

# DPTA NOW



## BACK TO SCHOOL 2023

### Welcome Back!

It is a new school year. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is recharged and relaxed. Your union has been working hard for you. Some highlights include:

- Working to fix tier six
- Long Term Disability, Optical and Dental coverage with minimal increase in premiums
- Legal Plan through Feldman, Kramer, and Monaco with no cost to you
- Union Strong!

### DPTA Welcome Back Party!

Join us at  
Croxley's Ale House  
Friday, September 22nd  
4:30-7:30

This is a great way to meet new members and reconnect with colleagues!



Check out our website  
You will find:

- Updated salary scale
- Our contract
- Seniority list
- Insurance and legal plan information
- Other valuable information

[www.deerparkteachersassociation.org](http://www.deerparkteachersassociation.org)

Call the union office if you need the password

### Jeans For a Cause to support the Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition

Friday, October 13

Friday, October 20

Donate \$5 or any amount each Friday in October. You can Venmo @Marianna-Grieco or give cash or check (payable to DPTA) to your building rep.

Marianna Grieco  
@Marianna-Grieco



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[babylonbreastcancer.org/](http://babylonbreastcancer.org/)

## Insurance Update

We are pleased to return to **Met Life** for our dental needs. If you are a PPO member (most are) you will use your social security number as your ID number. A generic ID card is on the DPTA website. If you are a DHMO member, you should have received your own ID card.

Go to [MetLife.com/mybenefits](http://MetLife.com/mybenefits) for useful information. From there you can download the app. If you previously signed up for online access, your account should still be the same. Solstice has always been our vision provider. It is now called **Solstice/Spectera**. You can reach them at 1-800-638-3120 with any questions.



## Welcome New Members!

Christina Byars  
Lauren Carolan  
Evan DeNaro  
Dylan Ferguson  
Heather Giever  
Taylor Kwintner  
Katelyn Maloney  
Kristen McHugh  
Kaitlyn Passaro  
Alexandra Taketzis-  
Zahariadis  
Samantha Telesca  
Alyssa Torres  
Cassidy Velle

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IN OUR NEWSLETTER?

Do you have anything you would like to share with our members? Perhaps a special memory, event, or celebration? Would you recommend a business or have a business of your own you would like to include in the newsletter? Credits for sale, etc...

Email Marianna Grieco- [Grieco26@gmail.com](mailto:Grieco26@gmail.com) to be included in our Spring edition of DPTA Now.



## College Credits

1 and 1/2 LIU Credits  
For more information  
contact Jen Arella  
631-871-4496

1 and 1/2 Post Credits  
For more information  
contact  
Debbie Sciacca  
516-987-5204  
[sciacca.d@deerparkschools.org](mailto:sciacca.d@deerparkschools.org)

# Congratulations to Our High School Seniors!



- Sofia Lombardo- University of New Haven
- Hailey Napolitano- Cortland University
- Elizabeth Wingert- Hunter College
- \*Matthew Dixon- University of New Haven
- \*Sophia Cataldo- Adelphi University
- \*Lindsay MacQuarrie- Villanova University
- \*Karina King- University of South Carolina
- Samantha Carr- Oneonta University
- Matthew LoPiccolo- University of Michigan
- Travis Acquilino- Adelphi University
- Isabella Fernandez- Hofstra University
- \*Evan Astromovich- Penn State University
- Konstantinos Karousis- Utica University
- \*Katelyn Wallace- Boston University
- Kayley Eising- Miami University
- \*Isabelle Terraccino- Clemson University
- Jake Hans- Marist College
- Jovani Elysee-Holloway- Nassau Community College
- Michaela O'Connell- Sienna College
- Aaron Bogart- Goldsmith's University
- Shannon Moran- SUNY New Paltz
- Kevin Jeran- Suffolk Community College
- Hanna Harbison- Oneonta University
- Travis Skelton- College of Holy Cross
- \*Kendall Scholz- Hamilton College
- \*Alex Passaretti- Quinnipiac University
- \*CJ Mangio- Binghamton University

\*Indicates \$500 scholarship winners.



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## Deer Park Teachers' Association Opportunities to Get Involved



### September

- Welcome Back DPTA Party
- Board of Ed Meetings
- Committee Meetings
- PFC Meetings



### October

- Homecoming
- Jeans for a Cause
- Phone Banks
- Labor Walks
- Board of Ed Meetings
- Committee Meetings
- PFC Meetings

### November

- Phone Banks
- Labor Walks
- Board of Ed Meetings
- Committee Meetings
- PFC Meetings



### December - April

- Board of Ed Meetings
- Committee Meetings
- PFC Meetings



### May

- Place/remove voting signs around the neighborhood.
- Help with the Budget Vote
- Board of Ed Meetings
- Committee Meetings
- PFC Meetings



### June

- Downey Run
- District Retirement Party
- Board of Ed Meetings
- Committee Meetings
- PFC Meetings



## Teacher's Discounts

Tanger Outlets-  
Loft  
Old Navy  
Gap  
Banana Republic  
Vera Bradley  
Crazy Billy's- show your Deer  
Park ID

Do you know of any others? Let us know and we will add them to our next newsletter.

## DPTA Conferences

Just a friendly reminder each member is entitled to \$300 yearly for conference reimbursement granted on a first come first serve basis. All instructions for registration and reimbursement can be found on DPTA website and /or contact Dawn Ferro.

## Support DPTA Family Members!



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# Our DPTA Team is here for you!

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Marianna Grieco, Communications VP and "Optional Insurance" Coordinator

Annemarie Kennedy, Secretary

Keith Galea, Treasurer

Diane Carino, Lead Representative - Deer Park High School

## Building Officers:

Deer Park High School **(9-12)**

Lead Representative Diane Carino

Scott Abrams/ Jess Canale/ Liz Gleason

Robert Frost Middle School **(6-8)**

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May Moore Primary School **(K-2)**

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