

Forty-First Commencement Exercises

Northern Highlands Regional High School



The Class of 2007

June 26, 2007

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 Stefanie Kahn, Senior Class President

*Class Speaker Rachel Jacobsen
Goodnight Sweetheart, GoodnightSenior Vocal Ensemble*

Class Speaker Lisa Marie Ianuzzi

Presentation of Awards John J. Keenan, Principal

Guest Speaker Sandrine Raedts

Salutatorian Dana Oppermann

*Presentation of the Class of 2007Robert M. Mc Guire, Ed.D.
Superintendent*

*Awarding of DiplomasBarbara Garand, Board President
and Board of Education Members*

Valedictorian..... Alexandra Rubino

*Recessional..... The Sinfonians
Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble*

Class Advisors: Corinne DeCandia and Jennifer Gordon

Band Director: Theodora Sotiropoulos

Choir Director: Thomas Paster

Bagpipers: Douglas Mayone, Class of 2004

Candidates for Graduation

Catherine Gerges Abaid
Jamie Christine Afflerbach *
Gillian Rachel Albert
Boris Alergant
Mana Ameri
Ethan S. Anderson
Thomas Michael Anderson
James Bernard Appleton *
Brandis E. Arcadia
Janet M. Arcediano
David Christian Atwater
Jason G. Aufiero *
Andrew Paige August *
Kieran James Aurori, Jr. *
Sydney Barra Axelrod
Shaun Anthony Bach
Alexandra K. Baker
Kimberly Anne Balch
Alexander S. Barrett
Michael Alfred Basile
Evan F. Bates
Lauren A. Bates *
Stefan G. Bauer
Elise Marie Benvenuto
Katherine F. Bianco *
Lisa Bisbe
Jessica Rose Blomberg
Gene P. Bolton
Clifford Bone
Erik Thomas Borra
Amanda Jean Borzilleri
Brian J. Bovino
Laura Michelle Braun

Katherine A. Brennan
Alison Elizabeth Brightly *
Elizabeth Broderick
Diana Elizabeth Brown
Kelsey Elizabeth Brown
Sarah Arielle Brown *
Sophia Bulahan
Elizabeth Mary Burkes
Katherine G. Burkes
John Henry Byrnes
Alexander P. Carter
Brian C. Cellary
Tara Julianne Champy
Peter K. Charshafian
McLain Keeling Cheney
Karan Rakesh Chhabra *
Christopher Tsu-Lin Chin
Ali Shahid Chohan *
Sungwon Choi *
Young Hoon (Hun) Choi
Thomas Y. Chong-Munoz
Michael A. Christie
Victoria Chu *
Sei Rin Chung *
Nicole Marie Ciaravino
Antonella G. Citro
Lisa M. Citro
Heather Nicole Clolinger
Julia Cameron Cohan *
Matthew Lee Cohen *
Matthew Christopher Collins
Alyssa Mariel Convertini
Michaela Rose Corn

Peter Joseph Crocitto *
Alex M. Curran
John William Dalo
Diandra D'Angelo
Daryl Rae D'Anna
Meredith Marie Davis *
Scott Davis
Craig D. Deahl
Armand Leon del Rosario
Iris Esther DeLaPaz
Sabrina Linnette Diaz
Michael Onofrio DiBella
Corinne Nicole Di Mola
Danielle Marie Di Troia
Daniel Dobrolowicz
Colin James Doherty *
Katie M. Dorris
Hillary Paige Drexler *
Marie Catherine Dripchak *
Maeve Patricia Egan
Steven Benjamin Eisen
Murad M. El-Amir
Arman Micheal Fardanesh *
Elizabeth Sara Faust *
Bryan Keith Feldman
Adam N. Fenenbock
Jonathan Francis Gabriel Feudi
Amanda Nicole Figueroa
Arielle Rae Fischer
Montague T. Fischetti
Christopher John Flock
Morgan Elizabeth Friedman
Daniel Gerard Funsch, Jr. *
Christopher Ronald Gaglione
Andrew James Gaidus *
Adam G. Galperin

Nicole Jacqueline Garde
Christopher William Gebhard *
Casey G. Robert Gebhardt *
Sarah Elizabeth Gelotte *
Justin P. Gianninoto
John Conor Gibson
Katherine Marie Gilbrech
John W. Gilchrist
Kory Leigh Glattman
Harrison G. Gluck
Heidi Michelle Godoy
Alyssa Robyn Golub *
Samuel Bradley Gordon
Kevin Joseph Gotkin *
Jenna Alexis Green *
Victoria Leigh Greenan
Lauren Elizabeth Griffith
Jonathan B. Groat
James William Gunselman
Marissa Anne Gustafson
Brittany Kay Hamernick *
Noah A. Hanback
Timothy M. Hannes
Michael W. Hartney
Brent H. Heilmann
Katherine A. Henderson
Kathleen G. Heslin *
Meagan G. Heslin *
Sean Hirshfield *
Meredith G. Hottinger
Mary Walsh Houlihan
Jacob Alexander Howard
Graciella Ellen Hutchinson
Carmine Raymond Iannaccone
Lisa Marie Ianuzzi
Jessica Nicole Imperato *

Stephanie Lynne Jacobs *	Christina Lee *	Scott Aaron Meisner *	Matthew J. Reich
Rachel Elisabeth Jacobsen *	Juwang Lee	Samantha L. Meller	Daniel Joseph Ribeiro
Brian Alex Jacobson	Matthew J. Lefkowitz *	Jonathan D. Menna	Justin Robert Richardi
Ross Adam Jacobson *	Scott Lefkowitz	John Prescott Merchant	Justin H. Richman *
Sara Jamshidi-Azad	Jamie Nicole Leipzig *	Samantha Raye Meyer	Olivia Ann Richman
Jayoung Jeon	Rachel O. Lesser	Kristen D. Michaud *	William Paul Rodgers
Thomas P. Johnson	Robert Bryan Leung	Tucker Joseph Michels	Daniel P. Rohsler
Matthew Joshua Kagan	Diana A. Levingart *	Daniel Ross Morowitz	Emily Jane Rorty
Stefanie Michel Kahn	Maxwell J. Lieb	Matthew G. Morowitz	Jaymie Alexandra Rosenbluth *
Hyun Jin Angela Kang	Cory Scott Lieberman	Martin Muller	Stacey Elise Rosenthal
Jiyeun Kang	Samantha Joan Linder *	Jennifer Lynn Murphy	Martin Hunter Rothman *
Young Bin Kang	Gregory William Lloyd	Sameena Z. Nadaf *	Alexandra Maria Rubino *
Aylin Kartalyan	Kimberly Grace Lockwood	Alexandra Leigh Napolitano	Julian Rullman
Laura Ann Kashishian	Richard William Loeffler IV *	Liyana N. Naydenov *	Michael Benjamin Rutkowski
Peter C. Kasparian	Kristine Victoria Loman	Steven Mathew Nesheiwat	Timothy James Ryan *
Evi T. Katsantonis	Fei Long *	Steven Donald Nichols	Fred Christopher Santaite
Elise Melanie Keller	Haley Frances Loughran	Reed Ford Nicol	Marina Nicole Santo
Laura Ann Kerbeykian *	Jaelyn Patricia Ludwig	Andrew R. Nimmo	Andrew R. Schneidman
Hyun Woo Kim	Ronald Michael Ludwig, Jr.	Daniel S. Noh *	Jordan Eric Schoem
Jin Hee Kim *	Jenna-Marie Lupinacci *	Andrew J. Noll	Brian Charles Schreur *
Sujin Kim *	Demetra Lymberis	Kaitlyn Amanda Lawrie Noll	Steven Christopher Schwartz
Wooyeon Kim	Brian Thomas Maher	Christine Josephine Noury	James M. Schwerdtman *
Amber Linnea Kirylak	Jilian Brandt-Maio	Julianne O'Neill	Joanna Christine Sciacca
Nicole H. Kluger	Eric James Manahan	Lori Ann Oppenheimer *	Thomas John Sciortino
Jonathan Scott Knehr	Ashley Marie Mancuso *	Dana Vincent Oppermann *	Eric Robert Seay
Craig P. Kobovitch	Mary Ann Marshall	Paula Ordonez	Jarett Sena
Hye Jin Koh	Zachary Thomas Martin *	Theresa Rose Owens	Joon Ho Seo
Linda Marie Konvit	Kristin Lee Martino *	Corinne M. Paddock	Radhika A. Shah
Christopher Matthew Kowieski	Noelle Elizabeth Mastrangelo	Erica Nicole Palm *	Taylor Joan Shea *
Andrew Harris Kriger	Bennett James Mathews *	Minjoo Park *	Nishikant M. Sheorey *
Kennith Paul Kummerfeldt	Charlotte B. Matri	David Howard Pasch	Ken (Nozomu) Shibata *
Joanna Claire Kurman	Richard John Mazzuto *	Neil Raja Pathak	Paul Shin
Matthew Goodman Laiks *	Michael George McCabe	Nick Prakash	Mason Showalter
John Charles Lamb	Erin Christina McGuire	Danielle Antoinette Puig *	Mitchell L. Shusteris
Luke Taylor Lankelis	Jessica Marilyn McLaughlin	Sandrine M.S.L. Raedts	Andrew Todd Silvershein *
Kirk Andrew Lansman	Timothy J. McLaughlin	Kimberly M. Raimondi	Joseph Ward Simmons

Lauren Nicole Smith
Mia Song *
Krista Nicole Staudt
Derek Ryan Stueben *
Andy J. Suh
Ryan T. Sydnor
Alexander Tannenbaum
Thomas Joseph Tavano
Lindsey Marie Taylor
Alison Paige Tinari
Theresa Mary Torre
Joseph Charles Trancucci
Michael D. Trimper
Frank Joseph Trumbetti
Socrates Chris Tsamutalis
Billy Tsang

Nicholas Chiao Turberville
Christina A. Tyler
Kirsten Tamara Valdes
Christopher J. Vella
Robyn Renee Verga
Thomas M. Vogel
Andrew Vrachimis
Tara Marie Walbrecht
Christel Anne Walker
Sam H. Weber
Alex Michael Weinberg
Kaylin Faye Wilkey
Ethan C. Wong *
Katharine V. Wurtzell *
Eva Yagyaev *
Lauren Zoe Zanedis
Jillian Paige Zwergel *

* *National Honor Society*

Senior Awards

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Class of 2007 – Senior Awards

Valedictorian Alexandra Rubino

Salutatorian Dana Oppermann

Northern Highlands Distinguished Service Award..... Colin Doherty

..... Erin McGuire

Principal's Award for Four Years of Perfect Attendance

David Atwater Arman Fardanesh

Andrew August Kirk Lansman

Clifford Bone Lori Oppenheimer

Meredith Davis..... Danielle Puig

..... Timothy Ryan

The following awards were presented at our Senior Awards Ceremony on June 14, 2007.

National Merit Finalists

..... Karan Chhabra
..... Nishikant Sheorey

National Merit Finalists have gone through a rigorous process to achieve this outstanding honor. Juniors named National Merit Semi-finalists 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 2007, 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.

National Merit Winner Karan Chhabra

Principal's Awards..... Brittany Hamernick

..... Brian Jacobson

..... Zachary Martin

..... Lori Oppenheimer

Awarded to senior students who demonstrates exemplary character, integrity, and commitment to both school and community life.

Art Award..... Matthew Morowitz
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Art.

Business Education Award..... David Pasch
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Business.

Lois Farese Marketing Award Ross Jacobson
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Marketing.

Jane Kedron French Award..... Neil Pathak
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in French.

Eleanor Keyser Spanish Award..... Dana Oppermann
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Spanish.

Italian Award Lisa Citro
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Italian

Latin Award Sean Hirshfield
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Latin.

Science Award Casey Gebhardt
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Science.

Mathematics Award..... Alexandra Rubino
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Mathematics.

English Award Sarah Gelotte
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in English.

Robert Hellwig Social Studies Award Michael McCabe
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Social Studies.

Health & Physical Education Award Kurt Lansman
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Health & Physical Education.

Fine Arts Award..... Daryl D'Anna
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Fine Arts.

Technical Drawing Award Richard Loeffler
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Technical Drawing.

Television Production AwardMaxwell Lieb
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Television Production.

Jean Oberholtzer Drama Award..... Kristen Michaud
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Drama.

Contini Award.....James Schwerdtman
..... Taylor Shea
Awarded by the Board of Education to a male and female senior who participated in varsity sports each season through the year, demonstrating skill, desire to win, outstanding sportsmanship, exemplary attitude, and team spirit.

Coaches' AwardMichael McCabe
..... Mary Marshall
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
.....Alexander Carter
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Family and Consumer Sciences.

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

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

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award..... Andrew Vrachimis
Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding Jazz musicianship.

Musical Theatre Award..... Sarah Brown
Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding contributions to our school's annual musical production.

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

Journalism Award.....Karan Chhabra
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Journalism.

Wood Technology Award.....Scott Lefkowitz
Awarded by the Board of Education for craftsmanship in Wood Technology.

Student Council Highlander Award..... Christopher Flock
..... Stefanie Kahn
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
..... Kevin Gotkin
..... Stefanie Kahn
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 Harrison Gluck
.....Jaclyn Ludwig
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 Theory Hye Jin Koh
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.....
..... Sarah Brown
..... Lisa Marie Ianuzzi
..... Kenneth Kummerfeldt
Awarded to senior(s) for overall commitment to Music and Performing Arts at Northern Highlands, who plan on continuing his/her studies in the Music & Performing Arts field.

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

Gerry Repole Award.....Stephanie Jacobs
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 Hye Jin Koh
History..... Ethan Wong
Mathematics.....Mia Song
ScienceAlexandra Rubino

Upper Saddle River Historical Society Award.....Matthew Lefkowitz
Awarded by the Upper Saddle River Historical Society to a senior for excellence in American History.

Town Journal Journalism Award Bennett Mathews
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..... Sarah Gelotte
English Dana Oppermann

Allendale Woman’s Club Computer Science Technology Award
.....Maxwell Lieb
Awarded by the Allendale Woman’s Club to a senior for excellence in Computer Science Technology.

Strasser & Associates, P. C. Legal Award Kevin Gotkin
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 Andrew Gaidus
In recognition to a senior with artistic and academic achievements. A senior who demonstrates 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 Ethan Wong
Fine Arts..... Jessica Blomberg
Mathematics Lauren Bates
ScienceArman Fardanesh
Social Studies Graciella Hutchinson

Dennis Rouse Teens for Life Scholarship Christopher Flock
..... Amanda Borzilleri
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 AwardHillary Drexler
..... Elizabeth Faust
..... Jenna Green
.....Lauren Griffith
..... Dana Oppermann
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 ScholarshipHillary Drexler
..... Arman Fardanesh
..... John Charles Lamb
In memory of Dick Meighan, an Upper Saddle River resident, this community service scholarship is offered to a graduating senior from Allendale, Upper Saddle River, 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 sponsors an award for one of their past students who has demonstrated, through word and deed, commitment to both school and community

Allendale P.T.O. Award Katharine Wurtzell
Upper Saddle River P.T.O. Award Brandis Arcadia
Ho-Ho-Kus P.T.O. AwardScott Lefkowitz
Saddle River P.T.O. Award..... Lauren Bates

The Northern Highlands Education Association Scholarship

.....Hillary Drexler
.....Samantha Linder

Awarded annually to deserving seniors who by their efforts, enthusiasm, motivation, and passion for learning, make the process of education rewarding and meaningful. All candidates were nominated by a Northern Highlands Education Association member and required to submit an essay on how an educator has influenced their overall love of learning and educational experience.

The Lacey Benvenuto Award..... Lisa Citro

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.....Rachel Jacobsen

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

Upper Saddle River P.B.A. Scholarship Ashley Mancuso

.....Alex Weinberg
The Upper Saddle River Policemen's Benevolent Association is pleased and proud to offer this scholarship to Northern Highlands' senior(s) who are committed to academics as well as service to make their school and community a better place.

New Jersey Scholar Athlete Award.....Derek Stueben

..... Kathleen Heslin
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..... Dana Oppermann

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.....Michael DiBella

Awarded by the Bergen County Coaches' Association to a male senior athlete who best represents the many qualities that Northern Highlands' athletes should possess.

Bergen County Coaches' 10-Sport Season Award.....Richard Mazzuto

.....Nick Prakash
Awarded by the Bergen County Coaches' Association to two 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..... Elizabeth Faust

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 AwardFred Santaite

Awarded by the United States Marine Corps to a senior for displaying courage, poise, self-confidence, and leadership as a high school athlete.

U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award Shaun Bach

.....Meagan Heslin
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.....Brian Bovino

.....Jenna Marie Lupinacci
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 Andrew Gaidus

..... Taylor Shea
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

..... Alison Brightly
..... Michaela Corn
..... Alex Curran
..... Steven Schwartz

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

..... Lisa Citro

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

..... Stefan Bauer
..... Julia Cohan

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 American Soccer Club Scholarship

..... Gregory Lloyd
..... Jenna Green

Awarded to a male and female senior residing in the towns of Allendale, Upper Saddle River, Ho-Ho-Kus, and Saddle River who is a student and school soccer player. Recipients display commitment to the game of soccer and sportmanship at Northern Highlands.

Eduardo Pena Memorial Scholarship

..... Justin Richman
..... Alexandra Baker

Awarded to a male and female soccer player who resides in Allendale, Upper Saddle River, Ho-Ho-Kus or Saddle River and 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.