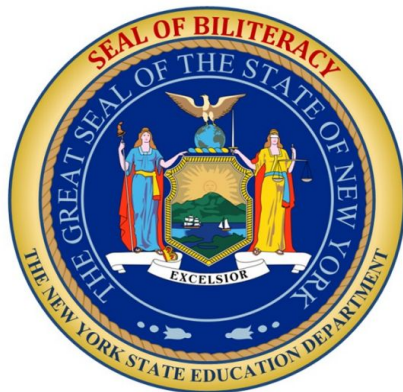




Middletown High School & the Office of ENL, Bilingual & World Languages Presents



The New York State Seal of Biliteracy & Seal of Civic Readiness Graduates- 2023

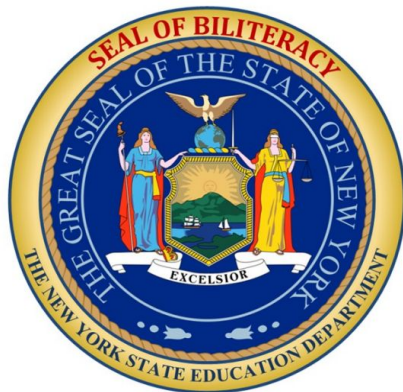




La Escuela Superior de Middletown y la Oficina de ENL, Bilingüe e Idiomas Mundiales presenta



Los graduados del Sello de Bilingüismo y del Sello de Preparación Cívica del Estado de Nueva York – 2023





A Special Message...

The 2023 New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) & NYS Seal of Civic Readiness graduates are scholars who understand what perseverance means. They have attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic knowledge, civic skills, civic mindset, and civic experiences while learning one or more languages.



This honored group of scholars have challenged themselves to achieve great academic gains and are being recognized for their outstanding success.



Some are earning the NYSSB in one or more languages, others are the first “pioneer” graduates from the 2010 Dual Language Program, others are receiving distinction with the Seal of Civic Readiness for demonstrating a deep knowledge of civics while others are being recognized for all three achievements.

Class of 2023... we are proud of you!





Un mensaje especial..

Los graduados del Sello de Bilingüe del Estado de Nueva York (NYSSB) y el Sello de Preparación Cívica del Estado de Nueva York de 2023 son académicos que entienden lo que significa la perseverancia. Han alcanzado un alto nivel de competencia en términos de conocimiento cívico, habilidades cívicas, mentalidad cívica y experiencias cívicas mientras aprenden uno o más idiomas.



Este distinguido grupo de académicos se ha desafiado a sí mismo para lograr grandes logros académicos y está siendo reconocido por su destacado éxito.



Algunos están obteniendo el NYSSB en uno o más idiomas, otros son los primeros graduados "pioneros" del Programa de Lenguaje Dual 2010, otros están recibiendo la distinción con el Sello de Preparación Cívica por demostrar un profundo conocimiento de la educación cívica, mientras que otros están siendo reconocidos por todos los tres logros.



Clase de 2023... ¡Estamos orgullosos de ti!



New York State Seal of Biliteracy

The **New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)**, passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor on July 31, 2012. It was established to recognize high school graduates who have attained a "high level of proficiency in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing in one or more languages, in addition to English."



Sello de Bilingüismo del Estado de Nueva York

El Sello de Bilingüismo del Estado de Nueva York (NYSSB), fue aprobado por la legislatura y convertido en ley por el gobernador el 31 de julio de 2012. Se estableció para reconocer a los graduados de la escuela secundaria que han alcanzado un “alto nivel de competencia en escuchar, hablar, leer y escribir en uno o más idiomas, además del inglés”.



New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)

In 2016, the **New York State Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages (OBEWL)** presented its recommendations to the New York State Board of Regents for students to earn the NYSSB.

In the Spring of 2016, the NYSSB was adopted and officially rolled out to districts statewide. **Many states, including New York, award a Seal of Biliteracy in formal recognition of such scholars.**



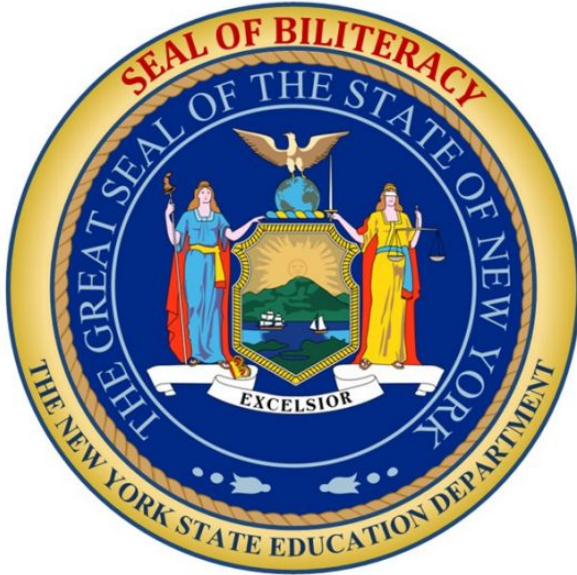
El Sello de Bilingüismo del Estado de Nueva York (NYSSB)

En el 2016, la oficina de **Educación Bilingüe y de Idiomas Mundiales del Estado de Nueva York (OBEWL)** presentó su recomendación a la Junta de Regentes del Estado de Nueva York para que los estudiantes obtengan el NYSSB.

En la primavera del 2016, el NYSSB fue adoptado y oficialmente lanzado en todos los distritos estatales. **Muchos estados, incluyendo Nueva York, otorgan un Sello de Bilingüismo formal en reconocimiento de tales académicos.**



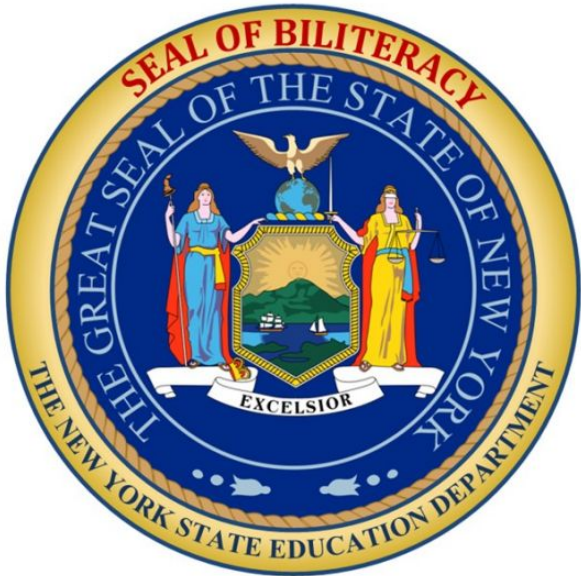
The Intent of the NYSSB is to...



- ❖ *Encourage* the study of languages
- ❖ *Identify* high school graduates with language and biliteracy skills for employers
- ❖ *Provide* universities with additional information about applicants seeking admission
- ❖ *Prepare* scholars with twenty-first century skills
- ❖ *Recognize* the value of foreign and native language instruction in schools
- ❖ *Affirm* the value of diversity in a multilingual society

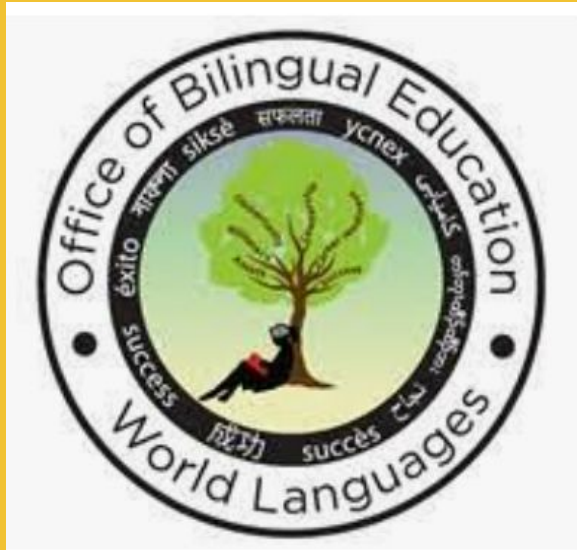


El intento del NYSSB es ...



- ❖ *Fomentar* el estudio de idiomas
- ❖ *Identificar* graduados de secundaria con habilidades de idiomas y bilingüismo para empleadores
- ❖ *Proporcionar* las universidades con información adicional sobre los aplicantes solicitando admisión
- ❖ *Preparar* a los académicos con habilidades del siglo veinte y uno
- ❖ *Reconocer* el valor de la enseñanza de lenguas extranjeras y nativas en las escuelas
- ❖ *Afirmar* el valor de la diversidad en una sociedad multilingüe

Middletown High School ...

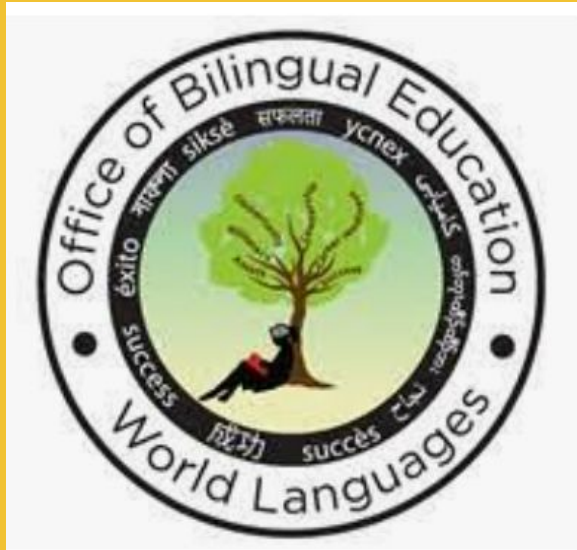


- ★ *Recognized* for 4 consecutive years as an active participant in promoting multilingualism, multiliteracy skills, and multiculturalism through our programs and study of languages



is a proud NYSSB School!

¡La Escuela Superior de Middletown...



- ★ *Reconocida* por 4 años consecutivos como participante activa en la promoción del multilingüismo, las habilidades de alfabetización múltiple y el multiculturalismo a través de nuestros programas y estudios de idiomas



es una orgullosa escuela NYSSB!

The Middletown ECSDM NYSSB Team

In January of 2018, the Enlarged City School District of Middletown's (ECSDM) New York State Seal of Biliteracy application was approved by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). Full implementation of the NYSSB occurred in 2019 with 9 graduates receiving the NYSSB.

This year, there are **70** NYSSB graduates who will receive the **NYSSB**.



El equipo de NYSSB ECSDM de Middletown

En enero de 2018, el Departamento de Educación del Estado de Nueva York (NYSED) aprobó la solicitud del Sello de Bilingüismo del Distrito Escolar Ampliado de la Ciudad de Middletown (ECSDM). La implementación completa del NYSSB ocurrió en 2019 con 9 graduados que recibieron el NYSSB.

Este año, hay 70 graduados del NYSSB que recibirán el NYSSB.



New York State Seal of Biliteracy



The New York State Office of Bilingual Education & World Languages (OBEWL) provided official NYSSB seals to be affixed to each diploma.

Official NYSSB medallions are provided to each NYSSB graduate to wear at graduation. Colors of the NYS flag are represented by the NYS seal and ribbon.



2023 Diploma Seal & Medallion

El Sello de Bilingüismo del Estado de Nueva York



La oficina de Educación Bilingüe e Idiomas Mundiales (OBEWL) proporcionó sellos oficiales del NYSSB para colocarlos en cada diploma.

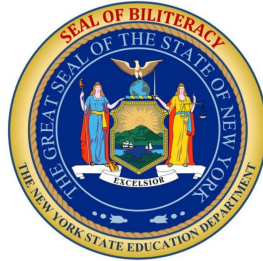
Medallones oficiales del NYSSB son proporcionados a cada graduado NYSSB para usarlas en la graduación. Los colores de la bandera de NYS están representados por el sello de NYS y cinta.



Sello del diploma & medallón 2023

Earning the New York State Seal of Biliteracy takes determination and intelligence!

- Scholars wishing to receive the NYSSB must complete all requirements for graduating with a NYS Regents diploma



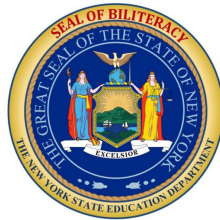
- In addition to the above minimum requirement, scholars wishing to receive a NYSSB must earn three (3) points in two (2) categories:

- CATEGORY 1 = Demonstrating Proficiency in English (3 points)
- CATEGORY 2 = Demonstrating Proficiency in a World Language (3 points)



¡Obteniendo el Sello de Bilingüismo del Estado de Nueva York *se requiere determinación e inteligencia!*

- Los académicos que deseen recibir el NYSSB tienen que completar todos los requisitos para graduarse con un diploma Regentes de NYS



- **Además del requisito mínimo anterior**, los académicos que deseen recibir el NYSSB tienen que obtener **tres (3) puntos** en **dos (2) categorías**:

- **CATEGORÍA 1** = Demostrando dominio en **inglés (3 puntos)**
- **CATEGORÍA 2** = Demostrando dominio en **un idioma mundial (3 puntos)**

Why Pursue the New York State Seal of Biliteracy?

- ✓ NYSED's highest recognition of language skills
- ✓ Part of an elite group of students in New York State
- ✓ Testament to high proficiency level in English and one or more world languages
- ✓ Diploma bears the NYS Seal of Biliteracy
- ✓ NYS medallion worn graduation & keepsake
- ✓ Bilingualism/Multilingualism desired trait/asset in any workplace
- ✓ Opens future college & career opportunities

¿Por qué aspirar hacia el Sello de Bilingüismo del estado de Nueva York?

- ✓ Es el reconocimiento de habilidades de idiomas más alto del NYSED's
- ✓ Parte de un grupo prestigioso de estudiantes en el estado de Nueva York
- ✓ Testimonio de un alto nivel de competencia en inglés y uno o más idiomas mundiales
- ✓ El diploma lleva el Sello de Bilingüismo de NYS
- ✓ El medallón de NYS se usa en la graduación & es un recuerdo
- ✓ El bilingüismo/multilingüismo es una característica deseada en cualquier lugar de empleo
- ✓ Abre oportunidades futuras en la universidad y carrera

Official **New York State Seal of Biliteracy** Certificates Awarded to Each Graduate

CLASS OF
2023
Senior



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All 70 NYSSB graduates receive an official **NYS Seal of Biliteracy Certificate of Excellence** for their outstanding achievement.

Certificados oficiales del Sello de Bilingüismo del Estado de New York son otorgados a cada graduado

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Los 70 graduados del NYSSB reciben un Certificado de excelencia oficial del Sello de Bilingüismo del Estado de Nueva York por sus logros destacados.

Must Demonstrate Proficiency in English (Total of 3 Points Needed)

<p>NYS Comprehensive English Regents Examination:</p> <p>Score 80 or higher (1 point)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>NYS Regents Examination in English Language Arts (Common Core)*:</p> <p>Score 80 or higher (1 point)</p>	<p>English Language Learners (ELLs):</p> <p>Score 75 or above on two Regents exams other than English, without translation (1 point)</p> <p>New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT):</p> <p>ELLs score at the Commanding level on two modalities (1 point)</p> <p>11th and 12th grade ELA courses:</p> <p>Complete all with an average of 85 or higher a comparable score using another scoring system set by the district and approved by the Commissioner. (1 point)</p> <p>Advanced Placement (AP) English Language or English Literature examination:</p> <p>3 or higher (1 point)</p>	<p>Score at a proficient level on an approved English assessment set forth by NYSED</p> <p>(1 point)</p>
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Multi-Genre Project:

Present a culminating project, scholarly essay or portfolio that meets the criteria for Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing established by the district's NYS Seal of Biliteracy Committee to a panel of reviewers with proficiency in English. **(2 points)**

Tiene que demostrar dominio del inglés (Se necesita un total de 3 puntos)

<p>Examen Regente completo de inglés del NYS:</p> <p>Puntaje de 80 o más (1 punto)</p> <p>O</p> <p>Examen NYS Regentes en Artes del Lenguaje de Inglés (Common Core)*:</p> <p>Puntaje de 80 o más (1 punto)</p>	<p>Aprendices del inglés (ELLs):</p> <p>Obtener un puntaje de 75 o más en dos Regentes que no sea el de inglés, sin traducción (1 punto)</p> <p>Examen del Estado de Nueva York de Nivel de Inglés como Segundo Idioma (NYSESLAT):</p> <p>Los ELLs califican a nivel de dominio en dos modalidades (1 punto)</p> <p>Cursos de inglés en grados 11 y 12:</p> <p>Completar todo con un promedio de 85 o más, una puntuación comparable utilizando otro sistema de puntuación establecido por el distrito y aprobado por el Comisionado. (1 punto)</p> <p>Examen de Colocación Avanzada (AP) del Idioma Inglés o Literatura Inglesa:</p> <p>3 o más (1 punto)</p>	<p>Puntuación a un nivel competente en una evaluación de inglés aprobada y establecida por NYSED</p> <p>(1 punto)</p>
<p>Proyecto multigénero:</p> <p>Presentar un proyecto final, un ensayo académico o un portafolio que cumpla con los criterios de expresión oral, comprensión auditiva, lectura y escritura establecidos por el Comité del Sello de Alfabetización Bilingüe del Estado de Nueva York del distrito a un panel de revisores con dominio del inglés. (2 puntos)</p>		

Must Demonstrate Proficiency in World Language

(Total of 3 Points Needed)

Checkpoint C level World Language course:

Complete a Checkpoint C level World Language course, with a grade of 85 or higher, or a comparable score using another scoring system set by the district and approved by the Commissioner, for both the coursework and final examination consistent with Checkpoint C standards. (1 point)

Provide transcripts from a school in a country outside of the U.S. showing at least three years of instruction in the student's home/native language in Grade 8 or beyond, with an equivalent grade average of B or higher. (1 point)

For students enrolled in a Bilingual Education program, complete all required Home Language Arts (HLA) coursework and the district HLA exam with an 85 or higher or a comparable score using another scoring system set by the Commissioner. (1 point)

Accredited Checkpoint C World Language assessment:

Score at a proficient level (1 point)

→ **AAPPL - Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages®** for **The American Council on Teaching Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Assessment** OR **the OPI/WPT- Oral Proficiency Interview/ Writing Proficiency Test**
Tests available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Thai, Urdu etc.

Multi-Genre Project:

Present a culminating project, scholarly essay or portfolio that meets the criteria for Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing established by the district's NYS Seal of Biliteracy Committee and that is aligned to the NYS Checkpoint C Learning Standards to a panel of reviewers with proficiency in the target language. (2 points)

Tiene que demostrar dominio en un idioma mundial

(Se necesitan un total de 3 puntos)

Curso de idioma mundial de nivel Checkpoint C:

Completar un curso de idioma mundial de nivel de Checkpoint C, con una calificación de 85 o más, o una puntuación comparable utilizando otro sistema de calificación establecido por el distrito y aprobado por el Comisionado, tanto para el trabajo del curso como para el examen final de acuerdo con los estándares de Checkpoint C. (1 punto)

Proporcionar transcripciones de una escuela en un país fuera de los EE. UU. que muestren al menos tres años de instrucción en el idioma nativo del estudiante en el grado 8 o más, con un promedio de calificación equivalente a B o superior. (1 punto)

Para los estudiantes inscritos en un programa de Educación Bilingüe, completar todos los cursos requeridos de Artes del Lenguaje en el Hogar (HLA) y el examen HLA del distrito con un puntaje de 85 o superior o comparable usando otro sistema de puntaje establecido por el Comisionado. (1 punto)

Evaluación acreditada de idiomas del mundo Checkpoint C:

Puntuación en un nivel competente (1 punto)

→ AAPPL - Evaluación del rendimiento hacia el dominio de los idiomas® para la evaluación del Consejo Estadounidense para la Enseñanza de Idiomas Extranjeros (ACTFL) O OPI/WPT- Entrevista de dominio oral/ Prueba de dominio de la escritura
Pruebas disponibles en árabe, chino, francés, alemán, hindi, italiano, japonés, coreano, portugués, ruso, español, tailandés, urdu, etc.

Proyecto multigénero:

Presentar un proyecto final, un ensayo académico o un portafolio que cumpla con los criterios de hablar, escuchar, leer y escribir establecidos por el Comité del Sello de Bilingüismo del Estado de Nueva York del distrito y que esté alineado con los Estándares de Aprendizaje del Punto de Control C del Estado de Nueva York a un panel de revisores con competencia en el idioma de destino. (2 puntos)



The Seal of Civic Readiness is a **formal recognition** from NYS Education Department.

This distinction on a scholar's transcript, diploma, and resume shows a scholar's **commitment to civic engagement**.

Civic Readiness is the ability to make a positive difference in the public life of our communities through the combination of civic knowledge, skills and actions, mindsets, and experiences.





El Sello de Preparación
Cívica es un
reconocimiento formal del
Departamento de
Educación del NYS.

Esta distinción en el expediente, diploma y
currículum del estudiante demuestra el
compromiso del estudiante a la
participación cívica.

Preparación Cívica es la habilidad de hacer una
diferencia positiva en la vida pública de nuestras comunidades a
través de la combinación del conocimiento cívico,
habilidades y acciones, mentalidades y experiencias.



To earn the Seal of Civic Readiness, scholars must earn a **total of 6 points** with at least 2 points in Civic Knowledge and at least 2 points in Civic Participation.

Civic Knowledge	Pts.	Civic Participation	Pts.
4 credits of social studies	1	High School Civics Project (limit two times during grades 9-12)	1.5
Mastery level on Social Studies Regents Exam	1.5*	Service-Learning Project (minimum 25 hours) and reflective civic learning essay/presentation/product	1*
Proficiency level on Social Studies Regents Exam	1*	Earned credit in an elective course that promotes civic engagement	.5*
Advanced social studies course(s)	.5*	Middle School Capstone Project (Grades 7 and 8 are only eligible for this point)	1
Research Project	1	Extra-curricular participation or work-based learning experience (minimum 40 hours) and an essay/presentation/product	.5*
		Civics Capstone Project	4

Para obtener el Sello de Preparación Cívica, el estudiante tiene que recibir un total de **6 puntos** con al menos 2 puntos en conocimiento cívico y al menos 2 puntos en participación cívica.

Civic Knowledge	Pts.	Civic Participation	Pts.
4 credits of social studies	1	High School Civics Project (limit two times during grades 9-12)	1.5
Mastery level on Social Studies Regents Exam	1.5*	Service-Learning Project (minimum 25 hours) and reflective civic learning essay/presentation/product	1*
Proficiency level on Social Studies Regents Exam	1*	Earned credit in an elective course that promotes civic engagement	.5*
Advanced social studies course(s)	.5*	Middle School Capstone Project (Grades 7 and 8 are only eligible for this point)	1
Research Project	1	Extra-curricular participation or work-based learning experience (minimum 40 hours) and an essay/presentation/product	.5*
		Civics Capstone Project	4



Meet the 2023 NYS Seal Graduates



Rosalia Acevedo * ^	Aljaye Clarke +	Kandria Gomes +	Alexander Michael * ^ +	Jairo Sanchez *
Wendy Acevedo Alvarez *	Deika Clersainville *	Karoll Gonzalez Herrera *	Neida Montoya Gonzalez *	Pamela Serafin *
Inshan Ally *	Daniella Contreras * ^	Ashley Hernandez Saloma *	Jazlyn Morales *	Jaylynn Serrano *
Michelle Alvarez *	Brian Cuahutle *	Howard Johnson +	Lucero Morales Sierra *	Adriana Sierra Lezama *
Sophia Aparicio *	Gilberto Deschamps Lora *	Jaden Jones * ^	Catalina Naizaque * ^ +	Emmanuel Soriano *
Mackenzie Bailey *	Melissa Diaz *	Sean Knight +	Aicha Niane *	Lizbeth Sosa Ramos *
Yadira Balbuena * ^	Shade Diaz Caba *	Oluwasayo Kumapayi *	Juan Nieto-Hernandez *	Juliana Speckenbach *
Litzzy Barbecho-Puma * ^	Aylin Diaz Rubio *	Christian Laguerre *	Edwin Ortega *	Cesar Vallecilla Victoria *
Fernando Barrales *	Gabriella Dondrade +	Joy Lin *	Jazmin Ortiz Perez *	Gabriella Vazquez * ^ +
Hannia Barrales Flores *	Ciara Donovan * ^ +	Joel Martinez *	Emily Padron *	Isaided Velazquez *
Rochelle Bernard +	Erin Donovan ^^	Andrea Martinez Corona *	Luis Panza-Gonzalez *	Lilian Velazquez *
Julian Burbano Herrera *	Dayana Fajardo Barajas *	Samantha McElroy * ^ +	Aayush Patel *	Britney Williams +
Sara Calle Alvarado *	Kierstin Galloway *	Destiny Mejia *	Damarys Pijal *	Davynn Williams +
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Alessandra Chavez *	Citlali Garcia *	Hersy Mendez *	Alexa Rojas Brown ^	Stephen Yupa *
Edward Cibu *	Katelyn Garita Diaz *	Mekhi Mercer *		Erik Zapata Marin *

* SEAL OF BILITERACY

^ DUAL LANGUAGE

+ SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS





Conozca a los graduados del Sello de NYS de 2023



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* SELLO DE BILINGÜISMO

^ LENGUAJE DUAL

+ SELLO DE PREPARACIÓN

CÍVICA



Rosalia Acevedo



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** I am proud of myself!! Can't believe I did it.
- **Goal:** To become a Bilingual Teacher
- **Achievements:** Accepted to SUNY ORANGE
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Christian Yu
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Wendy Acevedo Alvarez



NYSSB Graduate



- *Will Attend* : SUNY Orange
 - *Goal*: Become an Earth Science Teacher
 - *Achievements* : SUPA Scholar, Academy of Finance
 - *NYSSB Presentation*: Traditional Mexican Foods
 - *Language(s)*: Spanish
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Inshan Ally



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Wherever you go, go with all of your heart!"
- **Goal:** Remain focused on successes
- **Achievements:** Biomed, College Economics, & Public Policy
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Guyana's Foods & Drinks
- **Language(s):** Guyanese & English

Michelle Alvarez Isaza



NYSSB Graduate



- **Will Attend:** SUNY Orange
 - **Goal:** To become an elementary school teacher
 - **Achievements:** Education & Management
 - **NYSSB Presentation:** Chimpanzees Are Endangered
 - **Language(s):** Spanish & English
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Sophia Pham Aparicio



NYSSB Graduate



- **Quote:** "To all the days we were together, To all the times we were apart. Of each other's lives Heart to Heart" - Mac DeMarco '19
- **Will Attend:** SUNY Binghamton
- **Studying:** Biology on a pre-health track
- **Aspirations:** To serve others & give back to loved ones
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Photosynthesis
- **Languages:** Spanish & English

Mackenzie Bailey



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "To have another language is to possess another soul."
- Charlemagne
- **Will Attend:** SUNY Oneonta to major in psychology
- **Goal:** To become a forensic psychologist
- **Achievements:** Scholarship recipient, honor grad, NHS graduate
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Butterflies
- **Language(s):** English and Spanish

Yadira Balbuena



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Graduation is not the end, it is the beginning."
- **Goal:** U.S Army & College for Medical Psychology
- **Achievements:** SUPA Spanish
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Carolina Herrera
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Litzy Barbecho- Puma



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "I'm grateful for my friends and family because without their support this wouldn't be possible."
- **Goal:** Become a rehabilitation veterinarian
- **Achievements:** Certified Veterinary Assistant
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Animal Science
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Fernando Barrales



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message :** Thank you Mommy, we did it!
- **Goal:** Oral surgeon
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripol
- **Language(s):** Spanish and English

Hannia Barrales



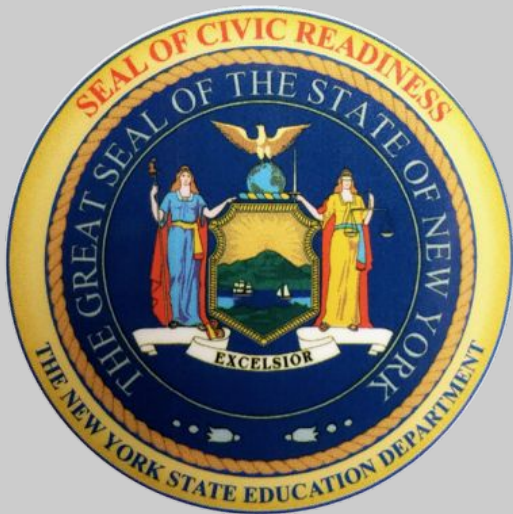
NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message :** “I’m finally leaving MHS !!! and with that comes a new beginning.
- **Goal:** Becoming a Ultrasound Technician
- **Achievements:** Accepted at Suny Orange
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Abortion
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Rochelle Bernard

Middies Clever Hooks



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Fall 2022 Civic Readiness Capstone

Meet Rochelle Bernard
Class of 2023



Rochelle Bernard is currently a senior at Middletown High School. Rochelle is in the Allied Health BOCES Program and will be certified to work as a medical assistant following graduation. In addition to her studies, Rochelle is a member of the Science Club and also plays varsity lacrosse.

After high school, Rochelle plans to attend Brown University, SUNY Binghamton or Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Rochelle plans to continue her study of biology while in college.

Rochelle is passionate about increasing student involvement in activities beyond the classroom in an effort to create a sense of belonging. She has spent the semester planning an after school craft and knitting event to allow students to explore their interests in crafting along with their peers.

This event will serve as a starting point for students hoping to join a similar club.

Rochelle believes that Civic Readiness allows her and others to advocate for their community. She believes that civic minded individuals should volunteer or host events within their community in an effort to improve it. Rochelle believes this experience has helped her to learn how she can help to improve her community and the world.

Julian Burbano Herrera



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "If you want to be the best, you have to do other things people aren't willing to do."- Michael Phelps
 - **Goal:** Physical Therapist- Exercise Science
 - **Achievements:** SUNY Cortland
 - **NYSSB Presentation:** Simon Bolivar
 - **Language(s):** Spanish & English
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Sara Calle Alvarado



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you!" - Fred DeVito
- **Goal:** Military
- **Achievements:** Cosmetology & Business in the Music Industry for Performance
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Stray Kids
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Ximena Cervantes



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message :** I did it and now I am ready for a new chapter in my life!
- **Goal:** Wardrobe Stylist
- **Achievements:** High Honor Roll
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Lana Del Rey
- **Language(s):** Spanish

Alessandra Chavez



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Don't limit yourself just because you're scared of failure."
- **Goal:** Pursue an education in Information Systems
- **Achievements:** Senior Class Vice President
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Frida Kahlo's life & portrait explanations
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Edward Cibu



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message :** I look forward to being able to give back to this world.
- **Goal:** Becoming an Aerospace Engineer
- **Achievements:** Accepted at Stony Brook University, became an Honor Graduate, graduated from the NAF Academy, and competed in the Section 9 Boys Swimming and Diving championship
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Myself
- **Language(s):** Spanish, English, and Romanian

Aljaye Clark

Course Catalog



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Spring 2023 Civic Readiness Capstone

Meet Aljaye Clark
Class of 2023



Aljaye Clark is currently a senior enrolled in the Academy of Finance and graduating in the Academies of Health Science and Information Technology. Aljaye has earned over a years worth of college credits from Syracuse University, Siena College, and Missouri Institute of Science and Technology. After high school, Aljaye is attending Orange Country Community College, majoring in Computer Science.

Aljaye has been a member of the Middletown Track and Field team for the past four years. She is one of the Captain of the Varsity team and is a huddler and sprinter. Go Middies!

Aljaye has spent the semester working on digitizing the course catalog to make it easier for scholars to be aware of the various electives offered at Middletown High School. Part of this process has also included creating one spot for the various pathways to graduation to ensure scholar success.

Aljaye believes that Civic Readiness is helping to better the community you belong to as well as being civically engaged in your local government. Aljaye really enjoyed how much agency the Capstone course gave her this semester in exploring different civic topics.

Deika Clersainville



NYSSB Graduate



- **Successful Attributes:** Working hard, motivating, outgoing, persistent
 - **Goal:** Will attend Alfred state and major in BSN
 - **Aspiration:** Work my way up to become a NP
 - **NYSSB Presentation:** My Future Career
 - **Language(s):** Creole & English
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Daniela Contreras



NYSSB Graduate



- **Will Attend:** Suny Orange College & Major in Radiology
- **Aspiration:** Radiologist Technician
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Harry Styles
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Brian Cuahutle



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "You'll miss 100% of the shots you never take." - Wayne Gretzky
- **Goal:** Autotechnician
- **Achievements:** OUBOCES, Economics & Government
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Cesar Chavez
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Gabriella Dandrade

Overcrowding



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Fall 2022 Civic Readiness Capstone

Meet Gabriella Dandrade
Class of 2023



Gabriella is currently a senior at Middletown High School. As a student, Gabby has excelled throughout her career and has been awarded high honor roll multiple times. Gabby is a member of the Middletown varsity volleyball team.

After high school, Gabby will attend SUNY Orange for her general education requirements and plans to transfer to a four year college. Gabby plans to major in biology.

Throughout the semester, Gabby has been tackling the issue of crowded hallways at Middletown High School. Through her research, Gabby has found that many students also find the crowded hallways to be a daily frustration. Her project partnered her with another student and together, they put together a proposal of possible solutions to combat overcrowding at Middletown High School.

Gabriella is genuinely interested in becoming civically involved in her community. She believes that civic readiness means being informed about the issues affecting ones' community and taking that information and being engaged.

Gilberto Deschamps



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message** : I want to express my gratitude for everyone's support and belief in me throughout my educational journey. As I graduate, I carry with me not only the knowledge I've gained but also the cherished memories and the profound impact you've had on my life.
- **Goal**: Attend SUNY New Paltz and major in computer engineering
- **Achievements**: Graduating from three NAF academies
- **NYSSB Presentation**: Frida Kahlo: Self Portrait
- **Language(s)**: Spanish & English

Melissa Diaz



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "You were born to be real, not to be perfect." -Min Yoongi
- **Successful Attributes:** Passion, Persistence
- **Goal:** Become a Registered Nurse
- **Achievements:** Accepted at Mount Saint Mary College and received a scholarship to study in the Nursing program
- **NYSSB Presentation:** What Responsibilities Does a Medical Assistant Have?
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Shade Diaz Caba



NYSSB Graduate



- **Will Attend:** Suny Orange
- **Goal:** Special Education Teacher
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Neurodiversity
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Aylin Diaz Rubio



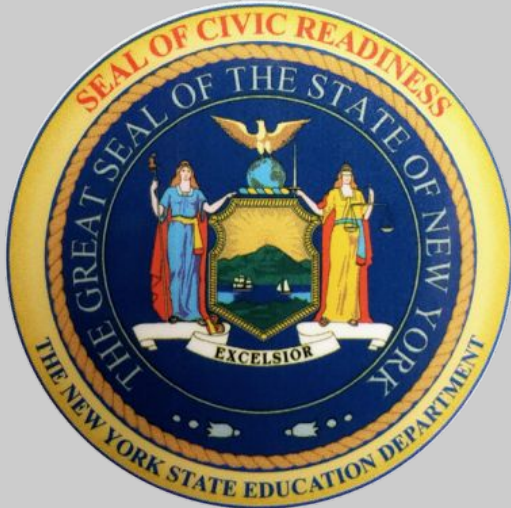
NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."
- Michael Altschuler
- **Goal:** Business Management & College
- **Achievements:** OUBOCES & CTEC-Cosmetology
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Pollution
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Ciara Donovan

Scholar Involvement Initiative



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Fall 2022 Civic Readiness Capstone

Meet Ciara Donovan
Class of 2023



Ciara Donovan is currently a senior in the Academy of Finance at Middletown High School. Throughout her high school career, Ciara has taken multiple college courses and will graduate in June with over 40 credits from Syracuse University Project Advance and Siena College. Ciara has been on the honor roll for the duration of her high school career. Aside from her academic successes, Ciara is also the captain of the varsity swim team and the co-president of Youth in Government.

Ciara has spent the semester working to address the need for increased student engagement in clubs and activities. Ciara's capstone project was the production of a video advertisement for all the extra curricular activities available to scholars at Middletown High School.

After high school, Ciara plans to attend the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. She plans to major in political science. Ciara believes that civic readiness is essential for citizens to be aware of those issues that impact their communities whether at the local, state, national or global level. She believes that it is the responsibility of civically engaged individuals to help work towards change.

Ciara Donovan



NYSSB Graduate



- **Will Attend :** University of Massachusetts - Amherst and major in Political Science.
- **Goal:** Become a Lawyer
- **Achievements:** Honor Graduate, NHS Member, Graduating from the Academy of Finance and with the Seal of Civic Readiness and Biliteracy
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Honduras
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Erin Donovan



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."
- James Freeman Clarke
- **Goal:** To Help Others
- **Achievements:** SUNY New Paltz
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Guatemala
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Dayana Fajardo Barajas

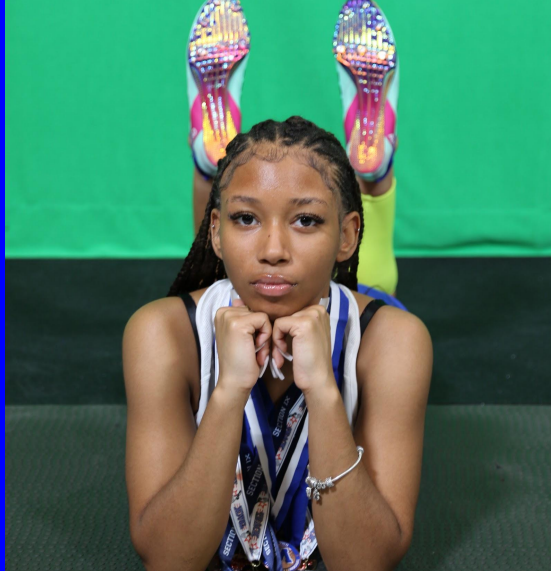


NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Be the change you wish to see in the world."- Ghandi
 - **Goal:** International Business
 - **Achievements:** PACE University- Business
 - **NYSSB Presentation:** Welcome to Mexico
 - **Language(s):** Spanish & English
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Kierstin Laneè Galloway



NYSSB Graduate



- *Will attend* : University at Buffalo
- *Major*: Engineering & Applied Sciences
- *Achievements*: AutoCAD certified
- *NYSSB Presentation*: What Track Means To Me
- *Language(s)*: Spanish & English

Ronald Garcia



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** Jeremiah 29:11
- **Will attend:** SUNY Orange
- **Aspiration:** To become a Computer Scientist
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Apollo 11 landing
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Citlali Garcia



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "When writing the story of your life, don't let anyone else hold the pen."
- **Goal:** Continue Dentistry
- **Achievements:** Working through school, BOCES and observing SUNY Orange dental hygiene program, going to clinic
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Aventura
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Katelyn Garita Diaz



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Keep your face towards the sunshine and shadows will always follow you." -Walt Whitman
- **Goal:** SUNY Orange
- **Achievements:** Biomedical Program
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Rauw Alejandro
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Kandria Gomes

Overcrowding



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Fall 2022 Civic Readiness Capstone

Meet Kandria Gomes
Class of 2023



Kandria Gomes is a senior at Middletown High School and is part of the Academy of Finance. Kandria has taken a number of college courses while in high school and will enter college with over 10 college credits. Kandria is an award winning member of the varsity track and field team, running the 400 meter and 4x200 meter relay.

Kandria plans to study business in college. Kandria has applied to Dominican College, SUNY Cortland and SUNY Binghamton. She hopes to continue her track career in college as well.

Kandria has spent the semester tackling the issue of overcrowded lunch periods. Her research has led her to work with Gabriella in an effort to propose possible solutions to this issue at Middletown High School. Ultimately, the team wishes to provide their proposal to building administration for consideration.

Kandria believes that civic readiness is essential to help combat issues within her community. Her dedication to elimination of overcrowding demonstrates her belief in the importance of civic engagement. Kandria believes that civic engagement is essential if people hope to see real change in their communities.

Karoll Gonzalez Herrera



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message :** Esto es gracias a mi familia, sin ellos nada de esto hubiera sido posible. Cada risa y cada sufrimiento valieron la pena para este momento.
 - **Goal:** Being a Broker
 - **NYSSB Presentation:** Portarretrato
 - **Language(s):** Spanish & English
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Ashley Hernandez Saloma



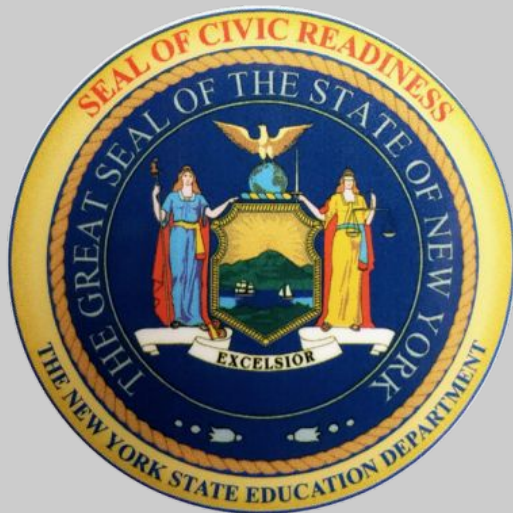
NYSSB Graduate



- **Successful Attributes:** Hard Working
- **Goal:** Becoming a Doctor of Physical Therapy
- **Achievements:** Accepted at Mount Saint Mary College
- **NYSSB Presentation:** *Is There A Place For Us?* Representation and placement for first generation Immigrant American kids
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Howard Johnson

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Meet Howard Johnson
Class of 2023



Howard Johnson is currently a senior at Middletown High School. He is president of the Yearbook Club, a member of the National Honor Society, My Brother's Keeper, and Secretary of the Future Farmers of America at BOCES.

Next year, Howard is hoping to attend Medaille University, East Stroudsburg University, or University of New Haven. He plans on majoring in Biology with a pre-veterinary track, or Astronomy.

After school hours, you can find Howard working diligently at Men's Warehouse. He also loves to draw and play games. The Astronomy interest comes from his love of space and he loves to explore.

The focus of Howard's Capstone Project this semester has been on working with his group members to create a easier way for students to access information regarding which courses and electives are available to Middletown High School Scholars. He has worked diligently on collecting data regarding how information is disseminated among the student body and digitizing the course catalog and pathways to graduation.

Howard believes that Civic Readiness is being involved actively in your community and using information gathered about that community to create ways to better it.

Jaden Ellis Jones

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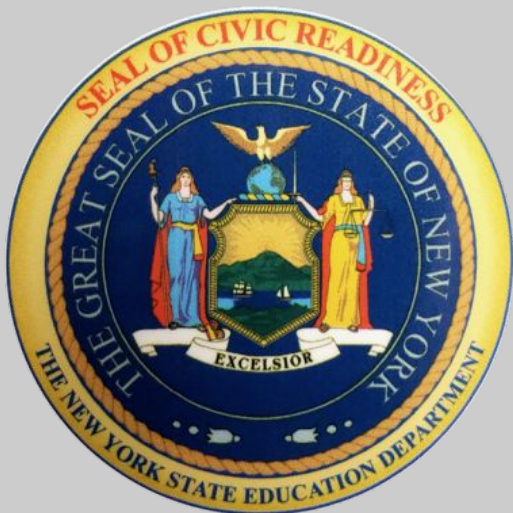
NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** I encourage you all to consolidate the little joys that give you joy by pausing for a minute to routinely consider them. Finding joy in the little things is at last an excursion as opposed to an objective. In this fast-paced world, it requires care, perseverance, and the willingness to give up on interruptions and tensions.
- **Goal:** Receive a Masters degree in my major and continue to find a job in Architecture or Civil Engineering
- **Achievements:** Syracuse University Project Advanced (SUPA) Scholar- Will Attend Clemson University & Major in Civil Engineering or Architecture
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Finding Bliss in the Simple Things
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Sean Knight

Course Awareness



Spring 2023 Civic Readiness Capstone

Meet Sean Knight
Class of 2023



Sean Knight is a senior enrolled in the Project Lead The Way Biomedical Science Program and Academy of Finance programs. Along with these programs, Sean has taken a plethora of college-level courses through Siena and Syracuse University that will serve him fruitful when transferring the credits from these courses over to Orange County Community College (OCCC), where he plans to attend next year.

When at OCCC, Sean plans to begin his journey on the road to earning his Ph.D. in Psychology. Sean has long held a passion for psychology as his mother has played vital in such an interest. While such a journey will be filled with strife and struggle, Sean plans to persevere just as he has in years passed.

At the start of the school year, Sean worked at McDonald's, working various duties and hours, gaining skills such as teamwork, efficient communication, and leadership. As someone who has social anxiety and ADHD, as job initially plagued him with fear but with time, he became more accustomed to the working life, becoming of vital importance to the team.

Instead of enrolling in the civic readiness course, Sean stumbled upon the opportunity to take the course as an independent study, for his passion for bringing about change in his community held no bounds. He chose to work on two separate projects, which included increasing enrollment in our African American History and Literature courses, as well as introducing a new course titled "Untold History," that would be introduced through a course fair. This all to expand the knowledge of our scholars here at Middletown High School.

Oluwasayo Kumapayi



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** I thank God for the indelible experience and relationships I formed at MHS. I will miss you all terribly.
- **Will Attend:** Syracuse University & major in Statistics
- **Goal:** To complete law school and become a medical malpractice attorney
- **Achievements :** Honor graduate, NAF Academy graduate, HSA Debate World Cup top 3 winner, NHS President, & Scholar Athlete
- **NYSSB Presentation:** The Significance of Names
- **Language(s):** French, Yoruba & English

Christian Laguerre



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "What we learn with pleasure we never forget." - Alfred Mercier
- **Goal:** To achieve great success in life
- **Achievements:** Finger Lakes Region for Football & Physical Education
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Soccer & Other Hobbies
- **Language(s):** Haitian-Creole, French & English

Joy Lin



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "That little star was surely going to become the biggest thing."
- **Successful Attributes:** Optimistic, persistence, compassion
- **Aspirations/Will Attend:** Binghamton University
- **Achievements:** Honor Graduate, Seal of Biliteracy, Sojourner Truth Awards
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Twice: A Legacy of Kpop Excellence
- **Language(s):** Mandarin Chinese & English

Joel Martinez



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** “Your education is a dress rehearsal for the life you are to lead.”
- Nora Ephron
- **Goal:** Become a Teacher or School Resource Officer (SRO)
- **Achievements:** SUNY New Paltz
- **NYSSB Presentation:** ¿Cómo Reducir el Estrés?
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Andrea Martinez Corona



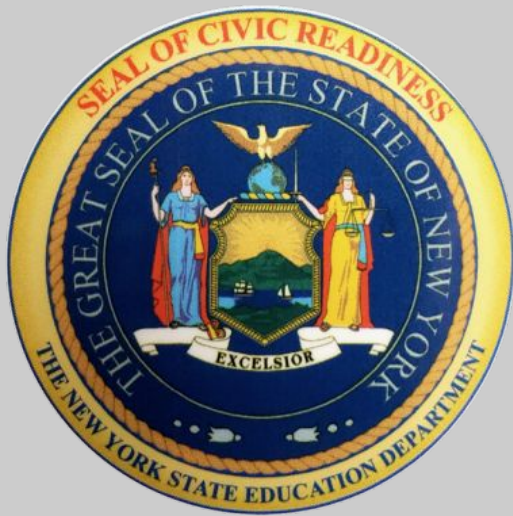
NYSSB Graduate



- **Goal:** Psychologist
- **Awards:** OU BOCES Graduate from the Law Enforcement Program, Honor Roll, Certificate in Excellence in English
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Spongebob Squarepants
- **Language(s):** English & Spanish

Sam McElroy

What I wish I knew



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Fall 2022 **Civic Readiness Capstone**

Meet Sam McElroy
Class of 2023



Sam McElroy is a senior at Middletown High School. She has taken numerous rigorous courses at MHS, including SUPA Economics, SUPA American History and Oral Rhetoric through Siena College. Upon graduation, Sam will have over 30 college credits. Additionally, Sam will earn the Seal of Biliteracy and the Seal of Civic Readiness.

In addition to her course work, Sam is also part of Chamber Orchestra, Chambers Singers and Pipers. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and a Girl Scout. Sam has performed in a number of high school drama productions and a volunteer for the YMCA Leaders.

After high school, Sam plans to attend the University at Albany where she wants to double major in Social Welfare and Psychology.

Sam is passionate about helping her peers to navigate through the stresses of high school and high pressure schedules. She has spent the semester working to bring attention to the stress faced by honors students and has created a presentation to provide advice to younger scholars.

Most of my high school experience has centered around advocacy and civic engagement within the district and community. Through working on improvement in Middletown, I have gained public speaking skills as well as the ability to develop solutions to the issues I care the most about. I feel that everyone should be as engaged and aware of what's going on in the world around them as they possibly can.

Sam McElroy



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** “We thought we wouldn’t make it, so we did anyways.”
- **Successful Attributes:** Hardworking, leader, committed to change
- **Aspirations/Will Attend:** SUNY Albany
- **Achievements:** All-County Vocalist, Area All-State Vocalist, NYS Seal of Civic Readiness Recipient, Honor Graduate, Member of NHS
- **NYSSB Presentation:** El Salvador
- **Language(s):** English & Spanish

Destiny Mejia



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message :** "Always do what you wanted so you can't tell yourself, I did it!"
- **Goal:** To continue to be blessed and study for masters for cybersecurity
- **Achievements:** CTECH Computer Networking
- **NYSSB Presentation:** About Me- Me Llamo Destiny
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Miasky Mejia



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "I'm sad to leave this school behind but excited for what is to come!"
- **Goal:** A Bright Future & Becoming a Ultrasound Technician!
- **Achievements:** Cosmetology- OUBOCES
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Maria Elena Velasco
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Heresy Mendez



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message :** Thank you to my friends and family!
- **Goal:** Aerospace engineer
- **Achievements:** BOCES graduate
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Vida en México
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English



Mekhi Mercer



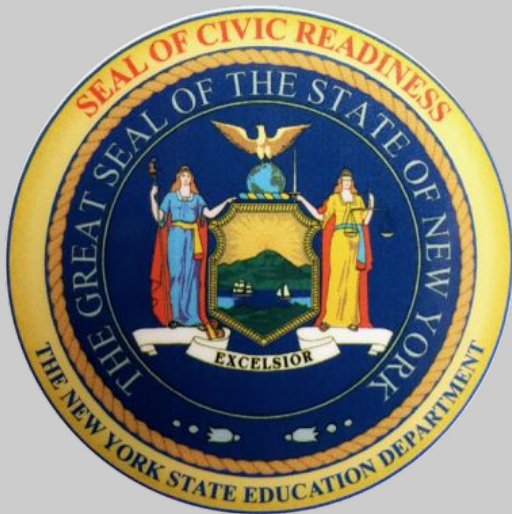
NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Success isn't given to you it's what you work hard towards."
- **Successful Attributes:** Caring, hardworking
- **Aspirations/Will Attend:** Culinary
- **Achievements:** Culinary certificate from OU BOCES
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Puerto Rico
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Alexander Michael

Middies Recycle Right



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Spring 2023 Civic Readiness Capstone

Meet Alexander Michael
Class of 2023



Alexander Michael is currently a senior and enrolled in the Project Lead the Way engineering program and CISCO Academy. He has been a member of the tennis team for the past four years and the cross country team for three years. He also goes to a STEP program through SUNY New Paltz and took part in a college level research project from Adelphi University.

Additionally, Alexander has taken numerous college courses through Syracuse University, Siena College, and Rochester Institute of Technology. Alexander will be attending Penn State in the fall where he plans to major in computer engineering or IT. His ultimate goal is to own his own software company.

This semester, Alexander has been trying to improve the environment around him. He believes the impact of pollution on our planet is being minimized and we need to do something about it. The main problem he grappled with was making recycling more accessible for everyone in Middletown High School. He created an advertising campaign to highlight different ways members of the school community can participate in the recycling program to better our environment.

Alexander defines Civic Readiness as being actively engaged in his community by highlighting civic actions. He learned a lot this semester about creating attainable action plans in order to implement change in his local community.

Alexander Michael

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NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Intelligence plus character - that is goal of a true education."
-Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **Goal:** Computer Engineering
- **Achievements:** Penn State- Tennis
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Honduras
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Neida Montoya Gonzalez



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Be bold, be courageous, be your best!"
- **Goal:** Marines & Engineering
- **Achievements:** ROTC
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Eugenio Derbez
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Jazlyn Morales



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind."
-C.S. Lewis
- **Goal:** Physical Therapist
- **Achievements:** SUNY Orange- Major in Exercise
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Dancing In My Life
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Lucero Morales Sierra



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "There are no regrets in life. Just lessons." - Jennifer Aniston
 - **Goal:** To Work & Earn Money
 - **Achievements:** SUPA, Precalculus, Dance, Design and much more!
 - **NYSSB Presentation:** Pedro Infante
 - **Language(s):** Spanish & English
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Catalina Naizaque

Mental Health Awareness



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Fall 2022 Civic Readiness Capstone

Meet Catalina Naizaque
Class of 2023



Catalina Naizaque is currently a senior at Middletown High School enrolled in the Academy of Health Sciences. Additionally, Catalina has taken numerous college courses through Syracuse University and Siena College. She will graduate with more than a semester worth of college credits.

Catalina hopes to attend New York University or SUNY Albany after high school. She plans to major in biology or chemistry and to continue into pre-med. Ultimately, Catalina wants to become a cardiologist.

Catalina's semester has been spent exploring the impact of mental health on young adults. She believes this issue is something that impacts so many high school students and resources should be more easily accessible to them.

Catalina has found this experience to be very rewarding as she has seen firsthand how her work will directly benefit her community. Catalina believes that civic readiness means being an informed citizen who acknowledges the issues in their community and ultimately tries to make change.

Catalina Naizaque



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to the error that counts."
-Nikki Giovanni
- **Goal:** To be a cardiologist!
- **Achievements:** SUNY Stony Brook- Biology / Pre- Med Major, National Honor Society, PRHYLI, Honor Grad, Seal of Biliteracy and Civic Readiness
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Colombia
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Aïcha Niane



NYSSB Graduate



- **Will attend:** The University of Pittsburgh
- **Is Majoring In:** Physics and Astronomy
- **Future aspirations:** Completing a PHD program, becoming an institutional researcher, and possibly becoming an astronaut.
- **Presentation:** The Observance of Ramadan
- **Language(s):** English and French

Juan Nieto- Hernandez



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "There is no script. Live your life. Soak it all in." -R. Costolo
- **Goal:** Law Enforcement- Police Officer
- **Achievements:** OUBOCES & SUNY Orange for Accounting
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Why Bears Are Dangerous
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Edwin Ortega



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Your time is limited. Don't waste it living someone else's life."
- Steve Jobs
- **Goal:** Open Up Own Real Estate Business
- **Achievements:** SUNY Orange- Radiology Technician
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Mi Pasión
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Jazmin Ortiz-Perez



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message :** "I made through high school!"
 - **Goal:** Become a Dental Hygienist
 - **Achievements:** Accepted at SUNY Orange
 - **NYSSB Presentation:** Endangered Animals: Snow Leopard
 - **Language(s):** Spanish & English
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Emily Padron



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Your imagination is the preview of life's coming attractions."
- Albert Einstein
- **Goal:** Orthodontist
- **Achievements:** SUNY Orange
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Endangered Animals-Mariposas
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Luis Panza-Gonzalez



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Education is our passport to the future; for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."
- Malcolm X
 - **Goal:** Study Biology
 - **Achievements:** University at Albany
 - **NYSSB Presentation:** Tyler the Creator
 - **Language(s):** Spanish & English
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Aayush Patel



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message :** "Have fun in high school and make the most of it!"
- **Goal:** Becoming a Civil Engineer
- **Achievements:** Accepted at Virginia Tech
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Volleyball Player
- **Language(s):** French & English

Damarys Pijal



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." - Zig Ziglar
- **Goal:** Radiologist
- **Achievements:** English Honors, College Economics, Psychology, Biology I & II and American History
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Nayib Bukele- President of El Salvador
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Iraxte Pineda Mora



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message :** “No matter where life takes me, I’ll meet you with a smile. ”
- **Goal:** Becoming a Movie Producer
- **Achievements:** EMT Certificate
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Colombia and Its Wonders
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Alexa Rojas Brown

NYSSB Graduate



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MIDDIE PRIDE



- **Graduation Message:** "It is absolutely still possible to make a difference." - Michelle Obama
- **Goal:** Physical Therapist
- **Achievements:** Early Graduate & SUPA
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Giveon
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Jairo Sanchez



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Lowkey how'd I get here."
- **Goal:** Therapist
- **Achievements :**BOCES Achievement
- **NYSSB Presentation:**Five Nights at Freddy's
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Pamela Serafin



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "I am thankful for my family, friends, and teacher's who helped me get where I am today."
- **Goal:** Pediatric Nurse
- **Achievements:** Became a certified Medical Assistant
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Medical Assistant
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Jaylynn Serrano



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message :** I'm grateful for all my friends and family and the support they've shown me throughout the years. <3
- **Goal:** Become a Detective
- **NYSSB Presentation:** SIMS
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18dRjNY_1C5_JW52t8FU-0ldD_7rj7mB2wQ4gF5U9zT0/edit?usp=sharing
- **Language(s):** English & Spanish

Adriana Sierra Lezama



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** “An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.”
- Benjamin Franklin
 - **Goal:** Pastry Business
 - **Achievements:** OUBOCES- Culinary
 - **NYSSB Presentation:** Roberto Gomez Bolanos
 - **Language(s):** Spanish & English
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Emmanuel Soriano



NYSSB Graduate



- **Successful Attributes:** Hard working
 - **Goal:** Becoming a nurse and working in an ER
 - **Achievements:** Being an honor graduate
 - **NYSSB Presentation:** Traditions in Mexico
 - **Language(s):** Spanish & English
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Lizbeth Sosa Ramos

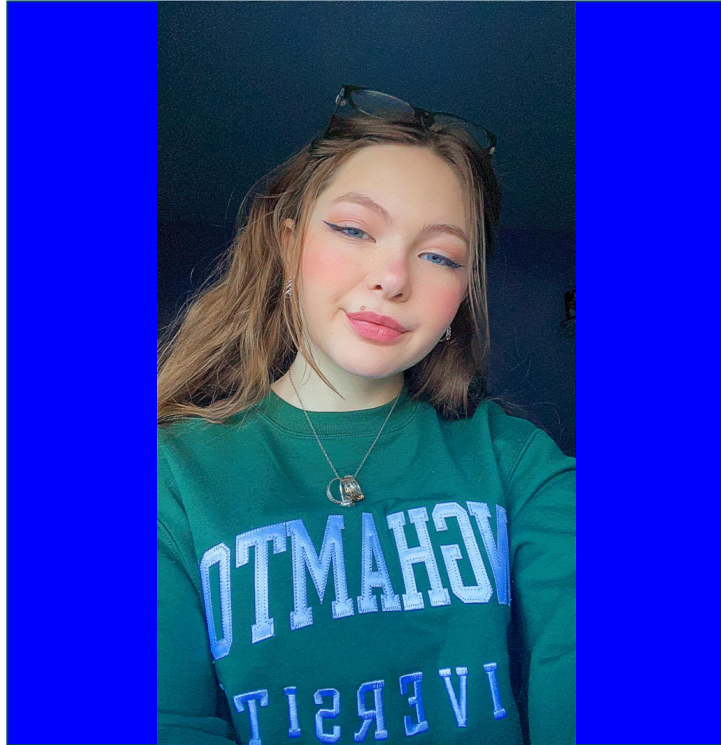


NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Si crees en lo que dices, si crees en lo que haces, serás más efectivo, más apasionado y más auténtico en todo lo que hagas."- Seth Goldman.
 - **Successful Attributes:** Creativity, Motivation, and Optimism.
 - **Goal:** Becoming a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
 - **Achievements:** Accepted at SUNY Orange
 - **NYSSB Presentation:** Benito Antonio Martinez Ocasio.
 - **Language(s):** Spanish & English
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Juliana Speckenbach



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Don't take on more than you can handle."
- **Successful Attributes:** Seeing things through and being creative
- **Goal:** Becoming an OB/GYN
- **Achievements:** Accepted at SUNY Binghamton, studying Bio/Pre-Med
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Flowers
- **Language(s):** English & French

Cesar Vallecilla Victoria



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation message:** "I just want to say thank you for all that MHS has given me for my development and for giving me what I need to start a new stage in my life. Thank you!"
- **Will Attend:** Suny Orange
- **Major in Mathematics**
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Colombia
- **Aspiration:** Becoming a statistician
- **Language(s):** English & Spanish

Gabriella Vazquez

Celebrating Middletown's Diversity



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Spring 2023 Civic Readiness Capstone

Meet Gabriella Vazquez
Class of 2023



Gabriella Vazquez is currently a senior and enrolled in the Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences Program. Along with this program, Gabriella has also taken multiple college classes through Syracuse University and Siena College that will provide her with over a year's worth of college credits. All of this hard work definitely has a purpose and she would like to transfer these credits to University at Albany next year.

At UAlbany, Gabriella intends on majoring in Biology and minoring in Psychology while on the pre-med track to ultimately become either a pediatrician or a pediatric surgeon. This career choice was not randomly selected, there have been experiences in Gabriella's life that have allowed her to realize this as her passion.

Gabriella has been a lifeguard and swim instructor at the YMCA for two years and her favorite group to teach is the preschool class, as they are always so adorable and sweet. This job has let her work with many people of different ages, genders, races, and ethnicities.

According to Gabriella, civic readiness is being an active participant in your community and instilling positive changes. The focus of her project this semester was on celebrating the diversity of Middletown. As the vice president of the Diversity Club, this is a cause near and dear to her heart.

Gabriella Vazquez



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** “When you have a dream, you’ve got to grab it and never let go.”
- Carol Burnett
- **Goal:** Pediatric Surgeon– University at Albany- Psychology Minor
- **Achievements:** Biomedical, College Economics, Public Policy, Sports Medicine, Rhetoric & Communication
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Panama
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Lilian Velazquez



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message :** "Pues nadie se escapa de nuestro destino, por eso aprovecho de cada momento."
- **Goal:** Being successful
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Importance of March 8th
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Isaied Velazquez



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Thanks to my mom who told me to keep pushing !"
- **Goal:** Anesthesiologist
- **Achievements:** Certified Medical Assistant
- **NYSSB Presentation:** The Rainforest
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Britney Williams

Course Catalog



Spring 2023 Civic Readiness Capstone

Meet Britney Williams
Class of 2023



Britney Williams is currently a senior enrolled in the Academy of Finance and graduating in the Academies of Health Science and Information Technology. Throughout her high school career, Britney has earned almost 60 college credits from Syracuse University, Siena College, Mount Saint Mary College, and Missouri Institute of Science and Technology. Britney will be graduating as a honor grad. She is the secretary of the Class of 2023 and the historian of the National Honor Society.

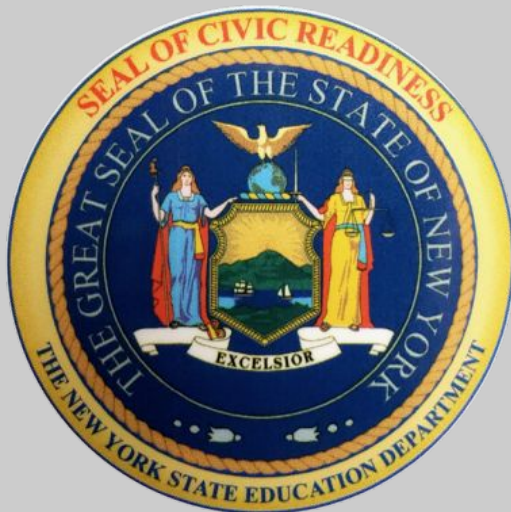
After high school, Britney is attending Binghamton University where she plans on majoring in Psychology and Public Health.

Over the past semester, Britney has focused on ensuring scholar success by digitizing the Middletown High School course catalog. Along with her group mates, Britney has made it possible for scholars to be able to research the courses and electives available to them in a seamless manner.

According to Britney, Civic Readiness is engaging positively in your community and researching ways to better the world. She is passionate about civic engagement and looks forward to taking the skills she learned this semester with her into her new community at Binghamton.

Davynn Williams

Program Awareness & Scholar Engagement



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Fall 2022 Civic Readiness Capstone

Meet Davynn Williams
Class of 2023



Davynn Williams is currently a senior at Middletown High School and part of the Academy of Finance. Throughout high school, Davynn has worked hard in her studies and has been awarded Honor Roll numerous times for her efforts. She is a member of the varsity cheer leading team. She also serves as the Treasurer for Student Council.

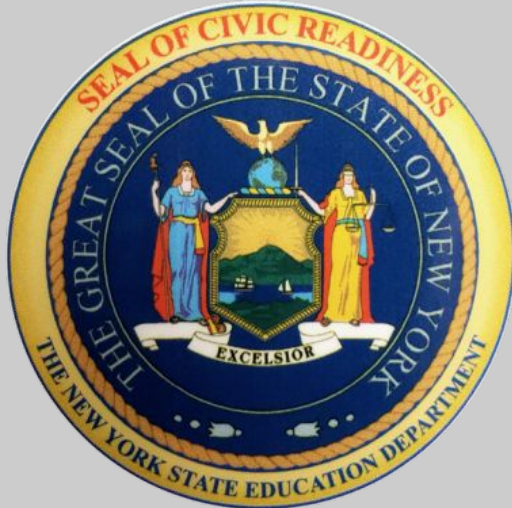
After high school, Davynn hopes to attend Morgan State University in Maryland where she plans to major in business.

Davynn has explored the methods of student communication this semester in an effort to increase information dissemination amongst the student body. She has created a proposal to increase student communication to ultimately increase student involvement on the school.

Davynn believes that civic readiness is a means to make change in your community. She hopes that the skills learned this year will enable her to have an impact on her school and local community.

Madison Wood

Mental Health Awareness, Coping, & Resources



Fall 2022 Civic Readiness Capstone

Meet Madison Wood
Class of 2023



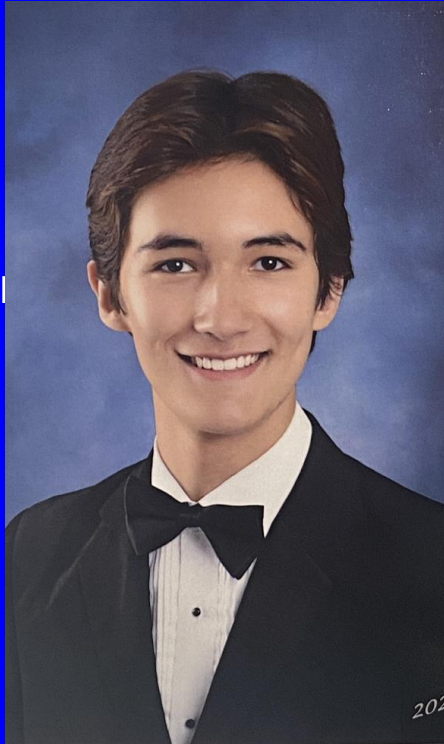
Madison Wood is a senior enrolled in the Academy of Health Sciences here at Middletown High School. She has earned over a semesters worth of college credits through Syracuse University and Sienna College. Maddie has been on the honor roll throughout the duration of her high school career. Additionally, Maddie is the senior class treasurer and an active member of National Honor Society. She also is a varsity swimmer and runs track..

After high school, Maddie hopes to attend Northeastern University when she plans to double major in criminal justice and psychology. Upon graduating college, Maddie wants to joining the Marine Corps and ultimately work for the FBI.

Maddie's passion lies in psychology and the understanding of mental health and its' impact on adolescents. She has spent the semester coming up with a mental health awareness campaign to help normalize the understanding of the impact of mental health on high school students.

Maddie has always been passionate about mental health and believes that civic engagement goes hand-in-hand with community service. To Maddie, civic readiness is being aware of the issues in the community and putting the effort in to make a positive change.

Stephen Yupa



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "Thank you to my family, teachers, friends, and the Dual-Language program for supporting me throughout all of my educational endeavors. Adios!"
- **Will attend:** Georgetown University to major in Government with a minor in Spanish
- **Aspirations:** To become an attorney & work in the White House
- **NYSSB Presentation:** El Salvador
- **Language(s):** English, Spanish, & Ukrainian

Erik Zapata Marin



NYSSB Graduate



- **Graduation Message:** "I'm finally leaving. What a wonderful way to go out!"
- **Goal:** Becoming a head chef
- **Achievements:** Accepted to SUNY Cobleskill and majoring in culinary arts
- **NYSSB Presentation:** Bog Turtles
- **Language(s):** Spanish & English

Congratulations Graduates !
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