

# Hyde Park Central School District Connections

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## From the Desk of Dr. Pedro Roman

Dear Hyde Park Community,

As we enter the new year, I am filled with optimism and excitement for the opportunities for our school community. The promise of a fresh start brings with it the chance to celebrate our scholars' incredible talents and academic achievements.

In the spirit of growth and collaboration, let us nurture a supportive environment fostering learning and excellence. Our scholars have displayed remarkable prowess, which is a testament to the dedication of our educators and the unwavering support from families. Throughout the coming months, we look forward to showcasing the engaging learning experiences our educators design for our learners and the achievements of our students, faculty, and staff, creating a tapestry of success and inspiration.

Together, we can make this year one of continued growth, innovation, and academic excellence. We wish you all a year filled with promise and opportunities!

With Hyde Park Pride,



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## Students enhance performance skills at NYSTEA conference

Twenty of FDR's best student performers braved rough winter weather to attend the New York State Theatre Education Association's (NYSTEA) yearly conference Jan. 5- 7 in Calicoon, Sullivan County.

Juniors Blake Dobbins and Tommy Iorio were selected as actors for featured performances during the conference. Iorio wanted to broaden his horizons during his second conference which included taking a master class on the musical "Chicago," as well as improvisational comedy and singing courses.

"It's very beneficial if this is something you want to do in your life," Iorio said. "It's a really fun weekend to have."

Despite performing for entertainment professionals, Iorio noted that they were down to earth, putting him at ease. "They just love what they're doing and they love sharing that with people," Iorio said of the instructors. "It's really not stressful at all."

Seniors Emilee Abrams, Elora Dickinson and Grace Woodcock, as well as junior Katie Farrar performed in advanced group dance numbers.

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## FDR senior nominated for national honor conference

Delaney Jarvis, an impressive FDR senior, was nominated along with 24 other New York State high school seniors for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, one of the nation's highest honors for students who represent excellence in education.



The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects scholars annually based on academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations, transcripts, commitment to high ideals, and involvement in community service and leadership, according to the New York State Education Department. After the initial nomination, 10 students nationwide will be chosen in June where they receive a medallion.

Jarvis did not expect to be nominated but is proud to be recognized for her achievements. "I honestly never thought of myself as a standout student," Jarvis said. "It's nice to be

like, 'OK, I did something right.'" Superintendent Dr. Pedro Roman considers the recognition a testament to Jarvis' commitment to academic excellence, as well as a source of pride for herself and the district. "Delaney's accomplishment serves as an inspiration to her peers and the entire school community," Roman said. "We congratulate her on this well-deserved honor and celebrate the positive impact she has had on our educational community."

NYS Assembly member Didi Barrett's office was tasked with finding students in the 106th Assembly District to nominate based on academic achievements and extracurricular activities, but also overcoming obstacles. Jarvis had the highest academic achievements with a 102 percent grade point average, according to Barrett's office.

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## Field of Honor May 25



American flags on display at the FDR Home during the annual Field of Honor event.

### SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY MAY 25 is this year's Field of Honor, at the FDR Home on Route 9 in Hyde Park.

Sponsored by the Hyde Park Education Foundation, it features over 200 full-size American flags flying in the field in front of Springwood - FDR's home - plus entertainment and activities for children all day long.

If you would like to be a part of the entertainment, or help with the kids, please message the HPEF on its [Facebook page](#).

Thank you and see you then!

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While Abrams found an advanced dance course and vocal exercise called "Broadway Belt" somewhat difficult, she noted that everything she learned advanced her knowledge of those subjects.

"It's just crazy what one class can do for all your abilities," Abrams said of the latter course. "It teaches you that you can go farther in the things you already feel you're amazing at."

When students attend next year's conference, Abrams encourages them to step out of their comfort zone.

"Don't be afraid to take a class because you think it's too hard or you can't do it," Abrams said. "Everyone there is so supportive."

For Farrar, making connections with fellow students and entertainment industry professionals helped her feel more comfortable with performing.

"It's the best thing I've ever done in my life," Farrar said about the conference. "You know everybody there is just like you and you don't feel alone or different."

Junior Jules Olivera is planning to try more advanced courses at next year's conference because she finds it to be a judgement free zone.

"Even if you push yourself, it's still such a good atmosphere," Olivera said. "It's comfortable there no matter what you do."



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"She seemed awesome, we were happy to recommend her," according to Barrett's office. "We're getting the best of the best." Outside of classes, Jarvis is an active member of the National Honor Society where she and her fellow members are deciding what community service project to tackle next. She enjoys helping her community for a specific reason. "It takes you out of what you're familiar with," Jarvis explained. "It also allows you to make a positive difference." - To keep on top of everything, Jarvis completes assignments as soon as she gets home and knows her schedule

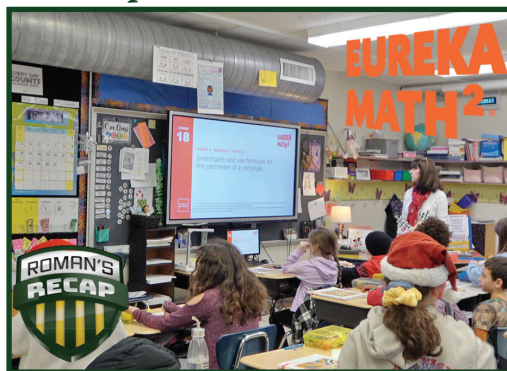
for the day in advance. She also gives credit to her supportive family and teachers. "I don't know how they put up with my million questions," Jarvis said of her teachers. "Without them, I would not be here right now in this position." If students want to achieve lofty goals, Jarvis recommends putting in ample effort to work towards them and being willing to struggle during the process. "If you never struggle, you'll never get better," Jarvis said. "When you struggle, you learn more about yourself."

### Did you catch the latest Roman's Recap?

Be sure to check out the Superintendent highlighting special things happening across the HPCSD in his speedy, 60-second videos.



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## Hyde Park Happenings

January 23 - 26  
Regents Exams at FDR

January 25  
BOE Meeting - District Office, 7 p.m

February 1  
FAFSA Completion Night at FDR, 6 p.m

February 2  
2 Hour Delay for All Schools  
A Capella Invitational Concert, 7 p.m.

February 7  
BOE Community Chat at Violet Avenue, 8 p.m.

February 8  
Regular BOE Meeting at Violet Avenue, 7 p.m.

February 16 - 20  
Mid-Winter Recess