



Graduation 2020

# HENDRICK HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT SOUNDINGS

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## Meet Hendrick Hudson's Valedictorian James Reilly and Salutatorian Matthew Klimek

Attending Hendrick Hudson High School was a transformative experience for both Valedictorian James Reilly and Salutatorian Matthew Klimek, with both students crediting caring, engaged teachers and the school's wide range of academic and extracurricular offerings with helping them grow into the accomplished, self-assured individuals they've become.

"My time at Hen Hud has been nothing short of an amazing experience, academically, athletically, and personally," said James. "I entered high school as a somewhat timid student, always staying quiet in class. Now, as a graduating senior, I have emerged as a confident student, ready to take the next step in my educational career."

James will be attending Johns Hopkins University in the fall, where he is planning to double major in molecular and cellular biology and economics with a minor in computational medicine on the pre-medicine track. He will also be joining the men's track and field team.

Reflecting on his time at Hendrick Hudson High School, he said he considers his teachers and coaches as the biggest key to his success. "All



*Valedictorian James Reilly*



*Salutatorian Matthew Klimek*

of the teachers at Hen Hud strive to create the most comfortable and enjoyable classroom environments to allow students to reach their full potential. Their engagement, passion, and dedication to student success is unmatched."

A track and field standout, James said that his coaches were positive and motivating influences since he began participating in eighth grade. "I could not thank them enough for all of the support that they have given me over the past five years," he said.

Among the many academic and extracurricular activities James has been involved in during high school are Varsity Track and Field, Cross Country, Leos Club and the Green Team. He has been a member of the National Honor Society, Italian Honor Society and

Mathematics Honor Society, and received the Seal of Bilingualism in Italian.

James was named a National Merit Scholar during his senior year and earlier in the year, he was recognized as a Con Edison Scholar Athlete. During his junior year, James was named an AP Scholar with Honors.

Something that James feels had an especially transformative effect on his high school career is the Science Research program. "This program allowed me to conduct graduate-level research under the mentorship of science professionals, exposing me to real lab work, allowing me to have intelligent conversations with other researchers and solidifying my interest in a science/medical career. I am so incredibly excited to take the next step in college, but I will never forget my time at Hen Hud and what a positive experience I had here."

Salutatorian Matthew Klimek points to the high school's outstanding teachers, its wide range of challenging courses and its highly regarded theater program as being the most important reasons for his academic success and personal growth during the past four years.

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## Hendrick Hudson's 2020 Retirees

Although the school closure this spring prevented the district from holding its annual retirement celebration, we wish the very best to the following members of the Hen Hud family who are retiring this year.

### THE 2020 RETIREES ARE:

**Dory Antonini**

Elementary Teacher, FGL

**Janet Balch**

Chauffer

**Dr. Richard Brodsky**

School Psychologist, BMMS

**Susan Burke James**

Speech and Language Specialist, FGL

**Christine Cunane**

Elementary Teacher, FWS

**Jeryl Glueck Stock**

Teacher's Aide

**Kelly Hesselgrave**

Chauffer

**Marie Manner**

Elementary Teacher, FGL

**Mary Ann Martin**

Monitor

**Kathleen Paternoster**

Science Teacher, HHHS

**Bernard Small**

Math Teacher, HHHS

**Rosanne Squillante**

Superintendent's Secretary and District Clerk

**Allen Templeton**

Custodian

**Connie Wieman-Large**

Home & Career Skills Teacher, BMMS

## Meet Hendrick Hudson's Valedictorian and Salutatorian

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"Hendrick Hudson High School has truly brought me out of my shell and made me a better man, well-prepared for college and what lies beyond. I look back at all of my wonderful teachers, and I now realize that I am the man I am because of their support and influence," he said. "But more than anything, I've become comfortable in my own skin from performing onstage in the Hen Hud theater program. Through my experiences acting, singing, and dancing on our school's stage, I have grown so much and have become much more comfortable with myself."

During his time at the high school, Matthew was a member of the Drama Club, Mathletes, Speech and Debate Club, the Literary Magazine, and the ski and tennis teams. He was also a member of the National Honor Society, Mathematics Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society and the Hispanic Honor Society. Matthew also co-founded an all-male choral group called Mensoforte.

Describing high school as a race to the finish line, Matthew likened this spring's shutdown due to COVID-19 to a "giant tidal wave" that destroyed that finish line. "To the underclassmen, this tidal wave is simply a small roadblock, and although you don't see it yet, your finish line is waiting for you a little ways down the road," he said. "To my fellow graduates, I say fight on, pick yourself back up and we will make our own finish line to this race; if we stay strong we will come out of this better and stronger people, ready to face whatever challenges lie out in the real world."

This fall Matthew will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology to study engineering, with a possible minor in music or theater. Saying he knows the next step will not necessarily be easy, he believes that taking challenging courses like Advanced Placement classes and dual-enrollment courses have greatly prepared him for the stress of college. "I think I'm ready to conquer whatever's out there waiting for me," he said.

### How to Find Us



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Hendrick Hudson School District



**In the News:**

*Daily Voice, LoHud, The Examiner, The Gazette, Patch*

# Hendrick Hudson HS Graduates: Where They are Going

American Academy of Dramatic Arts-  
New York

American University

Brigham Young University

Central Piedmont Community College

CUNY City College

CUNY Hunter College

Coastal Carolina University

Corning Community College

Dutchess Community College

Fordham University

Furman University

George Mason University

Gettysburg College

Gordon College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Hofstra University

Indiana University-Bloomington

Ithaca College

James Madison University

Johns Hopkins University

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Le Moyne College

Lehigh University

Make-up Designory - New York

Manhattan College

Manhattanville College

Marist College

Mercy College

Middle Georgia State University

Monmouth University

Mount Holyoke College

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Northeastern University

Pace University-New York

Pennsylvania State University

Plymouth State University

Quinnipiac University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rider University

Rochester Institute of Technology

Sacred Heart University

School of Visual Arts

Siena College

St. John's University

St. Peter's University

SUNY Albany

SUNY Binghamton

SUNY Buffalo State College

SUNY at Buffalo

SUNY College at Brockport

SUNY College at Cortland

SUNY Delhi

SUNY Maritime College

SUNY New Paltz

SUNY Oneonta

SUNY Oswego

SUNY College at Plattsburgh

SUNY College of Technology at Alfred

Susquehanna University

Syracuse University

Texas Christian University

The College of Saint Rose

The Ohio State University

The University of Tampa

The University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Tompkins Cortland Community  
College

Tulane University

Union College

United States Army

United States Coast Guard Academy

University of Connecticut

University of Delaware

University of Hartford

University of Maine at Augusta

University of Massachusetts-Amherst

University of Michigan

University of New Hampshire

University of New Haven

University of Oklahoma

University of Pittsburgh

University of Rhode Island

University of Vermont

Utica College

Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Wake Forest University

West Virginia University

Westchester Community College

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Youngstown State University



# 2019-20 Hen Hud Athletic Highlights

- ★ 70 student-athletes achieved All-League status
- ★ 23 student-athletes achieved All Section/All Conference status
- ★ Student-athletes qualified for New York State Championships in Girls Swimming, Boys Diving and Wrestling
- ★ One Cheerleader was an NCA All American (Fiona McGovern)
- ★ Boys Diving Section One Champion (Ioannis Schattman)
- ★ Volleyball was the Section 1 Class A Champion, New York State Regional Champion and New York State Final Four participant
- ★ Girls Basketball was the Section 1 Class A Champion
- ★ Varsity Cheerleading captured the Section One Coaches Association Fall Section One Championship
- ★ 19 fall and winter varsity teams were recognized by New York State as Scholar-Athlete teams
- ★ Four Con Edison Award winners in the Class of 2020:
  - ▶ Jennifer Gougelmann
  - ▶ Callie Pidoriano
  - ▶ James Reilly
  - ▶ Caitlin Weimar
- ★ 1st Team All State Girls Basketball player Caitlin Weimar became the first basketball player in the history of Hendrick Hudson to have 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds
- ★ Approximately 25 members of the Class of 2020 will be playing a college sport
- ★ Community Service offered throughout the district by athletes:
  - ▶ Student athletes raised money for organizations related to:
    - Pediatric cancer
    - Mental health
    - Breast cancer awareness
  - ▶ Community service also included running various clinics to young athletes in the community.
- ★ Six teams won League Championships in the fall and winter:
  - ▶ Volleyball
  - ▶ Girls Cross Country
  - ▶ Girls Basketball
  - ▶ Girls Indoor Track
  - ▶ Boys Indoor Track
  - ▶ Ice Hockey





# 2020 Commencement Photo Gallery





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# Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2020

## **Eli Aaronson**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Irwin J. Mayer Participation Award  
Marcia Bailey Scholarship Fund

## **Jared Aaronson**

Thomas L. Fedele Dedication to Success Award

## **William Abraham**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Ema S. K. Price Music Award  
Frank G. Lindsey Alumni Scholarship

## **Joshua Anderson**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Brigham Young University, Brigham Young Scholarship  
Furnace Woods Elementary School Alumni Scholarship  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Marsh & McLennan Companies Scholarship  
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in  
Social Studies Award  
Patriotic Service Community Award  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Lucas Andonian**

Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Band Award  
University of Hartford, Founder's Scholarship

## **Julieta Antman**

Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association  
Dedication to Spanish Award  
Quinnipiac University, Trustee Award  
Seal of Bilingual Spanish

## **Jillian Attinelly**

Buchanan Senior Citizens Scholarship Award  
Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School Alumni Scholarship  
Hendrick Hudson SEPTA Scholarship  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Irwin J. Mayer Memorial Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Band Award  
Principal's Award  
Scholar Athlete Award  
This is Me Scholarship  
University of Delaware, Presidential Scholarship

## **Sofia Azizi**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Peter Barry**

Boy Scout Troop 36 Eagle Scout Scholarship  
Gerard J. Buckenmeyer FASNY Volunteer Scholarship  
Michael "Big Mike" Sellazzo Scholarship

## **Isabel Begun**

Furnace Woods Elementary School Alumni Scholarship  
Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Kristine Bhanote**

Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Kristen Blaney**

Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Rachel Boonstra**

Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Alejandro Borba Ferreira**

Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award

## **Aiden Breneman-Pennas**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Michaela Capicotto**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
William Stern Post #70 Jewish War Veterans Of U.S.

## **Valentina Castro**

University of New Haven, Presidential Scholarship

## **Julieta Casuriaga**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Kate Ciulla**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
New York State Comptroller Achievement Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication  
to Italian Award

## **Erin Clark**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Vincent Verdeschi Memorial Award

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## **Justin Cohen**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Hendrick Hudson Educational Secretaries Association Scholarship  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Jonathan Cooper**

The Hendrick Hudson Half-Moon Trade and Arts Award

## **Ashanti Davis**

Bookstore Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Sailor Pride Award

## **Rocco DiSisto**

Richard Ditomasso Memorial Football Award  
Cortlandt Youth Football Touchdown Club Scholarship  
Spirito D'italia Scholarship Award

## **Kate Doorley**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Scholar Athlete Award  
University of Delaware, Trustee Scholarship

## **Olivia Doorley**

Athletic Department Award

## **Leslie Dutan**

Verplanck Seniors of the Town of Cortlandt Scholarship

## **Braden Ellis**

Sailor Pride Award  
Cortlandt Youth Football Touchdown Club Scholarship  
Utica College, Founder's Scholarship

## **Eric Feldman**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Michelle Fernandez**

Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Olivia Freitas**

Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Meghan French**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Hendrick Hudson SEPTA Scholarship  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Mount Holyoke College, Leadership Award

Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in English Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in the Study of French Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to French Award  
Seal of Bilingual French

## **Thomas Fuchek**

Frank G. Lindsey Alumni Scholarship  
Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award

## **Courtney Gallagher**

Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Riley Garcia Nacke**

Scholar Athlete Award

## **Juliette Gaupman**

ELL Outstanding Tutor Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in the Study of Spanish Award  
Rotary Club of Peekskill Aaron Manzer Leadership Scholarship  
Seal of Bilingual Spanish

## **Hayden Gelman**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Hendrick Hudson Hispanic Honor Society Award  
HenHud Drama Performing Arts Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Choral Award  
Seal of Bilingual Spanish

## **John Glashoff**

Henry Bethea Perseverance Award

## **Jessica Goetchius**

HenHud Drama Performing Arts Award  
Marist College, Marist College Scholarship  
Parent Teacher Student Association Choral Award

## **David Goldman**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Hendrick Hudson High School English Award  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Kyle Gonda**

Henry Bethea Perseverance Award

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## **Emma Gormley**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Art Academic  
Excellence Award  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rensselaer  
Leadership Award

## **Jennifer Gougelmann**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Athletic Department Leadership Award  
Con Edison Scholar Athlete  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Science Award  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Michael Greiner**

Athletic Department Service Award  
Cheryl R. Lindenbaum Memorial Award  
Hendrick Hudson Hall of Fame Scholarship  
Varsity Club Award

## **Joyce Guevara**

Verplanck Fire Protective Association Scholarship  
Verplanck Seniors of the Town of Cortlandt Scholarship

## **Madina Habibova**

Thomas O'Connor Scholarship/Margaret & Thomas Lynch  
Scholarship

## **Jessica Hanney**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Cortlandt Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps Kathy  
Stewart Scholarship

## **Beckett Herman**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Varsity Club Award  
Vincent Verdeschi Memorial Award

## **Kylie Hickey**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Dana Ho**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Orchestra Award  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Cameron Hornbarger**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Athletic Department Award  
High Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Helen Jacobson**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Seunghun Jung**

Sailor Pride Award

## **Emily Kaufman**

Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Alexandra Kempski**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Hendrick Hudson Italian Honor Society Award  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
John Cito Maritime Award  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Jacklyn Kenny**

Henry Bethea Perseverance Award  
HHCEF Scholarship Award

## **Matthew Klimek**

2020 National Merit Scholarship Commended Students  
2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
AAPT (American Association of Physics Teachers)- 2020  
Outstanding Physics Student of the Year Award  
HenHud Drama Performing Arts Award  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Parents Committee on Music and Arts Scholarship  
Parent Teacher Student Association Award to the Salutatorian  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Math Award  
Peekskill Rotary Club Outstanding Student  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Nicole Kopfensteiner**

Cortlandt Engine Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary Award  
Irwin J. Mayer Participation Award

## **Andrew Lee**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Douglas Mowbray Art Award

## **Eric Lee**

Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Ryan Leech**

Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award

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## **Marcus Lenz**

Athletic Department Leadership Award  
New York State Attorney General Barbara Underwood Triple "C"  
Award

## **Madisen Lupica**

Athletic Department Service Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Abigail Lustyik**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Cortlandt Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps Kathy  
Stewart Scholarship  
Ed Carter Memorial Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Margaret McCorry Memorial Scholarship  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to English Award  
The "Aha Moment" Scholarship

## **Samantha Mager**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Athletic Department Service Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Scholar Athlete Award  
The Ohio State University, Trustees Scholarship, National  
Buckeye Scholarship

## **Aimee Mahler**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
BASF Award For Science  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Jake Mahoney**

HHCEF Scholarship Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Caitlin Malley**

Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Colin Manthey**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Boy Scout Troop 36 Eagle Scout Scholarship  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Business Award

## **Lexie Marricco**

Athletic Department Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Kathryn McGuigan**

Hendrick Hudson SEPTA Scholarship

## **Marissa McGuire**

Frank G. Lindsey Alumni Scholarship  
Parent Teacher Student Association Orchestra Award  
Verplanck Fire Protective Association Scholarship

## **Brooke Montgomery**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Henry Bethea Perseverance Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Tulane University, Founders Award

## **Jacqueline Moore**

Cortlandt Youth Football Touchdown Club Scholarship  
Hendrick Hudson Italian Honor Society Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Nyssa Notrica**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
High Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Jessica O'Reilly**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Frank G. Lindsey Alumni Scholarship  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Patriotic Service Community Award  
Scholar Athlete Award  
This is Me Scholarship  
University of Connecticut, Leadership Scholarship  
Woman's Club of Peekskill-Cortlandt Award

## **Matthew Olstrom**

Athletic Department Service Award

## **Tulip Osorio**

Hendrick Hudson Hispanic Honor Society Award

## **Emmeline Osuyah**

Hendrick Hudson High School 3D Art Award  
National Society of High School Scholars  
Virginia Commonwealth University, Merit Scholarship Award

## **Marilyn Pace**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition  
Hendrick Hudson French Honor Society Award  
Hendrick Hudson High School Historical Award  
Texas Christian University, TCU Scholarship

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## **Nicholas Perez**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
BASF Award for Science  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Scholar Athlete Award  
University of Vermont, Presidential Scholarship

## **Samantha Perez**

Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award

## **Callie Pidoriano**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Con Edison Scholar Athlete  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Scholar Athlete Award  
Steven "Pud" Heller Award

## **Juan Pintado**

Parent Teacher Student Association ESL Award

## **Alexander Porokhin**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Gabriella Quist**

Cortlandt Engine Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary Award  
Frank G. Lindsey Alumni Scholarship

## **Adhithya Rajasekar**

2020 National Merit Scholarship Commended Students  
2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
HOSA Healthcare-related Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in  
Math Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Award to the  
3rd Ranking Senior  
Scholar Athlete Award  
SUNY Albany Science Research Certificate of Recognition  
The Malcolm A. Bump Award for Excellence in Debate

## **Matthew Regueiro**

Athletic Department Leadership Award  
CSEA Unit 9162 Scholarship Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Le Moyne College, Le Moyne Loyola Scholarship, Le Moyne  
Promise NY Award, Le Moyne College Alumni Interview Award  
This is Me Scholarship

## **James Reilly**

2020 National Merit Scholarship Commended Students  
2020 National Merit Scholarship Finalist  
2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence

Con Edison Scholar Athlete

Frank G. Lindsey Alumni Scholarship  
Hendrick Hudson Lions Club/Sarah F. Donovan Scholarship  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce Scholarship  
Irwin J. Mayer Memorial Award  
Marcia Bailey Scholarship Fund  
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in  
Science Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in the  
Study of Italian Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Award to the Valedictorian  
Peekskill Rotary Club Outstanding Student  
Scholar Athlete Award  
Seal of Bilingual Italian  
SUNY Albany Science Research Certificate of Recognition

## **Heather Riefenhauser**

Irwin J. Mayer Participation Award  
Hendrick Hudson Hall of Fame Scholarship  
Rotary Club of Peekskill Bertoline Business Scholarship  
Susquehanna University, Faculty Scholarship

## **Ethan Romero**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Richard Albert Scholarship Award  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Jodi Rufino**

Hendrick Hudson Italian Honor Society Award  
Hendrick Hudson Education Association Scholarship  
Seal of Bilingual Italian

## **Trevor Ryan**

Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber Foundation Vocational  
Scholarship

## **Tyler Ryan**

Athletic Department Award  
Diane Tangen Scholarship Award  
Frank G. Lindsey Alumni Scholarship  
Louis Materasso Memorial Scholarship  
Manhattanville College, President's Scholarship  
This is Me Scholarship

## **Bianca Scott**

Parents Committee on Music and Arts Scholarship

## **Amanda Siegel**

Athletic Department Leadership Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times

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## **Sergio Siverio**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Irwin J. Mayer Participation Award

## **Mylene Smith**

Physical Education Award  
Sailor Pride Award  
The Christine "Chris" Guadagno Scholarship

## **Siobhan Smith**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Hendrick Hudson Education Association Scholarship  
Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Manuel Socorro**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Boy Scout Troop 36 Eagle Scout Scholarship  
FBLA Business Award

## **Jahyra Speights**

Goldblatt & Associates Law Scholarship  
Honor Roll 14 Times  
Robert J. Hill Memorial Scholarship Award

## **Rachael Spina**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Otto Conrad Staats**

John Cito Maritime Award

## **Brian Stabulas**

University of Hartford, President's Scholarship, Leadership  
Award

## **Rebecca Stratton**

CSEA Unit 9162 Scholarship Award  
Honor Roll 14 Times

## **Escarle Tapia**

Math Honor Society Senior Award

## **Samantha Tarchine**

Siena College, Mission Scholarship, St. Francis Scholarship  
Sunshine Faculty Award

## **Ruth Tenesaca**

Hendrick Hudson High School Digital Media Class Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Art Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award

## **Ethan Terezakis**

Honor Roll 14 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in  
Business/Computer Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to  
Social Studies Award

## **Amandine Tirino**

2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
University at Buffalo, Pride of New York Scholarship

## **Brunella Tissoni**

Cortlandt Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps  
Kathy Stewart Scholarship  
Hendrick Hudson Hispanic Honor Society Award  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Seal of Bilingual Spanish  
St. John's University, St. Vincent De Paul Scholarship, Catholic  
Student Scholarship

## **Michael Tosi**

Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School Alumni Scholarship  
New York State Comptroller Achievement Award  
Physical Education Award  
Principal's Award  
Rotary Athlete of The Year

## **Natalie Urra**

Quinnipiac University, QU Academic Scholarship

## **Caitlin Weimar**

Con Edison Scholar Athlete  
Marist College, Athletic Scholarship  
Rotary Athlete of The Year

## **Paul Williams**

Honor Roll 14 Times  
SUNY Albany Science Research Certificate of Recognition

## **Julian Yu**

2020 National Merit Scholarship Commended Students  
2020 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
High Honor Roll 14 Times  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Felipe Zuniga**

Parent Teacher Student Association Tech Center Award



# Hendrick Hudson High School Underclass Awards 2020

INNOVATION & CREATIVITY AWARD  
*Awarded by Rochester Institute of Technology*  
**Kami Johannsen**

COMPUTING MEDAL AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD  
*Awarded by Rochester Institute of Technology*  
**Aidan Grosso**

FREDERICK DOUGLASS & SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD  
**Katelyn Hartigan**

GEORGE EASTMAN YOUNG LEADERS AWARD  
**Parker Piccolo-Hill**

XEROX AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**Alexander Dyer**

## BOOK AWARDS

HARVARD BOOK PRIZE  
**Madison Kivel**

YALE BOOK AWARD  
**Zoe Rose**

WELLESLEY BOOK AWARD  
**Indrani Malhotra**

## ART AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND AWARD  
**Jonathon Wong, Isabelle Paul**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AWARD  
**Jeffrey Bernstein, Molly Gibson**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS AWARD  
**Eliza Falk, Olivia Taylor**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL  
YOUNG DESIGNER AWARD  
**Matthew Brody**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDIO ART AWARD  
**Anthony Ciampi**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL DRAWING AND  
PAINTING AWARD  
**Lyaijah Kingsley**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL 2-D ART AWARD  
**Jenna DiLoreto**

ART DEPARTMENT FUTURE ARTIST  
OF AMERICA AWARD  
**Norah (Finn) Duraes**

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARDS

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD  
9th Grade – **Ally McManus, Owen Ballard**  
10th Grade – **Gianna Deak, William Richer**  
11th Grade – **Grace Moretti, Frank Godino**

## ENGINEERING AWARDS

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD – IED  
**Tyler Robinson**

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD – POE  
**Aidan Wong**

ENGINEERING CHARACTER AWARD  
**Jeffrey Bernstein**

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY BIOMED CHARACTER AWARD  
**Maria Porokhina**

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD  
*Computer Science Essentials* – **Devin Klimek**  
*Computer Science Principles* – **Elizabeth McDowell**

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL WRITING AWARD  
9th Grade – **Ariel Berkman, Dean Hiltzley, Michael Pieri**  
10th Grade – **Laurie Freitas, Scott Lupi**  
11th Grade – **Fiona McGovern, Brandon Rodriguez,**  
**Matthew Zoller**

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARD  
9th Grade – **Agnes Brace, Madison Figueroa**  
10th Grade – **Madison Booth, Savannah Cruz,**  
**Oludotun Kalejaiye**

11th Grade – **Shannon Burke, Ryan Hunt, Maia Markovitch**

ESL AWARD  
10th Grade – **Erick Gomez, Carmen Lojano**

# Hendrick Hudson High School Underclass Awards 2020

## MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT AWARDS

### MATHEMATICS AWARD

Fox – Savannah Cruz, Frey – Danielle Febres,  
Jandrasits – Dean Hiltzley, Johansen – Kayla Cohen,  
Kalata – Nicholas Hiltzley, Ryan – Michael Vaccaro,  
Small – Peter Burke, Tullo/Ferreri – Luis Dumaguala,  
Weltman – Jessica Zhinin, Yee – Carmen Lojano

### MATH HONOR SOCIETY AWARD

Isolde McManus

## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

### SAMUEL H. TOPPER CHEMISTRY AWARD

Fiona McGovern

### RENSELAER AWARD

Elizabeth McDowell

### BAUSCH & LOMB AWARD

Madison Kivel

## SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARDS

### HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL

#### SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD GRADE 9

Peter Kocheck, Alexandra Schaffer – AP  
Kayla Cohen, Katherine Couch – Regents

### MALCOLM BUMP MEMORIAL AWARD GRADE 10

Aidan Clarke – AP

Julia Pennella – Regents

### MORTON C. LINDSEY MEMORIAL HISTORY AWARD

#### GRADE 11

Fiona McGovern, Olivia Taylor – AP

Betsabe Bonilla Farfan, Madison O'Hara – Regents

### JOHN E. MILLS SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD

9th Grade – Matthew Pena

10th Grade – Justin Guerin

11th Grade – Peter Burke – AP

Yeida Santos, Joseph Lainfiesta – Regents

Cassidy Scott – Academy

### COLLEEN MCGUIRE BLAIR AWARD

Parker Piccolo-Hill, Alexa Ostowski, Dean Hiltzley

## THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL - GRADE 9

Rebekah Anderson, Owen Ballard, Stephen Bishara,  
Kayla Cohen, Katherine Couch, Amya Davis, Fiona Doyle,  
Danielle Febres, Michael Galiardi, Isabella Gatto,  
Rebecca Goldfarb, David Gouglemann, Logan Gouglemann,  
Simrah Hassan, Jillian Hentze, Dean Hiltzley,  
Paige Johannsen, Kyra Johnsen, Alyssa Kendel, Devin Klimek,  
Peter Kocheck, Katelyn Krupa, Ellie Kushnir, Ryan Lee,  
Elisabeth Lersch, Christina Marona, Karli Martin,  
Madeline McKinley, Ally McManus, Anthony Mills,  
Ashley Morgan, Brayden Nohai, Lucy Notrica,  
Tiffany Panama, Morgan Parks, Bixby Piccolo-Hill,  
Andrey Porokhin, Stephen Raguso, Alexandra Schaffer,  
Nathan Schaffer, Isabella Simonetti, Alec Tangredo,  
Brystal Titus, Amy Wilkinson

## THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL - GRADE 10

Allison Abraham, Audra Andre, Sabrina Antman,  
Elena Baldo, Thomas Barry, Evan Bartle, Sarah Brizzi,  
Alexis Bromley, Tara Clark, Taeghan Dapson, Dienna DeLeon,  
Isabella DeBenedictis, Mackenzie Garcia Nacke,  
Cassandra Jackson, Jane Jacobson, Daniel Johnson,  
Tianni Johnson, Brynn Kafmann, Matt Kazemi,  
Katelyn Keefe, Brooke Kivel, Ashley Lent, Scott Lupi,  
Nish Mistry, Erin Pfrang, Tyler Robinson, Colleen Ryan,  
Ioannis Schattman, Joshua Shea, Sering Sherpa, Sophia Sklar,  
Faith Smith, John Sterner, Yulissa Vallejo, Kevin Whalen,  
Aidan Wong, Jonathan Wong, Isabella Zahl

## THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL - GRADE 11

Megan Abatemarco, Adam Acevedo, Diana Alvarez,  
Surya Baskaran, Kerann Belvu, Jeffrey Bernstein,  
Nicholas Bleakley, Betsabe Bonilla Farfan, Taylor Breeding,  
Peter Burke, Shannon Burke, Jessie Corbett,  
Caroline Coronel, Ryan Coulson, Amanda Desharnais,  
Madeline Donnelly, Alexander Dyer, Eliza Falk,  
Frank Godino, Eitan Goldman, Aidan Grosso,  
Thomas Hamm, Katelyn Hartigan, Nicholas Hiltzley,  
Sophia Justo, Madison Kivel, Shu Yan Lai, Kamryn LaRocque,  
Daniela Latras-Castrejon, Michael Lee, Jakob Lentino,  
Michael Mahoney, Indrani Malhotra, Sarah Mandelkow,  
Maia Markovitch, Elizabeth McDowell, Fiona McGovern,  
Isolde McManus, Katherine Mora, Madison O'Hara,  
Matthew Paolucci, Nicole Pearson, Parker Piccolo-Hill,  
Claire Popolizio, Maria Porokhina, Zoe Rose, Vanessa Rossi,  
Alexandra Simonetti, Olivia Spitz, Hannah Stout,  
Olivia Taylor, Michael Vaccaro, Angie Vasquez,  
Rafe Wilkinson



# Blue Mountain Middle School Awards

- All are for 8th Grade -

YEARBOOK COVER AWARD

**Winner: Chrysanthemum Osorio**

**Runner Up: Annabel Levine, Christian Akhtar, Amira Pesantez**

ALL COUNTY AWARDS

**Chorus: Daphne Evans, Max Lipton, Mia O'Malley, Benjamin Ramirez**

**Band: Benjamin Ramirez**

NYSSMA AWARDS

**Orchestra: Elijah Negron, Owen Strom, Veronica Paolucci**

**Voice: Ethan Bromley, Elaine Clarke, Myles Merchant, Mia O'Malley, Chrysanthemum Osorio, Veronica Paolucci, Grace Puente, Amy Ramon**

**Piano: Rachael Anderson, Alexander Wong, Eliza Podvalny**

**Band: Christian Akhtar, Brady Bayer, Eloise Dyer, Tyler McGuigan, Nicholas McKeon, Jorge Morocho, Vincent Navratil, Mia O'Malley, Grace Puente, Chiara Quick, Hannah Quigley, Benjamin Ramirez, Alexander Wong**

## HIGH HONOR ROLL - ALL THREE YEARS

Christian Akhtar, Liana Baldo, Brady Bayer, Ethan Bromley, Kacie Burns, Elaine Clarke, Ava Coulson, Valentina Delgado, Alana Dwyer, Eloise Dyer, Caitlyn Fitzmaurice, Maria Guzman-Duchitanga, Briana Jackson, Shane Jersey, Rachel Keefe, Annabel Levine, Max Lipton, Nicholas McKeon, Haleigh Meliti, Emma Morley, Mia Pajuelo, Veronica Paolucci, Valentina Pascale, Christina Pennella, Kieran Plunkett, Eliza Podvalny, Conor Prokopiak, Marta Przybylowska, Chiara Quick, Hannah Quigley, Benjamin Ramirez, Alexa Robinson, Aidan Schneider, Timothy Sterner, Emily Stout, Owen Strom, Sydney Swiecicki, Annika Terezakis, Julia Visconti, Alexander Wong, Tristan Wong, George Wright



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# Hendrick Hudson High School - 2020 Commencement

Covid-19 may have caused it to look a little different than years past, but the send off for Hendrick Hudson High School's Class of 2020 was no less momentous. The school hosted a variety of unique and memorable events to celebrate its graduates while keeping all participants safe.

Instead of a traditional commencement, with all the graduates on stage and families and friends in the audience, the high school seniors took part in a "Walk the Walk" celebration on June 19 and 20. Held at the foot of the school's front lawn, students were able to experience hearing their names announced as they walked across a stage to receive their diplomas, as "Pomp and Circumstance" was played. Each of the graduates was filmed crossing the stage and the footage will be compiled into a commemorative video for all of the 2020 graduates and their families.

"These were two wonderful days for celebrating the accomplishments of our seniors and their families," said Principal James Mackin, who posed for a photo with each graduate after they crossed the stage. "The entire school community has truly embraced the class of 2020 and has made this a memorable past few weeks. I am proud of each and every one of our seniors; I only wish I could have hugged each of them, as I have traditionally done for the past 15 years."

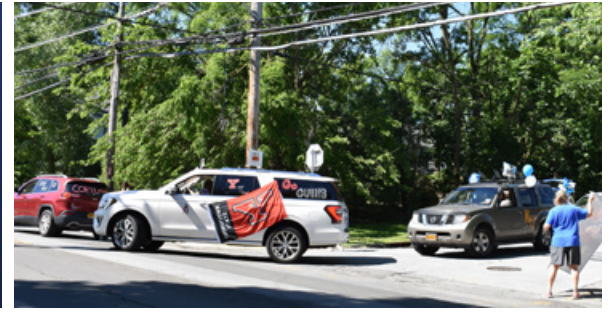
A week earlier, under a brilliant blue sky, the community came out to celebrate the seniors during the first ever "Sailor Shuffle." Students decorated their cars and drove through town, cheered on by enthusiastic crowds of onlookers waving signs and balloons. Escorted by the Westchester County police; Buchanan police; Montrose, Buchanan and Verplanck Fire Departments; and the Cortlandt Ambulance Corps, the students made two stops along the parade route. First, they circled around the high school, where they were treated to a grab-and-go breakfast, courtesy of Food Services Director Clare Carey, and posed for some photos (from inside their cars). They then made their way to the front of Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School, where they received their caps and gowns, curbside.

Many thanks go out to Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker and Town Supervisor Linda Puglisi for their assistance in coordinating these special events with the Hendrick Hudson School District.

## *The 2020 graduates, in alphabetical order:*

Eli B. Aaronson, Jared S. Aaronson, William S. Abraham, Joshua Shelton Anderson, Lucas V. Andonian, Marcus A. Andrade, Amber Anna Andre, Julieta Mayra Antman, Hailey Armusewicz, Hanna Nicole Armusewicz, Jillian Elizabeth Attinelly, Avery Avellino, Sofie Hasana Azizi, Diana Lage Barros, Peter J. Barry, Heather Bassi, Isabel Begun, Kristine E. Bhanote, Samuel Bishara, Kristen Blaney, Timothy J. Bleakley, Christopher Dirk Boonstra, Rachel Eileen Boonstra, Alejandro Borba Ferreira, Emily Brooke Boxer, Genevieve K. Bozek, Aiden Thaddeus Breneman-Pennas, Jacob M. Brown, Amari Butler, Christopher Cagliostro, Anthony J. Capicotti, Michaela Teresa Capicotto, Aidan Carroll, Valentina Castro, Julie Casuriaga, James Walter Cavaliere, Richard Cedeno, Michael Chalk, Kate Ciulla, Erin Margaret Clark, Justin Cohen, Jack D. Cole, Veneleise Colon, Jonathan Cooper, Ethan Joseph Courtney, Taylor P. Cyran, Ashanti Shayla Davis, Bianca DeCrenza, Rocco L. Di Sisto, Kate Jaclyn Doorley, Olivia Anne Doorley, Leslie Melanie Dutan, Braden Ellis, Joseph Nicholas Feeney, Steven P. Feeney, Eric Jonathan Feldman, Michelle Fernandez, Olivia Freitas, Meghan French, Thomas Maximilian Fuchek, Virginia Gabari, Courtney M. Gallagher, Alex Garcia, Riley Matthew Garcia Nacke, Juliette Gaupman, Samantha Gaviria, Stephanie Gaviria, Hayden Gelman, John E. Glashoff, Jessica Nicole Goetchius, Sincere D. Golden, David Philip Goldman, Kyle Gonda, Eric A. Gonzalez, Emma Grace Gormley, Jennifer Margaret Gougelmann, Luke Graham-Urgovitch, Michael E. Greiner, Joyce Guevara, Madina Habibova, Isabel Haight, Jessica Nicole Hanney, Kaylah N. Harrington, Charlie Ann Hayes, Beckett L. Herman, Jose F. Hernandez, Noemi G. Hernandez, Kylie R. Hickey, Dana Ho, Cameron Hornbarger, Helen E. Jacobson, Emily Hanna Jaeger, Grace G. Jersey, William Alan Jersey, Seunghun Jung, Ryan Kaegi, Ruby Chanel Kameny, Mallory R. Karst, Emily Kaufman, Katherine Keenan, Alexandra Marie Kempinski, Ella J. Kennedy, Jacklyn Kenny, Jack W. Kid, Matthew W. Klimek, Nicole Kopfensteiner, Robert Kuhn, Andrew Lee, Eric Lee, Jesse J. Leech, Ryan J. Leech, Marcus Steven Lenz, Jennifer B. Lively, Jason Daniel Luis, Madisen Lupica, Abigail Ann Lustyik, Samantha Danielle Mager, Aimee Mahler, Jake Charles Mahoney, Caitlin Iliana Malley, Colin J. Manthey, Lexie Marricco, Marcella Maselli, Sofia Massari, Christopher Mattioli, Tristan J. Mazzocchi, Kathryn Rose McGuigan, Marissa McGuire, Kenneth C. Meyer, Jeffrey Miller, Brooke Montgomery, Dylan Thomas Montroy, Jacqueline Shea Moore, Joselyn Mora, Khaneil Charles Morgan, Leahonni Noel, Nyssa Notrica, Jessica Anne O'Reilly, Matt Olstrom, Tulip Amélie Osorio, Emmeline Osuyah, Marilyn Pace, Marlon A. Panama, Nicholas John Perez, Samantha R. Perez, Callie Pidorian, Juan Pintado, Alexander Porokhin, Taylor Powley, Ryan Pritchard, Faith Jalyne Pugh, Samantha Queen, Gabriella J. Quist, Anthony Andres Quituisaca-Velardo, Adhithya Rajasekar, Brian Ramirez, Seth G. Ramos, Karli Jean Ramundo, Matthew David Regueiro, James Patrick Reilly, Nicholas Matthew Renzi, Heather Lee Riefenhauser, Matthew N. Rivera, Raven Isabella Rivera, Nicholas Anthony Rodak, Brielle Alana Rodriguez, Ethan Romero, Jodi Lyn Rufino, Trevor Chamberlain Ryan, Tyler Michael Ryan, Hailin A. Sagastume, Ava Schneider, Bianca R. Scott, Tatiana Shaheen, Amanda Paige Siegel, Frank M. Sinistovic, Sergio L. Siverio, Mylene A. Smith, Siobhan Viola Smith, Manuel Socorro, Shane Speechley, Jahyra Speights, Rachael Michelle Spina, Otto Conrad Staats III, Brian Matthew Stabulas, Adam Steinbuch, Rebecca Stratton, Luca Tagliabue, Escarle Tapia, Samantha Tarchine, Ruth Tenesaca, Joseph Tepan, Ethan George Terezakis, Amandine Tirino, Brunella Belen Tissoni, Joshua A. Torres, Michael James Tosi Jr., Samuel L. Trager, Aaron Travis, Sebastian I. Trillo, Natalie Urra, Christopher J. VanTassel, Daniel A. Vargas, Gwenevere R. Vargo, Johnny Villa, Caitlin M. Weimar, Paul Harford Williams, Jayda D. Wilson, Julian Yu, Makayla Zambrano, Harley W. Zern, Fredy S. Zhingri, Felipe I. Zuniga.





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## HENDRICK HUDSON MISSION STATEMENT

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.