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 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 Biliteracy 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.
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

“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.
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
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
Honors 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
Honors 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
Honors Roll 14 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Band Award
University of Hartford, Founder’s Scholarship

Julieta Antman
Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award
Honors Roll 14 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Spanish Award
Quinnipiac University, Trustee Award
Seal of Biliteracy Spanish

Jilliam Attinelly
Buchanan Senior Citizens Scholarship Award
Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School Alumni Scholarship
Hendrick Hudson SEPTA Scholarship
High Honors 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
Honors 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 Began
Furnace Woods Elementary School Alumni Scholarship
Honors Roll 14 Times

Kristine Bhanote
Honors Roll 14 Times

Kristen Blaney
Honors Roll 14 Times

Rachel Boonstra
Honors Roll 14 Times

Alejandro Borba Ferreira
Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award

Aiden Breneman-Pennas
2020 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honors Roll 14 Times

Michaela Capicotto
2020 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award
Honors 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
Honors Roll 14 Times

Kate Ciulla
2020 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honors 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 Biliteracy 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 Biliteracy 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 Biliteracy 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
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 Dedication to the Salutatorian Award
Peekskill Rotary Club Outstanding Student 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 Marrico
Athletic Department Award
Honor Roll 14 Times

Kathryn McGuigan
Hendrick Hudson SEPTA 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
HOSA Healthcare-related Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in Math Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Award to the 3rd Ranking Senior
SUNY Albany Science Research Certificate of Recognition

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 Biliteracy 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
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 Biliteracy 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 Biliteracy 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 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

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

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG DESIGNER AWARD
Matthew Brody

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDIO ART AWARD
Anthony Ciampi
Hendrick Hudson High School Underclass Awards 2020

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT AWARDS

MATHEMATICS AWARD

MATH HONOR SOCIETY AWARD
Isolde McManus

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

SAMUEL H. TOPPER CHEMISTRY AWARD
Fiona McGovern

RENSSELAER 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
Yedia Santos, Joseph Lainfiesta – Regents
Cassidy Scott – Academy

COLLEEN MCGUIRE BLAIR AWARD
Parker Piccolo-Hill, Alexa Ostowski, Dean Hiltsley

THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL - GRADE 9

THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL - GRADE 10

THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL - GRADE 11
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 Swieczki, Annika Terezakis, Julia Visconti, Alexander Wong, Tristan Wong, George Wright

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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:

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- 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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