Forty-Fourth Commencement Exercises

Northern Highlands Regional High School



The Class of 2010

June 24, 2010

Prelude Selections by the	Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble
	Pomp and Circumstance #1 Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble
Star Spangled Banner	. Highlands Voices/Belles Seniors
Be True To Your School 7	Thomas Amarante, Michael Coffel William McEntee, Ryan O'Keefe
Welcome	Jaclyn Lefkowitz, Class President
Guest Speaker	Théophile Beuchat
Class Speaker	Samuel Lee
Presentation of Awards	Joseph J. Occhino, Principal
I'll Be There	Concert Choir Seniors
Class Speaker	Kathleen Harm
Salutatorian	Melanie Green
Presentation of the Class of 2 Superintendent	010 John J. Keenan,
O ,	Barbara Garand, Board President and Board of Education Members
Valedictorian	Michael Simpson
RecessionalThe Olyn	npic Spirit-Symphonic Band/Wind

Class Advisors: Jennifer Monahan and Jessica Verdicchio Band Director: Theodora Sotiropoulos Choir Directors: Thomas Paster and Eugene Ryman

Bagpiper: Douglas Mayone, Class of 2004

Candidates for Graduation

Daniel J. Ahdout

Monisha Sonia Ahluwalia

Amy J. Albert

Maureen Therese Alvarez

Tara Marie Alvarez *

Thomas Martin Amarante

Daniel Matthew Anderson

Anna Parisa Ashabi

Nathaniel Gordon Atwater

Matthew Vincent Aversa

Niki Stella Backos

Jiseop Bae *

Kyle C. Baer *

Ashley Susan Baglino

Caroline Young Baratz *

Zachary B. Bascio

Matiss Batarags

Jacob Sugar Becker *

Tierney-Anne Nolan Benvenuto

Nicole Marie Berardo

Théophile Beuchat

Brendon M. Bigley

Mackenzie Charles Blaikie

Amanda Jean Blake

Emma Paige Bonan *

Brandon Nicholas Bovino

Claudia Kihm Boyajian

Shaun Michael Bradley

Connor Daniel Brady *

Lisa Anne Braun

Sarah Therese Braun

Connor Michael Brightly

Shannon Christine Brophy

Daniel Bennett Browne

Rachel Lee Butler

Lauren Marie Cagney

Samantha Rose Callahan

Alexandria Michele Cantone

Lee Anne Carluccio *

William Angel Castillo

Brandon Joseph Celikbas

Suzzy Cha

Alexa Marie Chase

Daniel M. Cho

Hamza Shahid Chohan

Yoon Kyoung Choi *

Reena Anora Chojar *

Colin James Coates

Glenn Edward Cocks

Michael Herman Coffel

Michael Andrew Colaianni

Lisa Marie Cole

Zachary Evan Conklin

Joseph Terrence Connell

Duncan Sloan Constable

Tara Katelyn Corbett

Alex R. Corren

Kelsie Veronica Corriston *

Michele Frances Corriston *

Olivia Coster

Anne Elizabeth Crabill *

Thomas James Dalo

Emily Hope Davidowitz *

Macgill B. Davis

Christie Dawli

Evan R. de la Cruz

Matthew Bryant DeCesare
Andrew George Demoleas
Robert Scott Depietri
Caleb Anthony Devine

Michele E. Granger
Deborah Ann Gravina
Melanie Liza Green *
Jeffrey M. Grey

Katherine Marie DiBella Jennifer L. Griffith

Sarah Maria DiPasquale James Joseph Groome III Andrew James Dolan Anastasia Grottola

Laura Jeanne Dombroski Ronald Scott Guerra Kaitlyn Eileen Dormer * David T. Haliczer

Meghan Anne Dripchak Elizabeth Grace Hamilton *

Ian Bradbury Dulmage * Amos Han *

William Dunker Ayah Lemira Harfouch
Patrick Bourne Erstling Kathleen C. Harm *

Rachel Liu Evans Kristin Heaney

Parisa Rose Fardanesh

Lukas Clayton Favale *

Christopher Robert Feury

Stephanie Heath

Alanna Rose Heitman

Emily Rose Henderson

Thomas Joseph Ficca Christopher George Hewitt *

Ashley Elizabeth Flagg * Brianna Lee Heyer
Tyler William Flaherty Eric Hirshfield *
Chelsea Caroline Flynn John Daniel Hite
Ashley Christina Flynne Colin Stuart Hoag
Alejandra Maria Fonseca Sung Tae Hong

Harrison John Foster Paige Carolyn Eteri Hook Daniel S. Freidman Stephanie Marie Hoyt

Deana Frenklakh Amy Lynne Hresko
Connor B. Funsch * Alexandra Faye Hubelbank

Joseph Anthony Gandolfo * Alexander Gabino Huerta

Alyxandra R. Gant

Heather Garbutt

Alexander Gabino Huerta

Samir Syed Hussaini *

Frank G. Inserra *

Robert Paul Garrett * Jonathan Craig Jacobs

Jamie Parker Gebhardt * Indraneel Jasti

Paul M. Getto Young Hoon Caleb Jeong

Lauren Denise Glasheen Krista Amanda Johnson *
Melanie Molly Gottshall Robert Lowell Kagan

Jamie Leigh Kahn
Alexis Nicole Kalchbrenner

Cansu Kazancioglu

Alicia Christine Kelly

Katelyn Ann Kelly

Cody Austin Kester *
Zare Khorozian

Sunjana Khubani

Hanseul Kim

Hye Wan Kim *

Alexandra Devon Klein

Harrison Colby Klein * Kayleigh M. Kobovitch *

Richard J. Kolb

Brian Anthony Konvit James Joseph Kopfensteiner

Kyle Hanson Koppel

Samantha Marie Korb

Anne Kosch

James Early Langan

Nicole Marie LaSpina

Mary Elizabeth LeBlancq

Esther S. Lee * Samuel Y. Lee *

Jaclyn Gayle Lefkowitz *

Edahn Lehr

Tyler Stephen Leskanic Emily Michelle Librot

Jeffrey Ryan Librot

Olivia Christine Licata

Kyle Caples Linares

Zachary J. Lisella Julius Vernon Lizardo

Zachary Robert Lloyd

Thomas John Lodge *

James Carlough Loeffler Joseph Michael Lomuti

Sophia Bernice Lovallo

Kasey S. Ma *

Dennis Ma *

Yadavan Mahendraraj *
Bridgit Caitlin Mahoney

Kathleen Patricia Mahoney

Jeffrey Mark Malaney

Caroline Eleanor Margaret Marotta

Rachel Marsanico

John David Marshall
Sarah Marie Masters *

Hannah Renee Mayer *
Joy Hedda McDermott *

William Jude McEntee *

Kathryn Elizabeth McGovern

Brian Jason Meisner

Brian Merck

James Francis Merli

Steven Joseph Milanesi

Hannah Lauren Miller

Jacob Evan Miller Alyssa Minichetti

Ryan C. Mino

Kyan C. Mino

Jeremy Mo

Danielle Rue Montick *

Robert Foss Montoro

Meghan Virginia Morici

Christopher Marees Morriss

Hillary St. Clair Mulder *

Lauren Emily Mulkay

Casey Robert Murdock

Victoria Morgan Nadler

Yui Nakagawa Alexandra Rebecca Ribeiro
Lauren Alexandra Nasta Christine Mikeala Richin
Alexander Daniel Navarro Laurence Paul Joel Ridgwell
Marina Naydenov * Zachary Robert Riecker

Megen Amanda Cristine Nicholas

Perry Charles Ritota

Lyle Colin Nolasco * Emily Katherine Roberts
Malcolm Andrew Norton Amanda Rae Rofheart
Adrian A. Nowak Michael James Rohsler

Reilly John Nuckel Brett Erik Rosenbluth *
Adam Nathan Nudelman Marc Alexander Rossi
Caroline Christine Ogden Sean Michael Rovito
Ryan Michael O'Keefe * Aubrey Anne Rubino

Alexander Z. Onik Alexander Frances Sadej
Maria Ordonez Catherine Rose Salerno *

Erica Rose Osowiecky Monica Santos *
Charles Wheeler Palella *
Cara Terese Palumbo Renee Marie Savelli

Henry Park Landon T. Savino

Jessica Sarah Parker * Emily Kate Schneidman
Maya Elizabeth Pathak Justine Marie Schnell *
Catherine Mary Pearce Adam Jacob Schoem *

Alex Michael Perez David Schulman
Peter Luis Perez Steven Alan Schwartz

Anthony Paul Pernice Adam Michael Schwartz *
Sarah Catherine Pfund *

John Zachary Seelbach

Ethan Charles Piltz Jung Won Seo

Robert Christopher Policht
Andra Brooke Portnoy *

Noah Seth Putter *

Hadiya Z. Shakeel *

Kamakshi Sharma

Kyle H. Sheehan

Alyse Jeanne Quiat

Molly Tzila Rafaely

Nina Anastasia Shulgach

Kristy Ann Sidor *

Noelia Marie Ramirez Sara K. Simon

Catherine Rene Ramirez * Michael Timothy Simpson *

Daniel Foley Rehain Megan Raye Smith Emma Rose Reich Jared Benjamin Smith

Alexandra Lauren Solomon * Alexander James Sonageri * Caroline Allie Sonett * Edward Y. Song Lauren Carmen Soto Sean Robert Sottolano Calvin Michael Spann Lauren Rose Spinelli Brandon Michael Stueben Jane Elizabeth Suglia * Alec Benjamin Summers Alex G. Tamirian Jonathan Robert Tarabocchia Zachary Tarabocchia Jacqueline Nicole Taylor Anthony D. Tharayil Ainslee Adara Thompson Aleksander Chiao Turberville Shelby Bertha VanGieson Alexis Anne Ventura * Kelsey Ann Verillo

Rachel Lee Vinciguerra Brian Russell Vogel Andre Voytek Vorbrodt Malith Eksath Waharaka Nicole Alexandra Wallin Monet N.R. Walters Thomas R. Webb * Sierra C. Wendeborn Sarah Elizabeth Wetzel Daniel T. White * Julie Celia Wichler Alexa Nicole Widawsky * Kristen Jean Witkowski * Danielle Wurtzell Fira A. Yagyaev Shiori Lee Yamaguchi **Daniel Yochay** Eva C. Yu * Michael Scott Zalvin Laura Lynn Zieber

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Senior Awards

Northern Highlands Regional High School



The Class of 2010

Class of 2010 – Senior Awards

Valedictorian Michael Simpson Salutatorian Melanie Green Northern Highlands Distinguished Service Award Sarah Pfund Thomas Dalo Principal's Award for Four Years of Perfect Attendance Reena Chojar Thomas Lodge Jonathan Jacobs Zachary Riecker Eric Hirshfield Alexandra Solomon Eva Yu The following awards were presented at our Senior Awards Ceremony on June 10, 2010 National Merit Finalists have gone through a rigorous process to achieve this outstanding honor. Juniors named National Merit Semi-finalists earned a selection index score of 222 or higher on the PSAT, providing the opportunity to compete for Finalist standing and Merit Scholarship awards. In February 2010, Semi-finalists who met academic and other requirements set by the National Merit Corporation became Finalists, who, based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments, competed for National Merit scholarships. Art Award..... Emily Roberts Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Art. Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Business. Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Marketing. Jane Kedron French Award...... Anne Crabill Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in French. Eleanor Keyser Spanish Award......Jaclyn Lefkowitz

Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Spanish.

Italian AwardTierney Benvenuto Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Italian.
Latin Award Hillary Mulder Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Latin.
Science Award
Mathematics Award
English Award
Robert Hellwig Social Studies Award
Health & Physical Education Award Lukas Favale Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Health & Physical Education.
Fine Arts Award
Technical Drawing Award
Television Production Award Anthony Pernice Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Television Production.
Jean Oberholtzer Drama Award
Contini Award
Awarded by the Board of Education to a male and female senior who participated in varsity sports each season through the year, demonstrating skill, desire to win, outstanding sportsmanship, exemplary attitude, and team spirit.
Family & Consumer Sciences Department Excellence Award Lauren Nasta
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Family and Consumer Sciences.

Coaches Award
Awarded by the Board of Education to a male and female senior who participated in varsity athletics and best demonstrated the values endorsed by the Northern Highlands Coaching Staff: loyalty, commitment, and citizenship.
John Philip Sousa Award
Sheila Taylor Vocal Music Award
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award
Musical Theater Award
National School Choral Award
Jean Phillipe Rameau Award for Music Theory
Journalism Award
Student Council Highlander Award
Awarded by the Student Council to a male and female senior who have displayed exemplary service to their school, community, and fellow students.
Wood Technology Award

Northern Highlands Home & School Citizenship Award		
Awarded by the Home & School Association to a male and female senio who best exemplify good citizenship through integrity, devotion to duty, and unselfish service to others.		
Music and Performing Arts Association Scholarship		
Awarded to two seniors for overall commitment to Music and Performing		
Arts at Northern Highlands, who plan on continuing their studies in the Music & Performing Arts field.		
Multicultural AwardBrianna Sartori		
Awarded by the Board of Education to a senior who, through behavior and		
actions, is a virtual bridge in the Highlands community, building harmony,		
creating understanding and otherwise connecting diverse groups and		
cultures in the school community.		
Sandy Helfand DECA Award Kristen Heaney		
Awarded by the Board of Education to a senior who demonstrates interest in		
a marketing career and a strong commitment and outstanding success in the DECA program.		
The Loch & Quay Creative Writing AwardDeborah Gravina		
Awarded to senior(s) who have taken Creative Writing and demonstrated a		
love for writing above and beyond required assignments; that has been		
published or participated in special programs such as The Governor's		
School, contributed and/or worked on the magazine. This award is based on creative writing alone.		
Principal Award		
Awarded to a senior who demonstrated exemplary character, integrity, and commitment to both school and community life.		
Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River Award Melanie Green		
Awarded by the Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River to a senior who demonstrated overall academic excellence.		
Town Journal Journalism Award Monica Santos		
Awarded by the Town Journal for excellence in Journalism.		

Gerry Repole Award
Saddle River Valley Lions Club Awards Awarded by the Saddle River Valley Lions Club for excellence in: English
Upper Saddle River Historical Society Award
Allendale Woman's Club Computer Science Technology Award Danielle Wurtzell Adam Nudelman Awarded by the Allendale Woman's Club to a male and female senior for excellence in Computer Science Technology.
Strasser & Associates, P. C. Legal Award
Nancy Simpson Art Award
Dennis Rouse Teens for Life Scholarship
Awarded by Teens for Life in honor of Dennis Rouse, a beloved Social Studies Teacher at Northern Highlands, to a male and female senior who have demonstrated, through word and deed, exceptional character, integrity, a love for life, and consideration for others.
Patricia Riccobene Memorial Scholarship Tara Corbett Established in memory of school librarian, Patricia Riccobene, to a senior who plans to pursue a career in education.

Dick Meighan Memorial ScholarshipKathleen Mahoney In memory of Dick Meighan, an Upper Saddle River resident, this community service scholarship is offered to a graduating senior from Upper Saddle River, Allendale, Ho-Ho-Kus or Saddle River who will attend an accredited two or four year college. This scholarship will be awarded to a student(s) in good academic standing who has gone the "extra mile" helping others. **Community Parent/Teacher Awards** Each of our four Parent/Teacher Organizations sponsors an award for one of their past students who has demonstrated, through word and deed, commitment to both school and community Allendale P.T.O. AwardThomas Dalo Upper Saddle River P.T.O. Award Emily Roberts The Northern Highlands Education Association Scholarship Awarded annually to deserving senior who by their effort, enthusiasm, motivation, and passion for learning, make the process of education rewarding and meaningful. All candidates were nominated by a Northern Highlands Education Association member and required to submit an essay on how an educator has influenced their overall love of learning and educational experience. Awarded to a senior who exemplifies Lacey's characteristic zest for life and shares that enthusiasm with classmates, teachers, friends, teammates, family and the community. Through well-rounded involvement in a variety of activities ranging from sports to clubs and civic organizations, the recipient is an individual who lovingly shares his or her time and talents with others, radiating the warmth, caring, exuberance and enthusiasm that Lacey gave so selflessly. The Upper Saddle River Policemen's Benevolent Association is pleased and proud to offer this scholarship to two Northern Highlands seniors who are committed to academics, as well as service to make their school and community a better place. Appointment to West Point Academy......Cody Kester Awarded by the West Point Military Academy to a senior who will be

attending West Point.

Awarded by the Fyke Nature Association to a senior who is pursuing a college degree in the environmental sciences and who has shown a commitment to community service, especially in recycling or related efforts, environmental projects, or other related endeavors. The student should have maintained an A-B average. In addition to academic qualifications, candidates had to submit an essay presenting their ideas on how to improve the environment. U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award....... Marina Naydenov Awarded by the U.S. Marine Corps to a male and female senior for displaying courage and demonstrating a commitment to their studies by maintaining a minimum of 3.5 G.P.A. These students have honored their school by their spirited attendance and participation in school activities. U.S. Marine Semper Fidelis Music Award Ethan Piltz Awarded by the U.S. Marine Corps to a high school musician who embodies the virtues admired by the Marine Corps. The honored musician displays leadership, endurance, enthusiasm, dependability, loyalty, and a commitment to the music program. To help schools recognize the achievements and sacrifices student musicians make, the Marine Corps provides this "Semper Fidelis Music Award." Valley Health System Stringer/Featherstone Nursing Scholarship Awarded to a senior who has demonstrated an academic promise to succeed in nursing, good citizenship, and has participated in community and school activities New Jersey Scholar Athlete Award Kayleigh KobovitchJohn Hite Awarded by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to a male and female senior who have earned a minimum of two varsity letters, ranked academically in the top 10% of their class and provided service within the school and community. Awarded by the U.S. Marine Corps to a senior for displaying courage, poise, self-confidence, and leadership as a high school athlete. New Jersey Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award...... Thomas Lodge Awarded by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to a

senior athlete based on academic achievement along with school and

community citizenship.

Bergen County Coaches Outstanding Athlete Award Daniel Rehain Awarded by the Bergen County Coaches Association to a male senior athlete who best represents the many qualities that Northern Highlands athletes should possess.
Bergen County Coaches 10 Sport Season AwardJames Kopfensteiner
Awarded by the Bergen County Coaches Association to senior athletes who had participated in at least ten sport seasons over four years and had demonstrated excellence both on and off the field.
Bergen County Women Coaches Association Award Hannah Mayer Awarded by the Bergen County Women Coaches Association to a female senior athlete who best represents the many qualities that Northern Highlands athletes should possess.
U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award Kaitlyn Dormer
Awarded by the U.S. Army Reserve to a male and female senior who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom and on the athletic field.
Edward N. Fitzpatrick Award
Awarded in memory of Edward Fitzpatrick, to a male and female senior who have demonstrated the characteristics of selflessness, generosity of spirit, and dedication to the "success of the team" while participating in athletics at Northern Highlands.
N.B.I.A.L. Student Athlete Award
New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association National Women In Sports Award

Herb Cohen Sports Association Scholastic Achievement Award Samantha Callahan	
Awarded by the Sports Association to male and female seniors who lettered twice in their high school career, at least once as a senior, attain 3.0 average over their high school career, and committed to attend accredited two or four year college. The recipients must have display both on and off the field, a positive attitude, leadership ability, served role model, and submitted an essay on a topic selected by the Sp. Association.	have ned a d an nyed, as a
A John Uhlmann Scholarship Award	
Awarded by A. John Uhlmann III Memorial Foundation to a male and fer senior athlete in recognition of outstanding athletic achievement and understanding of the importance of good sportsmanship.	_
The Americans Soccer Club Scholarship Melanie Gr	
Awarded to a male and female senior residing in the towns of Allendale, Upper Saddle River, Ho-Ho-Kus, and Saddle River who have played soccand displayed commitment and sportsmanship to the game of soccer at Northern Highlands.	
Eduardo Pena Memorial Scholarship Alexandra Hubelb	
Awarded to a male and female soccer player who resides in Allendale, Up Saddle River, Ho-Ho-Kus or Saddle River who has played soccer at least year at the Varsity level. Applicant must submit an essay explaining their deep appreciation for family as well as the importance of soccer in their lives.	pper t one
NJEA/News 12 New Jersey Scholar Athlete Award Hillary Mu Awarded to honor students who are at the top of their class academically also excel on the court or field. Thirty student athletes are selected stated during the school year and highlighted during the News 12 New Jersey	and

Newscast.

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