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I believe in summers on Long Island. It's an hour train ride to the city, minutes to the ocean and seconds to your local grocery store. Long Island is my home for many reasons. I grew up every summer going to concerts at Jones Beach or Madison Square Garden. My friends and I have had the privilege to go jet skiing on the Long Island Sound just 10 minutes from my house. Afterwards I'd jump in my friends pools or my own, go home to shower and then drive down to Port Jeff a cute town close by to walk around get ice cream and look at the shops. My favorite memories are driving out to the Hamptons to spend the day at their beautiful beaches. Driving down Dune Road was the most exciting part of the drive picking out which house I liked best. After prom my senior class and I spent the weekend in Montauk, the end of Long Island. Going to the beaches are my favorite part of summer because I enjoy what I love best; spending time with close friends and family while relaxing at the beach. Multiple day trips to the city are a must, whether to see a Broadway play or concert or even lunch and shopping. I am forever grateful for my life on Long Island and wouldn't want to spend it any other place.