

# VALUE Education

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Graduation 2022

## Superintendent's Notebook

Eric Lutinski, Ed.D.

The 2021-2022 school year will be a memorable one for me. Assuming the role of superintendent for our district is a privilege and I've enjoyed this year very much. In looking back at this past year, I am incredibly proud of our students, their families, as well as our teachers, supporting staff and administration.

We accomplished a lot this year—from the return of in-person events, concerts, recitals, musicals, art shows, and competitions to the grand opening and immediate use of our new gymnasium and collaborative science center—there's much to be proud of!

In this issue of Value Education, we celebrate and congratulate the Class of 2022! Each one of our graduating students has shown remarkable talent, determination and resilience as they navigated their high school experience during a pandemic. I'm grateful our students were able to enjoy their senior year on campus, including special class trips and outings, car parades, Homecoming, prom, Spirit Week, and of course—graduation.

As you read the following pages, I hope you'll be as impressed as I am with the robust list of college acceptances offered to our 108 graduates. You'll also read about 20 students who represent Rye Neck's student body. These are a few of the many students who have taken advantage of everything our district offers: clubs, sports, music and art programs, and of course—our exceptional academic program offerings.

To the Class of 2022: On behalf of everyone across the district and our four schools, congratulations! You are truly prepared to start the next chapter of your life. Please take with you the values, traditions, and spirit we have instilled in you in and outside of the classroom walls. Each of you are prepared to face challenges head-on, and I look forward to seeing you on campus for Homecoming next fall.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.



## A Message from High School Principal

Tina Wilson, Ed.D.

Resilient, full of Youthful Energy, Nimble, Empathetic, Capable, and Kindhearted, this group of Rye Neck seniors has much to be proud of! They earned acceptances to 181 higher education institutions, completed 13,000 hours of community service, and earned approximately \$38,000 in state and local scholarships. This September our Panthers will be represented at 67 colleges and universities in the United States and abroad.

Spirited, fiercely competitive and dedicated, this group has been instrumental in spreading school spirit. They advocated and organized pep rallies for our Winter and Spring athletes. They cheered on their classmates in many sports contests, playoff and sectional championship games. They were also victorious on Junior-Senior Day!

This graduating class boasts National Merit Finalists, Commended Scholars, AP Scholars, scholar athletes, sectional champions, league champions, thespians, NYSSMA musicians, environmental advocates, Eagle Scouts, and Girl Scout Gold Award recipients. This group of highly motivated seniors accomplished so much, and did so with a positive attitude and in the face of a global pandemic.

Like true Panthers, this group of 108 seniors possess physical and mental strength and agility, ingenuity, resourcefulness and endurance. I am certain they will attain their future goals successfully.

Congratulations to the Rye Neck Class of 2022! We are so proud of you!





Naomi Brianna Acosta  
 Abigail Andrade\*  
 Maria Eugenia Andrés\*  
 Maëlle Aubry\*  
 Olivia Rose Auffarth\*  
 Charles Blanch\*  
 Khaleema Bogan  
 Katrina Boswell\*  
 Phillip Marcel Buettner\*  
 Ryan Cantu  
 Bella Caporusso\*  
 Sofia Capparelli  
 Devin Jade Chieffallo  
 Stephanie Maria Ciardiello\*  
 Madison Sydney Cole  
 Allana I. Condon  
 Alison E. Cooper\*  
 Eric T. Corrado  
 Matthew H. Crane  
 Shae M. Cunningham\*  
 Connor W. Cure  
 Christian X. DaCunha  
 Samuel J. Dalsimer  
 Hillary L. DaSilva  
 Hanae S. Daumasson\*  
 Chase Delarosa  
 Marianna De Feo  
 Jake R. Diamond\*

Nathan J. DiNome  
 Saniyah V. DuBose  
 Angela Margaret Durinda\*  
 Emelin D. Echeverria\*  
 Jack E. Edwards\*  
 Sebastian E. Esquiva  
 Nicholas T. Esposito  
 Olivia R. Farassat\*  
 Julia C. Flood\*  
 Kyle J. Francavilla  
 Kymberly E. Fuentes  
 Larry Fuentes Rios  
 Giovanni Gerardi  
 Mia A. Germani  
 Andrew E. Glener\*  
 Alicia Greco  
 Emily M. Guzman Abreu\*  
 Illyana S. Hardy-Soto  
 Isaac R. Harris\*  
 Abigael Maeve Heaton\*  
 Abigail Lin Holtman\*  
 Demitri Tyler Hylton  
 William McKee Johansen\*  
 Maya Julian\*  
 Benjamin Richard King\*  
 Sora Zander Konno\*  
 Dylan Ava Kujawski\*  
 Joseph Leone\*

Ava Grace Liebmann\*  
 Danielle Alexandra Lindo  
 Katherine Lipman\*  
 Matthew C. Lord\*  
 Jacqueline Grace Lynch\*  
 Justin Robert Maldonado  
 Caroline Ravenel  
 McCallion\*  
 Evelyn Mejia  
 Chantal Merino  
 Natalie Mestizo Munoz  
 Ashley Monahan\*  
 Luke Michael Murphy  
 Hikaru Noda\*  
 Jessica Park\*  
 James Paul  
 Carissa R. Pecchia\*  
 Zachary Peña  
 Matthew Pereira\*  
 Lily Peterson\*  
 Evelyn Rose Picone\*  
 Joseph M. Pulcino  
 Dalia Rabanales\*  
 Asher Scheyder Rabinowitz\*  
 Cora Radulovic  
 Leslie Ann Ramirez  
 António Balcão Reis\*  
 Francesca Ilaria Renda\*

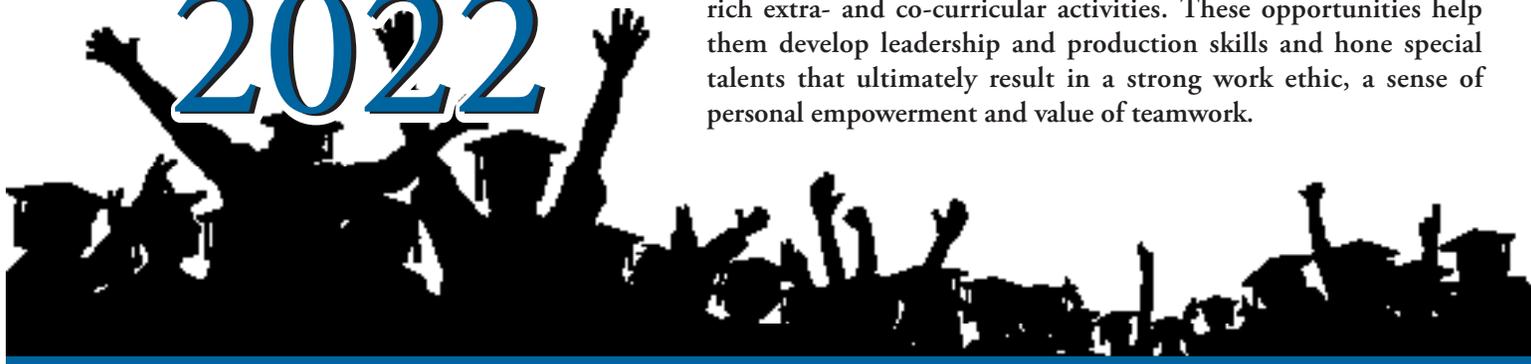
Diana Reyes\*  
 Emilio Reza  
 Cole Richards\*  
 Linus Sohwaë Ringstad\*  
 Henry Robertson\*  
 Kaitlyn Athena Rodriguez\*  
 Kiera Ronan\*  
 Daniel Marcus Rossi  
 Daniela Madison Schneider\*  
 Marc Seemer  
 Hanna Stoeckhert\*  
 Benjamin Paz Taffet\*  
 Isaiah James Alexander  
 Taylor  
 Olivia Grace Taylor\*  
 Diana Teodorescu\*  
 Stefan Thewes\*  
 Luis Tito  
 Amadea Toutoungis\*  
 Ava M. Tunno  
 Faye Velikson  
 Kaylee Vergara  
 John Wallace IV  
 Timothy Wang\*  
 Jacob Wesemann\*  
 Emma Young\*

\*National Honor Society

# College Acceptances - Class of 2022

Adelphi University	George Mason University	Morgan State University	Springfield College
The University of Alabama	George Washington University	Mount Saint Mary College	St. Bonaventure University
Alfred University	University of Georgia	College of Mount Saint Vincent	St. John's University
Anna Maria College	Hampshire College	Muhlenberg College	St. Thomas Aquinas College
Appalachian State University	University of Hartford	Nazareth College	SUNY Albany
Arizona State University	Hartwick College	New England College	SUNY Alfred
The University of Arizona	High Point University	New England Inst. of Technology	SUNY Binghamton
College of the Atlantic	Hofstra University	University of New Hampshire	SUNY Buffalo State
Bard College	College of the Holy Cross	University of New Haven	SUNY University at Buffalo
Barnard College	Husson University	New York Institute of Technology	SUNY Cobleskill
Belmont University	IE University - Madrid	New York University	SUNY Cortland
Boston University	University of Illinois	Niagara University	SUNY Delhi
Bowling Green State University	Indiana State University	University of North Florida	SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry
Bradley University	Indiana University	University of North Texas	SUNY Geneseo
Brandeis University	Iona College	Northeastern University	SUNY Maritime
University of Bridgeport	Ithaca College	Ohio University	SUNY New Paltz
Brigham Young University	James Madison University	Ohio State University	SUNY Oneonta
Bucknell University	Johnson & Wales University	Oregon State University	SUNY Oswego
Butler University	Juniata College	Pace University - NYC	SUNY Plattsburgh
University of California - Irvine	Kean University	Pennsylvania State University	SUNY Potsdam
University of California - Santa Barbara	La Salle University	University of Pittsburgh	SUNY Purchase
College of Central Florida	Lafayette College	Providence College	SUNY Stony Brook
Champlain College	Lehigh University	Purdue University	SUNY Westchester Community
College of Charleston	Long Island University	Quinnipiac University	Syracuse University
Clark University	Loyola University Maryland	University of Rhode Island	University of Tampa
Clemson University	Loyola University Chicago	University of Richmond	Temple University
Coastal Carolina University	Lynn University	Rider University	Texas A & M University
University of Colorado	Manhattan College	Rochester Institute of Technology	The New School
University of Connecticut	Manhattanville College	Roger Williams University	Tufts University
Cornell University	Marist College	Rollins College	Union College
CUNY - Baruch College	University of Maryland	Rutgers University	University of Utah
CUNY - Hunter College	Marymount Manhattan College	Sacred Heart University	Vanderbilt University
CUNY - Lehman College	University of Massachusetts - Amherst	Salem College	University of Vermont
Daemen College	University of Massachusetts - Boston	Salve Regina University	Villanova University
Dean College	Mercy College	San Diego State University	Virginia State University
University of Delaware	Mercyhurst University	University of San Diego	University of Virginia
DePaul University	Merrimack College	Santa Clara University	Wake Forest University
Drexel University	University of Miami	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Washington
Duke University	Miami University	University of Scranton	Wesleyan University
Elon University	Michigan State University	Seattle University	West Virginia University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.	University of Michigan	Siena College	Western New England University
Emerson College	University of Mississippi	Skidmore College	Wheaton College
Fairfield University	University of Missouri	South Carolina State University	Wilkes University
Florida State University	Mitchell College	University of South Carolina	Williams College
University of Florida	Montclair State University	University of South Florida	University of Wisconsin
Fordham University			Worcester Polytechnic Institute

# Classes of 2022



This issue of Value Education celebrates 20 members of Rye Neck's Class of 2022. These students illustrate the range of talent and commitment to success possessed by Rye Neck's entire student body.

These graduates balance their enthusiasm for learning with a broad sampling of extracurricular interests. Rye Neck successfully harnesses their energy through challenging academic programs and rich extra- and co-curricular activities. These opportunities help them develop leadership and production skills and hone special talents that ultimately result in a strong work ethic, a sense of personal empowerment and value of teamwork.

**JESSICA PARK**  
Valedictorian  
Cornell University

- AP Scholar with Honor
- National Merit Finalist
- National Honor Society
- Italian National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
- Harvard Book Award
- St. John's Women in Math and Science Awards for Anatomy, AP Chemistry, Precalculus
- Departmental Awards for AP Calculus, Environmental Science, Italian Language and Literature
- Student Senate Treasurer
- Student Environmental Council, Founder, Chairperson, Muses Magazine writer
- Science Olympiad, Model UN
- TEDx Rye Neck, self-published author
- Award for Community Service of 100 hours or more
- Senior Internship Program - Mamaroneck Marine Education Center



- St. John's University Women in Science and Math Award for AP Chemistry and Pre-Calculus
- Yale Book Award
- State of New York Department of Law Triple "C" Award
- Independent Learner Program
- RowAmerica Rye Women's Novice Crew
- Senior Class Events Coordinator
- Rye Neck Science Olympiad, Mock Trial, SEQUOIA Club
- Award for Community Service of 100 Hours or More
- Senior Internship Program - English Department, Rye Neck High School

**ABIGAIL ANDRADE**  
Fordham University

- National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society
- Gamma Kappa Alpha Italian Honor Society
- Exceptional Achievement in the Study of Two World Languages
- Mock Trial, Captain
- International Club, Vice President
- Student Environmental Council, Students for Refugees, Italian Club
- Award for Community Service of 100 hours or more
- Senior Internship Program - Legal Services of Hudson Valley



**AVA LIEBMANN**  
Salutatorian  
Duke University

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Merit Finalist
- National Honor Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
- Departmental Awards in English, Math, Science
- Outstanding Achievement in AP Calculus, Earth Science, Italian Language and Literature
- American Association of University Women Award for Excellence in Writing



**MAELLE AUBRY**  
Stony Brook University - University Scholars Program

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Honor Society
- Spanish Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society
- Outstanding Achievement in Science Research
- St. John's University Women in Science Award for Physics, Physiology, and AP Chemistry
- RIT Innovation and Creativity Award



- Physical Education Award
- Independent Learner Program
- Model UN, HOSA
- Rye Neck Scholar Athlete Award
- Track and Field Team, All League, League Champion in Shot Put and Discus
- Soccer Team
- Award for Community Service of 100 hours or more
- Senior Internship Program - Summit Physical Therapy

**STEPHANIE CIARDIELLO**

**Bucknell University**

- National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society
- Excellence and Achievement in Journalism Award
- Senior Class Secretary
- Girls Tennis, Girls Lacrosse
- Co-Editor of The Panther's Tale
- Award for Community Service of 100 hours or more
- Senior Internship Program - Rye YMCA



**SANIYAH DUBOSE**

**Iona College**

- Blue Ribbon Award for Motivation, Effort, Growth, and Improvement
- Peer Leader
- Student Panelist for New Student Orientations
- Panther's Place Volunteer
- Teacher Aide for the Social Studies Department
- Award for Community Service of 100 hours or more
- Senior Internship Program - F.E. Bellows Elementary School



**NICHOLAS ESPOSITO**

**Purchase College - Conservatory of Music**

- Michael P. Canno Scholarship
- Principal's Award for Effort and Growth
- High School Band Award for Outstanding Musician
- Three Year Award for High School Band
- Perfect score on 2021 NYSSMA evaluation
- Award for Community Service of 100 hours or more
- Senior Internship Program - Larchmont Music Academy



**JULIA FLOOD**

**Santa Clara University**

- AP Scholar
- National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Service, Leadership, Achievement, and Rye Neck Spirit
- Three-Sport Athlete Award
- Volleyball Team, Captain, All-League Award
- Winter & Spring Track & Field Team
- Ambassador to the Superintendent, Special

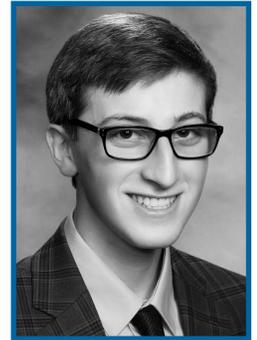


- Construction Team
- KEY Club
- St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester 24th Annual Youth Award for Community Service
- Volunteer of the Month - Sharing Shelf of Westchester
- Award for Community Service of 100 hours or more
- Senior Internship Program - The Sharing Shelf

**ANDREW GLENER**

**Emerson College**

- National Honor Society
- International Thespian Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Service, Leadership, Achievement, and Rye Neck Spirit
- The Albert Einstein Achievement Award for Physics
- Leonhard Euler Award for Algebra 2 and Pre-Calculus
- International Honor Thespian Award
- Patty Aloisi Gibbs Memorial Scholarship
- Booster Club Scholarship for Thespians
- Outstanding Achievement in Video Production
- Senior Internship Program - Music Department, Rye Neck Middle School



**ABIGAIL HEATON**

**Vanderbilt University**

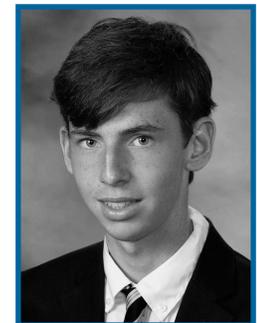
- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Merit Commended Student
- National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Service, Leadership, Achievement, and Rye Neck Spirit
- University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award
- St. John's University Women in Science Award for Physics and AP Physics
- St. John's University Women in Math Award for Computer Science
- Outstanding Achievement in AP Calculus and AP Computer Science A
- Award for Outstanding Contribution to the High School Yearbook
- Tennis Team, All-League
- Senior Internship Program - F.E. Bellow Elementary School



**WILLIAM JOHANSEN**

**Villanova University**

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Honor Society
- Leonhard Euler Award for AP Computer Science Principles
- The Albert Einstein Achievement Award in Earth Science
- Excellence and Special Interest in US History Award
- University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology
- Claire Julian Memorial Scholarship
- Three-Sport Athlete Award



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- Cross Country Team, Winter & Spring Track Teams
- Award for Community Service of 100 hours or more
- Senior Internship Program - Scalise and Hamilton LLC

### **MATTHEW PEREIRA**

#### **University of Michigan**

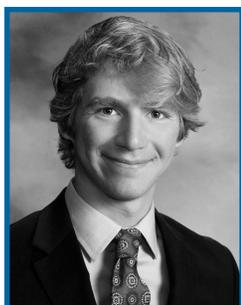
- AP Scholar
- National Honor Society
- Departmental Award for AP Biology
- Lacrosse Team, Captain, All-League
- Soccer Team, Captain, All-Section, All League
- Rye Neck Most Outstanding Athlete Award
- Student Athletic Council
- Senior Internship Program - Rye Nature Center



### **ASHER RABINOWITZ**

#### **Williams College**

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Merit Commended Student
- National Honor Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Consistently Outstanding Academic Excellence
- Excellence and Achievement in Reading & Writing and Exceptional Achievement in Spanish Language and Literature
- Departmental Awards: AP Computer Science A and Principles, Computer Science, AP Biology, Biology and Earth Science
- Albert Einstein Achievement Award for AP Chemistry and Leonhard Euler Award for Precalculus
- Rochester Institute of Technology: Innovation & Creativity Award
- President of the Class of 2022
- RowAmerica Rye Men's Novice Crew
- Senior Internship Program - RowAmerica Rye



### **DALIA RABANALES**

#### **Baruch College**

- National Honor Society
- Gamma Kappa Alpha Italian Honor Society
- Ednar B. Taylor Scholarship
- St. John's University Women in Math and Science Award for Algebra 2 and Anatomy
- Exceptional Achievement in the Study of Two World Languages
- Italian Club Secretary
- International Club, Students for Refugees, Dance Club, Health Occupations Students of America
- Senior Internship Program - F.E. Bellows Elementary School



### **KAITLYN RODRIGUEZ**

#### **Rochester Institute of Technology**

- National Honor Society
- Wellesley Book Award
- St. John's University Women in Science Award for Physics
- Outstanding Achievement in Studio Art
- Three-Sport Athlete Award
- Lacrosse Team, Captain, All Section



- Honorable Mention, All League
- Basketball Team, All League
- Volleyball Team
- Panther Pride Athletic Award
- Senior Internship Program - F.E. Bellows Elementary School

### **DANIELA SCHNEIDER**

#### **University of Virginia**

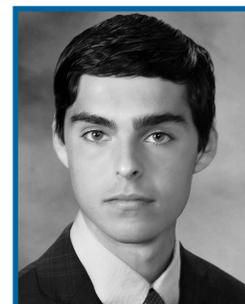
- AP Scholar with Distinction
- Commended National Merit Scholar
- National Honor Society
- Spanish National Honor Society
- St John's Award for Women in Science for Physics
- Le Moyne College Heights Book Award
- Volleyball Team
- Key Club, Spanish Club, Student Awareness Coalition
- Award for Community Service of 100 hours or more
- Senior Internship Program - MakeInspires



### **BENJAMIN TAFFET**

#### **Wesleyan University**

- AP Scholar with Honor
- National Honor Society
- Clarkson University Leadership and Achievement Award
- Albert Einstein Achievement Award for achievement in AP Environmental Science
- Departmental Award for AP Environmental Science
- Three-Sport Athlete Award
- Cross Country Team, Captain, All League
- Winter Track Team, All County, All Section, All League
- Spring Track, Captain, All League
- Old Timers Athletic Award
- Mock Trial, Chess Club
- Senior Internship Program - Scalise and Hamilton P.C.



### **OLIVIA TAYLOR**

#### **University of San Diego**

- AP Scholar
- National Honor Society, Secretary
- Blue Ribbon Award for Service, Leadership, Achievement and Rye Neck Spirit
- New York State Senate Award
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society
- New York State Senate Citizenship Award
- Student Senate President
- Students Against Destructive Decisions, Italian Club, Student Action Coalition, Key Club
- Senior Internship Program - Westchester Park Pediatrics



**AMADEA TOUTOUNGIS**

**Barnard College**

- AP Scholar with Honor
- National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society
- JFK Physical Fitness Award for Boys and Girls
- New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
- Departmental Awards - Earth Science, AP Physics
- St. John's University Women in Science Award for Earth Science, AP Biology
- Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal
- Mount Holyoke College Book Award
- Independent Learner Program
- Three and Four Sport Athlete Award
- Winter Track Team, All League
- Spring Track Team, All League
- Tennis Team, All League
- Swim Team
- Model UN, President, Health Occupations Students of America
- Award for Community Service of 100 hours or more
- Senior Internship Program - Recovery Physical Therapy



**CARISSA PECCHIA**

**Springfield College**

- National Honor Society
- Division III Softball
- Team 2022 Softball Team Section One Champion
- Athletic Department Outstanding Athlete Award, All Section, All League, League Player of the Year



**EVELYN PICONE**

**Western New England University**

- National Honor Society
- Division III Softball
- Team 2022 Softball Team Section One Champion
- Athletic Department Old Timers Award, All Section, All League



**TIMOTHY WANG**

**University of Florida**

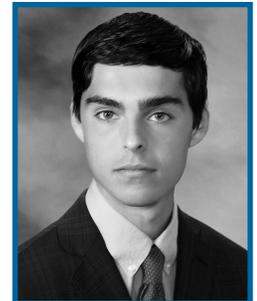
- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Honor Society
- Brandeis Book Award
- Meritorious Achievement in English
- Departmental Award for Precalculus
- Excellence and Special Interest in Government
- Tennis Team
- Gender-Sexuality Alliance, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Chess Club, Model UN
- OutCasting Media Volunteer
- Award for Community Service of 100 hours or more
- Senior Internship Program - Rye Free Reading Room



**BENJAMIN TAFFET**

**Wesleyan University**

- AP Scholar with Honor, National Honor Society
- Division III Cross Country and Track
- 4x800 Winter Track All Section Champion
- Athletic Department Old Timers Award, All County, All Section, All League



**LUIS TITO**

**SUNY College at Potsdam**

- Division III Soccer
- All League Honorable Mention

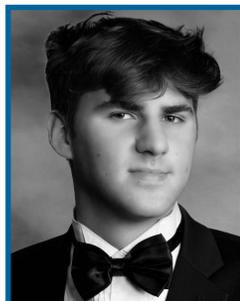


**RYE NECK VARSITY STUDENT ATHLETES CONTINUING THEIR ATHLETIC AND ACADEMIC CAREERS AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL**

**SAMUEL DALSIMER**

**Skidmore College**

- Division III Baseball
- 2022 Baseball Team Section One Champion
- All Section, All League



**JACK EDWARDS**

**Tufts University**

- AP Scholar with Honor & National Honor Society
- Division III Baseball
- Team 2022 Baseball Team Section One Champion
- All-League Honorable Mention



**Student Scholarship Fund Committee**

The Student Aid Scholarship Fund Committee (also known as the Student Aid Fund) had a great year last year. The Fund awarded ten graduating seniors a total of \$12,250 to put to use in their next level of study.

The Ann Wilson Scholarship was given to co-recipients Carissa Pecchia and Olivia Taylor. This scholarship is awarded to seniors who have demonstrated leadership, are hard working, and are dedicated to community service. The Rye Neck community is very proud of Carissa and Olivia and wishes them continued success in their college careers.

These scholarships are made possible by annual donations from the Rye Neck community. Thank you to everyone who donated this year. Please keep us in mind for your 2022 charitable donations. Donations can be sent to the Student Aid Fund, P.O. Box 265, Mamaroneck, NY 10543.

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# Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

## The Class of 2022

Melinda Merkel, Senior Class Adviser



It's hard to believe that it's June again, and we are saying farewell to another group of talented, lively, community minded individuals. In September, we can barely get our heads around all that has to happen in the following 10 months in order to make this day possible, but then, as if by magic—it gets done!—and the day arrives. And we face it with hope for the future and nostalgia for the past.

But the truth is—it's not magic. What gets done in the senior year between September and June is the product of plain old hard work and determination. Not only does the work of school continue for the graduating senior—it's amplified by the work involved in figuring out post-high school plans, and all the organization and design involved in the celebratory milestones of the year. Class of 2022: you have arrived at the final crest, prepared to ride the wave into the future.

Without a doubt, Rye Neck's Class of 2022 has left an indelible impression on the school and community. It boasts 61 members of National Honor Society, 10 AP Scholars

with Distinction, 7 AP Scholars with Honor and 9 AP Scholars. It also numbers among its students 5 National Merit Commended Students and 3 National Merit Finalists. On the athletic fields, 62 seniors participated in sports, and Rye Neck's teams made countless appearances in sectional and league championship competition. On the stage, our students came back inside and mounted two successful productions this year. The Student Internship Program (SIP) was up and running and over 100 strong this year! And collectively, the Class of 2022 has accumulated more than 12,500 hours of community service and earned more than \$37,000 in scholarship awards—and counting!

Rye Neck's Class of 2022 is composed of 108 unique, energetic and hard-working individuals. Perhaps because their high school experience was so interrupted, the enthusiasm they displayed for their class, for their teams, for their activities—for just being here—leaves an imprint on all who had the good fortune to work with them. If nothing else, when school returned in full, what these students

seemed to cherish above all else was the ability just to be with each other—and to make those moments together count. These are the students who played chess at the lounge, who helped each other with homework and projects, who competed in the Wordle, who shared stories and snacks and everything else you come across in a day. This is the class that got things done together—and for that incredible attribute, they will always be remembered.

In fact, in the weeks since they left for their internships, the halls seemed eerily quiet without that energy that so defines this group. And while we all are adjusting to this change, what we are confident in is the exuberance with which this group will take on the challenges that face them in this next phase of life—and beyond. Nothing halted the progress—or the hope and enthusiasm—of Rye Neck's Class of 2022. And I daresay, nothing will.

Congratulations Rye Neck Class of 2022!  
You will be missed.