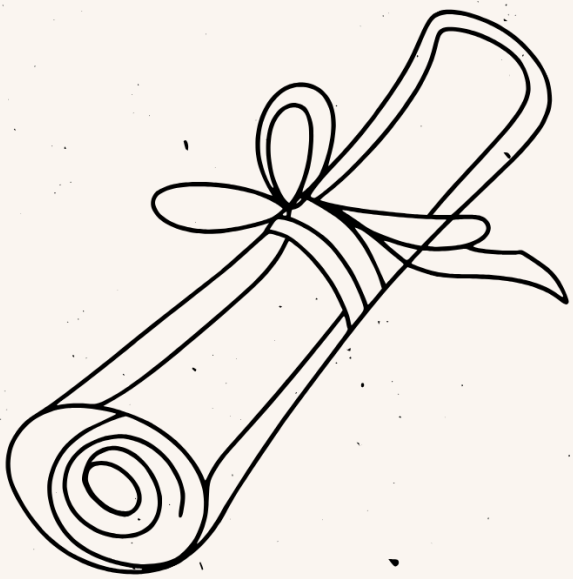
MONROE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL



31ST ANNUAL SENIOR AWARDS

— MAY 19TH 2026 —

MONROE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RECIPIENTS!!!

Welcome to the

2026

Senior Awards

Ceremony

Senior Awards Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance:	Nia Powell, *Senior Class President*
National Anthem:	Members of the MTHS Choral Program
Welcome:	Dr. James Cernansky *Director of School Counseling & Student Support Services* Dr. Adam Layman *Acting Superintendent of Schools* Ms. Gail DiPane *Board President*
Presentation of Awards:	Mr. Giuseppe Calella, J.D. / Assistant Principal Mr. Michael Collins / Assistant Principal Ms. Terri Weiss / Assistant Principal Ms. Casey Buffolino / School Counselor Ms. Brooke Messinger / School Counselor Mr. Jared Carrier / School Counselor Mr. Scott Sample / School Counselor Ms. Danielle Drust / Science & Social Studies Dr. Kelly Roselle / Language Arts, Media, & World Language Mr. Yale Snyder / Fine & Performing Arts, Physical Education & Health Ms. Susan Gasko / Mathematics Mr. Zachary Morolda / Innovative & Community Programs, Equity & Careers Technology Mr. Anthony Arcaro / Assistant Principal
Closing Remarks:	Dr. Kevin Higgins / Principal

2026 Senior Awards

Organization: Monroe Township Friends of the Library
Award Name: Friends of the Library Scholarship

Organization: Monroe Twp. Volunteer Fire Company #1
Award Name: Altruism Award

Organization: The Om Foundation
Award Name: Om Parikh Memorial Award for Optimism

Organization: The Dillon Family
Award Name: The James A. Dillon Memorial Scholarship

Organization: Ladies Auxiliary of the Jamesburg Fire Dept. #1
Award Name: Community Service Award

Organization: Monroe Twp. Muslim Community Group
Award Name: Community Service Award

Organization: Monroe Twp. Administrators Association
Award Name: Educational Leadership Award

Organization: The Higgins Family
Award Name: Peter B. Higgins Memorial Scholarship

Organization: The Monroe Township Democratic Organization
Award Name: Leadership Award

Organization: Applegarth Volunteer Engine Company #1
Award Name: Community Service Award

Organization: The Ronald G. Rios Charity Trust Fund
Award Name: The Ronald G. Rios Trust Fund Scholarship

Organization: Dr. Marilyn Gonyo
Award Name: Dr. Marilyn E. Gonyo Aspiring Educator Award

Organization: Stonebridge Men's Club
Award Name: Stonebridge Men's Club Scholarship

Organization: United Methodist Church of Cranbury
Award Name: Cranbury United Methodist Church Service Award

Organization: Monroe Environmental Commission/Friends of Library
Award Name: The Joseph Harvie Memorial Scholarship

Organization: The Walp Family
Award Name: The Ryan E. Walp Memorial Scholarship

Organization: The Hutter Family
Award Name: Pearl Hutter Memorial Scholarship

Organization: MTHS Student Council
Award Name: Student Council Award

Organization: MTHS Administrators
Award Name: Principal's Citizenship Award

Organization: MTHS Administrators
Award Name: Principal's Leadership Award

Organization: Boy Scout Troop 54
Award Name: Troop 54 Roy DeBoer Citizenship Award

Organization: Sweet William & Thyme Florist
Award Name: The Creativity and Involvement Award

Organization: The Smith Family
Award Name: The Rick Smith Award for Excellence

Organization: Friends & Family of Kerry Ann O'Donnell
Award Name: Kerry Ann O'Donnell Memorial-Compassion

Organization: MTHS Red Cross Club
Award Name: Visionary Volunteer Award

Organization: Central NJ Regional Chamber of Commerce
Award Name: Good Samaritan Award in Memory of Carol DiCola

Organization: St. James Columbiettes
Award Name: St. James Columbiettes Award

Organization: MTHS Be Kind Committee
Award Name: Kindness Award

Organization: Jewish War Veterans Post 609
Award Name: Leadership Award

Organization: Monroe Twp. Professional Firefighters Assn. IAFF #3170
Award Name: IAFF Local 3170 Award

Organization: Elias Counsel
Award Name: The Adam J. Elias Resilience Award

Organization: The Elias Family
Award Name: Elias Family Entrepreneurship Award

Organization: Oak Tee/Applegarth PTA
Award Name: Oak Tee/Applegarth PTA Scholarship

Organization: Monroe Twp. Middle School PTO
Award Name: Continue the Excellence Award

2026 Senior Awards

Organization: Barclay Brook/Brookside PTA
Award Name: PTA Scholarship

Organization: Jamesburg Board of Education
Award Name: Donald Fadden Memorial Award

Organization: Jamesburg Board of Education
Award Name: Sydney Shapanka Memorial Award

Organization: Jamesburg Education Association
Award Name: JEA Future Teacher Award

Organization: MTHS College & Career Counseling Center
Award Name: Onward & Upward Award

Organization: Stonebridge Women's Club
Award Name: The Brenda Belgard Memorial Scholarship

Organization: MTHS Key Club
Award Name: Key Club Award

Organization: Jamesburg American Legion Auxiliary Star Unit #127
Award Name: The Sue Kane Memorial Scholarship

Organization: Monroe Township Education Association
Award Name: Future Teacher Award

Organization: Monroe Township Education Association
Award Name: Monroe Township Educators Scholarship

Organization: MTHS African American Club
Award Name: African American Club College Scholarship

Organization: Monroe Twp. PBA Local #255
Award Name: Furthering Education Award

Organization: MTHS AVID Program
Award Name: AVID Achievement Award

Organization: The Pine Family Foundation
Award Name: The Mital Shah Memorial Scholarship

Organization: Monroe Township Republican Club
Award Name: Monroe Township Republican Club Scholarship

Organization: MTHS National Honor Society
Award Name: National Honor Society Scholarship Award

Organization: MTHS Class of 2025
Award Name: School Spirit and Dedication Award

Organization: Rasi Laboratories, Inc.
Award Name: Award for Perseverance

Organization: The Mayor Richard Pucci Scholarship Fund
Award Name: Public Service Award

Organization: The Mike Nichols Foundation
Award Name: Mike Nichols Perseverance Award

Organization: The Mama Mare Breast Cancer Foundation
Award Name: The Jillybean Award in Memory of Jill Lecorchick

Organization: Jamesburg Elks Lodge #2180
Award Name: Citizenship Award

Organization: St. James Knights of Columbus #6336
Award Name: Community Service Award

Organization: Monroe Township Administrators Association
Award Name: Dr. Jerry Lavitt Memorial Scholarship

Organization: Woodland Mill Lake PTO
Award Name: PTO Award

Organization: Senator Linda Greenstein
Award Name: Senator Linda Greenstein Award

Organization: Monroe Smiles
Award Name: Achievement Award

Organization: The Gardens at Monroe
Award Name: Future Healthcare Provider

Organization: The Family of George Miller
Award Name: George Miller Memorial Award

Organization: Center State Engineering Associates
Award Name: Future Engineer Award

Organization: The David M. Kaplan Memorial Fund
Award Name: The David M. Kaplan Memorial Scholarship

Organization: Seaview Orthopaedics
Award Name: Seaview Orthopaedics Scholarship

Organization: Mr. Simon Bateson
Award Name: The Bateson Engineering Scholarship

Organization: Kessler Rehabilitation
Award Name: Future Healthcare Provider

Organization: The Somers Family
Award Name: The Ted Somers Memorial Scholarship

Organization: The Meads Family
Award Name: Mary Meads Memorial Scholarship

2026 Senior Awards

Organization: MTHS Youth & Government
Award Name: Outstanding Youth & Government Delegate Award

Organization: Monroe Twp. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 262
Award Name: Patriotic Award

Organization: Renaissance Women's Club @ Monroe
Award Name: Future Leader in Healthcare or Education

Organization: India-US Forum of Monroe Township
Award Name: Youth Community Service/Cultural Stewardship Awd

Organization: The League Of Women Voters of Monroe Twp.
Award Name: Inspired to Serve Award

Organization: MTHS Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society
Award Name: Rho Kappa Board Officer Award

Organization: Residents Civic Club of Greenbriar @ Whittingham
Award Name: Gene Gursky Res. Civic Club of Greenbriar@Whittingham Sch.

Organization: Monroe Twp. Superior Officers Association
Award Name: Superior Officers Association Award

Organization: Jamesburg American Legion Auxiliary Star Unit #127
Award Name: Veteran Importance Award

Organization: MTHS French Honor Society
Award Name: Excellence in French Language Award

Organization: The Concordia Players
Award Name: Phyllis Cassell/Joel Levy Memorial Theatre Arts Awd

Organization: MTHS National English Honor Society
Award Name: National English Honor Society Merit Scholarship

Organization: MTHS Italian Honor Society
Award Name: Leadership Award

Organization: MTHS Multicultural Club
Award Name: Outstanding Leadership Award

Organization: The Blish Family
Award Name: The D.J. Blish Memorial Award

Organization: MTHS Spanish Honor Society
Award Name: Spanish Honor Society Award

Organization: Greenbriar @ Whittingham Italian American Senior Cultural Club
Award Name: Italian American Award

Organization: MTHS Drama Club
Award Name: Drama Debut Award

Organization: MTHS Drama Club
Award Name: Tech Achievement Award

Organization: MTHS Drama Club
Award Name: Drama Service Award

Organization: MTHS Drama Club
Award Name: Star Tech Award

Organization: MTHS Drama Club
Award Name: Dance Achievement Award

Organization: MTHS Drama Club
Award Name: Drama Achievement Award

Organization: MTHS Drama Club
Award Name: Director's Award

Organization: MTHS Drama Club
Award Name: Drama Spirit Award

Organization: MTHS Drama Club
Award Name: Dance Leadership Award

Organization: MTHS Drama Club
Award Name: Master Thespian Award

Organization: Greater Monroe Chapter ORT America
Award Name: Computer Technology Award

Organization: MTHS Math Department
Award Name: David Dowling Memorial Math Award

Organization: Genesis Educational Services
Award Name: Future Leader in Computer Technology

Organization: Mr. & Mrs. Robert O'Donnell
Award Name: Teacher Education Award

Organization: MTHS Math Honor Society
Award Name: Mu Alpha Theta Award

Organization: THe Hutter Family
Award Name: David Hutter Memorial Scholarship

Organization: Family & Friends of Louis John Cosentino, Sr.
Award Name: Louis J. Cosentino, Sr. Memorial Award - Music Engagement

2026 Senior Awards

Organization: The Concordia Chorale
Award Name: Concordia Chorale Scholarship in Memory of Jack Galin

Organization: MTHS National Art Honor Society
Award Name: National Art Honor Society Award

Organization: Monroe Township Patrons of the Arts
Award Name: Student Award

Organization: Monroe Education Foundation
Award Name: MEF Music Excellence Award

Organization: The Gibbons Family
Award Name: Barbara Gibbons Awd. for Achievement in Arts & Academics

Organization: MTHS Music Department
Award Name: Music Excellence Award

Organization: MTHS Music Department
Award Name: National School Marching Band Award

Organization: MTHS Music Department
Award Name: John Phillips Sousa Band Award

Organization: MTHS Music Department
Award Name: Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

Organization: MTHS Music Department
Award Name: National School Color Guard Award

Organization: MTHS Music Department
Award Name: National School Choral Award

Organization: MTHS FBLA
Award Name: Leadership Award

Organization: MTHS School Store
Award Name: School Store Award

Organization: MTHS Family & Consumer Science
Award Name: Working with Children Award

Organization: MTHS Economics & Finance Team
Award Name: Aspiring Financial Leader Award

Organization: MTHS Work Based Learning Program
Award Name: Work Based Learning Award

Organization: MTHS Video Production Department
Award Name: Video, TV & Film Production Award

Organization: MTHS DECA
Award Name: DECA Award

Organization: The Ryan C. Connolly Memorial Fund
Award Name: The Ryan C. Connolly Memorial Fund Scholarship

Organization: Jamesburg Education Foundation
Award Name: The Dobenski Scholarship

Organization: Daniel P. Ryan Foundation
Award Name: The Daniel P. Ryan Memorial Scholarship

Organization: MTHS Booster Club
Award Name: The Daniel P. Ryan Award

Organization: MTHS Booster Club
Award Name: The Sean Denehy Award

Organization: MTHS Booster Club
Award Name: The Robert "Doc" Axelrod Award

Organization: MTHS Booster Club
Award Name: The Hugh P. Walsh Award

Organization: MTHS Booster Club
Award Name: The Mike Nichols Award

Organization: The Family of Jamie Olma
Award Name: The Jamie Olma Heart of the Mat Memorial Sch.

Organization: The Family of Jamie Olma
Award Name: The Jamie Olma Spirit of the Sideline Memorial Sch.

Organization: MTHS Football Program
Award Name: The Anton Updale Memorial Award

Organization: MTHS Football Program
Award Name: Falcon Football Club Award

Organization: MTHS Volleyball Program
Award Name: MTHS Volleyball Award

Organization: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Tantum
Award Name: Kerry O'Donnell Sports Manager Award

Organization: MTHS Boys Soccer Program
Award Name: MTHS Soccer Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS

FROM MTHS ADMINISTRATION

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From the College & Career Counseling Center

Dr. James Cernansky

Director of School Counseling & Student Support Services

Ms. Baniowski
Ms. Buffolino
Mr. Carrier
Ms. Dominguez
Mr. Gambino
Ms. Goldstein
Ms. Messinger
Ms. Mironov
Mr. Sample
Ms. Tagliavia

Ms. Butta
Ms. Marsh
Ms. McCourt



Abigail and Joseph Caputo,

We are so proud of both of you and all that you've accomplished. This recognition is well deserved and a reflection of your hard work. We can't wait to see what's next!

Love,
Mom & Ed, Dad & Lizzy, John, Stella, Nana Ro Ro,
Nana Nancy, and Grandma & Grandpa T.

Nicholas Sisolak,

It has been a true joy to watch you grow into such a remarkable young man. We are so proud of your resilience and all you've achieved. Wishing you the very best at Rowan University - we know you'll do amazing things. Congratulations!

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Tyler, and Logan

Brooke Craparotta,

You are truly a reflection of hard work, compassion and resilience – qualities that make this recognition tonight so meaningful. Continue to be who you are; you are all heart, and you make us incredibly proud.

Love,
Your Proud Family



George Gerard Rens,

We are so incredibly proud of you, not just because of this award but for the person you've become. Your hard work, perseverance, kindness, resilience and integrity have guided you through every challenge. From your first day of school to this moment, you've shown grit, kindness and a willingness to learn and grow. This award recognizes not only your achievements, but the values you carry with you through your strong trust in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Your faith is reflected in your motto "Not by my merits, but by Your grace."

This recognition reflects years of dedication and countless moments where you chose to keep going even when it wasn't easy. As your parents, watching you grow into a confident and compassionate young adult has been one of our greatest joys. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor! You have consistently demonstrated excellence both inside and outside the classroom. Your commitment to character and resilience serve as an inspiration to your younger brothers each day. We are so proud to be your parents and can't wait to see where your talents and determination take you next.

Congratulations on this incredible achievement! God bless!

Love,

Papa & Mama



Shreyas Mishra,

Congratulations on being recognized at the Senior Award ceremony. This is a proud moment and a true reflection of your hard work, dedication, and talent. Seeing you receive this award fills our hearts with immense pride. Keep pushing boundaries, chasing your dreams, and making a meaningful impact along the way.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Sister

Emily Cugini,

Congratulations, Emily. It has been a joy watching you grow into the leader you are today. From Drum Major to the stage, you gave your heart to everything you did. You balanced your studies, music, and leadership with grace. More than your accomplishments, we are proud of who you have become.

Love
Mom, Dad, and Danielle

Sandella Massaley,

Your star is bright and it showed from your birth throughout your growth as my one and only child. Keep up the academic excellence and shoot beyond the stars.

Love,
Mom



Kaitlyn Perdoni,

We are so proud of you and everything you've accomplished at MTHS. Wishing you continued success as you begin this exciting next chapter at Stockton University. Stay focused, work hard, and always believe in yourself- we know you will achieve great things!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Brandon

Justin Polashock,

Congratulations on your award! This is just the beginning of your many achievements. Keep up the good work. We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Dylan, Brandon and Mimi & Papa

Rylan Masters,

We are impressed at the young man you have become. You are smart, kind and witty. We can't wait to see all the amazing things you will do and all the lives you will change! We are so proud of you.

Love,

Dad, Mom, Hayden, Avery and Breylin



Aveeka Agrawal,

From the first whistle of **field hockey** to the final pitch of the **Diamond Challenge**, you have been a force to be reckoned with! Your commitment to "**Chapters for Change**" and "**Key Club**" shows the world that you lead with both your head and your heart!! "**Top 100 emerging innovator award**" shows – You don't just follow paths-you build them. We've watched you grow into a brilliant, determined, and compassionate young woman. We are, and always will be, your biggest cheerleaders. Keep shaking up the world. Congratulations on your Senior Award!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Vaanya and family

Julia Artz,

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. We are amazed every day by all that you do -from your outstanding academic achievements, inclusive of your many college credits already completed, to your strength in all sports that you compete in. Additionally, you are a top performer in both your sports marketing and graphics design internships and handle them with ease. We wish you all the best in your bright future. We love you very much. Your level of determination and perseverance will prevail in everything in life for you. Congratulations on this very well-deserved award!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Amelia, Meredith and Gabriel



Tarun Addanki,

As you wrap up the last lap at the High School, Vikas, Hyma and I like to take a minute to reflect on the great run you had at the Monroe Schools, from Barclay Brook, Mill Lake, Woodland, Middle School and the High School.

As you embark on the next phase of higher education at NJIT Honor's College, we wish you the very best.

Also, let's take this opportunity to thank all the teachers, administrative staff, vice principals, and principals along the way for their skills and kindness in laying out solid foundation steps on which you can bank upon in the years ahead.

Keep up the great work!

Love,

Vikas, Hyma, and Ramesh



BEST WISHES TO THE CLASS OF 2026!