

# Thirty-sixth Commencement Exercises

## Northern Highlands Regional High School

The Class of 2002

June 27, 2002

### Class of 2002 – Senior Awards

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| <b>Valedictorian</b> .....                                  | Marc Palmeri                          |
| <b>Salutatorian</b> .....                                   | Christine Noh                         |
| <b>Northern Highlands Distinguished Service Award</b> ..... | Kathryn Onesios<br>..... Vishal Sapra |
| <b>Principal's Award for Perfect Attendance</b> .....       | Ashiyana Nariani                      |

*The following awards were presented at our  
Senior Awards Ceremony on June 18, 2002.*

**The Principal's Award**..... Paul Ward  
*Awarded by the Board of Education to a Senior who demonstrated exemplary  
character and commitment to both school and community.*

**Art Award**..... Hae Jeong Choi  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Art.*

**Business Education Award**..... Christine Noh  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Business.*

**Lois Farese Marketing Award**..... Ashley Higgins  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Marketing.*

**Jane Kedron French Award**..... Brad Weinstock  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in French.*

**Eleanor Keyser Spanish Award**..... Marc Palmeri  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Spanish.*

**Latin Award** ..... Marissa Geannette  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Latin.*

**Technical Drawing Award** ..... Blake Albohm  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Technical Drawing.*

**Television Production Award** ..... Conor Welter  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Television Production.*

**Jean Oberholtzer Drama Award**.....Stephanie Chervenak  
..... William Stoltz  
*Awarded by the Board of Education to a male and female Senior for excellence in Drama.*

**Contini Award**.....Shigeru Aoe  
*Awarded by the Board of Education to a male Senior who participated in varsity sports each season through the year, demonstrating skill, desire to win, outstanding sportsmanship, exemplary attitude, and team spirit.*

**Coaches' Award**.....Lia Torre  
..... Gary Bach  
*Awarded by the Board of Education to a male and female Senior 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**  
.....Heather Reid  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Family and Consumer Sciences.*

**John Philip Sousa Award**.....Louis Spector  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding musicianship, citizenship, leadership, and dedication to the instrumental music program.*

**Sheila Taylor Vocal Music Award** .....Christine Nichols  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding musicianship, citizenship, leadership, and dedication to the music program.*

**National School Choral Award** ..... Brad Weinstock  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding musicianship, participation, dedication, and leadership demonstrated throughout the year by thought, word, and deed.*

**Louis Armstrong Jazz Award** .....Joshua Alpert  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding Jazz musicianship.*

**Journalism Award** ..... Russell Lane  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Journalism.*

**Wood Technology Award** .....Nicholas Altomare  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for craftsmanship in Wood Technology.*

**Student Council Highlander Award**.....Sara Huisking  
..... Michael Kiely  
*Awarded by the Student Council to a male and female Senior who have displayed exemplary service to their school, community, and fellow students.*

**Northern Highlands Home & School Citizenship Award**  
..... Natalia Mendoza  
..... Michael Zitolo  
*Awarded by the Home & School Association to a male and female Senior who best exemplify good citizenship through integrity, devotion to duty, and unselfish service to others.*

**Parents' Network Leadership Award** .....Hollie Karl  
..... Natalia Mendoza  
*Awarded by the Parents' Network to two Seniors who demonstrated commitment and dedication to the development of alternative activities and peer education, as well as contributions to the well-being and betterment of Northern Highlands students.*

**School Store Award** ..... Andrew Argeski  
.....Conor Welter  
*Awarded by the School Store to two Seniors for their dedication and tireless effort in serving the students and staff at the Northern Highlands School Store.*

**Ho-Ho-Kus Community Church Scholarship** ..... James Baker  
*Awarded by the Ho-Ho-Kus Community Church to a Ho-Ho-Kus Senior for outstanding academic achievements and sustained interest throughout his high school years in music and sports.*

**Ho-Ho-Kus Community Church/Margaret Leroy Scholarship**  
..... Elizabeth Albes  
..... Samantha Morrissey  
*Awarded by the Ho-Ho-Kus Community Church to two Ho-Ho-Kus Seniors for involvement in school and church activities and its music programs, and a commitment to helping people of different ages.*

**Roy Meyer Swingers Jazz Vocal Group Music Scholarship**  
.....Brad Weinstock  
*Awarded by the Roy Meyer Swingers Jazz Vocal Group for outstanding instrumental or vocal presentation in one of the following categories: Pop Music, Dixieland, Blues, Broadway, Swing, or Jazz.*

**Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River Award** ..... Jennifer Gomez  
*Awarded by the Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River to an Upper Saddle River Senior who demonstrated overall academic excellence.*

**Tomorrows Children's/Jim DiGisi Award**..... Andrew Argeski  
*Awarded by the Honorable and Mrs. Charles DiGisi in memory of their son, Jim, for commitment and dedication to community service, outstanding student activities, and leadership.*

**Gerry Repole Award** ..... James Greenspan  
*Awarded by Mr. Michael Repole in memory of his wife, Gerry, to a Senior who has shown dedication, patience, dependability, honesty, and creative abilities in the Performing Arts.*

**James V. Tomai, Jr. Award**..... Marissa Geannette  
*Awarded by the Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra to a Senior member for participation in the orchestra, and outstanding volunteer service.*

**Saddle River Lions Club Awards**

*Awarded by the Saddle River Lions Club for excellence in:*  
*English*..... Brad Weinstock  
*History*..... Michael Kiely  
*Mathematics* ..... Marc Palmeri  
*Science*..... Michael Zitolo

**Upper Saddle River Historical Society Award** ..... Natalia Mendoza  
*Awarded by the Upper Saddle River Historical Society to an Upper Saddle River Senior for excellence in American History.*

**Contemporary Club of Ho-Ho-Kus Award**..... Marissa Geannette  
..... Alison Rypkema  
*Awarded by the Contemporary Club of Ho-Ho-Kus to two Ho-Ho-Kus Seniors for excellence in academics and community service.*

**Town Journal Journalism Award** ..... Marisa Warren  
*Awarded by the Town Journal for excellence in Journalism.*

**Betty Jane D'Amore Awards**

*Awarded by the Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River for excellence in:*  
*English*..... Courtney Milianes  
*Creative Writing* ..... Stephanie Staab

**Allendale Womens' Club Computer Science Technology Award**  
..... Ashiyana Nariana  
..... Kevin Finn  
*Awarded by the Allendale Womens' Club to a male and female Senior for excellence in Computer/Science Technology.*

**Ho-Ho-Kus PTO/Donald Maloney Award**..... Elizabeth Albes  
..... Ian Duffy  
..... Courtney Milanes  
*Awarded by the Ho-Ho-Kus PTO in memory of Donald Maloney, a beloved Social Studies teacher, to Ho-Ho-Kus Seniors for scholarship, leadership, and community service.*

**Carl Strong Memorial Scholarship** ..... Christopher Donnelly  
*Awarded by the Paragon Federal Credit Union to a Senior who is a member of the Paragon Federal Credit Union for academic performance, leadership, and community service.*

**Strasser & Associates, P.C. Legal Award** ..... Marisa Warren  
*Awarded by William Strasser to a Senior whose interests and actions have demonstrated a commitment to civic responsibility, and who wishes to pursue a career in law.*

**Ho-Ho-Kus Education Foundation Awards**

*Awarded by the Ho-Ho-Kus Education Foundation for excellence in:*  
*English* ..... Alison Rypkema  
*Fine Arts*..... Ryan Song  
*Mathematics*..... Michael Zitolo  
*Science* ..... Alvin Bulahan  
*Social Studies* ..... Marissa Geannette

**Kathryn Limatola Award**..... Maggie Fogel  
*Awarded by the Kathryn Limatola Memorial Fund to a Senior who has demonstrated academic excellence, impeccable character, and extensive community service in honor of Kathryn Limatola for her active role in the community in Boy Scouts, the Highlands Presbyterian Church, the Green Circle Program, and as an original founder of the Allendale Foundation for Education Excellence.*

**Commerce Bank**..... Ian Duffy  
*Awarded by the Commerce Bank to a Senior who has demonstrated academic excellence, and wishes to pursue a college career in business studies.*

**Dennis Rouse Teens for Life Scholarship** ..... Suzanne Monaghan  
*Awarded by Teens for Life in honor of Dennis Rouse, a beloved Social Studies teacher at Northern Highlands, to a Senior who has demonstrated, through word and deed, exceptional character, integrity, and has shown a love for life and consideration for others.*

**Project Lovematch Award** ..... Maggie Fogel  
.....Michelle Kolind  
.....Courtney Milianes  
*Awarded by Project Lovematch to those Seniors who have shown outstanding contributions as volunteers to the program that teaches recreational tennis to a special-needs population.*

**Betsy Wetterauw Award** .....Catherine Henny  
*Awarded by Mr. & Mrs. Wetterauw in memory of their daughter, Betsy, to a female Senior athlete who displays sportsmanship, performs to the best of her ability, exhibits honor to her team and opponents, and represents her school in the best ethical and most honest manner.*

**New Jersey Scholar Athlete Award**..... Jennifer Gomez  
.....Jordan Bettman  
*Awarded by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to a male and female Senior who have won a minimum of two varsity letters, and ranked academically in the top 10% of his/her class, and provided service within the school and community.*

**New Jersey Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award** .....Alison Orrico  
*Awarded by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to a Senior athlete based on academic achievement along with school and community citizenship.*

**Bergen County Coaches' Outstanding Athlete Award** ..... Glenn Castergine  
*Awarded by the Bergen County Coaches' Association to the male Senior athlete who best represents the many qualities that Northern Highlands athletes should possess.*

**Bergen County Coaches' 10-Sport Season Award** ..... Robert Councilor  
..... Phillip Dakes  
*Awarded by the Bergen County Coaches' Association to male Senior athletes who have participated in at least ten sport seasons over their four years, and have demonstrated excellence both on and off the field.*

**Bergen County Women Coaches' Association Award** ..... Alison Orrico  
*Awarded by the Bergen County Women Coaches' Association to a female Senior athlete who best represents the many qualities that Northern Highlands athletes should possess.*

**Distinguished Athlete Award** .....Joshua Arcadia  
*Awarded by the United States Marine Corps to a Senior for displaying courage, poise, self-confidence, and leadership as a high school athlete.*

**Robb Councilor, Sr. (Kahuna) Scholarship Award** .....Jennifer Corley  
..... Timothy Lynch  
*Awarded by the Upper Saddle River/Allendale Jr. Football Association to a male and female Senior who participated in the Upper Saddle River/Allendale Junior Football/Cheerleading Association, and continued their participation at Northern Highlands.*

**U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award** ..... Shauna Maher  
..... Nicholas Altomare  
*Awarded by the United States Army Reserve to a male and female Senior who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom and on the athletic field.*

**Joseph Schweighardt Memorial Scholarship** ..... Ilker Oguz  
*Awarded by the Joseph Schweighardt Memorial Scholarship Foundation in memory of Joseph Schweighardt to a Senior who has demonstrated the ability to balance academic achievement with an involvement in competitive sports.*

**Edward N. Fitzpatrick Scholarship**.....Alison Orrico  
.....Robert Councilor  
*Awarded by the Edward N. Fitzpatrick Scholarship Committee in memory of Edward Fitzpatrick to a male and female Senior who have demonstrated the characteristics of unselfishness, a generosity of spirit, and a dedication to the "success of the team" while participating in athletics at Northern Highlands.*

**Herb Cohen Sports' Association Scholastic Achievement Award**  
..... Emily Simon  
..... Shigeru Aoe  
*Awarded by the Sports' Association to a male and female Senior who have lettered twice in their high school career, at least once as a Senior, attained a 3.0 average over their high school career, and committed to attend an accredited two or four year college. The recipients must have displayed, both on and off the field, a positive attitude, leadership ability, and served as a role model, as well as written an essay on a topic selected by the Sports' Association.*

## *Graduates*

Megan Aileen Ackerson  
Anthony George Aiuvalasit  
Patrick J. Allen, III  
Daniel James Amatuzzi  
Joseph Vincent Badalamenti  
George S. Barone  
Frances Erin Barto  
Lauren Chamberlin Battle  
Michael R. Benzaken  
Danielle L. Berkman  
Elizabeth Ann Billeter  
Kristina Leigh Blank  
Benjamin Grant Boggia  
Christopher George Bonamarte  
Stephen Thomas Bono  
Ryan Robert Broderick  
Michael Parker Brotherton  
Brittany Helen Bur  
Matthew Steven Burney  
Nathaniel J. Busch  
Taylor T. Bushell  
James Patrick Byrnes  
Christopher William Calabrese  
Zachary Kayn Canonico  
Margaret L. Carey  
Jessica Lynn Carlough  
Michelle Leigh Cary  
Amy Nicole Castellano  
Kyle Evan Cauwenberghs  
Lauren Ashley Chase  
Jamie Melissa Chazan  
Charles Ji Hoon Choi  
Andrew Evan Cohen  
Nicholas John Coleman  
Alexis Victoria Collins  
Alison Beth Cooper  
Kimberly Anne Curbelo

Timothy Bradford Curtis  
Ronald D'Elia  
Brian Michael DeNike  
Robert Chase Derian  
Michelle Karin Desjardins  
Lia G. Desposito  
Andrew A. DiCostanzo  
Jeffrey Scott Dodd  
Gillian Gayle Dombeck  
Natalie Joan Dubanowitz  
Emily Alicia Earl  
Christopher George Ege  
Douglas Andrew Ernst  
Liezl Bejarin Escalon  
Lindsay Anne Fake  
Sean Thomas Fallon  
Matthew Victor Ferrario  
Brendan M. Finnerty  
Gabriella Fiore  
Andrew Nicholas Firkins  
Jonah Bockhoff Flateman  
Raffaelina Sofia Gamen  
Alexandra Garand  
Vince Gatto  
Alexander Ian Germain  
Amanda M. Gesoalde  
Luke J. Getto  
Jennifer Leigh Gorra  
Kimberlee Ann Harris  
Joanna Rebecca Hess  
Vanessa Maria Hodge  
James J. Hopkins  
David Benjamin Hopson  
Ellen Margaret Houlihan  
Evan Richard Jacobs  
Sarah Alicia Johnson  
Duhyun J. Jung  
Arti Kabaria

Zachary A. Kahn  
Whitney Ann Kammerer  
Lee Anne Marie Kass  
Laura C. Kennedy  
Jacqueline Marie Kilgallen  
Michelle Kim  
Krisztina Kiss  
Karen Elizabeth Koch  
Jason Thomas Komninos  
Evanthia Mary Kontaxis  
Jung W. Koo  
Stephanie Lynn Kosky  
Tina M. Kukreja  
Brian Timothy LaBarr  
Jason Edward Lagomarsino  
Joseph Raymond Lapi  
Michelle Ann Largoza  
Kaylan Mary Laurent  
Earl Lee  
Katherine Florence Lee  
Ian S. Lees  
Stephanie Francine Lester  
Kate Susan Levine  
Seth Adam Lieberman  
Shi Yu Lin  
Stephanie Lynn Lisella  
Amy Melissa Litt  
Te-Yi Liu  
Justin Thomas Liva  
Robert J. Lombardi  
Lauren Ashley Ludwig  
Michael Joseph Lupino  
Joseph John Lynch  
Katharine Elizabeth Manning  
Pamela Anne Marangi  
Katherine Lee Mardy  
Rebecca Hope Markowitz  
Jeffrey John Marshall

Michelle Suzanne Martin  
Karen Rose Matarazzo  
Heather Donna Mayone  
James Richard Mazzuto  
Katherine Bradbury McDowell  
Andrew Joseph McGuirk  
Patrick Collins Meegan  
Bret Alexander Melillo  
William H. Mellick, III  
Lauren G. Mellides  
Matthew Ryan Michels  
Lauren Mary Minichetti  
Jamie Robert Moreng  
Elizabeth Anne Morris  
Kristen Lynne Morrone  
Christina Marie Murphy  
Erik J. Murphy  
Justeen Anna Nason  
Matthew Gerard Nasser  
Jonathan Ornulf Ness  
Sarah Alyss Nolan  
Erin Emily Nothwang  
Janna Beth Oberdorf  
Jaskaran Singh Oberoi  
John D. O'Fallon  
Dawn Olejarz  
Sean Joseph Ondich  
Terry Marie Ormonde  
Brian J. Page  
Rich Page  
Carol Park  
Yoony Park  
Natalie Denise Parsons  
Parag Narendra Patel  
Aaron David Pattap  
Laura Anne Peduto  
Daniel Ezekiel Pelic  
Lisa Marie Pellegrino

Scott Allen Penque, Jr.  
Tracy Lynn Pintard  
Matthew Howard Rabinowitz  
Thomas T. Radford  
Archana Ramachandran  
Michael Ancona Randy  
Shaun M. Raney  
Nicholas F. Reczkowski  
Kevin P. Reed  
Pamela Christine Regante  
Lindsay Anne Reichert  
Lisa Repetto  
Bertram Felix Richter  
Jennifer Lyn Ripston  
Nicholas Joseph Rossetti  
David G. Rothman  
Jason Edward Rucki  
Francesca Salameno  
Ashly Erin Sands  
Angelina Santonacita  
Joshua John Santry  
David Gerard Saoud  
Julie Lynn Sauer  
Emma Kate Saunders  
Kathryn Farryl Savatsky  
Liza Gillian Schubert  
Melanie Faith Schultz  
Andrew D. Schultze  
Amanda Elizabeth Schumer  
John A. Scipione  
Lindsey Marie Selman  
Dawn Marie Shipwash  
Bobby K. Sidiropoulos  
Jesse Michael Simons  
Mara Rebecca Sitomer  
Suzanne Jeanette Slang  
Brett David Steinberg  
Christopher Robert Strasser

Shoshanah D. Tanzer  
Elizabeth Jo Tarta  
Anne Katherine Throdahl  
Megan K. Tindall  
Heather Elizabeth Trobe  
Alexander J. Tullo  
Bonnie Marie Vergano  
Danielle Leigh Vetterlein  
Christopher William Viole  
Nicole Vanessa Wagner  
Greg J. Weissel  
Ruvini M. Wijetilaka  
Sharon Kaye Witkowski  
Alicia Marie Wolff  
Sarah Elyse Woodbury  
Melissa Marie Wright  
Yoshio Yamamoto  
Kristen Dawn Yauch  
Kewei Yu  
Sheila Zhao  
Heather Lindsey Zwergel