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Graduation 2024

## Superintendent's Notebook

Eric Lutinski, Ed.D.

Our 2023-24 school year ended in celebratory fashion, concluding with ceremonies for our Rye Neck elementary, middle, and high schools. Students played important roles in each event in addition to being honored for their accomplishments.

The 5th grade led the way on June 20th, with balloons and music on the sunny green grass of the F.E. Bellows field. Senior class speaker Valeria Barajas gave heartwarming advice for the students moving up to Middle School, while principal Mike Scarantino invoked Bon Jovi's pencil eraser to empower his students to never fear making a mistake. Music teacher Mr. Galgano closed the ceremony with "The Unwritten Song (The Brightest Future)", a song written and performed enthusiastically by the whole 5th grade class.

The Middle School's Moving Up program cover always features original student artwork and this year's had a stalwart panther "daring to dream." Eighth grade representatives shared reflections with their classmates during their ceremony on June 25th. Principal Dr. Dulce Barker used advice from Arthur Ashe to frame the transition to high school, while team leader Cathy Toolan used her poetic talent to capture the memories of their past year.

With rousing pomp and circumstance provided by the band, under a breezy sky, and led by valedictorian Lucie Paumier and salutatorian Theodore Kusbiantoro, Rye Neck High School Graduates received their diplomas on the evening of June 24th. Continuing our tradition of inviting ten-year graduates as our keynote speakers, Rye Neck Class of 2014's Jakob Calvin gave an engaging speech about pillars of belief and the importance of relationships. Interim Principal Melinda Folchetti used a student-favorite, author Neil Gaiman, to remind the new alums that making mistakes means they are "making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world."

Congratulations to the Class of 2024! We are confident that you are prepared for the next chapter of your life story. I look forward to seeing you on campus for Homecoming next fall. Or, maybe hearing you speak to our graduates in ten years...

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.



## A Message from High School Principal Melinda Folchetti

It's hard to believe that the 2023-24 school year is over! It seems like yesterday that we were gearing up for the fall sports season, early decision applications, concerts, The Outsiders and everything autumn!! And now, as the dust settles, we are waving goodbye to Rye Neck's Class of 2024--another successful year in the rearview mirror.

We have much to be proud of! Rye Neck's Class of 2024 left an indelible mark on these hallowed halls. Our 109 graduates will be matriculating at 70 universities in the US and abroad, and entering the workforce employing the wisdom and skills they've acquired through the years of their formal education here at Rye Neck. This class also completed nearly 15,000 hours of community service, won countless league and sectional titles and broke records with nominations in the theater arts and scores in NYSSMA.

Students were also the cornerstone of community activities, including the Annual Polar Plunge, food drives for several local pantries and our first ever prom dress drive. Students manned booths at Homecoming and the Panther Party, and spoke about personal experiences at the RNIC's January meeting. Students won honors in the Scholastic Awards in Writing and Art, humanitarian awards, essay contests in gender equity, and excelled in science research projects. We had our first ever movie day class trip, had our most successful Junior/Senior day competition in years and started a number of clubs. We enjoyed the customary celebrations of buddy day, senior week and senior send-off, and began new traditions like the Senior Walk-Through--a moving, personal parade enjoyed by the entire district! The list could go on and on; but the reality is this: this was a year for the record books!

Lucky for us, our annual commencement exercises took place on the day the heat wave broke. Though it was a bit windy, it was a colorful, powerful, memorable night, which held as its center the value of community in the lives of our students. In the words of our keynote speaker, Jakob Calvin, "community is the pillar that drives it all"--a simple, inescapable truth. How lucky we all are!

Please enjoy every minute of the summer that unfurls before us! And to the Class of 2024: thank you for all your efforts--in and out of the classroom--and enjoy the journey that begins NOW!





# Class of 2024

Hamza Abdalla\*  
 Alexis Anello  
 Louis A. Apicella  
 Valeria Barajas\*  
 Gabriel Roman Betancourt\*  
 Dylan T. Blaschuk\*  
 Mathew Brussa  
 Elijah J. Bushay Schwartz  
 Isabella Angelina Calicchio\*  
 Kristina Nicole Kendra Campbell\*  
 Nicolette Capparelli\*  
 Paul Vincent Capparelli  
 Cristobal Paolo Carrasco  
 Mateo Salvador Philip Casciano  
 Laura Rose Chillemi\*  
 Brian Hao-Xian Chin\*  
 Michael H. Conaway  
 Michael Joseph DaCunha\*  
 Kenneth H. De La Rosa  
 Riley Juliana Donat\*  
 Jonathan James Durinda\*  
 Alexis Antoine Félix Favre\*  
 Julian Luca Frabasile  
 Jose M. Galdamez Luna  
 Emily C. Gallin  
 Thomas M. Gallin\*  
 Mirian Garcia\*  
 Elias A. Garcia Agurto

Halle R. Gellman  
 David Goldin-McCarthy\*  
 Eli G. Goldman\*  
 Samantha Golub\*  
 Stefany Gonzalez\*  
 Bláthnaid Grenouillon \*  
 Jad Habib\*  
 Ariana S. Hammer\*  
 Alexander Vaughan Harris\*  
 Hugo Hennenfent\*  
 Tania Hernandez  
 Jadyn S. Hutt  
 Logan B. Jacobs  
 Evan Ryan Janowitz\*  
 Caroline Elizabeth Johansen\*  
 Andrew Oscar Kahn\*  
 George Peter Katsaros  
 Amelia Belle Kligman\*  
 Kai Konno\*  
 Monica Kosakowski\*  
 Hillary Simone Kramer\*  
 Theodore Arslan Kusbiantoro\*  
 Nicholas LaFollette  
 Henry Li Lagani\*  
 Jeremy David Lambert  
 Julia O. Laurans\*  
 Riley Lemon  
 Charlotte Alter Lipman\*

Jessica Rose Martorano\*  
 Nicole Elizabeth Martorano  
 Lili-Rose Mas\*  
 Olivia Corinne McCusker\*  
 Estefani Medina Magana\*  
 Hunter Bryce Merkel\*  
 Leah Elizabeth Miceli\*  
 Nilson F. Miranda  
 Sophia Muller\*  
 Maho Murofushi\*  
 Nicholas Peter Murphy\*  
 Mana Newman\*  
 Anthony Robert O'Connell\*  
 Melvin D. Ortiz\*  
 Isabel Palacios Ferrer\*  
 Lucie Gabrielle Paumier\*  
 Ashlee Izamar Peraza Linares  
 Ayden Perrone  
 Clare Elyse Picone\*  
 Wilson Rabanales\*  
 Noele Ann Radulovic\*  
 Maria Clara Reis\*  
 Megan Ann Ronan\*  
 Sophia Emilova Ruseva\*  
 Derek Ryan\*  
 Kyle Ryan\*  
 Anthony Emmanuel Santiago\*  
 Ethan Schaer\*

Dylan M. Schneider\*  
 Jayden Avery Schneider\*  
 Tyler Phoenix Schneider\*  
 Tyler Daniel Sergio\*  
 Nathan Isaac Shpilberg\*  
 John Roger Spicer\*  
 Sofía Márquez Stastny \*  
 Ava Elizabeth Sutter\*  
 Maximilian Swatski\*  
 Micah P. Taffet\*  
 Madison Elaine Taylor\*  
 Riley Chapman Taylor  
 Juan Jose Torres Mardones\*  
 Yan Torres Segovia  
 Aidan Treacy\*  
 Eric Valdez  
 Shuya Watanabe\*  
 Rowan Weiss\*  
 Dylan E. White\*  
 Skyler Li Williams\*  
 Julia Wisnik Corte\*  
 Victor Zangiacomi  
 Matteo Zangiacomi  
 Daniel Bolivar Zyngier\*  
 Josef A. Zyngier \*

\* National Honor Society

# College Acceptances – Class of 2024

Adelphi University	Indiana University	Skidmore College	University of Illinois at
American University	- Bloomington	Springfield College	Urbana-Champaign
The American University of	- Indianapolis	St. Bonaventure	University of Maine
Paris	Iona University	St. George's University	University of Maryland
Amherst College	Ithaca College	- Grenada	- College Park
Amsterdam U. of Applied	James Madison University	St. John's University	University of Massachusetts
Sciences	Johnson & Wales University	- New York	- Amherst
Arizona State University	- Charlotte	St. Thomas Aquinas College	- Dartmouth
- Tempe	- Providence	Stevens Institute of	University of Miami
Boston College	Keene State College	Technology	University of Michigan
Boston University	Kent State University	Stonehill College	- Ann Arbor
Brandeis University	Lafayette College	SUNY Albany	University of Minnesota
Brigham Young University	Lehigh University	SUNY Binghamton	University of Mount Saint
Brown University	Manhattan College	SUNY Brockport	Vincent
Bucknell University	Manhattanville College	SUNY Buffalo State	University of New England
California Institute of Tech.	Marist College	SUNY Buffalo	University of New Hampshire
Central Connecticut State	Massachusetts College of Art	SUNY Cortland	University of New Haven
University	and Design	SUNY College of Tech. at	University of North Carolina
Chapman University	Massachusetts College of	Delhi	- Chapel Hill
College of Charleston	Pharmacy and Health Sciences	SUNY College of	- Wilmington
Chatham University	McGill University	Environmental Science	University of Notre Dame
Clarkson University	Mercy College	and Forestry	University of Oregon
Clemson University	Miami University - Oxford	SUNY Farmingdale	University of Pennsylvania
Coastal Carolina University	Michigan State University	SUNY Fredonia	University of Pittsburgh
Colby College	Monmouth University	SUNY Geneseo	University of Rhode Island
Colgate University	Montclair State University	SUNY Maritime	University of Richmond
Columbia University	Mount Saint Mary College	SUNY Morrisville	University of Rochester
Constructor University	New Jersey Institute of Tech.	SUNY New Paltz	University of San Diego
- Germany	The New School	SUNY Old Westbury	University of Scranton
Cornell University	New York University	SUNY Oneonta	University of South Carolina
Culinary Institute of	Northeastern University	SUNY Oswego	- Columbia
America	Northwestern University	SUNY Polytechnic Institute	University of South Florida
CUNY Bernard M. Baruch	Ohio State University	SUNY Purchase	University of Tampa
College	Pace University-NYC Campus	SUNY Stony Brook	University of Toronto
CUNY City University of NY	Pennsylvania College of Tech.	SUNY Westchester	University of Utah
CUNY Hunter College	Pennsylvania State University	Susquehanna University	University of Vermont
CUNY Lehman College	Pomona College	Syracuse University	University of Virginia
Dickinson College	Pratt Institute	Temple University	University of Wisconsin
Drexel University	Providence College	Thomas Jefferson University	- Madison
East Carolina University	Purdue University	Trinity College	Utah State University
Eckerd College	Queen's University Kingston	Trinity College Dublin	Vassar College
Elon University	- Canada	Tufts University	Villanova University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical	Quinnipiac University	Tulane University	Virginia Tech
University	Rensselaer Polytechnic	Universidad Carlos III de	Washington College
Emerson College	Institute	Madrid	Wells College
Emory University	Rhode Island College	Universiteit Twente	Western Connecticut State
Fairfield University	Rice University	- Netherlands	University
Fairleigh Dickinson	Rochester Institute of	University of Arizona	William & Mary
University	Technology	The University of British	Worcester Polytechnic Instit.
Florida Gulf University	Roger Williams University	Columbia/Canada	Yale University
Florida Institute of Tech.	Rollins College	University of Brighton - UK	
Florida State University	Royal College of Surgeons	University of California	
Fordham University	- Ireland	- Berkeley	
Georgetown University	Royal Holloway Univ. of	- Davis	
Georgia Institute of Tech.	London	- Santa Barbara	
Gettysburg College	Rutgers University	University of Chicago	
Grove City College	Sacred Heart University	University of Colorado	
Hamilton College	Salve Regina University	Boulder	
Hampton University	San Diego State University	University of Connecticut	
High Point University	Santa Clara University	University of Delaware	
Hobart and William Smith	Savannah College of Art and	University of Florida	
Colleges	Design	University of Georgia	
Hofstra University	School of Visual Arts	University of Guelph	
Howard University	Seton Hall University	- Canada	
	Siena College	University of Hartford	



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### Lucie Paumier Class of 2024 Valedictorian

Being named the Class of 2024's Valedictorian is just one step closer to achieving a goal Lucie Paumier set in motion when she was only 12: becoming an environmental activist with a voice strong enough to enact change.

Lucie's love of nature started with family vacations in exotic locations and summers visiting her family in France. That early interest in the world's natural beauty was further influenced by her older brother's passion for the environment. As so often happens with younger siblings, Lucie became interested in his interests when he taught her about climate change.

At 12, Lucie started an Instagram account to share information about ways to reduce carbon footprints and plastic consumption. She participated in coastal clean ups around the shoreline and joined the Village of Mamaroneck's Committee for the Environment. As a certified citizen tree pruner, she learned how to assess trees and determine detrimental growth, because trees can become deformed and die if they're not pruned properly.

The more volunteer work she did, the more she understood not only the magnitude of climate change, but how hard it is to make a change. A lot of the damage to the environment is irreversible and "nothing gets done when you just tell people to

do things." Instead, she realized that change happens at the federal and legislative levels; and she needed to do well enough in school to get to the point where her voice could be heard. "If I'm a good student, I'll get into a good college," she said. "If I get into a good college, I'll get a good reputation and then I'll have the path to stand out enough to be heard."

Lucie only applied to colleges that had strong environmental science programs, including many schools in California, as well as international universities. Upstate New York was not on her radar. However, a trip to Cornell University changed everything. She fell in love with Ithaca's gorges and waterfalls, not to mention its focus on local farming. Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) offers more than just a study of environmental science with its incorporation of sustainability aspects. "It's a growing field I can do a lot with because it has so many interdisciplinary connections," she said. The campus spoke to her and her decision was made.

Lucie gives her parents a lot of credit for her motivation and drive to succeed. They didn't pressure her to do well or set unrealistic expectations. Instead, they taught her to believe in herself and the futility of being nervous. "You know yourself," they stressed. "Be confident you've done what it takes to succeed." While they emphasized the importance of school, they made it her responsibility and trusted her to get it done. "Since they didn't hound me, I wanted to do well on my own," she explained. Without that pressure, she could focus on what she wanted to do and often set higher expectations for herself than they would have. Her achievements were for her, not them.

She reflects fondly on Rye Neck's close-knit community, the friends she's made, and the impactful connections to her teachers. She advises underclassmen to become involved in school. "Join sports teams, join clubs. Don't just come and leave, isolating yourself from all that Rye Neck offers." For her, school was so much easier with the support of a strong friend group and teachers she could turn to when she needed something. She said, "it's good to be focused on school, but let others help you. Learn the balance between support and independence."

Lucie is excited for what the future holds, but she's not ready to think about that just yet. "Looking forward to things can take away from the present," so she's focused on the present.

### Theodore Kusbiantoro Class of 2024 Salutatorian

As the Class of '24's Salutatorian, Theo doesn't take his academic achievements for granted. He acknowledges that he's "always been naturally gifted and motivated" when it comes to his schoolwork; but he also sees this talent as an opportunity to give back to others, something his faith inspired.

Theo enjoys school and explaining things to others, so when he was looking for community service opportunities, he decided to offer free tutoring to local families. With the help of the Rye Neck Counseling Department and postings on NextDoor, he connected with students in the area.

His desire to help others inspired his intended major. Theo plans to study environmental engineering through Cornell University's College of Engineering\* next fall. His love of nature comes from time spent outdoors with his father, who often took him to nature preserves and state parks. In addition to visiting these places on weekends, his family loves to take annual hiking trips to national parks in the US and other countries like Indonesia, where his parents are from. Theo finds a lot of peace in nature and sees it as a way to get away from his obligations.

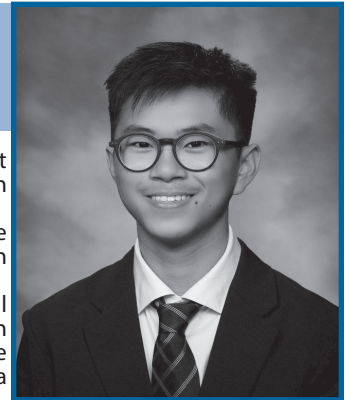
He was first introduced to environmental engineering during an internship at Alley Pond Environmental Center in Queens. He was taken by an experience a presenter shared about working with organizations to design and build a water treatment system that purified water for an at-need community. Theo realized environmental engineering would allow him to combine his love of math and science with his desire to protect the environment and give back to others at the same time.

Seeing various forms of pollution in Indonesia helped him realize the urgency of his major. When visiting Indonesia over many summers, he saw the environmental impact of plastic trash being burned into the open air, black car exhaust from lax maintenance requirements, and the thick yellow smog over the capital city of Jakarta. "Environmental engineering is an important field that's on the cutting edge right now," he said. This field ensures buildings are energy efficient, develops ways to extract energy from new sources, and designs systems for air and water pollution treatment and prevention: the prospects of which Theo finds exhilarating. He dreams of taking his skills to a community in need and solving whatever struggles they may have.

Theo's father not only inspired his love of nature, but also his drive to do his best. Theo believes that if "he doesn't do his best, he's just wasting the opportunity that the school has given him." His advice to underclassmen is to try their best in everything they do. He says, "if you're going to choose to do something, you should try your best" and "if you feel like you're not going to try your best because you're not that interested in something, don't even do it in the first place." Theo applied this approach to all of his classes and tried to get something out of every assignment, rather than just doing them to get it done. He thinks back to a research paper for AP US when he was assigned his third-choice topic. While he wasn't really interested in the topic to begin with, he became more motivated to do well the more he learned about it. In the end, he was really proud of the paper he wrote.

As Theo thinks back on his time at Rye Neck, he has another piece of advice for underclassmen: explore. Explore clubs and activities that seem interesting, take classes that seem challenging, and do things based on your passions, not what your friends are taking or just to put something impressive on your college applications. In 9th grade, he joined a club that really wasn't for him; and while it was a good experience, it was more stressful because he wasn't interested in it. As a sophomore, he joined the Science Olympiad, which became his favorite club at Rye Neck because it was the first one he joined that was really geared towards his interests. As the club's captain this year, he learned a lot about organizing, monitoring and overseeing a team. He said the experience taught him how to be a better leader.

Theo says being smart is subjective. Everyone has their own strengths, whether it's socially, academically, or artistically. "Everyone is smart in something, but they might not know what that is yet."



\*In a previous version published in June, Theo was planning to attend Duke University. This version has been updated to reflect his updated college commitment to Cornell.

# Class of 2024

This issue of Value Education celebrates members of Rye Neck's Class of 2024. 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 an understanding of the value of teamwork.

## RILEY DONAT

### Amherst College

- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service, Leadership, Achievement and Rye Neck Spirit
- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Merit Commended Student
- Senior Class Officer (President)
- Yale Bassett Award
- Principal Award for Resilience and Persistence
- Panther Pride Award
- Clarkson University Leadership & Achievement Award
- Department awards for Precalculus, AP Statistics, Physics, Earth Science, Journalism
- St. John's University Women in Math Award, AP Calculus
- New York State Seal of Civic Readiness
- The Larchmont Mamaroneck Basketball Association Scholarship
- P.E.O. STAR Scholarship and P.E.O.'s Chapter AJ Jean Bruce Scholarship
- Rye Neck Three Sport Award
- Varsity Soccer (Captain, All-League Honorable Mention), Varsity Basketball, Varsity Lacrosse (All-League Honorable Mention)
- Member of Mind Your Mind Club (President), SADD, Key Club, Student Awareness Coalition, and a Teacher's Assistant
- Award for 100 or more Community Service Hours
- Senior Internship Program - JCK Foundation



- St. John's Women in Science Award for AP Chemistry & Anatomy
- Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award
- Visual Arts Department Award for Creativity in Crafts
- Exceptional Achievement in Spanish Language & Literature Award
- Exceptional Achievement in the Study of Two Languages - French & Spanish Award
- Exceptional Achievement in French - Native Language Award
- RNSF Impact Award for Exceptional Character & Leadership Skills
- Rye Neck Athletics Old Timers Award
- Rye Neck Three Sport Award
- Varsity Field Hockey (Captain, All-League, Most Valuable Player Award), Varsity Winter Track & Field, Varsity Spring Track & Field (Captain, All-League)
- Girl Scouts of America Silver and Gold Awards
- Member of SADD, Key Club and Mind Your Mind Club
- Award for 100 or more Community Service Hours
- New York State Comptroller Student Achievement Award
- Thomas DeLitto & Sons Scholarship
- Senior Internship Program - Dr. Neil Roth, Orthopedic Surgeon

## ALEXIS FAVRE

### Cornell University

- National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society
- New York State Seal of Civic Readiness
- Contribution to School Community Award
- Ann Wilson Student Fund Scholarship
- Award for 100 or more Community Service Hours
- Rye Neck Three Sport Award
- Varsity Cross Country (Captain, All-League, Coaches Award), Varsity Winter Track & Field (Captain, All-League), Varsity Spring Track & Field (Captain, All-League, State Qualifiers, Glenn Louck's Games)
- Member of AI Club (President & Founder), GIDAS Club, Key Club, International Club, Math Team, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, and Rye Neck Theater Productions
- Independent Learner Program
- Senior Internship Program - Tietjen & Venegas Consulting Engineers



## JAD HABIB

### CUNY City College

- National Honor Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Motivation, Effort, Growth and Improvement
- The Albert Einstein Achievement Award for Chemistry
- Kiwanis Club of Mamaroneck Scholarship
- Rye Neck Student Fund Scholarship
- Thomas DeLitto & Sons Scholarship
- Rye Neck Varsity Soccer
- Member of SADD, Key Club and Italian Club
- Senior Internship Program - New York Presbyterian Hospital



## CAROLINE JOHANSEN

### Villanova University

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Merit Commended Student
- National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta & Tri-M Music Honor Societies
- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service, Leadership, Achievement & Rye Neck Spirit
- St. John's University Women in Science Award for AP Chemistry, Computer Science, Physics & Earth Science
- St. Michael's College Book Award
- Tri-M Music Honor Award
- Award for Outstanding Contribution to the High School Band
- Three Year Award for High School Band
- Outstanding Achievement Award in Ceramics
- Principal's Award for Effort & Growth
- Westchester Branch of the American Association of University Women Outstanding Student Award
- Varsity Soccer, Varsity Spring Track & Field (Coaches Award)
- Member of Mock Trial Team (Captain) and Model UN Club
- Contributor to Muses Literary Magazine
- Award for 100 or more Community Service Hours
- Senior Internship Program - Deborah Scalise, Esq.



## BLATHNAID GRENOUILLON

### Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Honor Society (Secretary)
- Mu Alpha Theta & World Languages National Honor Societies
- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service, Leadership, Achievement & Rye Neck Spirit
- Lohud Student of the Week Award
- Senior Class Officer (Events Coordinator)
- Outstanding Achievement in Science Research Award
- New York State Seal of Civic Readiness





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## ANDREW KAHN

### Purdue University

- National Merit Commended Student
- National Honor Society
- Tri-M Music Honor Society Certificate of Recognition
- Rye Neck Three Year Award for High School Band
- Liviu B. Saimovici Memorial Scholarship
- Volunteer with the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force
- Community Internship - Al's Rye Neck Service Station
- Senior Internship Program - Chris Breezy Customs



- Outstanding Contribution to the High School Yearbook
- Rye Neck Physical Education Award
- Rye Neck Scholar Athlete Award for Service to Program
- Varsity Lacrosse (Captain, All-League, 100 Career Goals Milestone Award), Varsity Winter Track & Field, Varsity Soccer
- Member of SADD (President), Scraps, Key Club, Environmental Club & Mind Your Mind Club
- Attended the CODA Youth Conference
- Senior Internship Program - Daniel Warren Elementary School

## AMELIA KLIGMAN

### University of Virginia

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta & World Languages National Honor Societies
- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service, Leadership, Achievement & Rye Neck Spirit
- St. John's University Women in Science Award for AP Biology & Science Research
- University of Rochester Frederick Douglass/Susan B. Anthony Award
- New York State Seal of Civic Readiness
- New York State Senate Youth Leadership Recognition Award for Community Service
- Principal's Award for Resilience & Persistence
- Award for 100 or more Community Service Hours
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
- Member of HOSA (Vice President), Global Awareness (Vice President), SADD, Mind Your Mind Club and Key Club
- Varsity Field Hockey (Captain, All-League), Golf (Captain, Most Improved Player)
- Senior Internship - Dr. Maria Salva, DDS



## JESSICA MARTORANO

### Worcester Polytechnic Institute

- National Merit Commended Student
- National Honor Society
- World Languages National Honor Society
- St. John's University Women in Science Award for Physics & AP Physics
- St. Bonaventure University - The Bonnie Scholarship Award
- Liviu B. Saimovici Memorial Scholarship
- Award for 100 or more Community Service Hours
- Rye Neck Theater Department Productions
- Senior Internship Program - Kentucky Riding Stables



## ISABEL PALACIOS FERRER

### University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service, Leadership, Achievement & Rye Neck Spirit
- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Honor Society
- World Languages National Honor Society
- Class President
- Student Senate
- P.E.O. STAR National Scholarship
- University of Rochester George Eastman's Young Leaders Award
- St. John's Women in Science Award for Science Research
- New York State Comptroller Student Achievement Award
- Exceptional Achievement in the Study of Two World Languages
- Department Award for Spanish
- Principal's Award for Resilience and Persistence
- Member of SADD, HOSA, Key Club, Global Awareness Club, and French Club, Peer to Peer Executive Skills Support Program (Founder)
- Science Research Program
- Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Golf
- Girl Scouts of America Silver Award
- Award for 100 or more Community Service Hours
- Senior Internship Program - Burke Rehabilitation Center



## HILLARY KRAMER

### Georgetown University

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service, Leadership, Achievement & Rye Neck Spirit
- St. John's University Women in Science Award for AP Chemistry, Science Research & Physiology
- St. John's University Women in Mathematics Award for Pre-Calculus
- Student Sage Scholar Award
- WESEF/ Regeneron Scientific Research Award in Neuroscience
- Outstanding Achievement Award for AP Biology, AP Computer Science Principles
- New York State Seal of Civic Readiness
- League of Women Voters - Peter Larr Student Civic Achievement Award
- Varsity Tennis (Captain, All-League, Coaches Award), Varsity Golf
- Member of SADD, Key Club, HOSA, Global Awareness, and Mind Your Mind Club
- Girl Scouts of America Silver Award
- Award for 100 or more Community Service Hours
- Michael P. Canno Scholarship
- Vietnam Veterans of America Scholarship
- Senior Internship Program - White Plains Hospital



## DEREK RYAN

### Yale University

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Merit Commended Student
- National African American Recognition Program Scholar
- Mu Alpha Theta
- World Languages National Honor Society
- Department Award for Science Research
- University of Albany Multicultural High School Achievers Award
- The President's Volunteer Service Bronze Award
- Albert Einstein Award for AP Chemistry and Science Research
- Regeneron Pharmaceuticals High School Research Mentorship Program
- MIT Undergraduate Research Technology Conference (Poster Presenter)
- miCore Volunteer Program at the University of Michigan (Northeast Region Chair)
- Member of AI Club (Co-Founder/President), GIDAS Club (Founder/President)
- Award for 100 or more Community Service Hours
- Senior Internship Program - Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc.



## CHARLOTTE LIPMAN

### Florida State University

- AP Scholar & AP Capstone Diploma
- National Honor Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service, Leadership, Achievement & Rye Neck Spirit
- Elmira College Key Award
- New York State Seal of Civic Readiness
- New York State Senate Youth Leadership Recognition Award for Art
- Outstanding Achievement in Studio Art



## DYLAN SCHNEIDER

### The Pennsylvania State University

- Blue Ribbon Award for Consistently Outstanding Academic Excellence
- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta
- Student Senate President
- New York State Comptroller Student Achievement Award
- Rochester Institute of Technology Business and Leadership Award
- University of Rochester Bausch + Lomb Honorary Science Award
- Scholar Athlete Award
- Varsity Football (Captain), Varsity Wrestling (All-League - top 16 wrestler in Westchester County)
- Backyard Sports Cares
- Member of HOSA, SADD, Student Athlete Cabinet, and Key Club
- Award for 100 or more Community Service Hours
- Senior Internship Program - George Latimer's Congressional Campaign



## MADISON TAYLOR

### University of Delaware

- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service, Leadership, Achievement & Rye Neck Spirit
- AP Scholar
- National Honor Society
- University of Albany Multicultural High School Achievers Award
- Varsity Volleyball (Coaches Award), Varsity Basketball (All-League)
- Member of SADD, Key Club, and Italian Club
- Entrepreneur - CEO for Taylor Beauty
- Norwalk Aquarium Volunteer
- Senior - F.E. Bellows Elementary School



## JUAN TORRES MARDONES

### SUNY Stony Brook

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Hispanic Recognition Award
- National Honor Society
- World Languages National Honor Society
- Manhattan College Saint La Salle Award
- George H. Ball Community Achievement Award
- Varsity Soccer (Captain), Varsity Winter Track & Field (All-League), Varsity Spring Track & Field
- Member of SADD, Student Athlete Cabinet, and Key Club
- Department Award for English
- Michael P. Canno Scholarship
- Award for 100 or more Community Service Hours
- Senior Internship Program - Spinelli Surveying



## TYLER SERGIO

### Boston College

- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service, Leadership, Achievement & Rye Neck Spirit
- AP Scholar with Honor
- National Merit Commended Student
- National Honor Society (President)
- New York State Seal of Civic Readiness
- Mu Alpha Theta
- Clarkson University High School Achievement Award
- Albert Einstein Achievement Award for Earth Science
- RNSF Impact Award for Exceptional Character and Leadership Skills
- Citizenship Award for Participation in School And Community
- New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
- Department Award for World Languages
- Senior Class Treasurer
- Member of Italian Club, SADD, and Student Athlete Cabinet
- Varsity Lacrosse (Coaches Award), Varsity Football
- Award for Community Service of 100 hours or more
- Senior Internship Program - Rye Neck Internship Program



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

Congratulations to our seniors who committed to continuing their athletic career in college.

From left to right:

- Josef Zyngier - Lacrosse - Dickinson University
- Clare Picone - Softball - Monmouth University
- Ariana Hammer - Softball - Springfield College
- Brian Chin - Track & Field - University of Chicago
- Micah Taffet - Track & Field/Cross Country - New York University
- Hunter Merkel - Football - Pomona College

Not pictured:

- John Spicer - Sailing - Hobart and William Smith Colleges



## 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 eleven graduating seniors a total of \$16,000 to put to use in their next level of study. Several local organizations generously donated funds to be given to students who met specific criteria.

The Ann Wilson Scholarship was given to Alexis Favre. This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has demonstrated leadership, is hard working, and is dedicated to community service. The Rye Neck community is very proud of Alexis and wishes him continued success in his college career.

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 2024 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 2024!

## The Class of 2024

Mark Lauten

Senior Class Advisor



I will always remember the Class of 2024 as the first class I worked with as class advisor. Stepping into a new role had me a little nervous, but from our first events together during Senior Week, I could tell this group was going to be a pleasure to work with. They demonstrated maturity and leadership to the sixth graders one day and then took over Chelsea Piers with childlike joy and enthusiasm later that same week. Whatever demands were made of them, challenges placed in front of them, or duties asked of them, the Class of 2024 heeded the call.

And now, it's time for that one final act of theirs as the Class of 2024... Graduation! As we prepare to honor these students for all the hard work they've put in over their years at Rye Neck, let's consider all the ways these students not only met, but exceeded, expectations. This group contains 81 National Honor Society members, 15 AP Scholars, 15 AP Scholars with Honors, and 21 AP Scholars with

Distinction. There were also 11 students commended in the National Merit Program. In the realm of athletics, members of the class contributed to 4 League Championships and had 4 All-Section Selections. Furthermore, 6 students have committed to continue playing sports at the collegiate level. The theater department also counted on the leadership of its seniors to help put on two fantastic productions. As a result, their rendition of *The Outsiders* garnered the distinction of the "Best Overall Drama" at the Eastern Student Artist Guild awards. Two seniors also earned individual nominations at the Metro Awards, as well.

This spring, the Student Internship Program (SIP) placed 110 interns, where students gained valuable experience outside the classroom. These students also completed more than 14,700 hours of community service, while earning more than \$66,000 in scholarships. The Class of 2024 certainly has a lot to be proud of!

For the last four years as these students were building up to these milestones, I was able to observe them demonstrate the classic Rye Neck spirit of togetherness and community, but with some new twists. For example, this grade started high school in the cohort system, staggering their time in school and working from home regularly. Four years later, they have coalesced back into one big, caring, productive group. And in another district first, the Class of 2024 completed our first ever Senior Walk Through of all the schools. The palpable joy and excitement on everyone's faces, from the teachers to the graduates to the younger students, was indicative of what makes Rye Neck such a special place.

Seniors, we are all so proud of you, not just because of all that you have accomplished but because of the people you've become. We wish you all the best and are certain there are great things in store for all of you. Congratulations!