Meet Hendrick Hudson High School’s Valedictorian Nish Mistry and Salutatorian Brooke Kivel

Reflecting on their academic success, Valedictorian Nish Mistry and Salutatorian Brooke Kivel credited caring teachers among the numerous experiences and opportunities that they experienced in their four years at Hendrick Hudson High School.

“We have so many phenomenal teachers here at Hendrick Hudson,” said Nish. “I will never forget those who cared about how their students were doing both inside and outside of school - the ones who checked in with us regarding sports, clubs or our families.”

Brooke agreed, noting that she “appreciated teachers that got to know us on a personal level, not only through the lens of academics.”

For both students, high school was split into the pandemic and non-pandemic years. And while the pandemic posed many challenges, Nish saw a silver lining in the experience. “The pandemic gave me time to reflect on how to achieve balance between academics and everything else,” he said. “That period of time was certainly difficult, but it also challenged me to do my best.”

Nish will be attending Northeastern University in the fall, where he plans to study computer science and economics. “I am very excited about heading to college, but I know there will be times when I’ll miss seeing friends and teachers in the hallway at the high school,” he said. “I’ve made my best friends here.”

One of those best friends is Salutatorian Brooke Kivel. The two said they have been close throughout their years at the high school and never let academic one-upmanship get between them. “For some students, things can get very competitive when it comes to grade point averages and rankings,” said Brooke. “But Nish and I have never felt that way and, throughout this experience, we have consistently supported one another.”

Outstanding among the many academic and extracurricular activities Nish has been involved in during high school is serving as parliamentarian of the high school’s Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club. “Through FBLA, I discovered a deep interest in business, and it has helped me lay the groundwork for my future path,” he said. He also points to serving as speech and debate captain, senior editor of the literary magazine, co-captain of the tennis team and captain of the varsity bowling team as favorite roles during his high school career.

“Having our bowling team make it to states this year was definitely a highlight for me,” said Nish. “We had an amazing team and coaches. The stars aligned for us when the girls team made it to states as well. We had an incredible opportunity to compete against the very best bowlers in the state.”

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School Board Hosts Retirement Reception

The Hendrick Hudson School District celebrated its 2022 retirees at a reception prior to the June 14 Board of Education meeting in the high school cafeteria. It was the first in-person retirement celebration since 2019.

The retirees, many of whom attended with family members, were honored with warm words of appreciation, special gifts and plenty of hugs.

“This is one of our favorite meetings of the school year, and it has become a wonderful tradition,” said Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter in his opening remarks.

We wish the very best to the following members of the Hen Hud family who are retiring this year:

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Additionally, Nish interned at New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital. Working in the operations department, he learned about how the hospital works, helped develop emergency plans, and generally “helped employees stay happy during the pandemic.” He also served as an administrator at Drop o’Clock, a reselling group providing information about sneakers and other arbitrage opportunities. Working remotely, his role included managing finances, assisting with customer service and helping “move the company in the right direction.”

Brooke will be heading to Cornell University this fall, where she will join her sister Madison (HHHS Class of 2021) and ultimately pursue a Ph.D. on her journey to become a pediatric psychologist.

“I am extremely excited to go to college, and I am looking forward to being on my own,” she said. “However, I will definitely miss the many social aspects of high school, such as the football games and pep rallies and the really close friends I’ve made over the years. I’ll also miss the teachers who made the effort to get to know their students beyond the classroom.”

Brooke points to research she conducted for the International Journal of High School Research on solutions to solitary confinement in the U.S. as being a particularly memorable part of her high school experience. For this research, she worked with prison rehabilitation centers and coordinated surveys with prison directors, exploring the detrimental effects of solitary confinement on inmates.

She noted that another academic highlight was being part of the first class to take Advanced Placement Seminar and Research, a new course at the high school.

Brooke also enjoyed her time as co-captain of the high school’s debate team during her senior year, a role she shared with Nish.

Outside of school, Brooke has pursued her passion for helping children by providing tutoring services through Yonkers Family Service. “These were kids whose families couldn’t afford tutoring,” she said. “Helping these students was very important to me, and I could see the impact the extra support was having on them. I noticed the improvement in their work, and the parents would let me know how helpful it was for their children.”

Passionate about animals, Brooke has spent time outside of school helping to socialize puppies for Guiding Eyes for the Blind, assisting with pet adoption events with the rescue organization Recycled Paws, and interning at the Bronx Zoo.
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2021-22 Hen Hud Athletic Highlights

★ 142 Student-Athletes achieved All-League status
★ 31 Student-Athletes achieved All-Section status
★ Track and Field athletes were Class B Section One Champions
★ Three teams won Section One Championships
  - Volleyball
  - Girls Bowling
  - Boys Bowling
★ 25 varsity teams were recognized by New York State as Scholar-Athlete teams
★ Three Con Edison Award winners in the Class of 2022
  - Mackenzie Calhoun
  - Taeghan Dapson
  - John Sterner
★ 16 members of the Class of 2022 will be playing a college sport

★ Seven teams won League Championships
  - Volleyball
  - Girls Tennis
  - Boys Indoor Track and Field
  - Girls Indoor Track and Field
  - Boys Lacrosse
  - Softball
  - Girls Outdoor Track and Field

★ Hendrick Hudson High School was awarded the host site for either Section One Championships or New York State Regional Championships in the following:
  - Volleyball
  - Boys Soccer
  - Wrestling
  - Boys Lacrosse
  - Girls Lacrosse
  - Outdoor Track and Field

★ Community Service offered throughout the district in support of Mental Health and the 15 For Life Foundation
Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2022

**Allison Abraham**
- 2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
- Athletic Department Award
- High Honor Roll 13 Times
- Parent Teacher Student Association Art Academic Excellence Award

**Kieran Alves**
- 2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
- Hendrick Hudson French Honor Society Award
- Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in the Study of French Award

**Benjamin Anderson**
- Cortlandt Youth Football Touchdown Club Scholarship
- Parent Teacher Student Association Tech Center Award

**Audra Andre**
- Hendrick Hudson Educational Secretaries Association Scholarship
- High Honor Roll 13 Times
- Mountainside Treatment Center, Brighter Future College Scholarship
- New York University, NYU Scholarship, Stern Scholarship
- Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Italian Award
- Seal of Biliteracy, Italian

**Sabrina Antman**
- 2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
- Hendrick Hudson Hispanic Honor Society Award
- High Honor Roll 13 Times
- HOSA Healthcare-related Award
- Parent Teacher Student Association Choral Award
- Seal of Biliteracy, Spanish
- University of Michigan, Victors Award, Nursing Undergrad Scholar

**Alondra Barragan**
- Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in the Study of Spanish Award

**Thomas Barry**
- 2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
- Boy Scout Troop 36 Eagle Scout Scholarship
- High Honor Roll 13 Times
- Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in the Study of Italian Award
- Sailor Pride Award
- Scholar Athlete Award
- Seal of Biliteracy, Italian

**Evan Bartle**
- Honor Roll 13 Times
- Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award

**Katie Bell**
- Lynda Hall Scholarship Fund
- Sailor Pride Award

**Sarah Brizzi**
- 2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
- American Association of University Women Excellence in Writing Award
- ELL Outstanding Tutor Award
- Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School Alumni PTA Scholarship
- Grand Lodge of the State of New York, OSIA Memorial Scholarships
- Hendrick Hudson Hispanic Honor Society Award
- High Honor Roll 13 Times
- Rotary Club of Peekskill, the Robert Flower Scholarship
- This Is Me Scholarship

**Sabrina Byrne**
- Hendrick Hudson Hispanic Honor Society Award
- Seal of Biliteracy, Spanish

**Rowan Caffrey**
- AP Capstone Research
- Cheryl R. Lindenbaum Memorial Award

**Mackenzie Calhoun**
- 2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
- Con Edison Scholar Athlete
- Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award
- Honor Roll 13 Times
- Richard Albert Family Foundation Scholarship Fund

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Lily Callaghan
Honor Roll 13 Times
Quinnipiac University, Trustee Award
Vincent Verdeschi Memorial Award

Kayla Campos
Cortlandt Engine Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary Award
(School District Resident)
Patriotic Service Community Award
Seal of Biliteracy, Spanish

Rocco Capicotti
Richard DiTomasso Memorial Football Award

Gabriel Capicotto
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Athletic Department Service Award
Honor Roll 13 Times
United States Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award
Varsity Club Award
William Stern Post #70 Jewish War Veterans of U.S.

Tara Clark
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll 13 Times
Sailor Pride Award

Aidan Clarke
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll 13 Times

Matthew Cuzzi
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Vincent Verdeschi Memorial Award

Nicolas Cyran
Parent Teacher Student Association Band Award

Taeghan Dapson
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School Alumni PTA Scholarship
Con Edison Scholar Athlete
High Honor Roll 13 Times
HVGCC - Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber Of Commerce Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in English Award
Physical Education Award
Rotary Athlete of the Year
Scholar Athlete Award
This Is Me Scholarship

Dienna De Leon
Douglas Mowbray Art Award

Gianna Deak
Honor Roll 13 Times
Tom Bertoline Memorial Award

Isabella DeBenedictis
Honor Roll 13 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Choral Award

Angela DiBitetto
American Association of University Women Outstanding Student Award
Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School Alumni PTA Scholarship
Hendrick Hudson Italian Honor Society Award
Hendrick Hudson Lions Club Sarah F. Donovan Scholarship
Honor Roll 13 Times
Margaret McCorry Memorial Scholarship
Michael “Big Mike” Sellazzo Scholarship
Seal of Biliteracy, Italian

Shannon Ellis
Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School Alumni PTA Scholarship
Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence In Business/Computer Award

Alana Espinoza
Athletic Department Award
Honor Roll 13 Times

Joseph Faiella
Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School Alumni PTA Scholarship
Cortlandt Youth Football Touchdown Club Scholarship

Katherine Fernandez
Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award

Alexandra Figueroa
Ed Carter Memorial Award
Henry Bethea Perseverance Award
Honor Roll 13 Times
This Is Me Scholarship

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**Braden Flinchbaugh**
CSEA Unit 9162 Scholarship Award
Montrose Business Association Vocational Scholarship
Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award
Sailor Pride Award

**Katherine Freedman**
Honor Roll 13 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Spanish Award
Seal of Biliteracy, Spanish

**Laurie Freitas**
Honor Roll 13 Times
Lynda Hall Scholarship Fund

**Mackenzie Garcia Nacke**
Athletic Department Service Award
Honor Roll 13 Times

**Katelyn Gerhardt**
Sunshine Faculty Award

**Justin Guerin**
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence

**William Hagen**
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll 13 Times
Syracuse University, Whitman Leadership Scholarship
United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award

**Ella Haight**
Hendrick Hudson Education Association Scholarship
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Art Award

**Ryan Ho**
Athletic Department Award

**Alexander Iodice**
Richard DiTomasso Memorial Football Award

**Cassandra Jackson**
Honor Roll 13 Times

**Daniel Johnson**
Honor Roll 13 Times

**Tianni Johnson**
CSEA Unit 9162 Scholarship Award
High Honor Roll 13 Times

**Oludotun Kalejaiye**
Thomas L. Fedele Dedication to Success Award

**Matthew Kazemi**
Hendrick Hudson High School Digital Media Class Award

**Katelyn Keefe**
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Cortlandt Engine Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary Award (Fire District Resident)
Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School Alumni PTA Scholarship
High Honor Roll 13 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Orchestra Award
Robert J. Hill Memorial Scholarship Award
Scholar Athlete Award

**Lyaijah Kingsley**
Parents Committee on Music and Arts Scholarship (Art)

**Brooke Kivel**
AP Capstone Research
Furnace Woods Elementary School Alumni PTA Scholarship
Honor Roll 13 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Award to the Salutatorian
Peekskill Rotary Club Outstanding Student
The Malcolm A. Bump Award for Excellence in Debate

**Benjamin Kohan**
Parent Teacher Student Association Feldman/Kapfer Community Spirit Award

**Adriana Kreatsoulas**
Hendrick Hudson Italian Honor Society Award
Honor Roll 13 Times
Marist College, Presidential Scholarship

**Ryan Lee**
Honor Roll 13 Times
Montrose Business Association Vocational Scholarship

**Ashley Lent**
Hendrick Hudson High School 3D Art Award
High Honor Roll 13 Times

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Carmen Lojano Chasi  
HHCEF Scholarship Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association ESL Award  
United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award

Scott Lupi  
15 For Life Foundation Award  
Hendrick Hudson High School Historical Award  
High Honor Roll 13 Times

Tyler Magnus  
Ithaca College, Ithaca College Scholarship, Residential Experience Scholarship

Marisol Mallory  
Hendrick Hudson Education Association Scholarship

Joseph Mallozzi  
Athletic Department Leadership Award  
Roger Williams University, Roger Williams Presidential Scholarship

Maria Martone  
Honor Roll 13 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Social Studies Award  
Seal of Biliteracy, Italian

Kathryn Marussich  
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 13 Times

Sarah Mason  
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Buchanan Senior Citizens Scholarship Award  
Ema S. K. Price Music Award  
Honor Roll 13 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to English Award

Christopher McGuire  
Clara Montague Memorial Football Scholarship  
Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award  
Honor Roll 13 Times  
SUNY Brockport, Green Scholarship, Eagle Scholarship

Wilson Minchala  
Seal of Biliteracy, Spanish

Nish Mistry  
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
FBLA Business Award  
High Honor Roll 13 Times  
Irwin J. Mayer Memorial Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Award to the Valedictorian  
Peekskill Rotary Club Outstanding Student Scholar Athlete Award  
The Malcolm A. Bump Award for Excellence in Debate

Sydney Muranaka  
Buchanan Engine Company Annual Scholarship  
Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School Alumni PTA Scholarship  
Honor Roll 13 Times  
Thomas L. Fedele Dedication to Success Award  
Vincent Verdeschi Memorial Award

Alberto Nardi  
Henry Bethea Perseverance Award

Joseph Neurauter  
Pace University, Pace Incentive Award

Rachel Ostrowski  
15 For Life Foundation Award  
Hendrick Hudson French Honor Society Award  
HHCEF Scholarship Award  
Honor Roll 13 Times  
New York State Attorney General Barbara Underwood Triple “C” Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to French Award  
Principal’s Award  
The Christine “Chris” Guadagno Scholarship

Astrid Otero  
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 13 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Orchestra Award

LisaMarie Pasquale  
Parents Committee on Music and Arts Scholarship (Music)

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Hendrick Hudson Italian Honor Society Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in Social Studies Award
Thomas L. Fedele Dedication to Success Award

Jenna Perilli
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Seal of Biliteracy, Italian

Erin Pfingst
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll 13 Times

Julianna Picarello
Performing Arts Award

Jordan Porter
Missouri Western State University, Griffon Guarantee Scholarship

Leandra Quick
Honor Roll 13 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Band Award
SUNY Albany Science Research Certificate of Recognition

Josue Rivera
Diane Tangen Scholarship Award
Seal of Biliteracy, Spanish

Tyler Robinson
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School Alumni PTA Scholarship
Honor Roll 13 Times
Irwin J. Mayer Memorial Award
New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Business Award
Principal's Award
Scholar Athlete Award

Colleen Ryan
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Arizona State University, President's Award, Athletic Scholarship
Honor Roll 13 Times
Irwin J. Mayer Memorial Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in Math Award
Scholar Athlete Award
Woman's Club of Peekskill-Cortlandt Award

Daniel Saleem
Performing Arts Award
The George Washington University, Presidential Academic Scholarship

Emma Schembari
Athletic Department Leadership Award

Ava Selvaggi
Cortlandt Youth Football Touchdown Club Scholarship
Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award

Joshua Shea
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
AP Capstone Research
Athletic Department Award
Edward Lent Baseball Memorial Scholarship
Honor Roll 13 Times
Physical Education Award
Scholar Athlete Award
USA Racquetball Scholarship

Sering Sherpa
Hendrick Hudson High School English Award
Honor Roll 13 Times

Keira Skelly
Delaware College of Art and Design, DCAD Merit Scholarship

Sophia Sklar
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll 13 Times
New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Award to the 3rd Ranking Senior

John Sterner
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Con Edison Scholar Athlete
Hendrick Hudson Italian Honor Society Award
Honor Roll 13 Times
Rotary Athlete of the Year

Lawun Tharyar
2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence
University at Albany, Empire State Scholarship

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Hendrick Hudson Hispanic Honor Society Award
Ithaca College, Ithaca College Scholarship, Residential Experience Scholarship
Seal of Biliteracy, Spanish

Yulissa Vallejo
High Honor Roll 13 Times
Seal of Biliteracy, Spanish

Tessa Vayda
Michael “Big Mike” Sellazzo Scholarship

Alexia Vera-Carneiro
Hendrick Hudson Hispanic Honor Society Award
Seal of Biliteracy, Spanish
University at Buffalo, Pride of NY Scholarship, Women’s Empowerment Award

Kalista Villanueva
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Science Award

Kevin Whalen
Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award
Honor Roll 13 Times
Tom Bertoline Memorial Award

Aidan Wong
2022 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
AAPT (American Association of Physics Teachers) 2022 Outstanding Physics Student of the Year Award
Boy Scout Troop 36 Eagle Scout Scholarship
Furnace Woods Elementary School Alumni PTA Scholarship
Hendrick Hudson Lions Club Sarah F. Donovan Scholarship
High Honor Roll 13 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication To Math Award
Patriotic Service Community Award
Seal of Biliteracy, Italian

Jonathon Wong
2022 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Boy Scout Troop 36 Eagle Scout Scholarship
High Honor Roll 13 Times
Marcia Bailey Scholarship Fund
Scholar Athlete Award
Seal of Biliteracy, Spanish
Vincent Verdeschi Memorial Award

Isabella Zahl
2022 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Hendrick Hudson Hispanic Honor Society Award
High Honor Roll 13 Times
Irwin J. Mayer Memorial Award
Math Honor Society Senior Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in Science Award
Scholar Athlete Award
Seal of Biliteracy, Spanish
United States Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award
Hendrick Hudson High School Underclass Awards

HARVARD RADCLIFFE BOOK PRIZE
Kayla Cohen

YALE BOOK AWARD
Peter Kochek

RENSSELAER MEDAL AWARD
Katelyn Krupa

SMITH COLLEGE BOOK AWARD
Alexandria Schaffer

Blue Mountain Middle School Awards

YEARBOOK COVER AWARDS
WINNER: Sophia Jones
HONORABLE MENTIONS:
Katarina Carvalho
Chloe Howard
Meredith McKeon
Mariella Mills

8TH GRADE NYSSMA PARTICIPANTS
Elizabeth Aplenti
Nikko Bianchi
Josephine Cox
Matthew MacGilvray
Brody Marcus
Ada Millar
Alexandra Numeroff
Luca Tucci

HIGH HONOR ROLL - ALL THREE YEARS
Rachael Anderson
Elizabeth Aplenti
Audrey Bakker
Emma Barbelet
Daniel Basini
Isabelle Carvalho
Katarina Carvalho
Josephine Cox
Sebastian Cruz
Nicholas DeFrenza
Victor Delgado
Sofia Donikyan
Addyson Flinchbaugh
Jack Hilsley
Chloe Howard
Sophia Jones
Aiden Lawless
Sasha Lemus Villeda

Brody Marcus
Donato Marsillo
Mariella Mills
Haley Morris
Braeden Mulligan
Samuel Neurauter
Max Parker
Mallory Parks
Sophia Pereira

Marlee Picarello
Jonna Rivera
Jake Rubin
Yorgia Schattman
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Kate Stratton
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When they tossed their blue and white caps in the air at the conclusion of their commencement ceremony on Friday, June 17, members of Hendrick Hudson High School’s Class of 2022 began a new phase in their young lives.

The ceremony, held on the high school football field, included musical performances by The Treble Makers, the Senior Singers and members of the HHHS band and orchestra. The high school’s alma mater was performed by students Sabrina Antman, Isabella DeBenedictis, Sarah Mason, Raniah Quinto and Sophia Sklar.

Fittingly, a Hen Hud alum presented the keynote address. Dylan Gambardella, class of 2014, returned to the high school as the CEO and co-founder of Next Gen HQ, a business that supports entrepreneurship and leadership in the next generation. He urged the graduates to “just get started” on working toward their goals and not let the fear of making a wrong decision keep them from moving ahead.

Valedictorian Nish Mistry and Salutatorian Brooke Kivel each took to the podium with words of wisdom for their peers. Kivel talked about appreciating the “imperfectness of life,” the importance of “surrounding yourself with people who make your heart feel full” and recognizing that “no one around you is expecting perfection.”

Mistry described how, for him, the pandemic was a catalyst for shifting priorities in order to achieve a better life balance. He encouraged his peers to “chase happiness” rather than success alone and to surround themselves with people they can grow with. “Life is what you make of it, not what it makes of you,” he reminded his classmates.

Principal James Mackin, outgoing Board of Education President Carol Abraham, and Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter each stepped up to address the graduates.

Mackin offered the students some simple suggestions around the theme of accountability. “Be honest,” he said. “And if you make a mistake, say you are sorry.”

“Your high school years certainly have been unique,” said Abraham to the graduating seniors. Noting how the challenges of the past few years will continue to shape them, she urged the students to “take the time and space you need to discover who you are and who you want to be.”

Hochreiter thanked district families for “sticking with us through the most difficult time in the history of public education.” Reflecting on how the pandemic had impacted the last few years of high school, he urged the graduating students assembled behind him not to let what they lost define them. “Instead,” he said, “celebrate how you got here.”
Hendrick Hudson High School Class of 2022

Allison Emma Abraham
Ravielle Usares Adviento
Spencer Allen
Kieran Lucas Alves
Benjamin Charles Anderson
Leola Grace Anderson
Audra Bella Andre
Michael Angamarca
Sabrina Louise Antman
Dominic G. Antonini
Benjamin Appleyard
Alison Artieda
Victoria A. Austel
Elena M. Baldo
Samia Alissa Barnes
Alondra Barragan
Thomas Barry
Evan Bartle
Nicholas Bartolomeo
Katie Bell
Sydney Blanchard
Madison Booth
Sarah Brizzi
Matthew Brody
Greyson Charles Bucher
Sabrina Byrne
Ibis Cacanindin
Rowan P. Caffrey
Mackenzie Calhoun
Lily C. Callaghan
Kayla de Oliveira Campos
Rocco Capicotto
Gabriel Thomas Capicotto
Nicolas Castro
Nicholas Chalk
Celina G. Chillogallo
Tara Clark
Aidan Andrew Clarke
Angel Daniel Colon
Kian Rose Concepcion
Savannah Lizette Cruz
Matthew Cuzzi
Nicolas John Cyran
Giorgi Dalakishvili
Dajhan Daniels
Taeghan Dapson
Dienna De Leon
Gianna C. Deak
Isabella J. DeBenedictis

Angela Mary DiBitetto
Daniela Nicole DiPietro
Emma Doherty
Shannon Ellis
Alana K. Espinoza
Joseph Vincent Faiella
David S. Farez
Katherine Ashley Fernandez
Alexandra Figueroa
Tauri Fitzgerald
Braden Flinchbaugh
Nicholas J. Fonseca
Katherine B. Freedman
Laurie S. Freitas
Alyssa Fuerst
Ayden Blake Gabari
Mackenzie Garcia Nacke
Jack E. Gelman
Katelyn L. Gerhardt
Erick Yoskar Gomez Quintana
Onkar K. Gore
Justin Michael Guerin
William Hagen
Ella Grace Haight
Jennifer A. Hayes
Ryan Ho
Alexander R. Iodice
Cassandra Nicole Jackson
Clinton Jaylen Jacobs
Grace G. Jay
Narawit Mason Jetanamet
Daniel C. Johnson
Tanni Lenisse Johnson
Oludotun A. Kalejaiye
Brynn Kaufmann
Tess Kaufmann
Matthew Kazemi
Katelyn Keefe
Hasani Bo Kelly
Shaylen Sy Kelly
Ava Louise Kennedy
Colin Kennedy
Damian Matthew Kennedy
Lyaijah Kingsley
Brooke M. Kivel
Benjamin H. Kohan
Raven Kostulas
Adriana Kreatsoulas
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Brendan Joseph McGuigan
Christopher James McGuire
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Gisella Siguenza
Keira Rose Marie Skelly
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◆ Diverse, effective instructional strategies and resources;
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