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A Proud Milestone for Deer Park's *Class of 2017*

Deer Park High School held its 54th commencement ceremony on June 23, with more than 300 students beaming with pride as they received their diplomas in front of faculty and their families.

The ceremony began with a moving performance of the national anthem by senior Olivia Grizzle.

Salutatorian Alima Hossain and valedictorian Omaier Mohiuddin told their fellow classmates to embrace change and to

look forward to their new journey.

"Today marks a milestone in all of our lives," Hossain said. "This is a wonderful transition into adult life."

"Change is hard, but it's also good," Mohiuddin said. "This place shaped us into amazing human beings and the world is waiting for our arrival."

Guest speaker Nicholas Assenza told the students that life is full of surprises.

"Life is about figuring out who you are and what makes you happy," he

said. "Failure is inevitable, but you can't let it hold you back. Live with humility and never stop the pursuit of learning about everything that is important to you."

Before the diplomas

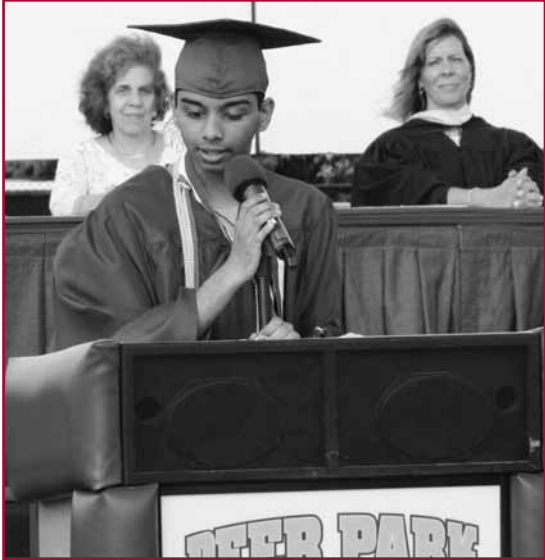
were conferred, Principal Charles Cobb expressed his admiration for the Class of 2017.

"I could not be more proud of all that this class has accomplished," said Cobb.



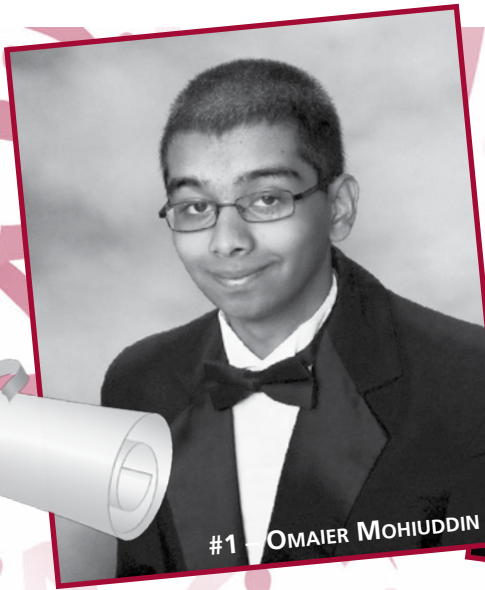


Class of



2017





#1 – OMAIER MOHIUDDIN



#2 – ALIMA HOSSAIN



MEET THE CLASS OF 2017

Valedictorian & Salutatorian

The high school's Class of 2017 valedictorian and salutatorian are Omaier Mohiuddin and Alima Hossain, respectively.

An AP Scholar with Distinction, Mohiuddin is a member of the school's National Honor Society, Math Team, Red Cross Club, Art Club and International Culture Club, and serves as president of the Spanish Honor Society. He will attend Stony Brook University this fall, majoring in engineering.

Hossain is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Science Olympiad team, Math Team, SADD Club, Red Cross Club and International Culture Club. She also will attend Stony Brook University, majoring in biology.



#3 – ANDREW SIFORD



#10 – NICOLAS GALLO



#4 – KAYLA GRIFFIN



#9 – MICHAEL CHARUMANEEROJ



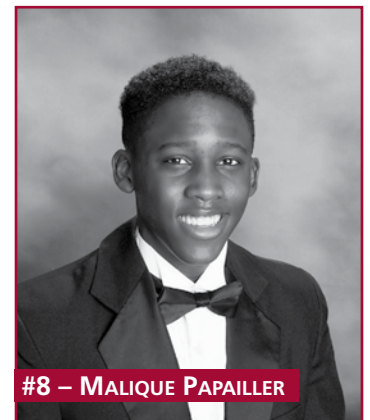
#5 – KRISTINA OCCHINO



#6 – RYAN VERDILE



#7 – CHRISTOPHER COX



#8 – MALIQUE PAPAILLER

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Moving Up to a NEW CHAPTER



A Special Evening of Awards for Deer Park Seniors

The high school held its annual Senior Awards ceremony on June 8, filling the school's auditorium with proud families eager to see high-achieving members of the Class of 2017 receive department awards, schoolwide awards and scholarships. After class treasurer Joseph Etersque led the Pledge of Allegiance, and fellow senior Jacie Matera sang the national anthem, the presentation of awards began.

