBTA and Mass-DOT officials to explore alternative transportation options for East Boston residents. While this was a direct mandate by the federal government and out of the MBTA's hands the time is now to re-establish the East Boston/North End ferry service that was an enormous success during the Blue Line tunnel project in May. The ferry service gave residents here a viable commuting option to downtown while the Blue Line tunnel between Maverick and Aquarium stations was closed. My colleagues and I will continue to advocate for a return of this service throughout the duration of the tunnel project as well as to offset this newest obstacle for residents who rely on public transportation to work, doctor's ap-

In a statement last week the MBTA said it is exploring multiple options to add capacity at the Control Center, including an aggressive recruitment campaign, offering bonuses, and potentially hiring back former dispatchers.

"If dispatch capacity permits, there may be days when the MBTA can increase the number of trains in service," said the statement. "And as soon as sufficient dispatch capacity exists, the MBTA will revert to its previous

level of service." There is one exception to the revised summer schedule. In the afternoon and evening of Monday, July 4, the MBTA will provide regular weekday service in order to accommodate people attending Independence Day festiv-

Meridian// CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

event," said Meridian House's current Director, Audrey Clairmont. "We're going to be honoring a few people. We're going to be honoring a staff member who has been with the Meridian House for over 17 years as well as airing a 50th anniversary video. There will be a couple of alumni speakers that will talk about how the Meridian House changed their life as well as Rep. Adrian Madaro, Chair of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, who will talk about the impact the Meridian House has had in the community."

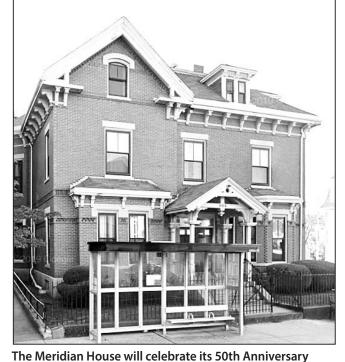
Clairmont said the Meridian House will use the event to launch the innigural John Neaney Award.

"We will be presenting the first John Neaney award to John and he will be honored at the event," said Clairmont. "John is 36 years in recovery and was a resident of the Meridian House from 1985 to 1986. Since he graduated from the program he has been a consistent support for the Meridian House and its residents. Every year on his anniversary of getting sober he brings residents pizza and tells his story. John has really been a huge asset to the house for the last 36 years. So the first award in his name will be ceremonial and after he receives the award this year we plan on making it an annual award

going forward." Over the course of the past five decades, Meridian House, working through North Suffolk Mental Health Association, has helped hundreds and hundreds of people find their way to recovery since its inception in the

fall of 1971. A few years ago Help. org, a trusted online resource for individuals who struggle with addiction, named the Meridian House one of the best treatment facilities

around. During the pandemic, many struggling with substance abuse and recovery were isolated from sup-



next Tuesday at the Cottage Park Yacht Club.

port services and in-person peer to peer meetings. The pandemic has had disastrous consequences on

the recovery community. Recent state reports showing 2021 was one of the worst years for addiction and overdoses, so Clairmont said it is more important than ever to celebrate the Meridian House's work, and the work of similar treatment facilities.

"I think this would have been an important event at any time but given the pandemic that really set us back, not only here at the Meridian House, but the recovery community in general it definitely seems more poignant than ever," said Clairmont. "This is our first major event since the pandemic and this work is so much about being connected, building support, being involved in the community and building that foundation. The nature of COVID just took that away from us and so many people. The ability to attend meetings, the fear of entering a residential treatment program because of the virus, treatment programs shutting down all had an impact. While remote meetings did help, I think if you ask people who are seeking treatment services, it's not quite the same as sitting in

a room with people. That human interaction, that human touch that is so important was missing."

Clairmont added that the Meridian House and its residents in treatment have always been about the community.

"For 50 years we have been ingrained in the community, attending community events, supporting those events, partnering with event organizers and hosting our own events," said Clairmont. "We are excited to really be getting back to those partnerships and this event will highlight the good we are doing post-pandemic. This is the first opportunity we'll have to really do that in two years so we're all really, really excited for it. It's nice to just be able to gather and celebrate something positive in the recovery community. Meridian House is just such an institution in the community. If you've ever been to Meridian House or worked there or worked closely with us then you've heard people use the phrase "Meridian Magic". It's something that you can't really explain. I've overseen a lot of programs but the Meridian House is really unique in a lot of ways. There's just something magical that happens here."

Eastie's weekly COVID positive test-rate levels out

pointments and other nec-

essary travel."

By John Lynds

After dropping two weeks in a row, East Boston's weekly COVID positive test rate has leveled out a bit according to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

Last week, 926 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 9.6 percent were positive--this was a one percent increase from the 9.5 percent that tested positive between June 6 and June 13.

Eighty nine additional Eastie residents contract-

ed the virus between June 13 and June 20 there have now been 15.812 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate decreased last week

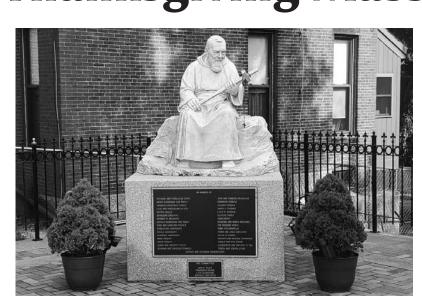
According to the BPHC, 14,523 Boston residents tested citywide and 7.7 percent were positive—a 19 percent decrease from the 9.5 percent that tested positive between June 6 and June 13.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.4 percent last week and went from 191,740 to 192,591 confirmed cases since the start of the pan-

There were three additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,478.

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AMERICA IS IN A MAELSTROM WITH NO WAY OUT

America and the world are in a bad place, with no easy way out.

Although the worst of the coronavirus is behind us, the unprecedented economic after-effects of the pandemic continue to afflict every aspect of our lives. The Great Resignation has disrupted supply chains

for goods of all kinds and made air travel, which formerly used to be a pleasure, a fraught experience, with thousands of flights cancelled every week because of a shortage of pilots and crew. All of us are griping about the high cost of energy,

but with oil refining capacity at an all-time low relative to demand, it is all but certain that gasoline prices will remain at record levels for the foreseeable future.

Electric cars are still a long way off from becoming practical for most Americans for a host of reasons.

The war in Ukraine, the largest in the world since WWII, is exacerbating shortages of commodities of all kinds, especially food.

Avian flu, the worst on record, continues to devastate both domesticated and wild bird populations.

Our health care system, which proved so inadequate during the pandemic, is completely incapable of handling the coming influx of aging Baby Boomers -- just visit any ER, anywhere and everywhere.

Our public educational system not only has fallen far behind because of the pandemic, but the looming teacher shortage means that catching up will be all but im-

Drug overdose deaths are at their highest rate ever, with no solution in sight.

Mass shootings are a routine occurrence with [p;iticians too-cowed by the gun lobby to take even the simplest, most common-sense action.

Climate change continues unchecked and unabated. Life on the planet as we know it never will be the same.

And last but not least, it is apparent that a large percentage of Americans are committed to overthrowing our democracy. What happened on 1/6 is just a prelude to what is to come in the 2022 and 2024 elections.

Yes, the present is tough going -- but the future is even bleaker.

BOATING AND DRINKING DON'T MIX

A national news headline caught our attention recently:

"Five people, including four from the same family, died in a boating collision on Saturday along a river popular with boaters outside Savannah, Ga., the authorities said. Four other people were injured, including one who was charged with operating a boat while under the influence."

This story, coming at the start of the summer season, should serve as a sober reminder (pun intended) that alcohol consumption on a boat is never a good idea.

For far too many boaters and their guests, heavy drinking and boating go hand-in-hand. Unfortunately however, the proverbial "booze cruise" all too often ends up with tragic consequences.

Boating under the influence -- BUI -- is every bit as dangerous as DUI (driving under the influence) and also is a criminal offense.

We urge all of our readers who are either boat owners or their guests to ensure that someone on board will be a designated "sober sailor" in order to avoid becoming another sad, grim statistic.

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Forum

East Boston's Don't Be Denied Band to host benefit concert for Ukraine on June 25

By John Lynds

East Boston's Don't Be Denied Band, founded by East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Vice President and Zumix Board Member Steven Snyder, will host a benefit concert for Ukraine at the House of Blues Foundation Room on Saturday,

The Don't Be Denied band was formed in 2017 during the height of thee Adminstration's Trump xenophobia and attacks on immigrants living in Eastie and across the nation. At the time Snyder witnessed first hand how the former administration was causing fears among the immigrant population over access to healthcare, access to housing, and that if they were undocumented they would be removed from the country. This, explained Snyder, caused a lot of trauma in the com-

"When the band first formed, I had two concepts in mind," said Snyder. "One, that membership in the band would be very flexible, and two, that we would have a focus on social justice. Many of our songs deal with social justice issues in our own community such as immigrant rights and racial

equity." said when Snyder Russia invaded Ukraine many of his fellow band



Eastie's Don't Be Denied Band (above and below) will perform a benefit concert for the People of Ukraine at the House of Blues on Saturday, June 25.

members had friends and co-workers with family in

"We were devastated for them," said Snyder. "We immediately thought we should hold a concert to create awareness and raise funds. We found a local charity called Sunflower of Peace that is providing medical and other critical supplies to Ukraine."

Snyder said all of the money raised through the concert will go directly to Sunflower of Peace to support relief efforts for the Ukrainian People.

Snyder said in addition to the Don't Be Denied Band another local band, Juniper, will be playing. Snyder said Juniper is a great rock/pop band and both bands will mix original music with some fun covers.

"I'm really hoping the live music at a great venue B6X.



East Boston community will step up for this important cause," said Snyder. "There are so many important issues in our country right now and I fear this unjust war is being forgotten. I hope people will buy tickets and come for a fun night of

and support a great chari-

Tickets for the event available through Universe, Ticket Masters event site. The event link is https://www.universe. com/events/dont-be-denied-a-benefit-concertfor-ukraine-tickets-CWS-

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The East Boston High School Class of 2022 took one last group photo before proceeding into the stadium.



Graduates look for family and friends in the audience as they enter the stadium.



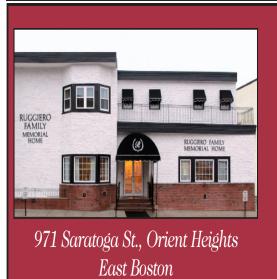
Anivia Sophorirath sings the National Anthem.



Members of the Class of 2022 decorated their caps, some



Seniors from the East Boston High School football team.



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Members of the East Boston High School National Honors Society.



After receiving their diplomas, members of the East Boston High School Class of 2022 were congratulated by faculty members.



East Boston High School teacher Tyrone Figueroa congratulates one of his students.



A member of the East Boston High School Class of 2022 is embraced by one of his teachers for a job well done.



Headmaster Phil Brangiforte hands out diplomas to stu-



Students were all smiles when they received their diplomas as their accomplishments were realized.



East Boston High School Class of 2022 Valedictorian John Le and Salutatorian Genesis Onuoha.



Members of the East Boston High School Class of 2022 are congratulated as they enter the stadium Friday morning.



Former East Boston High School faculty member Tiana Tassinari was on hand to congratulate her former students.



East Boston High School Coach Dave Arinella offered introductions.



One last look back before looking forward to the future.



East Boston High School Coach Dave Arinella with Harris Sheikh Asif.



Grads lined up as the ceremony got underway.







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John Le

Class 2022 Valedictorian

Good morning friends Staying up late at night to and family, faculty and study, trying to memorize staff, and of course the class of 2022. I know these last few years have been hard for us, but we are finally here today. Every one of you seniors should be proud of what you have accomplished to get here. It is a huge achievement. Before I begin, I just want to take this time to thank my friends, family, and everyone who has been there for me. I really couldn't have done it without you all. use to do bigger and better things. Whether you decide

Today is the day we have all been waiting for.

Good morning faculty,

I am Genesis Onuoha

Before I commence

with my speech, I would

first like to thank my fam-

My mom, for dragging

me out of bed each morn-

ing and making sure I was

in school on time; my dad,

for keeping me focused on

my studies; and my broth-

ers, for being the biggest

source of inspiration and

thank my friends...for be-

I would also like to

support.

and it is my honor to stand

here as your salutatorian.

staff, family, friends, and

the Class of 2022.

everything before a test, and all the sacrifices we made to get here, it has finally paid off. All the hard work we endure throughout these four years has led us to this moment where we will walk across the stage, thank all of the staff, and receive a diploma which shows that we have completed a proper education. This will serve as the platform which we will

to go to college or pursue a

ing so amazing and being

my rocks throughout these

Finally, I want to thank

my teachers, club advi-

sors, and academic men-

tors for pushing me to

help, I would not be up

Without all of your

Frankly, I am in no po-

sition to give you advice

about your futures. I'm

not any more prepared to

handle the real world than

the world is full of false

guarantees and life can be

Outside these buildings,

four years.

greatness.

here today.

Thank you.

the rest of you.

different path, I know each and every one of you will be successful.

Now I know that all this change can be scary, but we should embrace it and welcome it with open arms. Change is good, it is how we grow. A famous author once said, "The only way we can live is if we grow. The only way that we can grow is if we change. The only way that we can change is if we learn. The only way we can learn is if we are exposed. And the only way we can become exposed is if we throw ourselves into the open. Do it. Throw yourself." So don't be afraid the next time you have to try something new. As we continue our

journey and move into this new chapter of our lives, it is important to note that there will be many challenges we will have to face. Whether they be big tests or trying to meet new people, you should always have an end goal in mind. I remember in forensics class of my senior year, the teacher would always give us jolly ranchers for getting our work done. Moral of

the story: Have something in mind to push yourself forward. Thank you friends and

family for being there for us. Thank you faculty and staff, we couldn't have completed high school without all of you there every step of the way. And of course, congratulations to the graduating class of 2022. Again, each and every one of you should be proud of yourselves for making it this far. I sincerely hope that whichever path you decide to take, you find what you are



looking for and you make the most out of it. Best of luck to everyone and thank

All that matters is that

Genesis Onuoha

Class 2022 Salutatorian

uncertain.

Childhood is heavily structured...kind of like having bumpers on a bowling lane. The system exerts immense force to keep you on track. Then you graduate,

the bumpers come off, the lane disappears, and you're a bowling ball sitting in an empty field.

High school is not the highlight of our lives, it's the end of the first chapter and the beginning of the Ironic for me to say, but

our lives are not defined by our high school grades or extracurricular activi-

It's easy to drown in the stress and be overwhelmed, but remember: No one has life all figured out. You're on a rock floating in space! It's ok to feel uncertain.

For the past four years, I've watched many of you grow into amazing people and I believe that everyone here has the power to succeed. I know it's easier said than done, but you've all made it to this point, which proves you have great potential to make the world a better place.

The real world can be disappointing. It doesn't

you're happy with where So follow the dreams

that will make you proud, or at the very least, dreams that you can look back on in a couple of years and think to yourself, "At least I gave it a shot," because at the end of the day, as cliche and as corny as this sounds, a great poet once said, you only live once. So remember the only person who has to live with your choices is

Once again congratulations to the Class of 2022. Thank you.

Adrian Madaro

Keynote Speaker

Good morning Class of 2022! Congratulations and thank you for allowing me to be a small part of your special day.

When I told my wife that I'd been invited to speak at your graduation, the first thing she said to me was: "Be brief. No one wants to hear you go on and on and give cliche advice while they wait to receive their diplomas."

Given the impending thunderstorms, and the fact that you have 236 names to read through, I'm going to listen to my far better half. That being said, I am a politician with a captive audience, so you have to cut me some slack while I seize this opportunity. Indulge me as I make some remarks, and I promise I will honor my wife's advice so you can all celebrate.

While I never had the honor of being a student at East Boston High School, I feel like I have a long history with you. I had a lot of friends growing up who went to Eastie High. My mom graduated with the Class of 1969 (the best year of her life, as she often reminds us!). Some of you might have taken a class with my sister, Ms. Owens. Not to mention, I've lived my entire life just a few doors down the street from the High School. The Class of 2022 can

be marked by one word: resiliency. Your generation has faced more challenges in school over the past few years than any other in decades. A global pandemic, not only impacting our families and our communities, but shutting down schools, moving classes

to remote learning, and returning with the complications of Covid restrictions. Not the best conditions for learning, or for socializing with your classmates, or for managing mental health during what can be, even in the best of times, a tough few years for a lot of people. In many ways, you've all faced the im-But you know what?

You did it. Here you are, today.

You may have struggled during these past few years, but this experience has only made you stronger, both as individuals and as a class. The challenges of your high school experience have shown that there is nothing you can't overcome, no obstacle that you can't tackle once you put your mind



And even though these past couple of years have had their tough moments, I also know that there've been a lot of good times too. There is no force on this Earth, not even a global pandemic, that can stop high school students from having a good time. Cherish these years, embrace these memories and the friends you made them with. Celebrate your accomplishments of being a high school graduate. Each of you has excelled in one way or another, whether it be through your academics, sports, art, volunteering, or anything you enjoyed during your high school career. Each graduate standing here today in the Blue and Gold has made contributions to the East Boston High School community. And we are proud of you.

always get easier, but it's

up to you to make it bet-

ter. After all, our lives are

The next chapters in our

lives will look different

for each of us, and so will

our definitions of success.

what we make of them.

Now, I've been told that it's the commencement speaker's responsibility to impart some wisdom on the graduating class. I'm not sure who made the mistake of thinking that I had any of that. And Lord knows I wasn't too great at listening to advice when I was your age. Honestly, I was never really a fan of commencement speakers and their trite

against what I am about

to say, but here is what I

will be the LAST DAY

that you will EVER have

to talk or think about

I truly hope that all of

you have healed from the

incredible challenges you

have faced over the last

I truly hope that you are

ready to smile again, talk

to each other, find your

I truly hope that today

hope for all of you...

Covid.

two years.

words of wisdom. But, I think right now I'm in a sweet spot, where I'm still young enough to remember what it feels like to graduate high school, but old enough to be able to look back, reflect, and offer some words of friendly advice on what to do now:

First, be proud of yourself! What you are achieving today by graduating high school is an amazing accomplishment. Some of you may be the first in your family. Others may be continuing a legacy at Eastie High. Regardless of the path you took to get to this stage today, you've made your community

With that said, don't forget the time, energy, and investments that not only you, but your family, teachers, and loved ones

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Phillip Brangiforte

Headmaster

Good Morning faculty, staff, invited guests, family members, and of course, students. I am humbled and honored to stand before you for the 142nd East Boston High School Commencement ceremony to celebrate the

graduating class of 2022! And as your Headmaster-for at least the next 30 minutes or so—I have one final request.

Would each and every one of you please stand

Thank you. Now search the audi-

ence and find your parents or guardians who have helped you reach this de-

fining moment. I want you to look them

in the eyes and... Give them the biggest and loudest round of applause you can!

Thank you.

Your parents and family members — those who fought to get you out of bed every morning; who scratched and saved to put clothes on your back and food on the table; who paid those internet bills so that you could Zoom to class every day - deserved that moment, for today is not just a celebration of individual accomplishments, but also of their commitment to your success. Now...it's time...to

talk about it. That dreaded word.

COVID....

Four years ago, all of

men ready to embark on a new and exciting journey. And then -18 months

you entered East Boston High as wide-eyed fresh-

into your high school ca-



Since that time, you

have all faced incredible challenges: constant Zooming; playing sports with masks on; missing out on so many activities and events. Yet despite endless disruptions to your families, to your social lives, and to your education, the Class of 2022

has triumphed... and to-

stage as proud graduates of this great academic institution! This moment, for me, is

day...will walk across the

bittersweet. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, I sometimes feel that I did not have enough time to bond with all of you as individuals, and it's certainly a little harder to develop personal relationships from behind a mask. Regardless, as we emerge from the dark cloud of COVID, I want all of you to know how incredibly proud I am to have served as your Headmaster. Your efforts in unprecedented adversity, your resilience and determination to overcome all obstacles, and your sheer will to succeed

is an inspiration for gener-

I know that the odds are

ations to come.

voice, stand up for yourselves, and embrace your incredibly bright futures. And your futures are incredibly bright. Despite the pandemic, several students sitting here today will be at-

tending some of the most

prestigious colleges in the

world - including Tufts,

ty, and Northeastern. Despite the pandemic,

most of you will be continuing your education at a number of respected colleges and trade schools or entering the world of Despite the pandemic,

our sports teams had an incredible year. Several made it to the city and state tournaments; the baseball team brought home the City championship for the first time in 31 years...and who can forget Thanksgiving football under the lights at Fenway.

Despite the pandemic, we had an awesome pep rally and spirit day, a great BMX anti bulling day, a homecoming, fantastic and an amazing prom. And despite the pan-

demic...all of you are

Bentley, Boston Universi-See BRANGIFORTE Page 10





East Boston HS Class of 2022

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Camilly Domiciano Fernandes Freitas Julio Cesar Figueroa

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After nearly a decade, McKay Principal Jordan Weymer bids farewell to Eastie

By John Lynds

Nine years ago Principal Jordan Weymer took over the reins as principal of the Donald McKay K-8 School and turned the once failing Boston Public School into one of the top schools in the city.

When Weymer arrived at the McKay in 2013 the school was in the bottom six percent of schools in the state.

In two short years under Weymer's leadership he and his staff were able to change the school's culture of learning, its curriculum, and its profile in the neighborhood through innovative teaching and community collaboration.

Two years after he arrived, Weymer's focus on collaboration both inside and outside the school's walls helped the McKay emerge in the top tier in the state's accountability system, surpassing the district average in literacy and math MCAS scores.

The school became known in the BPS community as one that was focused on empowering teachers and students and creating a safe and welcoming environment for its students and families.

"At the heart of all this work is a strategy and "whole student, whole teacher" focus that other schools can learn from," said Weymer in 2019. "We have built a community where teachers are treated and trusted as the experts they are. They are true decision-makers who feel a collective responsibility to meet the needs of all students and their families, who in turn feel empowered to have a voice in their own education. The core of our improvement has been a collaborative professional culture led by teachers where learning, experimentation and reflection are encouraged. This way forward could be the way forward for the

Weymer and his staff's work culminated in 2018 with the McKay being awarded the prestigious EdVestors Thomas W. Payzant School on the Move Prize.

The moment was historic as no Eastie school had ever won the School on the Move prive throughout its history. "You don't do this work

for the awards, you do it to make a difference but this award just confirms the great work the teachers and kids are doing at our school," said Weymer after his school won the prize. "We call it our 'choice and voice' culture, where we encourage schoolwide engagement among students, teachers and families to determine the best path forward in our individual classrooms. Our school is a reflection of our community, in population and approach. We remain committed to not only improving grades and outcomes for all students, but also to the social and emotional needs of our families and EL students by maintaining a safe and welcoming school community for all."

With a majority of the McKay's student population Latino, 60 percent of whom are EL students and more than 50 percent of its students are economically disadvantaged-the McKay refers to their EL students as "Emerging Bilinguals" - emphasizing that their first language is an asset rather than a roadblock. The McKay's student population is 89 percent Latino, 60 percent of whom are EL students and more than 50 percent of its students are economically disadvantaged. Weymer said this has created an empowering and inclusive atmosphere for all students.

"Congratulations Principal Jordan Wey-



Rep. Adrian Madaro presents McKay Principal Jordan Weymer with a certificate of appreciation for all his work over the years.

mer on his nine years of leadership outstanding and service to the Donald McKay School," said Rep. Adrian Madaro. "His love and passion for uplifting our students, families and educators is evident in all he does. I wish him the best in his future endeav-

However, seven years into his tenure as principal of the McKay the COVID pandemic hit. Weymer searched for ways to keep students and families engaged and his efforts soon made headlines.

Since Boston Public Schools closed in mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Donald Mckay School's Principal Jordan Weymer has been keeping his students engaged in a very unique way.

While everyone was in isolation and learning remotely, Weymer began going live on his Facebook page, dressing up as characters from his students' favorite books and hosting a virtual 'storytime'.

Week after week Weymer could be found online dressed like Mr. Falker, the title character from "Thank You, Mr. Falker" by Patricia Polacco or

Grocery

in purple garb as he read "Harold and the Purple Crayon" by Crockett Johnson, in an elephant hat for "I Will Take a Nap", or paper scales for "The Rainbow Fish", or a bear mask for "Corduroy". He would also have a little help from

"Mr. Weymer is an amazing leader," said Kelly Carlson. "His story time and costumes to match were such a nice way to start the day at the beginning of remote learning. The kids were lucky to have such a caring principal. We wish him all the

his son, Eli, while holding

an umbrella and reading

"Cloudy With A Chance

Of Meatballs".

While Jonquille Ambroise added, "Thank you for all that you've done Mr. Weymer. You are so appreciated beyond words."

luck in his new position."

Mary Denehy Sheran said while losing Weymer

is a huge blow to Eastie it will be a huge benefit for the next school he serves.

"Best of luck Mr. Weymer, any school that gets you is so lucky," said Sheran. "The Donald McKay hit the jackpot with you at its helm. Best part is my daughter Kaylene benefited from your awesome leadership. Best of wishes. So many of us will miss



McKay Principal Jordan Weymer is leaving his post after nearly a decade. Weymer with BPS District Superintendent Tommy Welch and Rep. Adrian Madaro.

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Tompkins endorsed by major labor unions

Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins announced the support from some of Massachusetts ' biggest labor unions in his campaign for reelection. Tompkins has garnered widespread support for his work around addiction recovery and reentry services, and his role as a leader in the community.

"The Greater Boston Labor Council is proud to endorse Steve Tompkins for re-election as Suffolk County Sheriff. Steve has been a champion for union rights and Suffolk County is stronger because of his leadership on recovery and mental health services, civic engagement and community-centered public safety. On behalf of 100,000 greater Boston union members and their families, labor stands with Steve." Said Darlene Lombos, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, GBLC Over the course of his

nine-plus years in the office, Sheriff Tompkins has brought passion and a commitment to supporting the rights of all workers. He has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the men and women who do this difficult, often thankless work of corrections in the fight for pay parity and equity in benefits for doing the same work as their state counterparts.

"I'm so grateful for the labor unions who have endorsed me in my re-election. Organized labor is the backbone of society, playing a critical role in establishing fair wages, safe worksites & equitable workplaces. I look forward to our continued work together for a more vibrant, inclusive society." Said Sheriff Tomp-

listed: Greater Boston Labor

Other endorsements are

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Piers Park Phase III project receives \$2M in federal funding

By John Lynds

The Piers Park Phase III project being spearheaded by the Trustees of Reservations (The Trustees) officially received \$2M in cash from the federal government.

At a ceremony last Thursday at the current Piers Park, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren and U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey joined U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley to celebrate the \$2M earmark for the East Boston waterfront park project. The money was secured in the US Senate and House through the Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) federal funding bill that was recently signed by

President Joe Biden. "I'm proud to work with my colleagues to bring tens of millions to Massachusetts to grow community-based ects that serve our families, businesses, and cities and towns every day," said U.S. Senator Markey. "Bringing a world-class, climate resilient park to the environmental justice community of East Boston will strengthen our resiliency and our economy, while ensuring that locals can access public green

After several community workshops and information gathered through an online survey, the Trustees and Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc., released the newest design of Piers Park III at a Community Design Review meeting last month.

These new design elements gathered through public feedback courtesy of Eastie residents includes less open water in favor of larger and more accessible landscapes.

The new design maintains unique and exceptional public access to the water with an additional access point to the uplands area of the park while preserving the site's maritime

The new design also adds more areas for habitats and robust ecological zones within the park such as a tidal pool and salt marsh.

"After several decades and billions of dollars, Boston Harbor has been transformed from one of the dirtiest harbors in the country to one of the cleanest. And while there is still work to be done, the harbor is now a safe and beautiful destination for everyone in the commonwealth. But let's be clear: accessing the harbor is still challenging for many of Boston's residents," said U.S. Senator Warren. "That's particularly true for the people who live right here in this East Boston community. For far too long, Eastie has shouldered a disproportionate share of pollution and the impact of climate change. This park is an important step toward righting this wrong."

Congresswoman Pressley added, "These federal resources will help initiate, strengthen, and expand community-based projects that serve our families and communities every day. This worldclass waterfront park, designed in close partnership with the environmental justice community of East Boston—will provide a resilient outdoor green space for all to enjoy. I'm proud to have helped deliver these resources and look forward to seeing these critical projects move forward."

Three years ago, the Trustees of Reservations submitted the only bid to Massport's call for a private/public partner to come forward and help fund the design and construction of Piers Park Phase III.

The dilapidated pier is adjacent to Massport's award winning Piers Park and the future Piers Park Phase II project.

The Trustees of Reservations operate 120 miles of protected coastline, which includes over 60 miles of trails, and a bunch of beaches and all sorts of other natural habitats in the state.

Massport has been working with the community and other stakeholders over the last two to three years to build out Piers Park Phase II. It was around this time the Trustees of Reservations started having conversations with Massport about their waterfront initiative.

Since being designat-



U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey joins U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, as well as Mayor Michelle Wu, along with Eastie's state, local and federal elected officials to celebrate the \$2 million federal earmark for the East Boston waterfront park project.

ed, the Trustees Boston Waterfront Initiative team has increased community outreach and engagement to gather feedback on the Piers Park III design and future programming opportunities in the park.

"We are grateful to Senator Warren, Senator Markey, and Congresswoman Pressley for their leadership in advocating for these funds, which bring us closer to creating an iconic public space on Boston's Harbor," said Trustees President and CEO John Judge. "Protecting outdoor spaces for everyone is at the heart of our mission—and the reason behind our founding in Boston 130 years ago. Free and open to the public, Piers Park III will be a welcoming and resilient space, for generations to come."

The \$2M will contribute to the construction of the park – an estimated \$35 to \$40M project that is being funded largely through philanthropic contributions The Trustees is raising from a mix of private individuals, foundations and corporations. To date, \$28.5M has been committed to build Piers Park III.

Throughout the community process Eastie residents indicated a desire for better integration with neighboring Phases I and II of Piers Park.

Altogether, Piers Park Phases I, II, and III will provide 14.5 acres of public open space - a landscape more than twice the size of Christopher Columbus Park in Boston's North End.

"The updated design for Piers Park III features open green lawns with stunning views of the Boston skyline, a kayak launch, tidal pools, and marine and

upland habitats," noted Nick Black, Managing Director for The Trustees Boston Waterfront Initiative. "This park will offer unique and exceptional public access to the water, something frequently requested during public outreach. We are grateful to Senators Warren and Markey and Congresswoman Pressley for this significant funding, and look forward to bringing a world-class, equitable space to the people of East

Boston and beyond." Senators may request CDS funding for projects in their state each fiscal year, and a small number of proposals are awarded. In requesting the funds for Piers Park III, Senators Warren and Markey noted the future park's strategic design to buffer East Boston from flooding events and urban heat island ef-

Eastie organizations receive Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Better Beaches grants

By John Lynds

Last week Save the Harbor/Save the Bay awarded \$27,000 to several East Boston organizations to fund free beach events as part of Save the Harbor's Better Beaches program. This year's Eastie grant recipients include Triangle, Inc, The Harborkeepers, East Boston YMCA, NOAH, Piers Park Sailing Center, and the Boston Circus Guild. Each organization will run free family friendly community events at Constitution Beach.

"The metropolitan beaches are extraordinary assets that belong to all the people of our region," said Executive Director of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Chris Mancini. "We're proud to fund free community events led by organizations that celebrate and represent our communities' cultural and racial diversity, and what we have in common: we love our beaches."

However, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay switched things up a bit during this

year's Better Beaches Grant cycle. At the recommendation of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission (MBC), the three largest grants were given to organizations that promote racial justice, access for people with disabilities and language accessibility. This recommendation percolated up from the over 250 residents that attended three MBC hearings this past year.

In Eastie, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay awarded \$7,500 each to the Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VRCC) and Triangle, Inc.

VRCC will host "Vamos a la Playa", a series of activities to foster an appreciation for Latin American cultures on Constitution Beach.

Triangle, Inc. will use the money to bring Beach: Ability back to Constitution Beach. Beach: Ability is a day of beach activities with sand and floating wheelchairs available.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay also used \$7,500 to fund free mobility mats and beach wheelchairs to ensure the beach is accessible for everyone.

"Our beaches are most active when Save the Harbor and their partners are hosting free family-friendly and fun activities on them," said Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chair Rep. Adrian Madaro. "They are especially important to my constituents in East Boston and all those people who rely on these spectacular urban natural resources for recreation."

Funds to support the program came from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Baker/Polito Administration, and the annual Harpoon Shamrock Splash, which was held on March 6 at Constitution Beach for the first time.

"DCR is proud of our Better Beaches Program Partnership with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay," said Acting DCR Commissioner Stephanie Cooper. "We are all looking forward to another great season of free events and programs on DCR's



From left to right: Frank Corso and Mary Corso from HarborKeepers, Daniel Moreno from Piers Park Sailing Center, Melissa Strout, Coleman Nee and Drew Warren from Triangle, Inc, Veronica Robles from the Veronica Robles Cultural Center, Bridgette Ridlon and Joe Gaeta from East Boston and Charlestown YMCA, Chris Mancini from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, Latifa Ziyad, and Phil Giffee from NOAH.

beaches from Nahant to Nantasket,"

The calendar of events scheduled for Constitution Beach so far is as follows:

July 15, Safety Around Water Celebration

July 16, Harbor Healing July 17, Boating Safety & Kayaks

July 20, Maritime Fes-

July 30, Beach: Ability July 31, The Master Fete Experience

Aug. 6, Dancing with Aashka

Aug. 12, Maritime Fes-

To learn more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the great work

Lastly, I want you to

never forget that East Bos-

ton High School...will

they do to restore, protect and share Boston Harbor, the waterfront, islands, and the region's public beaches with all Bostonians and the region's residents, visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org and follow @savetheharbor on social media.

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going to walk across this stage today and receive your diplomas!

I think it is true to say that in life, we all have certain expectations - of ourselves, family, friends, and events. I'm sure you all had expectations of a different high school experience; unfortunately, the last two years have been unpredictable, uncertain, and sometimes... scary.

We are all afraid at times, and we all fail at times. That is precisely why we need to face our fears, always expect the

best from ourselves, and shield ourselves from negativity and self doubt. Don't listen to the naysayers; listen to the voice that pushed you to get up every day, finish your work, study for tests, and pass your classes. That voice will lead you to greatness. The Chicago Tribune

reported that President Lincoln's Gettysburg

address was the worst speech ever given, and it

turned out to be one of the most memorable and admired in the history of our

country. Thomas Edison failed

100 times before he invented the light bulb.

I am sure that I may have even failed a test or two in my day, but I still managed to fulfill my lifetime goal of becoming ton High School.

Headmaster of East Bos-If you set your goals, work hard, follow your convictions, and forge

your own path with a positive outlook, success will follow. I know...because as

East Boston High graduates, I have the highest expectations for all of you... I expect you to become caring, conscientious, and hard-working adults. I expect you to have

successful careers. I expect you to become

good parents who will teach your children the value of an education. I expect you to leave

the sadness of COVID be-

I expect you to take this diploma as your first step toward changing the

world for the better. Because today YOUR day. Drink in this moment, look at your

friends and feel unified for

one final time.

forever be your home. A home to students from all cultures, races,

ethnicities, religious backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations. A home to any who

have fallen along the way and need some words of encouragement to get back on track. A home to those willing

to come back and share their amazing life experiences with the next generation of students.

A home to ALL who

wear the blue and gold. And today, as you

join me and thousands of distinguished former students as alumni of this great institution, as part of this wonderful extended family, it is my sincere hope that when asked, "Where did you graduate from high school?" you are as proud as I am, to say, "I graduated from East Boston High." Congratulations to the

Class of 2022 and may God Bless You!

LOCAL STUDENT EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS

ABDALLA NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

South Dakota State announces Amel Abdalla of East Boston has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2022 semes-

Abdalla is a student in SDSU's College of Natural Sciences.

Congratulations earning this academic achievement, Amel.

About South Dakota State University

Founded in 1881, South Dakota State University is the state's Morrill Act land-grant institution as well as its largest, most comprehensive school of higher education. SDSU confers degrees from seven different colleges representing more than 200 majors, minors and specializations. The institution also offers 37 master's degree programs, 15 Ph.D. and two professional programs.

The work of the university is carried out on a residential campus in Brookings, at sites in Sioux Falls, Pierre and Rapid City, and through Extension offices and Agricultural Experiment Station research sites across the state. SDSU's research expenditures for the 2019 fiscal year were more than \$65 million.

CURRY COLLEGE SPRING 2022 DEAN'S LIST

Curry College congratulates of who was named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List including Kayla Elliott of East Boston.

Curry College, founded in Boston in 1879, is a private, co-educational. liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Massachusetts. The College extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth. The College offers 22 undergraduate majors in specialized and liberal arts programs, as well as graduate degrees in accounting, business, education, criminal justice, and nursing to a combined enrollment of nearly 2,500 students. The student body consists of 1,700 traditional students and nearly 800 continuing education and graduate students. The College offers a wide array of co-curricular activities ranging from 16 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre and fine arts program.

ZUNIGA GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Naomy Zuniga, of East

Boston received a bachelor of arts degree from College of the Holy Cross. Zuniga is among 755

graduating seniors Holy Cross celebrated at its Commencement held in person on Friday, May 27 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Acclaimed writer and infectious disease physician Abraham Verghese delivered this year's address to the Class of 2022 and received an honorary degree.

Vincent D. Rougeau, president of the College, presided over the celebratory event, bestowing the honorary degrees and greeting each graduate as they crossed the stage. This marks Rougeau's first commencement exercises since being installed as Holy Cross' 33rd president - the first lay and first Black president to lead the 179-year-old institution back in October 2021.

In his remarks, Dr. Verghese, the best-selling author of "Cutting for Stone" and the Linda R. Meier and Joan F. Lane Provostial Professor and Vice Chair for the Theory and Practice of Medicine at Stanford University, asked graduates to consider how they will define success in their personal stories after graduation. "My advice to you

would be: don't set the bar too high," Verghese told the graduates. "Don't live your life waiting for the one magical moment when you achieve this or that, or have this much in the bank, or particular letters behind your name You and I know too many people, often successful, famous, accomplished people, whose success was not enough to keep them joyful. I would urge you to define success for yourself simply such that on a daily basis you can feel joy."

In addition to Verghese, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., the 32nd president of Holy Cross, a role he held from 2012-2021.

EAST BOSTON'S **NAOMY ZUNIGA** NAMED TO SPRING 2022 DEAN'S LIST

Naomy Zuniga of East Boston was named to the College of the Holy Cross Spring 2022 Dean's List.

A member of the Class of 2022, Zuniga was among more than 1,457 students named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

To qualify, students

must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

JOHNSON HONORED DURING SCHOOL OF **COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS**

Caitlin Johnson from East Boston was enrolled CC316. Nonprofit Fundraising Campaigns, and was honored with the Civic and Community Engagement award during the School of Communication Student Awards at Emerson College. They occurred

this spring and celebrated the close of an extraordinary academic year, as well recognizing student achievements within the School of Communica-

Caitlin Johnson is majoring in Theatre Education and is a member of the Class of 2022.

About SOC: Communication has been at the heart of Emerson's mission since its founding in 1880 as a school of oratory. Across four departments, the School of Communication offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, the wisdom and experience of our faculty, the success of our alumni, and the opportunity for future Emersonians to learn, grow, and succeed. Communication is at the core of modern life, and the College's innovative programs prepare students to be leaders in areas such as public relations, marketing, advertising, journalism, political communication, sports communication, communication disorders, management in the creative industries, and digital me-

About Emerson College Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates

individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

SHERAN COMPLETES **HONORS PROGRAM** AT LASELL UNIVERSITY

Kaylene Sheran, a recent Lasell University graduate from East Boston, completed a Capstone research component project as part of their work in the University's prestigious Honors Program.

The Lasell University Honors program requires students to self-design and complete four research component projects over the course of their studies. The components are a way for students to pursue their passions through creative, individualized, custom investigation of topics of interest.

The Honors Program itself offers an intensive setting through which students focus on collaboration, interdisciplinary thinking, intellectual inquiry, and appreciation for the power of ideas.

LASELL UNIVERSITY STUDENT NAMED TO SPRING 2022 **DEAN'S LIST**

Kaylene Sheran of East Boston was named to the Lasell Dean's List in recognition of their spring 2022 academic performance:

To be named to the Dean's List, Lasell students must complete at least 12 credits as a fulltime student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY **ANNOUNCES** SPRING MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL **GRADUATES**

Olivia Rich of East Boston graduated with a Educational Specialist degree with a major(s) in School Psychology from Lehigh University in Spring 2022. Rich was among the more than 1,500 students who received undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees during commencement exercises in List Stonehill College has May 2022. For more than 150

years, Lehigh University (lehigh.edu) has combined outstanding academic and learning opportunities with leadership in fostering innovative research. The institution is among the nation's most selective, highly ranked private research universities. Lehigh's five colleges - College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health, and the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science - provides opportunities to 7,000+ students to discover and grow in an academically rigorous environment along with a supportive, engaged campus community.

LOCAL STUDENT NAMED TO **DEAN'S LIST**

More than 2,000 undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester. Students who make the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average between 3.5-3.99 for the semester. This semster's honored students included:

William Marchi, a Recreation and Sport Management major of East

Coastal Carolina University is a dynamic, public comprehensive liberal arts institution located in Conway, located just minutes from the resort area of Myrtle Beach, S.C. CCU offers baccalau-

reate degrees in 95 major fields of study. Among the University's graduate-level programs are 27 master's degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and the doctorates in education and in marine science: coastal and marine systems science. CCU boasts a growing array of internship, research and international opportunities for students, as well as numerous online programs through Coastal Online.

More than 10,400 students from across the country and around the world interact with a world-class faculty, and enjoy a nationally competitive NCAA I athletic program, an inspiring cultural calendar, and a tradition of community interaction that is fueled by more than 180 student clubs and organization

LOCAL STUDENT NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

The Spring 2022 Dean's

named: Anamarie DePaulo of East Boston To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade

been announced. The fol-

lowing local student was

point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered. Stonehill College, a higher learning,

Catholic institution of founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

LOCAL STUDENT **GRADUATES CCU**

Coastal Carolina University recognized more than 1,200 students during its spring commencement ceremonies, held May 6-7, 2022 including Martin Taylor, a Management major of East Boston.

A Universitywide ceremony recognizing all graduates was held on Saturday, May 7, at 9 a.m. in Brooks Stadium and featured a keynote address by Vanessa Wyche, a Conway, S.C., native and director of NASA's Johnson Space Center. Each of CCU's academic colleges held individual ceremonies during the weekend, where graduates' names were called and they had the opportunity to walk across the stage and receive their diploma cov-

LOCAL STUDENT NAMED TO **DEAN'S LIST**

Dean College is pleased to announce that Patrick Aiken Jr of East Boston has earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester. Students named to the Dean's List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean Col-

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston. Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

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have made to get you here. We rarely achieve success alone.

Second, never stop learning! Whether you're off to college, starting your first full-time job, or any other adventure, you should never stop learning. Find a book, join an organization, or fight for a cause that you're passionate about. Volunteer on the next Madaro campaign! We'd love to have you. Learning doesn't always happen in the classroom – in fact, I'd argue that some of the most important lessons you'll ever learn happen outside of them (sorry, teachers!). Whatever piques your interest, pursue it. Commit to it. Learning is how we grow. It's a process that continues for our entire lives,

and will lead you to places you never imagined.

And lastly, give back. We need to ensure that future generations of students benefit from the same opportunities that you have. You all now have the opportunity to be ambassadors for East Boston High School and our broader East Boston community. Eastie High is blessed to have many former students who work here and in our community. While that's amazing, you don't have to work here to give back. There are many, many ways, from coaching, to mentoring, to volunteer opportunities at local nonprofits that will allow you to raise up the next generation of students and continue East

Boston High School's in-

credible legacy of Class, Pride, and Tradition. Giving back - to your high school and to your community - will not only enhance the lives of those around you, but it will bring you a deep sense of fulfillment as well.

I want to thank Principal Phil Brangiforte for this honor to address you today. If you didn't like my speech, you know who to blame! I also want to recognize my colleagues in office, Senator Edwards and Councilor Coletta, as well as School Committee Member Michael O'Neil and District 1 School Superintendent, and a fellow Eastie resident, Tommy Welch, for being here with

us today. And I want to thank all of the teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, coaches, custodians, lunch staff, and all who work at the school and have helped you reach this day. This is a celebration for all of you. I'm sure each and every student here has a teacher or a staff member who made your high school experience special; who mentored you and gave you the resources you needed applause!

to walk across this stage. Let's give them a round of Lastly, I want to give a shout out to all the parents, family, friends, and loved ones in the audience. Learning doesn't stop at the classroom door. I know you all were essen-

tial in providing the Class

of 2022 the support they

needed to make it through

high school, especially when school buildings were closed and they took classes from home. Every high school graduation is not only a celebration of the achievements of individual students, but the success of a whole community. Let's give it up for that community now! Let me leave you with

this: there's a lot of work to do in this country and this world. Whether it's gun reform, mental health issues, environmental justice, reproductive freedom, disability rights or immigrants' rights, racial or LGBTQ equality, or any other cause you believe in - we need you. We need you to rise up, speak out, and be the generation to make change. In ways

will bring us forward and make a difference. Lean everything you've learned and experienced in high school. As Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world." Today marks the end of

the latest chapter of your life, and the beginning of the next. Let your experiences here be the foundation on which you start to build your future, whatever it be. Be proud, give back, and always keep I hope that wasn't too

long. Who said that politicians can't keep promises? Thank you, congrats

again, and Go Jets!! big and small, I know you

Summer Stars Camp for the Performing Arts announces its 2022 season dates

Summer Stars Camp for the Performing Arts, the unique nine-day, nocost residential summer camp for middle and highschool-aged kids from under-resourced communities who have a passion for the performing arts, will take place August 7-15, 2022, on the Northfield Mount Hermon campus in idyllic Gill, MA. Applications are now available at Summerstars.org/cometo-

camp. "Our mission is to help kids discover themselves and their potential through the arts" says Donna Milani Luther, Founding and Executive Director of the not-for-profit camp. "The kids that come to our camp don't have a lot of opportunities. Most come from places that have cut arts programs and have

never been out of the city. By meeting other kids with the same interests and by working with a caring staff that holds them to the highest standards, the kids learn that through risk taking and artistic commitment, they develop essential character and life skills: confidence, creativity, problem solving, leadership, and team building. They take these standards, this work ethic, and a renewed sense of self-worth into all facets of their lives."

Summer Stars offers small group programs in acting, blues performance, dance, musical theater/ choral singing, set design, juggling, drumming, and much more. Professional singers, dancers, actors and other performers take students' natural enthusiasm and passion for performance to the next level. A high-caliber multi-disciplinary end-of week show featuring all campers provides an exciting culmination to the Summer Stars experience.

Since its founding 22 years ago, almost 3,000 aspiring artists have come to Summer Stars, and nearly 30% of every group returns for another year. Michael Gerald-John first came to Summer Stars as a young camper and is now the first alumnae member of the Board of Trustees, Dorm Manager, and Master Teacher in the Leadership Program. He knows first-hand the significance of the Summer Stars expe-

"When our campers and our returning campers come here, they are looking for something," he said. "They're looking for some sort of message, or some sort of skill that they can take for themselves and apply it in their daily lives when they go back out into the world. Whether it's going to school, playing sports or playing a musical instrument. They're looking to use that message they learned at camp in their lives so that they can be a better person moving forward.

"Even now, when I come to camp, I know that I only have nine days to step outside of myself and learn as much as possible. When I look at the staff members that I work with, I'm reminded it's a skill set I can take home."

The ideal camper is a student who shows great interest and potential in the performing arts but, who may not have the opportunities to fully explore and develop their talent due to financial need or lack of community resources. There is no audition, and experience in the performing arts is not required.

Luther explains "We like to choose kids who are really passionate about the arts, so to apply we ask them to write application essays, and we solicit recommendations from teachers and others in their community who can stand up and say 'This is a kid who wants to learn."

Camp is free to all campers. The Summer Stars Foundation is a 501c3 and fully funded by donations. Camp is offered at no charge to campers, and transportation is provided from the Boston and New York metro areas and select other locations (including some local military bases).

Summer Stars deadline for applications for this year's camp has been extended to July 1, 2022. Educators and Youth Program Leaders who know of promising candidates who would benefit from this unique experience are encouraged to visit the website and application materials (www.summerstars.org/come-to-camp) and recommend to their

students that they apply. For more information, www.summerstars.

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Office of Economic Empowerment receives Jane Doe Inc.'s 2022 Justice in Action Award

The State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment (OEE) has received Jane Doe Inc.'s 2022 Justice in Action Award. Each year, Jane Doe Inc. (JDI) awards people and organizations in Massachusetts working to prevent and end sexual and domestic violence. OEE was joined by U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins who was also awarded the 2022 Justice in Action Award for her steadfast commitment to building safer and healthier communities. The Office of Economic Empowerment has partnered with JDI

since 2019 to develop necessary training and resources to support domestic and sexual violence survivors and increase awareness around financial abuse.

This partnership has engaged employees at Citizens, M&T Bank (formerly People's United Bank), and the Massachusetts State Treasurer's office. During workshops and mentorship training, participants are given information on identifying customers who may be experiencing some form of financial abuse. Experts from JDI then provide resources and actions that workers can use to provide appropriate and quick support to customers.

"Through our partnership with Jane Doe, we have been able to support and empower victims of domestic and sexual violence with financial resources and education," said State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. "We are honored to receive this recognition and are committed to continuing this important program that contributes to healing and independence for survi-



Pictured Left to Right: Maria Harris, Spring Into Action Co-Chair and Chief Human Resources Officer at Rockland Trust; US Attorney Massachusetts Rachael Rollins; Alayna Van Tassel, Deputy Treasurer and Executive Director, Office of Economic Empowerment/MA Treasurer's Office; Denella Clark, Spring Into Action Co-Chair and Philanthropist and Author; Debra Robbin, Executive Director, Jane Doe Inc.; Deb Collins-Gousby, JDI Board President and COO of Brookview House

News in Brief

GOVE STREET CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

Gove Street Citizens Association meeting is on June 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Register for Zoom for this meeting: https:// govestreet.org/2022/june-2022-meeting/

All speakers will be available to answer questions from the community.

Announcements (5 min) East Boston Community Soup Kitchen Fundraiser - Sep. 16, 2022

Call for members to join GSCA board

Community updates (25 Councilor Julia Mejia

(Tentative)

BPD update from Sgt.

East Boston liaison -Nathalia Benitez

Sumner Tunnel closure updates and collecting community feedback

Natasha Perez on EBN-HC/Davis project

Projects (15 min)

VOTE: 99A Cottage St - Roof deck rebuild

Our meetings take place on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30p. All meetings are currently being held on Zoom.

Mothers Out Front East Boston to host an opera for children on June 26

By John Lynds

The East Boston Chapter of Mothers Out Front will host a free educational opera for children on Sunday, June 26 at the Bremen Street Park Amphitheater at 5 pm.

Local classical singer and coordinator of Mothers Out Front East Boston, Sonja Tengblad, said the 40 minute opera, "Mr. Twister and the Tale of Tornado Alley", was written by Boston composer Marc Hoffeditz and won the 2019 Kansas prize for children's operas.

The performance, explained Tengblad, incorporates STEM curriculum (Science Technology Engineering and Math) as it follows Bobby, a kid who wants to be a meteorologist like his grandpa. The

"Over the last few

weeks, Massachusetts has

seen several water-related

tragedies and individuals

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caution and vigilance

to avoid danger in and

around the water. Many

public and private settings

in which swimming and

other in-water activities

occur have reported life-

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"As the summer nears,

opera also features two other comical characters, North Wind and South Wind, who will teach the audience how tornadoes happen through interactive play.

Mothers Out Front, a group of local mothers fighting for environmental justice in the neighborhood, was recently awarded a \$10,000 Opportunity Grant by the City of Boston to provide the performance to Eastie children. Tengblad said the performance will be a partnership between Mothers Out Front and the Brookline Puppet Theater.

"I'm really interested in art that can have a direct impact," said Tengblad. "Through the air quality campaign our Mothers Out Front team is running, I saw the impact COVID

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proficiency as a swimmer

or whether the lake, pool,

or beach has a lifeguard

on duty, adults should

never swim alone and,

importantly, never leave

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who are in or close to the

in just a matter of seconds.

"Drownings can occur

had on my neighbors. I am really excited to be awarded this Opportunity Grant to provide my community with a fun, enjoyable event that will also tie in climate action and environmental

Tengblad said Mothers Out Front East Boston has invited the City of Boston's Community Choice Energy (CCE) director Theresa Teixeida to the event to offer residents a way to act on climate change by signing up for 100% renewable home energy. Tengblad said Teixeida will also be on hand to clear up misinformation from competitive suppliers who are targeting residents.

"I've been targeted multiple times by these suppliers and have been confused myself" she said.

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never leave the area, nor

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"If you own a pool or

are visiting a pool, please

When boating, all

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are in distress.

"Supervisors

"I'm excited to clear this up once and for all for East Boston residents, and offer them a cheaper, cleaner energy option."

Anyone who registers for CCE will enter a raffle for a free Austin Air HEPA purifier, provided by Mothers Out Front. People are encouraged to bring a copy of their Eversource

bill to the event. Tengblad said in the event of rain the performance will be moved to the Veronica Robles Cultural Center inside the old Meridian Street Library.

"Families are encouraged to bring a picnic, and extra snacks, drinks and prizes will be available on site and Spanish interpretation will be offered," she

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SALESIAN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 13TH ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Last Thursday the Salesian Boys & Girls Club hosted its 13th Annual Summer Camp Scholarship Fundraiser.

Money raised at the event through a live auction, donations and raffles will directly support the Club's Summer Camp Scholarship fund.

"Our Summer Camp has been a family tradition for over 60 years," said Triant. "We provide over 200 inner-city kids ages 6 to 14 with a great summer experience. Campers participate in weekly field trips and a variety of activities

and programs inside and

outside the Club and at our neighboring field. We believe that no youth should be denied because of financial reasons."



Dave Modica and Carla Santarpio.



Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Mike Triant and Rep. Adrian Madaro presented Camila Espinal with the Youth of the Year award.



Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Mike Triant and Rep. Adrian Madaro honored Nicole McCormack as this year's Don Bosco Award recipient.



Steve Haley and Jim Kearney.

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Sal LaMattina and Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive **Director Mike Triant.**



Happy Valley's Gilly Mota (left) and his team at last week's fundraiser.



Rep. Adrian Madaro and Carlo Basile during the live auc-



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This year's Don Bosco Award recipient Nicole McCormack with her family.

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Ann Marie Giuliotti

Retired Nurse Practioner dedicated to medical care and unconditional love of family

Ann Marie Giuliotti, who spent a career dedicated to medical care but never wavered from her primary focus: the unconditional love of her family, died June 16, 2022, after a brief illness. She was 80.

Ann, the youngest of five children of Adolph and Mary (Kane) Giuliotti, was born and raised in East Boston before moving to Winthrop in 1995 and then to Revere in 2020. She was the loving sister of Joe Giuliotti, husband of Anne (Nee) Giuliotti, of Revere, Mass; and the predeceased Mary Giuliotti, Dan Giuliotti and Andy Giuliotti. She was the devoted aunt of Teri (Giuliotti) Stockton, wife of Ron Stockton, of Winthrop, Mass.; Ed Giuliotti of Nashville, Tenn.; Sharon (Giuliotti) Bartley, wife of Rich Bartley, of Danbury, Conn.; Tom Giuliotti of Maynard, Mass.; J.P. Giuliotti, husband of Jade Lin, of Winthrop, Mass.; John Giuliotti, husband of Ginny (Sullivan) Giuliotti, of Reading, Mass., and the predeceased Dan Giuliotti of East Boston, Mass. Ann also leaves four grandnephews: Ryan Bartley of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Jack Giuliotti, Charlie Giuliotti and Sam



Giuliotti, all of Reading, Mass; and two grandnieces: Tori Bartley of Boston, Mass; and Holly Giuliotti of Maynard, Mass.

Family and friends will honor Ann's life at Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston, on Sunday, June 26. Visiting hours are between 1 - 3 pm. Immediately followed by a eulogy and prayer service to celebrate her life from 3 - 3:30 pm.

Burial will be Monday, June 27, at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made online to the Animal Rescue League of Boston, at arlboston.org/donate, or checks can be mailed to Animal Rescue League of Boston, c/o Development 10 Anna's Place, Dedham, Mass. 02026.

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Alice Penta Of Winthrop, formerly of Revere

OBITUARIES

Alice (McInnis) Penta of Winthrop, formerly of Revere, passed away on June 15.

The devoted mother

of the late Sandra (Penta) Stasio, Judith (Penta) Forte and William Penta, she was the dear sister of the late Lauretta Velardo and cherished grandmother of Vanessa, Joseph, Sabrina Forte, Christina Penta, William Penta, Joseph Stasio and Tanya Stasio and the late Anthony Forte. She is also survived by her loving great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Alice's life by gathering for a memorial service at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home,



971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, on Friday, June 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Alice's name can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To leave an online condolence, visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Glen "Sully" Sullivan Local 22 Union Laborer

Glen "Sully" Sullivan services followed by interment were held on Friday, June 17 in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway, Revere for Glen M. "Sully" Sullivan who died on Saturday, June 11 at the Massachusetts General Hospital after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 62 years old. Glen was a lifelong East

Boston resident and was educated in Boston Public Schools. He was the son

of the late Louis J. Sullivan and Rita A. (Mazzarella) Sullivan.

Most of his working career was spent as a Union Laborer, Local #22 in Boston.

He was the cherished brother of Coleen A. Pino of Revere, formerly of East Boston and her late husband, Martin "Marty" Pino and the late Audrey M. Fisher and her surviving husband, Robert L. Fisher of Winthrop and the late Kevin P. Sullivan and Barry L. Sullivan; loving uncle of Anthony Pino and his wife, Lauren of Manchester, New Hampshire,



Martin Pino and his wife, Molly of Revere, Robert L. Fisher and Zachary S. Fisher, both of Winthrop and granduncle of Laila Rose, Dominic, Maggie Jo, Millie, Marty and Max. He is also lovingly survived by many cousins and friends. Remembrances may be

made to the Salesian Boys & Girls Club, 150 Byron St., East Boston, MA

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Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funer-

Dominic Pittella

Of East Boston

Dominic J. Pittella of East Boston, passed away peacefully on June 13.

The loving son of the late Joseph and Mary Ann (Clerico) Pittella, he was the dear brother of Armando Pittella and his wife, Frances of Peabody, Carmen Pittella of East Boston and the late Catherine Apalinao, Nancy Deeb and Annette Pittella. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Dominic's life by gathering for a Memorial



Mass at The Most Holy Redeemer Parish, East Boston, on Thursday, June 23 at 11 a.m. To leave an online condolence, visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Salvatore "Sam" Zappulla

Devoted husband, father and grandfather

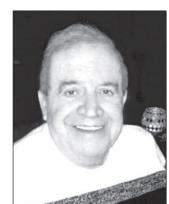
Salvatore "Sam" Zappulla of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, June 14 at 90 years of age. Sam was a

devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He instilled in his

children and grandchildren that it was all about "FAMILY" and he routinely reminded them.

Sam was a US Army Veteran during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged. He worked as a machinist and later as a production control manager for over 40 years. He was an avid baseball and basketball player in his younger days and remained a big fan of the Boston Red Sox and Boston Celtics.

The loving husband for 64 years to Mary (Lazzaro) and the beloved son of the late Vincenzo and Rose (DiPerri), he was the devoted father of Vincent and his fiancé, Leanne and Dana and her husband, Steve; cherished "PAPA" of Nicole, Taylor, Tyler and Alexandra;



dear brother of Sebastian "Benny." Sam was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Family and friends will honor Sam's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, today, June 22 at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop Street, Winthrop for a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial followed by Entombment at Woodlawn Cemetery Mausoleum, Everett. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, VA registration Office, Room 1575B, JFK Federal Building, Government Center, Boston, MA 02203.

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Rollins selected as vice-chair of national advisory subcommittee on civil rights

United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins for the District of Massachusetts has been selected to serve as Vice-Chair of the Civil Rights Subcommittee for the Attorney General's Advisory Committee (AGAC).

"I am honored to have been asked to serve as Vice-Chair of the Civil Rights Subcommittee. It

is my sincere hope that we seize this moment in history to facilitate meaningful dialogue and action to combat the uptick in hate-based violence. Civil rights are at the forefront of so many of the issues dividing our nation today. Under the leadership of U.S. Attorney Brown, we will provide guidance to the Department of Justice. Our goal is to fulfill the promise of equality for everyone," said U.S. Attorney Rollins.

United States Attorney Nick Brown for the Western District of Washington has been selected to serve as Chair the Civil Rights Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will play an important role in advising the AGAC on civil rights

matters of importance to the Department of Justice and United States Attornev's Offices across the country.

"I am gratified that my colleagues and Attorney General Garland selected me for this important role," said U.S. Attorney Brown. "The Department of Justice came into being to protect civil rights, and

I look forward to helping shape our focus. There are a number of important issues for the Department to address including the rise in hate crimes, ensuring voting rights, and developing strategies to ensure accountability and trust between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve."

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The Petitioner requests

that: Carole Bouzy of Hyde Park, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/28/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action

UNSUPERVISED AD-MINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative

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and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate. including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn. First Justice of this Court. Date: June 16, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo

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Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Thirty two countries were celebrated during the Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary School's Cultural Night on June 14. Families prepared a smorgasbord of foods that represented their heritage while teachers served. Students, like Salma Abouzid, sixth grade -- who wore a red, white, and green outfit that her grandmother had surprised her with from Morocco -- dressed in traditional clothing from their native countries.

"Everything is colorful and bright," described Salma, a 12-years-old, who looked forward to eating a cupcake. "It was a process getting dressed with my mom; but the result is pretty and fabulous. My dad was impressed. I look like a queen. My confidence



Jermain Melara and Axel Sandoval, of El Salvador.



Franklyn Garcia, second grade.



Lauryn, Lev, Joe, and Lucy Carr, representing the State of Arkansas.





William, sixth grade, eating pizza, and Kari, third grade, eating a cupcake.



Teacher, Alanna Melendez Seiferth, serving food.



Nataly and Sofia Lemus, representing El Salvador.



Beda, second grade, and Salma Abouzid, 6th grade, representing Morocco.



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