

SOUNDINGS

Hendrick Hudson School District

Graduation Edition

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.

It would seem that with his rigorous academic schedule—including five AP classes this year—Ben would hardly have time to devote to his extracurricular interests or community service. However, any such assumption would be entirely misconstrued. Ben is an accomplished pianist, and an artist. He also takes intensive Japanese lessons, studies Aikido (a Japanese martial art) and

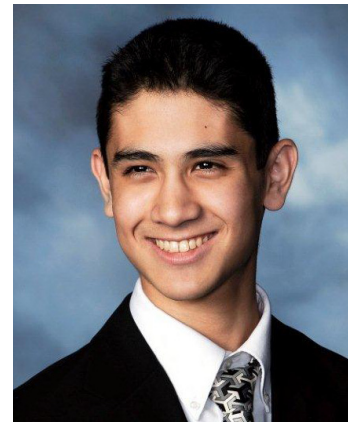
spent two summers volunteering at the University of Michigan medical center in gastroenterology.

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 his 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 have 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



THE HHCEF inaugural 5k run was held on April 28, 2012 at the Hendrick Hudson High School. Pictured are top finishers (L-R) Annette Wenzel, Christine Bell, Charlie Furphy, Jason Furphy and Craig Rodrigues

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.



Hendrick Hudson High School Class of 2012 graduates
Rebecca Annapol, Olivia Alves and Alex Alves

Hen Hud Achieves Academic Triple Crown: High School Named to 3 Nation-Wide Top High School Lists

The Hendrick Hudson School District was excited to learn that it achieved an academic Triple Crown this week, as it was named to the Washington Post's High School Challenge List. This was the third top High School list Hen Hud has made in as many weeks.

Ranking in at #975 this year, Hendrick Hudson High School moved up 20 spots from its 2011 ranking of 995.

According to the Washington Post's website, "The index score is the number of college-level tests given at a school in 2011 divided by the number of graduates that year. Also noted are the percentage of students who come from families that qualify for lunch subsidies and the percentage of graduates who passed at least one college-level test during their high school career, called equity and excellence, (E&E)."

This differs from other rankings in that it takes into account factors beyond test scores such as college attendance and includes a component for college-level classes. Hen Hud offers students access to 11 college level classes. This year 37% of our high school students are taking at least one college level class.

"This is a tremendous achievement for our students and community," remarked then-Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel McCann. "While these acknowledgements focus on our High School, it speaks of the work of all our teachers throughout the district. Education is a building process, with success in the lower levels crucial to success at the upper levels. Without our dedicated elementary and middle school staff, these achievements would not be possible."

Hendrick Hudson High School was also named to U.S. News and World Report's and Newsweek's annual rankings of the nation's top performing high schools.

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 7×8 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!

Student Highlights

“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 lead 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.



As part of the Science 21 curriculum in first grade, students learn about living and non-living things. In this unit, students get the opportunity to study and care for land hermit crabs.

At Frank G. Lindsey, students in Mr. Leonardo’s class have been excited about taking care of the hermit crabs each day. At the end of the unit, some students will get the opportunity to adopt one of the hermit crabs to be their own.

Nicole Kopfensteiner, a former student of Mr. Leonardo, now in Mrs. Manner’s fourth grade, came back to help teach the first graders about hermit crabs. She even brought a special guest along with her; Coco, the hermit crab that she adopted three years ago when she was in first grade.



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.



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Special Awards Pullout

Congratulations Hendrick Hudson High School Class of





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 SCHECTER 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 Sweeny

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

**MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT AWARDS****PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Cassandra Rogers

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Albert Cosenza

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

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DEDICATION TO FRENCH**

Claire Leyden

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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

Shivaneesh Shah

GEORGE PENZA BUSINESS AWARD

Matthew Solnick

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

HIGH HONOR ROLL 15 TIMES

Matthew Dacher

Nicole Eiden

Angela Fultz Claire

Leyden

Meaghan Lynch

Tiffany Porras

Sunhwa Reiner

Nada Rizk

Cassandra Rogers

Sean Schmitz

Shivaneesh Shah

Benjamin Toll

Samantha Vredenberg



HONOR ROLL 15 TIMES

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Elizabeth Bynum, Kimberly Coleman, Albert
Cosenza, Michael Cruikshank, Juliann Cutuli,
Rebecca Deckert, Angela DePompeis, Christina
DiRoma, Vanessa Fazzino, Julianna Gaspar,
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Goetchius, Sarah Hecht, Michelle Leip, Shannon
McStay, Lee Meadvin, Lana Migliore, Danielle
Mueller, Stephanie Oricchio, Claire Pershing,
Joseph Quartucio, Cameron Rasmussen, Michelle
Schoenfeld, Matthew Solnick, Nelson Trusler,
and Luis Uyaguari*

HONOR ROLL 11 TIMES

Sana DiAngelo

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Cosenza, Michael Cruikshank, Matthew Dacher,
Rebecca Deckert, Angela DePompeis, Shunta
DiAngelo, Sunhwa Reiner, Jack Reuter, Nada Rizk,
Cassandra Rogers, Sean Schmitz, Shivanee Shah
Matthew Solnick, Benjamin Toll, Nelson Trusler,
Nicole Eiden, Garrett Garcia, Christopher Goetchius,
Sarah Hecht, Shriram Kasinathan, Michelle Leip
Claire Leyden, Meaghan Lynch, Lee Meadvin, Seyda
Akpinar, Alexander Alves, Danielle Mueller, Claire
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HENDRICK HUDSON EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

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TIMOTHY DANIEL PASCALE SCHOLARSHIP

Jessica Marrone

HENDRICK HUDSON LION'S CLUB/SARAH F. DONOVAN SCHOLARSHIP

Claire Leyden

FGL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Julianna 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 EIGHT 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

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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

<i>Emily Barthelmes</i>	<i>Lindsay Pelaccio</i>
<i>Amanda Monk</i>	<i>Jessica Goldman</i>
<i>Kyle Doernberg</i>	<i>Andrew Persaud</i>
<i>Morgan Murphy</i>	<i>Jessica Macci</i>
<i>Kennan Ewing</i>	

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

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