

A Special Prom for a Special Group of Students

Local Businesses Transform CPW's BRIDGE School at Rye Brook into an Enchanted Forest

Rye Brook, NY—On Wednesday, May 29, 2019, the BRIDGE School at Rye Brook, a division of Cerebral Palsy of Westchester, will host its third annual end of the year Prom and Celebratory Luncheon in honor of seven graduating students. The entire school will gather together for the event, including students, family, friends, teachers and staff. While all students will be photographed on a red carpet as they enter, those graduating will be honored with Prom King and Queen sashes and will make a special entrance by limousine. The CPW gym will be transformed into an enchanted forest ballroom by two event companies: LifeTime Events by Jacquelyn, and Nova Original Events. All attendees will enjoy a catered lunch, dessert, dancing, DJ and photo booth, with live performances by CPW's Vocal Groove ensemble and a vocal trio of students and staff.

BRIDGE School Principal Barry Wasser states, *"We are incredibly proud of all our students this year and especially excited for the graduates. Their hard work and perseverance throughout their years at The BRIDGE School have earned them this traditional rite of passage. We're looking forward to seeing their smiling faces as they enjoy this very special event."*

CPW acknowledges the incredible support of the local businesses and community organizations whose donations of services, materials and time are making this event possible. Major sponsorship for the event is being provided by Gullotta House, a Westchester-based charity that provides scholarships and assistance for education, outings and community events, and by the Mid Westchester Elks Lodge #535. Additional supporters include Amore Pizza and Italian Kitchen, Bellefair Kitchen, Briarcliff Manor, Cermele's Corporate Catering, Fiorentinos Pizzeria, Firehouse Deli, Frank's Pizza, The Gourmet Taste, Gville Deli, LifeTime Events by Jacquelyn, Longford's Own-Made Ice Cream, Nova Original Events, NYCE Productions, Operation Prom, Random Farms Kids Theater, Ridge Squire Tuxedo, Roddy's Pizza, Shoprite of Thornwood, Strike A Pose Foto Booth, Summit Cafes, SYSCO Metro NY and Warren Rosenberg Photography.

The BRIDGE School at Rye Brook is a NYS Department of Education-approved special education center serving students with disabilities, ages 5 to 21. The school offers a comprehensive program that connects families, students and educational professionals to help each student reach their academic potential and discover what the possibilities are for them beyond the school setting. For more information, contact Principal Barry Wasser at (914) 937-3800, ext. 415. **About Cerebral Palsy of Westchester:** Celebrating its 70th year in 2019, Cerebral Palsy of Westchester's mission is to advance the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people with all developmental disabilities including autism, neurological impairments, intellectual disabilities, epilepsy and cerebral palsy. Through a comprehensive network of educational programs, therapeutic services, employment training, recreations, advocacy and residential sites, the agency has helped thousands of children and adults in Westchester and Fairfield Counties live more productive and satisfying lives. The organization's motto is: Realizing Tomorrow's Potential . . . Today!

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Last year's graduating students at the 2018 Prom at CPW's BRIDGE School at Rye Brook