

Skylar

Class of 2025

From: Harlem

First Year at HM: The Threes

On Campus Activities: I am a co-founder & co-editor of the school's first photography magazine, *Exposure*. In addition, I am a Middle Division mentor, meeting coordinator for *DiploMann*, and an avid "freestyler" on Girls Varsity Swimming!



Favorite Class: My favorite course at HM is the Voices of Protest history elective (aka VOP)— a class that challenged me to think more critically about my role and responsibilities as a citizen.

Why HM?: Every person that I have met at Horace Mann has a drive—a true desire to engage extensively with what inspires them. From academic to artistic passions, the HM faculty fosters a community of students who always ask "What's next?". Grades and evaluations definitely matter to students. But what I think matters more to an HM student is their desire to learn & to grow as both students and citizens of our communities.

Out of School Activities: I serve as the Community Service Chair for the teens of the Jack and Jill of America Metropolitan chapter. But in my free time, you can usually find me competing against my mom in the New York Times Games (The Mini, Connections, & Wordle— in that particular order).

The Best Flora on Campus: The cherry blossom tree outside of Rose Hall.

Favorite Books from 2024: *Native Son*, *Chokehold*, & *Giovanni's Room*

Favorite Spot on Campus: If you enjoy studying outside, you have to visit the patio between Fisher and Rose Halls. The view of Van Cortlandt Park is absolutely incredible!