Fifty-Third Commencement Exercises

Northern Highlands Regional High School



The Class of 2019

June 24, 2019

| PreludeSym | phonic Band/Wind Ensemble |
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| ProcessionalSym | Pomp and Circumstance #1 aphonic Band/Wind Ensemble |
| Star Spangled Banner | Senior Women's Ensemble |
| "Ain't Got Far to Go" | Highlands Voices Magdalena Deniz |
| WelcomeSan | rah Rimland, Class President |
| Class Speaker | Blake Buffa |
| Presentation of Awards | Joseph J. Occhino, Principal |
| Irish Blessing | Concert Choir Seniors |
| Class Speaker | Angela Kim |
| Salutatorian | Alexander Shen |
| Presentation of the Class of 2019 | Scot Beckerman, Superintendent |
| Awarding of Diplomasand I | Jill Webb, Board President Board of Education Members |
| "This Is Me" from the Greatest Showma | anKiley Rotella Lara Shoenholz |
| Valedictorian | Connor Courtney |
| NH Alma MaterConcert Choir | Seniors & Highlands Voices |
| Recessional | Pomp and Circumstance #4 uphonic Band/Wind Ensemble |

Class Advisors: Sara Belgiovine-Capone and Jennifer Monahan Band Director: Kyle Kubicki Choir Director: Thomas Paster

Bagpipers: The Clan Na Vale

Candidates for Graduation

Grace Anne Aboussleman *

David J. Ahn *

Thomas F. Aiello

Artas Maximus Alajbegu *

Temiloluwa O. Alao

Scott Daniel Amsterdam

Russell Frank Anderson *

Riya Arun *

Jeffrey Bruce Atkins

Armand Peter Babigian

Rishi Bachani *

Robert Michael Bakal *

Evan James Banks

Alexander W. Barutis *

Taylor Nicole Bechtel *

Cheryl A. Berger *

Lauren Paige Bernstein *

Cole G. Bespalko *

Aaria Ana Bhatnagar

Matthew Frederick Bibi *

Alexander J. Bildner *

Ari J. Birnbaum

Bowie Boan

Michael Carmine Bocchiaro *

Alexander Bondorowsky

Christina Rose Boniello

Meghan Bonarigo

Tara Fay Bonitz

Blake Anthony Bottini

Noor Z. Bourmaf

Nevena Bozovic

Amelia Nicole Braeske

Conor Michael Breen

James Brennan

Sari M. Bsharat

Blake Gabrielle Buffa

Joshua D. Burr *

Joseph Busacca

Quinn Keely Carter

Kyle Frederick Carucci

Emma R. Cary *

Nicholas James Cenci

Andrew J. Ceriello

Jack Chen

Riya Chhabra *

Stephen Casey Chou

Mark A. Cinotti

Lindsey Devon Coleman

Lauren Elizabeth Cooney *

Matthew G. Cooney

Daniel S. Corbett

Ally Noel Costello *

Connor James Courtney *

Mikayla Nicole Covello *

Nicole Hannah Crystal

Grey E. Currie

Courtney M. Dalton

Lauren E. D'Arecca

Breanne Davis

Julia Anne Davis *

Alexander F. DelMonte

Evan James DeLorenzo *

Francesca G. De Maria

Magdalena Kathleen Deniz *

Brandon H. DeRosier

Brian DeRosier

Jake Christian Diaz

Erik Goran Diedrichs

Richard J. DiFalco

William Swaim DiGisi

Nicholas Maurice Garcia

David Anthony Garzón

Tanner Phillip Gazzillo

Daniel E. Gellis *

Robert Steven DiMartino Samantha Yazmin Gelman

Rayan Din Sara J. Ghorashi
Eric Ding * Ava Margaret Gierek

Anthony Michael D'Iorio * Alexandra Victoria Giuffra *

Claudia Mary Dipasupil Matthew Spencer Glanz

Breanna Marie Doane Lekhana Gogineni

Paul Schoonmaker Doherty Samuel Chapman Gold Michael Joseph Dolan Christian Bernard Golick

Olivia Meagan Dowicz Mohamed Gomaa Natalie Elizabeth Downey Yifei Gong *

Andrew Dryfoos George Gosen

Ulises Dueñas Ramos Martin F. Granada Sean Jake Duggan Jason Myles Greenbaum

Brett Kenneth Dunbar Annabel Elizabeth Greene *

Haley S. Duncan Luca E. Guarini

Dylan Riley Dupont

Peter Heath Edelson

Andrew Cole Ellis

Alexander Leon Engel

Edward Hagerty Fargis

Riley Matthew Haab

Sabrina Lara Hallivis

Anna Kathleen Harris

Jack Lorden Hartmann *

Elizabeth Mary Healy

Jackson Emery Fazio Brandon Logan Held

Jack William FernekeesTrevor HernandezGeorgia FitzsimonsJacqueline Grace Herrera

Jaclyn D. Flannery

Ashley Nicole Higgins *

Anneliese Grace Forlenza * Julia Parker Hill

Ryan Fragale Trevor Berg Hintz *

Olivia Kadee Freindlich Whitney Hintz *
Thomas Gerald Gallagher Justin Lyle Hitt * +

Thane Alexandre Gallo Zachary Kyle Hoffman *

Samantha E. Gandara * Austin Thomas Holden

Jake Lawrence Garbar Olivia Jacqueline Homan *

Christopher John Horkan * Cara E. LaBanca
James Patrick Hughes Luke Thomas Larkin

Clayton Hwang Kathleen M. Leahy *

Nina Rochelle Hyman Tyler Christian Lefebvre

Edmund Dennis Iannelli Jason Adam Lever *
Yousef Ibrahim Jacob Eli Levin *
Dante Juliano Inouye Noah W. Levine

Armaan Israni * Chloe Arrin Levy *

Joseph Jaeger Samantha Jane Levy

Matthew D. James * David Logan Linetski
Benjamin Clark Johnson * Jason Joseph LoCascio

Danielle Jordan Sophia Ann LoCascio *

Zaina Jouejati Aedan Robert Lorfink

Rebecca Sarah Kane * Cecilia Grace MacDonald

Alexander Dylan Kantzer Caitlin Mahoney

Benjamin Ross Kaplan Kylie Anne Mahoney
Athena M. Karvellas Alexander Makarovskiy *

Sofia Anastasia Katsikiotis

Magdelane Grace Malley

Caroline Elizabeth Keane * Nicholas Giorgio Marconi Kelly Rose Keenan * Sarah Katherine Marconi

Alexandra Norbitz Kelly * Ava Marino

Kayla Marie Kerrigan * Jordan R. Marino

Brandon Miles Kestenbaum Marc A. Maroldi

Luke Mourad Khalil Caroline Alexandra Martin *

Adam Junyoung Kim * Lily Grace Massie

Angela S. Kim * Benjamin Alexander Mathios *

Eric Kim * Victoria Susan Maung *

Brendan Edward Klink Logan Scott Mayne

Erika S. Kluge * Kevin Declan McCaffrey *

Matthew Korevec Megan E. McCarthy

Clayton David Krause Megan Danielle McKaba

Haley Rose Kresch * Kevin Declan McNerney *

Lucas Krieger Christian Slade Mender

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Patrick Robert Kuenzel Thomas McAvey Menten *

Owen Antony Kulick Victoria Eden Messinger

Morgan Micallef * Carly Pressman

Alexis Nicolette Miller Skyler Marie Provenzano

Christopher Harold Minchin, Jr. + Mark Joseph Puig

Claudia Elizabeth Mischler Alexandra Grace Quarto *

Ryan James Mistretta Carter Joseph Quinn
Kimia Moghaddam Erin Alexandra Quinn *

Thai Morgan Alex Rashduni

Grace Karen Morrissey * Alexa Rose Rathbun

Allison Victoria Moss Benjamin Thomas Redling

Elisabeth Murray Ariana Paige Resnick
Katherine Murray * + Elizabeth Ann Richardson

Gary Mylson Kevin Howard Ricke

Andrew Joseph Nazzari * Joshua Riembauer *

Andrew Jacob Nimerofsky * Sarah Beth Rimland *

Leaph Anthony Nirebia Emilio Podriguez

Joseph Anthony Nirchio Emilio Rodriguez

Michael Anthony Nodini * Kiley Shea Rotella

Timothy Joseph O'Connor Christopher James Rotondo
Aimee Yoona Oh * Kristin Amanda Rowland

James Atterbury O'Keefe Liam Joseph Roy *

Lillian Erica Okin Jack Russo

Jack Camron O'Neill Caroline M. Ryan +

Jason T. Orefice Sanjna Sadarangani *

Alessandro Joseph Pace Paul Michael Salvaggio Alyssa Marie Papalia Maya Sofia Sarmiento *

Max Paparozzi Madison Celeste Scalia

Allen Hyeoneum Park * Matthew Paul Scherreik *

Minjae Park Jared M. Schlanger

Seohyoung Park * Anthony Robert Sciuto

Gilbert Dee Paschall Sophia Senyk

Elizabeth Peebles * Antonio John Shanley *
Miguel Gerard Pereira Muzamal Hussain Sheikh
Alween Mague Peres Georgia Elizabeth Shell *

Alyson Maeve Perna Georgia Elizabeth Shell *

Matthew Victor Pernenai Alexander E Shen *

Matthew Victor Perpepaj Alexander E Shen *
Jackeline Pires Russell Manuel Shirley
Hritik Prajapati Kendall Paige Shirvan *

Lara Madeleine Shoenholz *
Jessica Allie Shulman *
Jared David Silverstein

Maryam Skairek *

Madeline Grace Smiechowski

Daniel Smigel

Emily Anne Soell *
Judson Robert Sonett
Anatalia Eve Sosinsky *

Emily Grace Spence *

Isaac Raphael Springer-Goldberg

Jenna Michelle Squasoni *
Massimo Marinko Stanin
Nina Danielle Stewart *
Natalia Davie Strahlendorff
Thomas James Sullivan

Jonathan Ryan Sumner

Ken Suzuki

William M. Swankie

Cassandra Elaine Thornton

Tifany L. Tong Isabella Tonuzi Alessandro Toxiri Briana Troise

Kayla Julianne Trugman

Victoria J. Tsai *

Nicole Justine Tsigaras

Ayaka Uehara *
John Edward Ustorf
Daniel Steven Viola

Kyle F. Vitale *
Danielle Anne Vitti

Sean William Vlasich *
Christine Voynarovskiy *

Katherine Voynarovskiy *

Cory Mitchell Walker Anna Elizabeth Walsh Francis Joseph Walsh Melissa Joy Walters *

Liam D. Welch Eva Rey Wendeborn

Abigail Wenner John H. Werber Brielle M. Wiener

Megan Elizabeth Wilczynski Alexander Arthur Winters *

Victoria Diane Winters

William Daniel Winters
Olivia Lorraine Witzmann *

Ava M. Woessner *

Justin Young *

Melissa Alexandra Yu * Dean Ruben Zambrotta

Bridget Elizabeth Zimny

+ Student Council

^{*} National Honor Society



Class of 2019 - Graduation Awards

Valedictorian Connor Courtney

Salutatorian Alexander Shen



Principal's Award for Four Years Northern Highlands Perfect Attendance

Elizabeth Richardson

Emily Spence

Senior Awards

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The following awards were presented at our Senior Awards Ceremony on June 6, 2019

Eric Ding

Alexander Makarovskiy

National Merit Finalists have gone through a rigorous process to achieve this outstanding honor. Juniors named National Merit Semifinalists earned a selection index score of 222 or higher on the PSAT, providing the opportunity to compete for Finalist standing and Merit Scholarship awards. In February 2019, Semi-finalists who met academic and other requirements set by the National Merit Corporation became Finalists, who, based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments, competed for National Merit Scholarships.

School Achievement Awards



| Art Award | le Tsigaras |
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| Business Education Award | sa Walters |
| Lois Farese Marketing Award | ine Martin |
| Jane Kedron French Award | s Alajbegu |
| Eleanor Keyser Spanish Award | ıka Uehara |

Awarded for excellence in Spanish.

Awarded for excellence in Italian.

| Chinese Award |
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| Science Award |
| Mathematics Award |
| Andrew Dunn English Award |
| Robert Hellwig Social Studies Award Annabel Greene Awarded for excellence in Social Studies. |
| Health & Wellness Award |
| Fine Arts Award |
| Frank Olender Technical Drawing Award |
| Digital Media Award Elizabeth Richardson <i>Awarded for excellence in Digital Media.</i> |
| Jean Oberholtzer Drama Award |
| Awarded for excellence in Drama. |
| Contini Award Julia Hill |
| Awarded to a male and female student-athlete who participated throughout their four years in sports in multiple seasons demonstrating skill, desire to win, outstanding sportsmanship, exemplary attitude, and team spirit. |

| Coaches Award |
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| Lindsey Coleman |
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| Awarded to two male and two female student-athletes who |
| participated in varsity athletics and best demonstrated the values endorsed by the Northern Highlands Coaching Staff: loyalty, commitment, and citizenship. |
| Family & Consumer Sciences Department Excellence Award |
| Awarded for excellence in Family and Consumer Sciences. |
| John Philip Sousa Award Evan DeLorenzo |
| Awarded for outstanding musicianship, citizenship, leadership, and |
| dedication to the instrumental music program. |
| Sheila Taylor Vocal Music Award |
| Louis Armstrong Jazz Award |
| Awarded for outstanding jazz musicianship. |
| National School Marching Award |
| Musical Theater Award Elizabeth Richardson Awarded for outstanding contributions to our annual musical production. |
| Buddy Ajalat National School Choral Award |
| Lara Shoenholtz |
| Awarded for outstanding musicianship, participation, dedication, and leadership demonstrated throughout the year by thought, word, and deed. |

| Journalism Award | Anthony D'Iorio |
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| Awarded for excellence in Journalism. | • |
| Wood Technology Award Awarded for outstanding craftsmanshi | |
| Student Council Highlander Award | |
| | Sarah Rimland Justin Hitt |
| Awarded by the Student Council to a have displayed exemplary service to fellow students. | male and female senior who |
| Jean Phillipe Rameau Award for Mu | |
| Awarded for outstanding work in A Rameau was the first musician to codi; Music Theory in book form; therefore of Music Theory.") | Music Theory. (Jean Phillipe fy and present the principles of |
| Northern Highlands Home & School | Emma Cary |
| Awarded by the Home & School Asso senior who best exemplify good of devotion to duty, and unselfish service | ociation to a male and female citizenship through integrity, |
| Music and Performing Arts Associat | |
| | Evan DeLorenzo |
| Awarded for overall commitment to I Northern Highlands, and are planni Performing Arts field. | Music and Performing Arts at |

The Loch & Quay Creative Writing AwardVictoria MaungGrace Morrissev Awarded for excellence in our Creative Writing course and demonstrates a love for writing above and beyond required assignments; has been published or participated in special programs such as The Governor's School, contributed and/or worked on the magazine. This award is based on creative writing alone. **Principal Award**

Katherine Murray Awarded to a senior who demonstrated exemplary character, integrity, and commitment to both school and community life.

Community Awards



Chuck Dombeck Memorial Scholarship

.....Benjamin Mathios

Awarded in memory of Chuck Dombeck to a selfless Highlander who exemplifies integrity, genuine thoughtfulness, and outstanding character while actively participating in our school and community with positive leadership, a spirit of humanity, commitment to "team", and determination to make the world a better place for everyone.

The Sandy Helfand Memorial Scholarship Anatalia Soskinsky Awarded in memory of Howard "Sandy" Helfand to a senior who demonstrates interest in a marketing career and a strong commitment and outstanding success in the DECA program.

| Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River Award |
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| Awarded by the Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River to a senior who demonstrated overall academic excellence |
| Gerry Repole Award |
| Saddle River Valley Lions Club Awards |
| Awarded by the Saddle River Valley Lions Club for excellence in |
| English Taylor Bechtel |
| Social Studies |
| Mathematics |
| Science Seohyoung (Rachel) Park |
| Upper Saddle River Historical Society Award |
| Allendale Woman's Club Computer Science Technology Award |
| Awarded by the Allendale Woman's Club to a male and female senior for excellence in Computer Science Technology. |
| Strasser & Associates, P. C. Legal Award |
| Nancy Simpson Art Award |

Community Parent/Teacher Awards

Each Parent/Teacher Organizations have sponsored an award for one of its former students who have demonstrated, through word and deed, commitment to both school and community

| Allendale P.T.O. Award |
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| Northern Highlands Faculty & Staff Scholarship |
| Elizabeth Healy Sarah Rimland Awarded to deserving seniors who are inspired to pursue a career in public service, including government, public education, public health, social work, and non-profit organizations. Candidates were required to submit an essay in which they describe their desire to pursue a career in the public arena, as well as their current plans to do so. The Northern Highlands Faculty Scholarship Committee selects a recipient who best exemplifies the character and mindset of a true public servant. |
| Friends of the Library Award |
| Patricia Riccobene Memorial Scholarship |
| The Lacey Benvenuto Award |

shares his or her time and talents with others, radiating the warmth, caring, exuberance and enthusiasm that Lacey gave so selflessly.

| Allendale/Saddle River Rotary Foundation Scholarship |
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| Awarded by the Allendale/Saddle River Rotary Foundation to a senior attending a four-year university and involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities or part-time work. The student exemplifies the rotary motto "Service above Self". |
| Upper Saddle River PBA Merit Scholarship |
| Michael Shanley Memorial Scholarship |
| U.S. Marine Semper Fidelis Music Award |
| U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award |
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| Awarded by the U.S. Marine Corps to a male and female senior for displaying courage and demonstrating a commitment to their studies by maintaining a minimum of 3.5 G.P.A. These students have honored their school by their spirited attendance and participation |

in school activities.

Athletic Awards



| New Jersey Scholar Athlete Award |
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| Taylor Bechtel |
| Awarded by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to a male and female senior who have earned a minimum of two varsity letters, and ranked academically in the top 20% of their class. |
| Distinguished Athlete Award |
| Haley Kresch Conor Breen |
| Awarded by the U.S. Marine Corps to a male and female senior for displaying poise, self-confidence, and leadership as a high school athlete. |
| New Jersey Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award |
| Awarded by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to a senior athlete based on academic achievement along with school citizenship. |
| Bergen County Coaches Outstanding Athlete Award |
| Awarded by the Bergen County Coaches Association to male senior athletes who represent the many qualities that Northern Highlands athletes should possess. |
| Bergen County Coaches Multi Sport Season Award |
| Awarded by the Bergen County Coaches Association to male senior athletes who have participated in multiple sport seasons over four years and have demonstrated excellence both on and off the field. |

| Bergen County Women Coaches Multi Sport Season Award |
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| Emily Spence |
| Awarded by the Bergen County Women Coaches Association to female senior athletes who have participated in multiple sport seasons over four years and have demonstrated excellence both on and off the field. |
| Bergen County Women Coaches Association AwardBreanne Davis |
| Awarded by the Bergen County Women Coaches Association to a female senior athlete who represents the many qualities that Northern Highlands athletes should possess. |
| U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award |
| Mark Cinotti Awarded by the U.S. Army Reserve to a male and female senior who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom and on the athletic field. |
| Edward N. Fitzpatrick Award |
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| Awarded in memory of Edward Fitzpatrick to a male and female senior who have demonstrated the characteristics of selflessness, generosity of spirit, and dedication to the "success of the team" while participating in athletics at Northern Highlands. |
| Big North Conference Student Athlete AwardElizabeth Peebles |
| Liam Roy |
| Awarded to a male and female senior athlete who were recognized for their athletic and academic achievements by our athletic league, the Big North Conference. |

| Herb Cohen Sports Association Scholastic Achievement AwardElizabeth Healy |
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| Justin Hitt |
| Awarded by the Northern Highlands Sports Association to a male and female senior who have displayed, both on and off the field, a positive attitude, leadership ability, served as a role model, and submitted an essay on a topic selected by the N.H. Sports Association. |
| Chris Cellary Sports Association Achievement Award |
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| Awarded by the Northern Highlands Sports Association to a male |
| and female senior who have displayed, both on and off the field, a |
| positive attitude, outstanding sportsmanship, and leadership ability. |
| New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association National Women in Sports Award |
| Awarded by the N.J. State Interscholastic Athletic Association to an outstanding female student athlete in recognition of National Women in Sports Day. |
| A John Uhlmann Scholarship Award |
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| Awarded by A. John Uhlmann III Memorial Foundation to a male and female senior athlete in recognition of outstanding athletic achievement and understanding of the importance of good sportsmanship. |
| The Americans Soccer Club Scholarship |
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| Awarded to a male and female senior residing in the towns of |
| Allendale, Upper Saddle River, Ho-Ho-Kus, and Saddle River who |
| have played soccer and displayed commitment and sportsmanship to the game of soccer at Northern Highlands. |

| Eduardo Pena Memorial Scholarship | |
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| Olivia Homan | |
| Blake Bottini | |
| Awarded to a male and female soccer player who reside in Allendale, Upper Saddle River, Ho-Ho-Kus or Saddle River who has played soccer at least one year at the varsity level. Applicants must submit an essay explaining their deep appreciation for family as well as the importance of soccer in their lives. | |
| Highlands Travel Softball Scholarship | |

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Northern Highlands Alma Mater

Far above the cities near with its skies of blue,

Stands our noble Highlands dear, glorious to view.

With colors red and black we stand to praise thy name where e're we go.

Hail Northern Highlands, Alma Mater, we love you so.