

*Barnegat High School
2010 Graduation Speech*

Good evening everyone. I am both proud and honored to address this year's 3rd graduating class here at the Barnegat High School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Barnegat Township Board of Education, President Lisa Becker, Vice President Kevin Scully, Superintendent Jason Bing, Administrator Dean Allison and Barnegat High School Principal, Dr. Joseph Saxton, for inviting the Township Committee to participate in this very important event.

After today, all of you will embark on new horizons as you prepare to move ahead with your lives. As I said to the first graduating class here in Barnegat, your future is now up to you. With the help and guidance of the many people that have supported you through your many years of basic education, you will be able choose the path that is right for you. Whether you choose to go on to higher education, enter the military, start a career or a family, your parents, teachers, counselors and friends are here to help you succeed. As you move on today to a very highly competitive and complex world, their guidance will be more important then ever. Take full advantage of their experience and be the best that you can in whatever you chose to do.

As a resident of Barnegat for 31 years, I have seen tremendous growth in our town and especially in our school system and I am proud to say that Barnegat Township continues to offer some of the best schools available in New Jersey. All of you, the Barnegat High School senior class, should be just as proud. And all of you, can now consider yourselves as one of the best!

As your Mayor, and on behalf of the entire Township Committee and the residents of Barnegat, I congratulate you, the Barnegat High School Class of 2010 and wish you all of the best that life has to offer.

May God bless you all and your families, may God bless our troops,

May God bless America and our great town of Barnegat.

Thank you,

**Jeffrey M. Melchiondo
Mayor, Barnegat Township**