



Graduation 2022

# HENDRICK HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT SOUNDINGS

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## 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."



*Valedictorian Nish Mistry*



*Salutatorian Brooke Kivel*

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:

## **Brian Baisley**

Maintenance Mechanic, District Office

## **Matthew Balch**

Custodian, District Office

## **Robert Benzing**

Science Teacher,  
Hendrick Hudson HS

## **Karen Boyle**

Science Teacher, Blue Mountain MS

## **Jay Doyle**

Security, Hendrick Hudson HS

## **Patricia Kehoe**

Teacher Aide, Furnace Woods ES

## **Maura Koch**

Business Teacher, Blue Mountain MS

## **Jill Lingg**

Teacher Aide, Frank G. Lindsey ES

## **Rita Many**

Elementary Teacher,  
Frank G. Lindsey ES

## **Cynthia Neff**

Elementary Teacher,  
Frank G. Lindsey ES

## **John Owens**

Principal, Blue Mountain MS  
(retiring August 2022)

## **Timothy Pierce**

Custodian, District Office

## **Claude Preece**

Music Teacher, Blue Mountain MS

## **Maritza Reynoso**

Math Teacher, Blue Mountain MS

## **Sheila Sincero**

Teaching Assistant,  
Furnace Woods ES

## **Michael Sowin**

Custodian, Frank G. Lindsey ES

## **Diane Swertfager**

Physical Education Teacher,  
Blue Mountain MS

## **Wendy Tarricone**

Foreign Language Teacher,  
Blue Mountain MS

## **Anthony Vetrano**

Social Studies Teacher,  
Blue Mountain MS



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

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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.



# Hendrick Hudson HS Graduates: Where Are They Heading?



American Musical and Dramatic Academy	Make Up For Ever Academy New York	SUNY College of Technology at Delhi
American University	Manhattan College	SUNY Cortland
Arizona State University	Manhattanville College	SUNY Erie
Baldwin Wallace University	Marist College	SUNY New Paltz
Barnard College	Marquette University	SUNY Oneonta
Berklee College of Music	Mercy College	SUNY Oswego
Binghamton University	Michigan State University	SUNY Plattsburgh
Case Western Reserve University	Missouri Western State University	SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Cornell University	Monmouth University	SUNY Purchase
Culinary Institute of America	Monroe Community College	SUNY Westchester Community College
CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College	Montana State University	Syracuse University
CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College	New York University	Temple University
CUNY City College	Northeastern University	The University of Alabama
CUNY Hunter College	Ohio State University	Tompkins Cortland Community College
CUNY Lehman College	Pace University, New York City Campus	United States Air Force Academy
CUNY Macaulay Honors College	Pace University, Westchester Campus	University at Buffalo
Delaware College of Art and Design	Pennsylvania College of Technology	University of Colorado Boulder
Dickinson College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Delaware
Dominican College of Blauvelt	Quinnipiac University	University of Michigan
Dutchess Community College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of New Hampshire
East Carolina University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of New Haven
Fashion Institute of Technology	Rider University	University of Pittsburgh
Fordham University	Roger Williams University	University of Richmond
George Washington University	Salve Regina University	University of Vermont
Hartwick College	Siena College	University of Virginia
Hofstra University	Stony Brook University	Vassar College
Iona College	SUNY Albany	Villanova University
Ithaca College	SUNY Brockport	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Johnson & Wales University	SUNY Broome Community College	Western Carolina University
Loyola University Maryland	SUNY Buffalo State	Western Washington University
	SUNY College of Technology at Alfred	

# 2022 Commencement Photo Gallery



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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 Bilingual, 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 Bilingual, Spanish  
University of Michigan, Victors Award, Nursing Undergrad Scholar

## **Alison Artieda**

Honor Roll 13 Times  
Seal of Bilingual, Italian

## **Elena Baldo**

2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Hendrick Hudson Italian Honor Society Award  
High Honor Roll 13 Times  
Scholar Athlete Award  
Seal of Bilingual, Italian

## **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 Bilingual, 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 Bilingual, 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 Bilingualism, 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 Bilingualism, 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 Bilingual Literacy, 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  
High 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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## **Julia Pennella**

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 Bilingualism, Italian

## **Erin Pfrang**

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 Bilingualism, Spanish

## **Tyler Robinson**

2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School Alumni PTA Scholarship  
High 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  
High 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  
High Honor Roll 13 Times  
Physical Education Award  
Scholar Athlete Award  
USA Racquetball Scholarship

## **Sering Sherpa**

Hendrick Hudson High School English Award  
High Honor Roll 13 Times

## **Keira Skelly**

Delaware College of Art and Design, DCAD Merit  
Scholarship

## **Sophia Sklar**

2022 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
High 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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## **Francesca Tissoni**

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

## **Yulissa Vallejo**

High Honor Roll 13 Times  
Seal of Bilingual, Spanish

## **Tessa Vayda**

Michael "Big Mike" Sellazzo Scholarship

## **Alexia Vera-Carneiro**

Hendrick Hudson Hispanic Honor Society Award  
Seal of Bilingual, 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 Bilingual, 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 Bilingual, 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 Bilingual, Spanish  
United States Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award



# Hendrick Hudson High School Underclass Awards

HARVARD RADCLIFFE BOOK PRIZE

**Kayla Cohen**

YALE BOOK AWARD

**Peter Kocek**

RENSSELAER MEDAL AWARD

**Katelyn Krupa**

SMITH COLLEGE BOOK AWARD

**Alexandria Schaffer**

## Blue Mountain Middle School Awards

*- All Are for 8th Grade -*

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 Hiltley**

**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**

**Mia Schembari**

**Taylor Silva**

**Kate Stratton**

**Olivia Tran**

**Luca Tucci**



# Hendrick Hudson High School Celebrates 2022 Commencement

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

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Ravielle Usares Adviento	Daniela Nicole DiPietro	Ryan Juor Lee	Josue Abraham Rivera
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Benjamin Charles Anderson	Alana K. Espinoza	Brianna Lepore	Colleen Frances Ryan
Leola Grace Anderson	Joseph Vincent Faiella	Erin A. Little	Daniel Sanjay Saleem
Audra Bella Andre	David S. Farez	Carmen Elizabeth Lojano Chasi	Keolani Savage
Michael Angamarca	Katherine Ashley Fernandez	Ronald R. Lojano Chasi	Emma R. Schembari
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Thomas Barry	Mackenzie Garcia Nacke	Alexander Mattioli	Keira RoseMarie Skelly
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Nicholas Bartolomeo	Katelyn L. Gerhardt	William Conor McCooey	Faith Smith
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Sydney Blanchard	Onkar K. Gore	Christopher James McGuire	Martin D. Stewart
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Sabrina Byrne	Ryan Ho	Kevin Murphy	Nicole Maria Teichman
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Rowan P. Caffrey	Cassandra Nicole Jackson	Jake J. O'Neill	Francesca Maria Tissoni
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Tara Clark	Matthew Kazemi	Jenna Michelle Perilli	Marin Wasserman
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Angel Daniel Colon	Hasani Bo Kelly	Erin M. Pfrang	Kevin Joseph Whalen
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The mission of the Hendrick Hudson School District, a dynamic, innovative, and supportive educational community, is to ensure each student is an engaged, passionate learner who achieves his or her maximum potential and contributes to society. This is accomplished in a system characterized by:



- ◆ A culture of the highest expectations for all;
- ◆ A rigorous, articulated curriculum;
- ◆ Diverse, effective instructional strategies and resources;
- ◆ An educational environment that is challenging, creative, exploratory, accessible, and nurturing; and
- ◆ A fully engaged, supportive community.

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