Dedication and Commitment Key to Success for Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Each year, Soundings features our Valedictorian and Salutatorian. This year, they penned an article about each other. This year’s valedictorian, Cassandra Rogers, is an incredibly dedicated student. Over the past two summers, she interned at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine where she completed a research project on the genetics of schizophrenia. Her highly technical project won fourth in the biology category of the county qualifying Intel Science and Engineering fair, and second at the state level.

In addition, Cassandra has been involved in service. She raised money for Lumos, a charity working in Eastern Europe to prevent disadvantaged children from being institutionalized in poor conditions. She also works at Pegasus, a therapeutic horseback riding center for disabled children, where she teaches lessons and helps children stay motivated.

Despite a difficult course load, Cassandra has been the President of National Art Honor Society for two years, the art director of Drama Club, and member of both the National Honor Society and the National Math Honor Society. She represents our high school in the Science Olympiad, plays violin, and sings in the Treble choir. She was also commended for her impressive performance on the PSAT.

Cassandra plans to study biomathematics or pre-med at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. It is her hope that she will become involved in public health, either as a pediatrician -- working for Doctors Without Borders, with the United Nations, or independently -- or as a specialist in healthcare policy.

Perhaps what the high school will remember Cassandra for is the Harry Potter club. Cassandra is passionate about the Harry Potter series, and everyone at Hendrick Hudson could use the magic that characterized her favorite characters. Doubtless, she will take the magic with her as she pursues her dreams.

Hendrick Hudson’s salutatorian, Ben Toll, has made his mark on Hendrick Hudson as a model and incredibly well-rounded student. Many of his peers know Ben for his motivation; whether he is in science, music, art, or English, he never fails to put 110% into absolutely everything he does.

Ben particularly enjoys painting and drawing fantasy landscapes. These stunning works of art highlight his work in both AP Studio Art and the National Art Honor Society—of which he is the vice president. Perhaps Ben’s most signature drawings are his escargots—as his French teacher refers to his snail sketches. These comic doodles have nearly come to replace his name on assignments, and decorate his creative projects and margins of his notes.

Ben will pursue his undergraduate education at the University of Michigan. Though he has not yet decided on a major, he is interested in a career involving international relations with Japan. While attending the University of Michigan, he plans to study abroad at the University of Tokyo.

Ben has made has mark on Hendrick Hudson—both in the form of his snails and his dedication to his studies and extracurricular interests. We can surely expect him to continue to achieve in college and beyond.
A Message from the Interim Superintendent of Schools, Brian D. Monahan, Ph.D

Dear Friends,

In the short time I have been in the Hendrick Hudson School District, it has become clear to me that this is a community that values education. I have had a chance to visit all of our schools and meet members of the community. Everyone has made me feel most welcome, for which I am grateful.

You should be proud of your outstanding District. The Board of Education and Dr. McCann are to be commended for the high quality academic and co-curricular programs that are in place. Over the next year I will do my best to build on the outstanding work that has already been done. I am grateful to the Board members for their confidence in my ability to provide leadership during this challenging period.

I hope you have an opportunity to relax with family and friends during the remainder of the summer. When the new school year begins in September, I hope to get a chance to meet many of you at school and community events. In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached most easily at Brian.Monahan@henhudschools.org.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Monahan, Ph.D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Brian D. Monahan Takes the Helm of the Hendrick Hudson School District

The Hendrick Hudson Board of Education is pleased to announce that Brian D. Monahan, Ph.D., began his tenure as interim Superintendent of Schools today. He replaced Schools Superintendent Dr. Daniel T. McCann who announced in March his intention to retire at the close of the 2011-12 school year.

Dr. Monahan, who most recently serviced as Coordinator of Graduate Programs in Educational Leadership and Technology at Pace University, brings nearly 40 years of experience as an educator to the Hendrick Hudson School District.

Beginning his public education career in Yonkers Public Schools as a computer science and English teacher, Monahan has a wide breadth of experience both in and out of the classroom. He has held positions as a curriculum specialist, Director of Information Technology and Deputy Superintendent. He retired from the North Rockland Central School District (Haverstraw-Stony Point CSD) in August of 2009 as Superintendent of Schools, where he served since 1995.

Monahan received his B.A. in English from SUNY Albany, holds three Master's Degrees (English Education-Iona College, Applied Linguistics-Columbia University and Computer Science-Pace University). Additionally, he received his Ph.D in Curriculum and Teaching with a specialization in Language and Literacy from Fordham University.

In addition to his professional resume, Monahan has been active in his community, serving as a trustee on the Dobbs Ferry Village Board and three terms as Mayor. He has also served on the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District Board of Education.

Monahan resides in Dobbs Ferry with his wife Terry. Together they have one daughter, Lisa.

“The Board of Education interviewed a number of candidates, and while all had very impressive backgrounds, Dr. Monahan is the best fit for our schools at this juncture,” remarked former Board of Education President Marion Walsh. “We were impressed with his varied experience, educational philosophy and captivated by his sense of optimism, enthusiasm and ability to connect with individuals on a number of levels. We are delighted to welcome him to our community and look forward to working with him in the coming year,” concluded Walsh.

“I am honored that the Hendrick Hudson Board has selected me for this important role at such a critical time. The District has an outstanding record of accomplishment in academics and co-curricular areas,” said Monahan. He continued, “My hope is to continue to build on the excellent work that has been done and provide careful and thoughtful leadership during a period of transition. I have enjoyed my recent three years as a professor but look forward to getting back into public school classrooms and seeing the positive things that happen when teachers, staff and members of the community work together to help students excel.”

Note: Interim Superintendent Dr. Brian Monahan has been granted approval for service under Section 211 of Retirement and Social Security Law for the Hendrick Hudson Schools from July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. Under this provision, Dr. Monahan has the right to receive his pension while so employed. His compensation from the district is $875 per day.
Hen Hud Embarks on Ambitious Energy Conservation Program

The Hendrick Hudson School District has taken a proactive step in good stewardship of budgeted funds and energy by embarking on a comprehensive energy conservation and management program with Energy Education. The award-winning company’s energy conservation programs have saved more than $2.8 billion for educational and ministerial organizations across the nation.

In the coming weeks, the Hendrick Hudson School District will begin a search for an Energy Education Specialist (EES), to oversee the district’s energy use and help educate district staff and students about energy conservation. The EES will conduct energy audits to ensure students and teachers are comfortable during class time and scheduled activities, and energy is used only as necessary. Energy Education Specialists are responsible for helping to motivate everyone in the system to use energy wisely, keep classrooms comfortable, and practice smart energy strategies.

Every energy use point throughout the organization is analyzed, with continual follow up to ensure that energy is used as necessary, but never wasted.

According to former Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel McCann, “Over the last several years we have taken important steps to conserve energy to reduce its impact on our operating budget. The time has arrived for us to take an even more in-depth look at our energy use across our entire organization.”

All costs of the Energy Education program come from the system’s existing utility budget, with savings projected to more than pay for the program. Many organizations have credited this program with helping keep personnel and maintain programs that otherwise would have fallen victim to budget cuts.

Two Hen Hud Seniors Share Peekskill Rotary Music Award

The Peekskill Rotary Club’s Joseph B. Fontana Award for Music was presented this year to Claire Leyden and Sunhwa Reiner, both graduating seniors at Hendrick Hudson High School.

The $1,000 scholarship is open to graduating seniors from Peekskill, Walter Panas and Hendrick Hudson high schools. The award is given based on academics and musical talent, and requires the student to either major or minor in music while in college.

Dr. Joseph B. Fontana, a dentist and violist, was a member of the Rotary Club of Peekskill and a Rotary District Governor.

Both Claire and Sunhwa are members of Hendrick Hudson High School’s acclaimed Treble Makers Chorus, and both play flute in the school’s wind ensemble. Both participated this year in All-State Chorus, American Choral Directors’ Eastern Division Latino Honors Choir, and Distinguished Concerts International Choir at Carnegie Hall under the direction of composer/conductor Eric Whitacre. Sunhwa also plays piano and Claire, the guitar and ukelele. Sunhwa is also the founder and director of Singchronized, the school’s student-run a cappella group.

Peekskill Rotarian Dr. Donald Feldman, chairman of the club’s Fontana Memorial Scholarship Committee, introduced Claire and Sunhwa and presented them with the awards during the club’s meeting on June 7. He noted that, while the scholarship is typically given to one student each year, the Rotary club board -- based on committee recommendation -- decided to award scholarships to both, joking that they are “basically the same person.” Sunhwa, in accepting her award, thanked the Rotary for awarding dual scholarships, noting that the two girls have been best friends since they met in first grade at Frank G. Lindsey School. Claire, in her acceptance, thanked the Rotary for its support of the many musical programs in the Hendrick Hudson School District. Dr. Feldman also played recordings of their musical talents which confirmed clearly their accomplishments and entitlement to Fontana scholarships.

Sunhwa will be majoring in music education at Ithaca College in the fall. Claire will attend Williams College, where she will study music and environmental science.
A Message from Mary-Pat Briggi
President, Board of Education

The end of the school year is always an exciting, positive time and this year was no exception. The members of the class of 2012 celebrated their graduation at SUNY-Purchase among family and friends and now look forward to a future filled with the next steps of their dreams. We wish them the best and look forward to what they will accomplish as they disturb the universe, as challenged by their valedictorian, Cassandra Rogers.

The 2011-12 school year was filled with challenges and changes, but also great successes. Challenges resulted in several new contract settlements and revised plans for our District facilities, and changes included a new superintendent and board member. In spite of this, we came out on the other end with our high school ranked among the top in the state and the nation and a graduation rate and Regents and AP passing rates hovering at new levels. We did this together, as a community. Our students and their accomplishments are a product of a strong foundation provided by our elementary and middle schools, and the wide array of opportunities at our high school – all achieved by the combined efforts of committed students, teachers and parents.

I look forward to the new school year working with our Interim Superintendent Dr. Brian Monahan, newly-elected Vice President Laurie Ryan and the rest of the Board. I want to welcome Dr. Carol Popolow-Abraham to the Board and wish to thank her and Dr. Monahan for making the commitment to the District and our children. It is our goal to work together with District Administration and staff to build on these successes and assure that every child has the opportunity to reach his/her unique potential.

May everyone enjoy a restful, healthy summer.

Mary-Pat Briggi
President, Board of Education

HHCEF Updates: 5k Race a Success & Grants Fund Technology, Project Adventure, the Arts and More in Hen Hud Schools

At its June meeting, the Board of the Hendrick Hudson Community Educational Foundation (HHCEF) approved its latest round of grant awards totaling $14,300. $10,300 was awarded under the HHCEF Innovation in Education Grant program and $4,000 was awarded under the HHCEF Spring grant cycle.

HHCEF Innovation in Education Grants

The HHCEF Innovation in Education Grant program is a leading edge educational initiative to support lifelong learning for the members of the Hendrick Hudson community.

Innovation grants fund new initiatives which clearly demonstrate a commitment to raising the bar in education rather than a continuation of existing programs. Specifically, the Innovation in Education grant is intended to fund projects and programs which incorporate new technology, new and challenging content and/or implement current best practices in education.

Two 2012 Innovation grants were awarded. $7,000 was granted to Blue Mountain Middle School art teachers Logan Krause and Paul Gioacchini to purchase digital technology for elective art classes. In addition, $3,300 will go to Buchanan-Verplanck Speech teacher Jennifer Tait to purchase tablets and educational applications.

HHCEF 2012 Spring Grants

HHCEF awards grants of up to $1,000 in its fall and spring grant cycles. This spring’s grants are:

- $1,000 to purchase additional drums for the BMMS World Drumming program, run by band director Amy Richter;
- $1,000 to purchase books for a summer professional development program available to all district teaching staff, coordinated by Paul Rogulski;
- $1,000 to provide funding for the “Role Models” seminar series at Hendrick Hudson High School, the brainchild of Dr. Christine Rogers;
- $1,000 to purchase the Whale Watch component for Project Adventure at BMMS, requested by gym teacher Diane Swertfager.

These grants will result in meaningful enhancements to the quality of education in our schools. “The HHCEF Board considers it a privilege to play a part in these important initiatives brought to life by such dedicated, forward-thinking educators,” commented Beth Gruber, HHCEF Co-President. “We were thrilled to receive such a wide variety of grant applications, and the quality of the proposed projects was outstanding. Thanks to the Hendrick Hudson community’s support of our annual appeal and our first ever Healthy on the Hudson 5k Race/Walk and Health Expo, we were able to fund every grant request.”
Adaptive Sports Clinics Help Students with Special Needs

Beginning this past spring, the Hendrick Hudson School District offered an Adaptive Sports program in tennis and basketball to students from Kindergarten through 5th grade at both Frank G. Lindsey and Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary Schools.

The adaptive sports program promotes and develops recreational opportunities for students with differing abilities and circumstances through inclusion, knowledge, and support, and by providing, where needed, adaptive programming, equipment, and teaching techniques.

The adaptive sports program also helps to build confidence and self-esteem by creating opportunities for success and offers these children a sense of belonging by teaching them to play cooperatively in a team atmosphere. The program also helps children improve balance, mobility, agility, strength and fitness.

Janet Lefkowitz, Director of Tennis for the Town of Greenburgh, has taught adaptive tennis for 30 years and was pleased to bring her expertise and passion to the Hen Hud community. Through her patient direction and expertise, and with the help of three outstanding student athletes from the Hen Hud Girls' Varsity Tennis Team, Clio Lieberman, Albertina Qelaj, and Fiona Ewing, program participants of differing ability levels were introduced to the game of tennis.

According to Jeanine MacFayden, whose daughter Emma has taken part in the adaptive sports programs, “It has been such a rewarding and positive experience for my daughter. In these sessions I have watched her make progress in her coordination as well as her processing. Emma looked forward to attending these clinics and I cannot begin to tell you how happy and proud I was watching her be able to hit the tennis ball over the net. What was more rewarding was to see the smile on her face and the sense of accomplishment that she felt in herself.”

In addition to adaptive tennis, the district is also offering adaptive basketball under the direction of Danny Bernstein from Backyard Sports. “Danny brings an energy and passion to the basketball court that is infectious and engaging for the children, his team of coaches and parents alike,” said Hendrick Hudson School Director of Pupil Personnel Service Kathleen Coughlin.

Together with three teachers, Jennifer LeFevre, Mary Fanning, and Derek Kisslinger, as well as two student-coaches, Matthew MacFadyen and Ryan Boyle, Bernstein brought a love of basketball to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in “mainstream” athletic activities.

Both adaptive programs were established as a result of the work of the Hendrick Hudson Special Education PTA, or SEPTA. The Hen Hud SEPTA was chartered in October 2009 as an organization dedicated to advocating for the differential needs of all children in our district. Their goal is to create a community that values and respects each student’s learning abilities. A broader focus this past year has been on creating and sustaining programs within our community which support the social, emotional and athletic needs of children of all abilities.

The adaptive tennis and basketball program are on hiatus for the summer but will start again this October. SEPTA hopes to extend participation in these programs to even more of our students in the coming year. According to SEPTA Co-President Deidre Angelastro, “Our goal is to make such programs accessible to all students, in particular those who may be educated in out-of-district placements, as a means of promoting a stronger sense of belonging and participation in their home community.”

Mrs. Dolacky’s Third Graders had “Stuffed Animal Day” in their classroom. The children were involved in various ELA and Math activities centered around their favorite stuffed animals. As a culminating experience, the class created bar graphs and wrote stories about their stuffed animals.
The Summer Slide—Focus on Elementary Mathematics

By: Dr. Alice Gottlieb, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professorial Personnel

Last summer, when I wrote about the “summer slide,” I described my daughter at six, in her pink and white striped swimsuit, careening down our swing set slide into a splash pool. I went on to suggest ways to discuss the “summer slide” as educators describe it, in terms of young children losing momentum in reading in July and August. This summer my focus is math: how can parents support math skills over the summer?

For starters, cook, count, and estimate with your children. Cooking involves measuring, fractions, converting amounts, estimating -- and good family time also! Count the number of steps on any adventure; better yet, estimate and then count the number of steps. Estimate and count the number of blueberries in a box, or kernels on an ear of corn. Ask your children to estimate how many ears of corn you’ll need for the family barbecue...or how many ears will be at the table, including all the family members and animals! Keep the counting light, and make it fun.

On a more academic note, children who know their number facts are more confident in math class. Summer is a great time to practice with flash cards. According to the new Common Core Standards for Mathematics, by the end of the following grades, children are expected to be able to:

• Kindergarten – count and play with up to 20 objects; count to 100 by one's and ten's.
• Grade 1 – Add and subtract within 20.
• Grade 2 – Know their addition and subtraction facts up to 20; Add and subtract within 100.
• Grade 3 – Multiply and divide within 100.
• Grades 4 and 5 – Become automatic with the times tables through the 12’s. Automatic means your child knows what 7 x 8 is as fast as he/she knows his/her name!

Do whatever you can to keep the learning going, and to have fun at the same time.

Enjoy!
"Follow the Yellow Brick Road to First Grade," is the latest slogan of Ellen Baig’s Kindergarten classroom. In conjunction with The Wizard of Oz community read, Ellen led her class in creatively resurrecting the Emerald City, as well as the yellow brick road which led Dorothy and her crew down the path. What fun!

“We discussed the characters and what each of them longed for. Moreover, we discussed that there really is no place like home. With our book buddies we watched an animated version of The Wizard of Oz,” said Baig.

Blue Mountain Singers Capture Highest Honors at NYSSMA 2012

The Blue Mountain Middle School Select Choir consists of 30 auditioned singers in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade. “I love taking the choir to NYSSMA every year because the judges are top notch and you are not competing against other choirs—only competing against a checklist which tells us what is assessed for a very high standard of singing,” remarked choir director Carol Arrucci.

This standard has been maintained year after year as the Select Choir has received highest scores at NYSSMA for the last 10 years straight. “One year we got Bronze, but other than that the group has demonstrated a really high quality of performance. This year was very special, because of the Gold with Distinction rating with a very difficult level of music,” tells choral director Carol Arrucci, “but also, because of the solid commitment of the group.”

The students sang at levels 3, 4 and 5 for the adjudication (4 and 5 being high school level). “President Rosie Evans was a great leader and was strict, with high expectations for the group from day one. This strong student leadership helped the group to focus at rehearsals and kept the group’s concentration on what they needed to do to get the job done! When they finished singing, the judge approached the group and took a deep breath. “No one really knew why she approached us after the adjudication, then suddenly she began to shed a tear and talk to the group. It was very moving, and she was full of compliments both for the singers and the conductor,” recalls Arrucci.

“We left there feeling like we won the lottery. I am sure the whole town of Carmel heard them scream when the Gold with Distinction award was brought onto the bus,” concluded Arrucci.

Congratulations to both Mrs. Arrucci and the Blue Mountain Choir!!
Oh! The Places They Will Go
Hen Hud seniors accepted at colleges across nation

With the end of the 2011-12 school year, our High School Seniors are preparing to leave Hen Hud for their post secondary education pursuits. Hen Hud students have been accepted to colleges across the state and nation.

The Class of 2012 has applied to colleges in record numbers. With 208 of our 209 seniors applying to post-secondary education and vocational institutions, the Class of 2012 will represent Hen Hud at some of our nation’s finest academic institutions.

“This has been a great year for the Class of 2012,” remarked Principal James Mackin. “From Emory University to Carnegie Mellon, the Class of 2012 has proven they have what it takes to be successful. I have no doubt these students have maximized their potential here at Hendrick Hudson High School and will seek out even greater challenges in the years ahead as they complete their academic careers. I could not be prouder of our students,” concluded Mackin.

Hen Hud students will find themselves in the ranks at a number of SUNY Schools including Binghamton, Buffalo, Plattsburgh, Albany, New Paltz and Stony Brook to name a few. As a testament to our rigorous academic program, a number of our students will be attending some of the most prestigious schools in the nation including Cornell, Columbia and Dartmouth.

“The sheer number of students applying to college is amazing,” said Interim Superintendent Dr. Brian Monahan. “Over the last four years and indeed over the last twelve years, the Class of 2012 has dedicated itself to academic excellence and shooting for the stars. I am extremely proud of this exceptional group of young people,” concluded Monahan.

Hen Hud Receives Grant from Wheelabrator

Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc. has awarded the Hendrick Hudson School District a grant in the amount of $3,440 to fund the purchase of materials necessary for the district’s new Project Lead the Way college-level course, Digital Electronics, coming on in September 2012.

In this course, students in grades 10-12 will be introduced to the process of combinational and sequential logic design, engineering standards and technical documentation.

Wheelabrator is a subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc., a worldwide waste management conglomerate that employs some of the latest and greenest technologies in its various lines of business. Wheelabrator’s Peekskill trash-to-energy plant handles nearly all of Westchester County’s trash and generates enough electricity to serve 88,000 homes throughout the county.

“We are fortunate to have a subsidiary of a Fortune 500 company right here in our backyard. Their generosity has made it possible for us to offer another Project Lead the Way course, fulfilling student demand for these hands-on, dynamic engineering courses,” said then-Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel McCann.
Special Awards Pullout

Congratulations Hendrick Hudson High School Class of 2012
AWARDS AND HONORS OF THE CLASS OF 2012

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION AWARD TO THE VALEDICTORIAN
Cassandra Elisabeth Rogers

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION AWARD TO THE SALUTATORIAN
Benjamin Toll

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS SOCIETY LADIES AUXILIARY AWARD
To the 3rd ranking senior
Claire Catherine Leyden

WOMAN’S CLUB OF PEEKSKILL-CORTLANDT AWARD
Shivanee Shah

PEEKSKILL ROTARY CLUB OUTSTANDING STUDENTS
SCHOLARSHIP - Cassandra Rogers
FELLOWSHIP - Claire Leyden

RICHARD ALBERT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Danielle Mueller

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY AWARD
Christopher Goetchius

BUCHANAN SENIOR CITIZENS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Tiffany Porras

VERPLANCK RESIDENTS’ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Sarah Kelleher

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
David LaFemina
Maggie Worden

ROBERT J. HILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Finbar Casey

CHERYL R. LINDENBAUM MEMORIAL AWARD
Garrett Garcia

STEPHEN C. KEENAN MEMORIAL AWARD
Gabriel Weissman

NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC T. SCHNEIDERMAN TRIPLE “C” AWARD
Kaitlyn Ramirez       Nelson Trusler

LADIES ELKS CLUB #744 CAREER AWARD AWARDED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE CHOSEN THE SPECIFIC CAREER PATHS IN THE FOLLOWING:
Nursing – Shavante Brower
Education – Jessica Marrone
Civic-Minded – David LaFemina

YARA LOUISE HESTON MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD
Amanda Bell

PATRIOTIC SERVICE COMMUNITY AWARD
Joseph Quartucio       Sarah Hecht

DIANE TANGEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Oliver Cooperman

BUCKNER AWARD FOR UNDERSTANDING, ACCEPTANCE, AND COMPASSION
Jamie Migliore

ED CARTER MEMORIAL AWARD
Alexandria Bernardin

WIENKOOP FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Derek Rich

JOHN R. CITO JR. COLLEGE MEMORIAL AWARD
Samuel Melnik

PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
Skylar Fray

WISE SENIOR AWARD
Alexandria Bernardin
Danielle Levy
Claire Pershing
Kyra Smith

PERSEVERANCE AWARD
William Brown
SALLY SCHECER DEBATE AND SPEECH AWARD
Garrett Garcia

NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Christopher Goetchius

GEORGE W. KIEFER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Lawrence Coleman

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION GRADUATION AWARD
Jazmine Basora Nicholas DiTomasso
Brittany Koch Krista Shea

OVERCOMING THE ODDS CERTIFICATE AWARD
Derek Rich

HHCEF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Alexander Alves

ART/MUSIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

DOUGLAS MOWBRAY ART AWARD
Jessica Marrone

TIMOTHY DANIEL PASCALE ART RECOGNITION AWARD
Jessica Carbone

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ART ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD
Jessica Carbone

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO ART AWARD
Benjamin Toll

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION BAND AWARD
Lee Meadvin Lana Migliore

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ORCHESTRA AWARD
Christopher Goetchius

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION CHORAL AWARD
Zachary Jackson Claire Leyden

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD
Garrett Garcia Aliyah Hakim

EMA S. K. PRICE MUSIC AWARD
Sun Hwa Reiner

HENDRICK HUDSON PERFORMING ARTS CAMP AWARD
Band – Daniel Bocek & Cameron Rasmussen
Chorus – Alisha Acosta & Clarice Mayo
Drama – Kyra Smith

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

ROTARY CLUB SENIOR ATHLETE AWARD
Sean Barry Julianna Gaspar

IRWIN J. MAYER MEMORIAL AWARD – SCHOLARSHIP AND ATHLETICS
Male Athlete Sean Sweeney
Female Athlete Meaghan Lynch

IRWIN J. MAYER PARTICIPATION AWARD
Male Athlete Cameron Rasmussen
Female Athlete Danielle Mueller
VINCENT VERDESCHI MEMORIAL AWARD
Male Athlete   Finbar Casey
Female Athlete   Sun Hwa Reiner

HENDRICK HUDSON ATHLETICS
PERSEVERANCE AWARD
Male Athlete   Christopher Ciboso
Female Athlete   Kaylie Pyrch

HENDRICK HUDSON ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
DEDICATION AWARD
Male Athlete   Phillip Siegel
Female Athlete   Stephanie Oricchio

SAILOR PRIDE AWARD
Male Athlete   Daniel Bocek
Female Athlete   Stephanie Gmeiner

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AWARD
Male Athlete   Kyle Altman
Female Athlete   Nora Callagy

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARD
Male Athlete   Matthew Solnick
Female Athlete   Sarah Oricchio

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD
Male Athlete   Michael Cruikshank
Male Athlete   Zachary Jackson
Female Athlete   Amanda Bell
Female Athlete   Maggie Worden

VARSITY CLUB AWARD
Joseph Quartucio   Alexander Alves

HENDRICK HUDSON HEISMAN SCHOLAR AWARD
Juliann Cutuli

MSG VARSITY SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD
Male Athlete   Frank Mele
Female Athlete   Mikela Ryan

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME SCHOLARSHIP
Daniel Reiner   Alexa Richardson

SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS
Alexander Alves, Albert Cosenza, Matthew Dacher, Claire
Leyden, Meaghan Lynch, Danielle Mueller, Tiffany Porras,
Sun Hwa Reiner, Nada Rizk, and Sean Schmitz

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS
PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH AWARD
Stephanie Messing

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Kaitlyn Ramirez

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ELL AWARD
Lailla de Almeida Madeiros

OUTSTANDING SERVICE
TO THE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE LEARNERS OF
HHHS
Shivanee Shah

MATH HONOR SOCIETY SENIOR AWARD
Matthew Dacher

FOREIGN LANGUAGE
DEPARTMENT AWARDS
PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Excellence in Spanish
Amanda Bell

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Dedication to Spanish
Tiffany Porras

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Excellence in French
Cassandra Rogers

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Dedication to French
Claire Leyden

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ITALIAN AWARD
Angela Fultz
PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION
DEDICATION TO ITALIAN AWARD
Elizabeth Bynum

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF ITALIAN EXCELLENCE IN ITALIAN
Angela Fultz

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARD
HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL HISTORICAL AWARD
Garrett Garcia

WILLIAM STERN POST #70 JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF U.S.
James Wurzbach

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL STUDIES
Claire Leyden

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD
Kaitlyn Ramirez

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS
PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AWARD
Cassandra Rogers

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO SCIENCE AWARD
Alexander Alves

DONALD L. GOLDFARB, M.D. PRE-MEDICINE ACADEMIC MEMORIAL AWARD
Tiffany Porras

TECH CENTER AWARDS
CSEA UNIT 9162 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Boy - Paul Barilla Girl - Katherine Acosta

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION TECH CENTER AWARD
Oliver Cooperman

BUSINESS EDUCATION AWARDS
PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS/COMPUTER AWARD
Angela Fultz

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO BUSINESS AWARD
Alexa Richardson

FBLA LEADER AWARD
Kimberly Coleman

FBLA GO-GETTER AWARD
Shivanee Shah

GEORGE PENZA BUSINESS AWARD
Matthew Solnick

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
HIGH HONOR ROLL 15 TIMES
Matthew Dacher Nicole Eiden Claire Leyden Meaghan Lynch Tiffany Porras Sunhwa Reiner

Nada Rizk Cassandra Rogers Sean Schmitz Shivanee Shah Benjamin Toll Samantha Vredenbergh
HONOR ROLL 15 TIMES

HONOR ROLL 11 TIMES
Sana DiAngelo

2012 PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

COMMENDED STUDENTS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP – 2012
Claire C. Leyden Lee A. Meadvin
Jack C. Reuter Cassandra E. Rogers
Benjamin K. Toll

HENDRICK HUDSON EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP
Matthew Solnick

TIMOTHY DANIEL PASCALE SCHOLARSHIP
Jessica Marrone

HENDRICK HUDSON LION’S CLUB/SARAH F. DONOVAN SCHOLARSHIP
Claire Leyden

FGL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
Julieanna Gaspar Shivanee Shah

JACK McGUIRE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Jenna Ritornato

HENDRICK HUDSON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP
Taylor Berndt Garrett Garcia

BUCHANAN-VERPLANCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
Amanda Bell Christopher Ciboso

FURNACE WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
Oliver Cooperman Ian Skalky

CORTLANDT COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
Finbar Casey Emily Harding

CORTLANDT NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
Finbar Casey Christopher Ciboso

BUCHANAN ENGINE COMPANY ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
Amanda Bell

JUDITH C. ARMISTO SCHOLARSHIP
Jessica Marrone Alexa Richardson
# Ellen and Merrill Roth Work Ethic Award

- Kimberly Coleman
- Natalia Pacheco

## Blue Mountain Middle School

### Eighth Grade Academic Awards

#### Excellence in Subject Area

**English**
- Catherine Barra
- Jessica Goldman
- Catherine O’Halloran

**Math**
- Olivia Young
- Travis Ramirez
- Skyler Graap

**Geometry**
- Kennan Ewing

**Science-Living Environment**
- Emily Hochron
- Katherine Johnson

**Social Studies**
- Egan Padilla
- Spencer Mazzilli

**Spanish**
- Catherine O’Halloran
- Julia O’Halloran
- Sabrina Newman

**Italian**
- Catherine Barra
- Emily Barthelmes

**French**
- Egan Padilla
- Clio Lieberman

**Integrated Algebra**
- Gracie Aaronson
- Andrew Persaud

**Margaret Zupp Award 6th Grade**
- Christina Alaio
- Chloe Stewart

**Fontana Award**
- Kyle Szendro

**Gary Mercer Award**
- Kaitlyn Amable

**The Counselor’s Award**
- Noelle Carlson

## Most Outstanding P.E. Student

- Sebastian Burbano
- Katherine Johnson

## Most Outstanding Band Student

- Charles O’Brien

## Most Outstanding Orchestra Student

- Kennan Ewing

## Most Outstanding MOVAPA Student

- Taylor Crisci

## Perfect Attendance Three Years

- Emily Barthelmes
- Lindsay Pelaccio
- Amanda Monk
- Jessica Goldman
- Kyle Doernberg
- Andrew Persaud
- Morgan Murphy
- Jessica Macci
- Kennan Ewing

## Lion’s Club Kay Chalk Award

- Amanda Monk
- Jessica Macci

## American Legion Award

- Taylor Crisci
- Charles O’Brien

## Cortlandt Volunteer Ambulance Corps Achievement Award

- Galo Chica
- Andrew Grant

## Women Band Directors’ Association Middle School Award

- Cassandra Cavalieri
- Debbie Miller Spanish Award
- Kaitlyn Amable

## PTA Award:

- Troy Dyckman
- William Villa

## American Association of University Women Math and Science Award:

- Christina Kennedy
- Gabby Siguenza

## NYS Comptroller’s Achievement Award

- Gracie Aaronson
- Jessica Goldman

## Geography Bee Winner

- William Foster
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**Hendrick Hudson Mission Statement**

2010-2016

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.

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