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PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION A HISTORICAL EVENT TO REMEMBER

Great moments during the ceremony honoring our country and student accomplishments

Plainfield, NJ- June 24, 2019– The Plainfield High School Class of 2019 made history this year with many *firsts* in accomplishments by its graduating seniors. The students excelled in many areas, and most importantly in academics, athletics and in their commitment to community service and civic duty.

This year, students made donations to Hurricane Maria victims, Giving Closet, Food Pantry, Clothing Pantry, they visited the elderly and held robotics and reading sessions with children in the district's elementary schools. Valedictorian Eduardo Flores, an immigrant from Honduras, against all odds, finished at the top of his class.

In addition, a first, in recent memory occurred when a Plainfield Alumni and US Air Force Airman First Class Samuel A. Frye, delighted the crowd and surprised his younger brother Skyler Frye by handing him his diploma. This graduation was a day to remember by all accounts.

Congratulations to the Plainfield High School Graduating Class of 2019.

Among the many accomplishments of the Class of 2019 are:

- ❖ Over 460 obtained their High School Diplomas
- ❖ 120 graduates received Instant Admissions to New Jersey colleges and Universities
- ❖ More than \$140,000 dollars were received by students at the Clearinghouse Scholarships Awards
- ❖ Over 32 students received the New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy – certifying their proficiency in at least two languages, one of them being English
- ❖ Over 30 were certified in Allied Health – students were certified to work in hospitals and health centers
- ❖ Over 30 members of the Debate teams attended the Junior Statesmen of America Model Congress – many won “gavels” for their individual accomplishments
- ❖ Our Marching Band was invited for Morgan State's Homecoming for the 5th consecutive year
- ❖ PHS Dance Ensemble was invited to Union County Teen Arts
- ❖ For the first time two High School Teams were in a “tie” for first place in the District Science Fair

- ❖ PHS Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets were hosted at McGuire-Fort Dix Base
- ❖ Over 22 seniors graduated from Rutgers Upward Bound Pre-College Programs
- ❖ Senior Brandon Babulal made history by designing the first-ever City of Plainfield Flag
- ❖ Our Sports Teams won division titles, winners were: Wrestling, Softball, Baseball and Men's Tennis. Coach Dodd was named Wrestling Regional Coach of the Year.
- ❖ Boys and Girls Basketball made it to the State Tournament.
- ❖ Boys Soccer advanced in the State playoffs by beating Piscataway. The Boys soccer also defeated sectional champions Elizabeth during the season.

Attached please find list of all the graduates.