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#### A Message From The FHHSAA President

#### Dear Alumni Association Members:

When spring arrived in Bay Ridge, I got to thinking about those studies that showed how subjects performed better on certain tests taken after a stroll through a park compared to those who walked through city streets. A Business Insider article entitled 11 Scientific Reasons You Should Spend More Time Outside, says that being in nature can help improve short-term memory, relieve stress, improve concentration and inspire creativity. Being immersed in nature had physical benefits as well.

The magnolia trees in front of the Fort were in bloom when I thought about those studies and wondered what effect our alma mater's beautiful surroundings had on our education and future success. Alumni returning to the school are always impressed with how unchanged it seems. Even the addition of classrooms on the front lawn did little to diminish it's original beauty.

Presently, the building is partly obscured by scaffolding for repair work and the track and field are undergoing major renovations. But this cosmetic surgery is a minor inconvenience. Once the bandages are removed, students will likely be begging their teachers to hold classes on the lawn as I remember we did soooooo many years ago.

I hope this summer offers you a chance to recharge your batteries, put the cell phones down, step away from the computers, the TVs and any other distractions and enjoy some time in nature, even if it's just a walk along Shore Road.

Regards,

Valerie Hodgson 73
President, FHHSAA

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THANKS to our stars and all members who continue to "Support the Fort"

Mary-Ann Pinto Donation in memory of MR. CARL MAKOVER

Cathy Gigante-Brown gets some tips from her former classmate Jean Balukas while Marilyn Lynaugh Strafer.

also from the class of '77, watches with David Whitebook

We put the FUN in fundraiser at Hall of Fame Billiards on June 14. Jean and Paul Balukas were perfect hosts as we ate pizza, picked up some pointers and marveled at Jean's talent.



Anthony Liggieri Faculty, retired

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June 2018

#### Dear Alumni:

I am proud and happy to share the following FHHS updates with you from the 2017-18 school year.

Members of the Class of 2018 were accepted into competitive colleges and universities and, to date, have amassed scholarship monies in excess of \$20,000,000. Our JROTC continues to bring honor and distinction to Fort Hamilton High School. They recently participated in the Army National Drill Competition in Louisville, Kentucky for the first time and earned 5<sup>th</sup> Place in the Inspection Competition (out of a total of 72 schools).

We recently hosted George Hornig, Class of 1972, as Principal-for-a-Day. Mr. Hornig visited classes, met with students, toured the school and agreed to participate in our Fort Shadowing Program. Fort Shadowing is a new initiative launched in Spring 2018 that provided 270 seniors with an opportunity to "shadow" an occupation/ business. Over 75 businesses in professions spanning the fields of medicine, finance, education, broadcasting, and more partnered with us to host seniors for a career experience. The program will continue in SY2018-19 as part of our efforts to expose students to career options and information.

Our PTA Fashion Show Fundraiser in April 2018 was a huge success, and all profits went towards scholarships for seniors. Our instrumental and vocal groups competed in the Music USA competition in Florida and received the following awards: 1st Place/Superior Rating for Concert Chorus, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Symphonic Band and Symphony Orchestra and Grand Champion/Grand Prize for Concert Chorus and Symphonic Band. Our spring production of West Side Story was exceptional, as were the Dance Concert and Spring Arts Concerts. The Joffrey Ballet Academy participated in a National Dance Festival and six students earned scholarships. The first year of our screened Drama Academy (Class of 2021) brought a new seriousness and energy to the dramatic performances this year and we look forward to a new group in Fall 2018.

Our facility is undergoing some external work. Field and track renovations are under-way and preparations are in place for roof and parapet work to begin. Despite the unavailability of our field and track, our sports programs have continued to thrive. Here are a few highlights: Boys Varsity Volleyball finished their season with an undefeated record and were City Champion finalists; Girls Varsity Softball finished the season with an 11-2 record and competed in the semi-finals; and Coed Varsity Golf finished their season with a successful 10-0 undefeated season and competed in the finals.

Our after-school clubs continue to do great work: over 120 seniors hosted the annual Reach-Out Senior Citizen Prom in April; our Multicultural Festival in May showcased our diversity and cultural spirit; and the LGBTQ Club raised funds for The Door, an organization that provides services for young people across New York City. This is a small sample of the ways our students make a difference.

We stand firm in our commitment to provide students a safe and secure environment that prepares them for college and career.

Respectfully,

Kaye Houlihan Principal

## The ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS for outstanding service to the school and community were presented on June 11 to Adam Duque and Chava Rafailov

Adam Duque

Over 100 awards were presented on Senior Awards Night.

The awards listed below are those that are associated with alumni.

ELI THOMAS ABDALLAH SCHOLARSHIP  for excellence in mathematics and athletics	Dillon Rogando
ANTHONY BATCHKOV MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	Nol: Aoum
for demonstrating kindness, compassion, creativity and a love for learning	Nan Aoun
NETTIE CHARNEY HUMANITIES AWARD	
for outstanding achievement in the study of the humanities	Gregory Orlando
DR. GEORGE B. CURY VALEDICTORIAN AWARD	
for the student with the highest average	Nicholas Tarallo
FORMER PRINCIPAL'S AWARD	V I
for outstanding scholarship, character, leadership and service(Kari is a thi	ird generation FHHS graduate)
JOSEPH GRAFFAGNINO PROFILES IN COURAGE SCHOLARSHIPS	
for courage, commitment, teamwork, leadership, sacrifice and determination	Gabriela Aleman
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	AmyPantoja
	Angelina Vega
VIVIAN HODGSON MEMORIAL HUMANITARIAN AWARDS	
for a demonstrated commitment to peace and the protection of civil rights	Basil Alhaj
ELIAS ILLIOPOULOS MEMORIAL AWARD	
for outstanding accomplishments	Reynaldo Lema
KRISTI BETH KVALHEIM SCHOLARSHIP	
for outstanding character, spirit and love of participation in interscholastic sports and service to the school and communi-	tyBrianna Molloy
EDUARD NOGAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	
for being a leader both on and off the field/court	Brianna Mollov
EDUARD NOGAY OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AWARD	
for loyalty, love of sport, academic strength, leadership, and the ability to persevere/overcome challenges	Nicholas Tarallo
ROBERT ROHL MEMORIAL AWARD	
for sustained excellence in scholarship	Daisy Rendon Angel
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If you're looking for a way to share your success by creating a scholarship to help a 2019 graduate, contact college advisor Fran Ferrara at (718) 748-1537 ext. 2642 or <a href="mailto:fferrar3@schools.nyc.gov">fferrar3@schools.nyc.gov</a>

The Class of '53's luncheon club meets twice a year at Chadwick's in Bay Ridge.

On June 6 (from left to right) Bob Casale, Al Amandola, Ray Seagen, Alex Sabo, Steve Savage and Bob Isaksen enjoyed reminiscing. If you're interested in attending the December get-together, email Bob Casale for details at RobertFCasale@aol.com or call (516) 759-0939.

# COMING

Class of 1958

Saturday, September 22, 6PM at LiGreci's Staaten 697 Forest Avenue, Staten Island \$75 per person Contact: Dominick Sorrentino: dmn1sorr@comcast.net (904) 866-8527

## Class of 1973

Sunday, **September 23**, 1PM, Brunch at Hunter's Steak & Ale House, 9404 4th Ave, B'klyn \$30 per person in advance or \$35 at the door (add \$6 for the steak option)

RSVP by 9/18 Contact Liz Barca: (917) 658-2494 or Valerie Hodgson: FHH\$1973@earthlink.net

## **Class of 1988**

Saturday, **September 29**, 7:00 - 10:30 PM The Pearl Room

8518 3rd Avenue Brooklyn \$110 per person Registration closes on September 7 Use this link:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fort-hamilton-high-schoolclass-of-1988-30-vear-reunion-tickets-43147076066

Contact Christine Casaretti Brower at

browerc01@icloud.com

#### There are a lot of reunions coming up this September! Don't forget to send us your photos for the fall/winter issue.

If you're thinking about attending your class reunion, we recommend getting in touch with the reunion planners as soon as possible and if you're thinking about planning your next reunion, let us know so we can help spread the word.



**Class of 1969** 

Dinner-Dance - Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Rex Manor Informal gathering – Friday, May 3, 2019 at the Hotel Gregory Contact: Ruth Ettenberg Freeman positiveparent@gmail.com (860) 933-1371 Join the group on Facebook: "FHHS class of '69"

#### **Class of 1978**

Friday, September 28, 7 - 11PM at Dyker Beach Golf Course 86th Street &7th Avenue, Brooklyn \$125 per person

Contact the reunion committee:

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\*Peter McCarthy: ptmacmac@optonline.net (917) 576-1623

\*If anyone is interested in adding a round of golf, contact Peter ASAP

## **Class of 1998**

Saturday, September 22, 7 - 10PM at Vesuvio - 7305 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn

Ticket Option #1: \$75 per person (includes unlimited wine & beer) Ticket Option #2: \$55 per person (food ONLY; no wine or beer) RSVP / Pay by July 27 Use this link:

https://form.jotform.com/81207487784164

PayPal link will populate when you click submit on RSVP form. After July 27, available seats will be offered to graduates of '97 & '99.

Accommodations will be made for members of the armed forces if more time is needed to confirm leave for this event.

Contact Maria (Caraballo) Trivedi at malessandra5@amail.com



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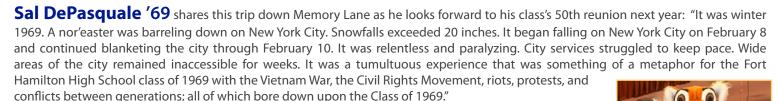
Frank Carucci's star is shining bright. Alumni were thrilled to see our former drama teacher up on the stage at the Tony Awards when La MaMa E.T.C. received the 2018 Regional Theatre Tony Award. Mr. Carucci is La MaMa's board president. He touched many lives at the Fort and tells us, "One of my special joys is that La MaMa Experimental Theatre Company always provided a home for public school students. When I was a teacher we had a number of students from FHHS who performed in shows I directed at La MaMa. They were some of my happiest times as a teacher. Also, La MaMa provided facilities for homeless students in the Alternative High Schools who had very limited opportunities." If you missed the presentation, here's the video link: vimeo.com/274743269

La MaMa just announced its new season; learn more here: <u>lamama.org/</u>. Connect on social media with: facebook.com/LaMaMaNYC/, twitter.com/LaMaMaETC and: instagram.com/lamamaetc/.

You are invited to reach Frank directly at facstar@gmail.com. He'd love to hear from his former students!

Ruth Gustafson '64 sends greetings from Raleigh NC and invites all Tigers to the Scandinavian Christmas Fair there on December 1. She promises that this is an outstanding and memorable day-long event and she'd enjoy seeing you there. To connect with Ruth, email: <a href="mailto:ruthqustafson@bellsouth.net">ruthqustafson@bellsouth.net</a>. For event details, check out <a href="mailto:scanfair.org">scanfair.org</a>.

**William Tuccillo** '68 was incorrectly referred to as Lou Tuccillo in a photo caption in our previous newsletter. We apologize for the error and thank his sharp-eyed friend Richard Adamski '68 for pointing that out.



Andrew Gounardes '03 is running for the New York State Senate. Andrew, his siblings and mother Diane (Frangos) '72 are proud alumni. Learn more about his campaign here: andrewgounardes.com.





### on ANTONIOS LIKOUREZOS '86

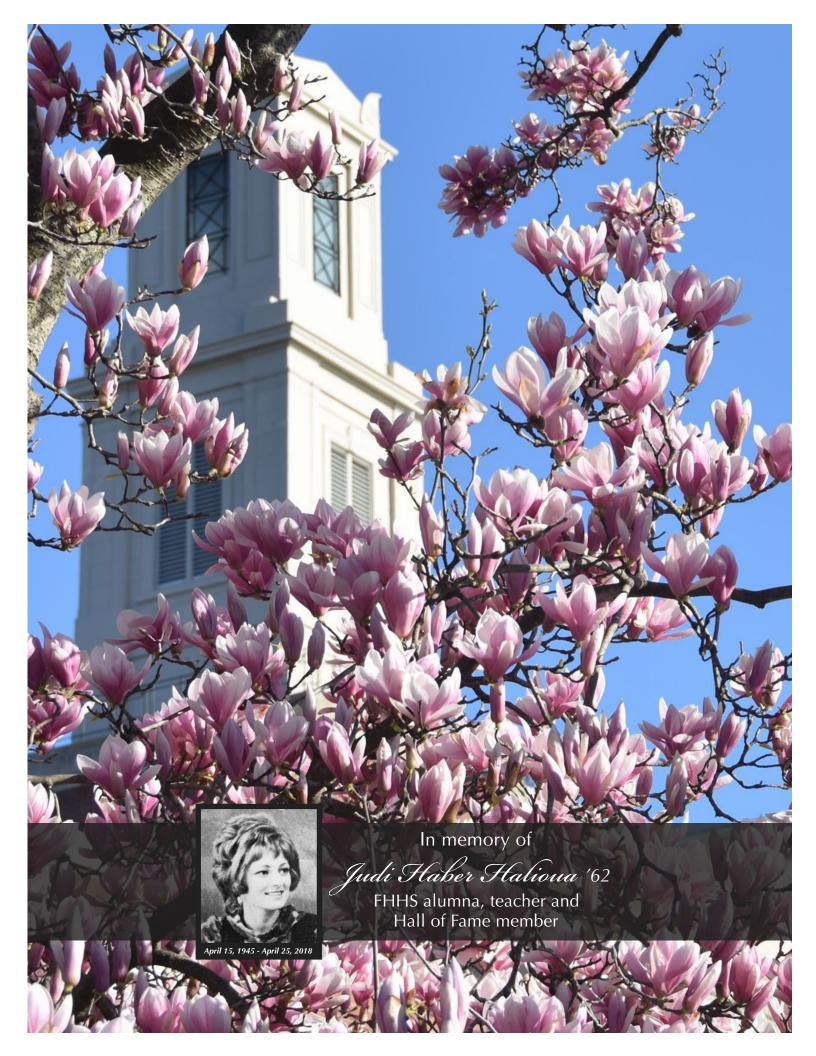
#### Antonios Likourezos was six years

old when he moved to Brooklyn from Sparta, Greece. Numerous cousins led the way to Ft. Hamilton where Antonios excelled in his studies and where his participation in the Health Careers Program first exposed him to community service and led him on the path to a career in biomedical and sociomedical research. His brother George Likourezos '88, today a prominent patent attorney on Long Island, also attended the Fort.

After high school, Antonios continued his education earning a BA from Hunter College, an MA from Case Western Reserve University (on a full scholarship) and ultimately received his Master of Public Health degree from the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. He is now, and has been for the past 16 years, the research manager in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Maimonides Medical Center. In this position, Antonios helped start, shape, and oversee the Research Division and consults other departments on research methodology and biostatistics. He's published approximately 60 articles in peer-reviewed medical journals and has presented at national and international scientific and medical conferences. Some of the topics that he deals with include neurological disorders and pain management. Another noteworthy job responsibility is running the Research Volunteer Program where he's mentored over 300 students thus far. Just as FHHS teachers such as Ms. Capeci (biomedical sciences) and Mr. Golik (statistics) inspired Antonios, he'd like nothing more than to work with students from Ft. Hamilton

through the Maimonides volunteer program and help them on their journeys in fields of medicine or public health.

Antonios still resides in Bay Ridge where he serves the community as an active member of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Troop 715 Boy Scouts, and several Hellenic societies. He also coaches soccer and baseball for the 68 Precinct Youth Council. With his wife Eve, he is the proud father of future Tigers, Vasilios and Marina, as the school's tradition of excellence continues.



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