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## DEER PARK'S 2019 GRADS Celebrate Memorable Milestone



Melding remembrance of proud milestones and reflection on future choices and journeys, the high school Class of 2019 celebrated the school's 56th commencement on June 28.

Salutatorian Eiman Nawaz urged her classmates to be open-minded and empathize with others. "There will always be a chance to meet someone who could be your next friend, mentor or love," Nawaz said. "A lot can be changed if you just listen to other people."

"I'm already looking forward to the day we all cross paths again," valedictorian Katherine Cho said. "Until then, please stay happy and healthy. Everyone has worked hard in their own way, and our reward is this singular moment."

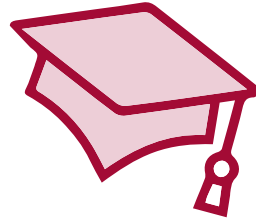
In her final graduation speech as superintendent of schools, Eva Demyen said to the seniors, "It

is an important milestone in our lives, leaving Deer Park Schools – you as graduates and me as a retiring superintendent. This is just like 'Avengers: Endgame,' the end of a fabulous journey, but what a myriad of possibilities to come in the future."

The seniors also heard from Senior Class President Ryan Hegney; Class of 1979 alumnus Paul Becker, a retired naval rear admiral who discussed the measure of success; and Principal Charles Cobb, who demonstrated a shared sense of pride with a long list of remarkable student achievements.

Once diplomas were conferred, the new graduates turned their tassels, tossed their caps, and walked out of the football field to start their new journeys.





# Class of 2019





*Valedictorian*  
Katherine Cho



# MEET DEER PARK'S *Valedictorian and Salutatorian*

The high school's Class of 2019 valedictorian and salutatorian were Katherine Cho and Eiman Nawaz, respectively.

Cho, who earned a 105.86 weighted GPA, was a member of the school's National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Newspaper Club, student council and varsity tennis team. She will attend Princeton University, majoring in biology.

Nawaz, who finished with a weighted GPA of 105.26, was a member of the school's National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Red Cross Club and DECA. She will attend Stony Brook University, majoring in biochemistry.



*Salutatorian*  
Eiman Nawaz



#3 – HALLIE FELDMAN



#4 – ANNA RAGONE



#5 – EMMA DeSTEFANO



#6 – JULIE DeBIASE



#7 – MOHAMMED RAIYAN



#8 – MATTHEW BERHALTER



#9 – YASMEEN SYEDDA-HENSLEY



#10 – ROHA ARSHAD

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**JQA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **SENIORS PAY VISITS to Their Primary Schools**

Continuing last year's new tradition, seniors visited their respective primary school buildings on June 24 for the second annual senior walk. The members of the Class of 2019 paraded down the halls, discussed their college and career plans, and enjoyed an interactive talk with second graders.



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