

Forty-Second
Commencement Exercises

Northern Highlands
Regional High School



The Class of 2008

June 26, 2008

Prelude Selections by the Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble

*Processional Pomp and Circumstance #1
Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble*

You Can't Stop The Beat Concert Choir Seniors

Welcome Caroline Eisen, Class President

Class Speaker..... Yekaterina Rokhlenko

Class Speaker..... Jason Sherwood

Presentation of Awards John J. Keenan, Principal

Salutatorian..... Kathryn Rehair

*Presentation of the Class of 2008... Robert M. Mc Guire, Ed.D.
Superintendent*

*Awarding of Diplomas Barbara Garand, Board President
and Board of Education Members*

Valedictorian Ethan Weinberg

*Recessional The Sinfonians
Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble*

Class Advisors: Rosemarie Malloy and Enza Sardella

Band Director: Theodora Sotiropoulos

Choir Director: Thomas Paster

Bagpiper: Douglas Mayone, Class of 2004

Candidates for Graduation

Chelsea L. Abplanalp
Ashley V. Albrecht *
Kristian Ellie Alfonso *
Roya Amirniroumand
Ernest G. Avalov
John E. Aversa
Dean Bar-or Azriel
Michelle Christine Baer
Danielle Dora Baez *
Brittney Nicole Baglino
Casandra Lee Balzano
Joshua Allan Bandstra
Taylor Bargiacchi
Scott Edward Barrett
Taylor Lane Barrise *
Lina Batarags *
Anna Marisa Battaglino
Nicholas Robert Benvenuto
Rebecca Marie Bialosky
Kyle John Blake
Jonathan Bonacolta
Amanda Kathleen Bonan *
Daniel A. Bone
Adam Gary Peter Boyajian
Daniel Brodeck *
Thomas J. Brophy
Taylor Marie Brown
Dominique Caroline Brunelle *
Vincent Joseph Cacace
Lauren Nicole Cadillac
Keith R. Cagney
Daniel Calabrese
Shaun Francis Callahan
Alanna Jo Cardinalle

Loren Michele Cardinalle
Rachel Louise Cariddi
Ishan Shawn Chandok
David Steven Chavez
Lindsey M. Chernick
Justina Choe *
So Yeon Susanna Choo *
Stephanie Mary Chu *
Bong Joo Chung *
Luigi Cibischino
Daniel R. Clark
Matthew G. Clark
Jasmin Clements
Matthew L. Cohen
Michael David Colarusso
Amy Teresa Cole
Megan Patricia Collins
Christopher M. Conklin
Patricia M. Conte
Daniel Thomas Corbett
Phillip Charles Corsillo
Laura Eaton Cross *
Nina Theresa Crossley
Eric Thomas Cruz
Cavanaugh A. Cutler
Laura Ann Czerepak
Laura F. Danzig
Matthew R. Darcy
Justin Dawli
Matthew J. Deitchman *
Jeffrey Ryan DeNike
Cristina Rae DeAngelis
Anne C. DiBella
Christopher C. Diehl

Tyler M. Dolphin
Kevin Patrick Donahue
Kristin Ann Donohue
David Jason Trey Dow
Stephen Mark Drew
Caroline Elizabeth Eisen
Alyssa M. Elman *
Alexander J. Engel
Teresa Esteban
Melissa Ann Featherstone
Adam Francis Fernandez *
Jesse Blaze Feuerstein
Vincent Pasquale Fichera
John Patrick Flock
Daniel Augusto Fonseca
Joy Camille Forlenza
Carina Fortuna
Daniel W. Fossati
Michael Alexander Fotinatos *
Michelle Rose Fox
Douglas James Fuchs
Christopher John Garofano
Athos Georgiades
Marios Georgiades
Andrew Robert Gilchrist
Matthew Jordan Gins
Joshua Alexander Ginsberg
Allison Christine Gitto
Julianne Katherine Glasheen
Ian Jared Glazer
Caitlyn Colleen Gollan *
Chelsea Ann Gramsch
Luke Granger
Kathryn Marie Grey
Steven James Griffith
Christy-Leigh Grosman
Monica Leigh Grover

Lauren Elizabeth Guglielmo
Brian J. Halpin
L'emir Ali Harfouch
Eric Andrew Hausman
Colin J. Hayes
Michael Christopher Heaney, Jr.
Evan A. Hershman
Sean Patrick Higgins
Stephen Paul Hilger
Kevin Peter Hill
Jason Miles Hirsch
Kenyon E. Hoag
Christina Marie Holmes
David L. Holzer
Samantha Michelle Howard
Pamela Renee Infante *
Shawn M. Inglima
Jonathon Peter Kalchbrenner
Nicholas John Kallis
Lindsay Morgan Kaplan
Kristian J. Karl
Evan R. Katsikiotis
Stephanie Lauren Goldstein Katz
Jonathan Patrick Kearney
Emily Lynn Keller *
Ryan J. Kelly
Donald T. Kim *
Seong-Min Kim
Jaehyeon Kyle Ko
Brian Eric Koch
Julie Carol Kohn *
Malcolm Reece Konner
Pamela Margaret Kopfensteiner *
Molly Coyle Kosch *
Matthew Peter Koski
Alexandra C. Kozakiewicz
Kai Kunitomo

Brian Kurpis
John McDonald Langan *
Marlene Johanna Latusek
Jenna Elizabeth Lee
John Lee
Monica Eunkyung Lee *
Juliet Rose Levine
Jacqueline K. Lewis
Ashleigh Ryan Leyden
Michael J. Librot
Andrew M. Ling
Samantha Ashley Link
Ashley Nicole Lopes
Brittany E. Lopez
Danielle René Lopez
Andrew John MacDowell
Kristin Gail Macri
Paul Francis Madonia
Brett Scott Malaney
Brian F. Manzi *
Benjamin Robert Marino
Samantha Ann Markel
Lauren A. Marklin
James Alexander Maroules
Danielle Christine Marshall *
Ryo Matsuo
Tara K. Mawe
William E. Mayer
Jessica J. Mazza *
Kyla Marie McDowell
Michael Thomas McIlraith
Daniel Joseph McSwiggan
Patrick J. Merli
Julia Paige Merz *
Andrew Gary Milanese
Chelsea Lyn Mino
Sarah Anne Miskowski

Cydney R. Mitchell
Jacob Mo
Ashley Marie Montes
John Richard Montoro
Ryan T. Moran
Lucille Aimee Morcos
Thomas Michael Murphy
Emily Jane Murray *
Jamie Austin Myers
Kathleen Ann Nestor *
Gina Marie Nicoletti
Catherine M. O'Neill
Raquel Ordóñez
Christina B. Ortiz
Kevin David O'Shea *
John Edward Oundjian
Timothy Pak
Dylan Elyse Palin *
Woobin Park
Nathan A. Parker
Jacqueline S. Pastore
Brian Ethan Paul *
Alyssa Quinn Paulson *
Harry Louis Peck
Stephen John Pellegrini
Eduardo Pena
Matthew Louis Pepe
Alyssa Victoria Pessolano *
Dyana Lauren Picache *
Benton Andrew Pierson
Jacob Evan Pildes
Jaclyn Leigh Pilkington
Megan Ashley Protas
Christopher Paul Puig
Marissa Erin Putter *
Michelle R. Qualliu
Kathryn N. Rehain *

David Josias Reyneke
Sarah Goodkin Richard *
Austin James Roberts
Samantha Janet Roberts *
William Robson
Michael Andrew Rodriguez
Yekaterina Rokhlenko *
Nicholas James Rosato
Daniel Thomas Routh *
Maria Beatrice Russell
Frasher Sahiti
Alexandra Jeanne Salinas
Peter A. Samowel
Meredith Rachel Savatsky *
Bradford A. Saverino
Kelly Jean Savietta *
Emily Anne Schechter *
Talia E. Scheffer
Kelly Alana Schianchi
Benjamin Michael Schuetz
Isaac Zev Schulman
Danielle Nicole Schulmann
Patricia Mary Schwerdtman
Brittany Ann Scott *
David Sedrak
David West Seelbinder *
Andres A. Segovia
Nandini Sharma
Simone Michaela Shenny
Kristen Paige Sherman
Jason R. Sherwood *
Aram John Shishmanian
Shaant A. Shishmanian
Alexander Nicholas Shulgach
John R. Sica
Hila Sid
Theodoros Nikos Sidiropoulos

Allison Joy Silverman *
Molly E. P. Smith
Paul Joseph Sodora
Jaclyn Rae Sokol *
Briana M. Sommerville
Brandon Soto
Ryan Louis Sottolano
Kristina Soudarikova
Kristen Rose Spitaletta *
Brittany Steinhauser
Jenna Kathleen Stoller *
Jessica Lynn Strauss
Michael S. Stripp
Lindsey Ellen Stutman
Sarah Frances Summers *
Ryan Matthew Sussman
Anna Katrin Rufo Svensson *
Paige D. Sydoruk
Blake G. Tannen
Cassandra Rose Tannenbaum
Samantha Lynne Tarabocchia
Zachary R. Taylor
Joseph Armand Tazza
Citlali Stella Tello
Amanda Ilissa Thomas
Erin Brianna Tobin
Ashleigh Sian Togher
Kathryn Allyse Topp *
Atilla Alan Toy
Michael Ryan Trischetta
Xanthi Christina Tsamutalis
Loraine Tseytin
Constantin Tsimis
Alyssa Dominique Tullo
Ryan Paul Unger
Erica Christine Urban
Daniel Steven VanBlarcom

Chelsea VanHouten
Christine Ann VanLenten
Laura Michelle VanLenten *
Laura Ann Vargo
Joseph Ferdinand Vaupotic
Alexandra Christine Vella
Caroline Natalie Vloka *
Austin G. Wagner
Kristen Teresa Wehrle
Ethan Marc Weinberg *
Andrew H. Weinzoff
Kelsey Paige Weiss *
Andrew Glen Wesley
Stephanie Ann Witkowski

Robert K. Woolums
Brigid M. Wright
Ilya Yagyaev
Joshua Yang
Michelle Yang
Benjamin Daniel Yellen
Hyuna Yong *
Jacqueline Yurkin
Peter Zervas
Cheryl Lyn Zura
Robert A. Zysk Jr.

* *National Honor Society*

Senior Awards

Northern Highlands Regional High School



The Class of 2008

Class of 2008 – Senior Awards

Valedictorian	Ethan Weinberg
Salutatorian	Kathryn Rehain
Northern Highlands Distinguished Service Award	Amy Cole

Principal’s Award for Four Years of Perfect Attendance

Daniel Bone	Lucille Morcos
Stephen Drew	Emily Murray
Brett Malaney.....	Christopher Puig
Brian Manzi	Michael Stripp
.....	Joshua Yang

*The following awards were presented at our
Senior Awards Ceremony on June 12, 2008.*

National Merit Finalists

.....	Matthew Deitchman
.....	Kathryn Rehain
.....	Yekaterina Rokhlenko
.....	Caroline Vloka
.....	Ethan Weinberg

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 2008, 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.

Art Award	Kelly Savietta
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Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Art.

- Business Education Award**..... David Seelbinder
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Business.
- Lois Farese Marketing Award**..... Daniel Routh
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Marketing.
- Jane Kedron French Award**.....Stephanie Chu
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in French.
- Eleanor Keyser Spanish Award**.....Kathryn Topp
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Spanish.
- Italian Award** Alyssa Pessolano
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Italian.
- Latin Award** Kelly Savietta
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Latin.
- Science Award** Yekaterina Rokhlenko
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Science.
- Mathematics Award**..... Samantha Roberts
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Mathematics.
- English Award**..... Keith Cagney
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in English.
- Robert Hellwig Social Studies Award** Kristen Spitaletta
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Social Studies.
- Health & Physical Education Award** Jenna Stoller
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Health & Physical Education.
- Fine Arts Award**..... Peter Zervas
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Fine Arts.
- Technical Drawing Award** Matthew Koski
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Technical Drawing.
- Television Production Award** William Robson
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Television Production.

Jean Oberholtzer Drama Award Ashleigh Togher
.....Matthew Deitchman
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Drama.

Family & Consumer Sciences Department Excellence Award
..... Kathryn Rehain
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Family and Consumer Sciences.

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

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

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award..... Benjamin Marino
Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding Jazz musicianship.

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

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

Journalism AwardLindsay Kaplan
Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Journalism.

Wood Technology Award..... John Aversa
Awarded by the Board of Education for craftsmanship in Wood Technology.

Student Council Highlander Award..... Kristian Karl
.....Erin Tobin
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

..... Kristian Karl
..... Erin Tobin

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 Julie Kohn

..... Simone Shenny

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 TheoryMatthew Deitchman

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.....

..... Ashley Albrecht
..... Matthew Deitchman
..... Jacqueline Pastore

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.

Multicultural AwardBenton Pierce

Awarded by the Board of Education to a senior who through behavior and actions, is a virtual bridge in the Highlands community, building harmony, creating understanding and otherwise connecting diverse groups and cultures in the school community.

Principal’s Awards..... Bong Joo Chung

..... Brian Halpin
..... Caroline Vloka

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

Valley Health System Stringer/Featherstone Nursing Scholarship

.....Christine VanLenten

Awarded to a senior who has demonstrated an academic promise to succeed in nursing, good citizenship, and has participated in community and school activities.

Woman’s Club of Upper Saddle River Award.....Kathryn Rehain
Awarded by the Woman’s Club of Upper Saddle River to a senior who demonstrated overall academic excellence.

Gerry Repole Award.....Danielle Baez
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 Kathryn Rehain
History..... Keith Cagney
Mathematics..... Ethan Weinberg
Science Brian Manzi

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

Town Journal Journalism Award Ethan Weinberg
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..... Patricia Schwerdtman
Creative Writing..... Jason Sherwood
English Lina Batarags

Allendale Woman’s Club Computer Science Technology Award

.....Alexander Shulgach
Awarded by the Allendale Woman’s Club to a senior for excellence in Computer Science Technology.

Strasser & Associates, P. C. Legal Award Matthew Darcy
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 AwardMolly Smith
In recognition to a senior with artistic and academic achievements. A senior who demonstrates both creativity and uniqueness of expression as an artist.

Dennis Rouse Teens for Life Scholarship Michael Fotinatos
 Andrew Wesley
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 Steven Griffith
 Michael McIlraith
 Brian Paul
 Jacob Pildes
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 Brandon Soto
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** Emily Murray
- Upper Saddle River P.T.O. Award** Emily Schechter
- Ho-Ho-Kus P.T.O. Award** Caitlyn Gollan
- Saddle River P.T.O. Award**..... Danielle Marshall

The Northern Highlands Education Association Scholarship
 Matthew Gins
 Daniel Routh
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 Kristian Karl
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 Erin Tobin
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 John Flock
..... Sarah Summers
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.

Contini Award Erin Tobin
Awarded by the Board of Education to a 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 Anne DiBella
..... Evan Hershman
..... Daniel McSwiggan
..... Allison Silverman
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.

New Jersey Scholar Athlete Award Kristian Alfonso
..... Michael Fotinatos
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.... Yekaterina Rokhlenko
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..... Taylor Barrise
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 Women Coaches' Association Award..... Kathleen Nestor
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.

Edward N. Fitzpatrick Scholarship..... Laura Danzig
..... Michael Librot
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. Student Athlete Award Samantha Roberts
..... Daniel Routh
On May 30th, 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
..... Daniel Brodeck
..... Andrew Milanesi
..... Dyana Picache
..... Kathryn Rehain
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 Christina Holmes
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 David Reyneke
..... Jenna Stoller
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 Ashley Lopes
..... Benjamin Yellen
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 Adam Fernandez
..... Pamela Kopfensteiner
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.

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