

# Class of 2017 Celebrates a Milestone



Saturday, June 17, 2017 marked a significant achievement for the members of the Class of 2017...Graduation Day!

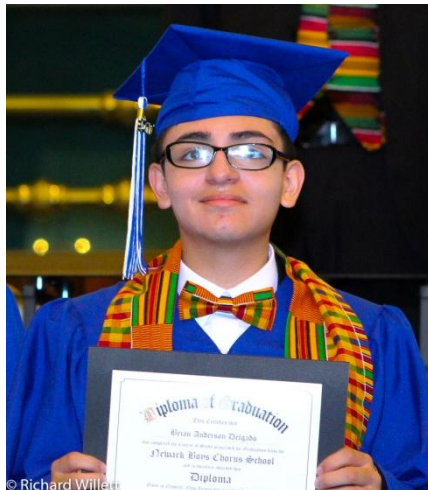
The Forty-Seventh annual commencement exercises were held this morning at the Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church in Newark. It was truly a day of celebration as 100% of the eighth graders graduated and all will be attending "best fit"

Members of the Class of 2017 with parent Felipe Rodriques

high schools including Newark Arts High School, East Orange

High School, The Brooks School in North Andover, MA, T. Jefferson Arts Academy in Elizabeth, NJ, St. Mary Assumption High School in Elizabeth, NJ and St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark. The graduates and their families were treated to the comments by guest speaker, Usman Sharif, the assistant minister at Mohammed Mosque 25, who told the graduates how special they were and how to face the challenges ahead.

Emory Rodriques was announced as the Class Salutatorian; the NBCS 2017 Music Awards were given to Guiliano Montero and Nasir Roper and Christopher Jumbo announced the Class of 2017 Valedictorian: Brian Delgato.



Brian Delgato, Valedictorian    Emory Rodriques, Salutatorian

The Concert Chorus under the direction of Donald Morris made its final appearance of the school year with *We are the Music Makers*, *Walk in Jerusalem* and the classic South African traditional, *Remember Me Wherever You Go*.

The graduates and their families enjoyed a reception in the Meeting Hall at the church. Then the Class of 2017 took an overnight class trip to Philadelphia for dinner at the Shake Shack and games of Laser Tag and All-Star Bowling.

Andrew Binger, class advisor, summed it all up, "they have been a great group to have at NBCS, we'll miss them next year and we wish them all the success in the world."