PROGRAM

THE SALUTE TO THE FLAG.....*NHS President*
Prescilazoe Nyarko

THE BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM..... *Assistant Principal*
Andrea Thomas

GREETINGS:..... ..... *Principal, MVHS*
Dr. Pauline Pearce

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION: *Convocation Committee Chair*
Ms. Peggy Williams

Remarks: *Interim Superintendent of Schools*
Dr. K. Veronica Smith

RECOGNIZE ANY OTHER DIGNATARIES THAT MAY BE IN THE AUDIENCE

Board Trustees:
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MISTRESS' OF CEREMONIES.....*IB School Counselor*
Ms. Peggy Williams

PRESENTATION OF SENIOR AWARDS

As we begin to acknowledge the award recipients of our class of 2023, we must first and most sincerely show appreciation for the generosity of the Mount Vernon High School Faculty, the Mount Vernon Federation of Teachers and a host of community partners. Because of your kindness we have the opportunity to offer monetary awards for the Scholars of Mount Vernon High School for 35 years. These young people have worked arduously to achieve the awards, yet we are still humbled by the generosity of

our many supporters and partners in education.

THE MOUNT VERNON FACULTY CLUB AWARD for the Valedictorian
With a GPA of 104.57 *Presented by Principal Dr. Pauline Pearce*

DAREN LU

THE MOUNT VERNON FACULTY CLUB AWARD for the Salutatorian
With a GPA of 98.71 *Presented by Principal - Dr. Pauline Pearce*

LESLEY IYAMU

THE GRACE T. LEWIS AWARD *Presented by Principal - Dr. Pauline Pearce*
For Highest Regents Average

DAREN LU

THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT AWARD *Presented by Interim Superintendent*
(Personality, initiative, leadership, loyalty) *Dr. K. Veronica Smith*

JULANIE MC CALLA

BARBARA T. CLIFFORD MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented by Principal
Dr. Pauline Pearce

LESLEY IYAMU

SAMUEL BOBROW MEMORIAL AWARD *Presented by Asst. Principal*
Ms. Erica Naughton

SAJAY MULLINGS

MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY CLUB AWARDS

Presented by Convocation Committee Chair
Ms. Peggy Williams IB School Counselor

For Initiative, Self-reliance, Integrity,
Scholarship, Outstanding Growth

MANESCA CEJOUR

MVHS FACULTY MEMORIAL AWARD (Awarded for overcoming obstacles, excellent citizenship) (in memory of, Josephine Perlmutter, Foreign Language, Willie Williams, Math, Ann Perrone, Sewing, Mrs. Robin Prywes, Special Education, Arona Parker, Dean of Women, Bob Ketler, English, Roslyn Fisher, Special Education, Dr. Harold Smith, Division D Principal, Mr. Jack Clayton, Bookkeeping.

THOMAS ALEX

EDITH KAPLAN AWARDS

For Outstanding service to school and/or community
Presented by Erica Patterson – PTSA President

ALEXANDER CARNEY
AUBREY DANIELS
DAREN LU
DYLAN RICHARSON
ERIC PETERSON
ASHLEY NEMBHARD
KHADIJA WILLIAMS
LESLEY IYAMU
MIA VAQUERO
PRESCILAZOE NYARKO
WALT REYNOLDS

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Presented by Dr. Kellie Ramsey

in honor of Kim O'Quinn, Rosalyn Fisher and Robin Prywes, beloved MVHS Special Education teachers and through the generosity of the Maxwell Family in loving memory of their matriarch Janine Grasso

MIGUEL NUNEZ

ACE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

Presented by Ms. Rachel King - ACE TEACHER

MAYA CLARKE

ENGLISH DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Presented by Dr. Eric Brand Humanities Chairman

MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY CLUB AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE-A

DAREN LU

MOUNT VERNON FEDERATION OF TEACHERS- PRECISE ACADEMIC SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP FOR ENGLISH:

LESLEY IYAMU

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Presented by Dr. Eric Brand - Humanities Chair

MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY CLUB AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS – PRESCILAZOE NYARKO

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ECONOMICS – DAREN LU

MOUNT VERNON FEDERATION OF TEACHERS- PRECISE ACADEMIC SUCCESS

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SOCIAL STUDIES

ABIGAIL SALMON

THE HECTOR M. AND PHYLLIS CORSBIE HYACINTHE FOUNDATION ESSAY COMPETITION

Gifts provided and presented by Mrs. Phyllis Corsbie and Mr. Marcus C. Hyacinthe Winners may choose from a laptop, a gift card for books and/or dormitory accessories, or a combination of the prizes totaling $1000

MEGNISSE GNONLONFOUN
KHADIJA WILLIAMS

MATH DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Presented by Mr. Adam Rappoport STEM Chair

MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY CLUB AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MATHEMATICS – DAREN LU

MOUNT VERNON FEDERATION OF TEACHERS- PRECISE ACADEMIC SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP FOR IN MATH - DAREN LU

MARSHALL RAPHAEL MEMORIAL SCHOALRSHIP
FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHAMATICS

MALE – *DAREN LU*
FEMALE – *PRESCILAZOE NYARKO*

SCIENCE DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Presented by Mr. Adam Rappoport - STEM Chair

MOUNT VERNON FEDERATION OF TEACHERS- PRECISE ACADEMIC SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP FOR SCIENCE - *TANOYA NEDRICK*

COSTANTINE NICKOU SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Former Franko Middle School science teacher - *DAREN LU*

LANGUAGE DEPT. AWARDS

Presented by IB SPANISH LANGUAGE TEACHER - Mrs. Liana Joseph

MOUNT VERNON FEDERATION OF TEACHERS- PRECISE ACADEMIC SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE

DAREN LU

MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY CLUB AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (Spanish/French):

OVIDIO JOSUE RODRIGUEZ MARROQUIN

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MOUNT VERNON FEDERATION OF TEACHERS- PRECISE ACADEMIC SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP FOR HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - JULIANI AMAZAN
HEALTH – CONNOR BUNCH

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION AWARDS

Presented by MR. NOEL CAMPBELL - C.T.E. ADMINISTRATOR

MT. VERNON FACULTY CLUB AWARD FOR CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

ZECHARIAH CHUNG-SALMON

MOUNT VERNON FEDERATION OF TEACHERS- PRECISE ACADEMIC SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP FOR ART

ZARA KALLI

MOUNT VERNON FEDERATION OF TEACHERS- PRECISE ACADEMIC SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP FOR MUSIC

ALEXIS YARBOROUGH

MOUNT VERNON FACULTY CLUB AWARD FOR MUSIC

Presented by Mrs. Carmen Nemeth – Music/Band Teacher

DIANA POLANCO

MOUNT VERNON FACULTY CLUB AWARD FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE NURSING ASSISTANTS' PROGRAM *Presented by Mrs. Bonnie Ball – Nursing Instructor*

Na'Dream Burgess
Danielle Canty
Chyanne Rattray

MOUNT VERNON FACULTY CLUB AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CULINARY ARTS

SAJAY MULLINGS

ANITA NICKOU MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
FOR A STUDENT WHO WILL MAJOR IN EDUCATION

Presented by Asst. Principal - Ms. ERICA NAUGHTON

BRIANNA ABEL

THE A.V.I.D. AWARDS

Presented by Lisa Mayzun

SAMARIA LEWIS

JAYDEN NELSON

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WOMEN AWARD THE FOLLOWING:
Strunk & White's *The Elements of Style* *Presented by*
OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: *Dr. Eric Brand*

LESLEY IYAMU

Lisa See's *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* *Presented by*
EXCELLENCE IN WRITING AWARD *Mr. Robert Greshes*
AP English Instructor

PRESCILAZOE NYARKO

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA, ZETA NU OMEGA CHAPTER 2023 SCHOLARSHIP
Presented by chapter member Ms. Rechelle King

LESLEY IYAMU

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. – WESTCHESTER ALUMAE SCHOLARSHIP
Presented by Peggy Williams

PRESCILAZOE NYARKO

CAMPUS BOUND SCHOLARS *Presented by Amy Peck -Founder*

LESLEY IYAMU
ANOINTING EMMANUEL RICHSON

Women Who Dare to be Different Awards *Presented by Dr. Pauline Pearce*

PRESCILAZOE NYARKO

THE BARBARA M. SIMPSON MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
Presented by Jennifer Lumley Scholarship Board Member

SENAYAH MEDE
JULIANI AMAZAN
PRESCILAZOE NYARKO

THE CENTER FOR COLLEGE & CAREERS – REACH FOR THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP 2023
Presented by Mrs. Dawn Barrett – College and Careers Counselor

ALEXANDER CARNEY
MEGNISSE GNONLONFOUN
LESLEY IYAMU
ZARA KALLI
DAREN LU
TAFARA McKENLEY
SENAYAH MEDE
ASHLEY NEMBHARD
KADIJAH WILLIAMS

Destination College Scholarship Recipients 2023

Destination College awards scholarships to seniors participating in their program through the athletic teams they serve on: Mount Vernon High School Cheerleading, Baseball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Football, and Boys Soccer. Scholarship awards are based on the effort that a student-athlete has shown both in the classroom and on the fields and courts. These student-athletes have shown a commitment to the mission of Destination College through their respect of the program and willingness to meet the expectations of DC program leaders and the coaches. All student-athletes selected have completed the college application process and will matriculate in the fall of 2023.

Presented by: LINDA D'ARCY

DYLAN COLON
CHRISTOPHER FITZGERALD
MOUHAMADOU ALOU
ANOINTING EMMANUEL RICHSON
PRESCILAZOE NYARKO
JADEN FEARON
ELIJAH MORRIS
ALEXANDER CARNEY
JAIDEN HAMILTON
LESLEY IYAMU

TWENTY-FIRST TABERNACLE SCHOLARSHIP for FUTURE LEADERS

Presented by Elder Denyse Bailey and Mrs. Pauline Williams, Committee Member

NYANAH GARVEY
ALEXANDER CARNEY

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB AWARDS
PRESENTED BY JEAN DEVEAUX/LAINA JOSEPH - SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER

WALT REYNOLDS

KEITH ANDERSEN AWARD

Presented by Ms. Gabrielle Flowerman, School Psychologist

MIA VAQUERO
AMOYA BURNETT

THE W. ELISE 'I AM' SCHOLARSHIPS

Presented by Mrs. Whitney E. Pearce - Founder

DYLAN RICHARDSON
ALEXANDER CARNEY

MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE BLACK SCHOLARS DAY HONOREE and ESSAY COMPETITION WINNER:

Presented by Ms. Fay L. Fagan Urban League presentative

SENAYAH MEDE

The COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE PELHAMS - ERNEST H. WOOD SCHOLARSHIPS
Presented by Mr. Robert B. Taylor Esq. and Dr. Lillian Reynolds

LESLEY IYAMU
JACQUELINE CAMPBELL

One FAM FOUNDATION, INC. 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS - This is a scholarship funding raised by various Korean American Organizations in NYC to encourage and support students who overcame difficulties to graduate from high school and go to a college.
Presented by Mr. Jae Yang and Dr. Lillian Reynolds

BRIANNA ABEL
THOMAS ALEX
ACHILLES CAIAFAS
ZECHARIAH CHUNG-SALMON
NYANAH GARVEY
SENAYAH MEDE
ASHLEY NEMBHARD
RAKAYLA BURTON RAMCHARRAN
KHADIJA WILLIAMS

Brief musical selection

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SCHOLARSHIPS
Presented by Church of the Ascension Scholarship Committee Member – Sophia Williamson

THOMAS ALEX
PRESCILAZOE NYARKO
LESLEY IYAMU

THE 2023 KNIGHT TROJAN SCHOLARSHIP
Presented by Ygor Pereira – Founder, MVHS Alumni 2018

ASHLEY NEMBHARD

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY/ TAU EPSILON PI / ACADEMIC HONORS

PRESENTED BY MVHS COUNSELORS & Dr. Pauline Pearce

MRS. FALLIEMARIE CALDWELL
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

STUDENT	*NAT HONOR SOC*	*TAU EPSILON PI*	*ACADEMIC HONORS*
ANOINTING RICHSON			✓

MS. JASMINE CRISS
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

STUDENT	*NAT HONOR SOC*	*TAU EPSILON PI*	*ACADEMIC HONORS*
LESLEY IYAMU	✓	✓	✓
ASHTON RUMALDO			✓
JESTINA SANDIFORD			✓

MRS. PRINCESS FULLER
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

STUDENT	*NAT HONOR SOC*	*TAU EPSILON PI*	*ACADEMIC HONORS*
DONALY BENCOSME			✓
ASHANTIA MAXWELL			✓
DIANA POLANCO			✓
ABIGAIL SALMON			✓

MRS. LOLITA GREENE
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

STUDENT	*NAT HONOR SOC*	*TAU EPSILON PI*	*ACADEMIC HONORS*
THOMAS ALEX			✓
VONDELL HALL			✓
JADA SMITH			✓

MRS. TAKISHA SALES
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

STUDENT	*NAT HONOR SOC*	*TAU EPSILON PI*	*ACADEMIC HONORS*
COURTNEY BROWN		✓	✓
MIA VAQUERO			✓
RUBY DEL ANGEL CANAS			✓
ASHLEY NEMBHARD			✓

MS. TONI-ANN TROMBETTA
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

STUDENT	*NAT HONOR SOC*	*TAU EPSILON PI*	*ACADEMIC HONORS*
DAREN LU	✓	✓	✓
ABIGAIL MURRAY			✓
DYLAN RICHARDSON		✓	✓

MS. PEGGY WILLIAMS
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

STUDENT	*NAT HONOR SOC*	*TAU EPSILON PI*	*ACADEMIC HONORS*
JULIANI AMAZAN			✓
ALEXANDER CARNEY			✓
ETHAN FRASER			✓
NYANAH GARVEY	✓	✓	✓
SHALENA JACKINS			✓
SENAYAH MEDE		✓	✓
JAIDA MILITY	✓	✓	✓
PRESCILAZOE NYARKO	✓	✓	✓
JYNELLE PALMER	✓	✓	✓

WESTCHESTER COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INC.
Presented by Jackie Boucher, Scholarship Committee Member

$1000 Winners

SADE CAMPBELL
ALEXANDER CARNEY
YENNAI CASTILLO
NYANAH GARVEY
ZARA KALLI
JAIDA MILITY
PRESCILAZOE NYARKO
JADA SMITH

HER HONOR MENTORSHIP GRADUATES AND HERO GRANT RECIPIENTS
Presented by Zarayli George, Her Honor Mentee – Class of 2018

BRIANNA ABEL
EIMY ESPINAL LEON
NYANAH GARVEY
GABRIELLE GRAY
SENAYAH MEDE
JAIDA MILITY
PRESCILAZOE NYARKO
ABIGAIL SALMON
LYRIC SAMS-JOHNSON

These NINE young women participated in the HerHonor Mentorship Program in which they were interns for women in positions of leadership in varying fields including….Their efforts blaze a trail for the young women that will follow behind them. We thank Judge Judy Scheindlin and her daughter and CEO Nicole Sheindlin for their continued efforts to level the playing field for young women so that they may become the Heroes of their own stories.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

THE TISHE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS
Presented by Ms. Tisheema Brown – Founder

THOMAS ALEX
WALT REYNOLDS

THE PARRIS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

Parents of two former students who attended Mount Vernon High School twenty years ago. Our daughter, Colette and son, Marc were valedictorians at MVHS and both attended Harvard College. Colette received her law degree from Harvard Law School. Marc completed his medical degree at the UCSF. We were pleased with the quality of teaching at MVHS which contributed to their success. Our children are currently enjoying successful careers in the fields of law and medicine.

EXCELLENCE IN CREATIVE WRITING – JAIDA MILITY
EXCELLENCE IN PHYSICS – ALEXANDER CARNEY
EXELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP/VOLUNTEERISM – EIMY ESPINAL LEON
EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC – MEGNESE GNONLONFOUN
MASTERY OVER ACADEMIC CHALLENGES – MELANIE GONZALEZ-SOTO

THE HONORABLE MR. WILLIAM EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

Presented by Mrs. Helena Edwards

Mrs. Edwards would like this scholarship to be given to a deserving Mount Vernon graduate, who has demonstrated exceptional values such as: a deep love for the City of Mount Vernon; a commitment to integrity; exceptional work ethic and a commitment to public service.

MOUHAMADOU ALOU

AWARDS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK

NYS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Presented by Interim Superintendent Smith and our Principal, Dr. Pearce

$1500.00

DAREN LU

$500.00

LESLEY IYAMU
PRESCILAZOE NYARKO
ZARA KALLI
SENAYAH MEDE
JAIDA MILITY
JESTINA SANDIFORD
MEGNISSE GNONLONFOUN

NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL LETITIA JAMES 2023 TRIPLE "C" AWARDS FOR CHARACTER, COURAGE, COMMITMENT

Presented by Ms. ERICA NAUGHTON – Asst. Principal

ALEXANDER CARNEY
WALT REYNOLDS

In recognition of your tremendous commitment to bettering yourself, your school and your community; your strength of character, which has helped you to achieve your goals and will guide you in making the right decisions in the future; and your remarkable courage, which will aid you in meeting all of the challenges ahead.

OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
For a deserving student who have shown academic excellence and the potential for leadership through involvement in activities that have improved the school or community.

Presented by Ms. Erica Naughton, Assistant Principal

Ovidio Josue Rodriguez Marroquin
Yennai Castillo Sherwood
Daren Lu
Mia Vaquero

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