

The Lowell School Parents Association

High School
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our children are wonderful creative, talented and amazing children they “ . . . dream the impossible dream, This is their quest, To follow that star, No matter how hopeless, No matter how far . . . And the world will be better for this, That our children, scorned and covered with scars, Still strove with their last ounce of courage, To reach the unreachable star!

June is upon us and most of us are wondering “Where did the time go?” June is one of those crazy months filled with anticipation, worry and stress as well as many fun events. On behalf of the Parents Association, Administration, teachers and staff, we wish you and your families a healthy, happy and safe summer.

To our graduates and their families, we wish you the best of luck and continued success. Congratulations on all of your achievements, **we are proud of you!** It is important for you and your children to realize that they are not ending a story, but writing a new chapter. You will not leave the Lowell school empty-handed, but with skills to help you succeed, memories and friendships that will last. Most importantly, you and your children will leave us secure in the knowledge that they **CAN, WILL and DO!** We have faith in you and your children and this will continue to inspire those you leave behind.

Congratulations to our high school seniors and their accomplishments. Their “Lives After Lowell” are now beginning. They have been accepted to:

Hofstra University
Iona College
Marymount Manhattan College
Ulster Community College
VESID Vocational Programs

A number of students applied to City University of New York (CUNY). As of now, our students have been accepted to the following Community Colleges: Queensborough, Kingsborough, Bronx Manhattan, La Guardia and Hostos. Good luck to everyone!

In addition, three of our students have received the following scholarships: Natasha Farrugia and Eustace Raymond (“New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence”) and Myla Sanders (“New York Lottery Leaders of Tomorrow”) Congratulations on your achievements!

With that said, let’s celebrate our children and their accomplishments. As many of you know, there are a number of parents that sit on the “Building for our Future” Capital Campaign Committee. A portion of these meetings is dedicated to devising ways to develop the capital we need to make this dream a reality. We spend many hours planning functions, auctions, awareness, etc. Well, our children hear us and what started out as a simple conversation between students, transformed into a plan to help raise assets for a building that they can call their own. They have come together as a group and developed a simple plan – ask 10 people for \$10 and ask them to forward to an additional 10 people asking for \$10 and if everyone participated with \$10 they could raise a great

deal of money for their goal. It is like the old Suave commercial “and so on . . . and so on “. They also are interested in seeing how long it takes and where the e-mails would travel. Through their “Brick by Brick” campaign they have raised over \$14,000. Please pass their website <http://www.firstgiving.com/TheLowellSchool> along to family, friends and colleagues. Let’s keep this going, our children deserve the best!

We would like to announce that we won the ING Marathon Lottery and were awarded one spot in the upcoming ING/NYC Marathon this November. This year Christiaan Vermeijden is going to run the marathon on our behalf. If you are interested in organizing cheering sections, signs, etc., please let us know how you wish to help. We will once again, need to get our word out there that we are raising money through this event and make people aware of our children’s needs.

The Parents Association is working with our counselors to help us better understand the needs, concerns, fears and challenges voiced by our children. We are working together to develop workshops to help us better address these issues. Once they are finalized, notices will be sent for you to save the date.

Since the success of our children is dependant on not one individual but many, we would like to take this time to thank you for all of your generosity, graciousness, suggestions and most importantly patience with us; our administration; faculty; paraprofessionals; counselors; therapists; office staff; families and friends (new and old) that support us, our school and children.

To our school’s administration, teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, therapists, office staff -- we thank you for all of your time, energy, efforts, patience, guidance, hand-holding (not only with our children, but with us as well) and support. Your tireless efforts show in our children. Every time they add a word, pick up a book because they want to, understand another math concept, perform actions that are proactive instead of reactive are tributes to what you do with our children every day/all day. You have empowered the children and us to move forward and we would not know what to do without you. Sometimes our words escape us so please remember this and forgive us for those times -- THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts.

As always if you have any concerns, questions or comments, ideas, or interest in participating on any of Lowell’s committees, please feel free to contact us.

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