CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019!

With excitement in the air, members of the Class of 2019 arrived on the graduation stage to the traditional melody of “Pomp and Circumstance,” heard inspiring speeches packed with words of wisdom, and finally crossed the stage as graduates.

Byram Hills High School’s 51st Commencement Ceremony was held on June 18th at The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, where seniors said goodbye to high school life and welcomed the start of their next chapter.

Principal Christopher Walsh welcomed the graduates, their relatives and friends and the Byram Hills faculty by declaring that all of the graduating seniors have fulfilled the mission of the District.

“I am very happy to report that on stage tonight we have assembled 213 productive and responsible citizens ready to face the world and all of the challenges that come with it.”

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“BE AMBITIOUS. BE BOLD. BE BRAVE.”

- ALAN CHANG, VALEDICTORIAN
Salutatorian Emma Lucchino questioned how, at age 18, high school graduates are supposed to have their lives all figured out. “It’s exciting and freeing to not know what’s going to happen,” she said. “Now is our time to experience new things, take chances and find our own paths.”

“This is one of the few times when not knowing could be seen as a good thing,” she continued. “That’s why we have a high school graduation, to declare that none of us know what we’re doing, and that’s something worth celebrating.”

Valedictorian Alan Chang told the story of himself as a 16-year-old boy who thought he could solve his problems by reaching a goal one summer. He discovered that it was finding the confidence to be himself that led to happiness. “We are all capable of such great change, yet sometimes we’re too hung up on trying to change our self rather than change the world,” he said. “In reality, every single one of us is, and should stay, their own person.”

In the principal’s address, Mr. Walsh recalled the Oscar-winning documentary, “Free Solo.” It’s the gripping story of renowned rock climber Alex Honnold’s “free solo” climb of El Capitan, an ascent up the 3,000-foot, vertical rock face in Yosemite National Park he made alone and without a rope or other safety gear.

Mr. Walsh believed that Mr. Honnold was lucky to find his life’s purpose at a young age, and he urged the graduates to spread their wings in search of their own.

“My hope today is that each of them will find a purpose, which they will pursue with as much passion as Alex Honnold did, and that those of us in their lives have the courage to support that pursuit,” Mr. Walsh said. “Graduates, what you’ve earned here today is the opportunity to become what you have the potential to be. That can only happen if you’re willing to take those risks and remain vulnerable in life.”

Superintendent Dr. Jen Lamia reminded the graduates that she had seen most of them learn, struggle and bloom since they were 5-years-old. “Through the years, you have defined the Byram Hills student,” she said. “You are brilliant, committed and independent. How can you use these attributes in the next chapter in your lives?”

“Remember that your motivation to be who you will be is within you and must be true to you,” she said. “That is what you have shown us thus far. Seniors, thank you for the way you have defined yourselves and for the lessons you’ve taught all of us about brilliance, commitment and independence.”

Other highlights included the presentation of the senior class gift, the concert choir’s performance of “A Million Dreams,” the presentation of the diplomas and the cap toss.
Byram Hills Honors Four Educators with Teacher Recognition Awards

Four Byram Hills educators were honored at the June Board of Education meeting with the Teacher Recognition Award for their outstanding commitment to education. “The purpose of this award is to really highlight special service and special commitment to our schools,” Superintendent Dr. Jen Lamia said. “We are identifying a particularly distinguished contribution that a teacher has made.”

“These teachers collaborate with others in a very special way to bring new insights into Byram Hills that can really help us grow and learn.”

Recipients of the annual award traditionally address the faculty at the start of the next school year and receive $1,000 for professional development or classroom materials.

The honorees were nominated by their principal.

Coman Hill Elementary School

“Leslie Goldfarb is an outstanding teacher and a remarkable individual. As math specialist, Mrs. Goldfarb models continuous reflection on her practice,” Coman Hill Principal MaryBeth Crupi said.

“She uses student work samples, assessments, and her own observations to contemplate the best strategies to introduce new math concepts,” she said. “No teaching decision is taken lightly as Leslie carefully deliberates how to reach each and every student so they can achieve at their highest potential.”

Mrs. Goldfarb also collaborates with her colleagues at Coman Hill, and she was instrumental in the successful implementation of the new math program, Investigations.

Simply put, Mrs. Goldfarb is an amazing person.

“She is so humble that she never takes credit for all the work she does behind the scenes to help everyone succeed,” Ms. Crupi said. “Leslie has helped the students, teachers, and administration succeed in so many aspects of our daily lives. From Investigations math lessons to revising IST practices to having someone listen to you and ponder next steps, Leslie is the kind of friend and colleague that everyone dreams to have at least once during their lifetime.”

Wampus Elementary School

Cathleen Oliveto is deeply devoted to Wampus and the Byram Hills District. “Throughout the years, Mrs. Oliveto has always put the care of children at the forefront of her work,” Principal Peggy McInerney said. “Mrs. Oliveto is known as a teacher who will go the extra mile for her students inside and outside the walls of her classroom. Mrs. Oliveto has celebrated wonderful events in her students’ lives, and she has been a steadfast rock for her students and their families during difficult times.”

Mrs. Oliveto is dedicated to her colleagues and has taken the lead in beautifying the school.

“Most recently, she created a display of handmade butterflies along the library/cafeteria corridor,” Ms. McInerney said. “She invited all members of Wampus to add colorful flowers to these walls. Mrs. Oliveto understands how to build a community of care, compassion and kindness.”

“Mrs. Oliveto exemplifies the District’s goal of building communities of care and compassion where service to others and kindness prevail,” Ms. McInerney said.

Byram Hills High School

English teacher David Hubbs is a leader who is dedicated to the principles of continuous improvement and student engagement.

“What truly distinguishes David’s teaching is his knowledge of students as individuals,” Principal Christopher Walsh said. As a mentor teacher, Mr. Hubbs plays a key role in introducing freshmen to the Byram Hills culture.

“A student-centered educator, David’s communication with students and parents alike involve all parties in the discussion of the whole child,” Mr. Walsh said. “Well before the District formally partnered with Challenge Success, David was working to help students manage anxiety. I can think of countless hours and emails sent by David that get to the heart of what we care about in Byram—providing students with a supportive learning environment.”

Outside of the classroom, Mr. Hubbs has been stockpiling used formal wear for years as part of the Operation Prom clothing drive. This year, he supported students in the Youth Against Cancer Club by serving as one of the advisers.

H. C. Crittenden Middle School

Barbara Barthelmes, the school’s library media specialist, embodies HCC’s mission of creating an active learning community where everyone is empowered to take risks and embrace rigor while maintaining a healthy mindset.

Last summer, she was instrumental in the transformation of the school library into a state-of-the-art media center, thanks to the support of the Byram Hills Education Foundation. This is a space that fosters curiosity, creativity and collaboration for students and staff alike.

“Mrs. Barthelmes dedicated long hours, sifting through books and resources to ensure that this renovation not only changed the physical appearance of the library, but also the manner in which students could utilize the resources within the space,” Ms. Lapple said. “Through these actions, she modeled risk-taking by moving beyond print materials and introducing new avenues for the H.C. Crittenden community to access information electronically.”

She has integrated her own professional learning into the fabric of the new media center. She has refined her practice in her work with Makerspace activities and has brought the Green Screen technology to HCC. Finally, she never forgets the importance of bringing literature to life and finding organic connections to grade level curriculums.

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The 2018-2019 recipients are Leslie Goldfarb, a math specialist at Coman Hill Elementary School; Cathleen Oliveto, a fourth grade teacher at Wampus Elementary School; Barbara Barthelmes, a library media specialist at HCC Middle School; and David Hubbs, an English teacher at Byram Hills High School.
Byram Hills High School Awards

JAMIE TESTA ONWARD
AND UPWARD SCHOLARSHIP
Given to a senior who shows exemplary
commitment to helping others and
commitment to public service.

ANIELLA POPPO

ARMONK LIONS CLUB
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
Awarded to seniors for their outstanding,
active, public and/or community service
during their high school years.

EVIA MASCARO
SPENCER WEINHOF

NORTH CASTLE POLICE
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
SCHOLORSHIP
Presented to a senior who has shown
academic excellence and a commitment
to the North Castle community.

MARGARET WALSH

ARMONK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EX-
CELLENCE IN BUSINESS AWARD
Awarded to a senior who has demonstrated
impressive business acumen, responsibility
and dedication either as an employee of
a local business establishment or as
an entrepreneur.

GREGORY SKRIOFF

JOHN A. LOMBARDI SCHOLARSHIP
Awarded to a senior who has demonstrated
outstanding civic service and achievement.

SAMANTHA EFOBI

THE NYS COMPTROLLER’S 2019
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Given to seniors for academic achievement
and outstanding community service.

SAMANTHA KREVOLIN
DAVID MCDANELS

WELLESLEY COLLEGE BOOK AWARD
Awarded to a junior outstanding in her
academic performance, character, and
contributions to school and/or community
life.

ISABELLE LEVY

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE BOOK AWARD
Awarded to a senior who has earned an
excellent academic record and who has
exhibited qualities of leadership and service
in the school community.

ALLISON STILLMAN

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD
Presented to an academically-outstanding
junior who demonstrates intellectual
leadership and strong character

ARIELLE RAGALS

BRANDEIS BOOK AWARD
Presented to a junior who demonstrates
commitment to academics and service to
his/her community.

SARAH ILANY

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
BOOK AWARD
Given to a junior with outstanding
character and high academic achievement,
who provides important service to school or
community.

REES TATEO

YALE UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD
Presented to a junior in recognition of
outstanding character and intellectual
promise with diverse skills and leadership
qualities.

ALISON LEHMAN

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO BOOK AWARD
Presented to a junior who has
shown outstanding academic
achievement and who contribute
to the extracurricular activities of the school.

MADISON HIGGINS

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE BOOK AWARDS
Awarded to seniors who exhibit excellent
academic achievement and who contribute
to the extracurricular activities of the school.

SPENCER KARP
ELLA MANNERS

CORNELL UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD
Awarded to a junior who has demonstrated
academic excellence, as well as
outstanding dedication to extracurricular
activities and meaningful participation in
community service.

KALLIE HOFFMAN

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

SOFIA GIAMARTINO

HARVARD PRIZE BOOK AWARDS
Given to outstanding juniors who display
excellence in scholarship and high character.

SAMUEL ABERMAN
ELENA LOWE

TULANE UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD
Awarded to a junior who embodies Tulane’s
motto “Not for one’s self, but for one’s own”
and is a true servant leader.

ANDREW MILLER

GEORGE WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD
Presented to a senior who demonstrates
excellence in civic engagement and a
commitment to independent and creative
thought.

BENJAMIN HAMMOND

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENT
AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS
Given to juniors having an academic
interest in engineering, business, science or
liberal arts.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: ISABELLE NELSON
LEADERSHIP AWARD: DOMINIC PICCA

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
JEFFERSON BOOK AWARD
Presented to a junior who embraces
creativity and innovation, and embodies the
spirit of discovery, much like the University’s
founder, Thomas Jefferson. The student is a
demonstrated citizen leader who works to
improve their community locally or globally.

SETH MORRISON

SMITH COLLEGE BOOK AWARD
Awarded to a junior who combines academic
excellence with participation in
extracurricular activities and a commitment
to community service.

MEREDITH MAYERS

ENGLISH AWARDS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
EXCELLENCE IN WRITING AWARD

HAYLEY SIEGLE

SENIOR ENGLISH AWARDS
For outstanding senior English students

EMMA LUCCHINO
LINDSEY PERLMAN

ED WALZER WRITING AWARD
This award was established by the family
of Ed Walzer, a graduate of Byram Hills who
went on to have a career as a writer. The
family has asked that the English
department present the award to dedicated
writers in the hope that they will pursue their
passion for writing.

EMMA FREUND

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD
Awarded to an exceptional junior who has
achieved outstanding scholarship in the
subject of Social Studies.

ALISON LEHMAN

SOCIAL SCIENCES AWARD
Given to a senior who has shown exceptional
growth in the field of Social Studies.

LEONARDO GAGLIARDI

NORTH CASTLE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARD
Given to a senior who has excelled in
American History, European History, and/or
the senior electives.

SAMANTHA ABRUZZESE

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES
DEPARTMENT AWARD
Presented to a senior who is an outstanding
and serious history scholar

PIETRO PEREZ
THE NORTH CASTLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORICAL RESEARCH AWARD IN HONOR OF RICHARD LANDER AND DORIS FINCH WATSON
Given to a student who has an interest and passion in historic research to honor North Castle’s late town historians.
SARAH FAKLER

STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM
For outstanding achievement in Mathematics
OUTSTANDING SENIOR: ALAN CHANG
OUTSTANDING JUNIOR: SPENCER KARP

THE KEN HAMILTON MEMORIAL AWARD
Given to a senior who has displayed exceptional skills in software design, programming, systems analysis and hardware configuration; and who demonstrates excellent understanding and appreciation of computer science.
DANIEL VATAJ

RENSSLEAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AWARD
For outstanding achievement in Math/Science
ANA VATAJ

SCIENCE AWARDS

THE FARADAY AWARD
Presented to a senior who can manage long-term projects from inception to conclusion and create solutions in non-traditional ways.
OREN MOLLOY

BYRAM HILLS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE
Awarded to an outstanding senior for excellence in science.
BRENT PERLMAN

BAUSCH & LOMB AWARD
Presented to an outstanding junior science student.
ELENA LOWE

BYRAM HILLS AWARD FOR POTENTIAL IN SCIENCE
Awarded to an outstanding junior for potential in science
ALLISON STILLMAN

WORLD LANGUAGE AWARDS

Honors the senior that has demonstrated a superior command of the language.

FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE IN ITALIAN
SAMANTHA ABBRUZZESE

FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE IN SPANISH
JONAH SCHWAM

FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE IN FRENCH
EMMA LUCCHINO

THE DUAL LANGUAGE AWARD
Awarded to a senior that has demonstrated a superior command of two upper level languages, taken concurrently.
LUKE GORDON

FINE ARTS AWARDS

PTSA ARTS SCHOLARSHIP
STEFAN DINKEL

BYRAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL ART AWARD
DANIELLE CRONIN

SENIOR AWARD: COMMITMENT TO THE ARTS
DHHRUV FRANKLIN

MUSIC AND THEATRE AWARDS

THE JOHN PHILIP SOUSA NATIONAL BAND AWARD
In recognition of outstanding achievement and interest in instrumental music, for singular merit in loyalty and cooperation, outstanding performance and dedication to participation in band work.
BRENT PERLMAN

THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ AWARD
STEFAN DINKEL

THE NATIONAL CHORAL AWARD
SHEA GORDON
ISABELLE ILAN

OUTSTANDING CAREER CONTRIBUTION TO THE THEATRE PROGRAM
SHEA GORDON
HANNAH HOLDEN
SYDNEY NEPO
NICOLE TISSOT

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD

SEZ (SOUTHEASTERN ZONE) AWARD
TALENE BASIL
NINA BROWN
JEFFREY FERNANDES
MAXWELL PIERCE

BHHS SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR
MICHAEL KALIAN
LINDSEY GROTTA

LYNN ROSENTHAL MEMORIAL AWARD
Female Scholar/Athlete of the year
KATHERINE LEV

WILLIAM A. McCoy, JR. MEMORIAL AWARD
Male Scholar/Athlete of the year
PIETRO PEREZ

VINCENT GRECO AWARD
Presented to a senior who has demonstrated resiliency and has been a positive contributor to the Byram Hills High School community.
BRIAN MUCKER

MICHELE DELAMONICO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
This award celebrates the memory of a beloved teacher, colleague, mentor, and club advisor at Byram Hills High School. The BHTA and the BHAA honor a senior student who exhibits the qualities that Michele was known for; resilience, love of learning, collaboration, service to others, sense of humor, and academic engagement. Michele gave back to our community in many ways. She left behind a legacy of care, commitment, and community building. The award will be given to a student who personifies those ideals.
JACK KENNY

PTSA CARUOLO LEADERSHIP AWARD
This award is granted to a senior on the basis of leadership, character, dedication, loyalty, humanity, and interest in education.
LINDSEY GROTTA

HY BLATTE-JACK WOLLENBERG MEMORIAL AWARD
This award goes to a senior who has a humanitarian outlook, a willingness to extend himself for others, and an optimistic approach to life and its challenges.
ROBERT WAXMAN

The BHHS Award recipients.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BYRAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2019

Samantha Brooke Abbruzzese
Gianfranco Affrunti
Andrew Thaddeus Aldous
Jason Chris Alexandrou
Michael Joseph Alexandrou
Lucas Vincent Alimonti
Samuel Alvis
Ellen Michelle Amico
Macie Rose Aronsky
Adit Kumar Arvati
Ishmael Hamza Asad
Julia Holly Barnett
Telene Aida Basil
Nicholas George Basile
James Alfred Bastone
Eason James Bayley
Cole Hendrix Beck
Casey Begleiter
Jordan Brett Begleiter
Ethan Daniel Behar
Ruth Bari Beinhacker
Samuel Harrison Bilotti
Abigail Claire Binder
Garrett Matthew Boekel
Joseph Francis Borsellino
Haley Dana Breisblatt
Elysse Shakeh Karozichian
Juliet Lucia Capriglione
Camille Cathy
Sydney Anne Casler
Tyler Matthew Cermele
Amina Chace
Nicolle Chalarca
Alan Chang
Rachel Avery Chernoff
Zachary Mason Cogan
Charlotte Grace Cohen
Jack Anthony Cohen
Matthew Cohen
Ryan Mack Cohen
Spencer Adam Cohen
William Brian Cohen
Katherine Coletta
Alessandra Coletta-Albino
Olivia Rae Conte
Dean Andrew Corelli
Cecily Rose Corpina
Joely Lanie Covello
Danielle Cronin
Alexander D'Angelo
Ciara Isabella Dalton
Elizabeth Sarah DeGeorges
Matthew Alexander Deutsch
Michael F. DiMarco
Stefan Philip Dinkel
Sophia DiStefano
Jordan Lyn Dorfman
Eva Rose Duffy
Samantha Efobi
Michael Endico
Nicole Falkner
Nicole Alana Feldman
Jeffrey J. Fernandes
Isaac Seth Fischer
Talia Lyn Fisher
Vivien Eleni Flokas
Brandon Marc Fonte
Dhruv Franklin
Angela Marie Fratta
Jack James Fratta
Joshua Norman Freedman
Emma Alexis Freund
Isaac Robert Frimet
Carson Frye
Matthew Vincent Gaetano
Leonardo J. Gagliardi
Sofia Nadia Garcia
Luke Alexander Gastelu
Alec Lucas Geller
Cole Spencer Geller
Caitlin Geller
Dylan Matthew Geller
Tatiana Jane Geller
Carla Rose Gemelli
Harley Reuben Goghegan
Jamie Gluckman
Luke Denison Gordon
Olivia Rose Gordon
Shea Alexander Gordon
Jordyn Olivia Green
Lindsey Anne Grotta
Rahul Gupta
Erin Rose Haas
Tyler Kosi Harp
Skyler Healy
Hannah Simone Holden
Natalie Ann Hooker
Megan Hwang
Isabelle Sasha Iian
Ethan Brett Jacobs
Hailey Lauren Jacobs
Alicia Noelle Jacovatos
Maximus Jarl
Benjamin Harris Kahn
Michael Anthony Kalian
Grayson Joel Kaminer
Tyler Ian Kaminer
Elyse Julia Kanner
Elyse Shakeh Karozichian
Jack Joseph Kenny
Savannah Lee Kirkwood
Alex Mitchell Kleinman
Hannah Rose Klein
Jack Bennett Kovensky
Samantha Katie Krevolin
Melissa Kelly Krohnengold
Max Andrew Krumain
Renner Kwittken
Timothy Jordan Lee
Benjamin Harris Leff
Katherine Sage Lev
Henry Livingston
Nathaniel Thomas Lucas
Emma Lucchino
Sophie Maniscalco
Nicholas Sergio Martinez
Evia Faith Mascaro
Sabrina Mauro
Benjamin Reed Mautner
David Ryan McDaniels
Wolfram Harry Pao-ke Mesh
Kaya Nicole Meyer
Evan Matthew Miller
Matthew Lawrence Miller
Tyler Jake Miller
Oren H. Molloy
Anthony Monteforte
Mikayla Alexa Moreno
Brian James Mucker
Gianluca Jude Nelson
Sydney Mae Nepo
Evan Michael Okun
Pietro Sottovia Perez
Brent Stern Perlman
Lindsey Stern Perlman
Brett Logan Perlmutter
Jenna Merri Pfefler
Thomas Mark Piazza
Max Michael Pierce
Josie Hannah Pilchik
Kristin Amanda Polera
Aniella Poppo
Michael Alex Primiano
Abby Quintiere
Griffen Scott Rakower
Zachary David Ratzan
Noah Ray
Stella Blue Recht
Lorenzo Michael Rocco
Andrew Daniel Rosenberger
Katie Ross
Kylie Melissa Rowan
Joseph Saglimbeni
Sebastien Lucas Robert Sampere
William Samser
Nolan Michael Sanders
Nicholas Scaglione
Grace Elizabeth Scavone
Dean John Schaefer
Alexa Paige Schimel
Alex Schlaub
Jonah Evan Schwarm
Lauren Selkin
Alex Matthew Shapiro
Charles Sidoti
William James Siegel
Samuel Siegel
Hayley Jayne Siegel
Jonah Stephen Silpe
André F. Silva
Gregory Skrillof
Samuel Ethan Sporn
Dylan Sara Starker
Evanulos Peter Stefanopoulos
Bernd Elias Stepanian
Jake Stern
Sofia Beatrice Stillman
Jacob Merchant Stumacher
Riley Michael Sullivan
Zoe Simpson Swiss
Olivia Rose Tantleff
Michael Joseph Tedesco
Emily Claire Tillinger
Nicole Ann Tissot
Eliah Benjamin Tolz
Hannah Tallulah Tolz
Lucas Henry Travers
Nicholas Rocco Troiano
Wylie Sebastian Troy
Zachary Tuzzo
Noah Ray

PAGE 6 | BYRAM HILLS SPECTRUM
Colleen O'Connor joins the District as an Assistant Principal at Byram Hills High School. She was a former assistant principal and special education teacher at East Brooklyn Community High School and most recently, assistant principal at Horace Greeley High School in the Chappaqua School District. “From my first interview at Byram Hills, I knew this was a place I wanted to work. Their collaborative approach to providing students the best education possible is aligned to my own beliefs about education,” Colleen said.

GenineMarie C. DiFalco joins the District as an Assistant Principal at Coman Hill Elementary. She was a teacher at Chatsworth Elementary School in the Mamaroneck School District for 14 years, and prior to that she was a teacher at P.S. 180 in Brooklyn. “I look forward to being a part of the Byram Hills School District and Coman Hill family where professionalism, commitment to social emotional learning, collaboration, and educating the whole child are paramount,” GenineMarie said.
Our Mission
In an environment of mutual respect, the Byram Hills School District and its community will provide students with the means, the knowledge, and the opportunity to excel in order to become productive and responsible citizens of the twenty-first century.
“A great place to learn.”

Byram Hills honored 17 members of the faculty and staff with the Longevity Service Award for their many years of service to the District. “These dedicated employees have worked in Byram Hills for a combined 390 years,” Superintendent Dr. Jen Lamia said during a June 25 Board of Education meeting.

Recipients pictured: (in back row from left) Matthew Allen, Nicole Cavalieri, Theresa Hanrahan, Susan Tyrrell, Angelo Ancona, Joanna Nash, Chris Rasquin, Elise Feder (in front row from left) Jean White, John McNamara, Susan Liebman and Judy DeJarlar.

Missing from photo: Jill Berner, Kim Costello, Richard Peterman, Alison Rosenfeld and Brenda Toohey.

The Byram Hills Board of Education has granted tenure to two educators at Byram Hills High School, special education teacher Ally Dellacioppa and Jonas Kalish, who teaches math.

The tenure appointments, approved by the Board on June 11 take effect in late August.

“It’s the point where you have made a serious commitment to be a part of something that is going to grow and expand over time and reach people in different ways that you didn’t know that you could,” Dr. Jen Lamia said. “I think that our two tenure candidates really exemplify that.”

Mr. Kalish, who came to the District with experience at Stuyvesant High School and Blind Brook High School, was drawn to Byram Hills for its cutting edge professional development, Dr. Lamia said. He is eager for feedback, collaborates with colleagues and asks to observe their classes. Mr. Kalish supports strategies to minimize students’ anxiety and has a warm and calm demeanor that puts everyone at ease.

Ms. Dellacioppa’s level of engagement with her students after school matches her strong commitment to her students in her classroom during the school day.

As an educator who has taught Resource Room for grades 10-12 and Regents English, Ms. Dellacioppa is also a part of the Skills/Learning Center and the Flexible Support Program.

“At any given day, you can go to Ally’s classroom after school, and if kids are coming, Ally is there,” Dr. Lamia said. “Any opportunity that kids have to see her outside of school, they are doing it. She is providing math instruction, and providing support to kids in every one of their content areas in the high school.”