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HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL

### Science Research Students Lead the Class of 2014

ylan Gambardella is a three-sport varsity athlete and captain in basketball, tennis, and cross country; president of the Class of 2014; president of the Class of 2014; president of the Math Honor Society; vice president of the National Honor Society; president of the Hen Hud Leos Club; president of the Stock Market Club; team captain of the Mathletes; head sports editor of the school newspaper *The Anchor*; treasurer of Student Government; president of the Future

Business Leaders of America (FBLA); member of the Hispanic Honors Society; member of MSG Varsity's *The Challenge* Team; and a youth basketball coach. Outside of school he plays both piano and guitar.

He is also a student in Hen Hud's highly successful Science Research Program. "I conducted an independent research experiment at New York University under the guidance of Dr. Lung-Chi Chen on the relationship between type II diabetes and air pollution," Dylan says. "My study is the first to test for the expression of genes after exposure to air pollution. I was able to identify 40 diabetes-related genes that changed in expression after exposure to air pollution. My study is in the process of being published."

Dylan will attend Duke University, where he plans to major in Economics and minor in Environmental Science, with the dual career goal of finance (investing, banking, consulting) and politics (U.S. Senator).

As well as being the 2014 Valedictorian, Dylan is a National Merit Commended

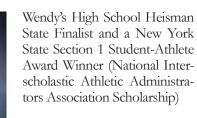


Valedictorian Dylan Gambardella

Scholar; an AP Scholar with Honors; he won the Harvard Book Club Award, the George Eastman Leadership Award, and the Oxford Book Prize. He recently took the Gold Medal at the International Sustainable World Energy Engineering Environment Project Olympiad (I-SWEEEP); first place at the Westchester-Rockland Junior Science & Humanities Symposium; fourth place at the New York State Junior Science & Humanities Symposium Finals; second place in the Environment category at the Westchester Science and Engineering Fair (WESEF); second overall at the Westchester Science and Engineering Fair (WESEF), qualifying him for I-SWEEEP; first place at the Westchester-Rockland-Putnam Tri-County Science & Technology Fair; and he won third place honors at the New York State STANYS Science Congress, held at the end of May at the Brookhaven National Lab.

Salutatorian Audrey Hecht

In basketball, Dylan achieved the All-Section Court of Excellence and the Jack McGuire Sportsmanship Award; in tennis he was named All-League; he is a



"Dylan Gambardella is an impressive, distinctive and wellrounded young man whose discipline, leadership and commitment to advancement and providing service to others are truly admirable," said Hendrick Hudson High School principal

James Mackin. "Dylan is an unforgettable student who throws his heart into all that he does. Dylan works tirelessly towards achieving academic excellence. He possesses a tremendous intellectual curiosity and ability as well as an enormous appetite for continued discovery. Dylan's passion and commitment to exploring the effects of pollution on type II diabetes earned him national recognition."

Aside from his many academic accolades, Dylan is an accomplished athlete, and his leadership role as Student Body President has enabled him the opportunity to identify various fundraisers for the school and he continues to serve as an active humanitarian who has been diligent in promoting ongoing service to the community. "We are lucky to have Dylan represent the Hendrick Hudson community," Mackin added.

Dylan is the son of Rhonda and Thomas Gambardella, of Cortlandt Manor. Continued from Page 1

he greatest highlights at Hen Hud for me were always the days where I would sit down in one of my classes, whether it was an English, science, language, or history course, and have a meaningful group discussion with my teachers and the rest of the class about the subject matter we were learning or analyzing," says Audrey Hecht, Hendrick Hudson High School's Salutatorian for the Class of 2014.

Science Research student Audrey, who plans to attend The College of New Jersey, hopes to work as a researcher developing new drugs to treat neurological illnesses.

Given her track record at Hen Hud, that's a very appropriate goal. In addition to being the class Salutatorian, Audrey is an Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist 2014; winner of the Yale Book Award 2013; the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award 2013; and the AP Scholar with Honor Award 2013. She also placed first in Biology at Westchester Rockland Junior Science & Humanities Symposium, January 2013; fourth in Biochemistry at the Westchester Science & Engineering Fair, March 2014; and fourth in Biochemistry at Westchester Science & Engineering Fair, March 2013.

A meticulous and driven student, Audrey has been described as a remarkable young woman of tremendous drive and purpose, possessing an insatiable appetite for higher level learning. Detail oriented and focused, she never lets anything get in the way of her achieving her goals and approaches all of her endeavors with great fervor and passion.

Principal Mackin notes, "With a strong and articulate voice, Audrey serves as her own best advocate and sets the bar very high for herself in an effort to gain increased insight and self-growth. She is respectful, kindhearted and sincere, an outstanding scholar in pursuit of excellence in all areas of her life. An accomplished dancer, promising researcher and active humanitarian, Audrey truly is a young woman of great purpose and strong character who exemplifies the definition of a well-rounded young woman."

Audrey has been studying ballet and performing since she was a young child and is passionate about continuing her training. A top student in the Hendrick Hudson Science Research program, Audrey has been honored for her notable research studying the dopamine transporter, qualifying as a semi-finalist in the prestigious Intel Science Talent Search for her project "Interaction of a Tricyclic Antidepressant with Specific Sites in the Neurotransmitter Transporter Homolog LeuT."

Through her involvement in her temple, she has helped to spearhead and run a number of community outreach programs and events to help those in need. Audrey truly leaves a lasting impression on everyone that she encounters.

Audrey is the daughter of Karen Rosenthal and Jason Hecht, of Cortlandt Manor.

### Hen Hud Board Awards Tenure to Twenty

Congratulations to the following members of the Hendrick Hudson school community who were awarded tenure the evening of May 20 at a special Board of Education recognition ceremony:

Administrator - Joshua Cohen (Principal, Buchanan-Verplanck E.S.)

**Teachers** - Amy Bitondo (Special Education, District-wide), Rachel Heese (Speech & Language, Frank G. Lindsey E.S.), Michael Iseman (Health, Blue Mountain M.S.), Margaret Jandrasits (Mathematics, Hendrick Hudson H.S.), Kristen Sheehan (Special Education, FGL.), and Victoria Small, (Special Education, FGL). Teaching Assistants - Kathleen Bertoline (BVES), Marla Blitzer (FGL), Marianne Booth (Furnace Woods School), Laura Bucci (FWS), Helyna Carosi (BVES), Dawn Gauthier (BVES), Jacqueline Karaban (FGL), Maria Morabito (BVES), Lori Nania (FGL), Marcia Palmer-Hintze (FGL), Patricia Peters (FGL), Audrey Tandy (BVES), and Carmen Yee (FGL). Gauthier and Morabito received tenure in February, but were honored at this event.

Best wishes to all!

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# Hen Hud Board Hosts Retirement Reception

The Hendrick Hudson school district honored its 2014 retirees at a festive reception before the June 11 school board meeting in the Hen Hud High School cafeteria.

Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter and Assistant Superintendents Enrique Catalan and Dr. Alice Gottlieb, along with Director of School Facilities, Operations and Maintenance Anthony Merlini, honored all of the retirees present 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: Helene Kane, Principal, Furnace Woods Elementary School; Denise Angelo, Social Worker, Blue Mountain Middle School; Michael Ambruster, Music Teacher, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School and Hendrick Hudson High School; Carol Arrucci, Music Teacher, Blue Mountain Middle School; Colleen Blair, Social Studies Teacher, Hendrick Hudson High School; Marion Borges, Reading Teacher, Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School; Linda Breen, Special Education Teacher Aide, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School; Jeri Brown, Special Education Teacher Aide, Hendrick Hudson High School; Denise Dini, Head Driver, Transportation Department; Eugene Kearney, Science Teacher, Hendrick Hudson High School; Patricia Matturro, Elementary Teacher, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School; Diane Rundle, Teacher Aide, Furnace Woods Elementary School; Suzanne Schneider, English Teacher, Hendrick Hudson High School; Carol Lynn Schulman, Reading Teacher, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School; Diane Stevens, Guidance Counselor, Hendrick Hudson High School; Barbara Whipple, Occupational Therapist, District-wide; Bobby Williams, Custodian Bus Driver, Transportation Department; Brian Wolert, Custodian/Bus Driver-Outside Crew, Transportation Department; Lawrence Wood, Science Teacher, Hendrick Hudson High School; and Nancy Youman, Secretary, Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School.

### Kramer Named New Principal of Furnace Woods School

Dr. Cynthia Kramer has embarked on a new professional adventure.

At its April 9 meeting, the Hendrick Hudson School Board appointed Kramer the new principal of the Furnace Woods Elementary School. On July 1, Kramer took over the leadership role at Furnace Woods from Dr. Helene Kane, who spent 18 years at the school's helm.

Kramer, previously the Assistant Principal at the Bedford Road School, in Pleasantville, is an experienced and enthusiastic educator with a wealth of elementary educational experience, both in the classroom and the district office.

"We are proud and fortunate to welcome Cindy to the Hen Hud family," said Hendrick Hudson Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter. "It was crystal clear, from the three-hour site visit I made to her school, that Cindy would be a great fit for the Furnace Woods community."

A native of Pepperell, Mass., Kramer earned her B.A. and M.A. at the University of New Hampshire. She taught at schools in Cape Cod and Long Island, and her first administrative assignment was as an Assistant Principal in Suffolk County. She began work on her doctorate at Dowling



College while she was working on Long Island.

"I always wanted to work with kids," she said, and spending time with children is her favorite thing about being an educator. She is very proud of the character education program she helped launch at Bedford Road, based on what's called the "Fill a Bucket" program. She met with both student and teacher committees on a monthly basis to keep the program fresh. "It's part of our culture now," she added. "We have that common language and the kids really buy into it."

Initially Kramer met with Hochreiter and Asst. Superintendent Dr. Alice Gottlieb, followed by a slightly larger meeting "with twenty-three people," she recalled, laughing. But, "I didn't find it intimidating at all." Asked about the most challenging aspect of being an administrator, Kramer replied, "I think it is trying to balance all the needs of all the stakeholders—the parents, the teachers, the students, the community and trying to listen to what each group wants, and figuring out how to manage that."

And what about the controversial Common Core Learning Standards? "The Common Core standards, I think, have a lot of benefits... [They] raise the bar and they do give us a nice map of what needs to be taught at each grade level ... a common language across districts and across states. Where the controversy, I think, comes in is with the assessments"-assessing children on the new standards before they have had a chance to learn them. Kramer acknowledges that the work that comes out of the New York State EngageNY site's learning modules is "hard," but to her, the key is involving and working with parents to understand the new material.

Dr. Kramer has three children. She and her husband, a retired NYPD police lieutenant who now works with the MTA, live in the Byram Hills school district, which will mean a manageable, half-hour commute to Furnace Woods.

### Hen Hud Appoints New Director of Pupil Personnel Services

At its May 7th meeting, the Hendrick Hudson School Board appointed Lynn Rafalik Director of Pupil Personnel Services [Special Education]. On June 12 she assumed her new leadership role.

Rafalik is a former Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services at the Arlington Central School District. Before that she served for seven years as Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Assistant Director of Guidance and PPS for the Schenectady City School District. Rafalik has also served as a secondary building principal, guidance counselor and special education teacher. She has worked in the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Schools, Rotterdam-Mohanasen School District, Saratoga Springs School District and Glens Falls City School District.

"I am excited that Lynn is joining our team," said Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter. "Her experiences will serve us well. She will bring great contributions to our administrative team, staff and students."

Rafalik earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the College of St. Rose in Albany. She holds a B.A. in Special Education, a M.A. in School Counseling, and Advanced Programs Certification in Education Administration, and plans to pursue doctoral studies. She has been instrumental in leading and working on district and building-level initiatives focused on school



Lynn Rafalik, new Director of Pupil Personnel Services for the Hendrick Hudson School District.

improvement and programs and services for students, and is a strong collaborator with administration, staff, community agencies and schools, and Special Education PTA organizations.

"I never say I am coming to work each day but that I am going to school to support leadership, staff, students and families," Rafalik said. "I love what I do in my profession and my goal is to build relationships and work collaboratively with everyone to help our Hen Hud kids achieve as students and individuals." Don't be surprised if you see her at student events and functions as she supports the growth and learning of all students.

Initially Rafalik had a pre-screening interview with Superintendent Joe Hochreiter and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Alice Gottlieb, followed by a larger committee interview of twenty-three people. Rafalik was impressed by the commitment of the interview committee and their comprehensive questions. She praised this committee, noting that their thoroughness made her realize that she really wanted to be part of the Hen Hud community.

Asked about her plans as she begins her work at Hen Hud, Rafalik replied, "I will be meeting with district and building administration from the 'get-go,' be visible in buildings to meet staff and observe instruction and programs, and overall, getting connected to the students, parents and larger school community of Hendrick Hudson. I am so excited."

Rafalik and her husband George have two sons, Greg and Geoff, ages 28 and 25, who work in the medical and law professions. Rafalik will commute from Poughkeepsie but plans to move closer to the Hen Hud district.

On a personal note, Rafalik loves spending time with her family and friends. She and her family are avid readers, skiers, cyclists, and golfers. We welcome her to the Hendrick Hudson school community.

The District offers special thanks to Jan Yablow, Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services, for his leadership and work throughout the 2013-14 school year.

### Hen Hud Seniors: Where They're Going

Our 2014 graduates are planning to attend two-year and four-year colleges, enter the workplace, and join the military. Following is a list of colleges and military paths that Hen Hud seniors have chosen to date:

- Albany College of Pharmacy
- Ave Maria University
- Binghamton University
- Brandeis University
- Buffalo State College of SUNY
- City College of New York CUNY
- Clark University

- Clemson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- Cooper Union
- Cornell University
- CUNY-Macaulay Honors College
- DePauw University
- Dominican College of Blauvelt
- Duke University
- Dutchess Community College
- Elmira College
- Elon University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Fordham University
- Franklin and Marshall College
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Haverford College
- High Point University

- Hunter College CUNY
- Iona College
- Ithaca College
- James Madison University
- Keene State College
- Laboratory Institute of Merchandising
- Lafayette College
- Lincoln Culinary Institute
- Long Island University C.W. Post
- Loyola University New Orleans
- Manhattan College
- Manhattanville College
- McGill University
- Mercy College
- Mount Saint Mary College
- Northeastern University
- Pace University, Westchester Campus

# Hendrick Hudson Athletic Highlights for 2013-14

- Ninety-five Student-Athletes achieved All League status
- Nineteen Student-Athletes achieved All Section status
- Three Student-Athletes achieved All State status
- More than 90% of our teams were recognized by New York State as Scholar-Athlete teams
- Three Con Edison Award winners in Class of 2014, bringing the total number of Hendrick Hudson Con Edison Scholar Athlete Award Winners to one hundred
- Received New York State's Joseph Abraham Award for elite training program
- Implemented an innovative Speed and Agility Program for Student-Athletes
- Fifteen members of Class of 2014 are playing a college sport
- Student Athletes were recognized by various coaching associations across Section 1 with awards and scholarships. Recognized by Boys' Basketball, Track, Cheerleading and Softball Coaches Associations
- Community service offered throughout the district by athletes
- Volleyball team won Section One title
- Individual Section One titles in Javelin, 55-meter Indoor Hurdles, and 400-meter Outdoor Hurdles
- Seven teams won League Championships: Ice Hockey / Girls' Winter Track / Boys' Tennis / Golf / Boys' Lacrosse / Girls' Lacrosse / Girls' Spring Track



### Hen Hud Seniors: Where They're Going

- Pennsylvania State University, University Park
- Purchase College State University of New York
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Roger Williams University
- Sacred Heart University
- Saint Joseph's University
- Salve Regina University
- Siena College
- Southern Vermont College
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. John Fisher College
- State University of New York at Albany
- State University of New York at New Paltz
- Stetson University

- Stony Brook University
- SUNY College at Cortland
- SUNY College at Potsdam
- SUNY Delhi
- SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome
- SUNY Maritime College
- SUNY Oswego
- Swarthmore College
- The College of New Jersey
- The Culinary Institute of America
- The University of Alabama
- The University of Tampa
- Tompkins Cortland Community College
- United States Marines
- United States Military Academy
- United Technical Institute

- University at Buffalo,
- State University of New York
- University of Central Florida
- University of Connecticut
- University of Delaware
- University of Hartford
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of New Hampshire
- University of New Haven
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Rhode Island
- University of South Florida, Tampa
- Villanova University
- Washington College
- Westchester Community College
- Western Carolina University

# **Commencement Photo Gallery**





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# **Commencement Photo Gallery**















The Colonial Terrace restaurant was abuzz on Monday night, June 23, as Hendrick Hudson High School seniors, friends, and families gathered for the annual Senior Awards Assembly. After some networking time and a festive dessert period, Principal James Mackin emceed the ceremony, which included a number of general senior awards and scholarships, departmental, athletic, and Tech Center achievement awards, and academic achievement awards.

Mr. Mackin was assisted by Assistant Principals Daniel Callahan and Joseph DiGiovanni, as well as by Ms. Laurie Small, who organized the evening along with Jill Wheeler. Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter and Board President Mary-Pat Briggi were unable to attend because of a meeting conflict. For a slide show of the evening's events, **CLICK HERE.** 

PTSA AWARD TO THE VALEDICTORIAN Dylan Gambardella PTSA AWARD TO THE SALUTATORIAN Audrey E. Hecht CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS SOCIETY LADIES AUXILIARY AWARD - To the 3rd ranking senior Ashley E. Silver WOMAN'S CLUB OF PEEKSKILL-CORTLANDT AWARD Liana Alves ROTARY PEEKSKILL CLUB OUTSTANDING **STUDENTS** Dylan Gambardella / FELLOWSHIP - Ashley Silver RICHARD ALBERT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Molly Jackson HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY AWARD Catherine Reilly WEST POINT ACCEPTANCE APPOINTMENT Michael Gabrielsen / John O'Brien

BUCHANAN SENIOR CITIZENS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Kelsey Sosa VERPLANCK RESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Chelsea Reichard PRINCIPAL'S AWARD Leonard Nethersole / Samantha O'Donnell ROBERT J. HILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Marissa Carroll CHERYL R. LINDENBAUM MEMORIAL AWARD Alysson Macci STEPHEN C. KEENAN MEMORIAL AWARD Michael Tompkins NYS COMPTROLLER'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Cassidy Boyle / Noah Cohen NITA M. LOWEY CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION Geoffrey Quist YARA LOUISE HESTON MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD Zora Skeete PATRIOTIC SERVICE COMMUNITY AWARD John O'Brien DIANE TANGEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Nadyah Saleh BUCKNER FOR UNDERSTANDING, AWARD ACCEPTANCE, AND COMPASSION Marissa Carroll WIENKOOP FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Tyreece Ramos JOHN CITO MARITIME AWARD Gabrielle Kempski HHCEF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Justin Fischer / Katlyn Palka



#### WISE SENIOR AWARD

Maxine Gray / Samantha McCann / Zora Skeete / Julie Tufanio / Allison Vaccaro / Kathryn Walters / Sami Wilbur SALLY SCHECTER DEBATE AND SPEECH AWARD Lily Ann Evans GEORGE W. KIEFER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Caitlyn Torres PTSA GRADUATION AWARD Neil Burns / Peter Pinque / Tyreece Ramos / Mayra Tenesaca AAUW OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD Allyson Macci ED CARTER MEMORIAL AWARD Kalliope Price

#### ART/MUSIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

DOUGLAS MOWBRAY ART AWARD Marissa Carroll PTSA ART ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD Allyson Macci PTSA DEDICATION TO ART AWARD Alexander King PTSA BAND AWARD Geoffrey Quist / David Seymour PTSA ORCHESTRA AWARD Samuel Cooperman PTSA CHORAL AWARD Matthew Marano / Caitlyn Torres PERFORMING ARTS AWARD Lily Ann Evans / Elijah Shaheen EMA S. K. PRICE MUSIC AWARD Samuel Cooperman

#### ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

ROTARY CLUB SENIOR ATHLETE AWARD Male - Jack O'Brien / Female - Cassidy Boyle IRWIN J. MAYER MEMORIAL AWARD Male – Dylan Gambardella / Female – Alyssa Small IRWIN J. MAYER PARTICIPATION AWARD Male - Joseph Mueller / Female - Katie DiCola VINCENT VERDESCHI MEMORIAL AWARD Male – Michael Gabrielsen / Female – Caitlyn Torres HEN HUD ATHLETICS PERSEVERANCE AWARD Male – Michael Cheung / Female – Gabrielle Kempski HEN HUD ATHLETIC DEPT. DEDICATION AWARD Male - Brian Ciboso / Female - Rasheedah Shardow SAILOR PRIDE AWARD Male - Ben Solnick / Female - Talaia Boyd ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AWARD Male – Jason Furphy / Male – Brian Snyder FeMale - Jacquelyn Tosi / Female - Nicole Taccariello ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARD Male - Justin Fischer / Female - Catherine Reilly ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD Male - Jack Wagner / Female - Caitlin Guida HENDRICK HUDSON HEISMAN SCHOLAR AWARD Kendal Kristiansen VARSITY CLUB AWARD Liana Alves / Dylan Gambardella / Anna Strang / Max Wickel HENDRICK HUDSON HALL OF FAME SCHOLARSHIP Cassidy Boyle / Noah Cohen SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS Liana Alves / Cassidy Boyle / Michael Cheung / Dylan Gambardella / Caitlin Guida / Molly Jackson / Alexander Levy / Jack O'Brien / Alyssa Small / Caitlyn Torres



#### ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

PTSA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH AWARD Allyson Macci PTSA DEDICATION TO ENGLISH AWARD Ashley Silver PTSA ELL AWARD Geoffrey Quist AAUW EXCELLENCE IN WRITING AWARD Lily Ann Evans

#### MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT AWARDS

PTSA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN MATH AWARD Ashley Silver PTSA DEDICATION TO MATH AWARD Audrey Hecht MATH HONOR SOCIETY SENIOR AWARD Dylan Gambardella

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

PTSA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN SPANISH AWARD Dylan Gambardella PTSA DEDICATION TO SPANISH AWARD Samuel Rowland / Diana Sanmartin PTSA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN FRENCH AWARD Audrey Hecht PTSA DEDICATION TO FRENCH AWARD Alexander Bushkin PTSA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN ITALIAN AWARD Brian Kennedy PTSA DEDICATION TO ITALIAN AWARD Alexis Stabulas

#### SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HEN HUD HIGH SCHOOL HISTORICAL AWARD Alexander Bushkin

WILLIAM STERN POST #70 JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF U.S. John O'Brien PTSA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD Cassidy Boyle PTSA DEDICATION TO SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD Liana Alves THOMAS L. FEDELE DEDICATION TO SUCCESS AWARD Monay Hagans

#### SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

PTSA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AWARD Andrew Weiner PTSA DEDICATION TO SCIENCE AWARD Audrey Hecht BASF AWARD FOR SCIENCE Audrey Hecht / Molly Jackson

#### TECH CENTER AWARDS

CSEA UNIT 9162 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Alexander King / Alyssa Small PTSA TECH CENTER AWARD Es'Sence Dixon

#### **BUSINESS EDUCATION AWARDS**

PTSA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS/ COMPUTER AWARD Katherine Dorsa PTSA DEDICATION TO BUSINESS AWARD Kristen Ellis FBLA BUSINESS AWARD Benjamin Solnick FBLA GO-GETTER AWARD Apurva Sahay GEORGE PENZA BUSINESS AWARD Robert Albano







#### PTSA ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

HIGH HONOR ROLL 15 TIMES

Liana Alves / Alexander Bushkin / Dylan Gambardella / Audrey Hecht / Owen Kephart / Allyson Macci / Apurva Sahay / Ashley Silver / Alyssa Small HONOR ROLL 15 TIMES

Hunter Berndt / Sarah Bonomo / Sebastian Borba / Cassidy Boyle / Michael Cheung / Noah Cohen / Katherine Dorsa / Lily Ann Evans / Justin Fischer / Margaret Fucheck / Michael Gabrielsen / Caitlin Guida / Erin Harding / Molly Jackson / Matthew Karabaic / Brian Kennedy Kendal Kristiansen / Alexander Levy / Kevyn Liang / John O'Brien / Katlyn Palka / Peter Pinque/ Catherine Reilly / Rasheedah Shardow / Kristin Singer / Alexis Stabulas / Anna Strang / Michael Tompkins / Caitlyn Torres / Alexa Warshaw

#### HONOR ROLL 11 TIMES

This student is a graduation candidate where the requirements were met in the Junior year. Rudy Quinto HONOR ROLL 7 TIMES

This student is a graduation candidate where the requirements were met in the Sophomore year. Luka Lipovac PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Liana S. Alves / Sarah J. Bonomo / Alexander M. Bushkin / Michael B. Cheung / Noah M. Cohen / Katherine A. Dorsa / Lily Ann Evans / Elizabeth F. Feller / Justin L. Fischer / Michael J. Gabrielsen / Dylan Gambardella / David Gregory / Erin L. Harding / Molly E. Jackson / Brian E. Kennedy / Owen A. Kephart / Alexander M. Levy / Kevyn Liang / John O'Brien / Katlyn Palka / Peter M. Pinque / Samuel M. Rowland / Apurva Sahay / Rasheedah Shardow / Ashley E. Silver / Alexis J. Stabulas / Caitlyn Torres / Andrew Weiner

FINALISTS IN THE 2014 COMPETITION FOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIP Elizabeth F. Feller / Owen A. Kephart

COMMENDED STUDENTS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP - 2014 Dylan Gambardella / John O'Brien / Samuel Rowland / Apurva Sahay **SCHOLARSHIPS** HENDRICK HUDSON EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP Jacquelyn Tosi BUCHANAN-VERPLANCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ALUMNI PTA SCHOLARSHIP Brian Ciboso / Caitlin Guida FURNACE WOODS SCHOOL PTA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP Elizabeth Feller / Nicole Taccariello FRANK G. LINDSEY PRIDE ALUMNI SCHOLAR-SHIP Peter Pinque / Alexis Stabulas HENDRICK HUDSON LIONS' CLUB SARAH F. DONOVAN SCHOLARSHIP Ashley Silver BUCHANAN ENGINE CO. ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP Michael Moray MICHAEL W. LYNCH, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Justin Fischer HENDRICK HUDSON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP Brian Ciboso / Allison Young CORTLANDT COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP Katlyn Palka / Ashley Silver JACK MCGUIRE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Kalliope Price MARGARET McCORRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Kelliann Lvnch 2014 CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Peter Pinque H.V. HOSPITAL CENTER 2014 AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP Ashley Silver







## Hendrick Hudson H.S. Underclass Awards 2014

INNOVATION & CREATIVITY AWARD Zhao Chen, Nicholas Anapol FREDERICK DOUGLASS & SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD **Emily Hayes** GEORGE EASTMAN YOUNG LEADERS AWARD Jazz Munitz XEROX AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Matthew Kenny BOOK AWARDS HARVARD BOOK PRIZE Jennifer Chan YALE BOOK AWARD Jodi Scharf WELLESLEY BOOK AWARD Lauren Kearnev ART AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND AWARD Troy Peterson, Jodi Scharf HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AWARD Kennan Ewing HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS AWARD Travis Ramirez, Roxanne Arecco HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL CERAMICS AWARD Kirsten Loh HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDIO ART AWARD Megan Anstett HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL JEWELRY DESIGN AWARD Ariana Kingwood HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL DRAWING AND PAINTING AWARD Gabrielle Caruso HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL STAINED GLASS AWARD Diana Acevedo Barrera HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED

DRAWING AND PAINTING AWARD Gabrielle Garcia PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARDS HHHS PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD Grade 9 - Adam Kissner, Grade 10 - Spencer Mazzilli, Grade 11 – Jennifer Chan **BUSINESS EDUCATION AWARDS** HIGHEST AVERAGE IN ACCOUNTING Harrison Warshaw HIGHEST AVERAGE IN BUSINESS LAW Carolyn Hamm **ENGINEERING AWARDS** ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD - IED Matthew Gofman, Kirsten Loh, Daniel Maloney, Melanie Porras ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD - POE Luka Lipovac, Matthew Goetchius, Daniel Pfrang, Frank Riefenhauser ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS OBERLIN COLLEGE BOOK AWARD Aoife Casey HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL WRITING AWARD Grade 9 – Jillian O'Reilly, Grade 10 – Spencer Mazzilli, Grade 11 - Marco Guariglia ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARD Grade 9 - Alyssa Bleakley, Grade 10 - Harrison Warshaw, Grade 11 – Jake Avellino HIGHEST FINAL AVERAGE IN ENGLISH 9, 10, and 11 English 9 Vinh-Thuy Nguyen – 99% English 10 Emily Hochron – 99% English 11 Aoife Casey- 98%, Jodi Scharf - 98%, Olivia Tivnan – 98% HIGHEST GRADE ON ENGLISH REGENTS Nicholas Anapol, Megan Cruikshank, Matthew Goetchius, Marissa Marash, Rudy Quinto, Roxanne Arecco, Dayna DiCola, Jordan Hudock, Michaela McGovern, Ella Rasmussen, Rachel Blitzer, Antonia Dolan, Lauren Kearney, Jasmin Murray, Nicole Reiner, Madeline Cohen, Christopher Earle, Matthew Kenny, Patrice O'Donnell, Daniel Rojas, Corinne Cordts, Dominique Eberhard, Morgan Lo, Cindy Palaguachi, Michael Salvatore, Dana Smith, Sara Tabio, Olivia Tivnan



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MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT AWARDS ALGEBRA I – HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE Jaclyn Raguso, Sara Kearney INTEGRATED ALGEBRA – HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE – 96% Chloe Hornbarger GEOMETRY - HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE - 100% Katherine Johnson, Julian Weissman ALGEBRA II & TRIGONOMETRY - HIGHEST RE-GENTS GRADE - 100% Daniel Malonev PRE-CALCULUS FINAL EXAM AWARD Harrison Chen, Carolyn Hamm MATHEMATICS AWARD Dominic Costa, Sofia Cuccia, Dayna Dicola, Ellen Gruber, Lauren Mandelkow, Andrew Persaud, Kayla Tandy, Emma Willinger, Olivia Young MATH HONOR SOCIETY JUNIOR AWARD Samantha Tetro Adam Kemper HHHS AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION AWARD 10th grade - Daniel O'Connor 11th grade – Antonia Dolan SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN EARTH SCIENCE -99% Sara Kearney HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN CHEMISTRY -100% Jonathan Chung, Frank Riefenhauser HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN PHYSICS - 98% Matthew Goetchius, Daniel Pfrang HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN BIOLOGY (Living Environment) - 95% Christopher Goldstein SAMUEL H. TOPPER CHEMISTRY AWARD Olivia Young RENSSELÄER MEDAL Iodi Scharf BAUSCH & LOMB AWARD Aoife Casey SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HHHS SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD Lauren Siegel - Global I , Wendy Yu - AP World I MALCOLM BUMP MEMORIAL AWARD Kennan Ewing - AP World II, Harrison Warshaw - Global II MORTON C. LINDSEY MEMORIAL HISTORY AWARD Corinne Cordts - AP US History, Elvia Sinchi - US History JOHN E. MILLS SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD Grade 9 Grace Crisci – Global I, Eric Hamm – AP World I Grade 10 Troy Dyckman, Destiny Martinez Grade 11 Richard Given - US History, Abdullah Halaibeh -AP Us HIGHEST GRADE ON GLOBAL STUDIES REGENTS -100% Kennan Ewing HIGHEST GRADE ON U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERN-MENT REGENTS -99% Drew Abatemarco, Jake Avellino, Rachel Blitzer, Connor Boyle, Aoife Casey, Zhao Chen, Madeline Cohen, Corinne Cordts, Dominique Eberhard, Emma Fogel. Joseph Gallo, Jordan Hudock, Lauren Kearney, Adam Kemper, Matthew Kenny, Elena Kreatsoulas, Morgan Loh, Robert McIlrath, Jazz Munitz, Troy Peterson, Ella Rasmussen, Jaclyn Riefenhauser, Daniel Rojas, Jodi Scharf, Shannon Stinson, Sara Tabio WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT AWARDS MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT - ITALIAN I Danielle Zalamea MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT - ITALIAN II Cassandra Acosta MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT - ITALIAN III Andrew Persaud MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT ITALIAN - Mercy College Drew Abatemarco ITALIAN FLACS COMPREHENSIVE EXAM - 100% Nancy Siguenza MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT - FRENCH II Nicholas Anapol MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT - FRENCH III Lilah Schneeberger MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT FRENCH - SYRA-CUSE UNIVERSITY







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#### Jodi Scharf

FRENCH FLACS COMPREHENSIVE AWARD – 100% Danielle Bufano

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH II Santiago Cardona, Jisun Reiner, Julian Weissman MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH III Kayla Tandy, Daniel Maloney, Travis Ramirez MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH IV Emma Fogel, Matthew Kenny, Dominique Eberhard SPANISH FLACS COMPREHENSIVE EXAM – 100% Kayla Tandy, Julia O'Halloran ESL AWARD

Awarded to the English Second Language students who has demonstrated the greatest growth in their language development, reading and writing

Grade 9 – Bryan Zhagui, Grade 10 – Miguel Perez, Grade 11 – Gloria Zhagui

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

Connor Anderson, Alyssa Bleakley, Randi Blitzer, Isabella Brizzi, Kelsey Byrne, Jonathan Chung, Tiffany Cornely, Dominic Costa, Michael Cudahy, Nicholas Cunningham, Matthew Gofman, Ellen Gruber, Chloe Hornbarger, Fiona Jackson, Sara Kearney, Madeline Lentino, Molly Lesnick, Kirstin Loh, Daniel Maloney, Lauren Mandelkow, Peter Maselli, Patrick McGovern, Deepa Mistry, Vinh-Thuy Nguyen, Jillian O'Reilly, Melanie Porras, Elizabeth Quezada-O'Rourke, Jaclyn Raguso, Jisun Reiner, Alanna Shea, Lauren Siegel, Emily Sullivan, Jessica Tosi, Julian Weissman, Wendy Yu, Nicole Zilker

#### GRADE 10

Gracie Aaronson, Anthony Aldana, Joshua Alter, Ashley Brockhausen, Danielle Bufano, Lorreilee Castaneda, Alexis Chica, Aidan Dowling, Kennan Ewing, Alec Feldman, William Foster, Jake Fox, Scott Glaser, Jessica Goldman, Emily Hochron, Katherine Johnson, Daniel Kaufman, Christina Kennedy, Madeline Lee, Clio Lieberman, Spencer Mazzilli, Jane Milcetic, Amanda Monk, Ashley Morris, Alicia Niebrzydowski, Egan Padilla, Lindsay Pelaccio, Andrew Persaud, Daniel Pfrang, Anela Radoncic, Travis Ramirez, Jenna Richardson, Frank Riefenhauser, Brittney Schiavo, Lilah Schneeberger, Nancy Siguenza, Gillian Stieglitz, Kayla Tandy, Adrianna Tiberi, William Villa

#### GRADE 11

Drew Abatemarco, Kelson Anderson, Megan Anstett, Emily Aurand, Rachel Blitzer, Aoife Casey, Jennifer Chan, Harrison Chen, Zhao Chen, Michael Ciulla, Madeline Cohen, Corinne Cordts, Nicholas Correia, Megan Cruikshank, Luca Cuccia, Dayna DiCola, Michael DiPietro, Brianna Dustin, Dominique Eberhard, Isaac Elkin, Emma Fogel, Joseph Gallo, Gabrielle Garcia, Jason Gershgorn, Matthew Goetchius, Carolyn Hamm, Michaella Kear, Lauren Kearney, Adam Kemper, Matthew Kenny, Matthew Kolesar, Tianna Lampkin, Emma Lesnick, Morgan Loh, Kate McGuire, Jazz Munitz, Jasmin Murray, Patrice O'Donnell, Isabella Pinque, Ella Rasmussen, Brandon Renda, Daniel Rojas, Jodi Scharf, Elvia Sinchi, Ryan Tandy, Samantha Tetro, Emma Willinger, Claire Wurzbach



### **Blue Mountain Middle School Awards 2014**

All Are For 8th Grade

#### EXCELLENCE IN SUBJECT AREA

English Margaret Gruber Samantha Aaronson Math Montana Nelson Jessica Conklin Science-Living Environment Danielle Smith Lila Trepp Social Studies Danielle Smith Theodora Worledge Spanish Melody Munitz Cassandra Laureti Italian Kayleigh Lizotte Carolyn Kochek French Maya Cacanindin Margaret Bernstein Algebra 1 Danielle Smith Maya Cacanindin Fontana Award Jake Travis Gary Mercer Award Vy-Na Nguyen

Geometry Lila Trepp PERFECT ATTENDANCE THREE YEARS Kent Albers Matthew Imbimbo OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO STUDENT ORGANIZATION Theodora Worledge Samantha Aaronson THE COUNSELOR'S AWARD Stephanie Mandelkow MOST OUTSTANDING ATHLETE Jack Kelly Ashley Lupi MOST OUTSTANDING P.E. STUDENT Vincent Bell Alexandra Lenz MOST OUTSTANDING BAND STU-DENT Jacob Shapiro MOST OUTSTANDING ORCHESTRA STUDENT Margaret Gruber MOST OUTSTANDING MOVAPA STUDENT Melody Munitz LION'S CLUB KAY CHALK AWARD Christine Alaio Taylor Propopiak

AMERICAN LEGION AWARD Mackenzie Porter Rosa Sinchi CORTLANDT VOLUNTEER AM-BULANCE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Jessica Colombo Matt Doran WOMEN BAND DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARD Alexandra Lenz DEBBIE MILLER SPANISH AWARD Andrea Goncalves PTA AWARD Matthew Marricco Hernan Herrera AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN -MATH AND SCIENCE AWARD Amelia Bisaccia Alexandra Lenz NYS COMPTROLLER'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Theodora Worledge Jack Briggi BMMS 20TH CENTURY LEARNER AND LIBRARY AWARD Kent Albers Rosa Sinchi

### High Honor Roll All Three Years

Samantha Aaronson, Christian Aurand, Matthew Barry, Margaret Bernstein, Amelia Bisaccia, John Briggi, Maya Cacanindin, Jessica Conklin, Trevor Dowling, Kaylee Febres, Brian Gershgorn, Margaret Gruber, Paul Hartigan, Eva Hecht, Matthew Imbimbo, Elisabeth Johnson, Sam Kemper, Carolyn Kochek, Cassandra Laureti, Kayleigh Lizotte, Brett Mager, Peter Manthey, Natalie McIntyre, Meoldy Munitz, Montana Nelson, Vy-Ha Nguyen, Taylor Prokopiak, Fiona Reilly, Marielle Simbulan, Danielle Smith, Paloma Socorro, Eliza Tivnan, Lila Trepp, Sarah Vargas, Theodora Worledge.

### Honor Roll All Three Years

Christina Alaio, Maiya Aubry, Nicole Barberan, Sherman Bartolomeo, Katherine Bhanote, Spencer Boxer, Brian Chuchuca, Matilda Curley, Alec Dalton, Henry Degarmo, Mitchell Feldman, Austin Fraser, Donald French, Lynsey Gillespie, Andrea Goncalves, Diana Guarilglia, Dylan Haughton, Amoni Haynes, Kyle Kapfer, Eve Kennedy, Keith Koski, Violet Kravitz, Alexander Lagos, Ethan Landron, Alexandra Lenz, Ashley Lupi, Nicholas Lustyik, Kelsie MacFadyen, Benjamin Mahler, Stephanie Mandelkow, Brianna Mannarino, Keren Markovitch, Kane McKeever, Leah Montgomery, Vanessa Nine, Rachel Palka, Victor Podvalny, Robert Reyes, William Riefenhauser, Itzak Rowland, Rosa Sinchi, Mckenna Skalky, Zoe Staats, Chloe Stewart, Matthew Strang, Tess Willinger, Caitlin Wong.

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### Laura G. Neier New Assistant Principal at Hen Hud

Laura G. Neier has been named an Assistant Principal of Hendrick Hudson High School, effective July 23. She brings with her a variety of experiences in the educational world.

Neier most recently came from the Blind Brook-Rye Unified Free School District, where she served as the interim assistant principal for both the middle and high school. Prior to working in Westchester, she worked as a clinical supervisor for Pace University and a professor of education for University of Phoenix's online program. Additionally, Neier spent ten years with the New York City Department of Education working as a teacher and an assistant principal, first as a member of the New York City Teaching Fellows and then as a founding member of World Journalism Preparatory School (a 6-12 public school in Flushing, NY). She also worked as a Talent Coach for the NY City Office of Teacher Effectiveness, training teachers, building leaders, and district leaders on the city and state's new Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan.

She is passionate about student learning and hopes to play a pivotal role in providing an educational experience for all students of Hendrick Hudson that not only creates a solid foundation for a strong future, but also supports students' emotional and intellectual needs.

Neier holds a BA in Journalism from

the University of Maryland in College Park, a Master of Arts in English Education from CUNY Brooklyn College, and earned her New York State School and District Leader certifications through the Leadership Academy at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. She lives in Mohegan Lake with her husband and two children.

Principal James Mackin said, "I would like to congratulate Mrs. Neier and welcome her on behalf of our entire staff."

#### 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 chal-

lenging, creative, exploratory, accessible, and nurturing; and

• A fully engaged, supportive community.



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Hendrick Hudson High School 2166 Albany Post Road Montrose, NY 10548 (914) 257-5800 Laura G. Neier is a new assistant principal at Hendrick Hudson High School.