

EXCELSIOR!



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It gives me great pleasure to extend greetings and good wishes to the members of the Class of 1987 of the Bethlehem Central High School.

Those responsible for the adoption of the arms for the State of New York on March 16, 1778, surely have taken their place in history as the absolute visionaries of their day.

For the Great Seal of the State of New York includes on a scroll below the shield argent the motto of our great State -- Excelsior (Ever Upward) -- positioned between the figures of Liberty and Justice.

We can point with justifiable pride to this legacy which has been the embodiment of New York's history.

The diverse ethnic backgrounds of those who came to our shores, with the continuing commitment to liberty and justice and its sociological and economic advancement, have epitomized this motto of reaching "ever upward."

Your illustrations of humankind's strivings to improve the quality of life merit commendation. Such dedication and commitment are shining examples of the spirit of the family of New York.

Congratulations on this special occasion and best wishes for success in all your future endeavors.

Mario M. Cuomo

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Academics,

Sports,

Clubs,

These Are

All Things

That We Can

Excel In,

Discovering New

Dimensions In

Ourselves.