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MacArthur seniors
marked their officially
becoming graduates
with a symbolic toss of
their caps.



Division Avenue's
Aakash Veeravalli
gave his valedictory
address.



2023
class of

At the conclusion
of Division's 64th
commencement,
caps were thrown
high in the air.



Members of
MacArthur's Class
of 2023 were
excited to reach the
finish line.



Mia Frattura,
MacArthur's Class of
2023 valedictorian,
addressed her
peers.

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Levittown LEADER

Congratulations CLASS OF 2023

it, learn from it and let
it lead you on the path
to future success."

During his
address to the Class
of 2023, Division
valedictorian Aakash
Veeravalli reflected on
hurdles the Class of
2023 had overcome.
"Although we had
our ups and downs
over the years, the
delights and memories
are all I'll remember
and reminisce about,"

Aakash said. "These years
really were the good old
days and played a huge role
in shaping us into who we
are today."

In her valedictory
address, MacArthur's
Mia Frattura reflected on
the definition of success.
"After all, one success
doesn't necessarily match
another's," Mia said. "This
doesn't mean that each
success is invalid, but
rather suggests success is as
nuanced as the person who
achieved it."

Graduates also heard
from their respective
salutatorians and class
presidents about their
perseverance overcoming
hurdles that, at times,
seemed insurmountable.

Board of Education
President Jennifer Messina
began the conferring of
diplomas. Cheers erupted
from the audience as each
graduate crossed the stage
and shook hands with
trustees and administrators.
After their symbolic
turning of their tassels,
graduates threw their caps
into the air to mark their
officially becoming alumni
of Levittown Schools.

The culmination of
years spent in Levittown
Public Schools was reached
on June 17 as seniors
from Division Avenue
and General Douglas
MacArthur high schools
officially became graduates.
An overwhelming
feeling of pride and joy
filled the air at the Hofstra
University David S. Mack
Sports and Exhibition
Complex as loved ones
lined the bleachers and
graduates took their seats in
front of the stage.

Starting off Division's
64th commencement,
Student Council President
Sofia Ferreiro led the
Pledge of Allegiance,
and senior members of
the concert choir, under
direction of Allison Sellars,
sang the national anthem.

Families were welcomed
by Division Principal John
Coscia, who reflected on
the exciting yet bittersweet
day. "On one hand, I'm so
excited for you and what
the future has in store for
you," he said, "and I'm a
little melancholy because
this will be the last time
ever that we are all in one
room together."

At MacArthur's 62nd

commencement, Class of
2023 President Wasi Naqvi
led the Pledge of Allegiance
before senior choir
members sang the national
anthem, and a special
performance of "Landslide"
by Stevie Nicks was given
by senior choir members.

MacArthur Principal
Joseph Sheehan welcomed
families and congratulated
seniors. "This graduating
class is so special in so
many ways," Mr. Sheehan
said. "Their introduction to
high school was interrupted
during the infancy of the
spring semester of their
freshman year... But
over the next three and a
half years, they exuded a
much-needed tenacity and
an illuminous display of
perseverance."

Superintendent of
Schools Todd Winch
congratulated graduates
during both ceremonies
and reminded graduates
that while their successes
should always be
celebrated, failure is
also key in driving them
forward. "Success does not
usually happen quickly,
or without setbacks," Mr.
Winch said. "Don't be
afraid of failure – embrace



Division Avenue
graduates streamed
into the Hofstra
University David S.
Mack Sports and
Exhibition Complex
on June 17.



MacArthur graduates
mark the conclusions
of their high school
careers with the receipt
of their diplomas.



AAKASH VEERAVALLI: VALEDICTORIAN

Division Avenue valedictorian Aakash Veeravalli has achieved an impressive grade point average of 104.21. Division's Science Olympiad has been a big part of Aakash's educational career, having been a member since the seventh grade. This year, he served as captain and continued the team's streak of making it to state finals. Aakash is also the captain of the badminton team and a player on the bowling and tennis teams. He is also the treasurer of the National Honor Society and is a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Aakash will attend Georgia Tech in the fall to study computer science.



YASSEEN BAYOUMY: SALUTATORIAN

Yasseen Bayoumy, Division Avenue's salutatorian, who boasts a grade point average of 103.94, also competes on the Science Olympiad team and helped them make it to state finals for the 15th consecutive year. He also competes in Mathletes. When he's not competing with his mind, Yasseen has hit the mat as a member of the wrestling team since the seventh grade. Yasseen is also a member of the National Honor Society and World Language Honor Society. Over the summer, Yasseen enjoys volunteering at Levittown's STEM Camp and Camp Invention. In the fall, Yasseen will attend Boston College to study applied physics.

MIA FRATTURA: VALEDICTORIAN

MacArthur valedictorian Mia Frattura is a high achiever with a GPA of 103.9. Mia is the president of the National Honor Society, vice president of the Math Honor Society and co-president of the Science Olympiad. In her honor societies, Mia works with younger students to tackle difficult topics and also assists her peers as a Peer Leader. On the marching band, Mia sticks to the beat as the drum major. Over the summer between semesters, Mia performed high-level research, which was published in a peer-reviewed journal and which she showcased at the Harvard Club in Manhattan. In the fall, Mia will attend UCLA to study chemistry.



ANA COMPTON: SALUTATORIAN

Ana Compton is MacArthur's Class of 2023 salutatorian with an impressive GPA of 103.68. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Math Honor Society and is the treasurer for the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Ana shines on the stage as a singer in the MacAppella select chorus and as a theater performer in various shows. As a Peer Leader, Ana helps her freshmen peers navigate through the transition to high school. Ana will attend the University of Pittsburgh to study mechanical engineering.

Division Avenue Student Council President Sofia Ferreiro led the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the ceremony.

Years of perseverance paid off as graduates received their diplomas.

TOP COLLEGES for the Class of 2023

- Binghamton University
- Boston University
- University of California Los Angeles
- Clemson University
- Cornell University
- Fordham University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Marist College
- New York University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- University of Southern California
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Syracuse University
- Stony Brook University
- SUNY Geneseo
- Temple University
- Virginia Tech

MacArthur's Class of 2023 President Wasi Naqvi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The culmination of graduates' Levittown Schools careers came as they crossed the stage.

It was a bittersweet yet exciting moment as Division graduates spent their last moments together as a class.

Graduates received their diplomas with pride.

CLASS STATS

- Candidates for graduation: 598
- Diplomas granted: 584
- Graduation rate: 97.7%
- Total Advanced Regents Diplomas: 416
- Attending four-year colleges: 430
- Attending two-year colleges: 80
- Attending trade/tech schools: 13
- Military service and workforce: 62
- Seal of Biliteracy recipients: 130
- Seal of Civic Readiness recipients: 183
- Total AP Capstone Diplomas: 21
- Total AP Scholars: 115

MacArthur seniors were excited and ready to cross the stage before the ceremony.

Graduates made their way across the stage and shook hands with Board trustees and administrators.