Gateway 8th graders begin transition to high school

Huntington – Gateway’s final day of the 2017-18 school year had 8th grade students front and center for their annual ceremony marking the end of Middle School.

Led by Guidance Counselor Bill Romani, Principal Jason Finnie and Assistant Principal Anthony Sabonis, students were called to the stage for awards for academics, service, and special events. In addition to awards in subject areas, students who participated in Project 351, the Christa McAuliffe Center for Integrated Science Learning, and Science Olympiad medalists were honored.

Musical performances were offered by 8th grade members of the Middle School Chorus and by a percussion ensemble that had formed as part of a new elective course on instrumental music, for students who do not play a band instrument.

Each member of the Class of 2021 also walked across the stage to receive a certificate, as their baby or young child photo was displayed on the big screen.

The ceremony concluded with the showing of the 8th grade film, highlighting events, classes and activities throughout the school year.

Parents and family were invited for refreshments in the Gateway courtyard, following the ceremony.

A complete listing of 8th grade awards is posted in the June 20 issue of Breaking News on the Gateway website and mobile app.

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Photos: (far left): Retired teacher George Hart presents the George Hart Leadership Scholarship to Kylie LaMora on June 14; (right) parents, students and friends enjoyed light refreshments in the courtyard after the 8th grade awards ceremony.