

# Thirty-Eighth

## Commencement Exercises

### Northern Highlands Regional High School



The Class of 2004

June 28, 2004

*Prelude Selections by the Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble*  
*Processional ..... Pomp and Circumstance #1*  
*Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble*  
*The Star Spangled Banner ..... Senior Highlands Voices*  
*Welcome ..... Mallory Karl, Senior Class President*  
*Class Speaker ..... Ethan Knechel*  
*As Long As We Got Each Other Senior Vocal Ensemble*  
*Class Speaker ..... Jennifer Shafran*  
*Presentation of Awards ..... John J. Keenan, Principal*  
*Salutatorian ..... Iris Rabinovitch*  
*Presentation of the Class of 2004 ..... Robert M. McGuire, Ed.D., Superintendent*  
*Awarding of Diplomas Margo Winning, Board President and Board of Education Members*  
*Valedictorian ..... Christopher Shimojima*  
*Recessional ..... The Sinfonians*  
*Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble*

*Class Advisors: Tracey La Rocca and Jennifer Saxton*  
*Instrumental Music: Theodora Sotiropoulos, Henry Papale*  
*Choir Director: Thomas Paster*  
*Bagpiper: Douglas Mayone – Class of 2004*

## Class of 2004 – Senior Awards

**Valedictorian** ..... Christopher Shimojima

**Salutatorian** ..... Iris Rabinovitch

**Northern Highlands Distinguished Service Award** ..... Mallory Karl

**Principal's Award for Four Years of Perfect Attendance**

..... Ryan Convertini

..... Cameron Duffy

..... Roentgen Hau

..... Ashwin Nariani

..... George Vrachimis

*The following awards were presented at our  
Senior Awards Ceremony on June 15, 2004.*

**Principal's Award** ..... Matthew Drew & Nicole De Matteo  
*Awarded by the Board of Education to two Seniors who demonstrates  
exemplary character, integrity, and commitment to both school and  
community life.*

**Art Award** ..... Amy Males  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Art.*

**Business Education Award** ..... Timothy Blute  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Business.*

**Lois Farese Marketing Award** ..... Marie Palmeri  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Marketing.*

**Jane Kedron French Award** ..... Iris Rabinovitch  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in French.*

**Eleanor Keyser Spanish Award** ..... Zachary Pollinger  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Spanish.*

**Latin Award** ..... Terence Houlihan  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Latin.*

**Science Award** ..... Andrew Collins  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Science.*

**Mathematics Award** ..... Brent Morowitz  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Mathematics.*

**English Award** ..... Christopher Shimojima  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in English.*

**Social Studies Award** ..... Frank Cervelli  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Social Studies.*

**Health & Physical Education Award** ..... John Lankelis  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Health & Physical  
Education.*

**Fine Arts Award** ..... Julius Escalon  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Fine Arts.*

**Technical Drawing Award** ..... Ryan Spaak  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Technical Drawing.*

**Television Production Award** ..... Anders Nelson  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Television Production.*

**Jean Oberholtzer Drama Award** ..... Robert Ribar  
..... Matthew Schwartz  
*Awarded by the Board of Education to two Seniors for excellence in Drama.*

**Contini Award** ..... Julius Escalon  
*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** ..... Jason Ludwig  
..... Allison Ling  
*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**

.....Diana Penque  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Family and Consumer Sciences.*

**John Philip Sousa Award** ..... Evan Kempey

*Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding musicianship, citizenship, leadership, and dedication to the instrumental music program.*

**Sheila Taylor Vocal Music Award**.....Timothy Flateman

*Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding musicianship, citizenship, leadership, and dedication to the music program.*

**National School Choral Award**..... Elizabeth Atwater

*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**.....Stephen Milone

*Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding Jazz musicianship.*

**Journalism Award** ..... Ali Qari

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

**Wood Technology Award**..... Roberto Celis

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

**Student Council Highlander Award**..... Mallory Karl

.....Andrew Collins  
*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**

.....Danielle Mastrangelo  
..... Keith Hemmert  
*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** .....Laura McDowell

.....Douglas Mayone  
*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.*

**Jean Phillipe Rameau Award for Music Theory**.....Jeanette Aufiero

*Awarded to the senior for outstanding work in Music Theory. (Jean Phillipe Rameau was the 1<sup>st</sup> musician to codify and present the principles of Music Theory in book form; he is therefore, considered the “Father of Music Theory.”)*

**Music and Performing Arts Association Scholarship**... Matthew Schwartz

..... Robert Ribar  
*Awarded to two Seniors for proven commitment to Music and Performing Arts at Northern Highlands.*

**Woman’s Club of Upper Saddle River Award**.....

*Awarded by the Woman’s Club of Upper Saddle River to a Senior who demonstrated overall academic excellence.*

**Gerry Repole Award**..... Meghan Keller

*Awarded by Maria and William Repole in memory of their mother, Gerry, and Michael Repole in memory of his wife, to a Senior who has shown dedication, patience, dependability, honesty, and creative abilities in the Performing Arts.*

**Saddle River Valley Lions Club Awards**

*Awarded by the Saddle River Valley Lions Club for excellence in:*  
*English* ..... Victoria Hanke  
*History*..... Ian Barrett  
*Mathematics* ..... Kevin Lebo  
*Science* ..... Diane Vig

**Upper Saddle River Historical Society Award**..... Regina Dizon

*Awarded by the Upper Saddle River Historical Society to a Senior for excellence in American History.*

**Town Journal Journalism Award** ..... Elizabeth Atwater  
*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* ..... Elizabeth Atwater  
*Creative Writing*..... Jessica Del Balzo

**Allendale Women's Club Computer Science Technology Award**

..... Kyle Raschen  
*Awarded by the Allendale Women's Club to a Senior for excellence in Computer Science Technology.*

**Strasser & Associates, P. C. Legal Award** ..... Mark Wien

*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.*

**American Red Cross Award** ..... Kristy Sonnenberg

*Awarded for outstanding contributions to the Red Cross in the area of public relations, communication and community service.*

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

*Awarded by the Ho-Ho-Kus Education Foundation for excellence in:*  
*English* ..... Ian Barrett  
*Fine Arts*..... Gabrielle Aizenberg  
*Social Studies* ..... Zulekha Qadeer  
*Mathematics*..... Christopher Shimojima  
*Science* ..... Kevin Lebo

**Commerce Bank**..... Brittany Vida

*Awarded by 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** ..... Danielle Cardone

..... Michael Mulanaphy  
*Awarded by Teens for Life in honor of Dennis Rouse, a beloved Social Studies teacher at Northern Highlands, to a male and female Senior who have demonstrated, through word and deed, exceptional character, integrity, a love for life, and consideration for others.*

**Project Lovematch Award** ..... Jonathan Byer

..... Christian Alecci  
*Awarded by Project Lovematch to those Seniors who has shown commitment, compassion, sensitivity and outstanding contributions as volunteers to the program, which teaches recreational tennis to children, teenagers, and young adults with developmental disabilities.*

**Dick Meighan Memorial Scholarship** ..... Brandon Bach

..... Brittany Vida  
*In memory of Dick Meighan, an Upper Saddle River resident, this community service scholarship is offered to a graduating senior from Upper Saddle River, Allendale, HoHoKus or Saddle River who will attend an accredited two or four year college. This scholarship will be awarded to a student in good academic standing who has gone the "extra mile" helping others.*

**Community Parent/Teacher Awards**

*Each of our four Parent/Teacher Organizations sponsor an award for one of their past students who have demonstrated, through word and deed, commitment to both their school and community.*

**Allendale P.T.O. Award** ..... Lauren Malaney

**Upper Saddle River P.T.O. Award** ..... Mallory Karl

**Saddle River P.T.O. Award** ..... Christopher Edwab

**Ho-Ho-Kus P.T.O. Award** ..... Jonathan Byer

**Elk National Scholar Award** ..... Taryn Trumbetti

*Awarded for outstanding achievement in the areas of academics, athletics and community service. Only 21 students in the State were honored.*

**New Jersey Scholar Athlete Award** ..... Laura McDowell

..... Ethan Knechel  
*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 10% of their class and provided service within the school and community.*

**New Jersey Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award**..... Taryn Trumbetti

*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** ..... Kenneth Fetzer  
*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** ..... Roberto Celis  
..... Julius Escalon  
*Awarded by the Bergen County Coaches' Association to male Senior athletes who have participated in at least ten sport seasons over four years and have demonstrated excellence both on and off the field.*

**Bergen County Women Coaches' Association Award**  
..... Catherine Marshall  
*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** ..... John Lankelis  
*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** ..... Brandon Bach  
*Awarded by the Upper Saddle River/Allendale Jr. Football Association to a Senior who participated in the Upper Saddle River/ Allendale Junior Football/Cheerleading Association, and continued his/her participation at Northern Highlands.*

**U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award** ..... Andrew Webber  
..... Jessica Grauso  
*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.*

**Edward N. Fitzpatrick Scholarship** ..... Daniel Strasser  
..... Kathryn Magro  
*Awarded by the Edward N. Fitzpatrick Scholarship Committee in memory of Ed 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**  
..... Michael Wess  
..... Kimberly Germain  
*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.*

**New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association National Women in Sports Award** ..... Rachel Rothman  
*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** ..... Derek Asplint  
..... Ashley Gurriell  
*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.*

**N.B.I.A.L. Scholar Athlete Award** ..... Michael Mulanaphy  
..... Amy Levine

**On June 1st, the following two students were recognized for their outstanding athletic and academic achievements by the NBIAL**

*GRADUATES*

Shahan A. Achian  
Christie L. Agnese  
Gabrielle Aizenberg  
Christopher James Albes  
Christian J. Alecci  
Jessica Lynn Allen  
Mitchell H.K. Allen  
Michael Dennis Appleton  
Derek Thomas Asplint  
Elizabeth Ramona Atwater  
Jeanette Aufiero  
Brandon M. Bach  
Julia Blair Baker  
Madeline Whalen Banks  
Lemor Bar-or  
Christina Ann Barra  
Ian Joseph Barrett  
Leslie Marie Beck  
Gregory J. Betancourt  
Christopher Stephen Billeter  
Juliana Sara Blum  
Timothy Charles Blute  
Gregory Peter Borzilleri  
Kevin Liam Brennan  
Ian M. Brey  
Suzanne Nicole Brock  
Brian Thomas Brotherton  
Jonathan Christopher Byer  
Jacqueline Cacace

Michael Anthony Canger  
Megan Corinne Cannon  
James Stagg Capozzi  
Danielle Jean Cardone  
Michael Timothy Carr  
Roberto Felipe Celis  
Frank Cervelli  
Trishamarie D. Chan  
Edward H. Charshafian  
Sohail M. Chaudhry  
William Gregory Chiaravalle  
Nahil S. Chohan  
Stephanie Choo  
Andrew Coban  
Michael D. Cochran  
Matthew B. Cohen  
Andrew Bernard Collins  
Christine Elizabeth Collins  
Francine Carla Collins  
Ryan Charles Convertini  
Ryan Mathew Corn  
Stephan Sarosh Dalal  
Cory L. Davis  
Nicole Catherine DeMatteo  
Kevin James DeNike  
Jessica Jeanne Del Balzo  
Caitlin DeLeonardis  
Brian Thomas Dench  
Ari B. Deutsch  
Alexandra Charine DiMeo

Diego A. Diaz  
Ronnie Dicker  
Yonnie Dicker  
Lauren Ashley Dinallo  
Regina Gabrielle Dizon  
Matthew Edward Drew  
Caitlin A. Duffy  
Cameron McAuley Duffy  
Amanda Mariel Dugan  
Christopher J. Edwab  
Christopher Leif Ericson  
Michael F. Erwin  
Julius Reynaldo Escalon  
Jessica Jane Fake  
Gregory William Falk  
James Patrick Farley  
Katherine D. Fayerweather  
Andrey Fedorov  
Kenneth C. Fetzer  
Kari Blake Finkelstein  
Evana Fiore  
Katharine Elizabeth Firkins  
Talia Fisher  
Timothy Flateman  
Benjamin Ethan Flemming  
Irena Elaine Foxman  
Eric Oliver Frei II  
Jessica Nicole Gabbert  
Kyle William Gardner  
Robert F. Garofano

Michael James Geary  
Jesse Michael Gebhardt  
Keri Lynne Gelotte  
Kristy Jean Gencarelli  
Kimberly Brooke Germain  
Christopher Michael Giblin  
McKenna A. Gibson  
Danielle Nicole Gonnelli  
Ivan Danger Goodman  
Jessica Elizabeth Grauso  
Alan Gu  
Ashley Dawn Gurriell  
Carolyn Elizabeth Haines  
Victoria M. Hanke  
Kelly Ann Hansen  
Scott David Harris  
Suvana Hashim  
Roentgen Hau  
Mitchell Louis Heineman  
Gregory Thomas Henny  
Aaron P. Hess  
Kristen Leigh Hiza  
David Addison Holmes  
Terence J. Houlihan  
Jessica A. Hubbard  
Hannah Im  
Kerianne Inglema  
Lindsay Elizabeth Jaremko  
Noella Johnson  
Spencer Andrew Robal Johnson

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| Axel Thomas Kaegler       | John Lymberis               | Ashwin Nariani             | Kyle John Raschen            |
| Nicole Marie Kahvajian    | Frank E. Lynch              | Elizabeth Lee Nathan       | Jaimie Louise Reid           |
| Candice R. Kakar          | Derek Evan Magesis          | Anders Charles Nelson      | Robert W. Ribar              |
| Mallory Brianne Karl      | Kathryn Elizabeth Magro     | Joseph Richard Nolan       | Taylor Lynn Rickenberg       |
| Andrew Thomas Karpinecz   | Colleen Rose Maher          | Bryant K. Novak            | Scott A. Roberts             |
| Lauren Joy Kechejian      | Jacquelynn Maher-O'Neill    | Taylor Pace Oppermann      | James A. Roland              |
| Meghan Aleta Keller       | Lauren Hilary Malaney       | Nicole W. Orrico           | Steven M. Rosato             |
| Jacqueline Ann Kelly      | Amy Males                   | Christopher Butler Osborn  | Heidi Elizabeth Rosenthal    |
| Zachary Samuel Kelton     | Ani Manougian               | Helen Kathleen Otis        | Rachel Heather Rothman       |
| Evan M. Kempey            | Jessica Ann Marr            | Natalie Anne Owens         | Miguel Ruiz                  |
| Benjamin J. Kerr          | Jaclyn Renee Marsh          | Marie Lynne Palmeri        | Brandon Scott Runyon         |
| Ethan W. Knechel          | Catherine Victoria Marshall | Sean Thomas Pantellere     | Matthew Lawrence Rutkowski   |
| Kevin James Koch          | Jennie Jozefina Marshall    | Thomas J. Pederson         | Craig Neil Rypkema           |
| Michael James Koeller     | Bryan Thomas Marsiglia      | Diana Maria Penque         | Francine Marie Sabino        |
| Hillary Ann Koskinen      | Anne Marie Martin           | Dana F. Phelps             | Marc Casden Savatsky         |
| Jeffrey Robert Kreisner   | Christopher Jeffrey Martini | Matthew Ross Pitek         | Ian C. Scheffer              |
| Meghan Courtney Kyle      | Nichole Marie Martino       | Benjamin Hall Polish       | Kaitlyn Schillizzi           |
| Sarah Elizabeth La Barr   | Jonathan Paul Matera        | Zachary Alexander Yuri     | Michael Paul Schmitt         |
| Lisa Lee Lagomarsino      | Douglas R. Mayone           | Pollinger                  | Timothy Alan Schreur         |
| John Christopher Lankelis | Patrick McCabe              | Shannon Delila C. Porfiris | Jennifer Carrie Schultze     |
| Suzanna Hope Lapi         | Laura Ashwood McDowell      | Danielle B. Post           | Allison Leigh Schuman        |
| Kevin James Lebo          | Katie Yvonne McVeigh        | Anil Prakash               | Matthew Lewis Schwartz       |
| Daniel Lee                | Moira McKibbin Meehan       | Matthew Dominick Pulgrano  | Peter Bradshaw Seelbinder    |
| Amy Irene Levine          | Stephen F. Milone           | Zulekha A. Qadeer          | Jennifer Lee Shafran         |
| Eric Jason Levine         | Diana Nicole Morcos         | Ali T. Qari                | Katelyn N. Shea              |
| Allison M. Ling           | Lawrence Jay Morgan         | Caroleen W. Quach          | Christopher Y. Shimojima     |
| Alexander Lorestani       | Brent A. Morowitz           | Iris Rabinovitch           | Sonnie Anne Sigmund          |
| Jason Thompson Ludwig     | Michael Dolan Mulanaphy     | Ryan A. Raffel             | Evan Dawson Smith            |
| Vanessa Anne Ludwig       | Garrett S. Nagtalon         | Benjamin J. Ragen          | Pamela June Sobeck           |
| Meghan Elizabeth Lull     | Talene Gina Naljian         | Rajesh K. Ramnanan         | Kristine Michelle Sonnenberg |

Ryan F. Spaak  
Lorraine Elizabeth Sperling  
Brianna J. Squillante  
Michael Sean Staudt  
Jules Dean Strachman  
Daniel J. Strasser  
Christian Andrew Stueben  
Brittany Glaze Taylor  
Cristina Marie Tazza  
Michael T. Tebesceff  
Allison S. Thompson  
Lisa Anne Tirino  
Yuuki Tokita  
Joseph W. Torre  
Ozzie Toy  
Taryn Leigh Trumbetti  
Daniel Michael Turco  
Tally Vardi  
Katherine Aileen Vargo  
Christopher A. Verillo  
Brittany Ann Vida  
Diane Patricia Vig  
Heather Alina Viggiani  
Edward Vinokur  
George Vrachimis  
Andrew Joseph Webber  
Frank Robert Weidner  
Zachary E. Weinstock  
Alexandra Elysa Weintraub  
Michael J. Wess

Mark Lawrence Wien  
Jenny Marie Wolff  
Brennan Patrick Woods  
Jonathan R. Wright  
Jami Blair Zaretsky  
Melissa Zarokyan  
Arissa Zervas  
John Francis Anthony Zitolo



