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Dear RCSD Community Member,

On Tuesday, May 21, the Rye Community came out to demonstrate its support by voting in favor of the 2024-2025 school district budget. With a 71.6% percent approval rating, we were higher than our peer districts. I am hopeful that this is reflective of community satisfaction with the educational program. We saw a slightly higher turnout than in years past, with 1,352 votes cast, versus 850 last year, and 1,052 in 2022.

There were three candidates for three Board of Education seats, making for an uncontested election. Callie Erickson, who is completing her second term on the Board, was reelected, and Valerie Lapham and Matt Schibanoff earned seats on the Board. Board member Kelsey Johnson did not stand for re-election. We thank her for her services for the past three years to the schools and to the community and wish her and her family all the best.

And now we will get back to the work at hand - continuing to deliver the superb educational outcomes that our community expects and deserves. Thank you for your support of our schools!

Sincerely,

Eric Byrne, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



Ninth Annual Andrew Gurgitano Memorial Scholarship Awards



The Andrew Gurgitano Memorial Scholarship awards are given to one senior from Rye and one senior from Harrison at an annual Rye-Harrison baseball game played in honor of Harrison High School junior and baseball player Andrew Gurgitano who tragically passed away in his sleep in 2014. The scholarships are given to both a Harrison and Rye student athlete who exhibit the attributes of being a great teammate and loving the game of baseball. The honors this year went to seniors **Shep Griffiths** from Rye and Marco Citro from Harrison. Congratulations to both student athletes, their parents, and coaches!

Spotlight on the Arts

Metro Award Nominees

Rye High School has been nominated in four categories of the prestigious Metro Awards -- the most nominations for the school since 2017. The Metropolitan High School Theater Awards are presented by the Helen Hayes Youth Theatre. This awards program was created as a way to recognize exceptional musical theater productions, talented actors and actresses, and devoted creative teams from high schools across Rockland and Westchester Counties in New York and Bergen County in New Jersey.

RHS was nominated in four categories for the Parsons Street Players' spring performance of *Mamma Mia!*:

Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Female-Identified Role

- **Sydnee Brown** as Rosie Mulligan

Outstanding Performance in a Cameo Male-Identified Role

- **Sam Rodriguez** as Eddie

Outstanding Performance of a Small Group Number

- "Dancing Queen" with **Kiki Keith**, **Sydnee Brown**, and **Karis Repetto**

Outstanding Performance by a Child Performer

- **Haley Kloepfer** and **Olivia King** as Young Donna and Young Sophie



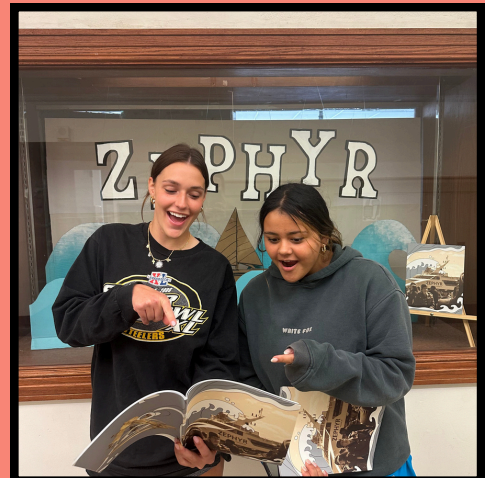
Throughout the spring season, Metro judges attended and evaluated shows presented by participating schools and nominated their selections for winners for various categories.

The winners will be named and honorees will be celebrated at a ceremony at the Purchase Performing Arts Center on June 10.

"Zephyr" Launch Party

For 64 years, Rye High School has annually produced an impressive art and literary magazine, *Zephyr*, which showcases the artistic and literary talents of students in a single volume. The magazine is the culmination of a year's worth of hard work by a devoted and passionate staff of student editors, writers, and artists, as well as two faculty advisors, **Tony Campbell** and **Roni Sarig**. The magazine has won both gold and silver medals from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, which critiques student magazines to help "improve writing through the medium of student publications."

This year's *Zephyr* was presented to students at a launch party in the Science Wing Courtyard on May 12.



Following the "Zephyr" release party, juniors Alli Koford and Samantha Hobbins enjoy the newest edition of the "Zephyr" magazine

Committed to Sports



Left to right: Cole Thomas, Karenn Chader, Finn Palermo



Front row, left to right: Jake Zion, Jessica Bourne, Isabel Harvey, Sydney Jones

Back row, left to right: Ameer White, Dillon Schmidt, Koen Terlouw, Charlie Margiloff, Ollie Lincoln, Max Crothall

Not pictured: Joe Chai

On May 23, seniors, their parents, family members, coaches, and High School administrators gathered in the PAC and later at a second session in the RMS MPR for NCAA National Letter of Intent "Spring Signing Day." The seniors will be playing their chosen sports at colleges and universities next year. The students, their sports, and colleges/universities are:

Jessica Bourne - cross country track, Gettysburg College

Karenn Chader - lacrosse, Trinity College

Joseph (Joe) Chai - lacrosse, Oberlin College

Max Crothall - soccer, SUNY Geneseo

Isabel Harvey - soccer, Hamilton College

Sydney Jones - rowing, Wellesley College

Ollie Lincoln - soccer, Hartwick College

Charlie Margiloff - soccer, Wheaton College

Finn Palermo - sailing, Hobart & William Smith Colleges

Dillon Schmidt - baseball, Hamilton College

Koen Terlouw - football, Sacred Heart University

Cole Thomas - crew, Princeton University

Ameer White - football, Colby College

Jake Zion - track, Franklin & Marshall College

Commendations

- Senior **Sydney Brown** was nominated for a Roger Rees Award for Outstanding Performance in a Musical for her role as Vi Moore in the Iona Preparatory production of Footloose.
- Junior **Madeline Kilroy** won the Kingery Memorial Essay contest and read her essay "What Memorial Day Means to Me" at the City's Memorial Day ceremony
- Seniors **Logan Jancski** and **Matthew Pelligrini** received Good Citizenship Eagle Scout awards at the City of Rye's Memorial Day ceremony
- **Team Black** came out on top in the annual Garnet vs. Black Day at RMS
- All **RHS spring sports teams** are NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete teams. To be eligible, team members must have a GPA of 90 or above
- Senior lacrosse defender **Paige Vanneck** was named the Lions Club Athlete of the Month for April
- Senior baseball pitcher **Shepherd Griffiths** was named the Lions Club Athlete of the Month for May
- The **boys varsity baseball team** ended the season with a league title
- The **boys varsity golf team** competed in the team sectional match and came in second in a three way tie with Byram and Harrison
 - Junior **Eddie Molloy** qualified for States on June 2nd and 3rd at the Mark Twain Golf Course in Elmira, NY
- The **girls varsity golf team** competed in the team sectional match placing second overall
 - Junior **Myla Bisceglia** finished 4th place in the two day sectional tournament. She qualified for the New York State Section One Team and will compete on June 2nd and 3rd at the Edison Club in Rexford, NY

Commendations (cont'd)

- The **boys varsity lacrosse team** is Section One Class C champs after winning 11-7 versus John Jay Cross River. They now head to the regional finals June 1st
- The **girls varsity lacrosse team** is Section One Class C champs after winning 15-0 versus Cornwall Central High School. They now head to the regional finals June 1st
- The **girls varsity softball team** made it to sectionals losing to Hendrick Hudson
- The **boys varsity tennis doubles team** of **Nick Echlov** and **Filip Glittersdam** made it to the sectional quarterfinals. Singles player **Henry Groves** made it to sectional semifinals
- The **boys and girls varsity track and field team** competed in the Class B Sectionals at Nyack on May 22; state qualifiers begin Thursday May 30 and Friday May 31st
 - **Erin Ball** placed 1st in the High Jump at the Class B Sectional meet; Erin also placed 1st in the High Jump at the Section One State Qualifier meet and as a result is headed to the State Track and Field Championships, June 7th and 8th at Cicero-North Syracuse
 - Students qualifying for the state qualifier: Boys: **Justin McCarthy, Will Squarek, Ben Truman, Aka Udeagha,** and **Jake Zion** Girls: **Erin Ball, Sophia Bubeck, Claire Curran, Isabela Lulaj,** and **Lily Oberbannscheidt**
- **Rocklan Boiseau** competed at the Section 1 Westchester County Championship on May 18th, taking second place with a new personal and school record of 174'3" in the javelin throw and qualifying for New Balance Nationals

A number of Rye High School athletes earned All Section and All League designations for the 2024 spring season:

All League in Baseball

- **Tommy Broderick** (12th grade)
- **Charlie Margiloff** (12th grade)
- **Jackson Pineault** (10th grade)
- **Dillon Schmidt** (12th grade)

All League and All Section in Baseball

- **Shepherd Griffiths** (12th grade)
- **Nolan Hutson** (10th grade)

All League in Boys Golf

- **Trent Bisceglia** (12th grade)
- **Graham Erickson** (8th grade)
- **Ben Hammer** (11th grade)
- **Ryker Kevorkian** (8th grade)

All League and All Section in Boys Golf

- **Derek Bisceglia** (9th grade)
- **Ryan Mascali** (8th grade)
- **Eddie Molloy** (11th grade)

All League in Girls Golf

- **Anna Bancroft** (9th grade)
- **Laeticia Clauss** (11th grade)
- **Matilda Glitterstam** (11th grade)

All League and All Section in Girls Golf

- **Myla Bisceglia** (11th grade)

All League in Boys Lacrosse

- **Gage Sasse** (11th grade)
- **Henry Shoemaker** (10th grade)
- **Garrett Sullivan** (9th grade)

All League and All Section in Boys Lacrosse

- **Joe Chai** (12th grade)
- **Matt Giannetti** (11th grade)
- **Tucker Hess** (11th grade)
- **Chris Iuliano** (11th grade)
- **James Lewis** (12th grade)
- **Tyler McDermott** (11th grade)
- **Ty Ramachandran** (11th grade)

All League in Girls Lacrosse

- **Della Goodman** (12th grade)
- **Paige Tepedino** (10th grade)
- **Paige Vanneck** (12th grade)
- **Beau Whaling** (10th grade)

All League and All Section in Girls Lacrosse

- **Caroline Doyle** (11th grade)
- **Mary Sack** (11th grade)
- **Lilly Whaling** (12th grade)
- **Mali White** (12th grade)

All League in Softball

- **Penelope Gilmore** (9th grade)
- **Tessa Labovitz** (10th grade)

All League and All Section in Softball

- **Amelia Brooks** (12th grade)

All League in Boys Tennis

- **Alex Gordon** (11th grade)
- **Matthew Templeman** (12th grade)

Commendations (cont'd)

All League and All Section in Boys Tennis

- **Nicolas Echlov** (12th grade)
- **Filip Glitterstam** (9th grade)
- **Henry Groves** (10th grade)

All League in Boys Track & Field

- **Rocklan Boisseau** - Javelin (11th grade)
- **Justin McCarthy** - Boys 4x400 (11th grade)
- **William Squarek** - 800 meter, Pole Vault (12th grade)
- **Ben Truman** - Boys 4x400 (10th grade)
- **Akachukwu Udeagha** - Boys 4x400 (12th grade)
- **Jake Zion** - Boys 4x400 (12th grade)

All League in Girls Track & Field

- **Erin Ball** - Discus (11th Grade)
- **Jessica Bourne** - Girls 4x800 (12th Grade)
- **Sophia Bubeck** - 100 Hurdles, 400 Hurdles (11th Grade)
- **Claira Curran** - Girls 4x800 (10th Grade)
- **Lila Hudson** - Girls 4x800 (10th Grade)
- **Aine Kennedy** - Girls 4x800 (12th Grade)
- **Isabela Lulaj** - Pentathalon (12th Grade)
- **Sabrina Pereira** - Hammer, Javelin (11th Grade)

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, June 4

Board of Education Meeting
7:30 p.m.
RMS Multipurpose Room

Rhythm on Rye *a capella* Concert
7:00-8:00 p.m.
RHS Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, June 18

Board of Education Meeting
7:30 p.m.
RMS Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, June 19

Juneteenth holiday
Schools and offices closed

Friday, June 21

RHS Graduation
6:30 p.m.
Nugent Stadium
No rain date (In case of inclement weather, the graduation moves indoors)

Wednesday, June 26

Final day for students and staff

For detailed end-of-year calendars, visit www.ryeschools.org under the "News & Updates" section at the bottom of the home page

