



# HENDRICK HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT SOUNDINGS

Graduation Issue

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• BLUE MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL • HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL

## Meet 2015's Valedictorian and Salutatorian

### Our Valedictorian

“High school should not just be about learning academic knowledge. School should be about acquiring new experiences, exploring, and learning more about oneself. I’m grateful to say Hendrick Hudson High School gave me the opportunity to do all that,” said Jen Chan, Hendrick Hudson High School’s Valedictorian for the Class of 2015.



*Valedictorian Jennifer Chan*

Jen was the Vice President and Treasurer of the Hispanic Honor Society, Treasurer for HOSA, Treasurer for the Green Team, Co-Captain of the Girls’ Varsity Tennis Team, and an active member of Future Business Leaders of America, Student Government, Math Honor Society, and National Honor Society.

Her interest in business spurred her to participate in the events at FBLA States, in Rochester. At one of her events, Entrepreneurship, she won first place and as a result will be heading to Chicago this summer to compete in Nationals.

Thus, it is not surprising that Jen plans to attend New York University in the fall, studying at the Stern School of Business. There, she will concentrate in finance and possibly marketing. She also plans to minor in Psychology.

Outside of school, Jen dedicates her time to her Girl Scout services. After completing her Silver Award, she de-

ecided to pursue her Gold Award in the beginning of freshman year. The mission of a Gold Award is to identify an issue within the community and attempt to resolve it.

In Jen’s Gold Award project, “The Lindsey Lion’s Laboratory Club,” she had the objective of addressing the issue of low numbers of women in the STEM fields, such as engineering, computer science and chemistry. Since only 21% of people in the field of physics are women, along with an even more staggering 14% in the field of computer science, Jen hoped to change these numbers. For five weeks at the Frank G. Lindsey School, by leading several experiments, such as creating bouncy balls, lava lamps, and even ice cream, she hoped to encourage young children, especially girls, to be interested in the STEM fields. This way, she hopes female students will not be discouraged from male-dominated professions and feel supported in choosing any career.

### Our Salutatorian

This year’s salutatorian, Jodi Scharf, is a dedicated musician, athlete, and student.



*Salutatorian Jodi Scharf*

She has participated in both the Wind Ensemble and the pit orchestra. She has been a member of many ensembles outside of school as well, serving as a trombonist in the Greater Westchester Youth Orchestra, All-State Symphonic Band, All-State Symphonic Orchestra, and All-Eastern Band. In her junior year, she won first prize for brass in the New York International Music Competition, which allowed her to play trombone at Carnegie Hall. She is also a talented pianist, and in her sophomore year, played at the NYSSMA piano showcase, the equivalent of All-State for piano. She has played in a piano quartet with three of her friends, winning third place as an ensemble that played at Carnegie Hall last year.

Jodi has also enjoyed being on the Girls’ Varsity tennis team since the eighth grade. She played first singles as a co-captain and earned the title of All-League player for four years.

Despite juggling music and athletics, Jodi has also committed to volunteering and community service. She is active at her church, volunteering as a Sunday school teacher for third graders. She loves being

around these young children, and has also worked with six-year-olds as a counselor at a camp in Hickory Run State Park, in Pennsylvania. Jodi has also served as an assistant at the Northern Westchester Hospital's Volunteer Office.

In addition, Jodi has been active in an array of student clubs and activities. She has served as Treasurer of Student Government and Secretary of French National Honor Society and was a member of Future Business Leaders of America as well as the National and Math Honor Societies.

In the fall, Jodi will attend Brown University, where she plans to double major in Neuroscience and Music. She hopes to take part in a few of Brown's ensembles and pursue research on the connection between neuroscience and music.

## Hen Hud Board Awards Tenure to Three

Congratulations to the following members of the Hendrick Hudson school community who were awarded tenure the evening of May 19 at a special Board of Education recognition ceremony:

Thomas Confrey (Science - Hendrick Hudson H.S.), Katherine Ostrye (School Psychologist - Frank G. Lindsey), and Theresa Outhouse (Special Education - Buchanan-Verplanck).

Best wishes to all!

### How to Find Us

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**On Facebook:**  
Hendrick Hudson School District

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@HenHudSupt

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Hendrick Hudson Schools

**In the News:**  
*Patch, Hamlet Hub,  
The Examiner, LoHud,  
The Gazette, Daily Voice*

## A Message about our District Website

To all members of the Hendrick Hudson community:

Many of you may not know that Hendrick Hudson is in the process of improving/upgrading its website at [www.henhudschools.org](http://www.henhudschools.org). This project has been months in the making, with significant input from faculty, staff, PTA representatives, administrators, and School Board members.

What this will mean for you is a site with easier navigation, clearer choices, and the same array of key, useful information that you have come to expect from our District. A fresh new look will round out the process.

The website "rebuild" is happening throughout the month of July, with the cut-over to the new site planned for on or around August 1. In the meantime, please note that both our news and calendar information will not be updated during the rebuilding period.

To assist you in your planning, we will post the holidays and closings for the 2015-2016 school year in the existing online calendar.

Thanks for your patience while we complete this exciting project.

Mathew Swerdloff, Ed.D.  
Director of Instructional Technology



# Hen Hud Board Hosts Retirement Reception

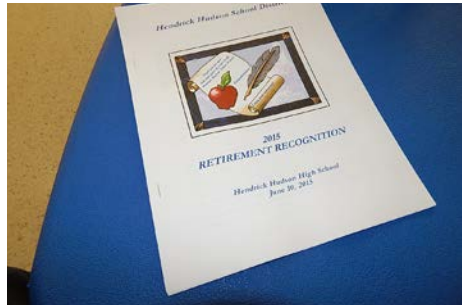
The Hendrick Hudson School District honored its 2015 retirees at a festive reception before the June 10 school board meeting in the Hen Hud High School cafeteria.

All of the retirees present were honored with words of thanks and gifts. Retirees received blue and white wrist corsages or boutonnieres, and there were plenty of accolades, photos, smiles and tears.

The retirees are:

- ♦ Alice Gottlieb, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Personnel
- ♦ Robin Dolacky, Elementary Teacher, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School

- ♦ Lorraine Giametta, Special Education Teacher, Furnace Woods Elementary School
- ♦ Doreen Halsall, Art Teacher, Frank G. Lindsey
- ♦ Sandra Maldonado, Spanish Teacher, Hendrick Hudson High School
- ♦ Nancy McClelland, Special Education Teacher, H.H.H.S.
- ♦ Bernice Mener, School Psychologist, Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School
- ♦ Nancy Rikoon, School Social Worker, H.H.H.S.
- ♦ Pamela Stewart, Elementary Teacher, Furnace Woods
- ♦ Marianne (Meme) Weinheim, Reading Teacher, B-V
- ♦ Stuart Zaiman, Technology Teacher, Blue Mountain Middle School
- ♦ Deborah Palencsar, Secretary, H.H.H.S.
- ♦ Frank Donohue, Teaching Assistant, Frank G. Lindsey
- ♦ Carol Flynn, Teaching Assistant, B.M.M.S.
- ♦ Linda Serafino, Monitor, H.H.H.S.
- ♦ Kathryn Sponseller, Teaching Assistant, Frank G. Lindsey
- ♦ Nancy Trapasso, Teaching Assistant, B-V
- ♦ Nunzio Maffetone, Custodian
- ♦ Nancy Marcopoulos, Special Education Teacher Aide
- ♦ Joseph Stamboni, Music Teacher



# Hen Hud Appoints Ruller to Curriculum Position

At its May 19th meeting, the Hendrick Hudson School Board appointed Dr. Margaret Ruller Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction. On July 1st, she will assume her new leadership role.

Ruller, currently the Director of Curriculum & Instruction in the Clarkstown Schools, is an experienced educator, having worked as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and district curriculum supervisor in her 20-plus years in education. Prior to her years in education, Dr. Ruller worked in the private sector for a financial services firm in midtown Manhattan.

Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter said, "I am excited to work with Margaret. Her experiences and commitment to building strong, sustainable professional development opportunities will be an asset and help move our organization forward."

Ruller earned her Bachelor's in Business Administration from Marymount Manhattan and her Master's in elementary education from the Long Island University. She holds a Certificate of Advanced Studies-Administration from Teachers College and, in March 2013, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation at Manhattanville College. She has been instrumental in leading district and building-level initiatives focused on school improvement and teacher



*Dr. Margaret Ruller*

leadership, all with a focus on increased student achievement.

"Uppermost in my mind is the fact that this journey belongs to the student," Ruller said. "How can we work together to make that journey as engaging and meaningful an experience as possible so that all kids reach their potential?"

Initially Ruller had a pre-screening interview with Superintendent Hochreiter, followed by a larger committee interview of twenty-three people. Ruller was impressed by the commitment of the interview committee and their comprehensive questions. She praised this committee, stating the depth of the professional conversation solidified her desire to be part of the Hen Hud community.

Asked about her plans as she begins her work at Hen Hud, Ruller replied, "I will be spending quite a few days in district in the month of June to make the transition as smooth as possible. I anticipate meeting with our leadership team, including teacher leadership groups, and visiting schools before I officially begin on July 1st."

On a personal note, Ruller and her husband Peter have three children, Kristen, and twins Megan and Greg, ages 29 and 26, each respectively an architect, veterinary student, and video editor. Her family also includes three family dogs – a boxer, a yellow Labrador retriever, and a Bernese mountain dog. Dr. Ruller is a resident of Cortlandt Manor. She loves spending time with her family and friends, reading and traveling when possible. Most importantly, she is a diehard Mets fan.

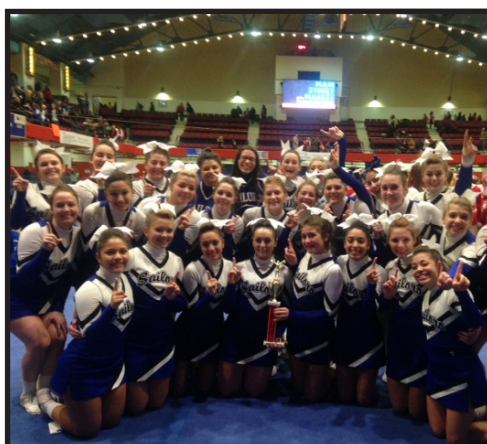
"Margaret's credentials and experiences are impressive," Superintendent Hochreiter continued. "As we wish our outgoing Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Personnel, Dr. Alice Gottlieb, well in her retirement, I am confident Margaret will take the baton and continue to move and inspire Hendrick Hudson staff to do great things for kids and make us a Destination District. We welcome Dr. Ruller to the Hendrick Hudson school community."

## Hen Hud Seniors: Where They're Going

Albany College of Pharmacy	Fordham University - Lincoln Center	Merrimack College
Antioch College	Campus/Rose Hill Campus	Monmouth University
Binghamton University	Grove City College	Mount Saint Mary College
Boston College	Hunter College of the CUNY	Muhlenberg College
Boston University	Iona College	New England Institute of Technology
Brigham Young University	Ithaca College	New York University
Brown University	John Jay College of Criminal Justice of CUNY	Northeastern University
Clemson University	Johns Hopkins University	Occidental College
Colgate University	Keene State College	Pace University, New York City
Cornell University	King's College	Pennsylvania State University, University Park
CUNY-Macaulay Honors College	Lawrence University	Purchase College State University of N.Y.
Dutchess Community College	Loyola University Maryland	Quinnipiac University
Emory University	Manhattan College	Ringling College of Art and Design
Fairfield University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Rochester Institute of Technology
Florida Atlantic University	McGill University	Rockland Community College
	Mercy College	

# Hendrick Hudson Athletic Highlights for 2014-15

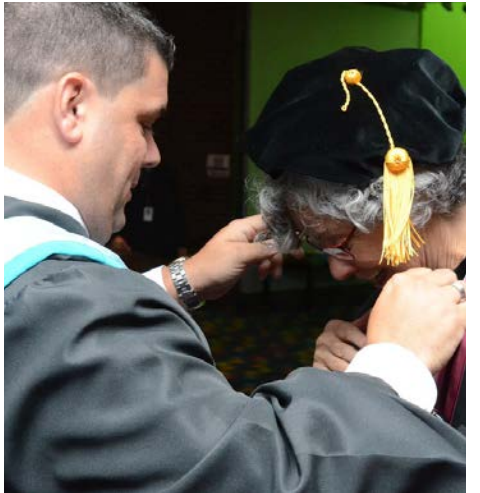
- 91 Student-Athletes achieved All League status
  - 29 Student-Athletes achieved All Section/All Conference status
  - 2 Student-Athletes qualified for New York State Championships
  - Cheerleading won the Westchester County Championship and qualified for Nationals.
  - Over 90% of our teams were recognized by New York State as Scholar-Athlete teams
  - 2 Con Edison Award winners in Class of 2015.
  - Implemented an innovative Speed and Agility Program for Student-Athletes
  - 17 members of Class of 2015 are playing a college sport
  - Student Athletes were recognized by various coaching associations across Section 1 with awards and scholarships. Boys' Basketball and Ice Hockey were honored.
  - Hen Hud has its first-ever nomination of a coach to the Westchester County Hall of Fame--*Diane Swertfager, Varsity Volleyball*
- Community Service offered throughout the district by athletes.
    - ♦Athletes raised money for the following organizations:
      - ♦Friends of Jaclyn for Pediatric Cancer Awareness
      - ♦Hope's Door for Domestic Violence Awareness
      - ♦Support Connections for Breast Cancer Awareness
    - ♦Athletes also offered service through various clinics to young athletes in the community
  - 8 teams won League Championships:
    - ♦Volleyball
    - ♦Boys' Soccer
    - ♦Wrestling
    - ♦Girls' Winter Track
    - ♦Boys' Tennis
    - ♦Golf
    - ♦Girls' Spring Track
    - ♦Softball



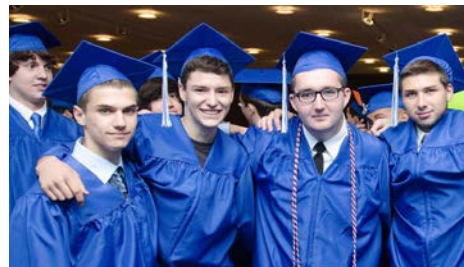
## Hen Hud Seniors: Where They're Going

Roger Williams University	Syracuse University	University of Denver
Rutgers University-New Brunswick	Temple University	University of Hartford
San Diego State University	The College of Westchester	University of Kentucky
Siena College	The George Washington University	University of Maryland, College Park
Smith College	The Juilliard School	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Southern Methodist University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	University of New Hampshire
State University of New York - Plattsburgh	The University of the Arts	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
State University of New York at Albany	Tompkins Cortland Community College	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
State University of New York at New Paltz	Towson University	University of Rhode Island
SUNY College at Cobleskill	Tufts University	University of South Carolina
SUNY College at Cortland	Tulane University	University of Vermont
SUNY College at Geneseo	United States Air Force Academy	West Virginia University
SUNY College at Oneonta	University at Buffalo the State University of N.Y.	Westchester Community College
SUNY College at Potsdam	University of Colorado at Boulder	Western New England University
SUNY Delhi	University of Delaware	Western Wisconsin Technical College
SUNY Oswego		

# Commencement Photo Gallery



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# Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2015

## **Drew Abatemarco**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Italian Honor Society Academic Award  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Alexa Amato**

Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Nicholas Anapol**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Italian Honor Society Academic Award  
Patriotic Service Community Award  
Scholar Athlete Award

Town of Cortlandt Certificate of Award

William Stern Post #70 Jewish War Veterans of U.S. Award

## **Kelson Anderson**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Megan Anstett**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Roxanne Arecco**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Herff Jones Believe In You Principal's Award  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Performing Arts Award

## **Emily Aurand**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
HHCEF Scholarship Award  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Jake Avellino**

Sally Schecter Debate and Speech Award

## **Wali Azizi**

Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award

## **Diana Acevedo-Barrera**

Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Business  
Award

## **Rachel Blitzer**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition  
Cortlandt Engine Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary Award –  
School District Resident  
High Honor Roll – 15 Times

Irwin J. Mayer Memorial Award-Scholarship and Athletics

## **Kelly Brennan**

Athletic Department Award  
Plattsburgh Freshman Merit Scholarship

## **Jennifer Brown**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Xena Burbano**

Principal's Award

## **Brian Calcutti**

Stephen C. Keenan Memorial Award

## **Natasha Camino**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Circolo DaVinci Award  
Italian Honor Society Academic Award

## **Marissa Campanelli**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Mackenzie Carney**

CSEA Unit 9162 Scholarship Award

## **Aoife Casey**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
2015 Scholarship for Academic Excellence  
Cortlandt Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps Annual  
Scholarship

Cortlandt Engine Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary Award- Fire  
District Resident

Cortlandt Lodge No. 34 Free & Accepted Mason –  
2015 Samuel Topper Award

Hendrick Hudson Lions Club/Sarah F. Donovan Scholarship  
High Honor Roll – 15 Times

Margaret McCorry Memorial Scholarship

Math Honor Society Senior Award

Scholar Athlete Award

Steven "Pud" Heller Scholarship

Work Ethic Award

## **Jennifer Chan**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Frank G. Lindsey Alumni Scholarship

High Honor Roll – 15 Times

Parent Teacher Student Association Award to the Valedictorian  
Peekskill Rotary Club Outstanding Scholarship Student

Scholar Athlete Award

## **Harrison Chen**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Colgate University Benton Scholar

Honor Roll – 15 Times

Parent Teacher Student Association Academic  
Excellence in Science Award

## **Zhao Chen**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

Richard Albert Scholarship Award

Simon Youth Foundation Scholarship

## **Michael Ciofalo**

Sailor Pride Award

## **Michael Ciulla**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
2015 National Merit Scholarship – Commended Student

Honor Roll – 15 Times

Scholar Athlete Award

## **Madeline Cohen**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
2015 National Merit Scholarship – Commended Student

2015 Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Corinne Cordts**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence

## **Nicholas Correia**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence

## **Megan Cruikshank**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

SMU Discovery Scholarship

SMU Founders Scholarship

## **Luca Cuccia**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
High Honor Roll – 15 Times

Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Italian Award



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## **Aidan Datene**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
2015 Scholarship for Academic Excellence  
Con Edison Scholar Athlete  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Scholar Athlete Award

The College of Westchester Outstanding Achievement  
in Leadership Award

## **Dayna DiCola**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Ed Carter Memorial Award

## **Michael DiPietro**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Athletic Department Award  
New York State Society of CPA's Westchester Chapter –  
George Mandel Scholarship

## **Antonia Dolan**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
American Association of University Women  
Excellence in Writing Award  
Athletic Department Service Award  
Hendrick Hudson Lion's Club/Sarah F. Donovan Scholarship  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

Parent Teacher Student Association ESL Award  
Yara Louise Heston Memorial Service Award

## **Danica Donovan**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Orchestra Award

## **Brianna Dustin**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Dominique Eberhard**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
2015 Scholarship for Academic Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Math Award

## **Isaac Elkin**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
**Gabrielle Esposito**

Athletic Department Award

## **Amber Feminella**

Rotary Athlete of the Year

## **James Flynn**

Athletic Department Service Award

## **Emma Fogel**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
High Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Muhlenberg College Grant  
Muhlenberg Presidential Merit Scholarship  
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence  
in the Study of Spanish Award  
Patriotic Service Community Award

## **Daniel Forero**

Irwin J. Mayer Participation Award

## **Joseph Gallo**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
High Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication  
to Italian Award  
Scholar Athlete Award

## **Gabrielle Garcia**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

MICA Academic Honors Scholarship

MICA National Art Honor Society Scholarship

MICA Recognition Award

Parent Teacher Student Association Art Academic  
Excellence Award

## **Jason Gershgorn**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Hendrick Hudson High School Faculty Award  
High Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication  
to Spanish Award

## **Michelle Giannetta**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence  
in Social Studies Award

## **Richard Given**

Thomas L. Fedele Dedication to Success Award

## **Amy Glashoff**

Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School Alumni  
PTA Scholarship

Hendrick Hudson Educational Association Scholarship  
Hendrick Hudson Hall of Fame Scholarship  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Rotary Athlete of the Year

## **Matthew Goetchius**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Parent Teacher Student Association Orchestra Award

## **Carolyn Hamm**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Christopher Columbus Society Ladies Auxiliary Award  
High Honor Roll – 15 Times

Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence  
in Math Award

## **Emily Hayes**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Buckner Award for Understanding, Acceptance,  
and Compassion

Cheryl R. Lindenbaum Memorial Award

Frank G. Lindsey Alumni Scholarship

Parent Teacher Student Association Choral Award

Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication  
to Social Studies Award

## **Brian Ho**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Jordan Hudock**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
The College of Westchester Outstanding Achievement  
in Business Education Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence  
in English Award

## **Carson Jacobs**

Rotary Athlete of the Year

## **Amy Jacobson**

The College of Westchester Outstanding Determination  
in Business Education Award

# Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2015

## **Kenneth Johnson**

Athletic Department Award

## **Michaella Kear**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Lauren Kearney**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
2015 Scholarship for Academic Excellence  
Fairfield University Magis Scholarship  
High Honor Roll – 15 Times

Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence  
in the Study of Italian Award

Scholar Athlete Award

Woman's Club of Peekskill-Cortlandt Award

## **Adam Kemper**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
2015 Scholarship for Academic Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Matthew Kenny**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Irwin J. Mayer Memorial Award-Scholarship and Athletics  
Furnace Woods Elementary School Alumni Scholarship

## **James Kertelits**

Hendrick Hudson Hall of Fame Scholarship

## **Matthew Kolesar**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

New York State Attorney General Triple "C" Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence  
in Business/Computer Award

Robert J. Hill Memorial Scholarship Award

Vincent Verdeschi Memorial Award

## **Tianna Lampkin**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
American Association of University Women Outstanding  
Student Award

Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Celine Lee**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Emma Lesnick**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Athletic Department Leadership Award

## **Morgan Loh**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Con Edison Scholar Athlete

Hendrick Hudson High School Historical Award  
High Honor Roll – 15 Times

Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication  
to French Award

Scholar Athlete Award

## **Ryan Lustyik**

Jack McGuire Memorial Scholarship

## **Marissa Marash**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence

## **Jillian McCarthy**

Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award  
Sailor Pride Award

## **Christopher McGinnis**

2015 Christopher Columbus Society Scholarship Award

## **Michaela McGovern**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Fredonia Dean's Scholar Award

New York State Attorney General Triple "C" Award  
Parent Teacher Student Association Choral Award

## **Peter McGowan**

Hendrick Hudson Athletics Perseverance Award

## **Kate McGuire**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Robert McIlrath**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence

## **Melissa McMann**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Hendrick Hudson Athletics Perseverance Award

Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Michael Migliore**

Aaron Copland Excellence in Music Award

## **Jeremy Morris**

Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award

## **Jazz Munitz**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
FBLA Business Award

Glaser Orthodontics Scholarship

HHCEF Scholarship Award

New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital  
Auxiliary Scholarship Award

New York State Comptroller's 2015 Student  
Achievement Award

President's Volunteer Service Award

Spirit of Community Award – Certificate of Excellence

## **Jasmin Murray**

Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Huyen-Uyen Nguyen**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence

## **Patrice O'Donnell**

High Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Cindy Palaguachi**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
CSEA Unit 9162 Scholarship Award

## **Nina Parente**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence

## **Nina Park**

Buchanan Engine Company Annual Scholarship  
Cortlandt Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Annual Scholarship

## **Esteban Patino**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence

## **Troy Peterson**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times

Parent Teacher Student Association Band Award

## **Damian Pezzano**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
2015 National Merit Scholarship – Commended Student

Verplanck Residents' Scholarship Award

## **Isabella Pinque**

2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Buchanan Senior Citizens Scholarship Award

High Honor Roll – 15 Times

## **Kristen Pynch**

# Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2015

- Hendrick Hudson Educational Association Scholarship  
**Ella Rasmussen**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award  
 High Honor Roll – 15 Times  
**Nicole Reiner**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 Hendrick Hudson Educational Secretaries Association Business  
 Scholarship  
 Honor Roll – 15 Times  
 Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Art Award  
**Brandon Renda**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 Honor Roll – 15 Times  
**Sarah Resner**  
 Douglas Mowbray Art Award  
**Jaclyn Riefenhauser**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 Honor Roll – 15 Times  
 Vincent Verdeschi Memorial Award  
**Daniel Rojas**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 Honor Roll – 15 Times  
**Jonathan Rose**  
 The University of the Arts – Artist Grant  
 The University of the Arts – Dean's Scholarship  
**Katherine Ruh**  
 Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award  
**Jodi Scharf**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 High Honor Roll – 15 Times  
 Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence  
 in the Study of French Award  
 Parent Teacher Student Association Award To the Salutatorian  
 Parent Teacher Student Association Band Award  
 Peekskill Rotary Club Outstanding Fellowship Student  
 Scholar Athlete Award  
**Elvia Sinchi**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 Honor Roll – 15 Times  
**Dana Smith**  
 2015 National Achievement Scholarship  
 2015 National Merit Scholarship – Commended Student  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
**Phillip Solomon**  
 Ema S. K. Price Music Award
- Jake Spitz**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 Furnace Woods Elementary School Alumni Scholarship  
 Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication  
 to English Award  
 Principal's Award  
 Varsity Club Award  
**Anton Sterlini**  
 Athletic Department Leadership Award  
**Shannon Stinson**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 Performing Arts Award  
**Sara Tabio**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
**Ryan Tandy**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 Charles Reilly Scholarship  
**Linda Tenesaca**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
**Samantha Tetro**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 Hendrick Hudson Heisman Scholar Award  
 Honor Roll – 15 Times  
**Olivia Tivnan**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 Honor Roll – 15 Times  
 Irwin J. Mayer Participation Award  
**Madeline Tufanio**  
 Diane Tangen Scholarship Award  
**Thalia Vasquez**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication  
 to Science Award  
**Cadila Vaz**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
**Ivan Ward**  
 Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School Alumni  
 PTA Scholarship  
**Emma Willinger**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 Honor Roll – 15 Times  
 Parent Teacher Student Association Tech Center Award  
**Emily Young**  
 2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
**Gloria Zhagui**  
 Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award



# Hendrick Hudson H.S. Underclass Awards 2015

INNOVATION & CREATIVITY AWARD Rochester  
Institute of Technology  
**Joshua Alter; Lilah Schneeberger**

FREDERICK DOUGLASS & SUSAN B. ANTHONY  
AWARD **Travis Ramirez**

GEORGE EASTMAN YOUNG LEADERS AWARD  
**Brittany Schiavo**

PARENTS CLUB OF WEST POINT DWIGHT D. EISEN-  
HOWER LEADERSHIP AWARD  
**Kennan Ewing**

XEROX AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND INFORMA-  
TION TECHNOLOGY  
**Joshua Alter**

BOOK AWARDS  
HARVARD BOOK PRIZE  
**Jessica Goldman**

YALE BOOK AWARD  
**Kennan Ewing**

WELLESLEY BOOK AWARD  
**Clio Lieberman**

ART AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS  
HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND AWARD  
**Mark Quarles; Cassandra Cavalieri**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA  
AWARD  
**Shaquan Nadal; Margaret Gruber**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS  
AWARD  
**Gregory Carey; Katherine Johnson**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL CERAMICS  
AWARD  
**Lorreilee Castaneda**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDIO ART  
AWARD  
**Alexis Merz; Danielle Smith**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL JEWELRY DE-  
SIGN AWARD  
**Alanna Shea**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL DRAWING AND  
PAINTING AWARD  
**Mikayla Barton; Jennifer Martinez**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL STAINED GLASS  
AWARD  
**Ariana Kingwood; Brenna Wassil**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED  
DRAWING AND PAINTING AWARD  
**Brenna Kaegi**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARDS  
HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION AWARD  
**9th Grade – Stephanie Mandelkow**  
**10th Grade – Jonathan Chung**  
**11th Grade – Marisa Lebitsch**

BUSINESS EDUCATION AWARDS  
HIGHEST AVERAGE IN ACCOUNTING  
**Emily Barthelmes**

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN BUSINESS LAW  
**Catherine Barra**

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN MARKETING  
**Harrison Warshaw**

ENGINEERING AWARDS  
ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD – IED  
**Connor Anderson**

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD – POE  
**Melanie Porras**

ENGINEERING CHARACTER AWARD  
**Zachary Wolf; Julian Weissman; Kyle Szendro**

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY AWARDS  
PROJECT LEAD THE WAY BIOMED  
CHARACTER AWARD  
**Gabrielle Caruso**

EXCELLENCE IN PROJECT LEAD THE WAY  
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AWARDS  
**Principles of the Biomedical Sciences – Melody Munitz**  
**Human Body Systems – Deepa Mistry**  
**Medical Interventions – Nancy Siguenza**

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS  
HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL  
WRITING AWARD  
**9th Grade – Stephanie Mandelkow**  
**10th Grade – Alyssa Bleakley**  
**11th Grade – Gillian Stieglitz**

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARD  
**9th Grade – Eve Kennedy**  
**10th Grade – Vin-Thuy Nguyen**

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## 11th Grade – Morgan Murphy

HIGHEST GRADE ON ENGLISH REGENTS – 100%  
**Gracie Aaronson; Aidan Dowling; Christina Kennedy;  
Spencer Mazzilli; Amanda Monk**

### MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT AWARDS

ALGEBRA I – HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE – 90%  
**Eva Hecht**

GEOMETRY – HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE – 100%  
**Maya Cacanindin; Carolyn Kocheck; Danielle Smith**

ALGEBRA II & TRIGONOMETRY – HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE – 99%  
**Julian Weissman**

PRE-CALCULUS (AB) FINAL EXAM AWARD  
**Adam Kissner; Amanda Monk**

PRE-CALCULUS (BC) FINAL EXAM AWARD  
**Andrew Persaud**

### MATHEMATICS AWARD

**Tia Aponte; Margaret Bernstein; Jessica Conklin;  
Kaylee Febres; Ethan Kuehler; Nadine Salameh;  
Elyse Samojedny; Danielle Smith;  
Adrianna Tiberi**

MATH HONOR SOCIETY JUNIOR AWARD  
**Joshua Alter**

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL AMERICAN  
MATHEMATICS COMPETITION AWARD  
**Daniel Maloney – AMC 10 Test  
Kennan Ewing – AMC 12 Test**

### SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN EARTH SCIENCE – 95%  
**Henry DeGarmo; Alexandra Lenz;  
Trinity Mickelsen; Taylor Prokopiak**

HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN CHEMISTRY – 98%  
**Connor Anderson; Adam Kissner**

HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN PHYSICS – 98%  
**Jonathan Chung; Frank Riefenhauser;  
Danielle Smith; Kyle Szendro**

SAMUEL H. TOPPER CHEMISTRY AWARD  
**Aidan Dowling**

RENSSELAER AWARD  
**Daniel Kaufman**

## BAUSCH & LOMB AWARD

**Daniel Pfrang**

### SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL  
STUDIES AWARD GRADE 9  
**Carolyn Kocheck – Global I and Global II – Block  
Stephanie Mandelkow – Global I  
Danielle Smith – AP Global I**

MALCOLM BUMP MEMORIAL AWARD  
GRADE 10

**Lauren Mandelkow – Global II  
Chloe Hornbarger – AP European History  
Connor Anderson – AP Global II**

MORTON C. LINDSEY MEMORIAL HISTORY AWARD  
GRADE 11

**Travis Ramirez – Academic US History  
Gracie Aaronson – AP US History  
Daniel Kaufman – AP US History  
Andrew Persaud – AP US History**

### JOHN E. MILLS SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD

Presented to the student who has shown the greatest improvement in grade, effort and attitude  
**Grade 9 – Jessica Colombo; Grade 10 AP – Frederick Wohlers;  
Grade 10 – Tatiana Reeves; Grade 11 AP – Jessica Macci;  
Grade 11 – Elyse Samojedny**

### COLLEEN McGUIRE BLAIR AWARD

Presented to the student who lives in the Tri Village area, has a love for global studies and is involved in athletics, drama or yearbook activities. Mrs. Blair, a former teacher, was involved with all of these activities.  
**Alexandra Lenz; Thomas Maloney**

HIGHEST GRADE ON GLOBAL STUDIES  
REGENTS – 100%  
**Gregory Fuchek**

HIGHEST GRADE ON U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT  
REGENTS – 100%  
**Cassandra Cavaliere; Andrew Persaud**

### WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

ITALIAN  
MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – ITALIAN II  
**Eliza Tivnan**

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – ITALIAN III  
**Elizabeth Quezada O'Rourke; Peter Maselli**

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT  
ITALIAN IV & V – MERCY COLLEGE

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Emily Barthelmes

ITALIAN FLACS COMPREHENSIVE EXAM – 100%  
**Gabriela Pogyo; Jessica Tosi; Elizabeth Quezada-O'Rourke**

FRENCH  
 MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – FRENCH II  
**Maya Cacanindin**

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – FRENCH III  
**Wendy Yu**

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT FRENCH –  
 SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY  
**Danielle Bufano**

FRENCH FLACS COMPREHENSIVE EXAM –100%  
**Gregory Fuchek; Isabel Martinez**

SPANISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS  
 MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH II  
**Taylor Prokopiak; Danielle Smith**

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH III  
**Jisun Reiner; Julian Weissman**

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH IV  
**Daniel Kaufman**

SPANISH FLACS COMPREHENSIVE EXAM – 100%  
**Lucas DeJesus; Joao Goncalves; Juan Vallejo**

ESL AWARD  
 Awarded to the English Second Language students who have demonstrated the greatest growth in their language development, reading and writing  
**Jihyeon Jung; Miguel Perez; Nestor Sinchi; Bryan Zhagui**

THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL  
GRADE 9  
**Samantha Aaronson; Matthew Barry; Margaret**

**Bernstein; Katherine Bhanote; Amelia Bisaccia; John Briggi; Maya Cacanindin; Jessica Conklin; Henry DeGarmo; Trevor Dowling; Margaret Gruber; Eva Hecht; Elisabeth Johnson; Kyle Kapfer; Carolyn Kochek; Alexandra Lenz; Kayleigh Lizotte; Ashley Lupi; Brett Mager; Stephanie Mandelkow; Natalie McIntyre; Melody Munitz; Montana Nelson; Vy-Ha Nguyen; Vanessa Nine; Taylor Prokopiak; Fiona Reilly; Danielle Smith**

THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL  
GRADE 10

**Connor Anderson; Alyssa Bleakley; Isabella Brizzi; Kelsey Byrne; Jonathan Chung; Tiffany Cornely; Michael Cudahy; William Fennell; Gregory Fuchek; Jessica Gerhardt; Matthew Gofman; Christopher Goldstein; Ellen Gruber; Meghan Ho; Chloe Hornbarger; Jihyeon Jung; Sara Kearney; Kathryn Kenny; Rachael Kikoler; Molly Lesnick; Kirstin Loh; Lauren Mandelkow; Peter Maselli; Patrick McGovern; Vinh-Thuy Nguyen; Jillian O'Reilly; Gabriela Pogyo; Melanie Porras; Jaclyn Raguso; Jisun Reiner; Alanna Shea; Lauren Siegel; Carole Sinacore; Emily Sullivan; Jessica Tosi; Julian Weissman; Lauren Wenzel; Wendy Yu**

THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL  
GRADE 11

**Gracie Aaronson; Jacob Alter; Joshua Alter; Catherine Barra; Emily Barthelmes; Danielle Bufano; Lorreilee Castaneda; Galo Chica; Aidan Dowling; Kennan Ewing; Alec Feldman; Jake Fox; Scott Glaser; Jessica Goldman; Emily Hochron; Katherine Johnson; Shannon Karabaic; Daniel Kaufman; Christina Kennedy; Ariana Kingwood; Nicholas Marra; Spencer Mazzilli; Deanna Mickelsen; Jane Melcetic; Amanda Monk; Ashley Morris; Alicia Niebrzydowski; Lindsay Pelaccio; Andrew Persaud; Gabriela Picciano; Travis Ramirez; Frank Riefenhauser; Brittney Schiavo; Lilah Schneeberger; Hideo Schwartz; Nancy Siguenza; Lexi Steinman; Gillian Stieglitz; Adrianna Tiberi; Harrison Warshaw; Olivia Young**



# Blue Mountain Middle School Awards 2015

*All Are for 8th Grade*

## EXCELLENCE IN SUBJECT AREA

### English

Katie Mahoney  
Kenneth Rossi

### Math

Mairead Kelly  
Nataly Forero

### Science-Living Environment

Katie Mahoney  
Buu-Hac Nguyen

### Social Studies

Katie Mahoney  
Wayne Smith

### Spanish

Katie Mahoney  
Rachel Moon

### Italian

Emily Guida  
Gabriella Mannarino

### French

Larisa Bushkin  
Haley Donovan

### Algebra 1

Lara Castaneda  
Joseph DiBietto

### Fontana Award

Devan Burke

### Gary Mercer Award

Matthew DiLoreto

## Geometry

Rachel Moon

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE THREE YEARS

Lamar Anderson; Jonathan Basler;  
Dennis Pillco; Devin Quinoy

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Nick Caruso; Emily Guida;  
Gabriella Mannarino; Brandon Gibson

## THE COUNSELOR'S AWARD

Candace Crowley

## MOST OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

Jordan Grullon

Ashley Perez

## MOST OUTSTANDING P.E. STUDENT

Dennis Emanuel

Amanda Gougelmann

## MOST OUTSTANDING BAND STUDENT

Larisa Bushkin

## MOST OUTSTANDING ORCHESTRA STUDENT

William Wohlers

## MOST OUTSTANDING CHORUS STUDENT

Elijah O'Neal

## LION'S CLUB KAY CHALK AWARD

Amanda Donnelly

Devan Burke

## AMERICAN LEGION AWARD

Connor LaRocque

Yash Rijal

## AMERICAN ASSN OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN AWARD

Thea Barbelet

Larisa Bushkin

## CORTLANDT VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Wayne Smith

Sophia Barberan

## WOMEN BAND DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION MIDDLE

## SCHOOL AWARD

Katie Mahoney

## DEBBIE MILLER SPANISH AWARD

Buu-Hac Nguyen

## PTA AWARD

Grace O'Malley; Candace Crowley  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF

## UNIVERSITY WOMEN – MATH AND SCIENCE AWARD

Thea Barbelet; Larisa Bushkin

## NYS COMPTROLLER'S

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Emily Guida; Thea Barbelet

## BMMS 20TH CENTURY LEARNER AND LIBRARY AWARD

Buu-Hac Nguyen; Alex Parker



## High Honor Roll All Three Years

Thea Barbelet, Supriya Baskaran, Ashley Birmingham, Joanne Blaney, Derek Bufano, Devan Burke, Larisa Bushkin, Lara Castaneda, Hannah Chang, Joseph DiBietto, Amanda Donnelly, Haley Donovan, Aja Eiden, Ethan Furphy, Sam Glosser, Amanda Gougelmann, Carla Guariglia, Emily Guida, Madison Highbloom, Nicole Kaufman, Mairead Kelly, Emma Jane Liebman, Raquel Liebman, Pamela Loh, Kathleen Mahoney, Ellen Martirano, Alexander McDowell, Kylie Merando, Rachel Moon, Buu-Hac Nguyen, Julia O'Hara, Maureen Parks, Kenneth Rossi, Shane Tetro, William Wohlers.

## Honor Roll All Three Years

Ryan Arecco, Kiely Beltran, Katherine Bisaccia, Lily Burke, Rebecca Corbett, Caitlyn Coronel, Daniel Cunningham, Geoffrey Desharnais, Joshua Donaton, Tarah Doyle, Aiden Dumitru, Joseph Fareed, Theodore Feirman, Nataly Forero, Brandon Gibson, Elizabeth Ircha, Connor LaRocque, Gabriella Lebitsch, Alexander Lee, Alexander Magnus, Gabriella Mannarino, Kimberly McKoy, Nathan McLaughlin, Haley Merchant, Thalia Oliveira, Katie Outhouse, Alex Parker, Dennis Pillco, Matthew Ptashnik, Devin Quinoy, Yashaswee Rijal, James Schiavo, Talia Smith, Nina Tagliabue, Harrison Turner, Richard Walsh, Reese Weidenbaum, Joshua Zilker.

# Commencement: A Day to Remember

On Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 1 p.m., the Hendrick Hudson High School Graduating Class of 2015 gathered at the Performing Arts Center of SUNY Purchase for their commencement ceremony.

High School Principal James Mackin gave the opening address, Valedictorian Jennifer Chan and Salutatorian Jodi Scharf gave their respective addresses, and Superintendent Joseph E. Hochreiter presented a message to graduates before conferring diplomas.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Alice Gottlieb, who is retiring after more than three decades in public education, told the graduates in her keynote address, "Find your passion, learn as much as you can about it, and don't give up. And remember to laugh every day!"

Superintendent Hochreiter summed it all up when he told the graduates: "As I wrap up my second year as your superintendent, I'm proud to have witnessed, and even participated in, some of your successes -- art shows, dramatic performances, music concerts, science fairs, athletic contests, honor society inductions, and many different fund-raising activities -- you represented our school, our community, your family with grace and respect."

In the grand musical tradition of Hendrick Hudson, the ceremony was punctuated with both orchestral and choral music, beginning with the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" and ending with the rousing "Anchors Aweigh."

Members of the Hendrick Hudson Board of Education are: Mary-Pat Briggs, President; Barbara Pettersen, Vice-President; Carol P. Abraham, DVM, Trustee; Carson Jacobs, Trustee; Laurie Ryan, Trustee; Charles Thompson, Trustee; and Marion Walsh, Trustee.

The 2015 graduates, in alphabetical order, are: Drew C. Abatamarco, Diana Acevedo-Barrera, Kacey Rosalia Albino, Katie Alexander, Alexa Amato, Nicholas George Anapol, Kelson

Anderson, Megan E. Anstett, Roxanne Maria Arecco, Emily N. Aurand, Jake Avellino, Wali Azizi, Uneke Bagley, Ana J. Barranco, Raymond Batista, Rachel Blitzer, Connor Boyle, Kelly F. Brennan, Michael Collins Broughton, Jennifer Brown, Taylor M. Brown, Xena J. Burbano Arango, Brian Scott Calcutti, Natasha Camino, Marissa Rose Campanelli, Samantha Le Caputo, Michelle Carbone, Mac Carney, Aoife Marie Casey, Brenda M. Cavero, Jennifer S. Chan, Harrison James Chen, Zhaoyin Chen, Adrian Chomiw, Michael Kevin Ciofalo, Michael Ciuella, Joshua Clearwater, Madeline Cohen, Michael Colombo, Brianna Lee Cooper, Corinne Cordts, Nicholas Correia, Marie Cothren, Alex Jinbok Covone, Megan Cruikshank, Kimberly Cruz, Luca Lawrence Cuccia, Tara R. Danahy, Aidan Wilhelm Thomas Datené, Meena Debidayal, Dayna DiCola, Michael John DiPietro, Anthony DiTerlizzi, Antonia Dolan, Danica Donovan, Brianna Dustin, Christopher B. Earle, Dominique Alexandre Balthasar Eberhard, Isaac Elkin, Jason Elston, Evan Emanuel, Donald Emerson, Gabrielle Esposito, Conor Feighery, Amber Feminella, Peter E. Fennell, James Joseph Flynn, Emma Fogel, Daniel Forero, Bryce A. Galella, Joseph Gallo, Brandon L. Gambone, Gabrielle Garcia, Moises Garcia, Jason Gershgor, Michelle R. Giannetta, Eylar Dar Gildin, Richard Given, Amy Glashoff, Raquel Christine Gnos, Matthew Joseph Goetchius, Marissa L. Gonsalves, Marykate Grande, Marco Soares Guariglia, Abdullah Abdelhadi Halaibeh, Carolyn Sophie Hamm, Makeely R. Hart, Emily Michelle Hayes, Marco A. Heires-Manrique, Brian James Ho, Jordan Hudock, Carson T. Jacobs, Kristie Jacobs, Amy Samantha Jacobson, Kelly Jahoda, Kenneth O. Johnson, Erica B. Joyce, Paige Karas, Michaela Kear, Lauren Kearney, Adam J. Kemper, Matthew Kenny, James Kertelits, Matthew Peter Kolesar, Jadyn Shayne Kostulas, Joseph Cameron Kraft, Elena Kreatsoulas, Tianna L. Lampkin, Celine Joie Lee, Emma Belle Lesnick, Matthew Lewis, Morgan Ling Loh, Ryan Michael Lustyik, Marissa Nicole Marash, Cameron J. Martens, Tiffani Matthieu, Antonio

Patrick Mayorga, Jillian Lee McCarthy, Christopher Anthony McGinnis, Michaela McGovern, Peter Alexander McGowan, Ashleigh A. McGregor, Kate McGuire, Robert James McIlrath, Melissa McMann, Ian Christopher Melomo, Nicholas Mery, Sarah Messenger, Michael Charles Migliore, Milana Miller, Alexandra A. Mitrione, Naomi Moledo, Jeremy Morris, Amr Morshed, Lindsey Moss, Jazz Alexander Munitz, Jasmin C. Murray, Amy L. Nania, Isabella Nazario, Huyen-Uyen Nguyen, Joseph Nicotra, Ryan Nunes, Patrice Marie O'Donnell, Cindy Palaguachi, Nina Gabriella Parente, Nina M. Park, Esteban Damian Patino Barros, Ruth Perez, Troy Kenneth Peterson, Damian Abezgauz Pezcano X, Isabella Pinque, Jerry F. Portillo, Mariah Price, Kristen Pynch, Ella Taylor Rasmussen, Tyler S. Redding, Nicole M. Reiner, Brandon Michael Renda, Ashley Renzi, Sarah Resner, Jaclyn Riefenhauser, Alyssa M. Rinaldi, Krista Ritornato, Daniel Rogers, Daniel Rojas, Larissa Brenda Rojas, Jonathan Rose, Nicholas Ruales, Katherine Lorraine Ruh, Brittney Ryan, Christopher J. Ryan, Sami Sal Saleh, Michael Salvatore, Christopher Alexander Sanmartin, Celena Teresa Santos, Jodi Scharf, Tyler Schunk, Isabel S. Shelly, Scott Simon, Elvia Lucia Sinchi, Victoria Singleton, Dana M. Smith, Phillip H. Solomon, Nicholas M. Soltowski, Jake Alexander Spitz, Anton Sterlini, Shannon Stinson, Sara Elizabeth Tabio, Johannes Takaoka, Caitlyn Carol Tandy, Ryan Joseph Tandy, Stephen David Tenezaca, Samantha Tetro, Olivia A. Tivnan, Aaron R. Treinish, James Trend, Maddie Tufanio, Danielle Rae Vantassel, Marissa A. VanTassel, Thalia Vasquez Bernal, Cadila Serverina Vaz, Ashly Vidal, Juan Carlos Villagomez, Ty Vitolo, Laura Elizabeth Walther, Destiny K. Wamack, Ivan John Ward III, Justin White, Emma Jayne Willinger, Claire Wurzbach, Emily Frances Young, Jonathan Young, Gloria A. Zhagui.

As Jennifer Chan noted in her Valedictory address, "We will forever be Sailors, anchored to one another." We wish all of our graduates a bright future.



# Hendrick Hudson Alumni Notebook

## Kelsey Wickel

Class of 2007

I am in my last semester of the Masters of City Planning program at the University of Pennsylvania. I study environmental planning and food systems, or how our food goes from production to consumption.

Before my master's program, I worked in the sales and marketing department of an olive oil company in California and managed community and school gardens in Michigan. Once I graduate in May, I hope to work in food and farm policy and research.

I was lucky to have many teachers at Hen Hud that were formative in my development.



Mrs. Benjamin and Mr. Oliva exposed me to some of my favorite authors and artists whose work I still cherish today and taught me to think in a critical way. Mrs. Williams was a knock out history teacher, and her textbook still sits on my shelf as a reference. She also provided a safe space for my fellow students and me to grow and become inquisitive, thoughtful young adults.

Mr. Annunziata always made learning so much fun, and I feel I took a lot away from his global history class, particularly early East Asian history.

**Words of Wisdom:** Get involved with a lot of different activities and people. Being a well-rounded person is critical to being successful, and will teach you a lot about managing a diverse set of projects, working with others, and managing your time.

Graduating in a class of students who all got along and were able to interact with a variety of social groups helped me engage with the entire Hen Hud community, which made my volunteer work or time spent in extracurriculars all the more worth it.

*Hendrick Hudson High School Alumni:  
Please visit our Alumni Page at [www.benhudschools.org](http://www.benhudschools.org). Click on "District" and then on "Alumni."  
And don't forget to keep us informed about your post-high school achievements!*

## 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.



## HENDRICK HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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*Enrique Catalan*  
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