

Brookhaven Councilman Dan Panico Inducted Into 2016 Distinguished Alumni Class of William Floyd School District

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Farmingville, NY – On April 15, Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico was inducted into the William Floyd School District's 2016 Distinguished Alumni Class during a day-long celebration held at the high school. The event, which included the official unveiling of a commemorative plaque that will be displayed on the school's "Wall of Fame," featured a special lunch prepared and served by culinary arts students. There were also classroom visits where Councilman Panico was given the opportunity to speak to students about his role as an elected official.

"I am very thankful to the Alumni Association Board for this honor. No matter where life may lead me, I will always remember my time at William Floyd - from my earliest days at Tangier Smith Elementary School through graduation in high school," said Councilman Panico. "It was great to go back to my alma mater and spend the day with students to learn about the issues that are important to them."

The Distinguished Alumni Award – presented in conjunction with the William Floyd Alumni Association – is given to former students who have made a positive difference in society through their careers and life choices. The 2016 inductees hail from the fields of government, public service, education, entertainment and culinary arts.

Councilman Panico, a graduate of Stony Brook University and Touro School of Law, has served as a Councilman since 2010, and was appointed Deputy Supervisor in 2012. Career highlights include authoring landmark legislation for the tax cap, an anti-nepotism law as well as sweeping ethics reform. A pioneer in the areas of land use, zoning and planning, Councilman Panico has preserved hundreds of acres of farmland and open space, worked to prevent over-development, and has emphasized redevelopment of existing developed lands. He is credited with spearheading the most aggressive crackdown on illegal housing and blighted structures in the history of Brookhaven Town. Raising the quality of life for all has been the hallmark of his tenure.

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