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A Message from Alicia

The South Shore Charter Public School held its 24th Commencement on Saturday, June 2, 2019. Graduation is the day we recognize our students and their years of hard work and perseverance. The day was marked with students wearing caps and gowns, signing yearbooks, and hugging friends in celebration. Members of this class have done exceptional work and are ready to move forward into the next chapter of their lives. Our school community could not be prouder of our graduating students and the long list of accomplishments they have achieved here at SSCPS.

The Class of 2019 has been awarded numerous scholarships and academic recognition. This class held a strong presence on the Student Council, the National Honor Society, the Black Student Union, the Gender Sexuality Alliance, and the Board of Trustees. The Class of 2019 has impressed us all with their commitment to our mission and to the service component of our mission. We will miss them greatly and look forward to hearing of all their accomplishments to come.



The Class of 2019 getting prepared for the annual Graduation Walk on Friday. In this annual tradition, seniors walk through the halls of each Level of the school.

Watch the walk [here](#).

Congratulations Class of 2019

Chidera Chidima Aniagu
 Joshua Lawrence Antonellis
 Oluwagbotemi Ayomide Ashley
 Isaiah Hansel Bernadotte
 Keegan William Boyle
 David Walter Brown
 Brielle Star Browne
 Joseph James Ciambriello
 Bridget Eileen Clapp
 Matthew Michael Coleman
 Elizabeth Ann Daly
 Jeremiah Patrick Derolus
 Frantz Stanley Dumersaint
 Kasara Elisa Elliott
 Sarah Nicole Enos
 Romen Fernandez
 Amanda Marie Good
 Marin Michelle Patricia Gregory
 Julia Louise Griffin
 Sean Robert Griffin
 Black Patrick Hearn
 Sarah Izidore
 Michael John Juliano
 Molly Jean Kirves
 Nadeja Saleah Lachance
 Guyorguy Othniel Laguerre
 Lindsay Alexandra Lamy
 Maxwell Nehemiah Antoine Laurent
 Logan Dorothy Macdonald
 Kaylin Helena Lauren Macmillan

Madison Ann McGuinness
 Khaleel Danny Medina
 Theo Mitterando
 Hannah Grace Mullen
 Jessica Elizabeth Murray
 Joshua Hidekatsu Myrtil
 Liam Kristian Nelson
 Jaden Alexander Nevarez
 Mundia Njoroge
 Ifunanya Amy Onwuka
 Amanda Lucy Pamphile
 Evan Daniel Phillips
 Fionn Tchoupitoulas Pina Parker
 Caitlin Vera Ponte
 Jacob Otto Preble
 Anna Rose Price
 Connor James Proude
 Jose Luis Rosario
 James Santiago, Jr.
 Britney Julie Serres
 Zachary David Smith
 Griffin John Stewart
 Molly Cecelia Sullivan
 Izabella Kedron Thibault
 Shyla Emari-Mikah Tilahun Hartgrove
 Daniel Aaron Vital
 Nicholas Michael Wentzel
 Lucas Glenn Whitemyer
 Timothy Michael Ziniti

Class of 2019 College Acceptances

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health
Sciences

Anna Maria College

Bard College

Becker College

Bridgewater State University

Bryant University

Champlain College

Colby-Sawyer College

University of Connecticut

Curry College

Eastern Nazarene College

Fisher College

Framingham State University

Franklin Pierce University

The George Washington University

University of Hartford

Hofstra University

The University of Iowa

Johnson & Wales University

Keene State College

Laser College

Loyola University New Orleans

University of Maine

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and
Health Sciences

Massachusetts Maritime Academy

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Massachusetts, Boston

University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Massasoit Community College

Merrimack College

Michigan State University

New England College

University of New Hampshire at

Durham

University of New Haven

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Northeastern University

Northern Vermont University-Johnson

Norwich University

Love Southeastern University

Pennsylvania State University

Plymouth State University

Providence College

Quincy College

Regis College

Rensselaer Polytechnic University

University of Rhode Island

Roger Williams University

Saint Joseph's College - Maine

Savannah College of Art and Design

Southern New Hampshire University

St. John's University

Stonehill College

Stony Brook University

Suffolk University

Syracuse University

The University of Tampa

Temple University

The State University of New York -

Buffalo

University of Vermont

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Westfield State University

Awards Presented at Commencement

Karen Yelin Scholarship: Madison McGuinness and Sean Griffin

Karen Yelin Award: Sarah Izidore and Lucas Whitemyer

Highest Academic Achievement: Chidera Aniagu

Citizenship: Molly Sullivan

Leadership in Project: Marin Gregory

The Commencement Address was wonderfully delivered by SSCPS English teacher Kaitlyn Cianelli. Each year graduating students are given the opportunity to address their class during Commencement. This year five students chose to speak, Marin Gregory, Maxwell Laurent, Theo Mitterando, Ifunanya Onwuka, and Molly Sullivan. Included in today's Weekly Update are the words of each student that day. Additional coverage may be found in [The Patriot Ledger](#).

Congratulations Class of 2019!

Alicia Savage

Executive Director, South Shore Charter Public School

Marin Gregory | Graduation Speech

Charter has this indescribable feeling of community. You can sense it when you walk down the halls. I've been to numerous schools and I have never witnessed a community so united.

I came to Charter just about two years ago, and never have I immediately been greet by a herd of friendly faces. Passionate driven young students all excited to learn. Before Charter, I had known high school as a place of sorrow but something about this school inspired me.

On a late summer day, I arrived at Charter. Eager for a fresh start and unfamiliar faces. My game plan was to keep my head low and focus on my studies. I had no intention of getting involved, just planned on coasting. But as my mom has so frequently told me, "the right environment can inspire anyone to rise to the occasion." Charter is like that, it has this certain quality that lights a fire in students. Especially in our senior class. In my time here I've experienced the most passionate leaders, coordinated walkouts, protests for amazing causes, and students who know how to finesse more than I have ever seen before.

This year I've gotten the honor of being president of the Class of 2019. They are all incredible people who will go on to do outstanding things. It's not only the leadership but the boldness of their actions. Charter is the eighth school I have been to. Growing up my family moved a lot which caused me to develop a habit of flying under the radar. But these Charter kids refused to let that happen. The moment I stepped foot into Fish's homeroom I was berated with questions and comments. Immediately I felt welcome and also a little overwhelmed.

That's the thing, this school invites kids to learn by challenging ideas. Charter created a safe environment for all of us to develop and grow together.

Our community of students is special. Tying skate laces as we stepped onto the ice, on senior skip day, zooming around to Fergalicious made me realize this. We help each other. We work hard, and play even harder. In Ms. Campbell's E block class I witnessed the most epic lightsaber fight on vine day. Our senior

how can we forget our last Cotton Eye Joe performed enthusiastically, at our final public school dance.

Our class can also be described as overly-competitive, starting in junior year when we out-spirited the senior class on Spirit Day.

In the past two years I've cultivated more wonderful friendships than I have in my whole life. Our senior class is special. From the wonderful way we come together as a group, to our hidden secrets such as the incredible amount of tardies we've accumulated...and sadly I've certainly helped further this cause. Like the infamous Nick Fury once said to Captain America, "there was an idea to bring together a group of remarkable people, to see if we could become something more."

We are that, and more. To our infinite further paths that will take us across the globe, I say go forth and succeed.

Maxwell Laurent | Graduation Speech

Morning everybody. I'm not exactly sure on how to really start this graduation speech, so I guess I'll begin with this: over the past ten years of me going to South Shore Charter Public School, not once has my last name been pronounced correctly. It's straight up just Laurent. Now that I've gotten that sort of introduction out of the way, I'd like to start by thanking a handful of people, starting out with a member of the faculty. Though I want to thank each and every one of you for being so great at your jobs, I want to specifically speak about a handful of you guys.

To start out, thanks to my ninth grade biology teacher Jeff Cohen. Even after I was out of your class, you always made sure to check up on me and made sure I was doing well in all of my classes. Secondly, I'd like to thank Terry. Back when he was still at the school, he made sure I was always on top of my math and never doubted that I am going to be the best professional wrestler in the world one day. Next, I wanna give a big thanks to Elyse Kay. Back when she was teaching me back in eighth grade, I'm not gonna lie, I wasn't exactly the greatest kid. But even with me acting as bad I was in her class, she never gave me the idea that she would give up on helping me succeed, which is probably why my grades in her class were the highest of any of my classes. Lastly, I would like to thank both Lennie Chin and Claudia Darrow for helping me out the most from seventh grade to now. From Claudia allowing me to come into her room to air out some of my gripes with what's going on in the school community to Lennie constantly coming at Isaiah and I for being knuckleheads. Thanks to their help with my homework, classwork, and overall work ethic, I was able to get grades I didn't even think I could get.

Next, I wanna thank a few of my classmates and close friends. To my brothers Isaiah and Jose, I love y'all to death. You guys have kept it real with me from the day that I met you and have not left my side since we became friends. With them, I'd also like to thank my little brothers Stanley, Osasare, and Trevaun. This year was only bearable because I got as close as I did with y'all. All three of

would like to highlight and thank are Frantz, Temi, Shyla, Madison, Jessica, Jaden, and Sydney. Y'all are some great friends and I'm lucky to say that I know yall.

For the final part of my speech, I'd like to thank my mother and sister. I'm not gonna get too sentimental so that yall dont see me cry, but my family member have been my rock. To my aggravating sister, whom I thank for many experiences that she has brought me, thanks Kendall. It may not seem like it, but I'm real proud of you for doing a WAY better job at staying on top of your grades than I did and I want you to know that I love you a lot. ANd to my mother, who has been there for me obviously since I was born. It's been a real long road, and I understand that being a single parent is one of the hardest things to go through, but even with that setback, you still made sure that both Kendall and I had everything that we wanted and more. I really wouldn't have made it here without you and for that, I thank you and I love you. Just like I didn't know how to begin this speech, I don't know how to end it. So... that's it. Speech is over. Have a nice one.

Theo Mitterando | Graduation Speech

In seventh grade I made a promise to myself that I would run away. I convinced myself I was not going to graduate high school, because I wouldn't live that long. Well, I was right, actually. That version of me didn't even make it through freshman year. Skye emerged from the rubble like a phoenix. I remember staring at my reflection in a blank computer screen one day in March and thinking to myself, "I have evolved."

The first person to respect Skye was Fionn. I birthnamed myself one day, and he said, "No, you're Skye!" I was like, "Oh yeah!" I smiled the rest of the day.

Skye loved drawing their friends. Skye loved playing love songs on the ukulele. Skye loved twenty one pilots. Throughout freshman and sophomore year, Skye learned to love math, specifically Algebra and Geometry. Skye excelled at Spanish and sucked at History. But Skye didn't know a lot yet, about themselves or the world around them.

As junior year progressed, Skye became less and less sure about their identity, about themselves. The world around them seemed darker, less magical than previously. There was violence, there was heartbreak, and there was the harsh reality of living in a world as a minority that they had never experienced before. Skye had to evolve again to make it through the last phase of high school.

Theo burst through the door like that one video of Big Bird. I wish I could show it to you but just imagine Big Bird kicking a door down to an abandoned room and just staring at you; that's Theo. He switched it all up. Theo cut his hair short.

high-waisted jeans. Theo made music in his room with Garageband, but made it sound cool anyways. Theo wasn't happy, but Theo was trying. Theo started seeing the beauty in the world around him, and started adapting to thrive in his environment. After three years of having maybe two friends at a time, senior Theo expanded his friend group outside of school and into communities around him. Theo was becoming a social being who could make conversation with anyone. He was thriving.

Theo wrote a book once. In that book, he mentioned Maggie Nelson and her memoir, *The Argonauts*. Theo realized that he was like “the Argonaut renewing his ship during its voyage without changing its name.’ ... the Argo’s parts may be replaced over time but the boat is still called the Argo”. All these past evolutions and identities of Theo were and still are a part of him. They have influenced how he has gotten here today, and how he managed to make it on stage in front of a whole lot of people and say a speech like it’s no big deal. Middle school me could never do that. Skye could never do that. But Theo is confident. Theo is excited for the future. Theo is me.

So to my fellow graduates, remember: no matter how many phases you may have gone through over the course of high school and your life, know that every part of them was important to get you to where you are right now. Without your self-exploration, you may not even be graduating. Be thankful for the mistakes you’ve made. Be thankful for the people you’ve met. Be thankful for the realizations you’ve had.

And remember, this isn’t even your final form.

Ifunanya Onwuka and Molly Sullivan | Graduation Speech

Molly:

Good Morning faculty, family, and friends. My name is Molly Sullivan, and I’ve had the pleasure of attending SSCPS since kindergarten. Ifunanya Onwuka has been attending since second grade, and we would like to take this time to reflect on our experience at SSCPS, from the friends we have made, to the roles we’ve played, at SSCPS, to show how we truly appreciated our experiences here.

Ifunanya:

Even though SparkNotes, Quizlets, and many shared documents helped get me through the day to day; the teachers and the learning environment in this school helped build me into the proud woman and student that I am now. From Sarah, who taught me to love the environment, to Tyler, who taught me how the Turkish twist works, all my teachers here have impacted me. My science teachers like Emily Merwin, Jamie Allen, and many others in between, helped guide me to my decision to major in biomedical engineering. They nurtured my

made a lasting impression in my life. Debra Greene taught me what it means to be a feminist and how to be one. She showed me that there are great pieces of literature, and that they don't all have to be written by old white men, and she helped me on my journey of becoming a proud woman in America. Teachers like Katie Cianelli helped me realize the value of an outstanding teacher. One who does not only open my mind to critical thinking and discussion, but also to building relationships. I truly just want to thank all my teachers throughout the years. Even though you told us to bring food to the senior retreat, and then took it all back after, we forgive you, and appreciate all you have done.

I would also like to say a special thank you to my parents. My dad who showed me how to be the best student I could be and my mom who supported throughout the way. I would not be here without you guys so thank you.

Molly:

Being a student at the South Shore Charter Public School for 13 years has taught me so many things. I could tell you, or I would try my best to tell you, about photosynthesis, World War II, calculating integrals, the principles of design, or even the ethos, logos, and pathos used in a primary document. While all of these things are important, don't get me wrong, the biggest lesson I learned in school was nothing you can get out of a textbook. The greatest gift SSCPS could've given me was teaching me how to be a friend. From the early days of kindergarten, into middle school, and throughout high school, my peers, through example, and my teachers, through their guidance, showed me what it means to be kind, loyal, and compassionate. The most important thing I will leave here knowing is that community is needed for personal growth, and community starts with friendship. This lesson is applicable to all of my fellow graduates, and I know they have experienced it too. They are the ones that have shown me how to stand up for each other and what is just, and to use their voices to lift others up, not pull them down. I found family within the walls of 100 Longwater Circle and 700 Longwater Drive. I cannot express how unbelievably blessed I feel to have the friends that I do. They encourage me, support me, and care about my well being. Although this quotation is not my own, it perfectly describes how I feel: "Being a part of something special, makes you special." The community at SSCPS is special. We are by no means perfect, but each student shines because they are a piece of this unique community, and without them, we wouldn't be whole. So thank you, to my peers who showed me what real friendship is, and thank you, to faculty who encouraged us, and most of all, thank you to the people in the crowd today for always believing in us. Every individual in the audience, whether you're seated on a plastic folding chair, or standing on the perimeter, or watching a recording of this because you couldn't make it in person, you are a part of the SSCPS community. You show us endless love and donate your time for our success. It doesn't matter how you showed support for your graduate today, it just matters that you did. The SSCPS community needs people like you to raise incredible children to send out into the world. I can confidently say I am leaving SSCPS a better friend, and I know if I ever stumble upon my way, as I am sure I will, I can turn back to my community at SSCPS to remember what is truly important..

Another highlight from our school experience has been athletics. The sports program at SSCPS has flourished to a point that I never thought we could achieve. Most directly, girls varsity volleyball, with coach Jenn Johnson. Jenn taught me athleticism and perseverance. She taught me that tough love and healthy competition can be necessary to win. She helped me build confidence in my skills on and off the court as a leader, friend, and teammate. Because of her I transformed from someone who was eager to get in one or two sets in a game, to a starter and named MVP of the team this year. Thank you, Jenn, and all my volleyball teammates.

Last but not least, The senior class would also like to thank Mary Carter and Ms. T for getting us on the stage and helping us become the next young leaders of the world.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019!



On Tuesday, May 29th a group of sophomore girls attended the Leadership In Action (LIA) Conference at Curry College in Milton, MA. The girls sat through a panel discussion where four remarkable women told their life stories and how they strived for their dreams and now can say they love what they are doing. The panelists were Cristen Faherty, the Owner and Creative Director of Cristen & Co. Donna McNamara, Chief of Police, at the Stoughton Police Department. Janelle Woods Mcnish, the Director of Giving and Serving at Harvard Pilgrim, who was also crowned Mrs. Massachusetts. And last but not least, Maya Ginns, who is the Nurse Director for Internal Medicine Associates. Tamara was the guest Keynote Speaker, whose story was both inspirational and relatable. Ms. Gardner is an entrepreneur known as a Brand Evangelist, author and a professional speaker who loves what she does. The girls ate lunch and got to experience what it is like to eat in a college cafeteria. At the end of the day, the girls went through three workshops including: A Healthy You; A Successful You; and, A Financial You. The workshops gave the girls tips on how to

Summary written by: Sydney Grier

Field Trip Attendees:

Delaney Alden; Ayanna Alexandre; Savannah Aylward; Orianeh Byron Gabelus; Isabelle Carter; Vishalia DoCanto; Taria Firmin; Sydney Grier; Audryelle Hennebury; Nyomi Inda; Indira Joseph; Riley Lynn; Malescha Nelson; Madison Phillips; Kai Schildmeier

2019-2020 Parent Association Election for SSCPS is now complete!

[Click here to view the results](#)

**Please join us at the next Parent Association Meeting
Tuesday, June 11 at 7pm
Music Room at 100 Longwater Circle**

Summer Reading Book Fair

Thank you to the families, teachers, volunteers, and our partner bookstore Storybook Cove for their part in making the book fair at the spring concert a success! We had many K-12 readers and their families browsing books and supporting our library with their purchases. The Library Committee would especially like to thank student Kimberly Ziniti who designed the posters, student Gavin Zola, and parents Suzanne Zola, Andrea Poudrier, Artie and Noreen Sharpe, Tracy Deveau, and Laurie Ziniti. In addition, teachers Darlene Parker, Derek Powers, Danette Carter, and Marco Pedulli pitched in to make this event a true team effort. 10% of the sales will be used to purchase new materials for the library. Happy summer reading to all!

~The Library Committee

From the Development Office

Say "Thanks" to a favorite SSCPS teacher or staff member!

Everyone appreciates a pat on the back, especially those who work in our public school. Say thanks to a great teacher - or administrator - by making a

programs in the South Shore Charter Public School system. These are programs in literacy, science, technology, music and the arts, as well as curriculum materials not funded in the annual school budget. Donations in any amount are welcome.

Honorees receive a handwritten card notifying them that a gift has been made in their name.

The campaign runs until June 30th.

Make an online donation easily on our [website](#), or mail a check payable to SSCEF and write the name of the teacher/staff in the memo and mail to P.O. Box 512, Accord, MA 02018.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness on behalf of the Development Office at SSCPS!

Please save the date for Thursday, June 20th to head to the Brockton Rox game with your SSCPS friends! This event is open to all and scheduled the day after the last day of school due to the home game schedule with the Rox.

Click [here](#) to purchase your \$10 per person ticket.

Wednesday	06/05	6 th Grade Social at the SSCPS Gym	3:30-5:30pm
Thursday	06/06	9 th Grade MCAS Biology Field Test	
Thursday	06/06	Family Engagement Task Force Meeting at 100	4:45pm
Friday	06/07	Move Up Day Level I and Level II	8:30-10:00am
Friday	06/07	11 th Grade to Canobie Lake	
Friday	06/07	Level II Music Project Talent Show	2:00-3:00pm
Monday	06/10	Kindergarten Field Day	
Tuesday	06/11	Kindergarten Last Day	
Tuesday	06/11	Parents Association Meeting in the Music Room at 100	7:00pm
Mon-Fri	06/10-06/14	Level III Spirit Week – click here for the details	
Weds-Fri	06/12-06/14	New Kindergarten Screenings	

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest.

- **Looking for bus transportation for 2019/2020.** Contact Sue @ 781-267-1388 or FCCtransportation@comcast.net or Putney Transportation contact Norma at nlaurent@putneytrans.com
- **Level II Paws for Cause Project** are collecting donations for a local animal shelter. [Click here](#) for donation information
- **Food Service – June** Order Forms and Menus are available!
- **Order your 2019 Yearbook!** Order online at www.coffeepond.com and use password: **bluejaguar** or complete an order form available at the front desks
- **SSCPS Counseling Department** offers workshop information and resources for students and families
- Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel
- Please visit our [Giving](#) link for information regarding *The Fund for SSCEF*
- Community Service Opportunity: [Carry5 Walk for Water](#) This event is just 1 week away. Sign-up today!

Please contact Pam Algera at palgera@sscps.org to submit SSCPS items for publication.

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