

Thirty-ninth Commencement Exercises

Northern Highlands Regional High School



The Class of 2005

June 28, 2005

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 Kelly Coates, Senior Class President
Class Speaker.....Sujie Kim
Change The WorldSenior Vocal Ensemble
Class Speaker..... Richard Saunders
Presentation of Awards John J. Keenan, Principal
SalutatorianAmy Nylund
Class Speaker..... Andrew Branch
Presentation of the Class of 2005Robert M. McGuire, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Awarding of Diplomas Margo Winning, Board President
and Board of Education Members
Valedictorian..... Kevin Brightly
Farewell Robert Flock, Student Council President
Recessional..... The Crowning Glory
Pomp and Circumstance #4
Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble

Class Advisors: Laurie Ajalat and Thomas Witkowski
Band Director: Theodora Sotiropoulos
Choir Director: Thomas Paster
Bagpipers: Douglas Mayone, Class of 2004
Gordon Fraiser

Candidates for Graduation

Samantha Jean Ackerson	Alyson Jane Carluccio
Neda Aghajani Memar*	Justin Daniel Carr
Suzanne B. Alpert*	Lauren Rodgers Cash
Nicole A. Amarante	Cassandra Ann Castellano
Daniel G. Angeli	Abbey Daryl Chaus
Paul M. Angeli	Peter Jason Checki
Derek Dean Antonucci	Kelly Mary Coates
Elizabeth K.A. Armesto	Danielle Tanya Coco
Carmelo Bagnato	Lee Thomas Colaianni
Stefanie Lynn Bain	Vincent Anthony Colangelo
Steven C. Balch*	Andrew Louis Collins
Kiara Avianne Leigh Balliram	Lauren J. Coluccio
Lauren Marie Barra*	Jonathan Conte
Caitlin So-rim Bassett	Elizabeth Marie Josephine Crocitto*
Genna Teress Battaglino	Nicole Alexandra Cross
Alexandra Ingeborg Battle	Melissa Anne Crossley
Jarrett Gilbride Bauer	Brynne Elizabeth Curran
Lauren Constance Bell	Allison Leigh Czerepak*
Kaitlin Marie Bergan*	Megan Eileen Daly
Robert Thomas Bialosky	Glencora Morwenna Davies*
Dane Robert Boggio	Daniel Joseph de Gala
Matthew Thomas Bono*	Christie Lynn De March
Christopher Ryan Bradshaw	Lisa Marie DeMatteo
Andrew Raymond Branch*	Lisa M. DeCeglia
Kevin William Brightly*	Ashley Elizabeth Dehler
Christopher Zachary Brodeck	Alexander J. Deitchman
Steven Lisle Burnham	Dawn Evelyn Delle Bovi
Christie Rose Cali	Timothy M. Dierking
Lea Anne Cali	Andrew J. DiMiceli
Christopher M. Capozzoli*	Monika Dobrolowicz
Peter Andrew Carey	Jennifer Marie Donohue*

Alexander Malcolm Dorf*
Amanda Lauren Druce
Fouadd Medhat El-Amir
Genevieve Lise Elling
Zachary A. Elyachar*
Samantha Brooke Engel
Catherine Elizabeth Eoff
Danielle C. Epstein
Andrew W. Erwin
Austin Ciro Favale
Joseph A. Feudi
Jessica Leigh Figueroa
Robert B. Flock
Kaitlyn Marie Forbes
William P. Foreit
Adam Seth Fox*
Adam Taylor Freed
Rachel Beth Freeman*
Douglas D. Freidman
Sara Ann Friedman
Justin B. Fugazzie
Bonnie M. Fujita*
Mark Steven Getto
Michael Frank Giacomarro
Jillian Leigh Gianfredi
Michael W. Giannotti
John T. Gilsenan
Zachary David Glattman
Michael A. Glickman*
Elizabeth Anne Goldring
Jamie Benjamin Golub
Christopher Gonzalez
Jeffrey Lawrence Gorodokin
Erika Lynn Gramsch
Elizabeth Ashley Greimel
Emily Alisa Grey

Michael J. Guadango
Christina Marie Guglielmo
Lindsey Erin Gurriell
Evan Y. Hajiyerou
Christopher G. Halpin
Jun Ho Ham
Christian Gustav Hansen
Sean Matthew Hayes
Danielle Marie Heineman
Brenley Nicole Higgins*
Kathryn Florence Hottinger
Frank Huerta III
Kevin Thomas Hughes
Holly Hummel
Catherine Joan Hylas*
Spencer Adam Jacobs
Christopher Scott Jerejian
Erin McIntyre Jones
Kristin Anne Josephs
Benjamin M. Kahn
Kathryn Kristina Kaminski
Hyun T. Kang
Alexander Nicholas Karsos
Christopher V. Karsos
Stephanie Nicole Karvellas
Shane J. Kelly
Todd Evan Kerbeykian
Laura Danielle Kessler
Che H. Kim
Jae Sung Kim*
Sujie Kim
Yewon Kim*
Victoria Jane King
Jonathan Klein
Sydney Michelle Klein
Emily Pauline Knazick

Kevin J. Kobovitch
Jessica Ashley Koch
Mary Lou Koestner
Samantha Ray Konner
Rachel Theimson Kreller*
Jennica Yeun Kwak*
Ian Robert Laiks*
Andrew J. Lane*
Julie Anamarie Lauren
Amy Lee*
Ching-Hsien Lee*
Dana Lefkowitz
Alison Dana Leipzig*
Lindsay Jill Levine
Jared Lawrence Levy
Kimberly Lewis*
Ellen Huachi Liang
Corey Richard Lill
Courtney Jane Livingstone*
Jaymes R. Lombardi
Kristy Ann Lombardi
David Jonathan Longo
Brian J. Loughnane
Shane Lawrence Loughran
Justin Paul Ludwig
Terence J. Ma
Tara Lynn MacDowell
Joshua Edward MacGillis
Allison Reñee Macri
Jung Eun Maeng
Julianne Nicole Marangi
Christopher Graham Mardy*
Carli Elizabeth Marino
Jennifer Lori Markowitz
Athena C. Maroules
Kathryn A. Matarazzo

Matthew Robert Mazza
Kristen Caroline McClain
Colleen Elizabeth McGuire
Lauren Ann McLaughlin
Courtney Marie McVeigh
Carolyn Schroeder Mellick
Alicia Mendoza*
Lissette Lina Mercado
Lesley Claire Merz*
Andrew C. Michaud
Nicholas Alexander Milyadis
Nina L. Minichetti
Anthony Vincent Minuto
Nyree Rita Naljian
Ashley Marie Nathan
Shawn A. Neuren
Amanda Catherine Nohavec
Amy Teresa Nylund*
Haley Constance O'Neill
Gunika Oberoi
Evren Oguz*
Katherine Elizabeth Ondich
Christopher Park
Ji Yong Park*
Jennifer Lauren Parnes
Michael Scott Penque
Jamie Lauren Pepper*
Philippe John Picache
Thomas A. Piccininni
Erin Leigh Pierson
Stephanie A. Port*
Elena P. Poulakos
Kimery Qualliu
David Benjamin Quiat*
Carli B. Rasch
Stephanie Min Rhee

Natalie Michelle Richman
Alexander Robson
Michael Spencer Rockland
George M. Rodriguez
Matthew Mark Rohsler
Sarah Roland
James McKay Rorty
Madalyn Jessica Rothman
Victoria Pierri Rubino*
Corey E. Ruff
Sanae Saito*
Gregory S. Samartzis
Melissa L. Santiago
Alexander Francis Santry
Joseph M. Sanzari, Jr.
Richard Kenwyn Saunders*
Elizabeth Kate Scipione
Timothy C. Sheehan
Timothy Kyle Sherry
Corey Ann Sherwood
Jordan C. Shi
Jessica Ann Shinnick
Gregory T. Sidiropoulos
Matthew Silna*
John R. Simes
Ally Beck Simons
Neil J. Singhani*
Rebecca Eloise Slatter
Juan Solis Mendez
Mina Hany Sourial
Steven Andrew Spector
Scott Braden Steinberg

Ryan Thomas Stewart
Christina Nancy Stripp
Roy Anthony Taormina
Vincent Joseph Tavano
Leah Joan Terenzio
Ashley Anastasia Thompson
John Francis Tracy
James Thomas Tramutola Jr.
Daniel Thomas Trancucci
Nicole Danielle Trimper
Victoria Marie Tullo
Wanda Alison Tunguz-Zawislak
Evan Thomas Unger*
Philip Gregory Urban
Danielle Allis Valdes
Aaron Adam VanBlarcom
Shannon Veira
Caitlin Anne Viole
Raina Elise Vortrefflich
Adam S. Walpert*
Zachary L. Walter*
William Wei
Daniel Jason Weinzoff
Victoria Marion Weissel
Brittany Michelle Winsick
Shannan Lenn Yallof
Jennifer J. Yauch
Brianna Lindsay Yellen*
Sylvia J. Yi
Michael J. Yu
Catherine Yuan*

*National Honor Society

Senior Awards

Northern Highlands Regional High School



The Class of 2005

Class of 2005 – Senior Awards

Valedictorian Kevin Brightly

Salutatorian Amy Nylund

Northern Highlands Distinguished Service Award..... Richard Saunders

Brianna Yellen

Principal's Award for Four Years of Perfect Attendance

Caitlin Bassett

Sujie Kim

Matthew Bono

Jennica Kwak

Christopher Capozzoli

Ellen Liang

Adam Fox

Ji Yong Park

Shannon Viera

*The following awards were presented at our
Senior Awards Ceremony on June 14, 2005.*

Principal's AwardEvan Unger & Sujie Kim

*Awarded by the Board of Education to a Senior who demonstrates
exemplary character, integrity, and commitment to both school and
community life.*

Art Award.....Nina Minichetti

Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Art.

Business Education Award.....Brenley Higgins

Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Business.

Lois Farese Marketing Award Neil Singhani

Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Marketing.

Jane Kedron French Award..... Adam Fox

Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in French.

Eleanor Keyser Spanish Award..... Ian Laiks

Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Spanish.

Italian Award Ashley Thompson
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Italian

Latin Award Christopher Mardy
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Latin.

Science Award Ching-Hsien Lee
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Science.

Mathematics Award..... Christopher Mardy
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Mathematics.

English Award..... Dane Boggio
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in English.

Robert Hellwig Social Studies Award Elizabeth Crocitto
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Social Studies.

Health & Physical Education Award Christie Cali
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Health & Physical Education.

Fine Arts Award..... John Gilsean
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Fine Arts.

Technical Drawing Award Adam Walpert
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Technical Drawing.

Television Production Award Matthew Silna
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Television Production.

Jean Oberholtzer Drama Award Adam Fox
..... Lauren McLaughlin
Awarded by the Board of Education to a male and female senior for excellence in Drama.

Contini Award..... Matthew Bono
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 Christie Cali
..... Douglas Freidman
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
..... Melissa Crossley
John Philip Sousa Award Adam Fox
Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding musicianship, citizenship, leadership, and dedication to the instrumental music program.

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

National School Choral Award Lauren McLaughlin
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 Timothy Sheehan
Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding Jazz musicianship.

Journalism Award..... Jennifer Markowitz
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Journalism.

Wood Technology Award Joseph Sanzari
Awarded by the Board of Education for craftsmanship in Wood Technology.

Student Council Highlander Award..... Steven Balch
..... Jillian Gianfredi
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
..... Elizabeth Crocitto
..... Andrew Lane
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 Christopher Capozzoli
..... Caitlin Viole
*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 Phillippe Rameau Award for Music TheoryGlencora Davies
*Awarded to a senior for outstanding work in Music Theory. (Jean Phillippe
Rameau was the 1st musician to codify and present the principles of Music
Theory in book form; he is therefore consider the "Father of Music Theory.")*

Music and Performing Arts Association Scholarship.....Glencora Davies
..... Adam Fox
..... Timothy Sheehan
*Awarded to senior(s) for overall commitment to Music and Performing Arts
at Northern Highlands and who plans on continuing his/her studies in the
Music & Performing Arts field.*

Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River Award..... Amy Nylund
*Awarded by the Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River to a senior who
demonstrated overall academic excellence.*

Gerry Repole Award.....Lee Colaianni
*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 Rachel Freeman
History..... Andrew Lane
Mathematics.....Jae Sung Kim
ScienceAdam Walpert

Upper Saddle River Historical Society Award.....Kaitlin Bergan
*Awarded by the Upper Saddle River Historical Society to a senior for
excellence in American History.*

Town Journal Journalism Award Robert Flock
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:
Creative Writing..... Carolyn Mellick
..... Victoria Weissel
EnglishAndrew Branch

Allendale Woman's Club Computer Science Technology Award
..... David Longo
..... Amanda Nohavec
*Awarded by the Allendale Woman's Club to a male and female senior for
excellence in Computer Science Technology.*

Strasser & Associates, P. C. Legal AwardCassandra Castellano
*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.*

Nancy Simpson Art Award Lesley Merz
*In recognition to a senior with artistic and academic achievements, who has
demonstrated both creativity and uniqueness of expression as an artist.*

Ho-Ho-Kus Education Foundation Awards
Awarded by the Ho-Ho-Kus Education Foundation for excellence in:
English Amy Nylund
Fine Arts..... Kevin Brightly
Mathematics..... Adam Fox
ScienceChristopher Mardy
Social Studies Erin Pierson

Dennis Rouse Teens for Life Scholarship Neda Aghajani-Memar
..... Robert Flock
*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
demonstrated, through word and deed, exceptional character, integrity, a
love for life, and consideration for others.*

Project Lovematch AwardShawn Neuren
..... Shannan Yaloff
*Awarded by Project Lovematch to those seniors who have 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 Matthew Bono
.....Christina Guglielmo
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, Ho-Ho-Kus 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. AwardPeter Checki
Upper Saddle River P.T.O. AwardJennica Kwak
Saddle River P.T.O. Award Allison Czerepak
Ho-Ho-Kus P.T.O. Award Courtney Livingstone

The Northern Highlands Education Association Scholarship

..... Neda Aghajani-Memar
Awarded to a senior who exemplifies qualities of a "good student" who by effort, enthusiasm, and dedication to learning makes teaching a rewarding profession. Nominees will be required to submit an application and 250-word essay describing how a teacher has had a significant impact on the nominee's life.

The Lacey Benvenuto Award..... Lisa DeMatteo
..... Lauren McLaughlin
Awarded to a senior who exemplifies Lacey's characteristic zest for life and shares that enthusiasm with classmates, teachers, friends, teammates, family and the community. Through well-rounded involvement in a variety of activities ranging from sports to clubs, and civic organizations, the recipient is an individual who lovingly shares his or her time and talents with others, radiating the warmth, caring, exuberance and enthusiasm that Lacey gave so selflessly.

Patricia Riccobene Memorial Scholarship

.....Amanda Nohavec
Established in memory of Patricia Riccobene, this scholarship will be given annually to a graduating senior who plans to pursue a career in education.

Appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy Prep School

..... Philippe (P.J.) Picache
Awarded by the U.S. Naval Academy to male or female senior(s) who will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy Prep School

New Jersey Scholar Athlete Award.....Christopher Mardy
..... Amy Nylund
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 his/her class, and provided service within the school and community.

New Jersey Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award..... Kevin Brightly
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..... Justin Ludwig
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..... Matthew Bono
..... Philippe (P.J.) Picache
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.....Alicia Mendoza
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..... Steven Balch
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..... Steven Burnham
..... Erika Gramsch
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 ... Vincent Colangelo
..... Erin Jones
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..... Natalie Richman
.....Scott Steinberg
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.

N.B.I.A.L. Scholar Athlete Award Lauren Cash
..... Philippe (P.J.) Picache
On June 1st, two students were recognized for their outstanding athletic and academic achievements by our athletic league, the N.B.I.A.L.

Herb Cohen Sports’ Association Scholastic Achievement Award
.....Peter Checki
..... Jillian Gianfredi
.....Kathryn Kaminski
..... Justin Ludwig
Awarded by the Sports’ Association to male and female seniors 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 college. The recipients must have displayed, both on and off the field, a positive attitude, leadership ability, and submitted an essay on a topic selected by the Sports’ Association.

New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Assoc. - Natl. Women In Sports Award Natalie Richman
Awarded by the N.J. State Interscholastic Athletic Association to female senior in recognition of National Women In Sports Day to an outstanding female student athlete.

A John Uhlmann Scholarship Award Corey Ann Sherwood
.....Jarrett Bauer
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.