

# St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

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## *Press Release*

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### **Two Students from St. John the Baptist D.H.S. Recognized as Leaders**

**WEST ISLIP, NY** – The American Legion Boys’ State Program has recognized two Juniors for their qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty and service to their school, St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School. The two selected candidates will participate in a mock government program at SUNY Morrisville State College for two weeks this summer. This Leadership Action Program is a practical government course designed to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government.

The two selected students are James A. Connell from Mt. Sinai and Robert Cernilli from Babylon. Ted Gladkowski, Post Boys’ State Chairman, expressed to the candidates that “the selection process was very competitive and they should be very proud.”

Boys’ State is a program of the American Legion developed from the concept that youth should be offered a better perspective of the practical operation of government; that the individual is an integral part, and commensurately responsible, for the character and success of his government. As such, it is an activity of high educational value, born of a need for youth training in practical citizenship.



**Photo Caption:** Robert Cernilli, Junior; Walter D. Lace, Principal, Joseph Faccibene, Commander; Thomas Colgan, Service Officer; Ted Gladkowski, Adjutant; Robert F. Stephens, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander; James Connell, Junior

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### **About St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School**

*About St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School: 1,700 students attend St. John the Baptist DHS, a college preparatory Catholic High School located on the south shore in West Islip. As part of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, St. John's offers a value-centered education that recognizes the unique talents and abilities of each child, while fostering a school environment that challenges students to reach their true potential. Open since 1966, St. John's offers a rigorous curriculum and extensive activity and athletic programs. Students have the opportunity to take numerous Advanced Placement classes and 99% of St. John's graduates continue on to higher education. For Mission Statement and additional information: [www.sjbdhs.org](http://www.sjbdhs.org)*