



# EECA Announces Our Best College Essay Winners

## EECA Best College Essay Contest For The 2020-2021 School Year

**Winner:**

**Jake Mecca**

**Westhampton Beach High School**

Counselor: Joe Garvey

**Honorable Mention:**

**Stefano Volpe**

**Westhampton Beach High School**

Counselor: Christine Minnear

**Honorable Mention:**

**Aidan Crowley**

**Greenport High School**

Counselor: Brandi Hopkins

The East End Counselors Association sponsored our second annual *Best College Essay Contest* this year. The contest was open to any high school student sponsored by a member of the East End Counselors Association.

The essays were judged by Arthur Smith, a former admissions counselor at Cornell University, and Meghan Rabbitt, a freelance writer whose work has been published in numerous magazines including *Women's Health* and *The Oprah Magazine*.

### Contest Rules

- Essays were limited to 650 words and were submitted last winter.
- Students identified the prompt they used, whether that prompt came from the Common Application or was particular to a given college.
- Essays were blind-reviewed. Judges were not aware of which high school a student attended.
- By submitting an entry, students gave the EECA permission to publish winning essays in *Counselors View*, the newsletter of the East End Counselors Association.