



Graduation 2018

HENDRICK HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT SOUNDINGS

BUCHANAN-VERPLANCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • FRANK G. LINDSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • FURNACE WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
• BLUE MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL • HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL

Meet Hen Hud’s Valedictorian and Salutatorian Danielle Smith and Melody Munitz

For Hendrick Hudson High School’s Valedictorian Danielle Smith and Salutatorian Melody Munitz, experiences both inside and outside of the classroom played a key role in determining the paths they would choose to pursue upon graduation.

“During my time at Hendrick Hudson High School, I have grown as a student, an athlete, a friend and an individual,” said Danielle. “The school has allowed me to broaden my horizons and venture into new territories.”

“Hen Hud is an amazing district full of unique opportunities and caring faculty,” said Melody. “I have loved learning from teachers who were enthusiastic about their subject matter and taught me lessons that were not applicable just in school, but in life.”

Danielle’s four years at HHHS have been characterized by both academic excellence and outstanding dedication to community service.

A member of four different honor societies (National Honor Society, Art National Honor Society, Mathematics National Honor Society and the National Hispanic Honor Society), Danielle has received numerous

academic awards and distinctions, from achieving High Honor Roll every semester of her four years of high school to receiving the highest Regents grade in both Geometry and Physics (with a perfect score in Geometry) and having the highest average in Studio in Art, AP World History and Spanish.



Valedictorian Danielle Smith



Salutatorian Melody Munitz

Danielle credits the high school’s Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science program with piquing her interest in the medical field. “Each PLTW Biomed class taught me the importance of time management and organization, as well as the importance of having a passion for what you do,” she said.

Giving back to the community has been a hallmark of Danielle’s high school career. A key organizer of the school’s Relay for Life event, she played a pivotal role in helping the school

raise \$46,000 for the American Cancer Society. She also helped raise \$10,000 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital through months of fundraising with the cheerleading team. Danielle also helped found the school’s Stars and Stripes Club, served as co-president of the Leos Club and participated in Habitat for Humanity.

Beyond academics and community service, Danielle was a member of the Varsity Cheerleading and Competition Team and played soccer all four years at the high school, serving as captain of the Junior Varsity soccer team during her sophomore year.

This fall, Danielle will attend Duke University, where she will pursue a major in Neuroscience.

Melody Munitz’s years at Hendrick Hudson High School have been filled with drama – of the good sort. A performer in six shows during her four years at HHHS, Melody credits the school’s “lively theater program” with helping her pursue her passion for musical theater. She noted that, through her experiences performing on stage, she became very close with Erica Denler and Clare Carey drama program co-advisors, both of whom have “become like mothers to me.”

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Hen Hud Board Hosts Retirement Reception

The Hendrick Hudson School District celebrated its 2018 retirees at a reception prior to the June 6, 2018 School Board meeting in the high school cafeteria. The retirees, many of whom attended with family members, were honored with warm words of appreciation, special gifts and plenty of hugs.

The 2018 retirees are:

Janette Aiello, Art Teacher, Hendrick Hudson High School

Salvatore Bottiglieri, Head Custodian, Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School

Marcia Bailey, Math Teacher, Hendrick Hudson High School

Francesca Cerullo, Teacher, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School

Patricia Colesanti, Physical Education Teacher, Blue Mountain Middle School/Hendrick Hudson High School

Gary Delcioppo, Science Teacher, Blue Mountain Middle School

Lynn DelVecchio, Teaching Assistant, Blue Mountain Middle School

Maria Kelley, Custodian, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School

Lynn LaVecchia, Administrative Assistant, Blue Mountain Middle School

Lee Macci, Math Teacher, Blue Mountain Middle School

Patricia Peters, Teaching Assistant, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School

Nancy Philips, Administrative Assistant, Blue Mountain Middle School

Amy Richter, Music Teacher, Blue Mountain Middle School

Roberta Roberts, Music Teacher, Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School

Frances Van Tassel, Administrative Assistant, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School



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Eight Receive Tenure on May 15, 2018

Congratulations to the following members of the Hendrick Hudson school community who were awarded tenure the evening of May 15 at a special Board of Education recognition ceremony in the high school cafeteria. After an introduction by Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter, Executive Director of Educational Support Services Dr. Mathew Swerdloff made the presentation, and Marie Manner, HHEA Co-President, provided comments.

The eight recipients are:

Jean Gismervik-White, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Emilia Kaufman, Teaching Assistant, Frank G. Lindsey ES

Mercedes Lanwehr, Teaching Assistant, Blue Mountain MS

Mara Lepore, Teaching Assistant, Blue Mountain MS

Michelle O'Neill, Teaching Assistant, Blue Mountain MS

Margaret Ruller, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Heather Wynne, School Psychologist, Buchanan-Verplanck ES

Congratulations to all!

Meet Hen Hud's Valedictorian and Salutatorian Danielle Smith and Melody Munitz

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In addition to participating in numerous school and community performances, Melody has used her talent on stage to support many causes, performing at high-profile benefit events in the New York area, from the United Nations Ambassador's Ball Humanitarian Award Gala and Women in the World Summit at Lincoln Center to a benefit for Sting's Rainforest Fund and the Actors Fund Gala. She also performed at the 100th Anniversary of Johns Hopkins School for Public Health and Lyrics for Life, a benefit in support of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Melody credits the school's Science Research program with being a transformative experience. "The research I conducted in conjunction with a professor in England opened my eyes to nuances in the fields of psychology and neuroscience and helped me develop my passion for science, while also learning skills such as time management, how to present effectively, and how to take responsibility for my own academic path."

Melody will be heading to Penn State University this fall, where she will be in the Schreyer Honors College and will pursue a degree in Musical Theatre.

"I will miss Hen Hud greatly as I venture on next year," she said. "As I continue to strive for academic and personal success, I will look back fondly on the foundation that Hen Hud provided me and will never forget the memories made and lessons learned during my time as a Sailor."

[Click here to listen to the superintendent's audio interview with Danielle Smith and Melody Munitz.](#)



Salutatorian Melody Munitz (left) and Valedictorian Danielle Smith.

Hendrick Hudson HS Graduates: Where They are Going

Albright College
American University
Baruch College – The City University of New York
Binghamton University – State University of New York
Boston College
Boston University
Bucknell University
Champlain College
City College of New York – The City University of New York
Colgate University
College of Staten Island - The City University of New York
Concordia College - New York
Cornell University
Dickinson College
Duke University
Dutchess Community College
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Franklin Pierce University
Georgian Court University
Hartwick College
High Point University
Hunter College - The City University of New York
Iona College
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
Lasell College
Lehigh University
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Mercy College
Michigan State University
Monmouth University
Mount Saint Mary College
Northeastern University
Pace University, New York City
Pennsylvania State University
Potomac State College of West Virginia University
Pratt Institute
Purchase College - State University of New York
Queens College - The City University of New York
Quinnipiac University
Rowan University
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Sacred Heart University
Springfield College
St. John's University
SUNY Albany
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Cobleskill
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Oswego
Syracuse University
The George Washington University
The New School - All Divisions
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Scranton
The University of Tampa
University at Buffalo - State University of New York
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Hartford
University of Kentucky
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of New Hampshire at Durham
University of New Haven
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of South Carolina
University of Vermont
Utica College
Villanova University
West Virginia University
Westchester Community College



2017-18 Hen Hud Athletic Highlights

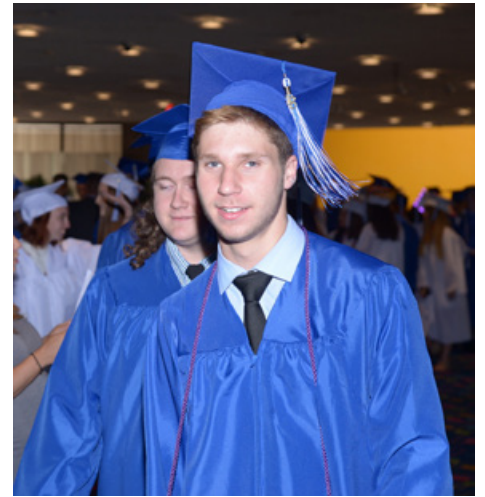
- ★ 130 Student-Athletes achieved All League status
- ★ 35 Student-Athletes achieved All Section/All Conference status
- ★ Student-Athletes qualified for New York State Championships
- ★ 4 Athletes garnered All American status- Carla Guariglia, Amanda Siegel and Samantha Aaronson achieved NCA All American Cheer and Mackenzie Porter was voted an All American for Girls Lacrosse
- ★ Individual track and field sectional champions
- ★ Two teams, Volleyball and Girls Lacrosse, played in the Section One Championship game
- ★ 20 varsity teams were recognized by New York State as Scholar-Athlete teams
- ★ 1 Con Edison Award winner in Class of 2018.
 - ▶ Zoe Staats
- ★ News 12 Athlete of the Week
 - ▶ Mackenzie Porter
- ★ MVP Section 1 League 3 Ice Hockey
 - ▶ Brett Hanson
- ★ Implemented a full-time strength and conditioning coach for after school programs
- ★ 15 Class of 2018 graduates are playing a college sport
- ★ Student Athletes were recognized by various coaching associations across Section 1 with awards and scholarships.
- ★ Community Service offered throughout the district by athletes
 - ▶ Athletes raised money for the following organizations:
 - Breast Cancer Awareness
 - Relay for Life
 - Mental Health Awareness
 - Drunk Driving Awareness

- ★ Community Service offered through various clinics to young athletes in the community.
- ★ 9 teams won League Championships:

▪ Volleyball	▪ Girls Lacrosse
▪ Girls Cross Country	▪ Boys Lacrosse
▪ Girls Tennis	▪ Softball
▪ Girls Winter Track	▪ Girls Tennis
▪ Boys Basketball	



2018 Commencement Photo Gallery



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Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2018

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION AWARD TO THE
VALEDICTORIAN
Danielle Smith

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION AWARD TO THE
SALUTATORIAN
Melody Munitz

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION AWARD TO THE 3RD
RANKING SENIOR
Maya Cacaindin

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD
Taylor Prokopiak
Kyle James

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION GRADUATION
AWARD
Jesse Colombo
Julianna Kuhn
Robert Reyes
Matthew Strang

ART/MUSIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION ART ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE AWARD
Amelia Bisaccia

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO
ART AWARD
Thomas Lorio

DOUGLAS MOWBRAY ART AWARD
Jessica Conklin

THE GLASS MOSAIC AWARD
Jessica Selvaggi-Landry
Joseph Dyckman

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION BAND AWARD
Joseph Tejada
Alexandra Lenz

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION ORCHESTRA AWARD
Quinn Gruber
Andrea Goncalves

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION CHORAL AWARD
Amelia Bisaccia
Marielle Simbulan

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD
Melody Munitz
Briana Mannarino

EMA S. K. PRICE MUSIC AWARD
Melody Munitz

PARENTS COMMITTEE ON MUSIC
SCHOLARSHIP
Matthew Strang

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

IRWIN J. MAYER MEMORIAL
AWARD- SCHOLARSHIP AND
ATHLETICS
Male Athlete - Paul Hartigan
Female Athlete - Taylor Prokopiak

IRWIN J. MAYER PARTICIPATION
AWARD
Male Athlete - William Riefenhauser
Female Athlete - Stephanie Mandelkow

VINCENT VERDESCHI MEMORIAL
AWARD
Male Athlete - Sam Kemper
Female Athlete - Alexandra Lenz

HENRY BETHEA PERSEVERANCE
AWARD
Male Athlete - Vinny Bell
Female Athlete - Georgia Lee

HENDRICK HUDSON ATHLETIC
DEPARTMENT DEDICATION
AWARD

Male Athletes - Alec Dalton,
Noah Schwartz
Female Athletes - Danielle Smith,
Carolyn Kocheck

SAILOR PRIDE AWARD
Male Athlete - Thomas Pecchia
Female Athlete - Tanazia Miller

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AWARD
Male Athletes - Kyle James, Jake Travis
Female Athletes - Vy-Ha Nguyen,
Sarah Vargas

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
SERVICE AWARD
Male Athletes - John Briggs, Kyle Kapfer
Female Athletes - Samantha Aaronson,
Leah Montgomery

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
LEADERSHIP AWARD
Male Athlete - Doug Smith
Female Athlete - Eve Kennedy

RICHARD DITOMASSO MEMORIAL
FOOTBALL AWARD
Alan Porter-Jackson

VARSITY CLUB AWARD
Samantha Aaronson
Sam Kemper

SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS
Samantha Aaronson,
Margaret Bernstein, Jessica Conklin,
Trevor Dowling, Quinn Gruber,
Elisabeth Johnson, Carolyn Kocheck,
Alexandra Lenz, Taylor Prokopiak,
Danielle Smith

ROTARY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
Male Athlete - Austin Fraser
Co-Female Athletes - Mackenzie Porter,
Zoe Staats

Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2018

CON EDISON SCHOLAR ATHLETE
Zoe Staats

MICHAEL W. LYNCH, SR.
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Jake Travis

HENDRICK HUDSON HALL OF
FAME SCHOLARSHIP
John Braggi
Danielle Smith

CORTLANDT YOUTH
FOOTBALL TOUCHDOWN CLUB
SCHOLARSHIP
Amoni Haynes
William Riefenhauser

STEVEN "PUD" HELLER
SCHOLARSHIP
Samantha Aaronson

BUSINESS EDUCATION AWARDS

BUSINESS/COMPUTER AWARD
Fiona Reilly

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO
BUSINESS AWARD
Lynsey Gillespie

FBLA BUSINESS AWARD
Margaret Bernstein

BOOKSTORE AWARD
Matthew Barry

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

ENGLISH AWARD
Natalie McIntyre

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO
ENGLISH AWARD
Paloma Socorro

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION ESL AWARD
Estefania Barragan

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY WOMEN EXCELLENCE
IN WRITING AWARD
Natalie McIntyre

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT AWARDS

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE IN MATH AWARD
Danielle Smith

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO
MATH AWARD
Maya Cacanindin

MATH HONOR SOCIETY SENIOR
AWARD
Marielle Simbulan

MARCIA BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP
FUND
Paul Hartigan

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AWARD
Danielle Smith

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO
SCIENCE AWARD
Melody Munitz

BASF AWARD FOR SCIENCE
Carolyn Kochek
Kelsie MacFadyen

SUNY ALBANY SCIENCE RESEARCH
CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
Melody Munitz
Peter Manthey
Quinn Gruber

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARD

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL STUDIES
AWARD
Christina Alaio

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO
SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD
William Reifenhauser

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH
SCHOOL HISTORICAL AWARD
Henry DeGarmo

WILLIAM STERN POST #70 JEWISH
WAR VETERANS OF U.S. AWARD
Trevor Dowling

THOMAS L. FEDELE DEDICATION
TO SUCCESS AWARD
Matthew Marricco

TECH CENTER AWARDS

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION TECH CENTER
AWARD
Stephanie Mandelkow

CSEA UNIT 9162 SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD
Jesse Colombo
Mackenzie Porter

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Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2018

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WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF
SPANISH AWARD
Marielle Simbulan

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO
SPANISH AWARD
Miracle Cooke

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF
FRENCH AWARD
Maya Cacanindin

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO
FRENCH AWARD
Itzak Rowland

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF
ITALIAN AWARD
Vanessa Nine

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT
ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO
ITALIAN AWARD
Matthew Barry

ELL OUTSTANDING TUTOR AWARD
Estefania Barragan

HENDRICK HUDSON ITALIAN
HONOR SOCIETY AWARD
Briana Mannarino
Christina Alaio

HENDRICK HUDSON FRENCH
HONOR SOCIETY AWARD
Violet Kravitz

SCHOLARSHIPS

WOMAN'S CLUB OF PEEKSKILL-
CORTLANDT AWARD
Samantha Aaronson

RICHARD ALBERT SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD
Natalie McIntyre

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH
SCHOOL FACULTY AWARD
Vy-Ha Nguyen

BUCHANAN SENIOR CITIZENS
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Kelly Driver

ROBERT J. HILL MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Matthew Barry

CHERYL R. LINDENBAUM
MEMORIAL AWARD
Margaret Bernstein

NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY
GENERAL BARBARA UNDERWOOD
TRIPLE "C" AWARD
Matthew Marricco
Vy-Ha Nguyen

PATRIOTIC SERVICE COMMUNITY
AWARD
Fiona Reilly
Peter Manthey

DIANE TANGEN SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD
Eve Kennedy

ED CARTER MEMORIAL AWARD
Jessica Conklin

CORTLANDT ENGINE COMPANY #1
LADIES AUXILIARY AWARD
Fire District Resident –
Taylor Prokopiak
School District Resident –
Montana Nelson

CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL
CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
Melody Munitz

NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Jillian Walsh

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD
Danielle Smith

HHCEF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Natalie McIntyre
Robert Reyes

TIMOTHY CONKLING CULINARY
SCHOLARSHIP
Alexander Lagos

HENDRICK HUDSON
EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES
ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP
Vy-Ha Nguyen

CORTLANDT COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS
KATHY STEWART SCHOLARSHIP
Colin Park
Tess Willinger

MARGARET MCCORRY MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP
Kaylee Febres

SPIRITO D'ITALIA SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD
Paloma Socorro

Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2018

THIS IS ME SCHOLARSHIP

**Danielle Smith
Amanda Margiotta**

GOLDBLATT & ASSOCIATES LAW SCHOLARSHIP

Amanda Margiotta

HENDRICK HUDSON LIONS CLUB/ SARAH F. DONOVAN SCHOLARSHIP

**John Briggi
Samantha Aaronson
Colin Park**

2018 CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Paloma Socorro

BUCHANAN ENGINE COMPANY ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Colin Park

FURNACE WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ALUMNI PTA SCHOLARSHIP

**Danielle Smith
Maxwell Tieche**

BUCHANAN-VERPLANCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ALUMNI PTA SCHOLARSHIP

**Jessica Conklin
Taylor Prokopiak**

FRANK G. LINDSEY ALUMNI PTA SCHOLARSHIP

**Vanessa Nine
Victoria Lennox**

MICHAEL "BIG MIKE" SELLAZZO SCHOLARSHIP

**Kane McKeever
Briana Mannarino**

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

HIGH HONOR ROLL 15 TIMES

The following students have achieved high honor roll 15 times

**Samantha Aaronson
Margaret Bernstein
Amelia Bisaccia
Maya Cacanindin
Jessica Conklin
Trevor Dowling
Quinn Gruber
Eva Hecht
Elisabeth Johnson
Carolyn Kochek
Alexandra Lenz
Kayleigh Lizotte
Natalie McIntyre
Melody Munitz
Montana Nelson
Vy-Ha Nguyen
Taylor Prokopiak
Danielle Smith**

HONOR ROLL 15 TIMES

The following students have achieved honor roll status 15 times

**Christina Alaia
Matthew Barry
Katherine Bhanote
Austin Fraser
Andrea Goncalves
Paul Hartigan
Kyle Kapfer
Ashley Lupi
Kelsie MacFadyen
Brett Mager
Peter Manthey
Leah Montgomery
Vanessa Nine
Fiona Reilly
Marielle Simbulan
Douglas Smith
Paloma Socorro
Eliza Tivnan
Sarah Vargas**

2018 PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Listed below are the students in the Class of 2018 who have overall averages of 90 or above and have taken the SAT or ACT with a grade at the 85th percentile. These are the students who have met the criteria for eligibility this year

**Danielle Smith
Melody Munitz
Maya Cacanindin
Carolyn Kochek
Quinn Gruber
Alexandra Lenz
Taylor Prokopiak
Amelia Bisaccia
Samantha Aaronson
Andrea Goncalves
Trevor Dowling
Margaret Bernstein
Montana Nelson
Eva Hecht
Peter Manthey
Marielle Simbulan
Matthew Barry
Paul Hartigan
Kayleigh Lizotte
Itzak Rowland
Violet Kravitz
Henry DeGarmo
Eliza Tivnan
Tess Willinger
Briana Mannarino
Paloma Socorro
Leah Montgomery
Brett Mager
Mitchell Feldman
Vanessa Nine
Thomas William Lorio**

Hendrick Hudson High School Underclass Awards 2018

INNOVATION & CREATIVITY AWARD
Awarded by Rochester Institute of Technology
Nina Tagliabue, Joseph DiBitetto

COMPUTING MEDAL AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Awarded by Rochester Institute of Technology
Harrison Turner

FREDERICK DOUGLASS & SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD
Connor LaRocque

GEORGE EASTMAN YOUNG LEADERS AWARD
Emily Guida

XEROX AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
James Schiavo

BOOK AWARDS

HARVARD BOOK PRIZE
Kathleen Mahoney

YALE BOOK AWARD
Buu-Hac Nguyen

WELLESLEY BOOK AWARD
Rachel Moon

ART AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND AWARD
Matthew DiLoreto, Kathleen Mahoney

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL
ORCHESTRA AWARD
Timothy Smith, Jordana Emmitt

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS AWARD
Matthew Quarles, Kiely Beltran

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL CERAMICS AWARD
Kylie Merando

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL
STUDIO ART AWARD
Madison O'Hara

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL DRAWING AND
PAINTING AWARD
Thalia Oliveira

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL
STAINED GLASS AWARD
Emmeline Osuyah

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED
DRAWING AND PAINTING AWARD
Jailah Kingsley

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL
YOUNG DESIGNER AWARD
Caitlyn Coronel

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARDS

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD
9th Grade – Jakob Lentino
10th Grade – Michael Tosi
11th Grade – Ashley Perez

BUSINESS EDUCATION AWARDS

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN ACCOUNTING
Matthew Ptashnik

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN BUSINESS LAW
Nina Tagliabue

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN MARKETING
Reese Weidenbaum

ENGINEERING AWARDS

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD – IED
Jeffrey Bernstein

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD – POE
Mathew Klimek

ENGINEERING CHARACTER AWARD
Adam Acevedo, Nicholas Perez

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY BIOMED CHARACTER AWARD
Emily Guida

EXCELLENCE IN PROJECT LEAD THE WAY
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AWARDS
Principles of the Biomedical Sciences – Madison Kivel
Human Body Systems – Adhithya Rajasekar
Medical Interventions – Supriya Baskaran

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD
Justin Cohen

Hendrick Hudson High School Underclass Awards 2018

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL WRITING AWARD

9th Grade – **Betsabe Farfan Bonilla, Laisha Torres**

10th Grade – **Kristen Blaney, Kate Doorley, Rebecca Stratton**

11th Grade – **Kevin Foster, Laura Soto**

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARD

9th Grade – **Rafael Fasolino, Katelyn Hartigan**

10th Grade – **Marcella Maselli**

11th Grade – **Veronica Barrera Acevedo**

HIGHEST FINAL AVERAGE IN ENGLISH 9, 10, and 11

English 9 – **Isolde McManus – 99%**

English 10 – **Joshua Anderson – 98%, David Goldman – 98%**

English 11 – **Thea Barbelet – 98%, Supriya Baskaran – 98%,
Lily Burke – 98%, Pamela Loh – 98%**

HIGHEST GRADE - ENGLISH REGENTS

**Joshua Anderson, Supriya Baskaran, Isabel Begun,
Hannah Chang, Kate Ciulla, Joshua Donaton, Nataly
Forero, Kevin Foster, Ethan Furphy, Hayden Gelman,
David Goldman, Emma Gormley, Carla Guariglia,
Dana Ho, Alexander Lee, Andrew Lee, Pamela Loh,
Abigail Lustyik, Grace O'Malley, Sean Outhouse,
Alex Parker, Maureen Parks, Julian Yu, Joshua Zilker**

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT AWARDS

ALGEBRA I – HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE

Nhat-Dinh Nguyen, Matthew Paolucci, Olivia Taylor

GEOMETRY R- HIGHEST FINAL EXAM GRADE

Isolde McManus

FOUNDATIONS FOR CALCULUS YEAR 1

Nicholas Perez

ALGEBRA II R HIGHEST FINAL EXAM GRADE – 100%

Matthew Klimek, Adhithya Rajasekar, James Reilly

PRE-CALCULUS AB FINAL EXAM AWARD

Harrison Turner

PRE-CALCULUS BC FINAL EXAM AWARD

Larisa Bushkin, Joseph DiBitetto

MATHEMATICS AWARD

**Sofia Azizi, Joanne Blaney, Betsabe Bonilla Farfan, Dennis
Emanuel, Shu Yan Lai, Kamryn LaRocque, Zoe Rose, James
Schiavo, Brian Stabulas, Brunella Tissoni**

MATH HONOR SOCIETY JUNIOR AWARD

Sam Glosser

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION AWARD

Adhithya Rajasekar, Sam Glosser

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN EARTH SCIENCE – 98%

Christopher Connolly, Olivia Taylor

HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN PHYSICS – 100%

Madison Kivel

SAMUEL H. TOPPER CHEMISTRY AWARD

James Reilly

RENSSELAER AWARD

Sam Glosser

BAUSCH & LOMB AWARD

Rachel Moon

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD GRADE 9

Sarah Mandelkow – Block Program

Cameron Montalbano – Regents

Amanda Desharnais – AP

MALCOLM BUMP MEMORIAL AWARD GRADE 10

Emma Gormley – Regents

Joshua Anderson – AP

MORTON C. LINDSEY MEMORIAL HISTORY AWARD

GRADE 11

Thea Barbelet – Regents

Larisa Bushkin – AP

JOHN E. MILLS SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD

9th Grade – **Stephanie Nogueira – Block,**

Catherine Reyes-Narvaez – Regents,

Donovan Burns – AP

10th Grade – **Hanna Armusewicz – Regents,**

Paul Williams – AP

11th Grade – **Immanuel Carbone – Regents,**

Joanne Blaney – AP

COLLEEN MCGUIRE BLAIR AWARD

Mairead Kely, Justin Cohen

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Hendrick Hudson High School Underclass Awards 2018

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HIGHEST GRADE ON GLOBAL STUDIES REGENTS –100%

Joshua Anderson, James Reilly

HIGHEST GRADE ON U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT
REGENTS –99%

**Ryan Arecco, Larisa Bushkin, Lara Castaneda,
Hannah Chang, Joseph DiBitetto, Amanda Donnelly,
Aja Eiden, Emily Guida, Connor LaRocque,
Kathleen Mahoney, Haley Merchant, John Paribello,
Alex Parker, Dennis Pillco, Matthew Ptashnik,
Nina Tagliabue, Richard Walsh**

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

ITALIAN

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – ITALIAN II
Parker Piccolo Hill

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – ITALIAN III
Aexandra Kempski, James Reilly

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT ITALIAN - IV & V
Joseph DiBitetto

ITALIAN FLACS COMPREHENSIVE EXAM - 100%
Joshua Anderson, James Reilly

FRENCH

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – FRENCH II
Daniela Lastras-Castrejon

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – FRENCH III
Adhithya Rajasekar

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT FRENCH – SYRACUSE
UNIVERSITY
Larisa Bushkin

SPANISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH II
Amanda Desharnais, Molly Gibson

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH III
Hayden Gelman, Julian Yu

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH IV
Buu-Hac Nguyen

SPANISH FLACS COMPREHENSIVE EXAM – 100%
Hayden Gelman, Escarle Tapia, Caitlin Weimar, Julian Yu

ESL AWARD

Catherine Reyes-Narvaez, Maria Selena Monroy

THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL - GRADE 9

**Megan Abatemarco, Adam Acevedo, Olivia Albers,
Surya Baskaran, Jeffrey Bernstein, Jessica Bleakley,
Betsabe Farfan Bonilla, Taylor Breeding, Connor Brown,
Shannon Burke, David Buscetto, Jessie Corbett,
Amanda Desharnais, Madeline Donnelly, Eliza Falk,
Rebecca Fareed, Molly Gibson, Eitan Goldman,
Madison Gough, Katelyn Hartigan, Nicholas Hiltley,
Kami Johannsen, Sophia Justo, Madison Kivel,
Kamryn LaRocque, Daniela Castrejon Lastras,
Victoria Malaspina, Indrani Malhotra, Sarah Mandelkow,
Matthew Mason, Elizabeth McDowell, Fiona McGovern,
Isolde McManus, Sara Michelle Soto, Shayne Naley,
Madison O'Hara, Matthew Paolucci, Nicole Pearson,
Parker Piccolo Hill, Maria Porokhina, Zoe Rose,
Vanessa Rossi, Ava Ruggiero, Salena Salameh,
Alexandra Simonetti, Alessandra Smith, Olivia Spitz,
Hannah Stout, Olivia Taylor, Rafe Wilkinson**

THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL - GRADE 10

**Eli Aaronson, Joshua Anderson, Jillian Attinelly,
Sofia Azizi, Kristen Blaney, Aiden Breneman-Pennas,
Michaela Capicotto, Justin Cohen, Ashanti Davis,
Kate Doorley, Eric Feldman, Michelle Fernandez,
Meghan French, David Goldman, Emma Gormley,
Jennifer Gougelmann, Jessica Hanney, Beckett Herman,
Kylie Hickey, Dana Ho, Cameron Hornbarger,
Helen Jacobson, Alexandra Kempski, Matthew Klimek,
Nicole Kopfensteiner, Andrew Lee, Marcus Lenz,
Abigail Lustyik, Samantha Mager, Aimee Mahler,
Jake Mahoney, Riley Nacke, Nyssa Notrica, Jessica O'Reilly,
Nicholas Perez, Samantha Perez, Callie Pidorian, Callie
Adhithya Rajasekar, James Reilly, Ethan Romero,
Siobhan Smith, Brian Stabulas, Rebecca Stratton,
Brunella Tissoni, Caitlin Weimar, Paul Williams, Julian Yu**

THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL - GRADE 11

**Erica Andre, Betty Ann Atkins, Thea Barbelet,
Supriya Baskaran, Joanne Blaney, Larisa Bushkin,
Lara Castaneda, Hannah Chang, Joseph DiBitetto,
Joshua Donaton, Haley Donovan, Tarah Doyle,
Aja Eiden, Sam Glosser, Emily Guida, Mairead Kelly,
Hailey Kissner, Pamela Loh, Kathleen Mahoney,
Nathan McLaughlin, Kylie Merando, Haley Merchant,
Rachel Moon, Buu-Hac Nguyen, Thalia Oliveira,
Katie Outhouse, Maureen Parks, Matthew Ptashnik,
Devin Quinoy, Ke'Ajahnai Ridenhour, Joseph Shamash,
Talia Smith, Nina Tagliabue, Shane Tetro, Reese Weidenbaum**

Blue Mountain Middle School Awards

- All are for 8th Grade -

EXCELLENCE IN SUBJECT AREA

ENGLISH

**Brooke Kivel
Katelyn Keefe**

MATH

**Sering Sherpa
Cassandra Jackson**

SCIENCE

**Jonathon Wong
Erin Pfrang**

SOCIAL STUDIES

**Brooke Kivel
Sabrina Antman**

SPANISH

**Tyler Robinson
Isabella Zahl**

ITALIAN

**Jane Jacobson
Thomas Barry**

FRENCH

Rachel Ostrowski

ALGEBRA

**Madelyn Kazemi
Aidan Wong**

YEARBOOK COVER AWARD

Winner: Madison Booth

WILLIAM FONTANA SOCIAL
STUDIES AWARD

Scott Lupi

GARY MERCER ART AWARD

Julianna Picarello

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

**Katie Bell
Nish Mistry
Dailecy Panama
Tyler Robinson**

THE COUNSELOR'S AWARD

Erin Little

MOST OUTSTANDING ATHLETES

**Nick Bartolomeo
Colleen Ryan**

MOST OUTSTANDING PE
STUDENTS

**Josh Shea
Shannon Ellis**

MOST OUTSTANDING BAND
STUDENT

John Sterner

MOST OUTSTANDING ORCHESTRA
STUDENT

Astrid Otero

MOST OUTSTANDING CHORUS
STUDENTS

Isabella DeBenedictis, Sophia Sklar

LION'S CLUB KAY CHALK AWARD

**Katelyn Gerhardt
Allison Abraham**

AMERICAN LEGION AWARD

**Thomas Barry
Tyler Robinson**

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY WOMEN –
SCIENCE AWARD

**Maria Martone
Taeghan Dapson**

CORTLANDT VOLUNTEER
AMBULANCE CORPS
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**Ryan Ho
Tianni Johnson**

WOMEN BAND DIRECTORS'
ASSOCIATION MIDDLE SCHOOL
AWARD

Leandra Quick

SENORA MILLER AWARD

Erin Pfrang

THE PTA AWARD

**Jane Jacobson
Andrew Krigger
Alyssa Fuerst
Alberto Nardi**

NYS COMPTROLLER'S
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**Nish Mistry
Kayla Campos**

BMMS LIBRARY AWARD

**Carmen Lojano Chasi
Oludotun Kalejaiye**

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Shannon Ellis

HIGH HONOR ROLL

ALL THREE YEARS

Allison Abraham, Sabrina Antman, Elena Baldo, Thomas Barry, Sarah Brizzi, Alexis Bromley, Sabrina Byrne, Mackenzie Calhoun, Lily Callaghan, Kayla Campos, Tara Clark, Matthew Cuzzi, Taeghan Dapson, Gianna Deak, Angela DiBitetto, Alana Espinoza, Alexandra Figueroa, Jack Gelman, Ryan Ho, Jane Jacobson, Daniel Johnson, Brynn Kaufmann, Madelyn Kazemi, Katelyn Keefe, Brooke Kivel, Adriana Kreatsoulas, Ashley Lent, Scott Lupi, Sarah Mason, Christopher McGuire, Nish Mistry, Sydney Muranaka, Mackenzie Nacke, Rachel Ostrowski, Dailecy Panama, Erin Pfrang, Leandra Quick, Tyler Robinson, Colleen Ryan, Ioannis Schattman, Emma Schembari, Joshua Shea, Sophia Sklar, John Sterner, Stephen Swiecicki, Marin Wasserman, Kevin Whalen, Andrew Williams, Jonathon Wong, Isabella Zahl.

Hendrick Hudson High School - 2018 Commencement

On Sunday, June 24, 2018, the Hendrick Hudson High School Class of 2018 held its Commencement Exercises at the Performing Arts Center at SUNY Purchase.

In his opening address, Principal James Mackin reflected on the bittersweet nature of a high school graduation. “Bittersweet moments are difficult, frightening and exciting,” he told the students on stage. “Today you will say goodbye to many of the people who have been most influential in your lives with the excitement of meeting those who will inspire and influence you on the horizon.” Sharing memories of his father as an example, Mr. Mackin encouraged all of the students to always remember “those who have influenced your lives and will continue to define who you become in the future.”

Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter thanked parents and district staff and encouraged the graduating seniors to reach out to those who helped get them to this moment. “You owe much of your success to those in the audience celebrating with you today, and many more who could not attend,” he said.

Salutatorian Melody Munitz advised her fellow students to take risks as they move on from high school, noting “Pro-football players, CEOs and Nobel Prize winners don’t achieve their titles by playing it safe.” Melody reflected on some of the ways the class, school and district have taken risks that proved well worth it, such as hosting Relay-For-Life events and a brand-new Dance Marathon fundraiser, the introduction of the SAILOR program (and Ramona the therapy dog) at the high school, and the recent passing of a Capital Improvement Project.

In Valedictorian Danielle Smith’s address, she referenced the “diamonds” to be found right in our own backyard. “As a class, we have uncovered the diamonds within Hendrick Hudson,” she said, referencing the extensive opportunities available in the areas of academics, clubs, community service, athletics and the performing arts. “Uncovering the diamonds in our own backyard has equipped us with the tools for mining, and we are prepared to mine near and far,” said Danielle, as she thanked fellow students, the district’s coaches, teachers, administrators and support staff. She also expressed a special thank you to family members, “simply for being everything.”

Under the direction of Benjamin Acrish and Erica Denler, the high school band, orchestra and choral groups performed various pieces such as Pomp and Circumstance, The Star Spangled Banner, A Million Dreams (from the movie “The Greatest Showman”), Light of a Clear Blue Morning, the Hen Hud Alma Mater and Anchors Aweigh.

The 2018 graduates, in alphabetical order:

Samantha Emily Aaronson, Christina Alaio, Kelly Rose Alvarez, Kyana H. Andrade, Maiya Joy Aubry, Christian G. Aurand, Tyler Sherman Baisley, Nichole A. Barberan, Estefania Barragan, Matthew Barry, Vincent J. Bell, Margaret Bernstein, Katherine Bhanote, Amelia Rose Bisaccia, Spencer Michael Boxer, John Lawrence Braggi, Saige A. Brown, Maya Cacanindin, James S. Chacha, Cristian Chica, Angel Chiriboga, Brian Chuchuca, Erik Chuchuca, Jesse Colombo, Jessica Dawn Conklin, Jason Conliffe, Miracle Rose Cooke, Emily Cruz, Matilda Kate Curley, Tyler Scott Cyran, Alec J. Dalton, Morgan J. Davis, Keisy De Oliveira, Henry DeGarmo, Matthew Doran, Trevor Dowling, Kelly Anne Driver, Joseph Robert Dyckman, Valentina Espinoza-Cooper, Kaylee Isabella Febres, Mitchell Brett Feldman, Andres Fonseca Castano, Nataly Forero, Austin James Fraser, Dylan Fraser, Donald Andrew French, Brian Gershgor, Lynsey Sophia Gillespie, Hector Giron Cabrera, Erick Gomez Quintana, Andrea Goncalves, Quinn Gruber, Diana Soares Guariglia, Munisa Habibova, Brett K. Hanson, Paul Hartigan, Dylan Haughton, Amoni Khsaan Haynes, Keimoni Haynes, Eva Hecht, Hernan C. Herrera, Shawn Michael Hoysradt, Matthew Henry Imbimbo, Alexis Jackson, Alex Carl Jaeger, Kyle James, Elisabeth Grace Johnson, McNeil Chandler Joseph, Kyle Josef Kapfer, Jack Kelly, Sam J. Kemper, Jacob Kendel, Eve Kennedy, Charles Kern, Carolyn Rose Kocheck, Brandon T. Kocz, Keith Koski, Violet Ann Kravitz, Julianna Kuhn, Alexander Zachary Lagos, Ethan Landron, Cassandra Laureti, Georgia Belle Lee, Joshua Jusung Lee, Victoria Lennox, Alexandra Elizabeth Lenz, Anthony John Lepore, Kayleigh Lizotte, Thomas Lorio, Ashley Lupi, Nicholas W. Lustyik, Kelsie MacFadyen, Michael Mackey, Brett Isabella Mager, Benjamin Mahler, Franklyn Steven Maita, Stephanie Mandelkow, Briana Aurelia Mannarino, Peter Manthey, Amanda Margiotta, Keren E. Markovitch, Matthew Marricco, Rosalie F. Martin, Thalia Matero, Kathleen McIlrath, Natalie McIntyre, Kane Emily McKeever, Gary Medveczky, Thomas Merend, Alexis Merz, Tanazia L. Miller, Kayla Jasmine Mitchell, Anthony M. Mitrione, Leah Morgan Montgomery, Evan Morris, Sarah Morshed, Melody Juliette Munitz, Shaquan M. Nadal, Montana P. Nelson, Vy-Ha Nguyen, Vanessa Nine, Yasmine Nube, Anthony O’Connor, Justin Padilla, James Donald Page, Rachel Palka, Steven Palmiotto Jr., Colin R. Park, Thomas Pecchia, Alessandro Pennella, Angel Fernando Perez, Chrisanthi Pieri, Mackenzie Sierra Porter, Alan S. Porter-Jackson, Taylor E. Prokopiak, Fiona Marie Reilly, Robert Reyes, Jakob Rich, William Anthony Riefenhauser, Itzak Adar Rowland, Michael William Ryan, Noah Henri Schwartz, Jessica Ann Selvaggi-Landry, Jacob Sander Shapiro, Victor Lucien Shelly, Todd Siesel, Marielle Legaspi Simbulan, Rosa B. Sinchi, McKenna Skalky, Danielle Christina Smith, Douglas Smith, Paloma Sofia Socorro, Zoe Staats, Chloe Stewart, Daryl R. Stiloski Jr., Matthew Strang, Emma Tandy, John A. Tapia, Joseph J. Tejada, Maxwell P. Tieche, Eliza Margaret Tivnan, Jacob P. Travis, Jason Travis, Besjana Ugrinaj, Alexa Marie Urna, Sarah Vargas, Joana Janet Vasquez, Larren Vaz, Jillian Walsh, Charles A. Wilbur, Tess Neala Willinger, Zachary J. Wolf, Caitlin Haley Wong, Martha A. Yunga, Charlotte Zhinin, Erick Zhinin, Tommy Zotto



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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.