

# Forty-Fifth Commencement Exercises

## Northern Highlands Regional High School



The Class of 2011

June 22, 2011

*Prelude .... Selections by the Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble*

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

*Star Spangled Banner..... Highlands Voices*

*Stand By Me ..... Highlands Voices*

*Welcome ..... Jimmy Zhang, Student Council President*

*Class Speaker..... Michelle Schechter*

*Presentation of Awards ..... Joseph J. Occhino, Principal*

*The Irish Blessing ..... Concert Choir Seniors*

*Class Speaker..... Valerie Sydnor*

*Salutatorian..... Nuria Frances*

*Presentation of the Class of 2011 ..... John J. Keenan,  
Superintendent*

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

*Valedictorian ..... Joan Kim*

*Northern Highlands Alma Mater..... Highlands Voices*

*Recessional ..... Crown Imperial  
Sir William Walton*

*Class Advisors: Hallie DeMarco and Karen Rode*

*Band Director: Theodora Sotiropoulos*

*Choir Directors: Thomas Paster and Eugene Ryman*

**Bagpiper: Hans Cunningham**

# Candidates for Graduation

Dan Abraham	Joseph Thomas Brown
Philippe D. Afkham-Hakimi *	Stephen Lyle Brown, Jr.
Carlos Roberto Aguillon Angel	Sara Emily Brubaker
Arjun Arun	Haley Elizabeth Bryan
Ella Shadi Ashabi	Joseph Thomas Burns
Luca B. Aufiero	Laura Elizabeth Butler
Alexandra Bell Austin *	Connor L. Butwin
Seung Jae Baek	Alicia Michele Cahill *
Anna Da Hae Baik	Francis Richard Cantone
Sara Maria Barrack *	Enrique A. Carrion *
Kristine A. Battle	Steven Neils Casella
Jacqueline M. Benoit *	Jonathan S. Caufield
Burak H. Benturk	Cody Catherine Cavagrotti
Kerri Marie Bergin	Erin Kathleen Cavan *
Alexandra Elizabeth Berlingeri	Kevin William Cellary
Joel D. Bierwas	Kristen N. Cenci *
Hayley Nicole Bishop	Jaclyn Nicole Chakonis
Richard Zachary Bissell	Christopher Dennis Chase
Danielle Blackmore *	Alex Jeffrey Cheesman
Marley Carnett Blaine	Lawrence Tsu-Tao Chin
Jade Bonacolta *	Gawoon Chung *
David Mark Bonifacic, Jr.	Eric David Cioffi
Jillian Pauline Booth	Daniel Coban
Jessica Lorraine Borzilleri *	Brandon Conrad Cocherl
Thomas Charles Bouregy	Cameron Charles Cocherl
David Levon Boyajian	Deanna Marie Colarusso
Matthew Thomas Brekus	Zachary Scott Coleman
Caroline Hope Broder *	Patrick James Collis
Jesse Dekata Anthony Brown	Mary D. Cornfield *

Kieran Crean  
Dylan Patrick Cummings  
Victoria Nicole D'Alia  
John Babu Daniel \*  
Tyler Alexis Davis \*  
Ashley Rinaldi Dettra \*  
Casey Andrew Diestel  
Amanda Rose Distler \*  
Alexandra Paige DiTroia  
James Michael Donahue \*  
Brianna Taylor Dunn  
Christopher Ryan Esposito  
Aisha Farman  
Kelli Dylan Faust \*  
Charles B. Featherstone  
Allison Lauren Feldsott  
Alyssa Nicole Fenenbock \*  
Brian Frederic Fenton  
Robert L. Fernekees  
Melissa Danielle Fichera  
Samantha Noel Fiorenzo  
Michael K. Fiori  
Robert C. Fischer  
Ian Anthony Fletcher  
Benjamin Cotman Florance  
Jennifer Emily Forhecz  
Christopher Michael Forst  
Nuria Frances \*  
Daniel Issac Francess  
Ivy Zheng Fu  
Ryan Christian Gagnon \*

Sameer Ganju  
Jonathan Peter Garber  
Anthony E. Garramone  
Antonia Nicole Rellos Gasparis  
Angelo John Gentile III  
Abanoub E. Gerges-Ebaid  
Tyler J. Geuder  
Matteo Ghella  
Julianne Giacomarro  
Hayden E. Glantz  
Bradley Gray Glazer  
Yula Go \*  
Emily Alice Goddard \*  
Jason James Gollan  
Amanda Paige González \*  
Jasmin Christine Gonzalez \*  
David William Goyette  
Ashley Nicole Gravina  
Steven Nicholas Griffoul \*  
Ryan Michael Groat  
Lisa Meghan Grover \*  
Thomas Joseph Grueter  
Sierra Banaghan Grzybowski \*  
Leah Sylvie Haines \*  
Kelsey Erin Halpin \*  
Miwa Haraguchi  
Abigail Elizabeth Harvell  
Catherine June Hinchin \*  
James R. Hoag  
Mary Elizabeth Holcomb \*  
Ashley Kaitlin Holleran

Joseph Timothy Hom  
Emile Hsu  
Tracey Lauren Hummel  
Daniel A. Hurwitt  
Sung Bum Mark Hwang  
Margaret Ellen Hylas \*  
Christopher Richard Infante  
Emma Grace Jackson  
Christopher John Jacober  
Young Seok S. Jeong  
Min Kyo Joung  
Ashley Rose Jubelt  
Jaelyn Elise Kahn \*  
Lauren Michelle Kahn \*  
Scott Allen Kamen \*  
Ian Daniel Kaplan  
Joseph G. Katsikiotis  
Philip Gregory Katz  
Aisha Aliya Khan  
Badar Jamil Khokhar  
Ilwoo Matt Kim  
Ja Young Kim \*  
Jimin Kim \*  
Joan Suwan Kim \*  
Paul Eui-Soo Kim \*  
Tara Kohli \*  
Stephan Nicholas Koleff, Jr.  
Kendall J. Kondo  
Jane Elizabeth Krantz  
Veronica Michaela Kretzer  
Mia Denise Kunitomo \*

Lillian Sandra Laiks \*  
Evan Christopher Lam \*  
Kelli M. Laskowski  
Timothy R. Latterner  
Kenneth W. Lavey  
Brandon Anthony Le  
Kenny L. Lee \*  
Michelle Lee \*  
Stephanie Marie Lerch \*  
Evan G. Linares  
Garrett Lang Lindenmann  
Monica Kaitlyn Loeffler  
Brittany L. Longhetano  
Samuel Lowry  
Mark A. MacMillan  
Christopher Patrick Mahler  
Lalit Malik  
Marissa A. Manzi  
Kelly Lynn Marinaccio  
Cole Joseph Marino  
Kristina June Markel  
Eric Anthony Marsiglia  
Joshua Marten \*  
Michael John Martino  
Ashley Marie Mast  
Andrew Scott Mazen  
Robert James McCarthy  
Raymond John McDowell  
Eilis Elizabeth McGovern  
Kelly Rose McGovern  
Tyler Eric McGovern

Alexandria Taylor McLean  
Matthew Mauro Mecca  
Stephanie Elizabeth Menakis  
Katie Rose Menna  
Jennifer Taylor Merchant  
John J. Merkovsky  
Anthony Robert Messina  
Vanessa Marie Milanesi  
Jacqueline Olivia Miller  
Drew Henry Mitchell  
Chandler Alandis Moore  
Stephanie Oliveira Morcos  
Alex M. Moretti  
Zachary Jay Morgan  
Ara Vahe Naljian  
Taylor Beth Nasta  
Brett F. Nelson  
Maura Frances Nestor  
Alexandra Leigh Nichols  
Joseph Anthony Nicoletti  
Carolyn Mary Noury  
Grant M. Novak  
Alexander Robert O'Connor  
Andrew John O'Donnell  
Kyung Jae (Michael) Pae  
Andrew Gardner Palella \*  
Nicholas Angelo Palumbo  
Kelly Ann Paoella  
Jeffrey G. Parles  
Malory Marie Pascarella \*  
Olivia Nicole Pascarella \*

Timothy J. Paulson  
Alexander Charles Perrin \*  
Melissa Shannon Pettit \*  
Benjamin Aron Picache  
Nicholas Myles Picache  
Connor James Pilkington  
Antonia Polyviou  
Cassandra Eleni Poulis \*  
Nadia Abdul Qadeer  
Christian Albert Ramos  
Alexandra Louise Randall  
Patrick B. Ray  
Martha Rose Redfield  
Matthew Reich  
Andrew James Richardi  
Emily Susan Richardi  
Daniel Henry Rodriguez  
Evan Drew Romano  
Haley Shayne Rosa \*  
William Henry Rose, Jr.  
Zachary Cosmo Ross-Nash  
Marie Christine Rotonda  
Patrick James Routh \*  
Allison SookHee Rubenstein \*  
Alexandra Feit Russell \*  
Alexandra Melissa Sack  
Victoria Rae Sandberg  
Ryan John Santo  
Nicole Logan Scardino \*  
Michelle Casey Schechter \*  
Justin Mitchell Schick

Margot Elizabeth Schmidt \*  
Nathaniel David Schuetz  
Jason Nathaniel Schutzman \*  
Tiffany Ann Scifo  
Kira Taylor Secor  
Dylan Corey Sena \*  
Rita Shushy Setrakian  
Robyn Alexandra Shapiro \*  
Jason Tyler Shenny  
Jamie Allison Shulman \*  
Corey B. Silna  
Kevin Daniel Silverman \*  
Natalie Kristen Sipala \*  
Nicole Susan Sirubi  
John Derek Stern  
Sarah Nicole Stettin \*  
Steven J. Strakhman  
Jake Striefler  
Peter Craig Stroud  
Valerie Jill Sydnor \*  
James M. Tabussi  
Elizabeth Rose Tannen  
Henry Jean Theuvenin  
Paul Dylan Thomasset  
Shelley Tong \*  
Erik Allen Topp \*  
Kassandra Renee Topp \*  
Ryan Michael Tracy  
Emily Evangeline Tregelles

David Glen Treimanis  
Dylan Terence Trischetta  
Dominick Angelo Tullo  
Michael Louis Urciuoli \*  
Nicholas Val Vallese  
Michael Alexander Vera  
Christopher James Ward  
Scott Maxwell Waxenbaum  
Dana Lynn Wehrle  
Ross Arin Weiner  
Zachary Ryan Weinstein  
Bettina Bates Weiss \*  
Laura Anne White \*  
Nicholas Joseph Wilechansky  
Christopher F. Wise  
Jesse Dylan Wiseberg  
Thomas John Wolff  
Rebecca Christina Wolfson  
Margaret P. Woodwell  
Meyer Yagyayev  
James M. Yamout  
Michael Yanez  
Jeremy Daniel Yeaton \*  
Brooke Ilana Yellen  
Nicholas J. Yuen  
Tess Kaller Zaretsky  
Jimmy Zhongmin Zhang \*  
Claire Rebecca Zilenziger \*  
Catherine Lucille Zysk

*\* National Honor Society*

# Senior Awards

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The Class of 2011



## Class of 2011 – Senior Awards

<b>Valedictorian</b>	Joan Kim
<b>Salutatorian</b>	Nuria Frances
<b>Northern Highlands Distinguished Service Award</b>	Emily Goddard

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

John Daniel	Evan Lam
Yula Go	Haley Rosa
Timothy Latterner	Jimmy Zhang

*The following awards were presented at our  
Senior Awards Ceremony on June 9, 2011*

**National Merit Finalist/Winner** ..... Stephanie Lerch  
*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 2011, 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**..... Kenneth Lavey  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Art.*

**Business Education Award**..... Alyssa Fennenbock  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Business.*

**Lois Farese Marketing Award**..... Nicole Sirubi  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Marketing.*

**Jane Kedron French Award**..... Jeremy Yeaton  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in French.*

**Eleanor Keyser Spanish Award**..... Cassandra Topp  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Spanish.*

**Italian Award** ..... Jade Bonacolta  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Italian.*

**Latin Award** ..... Jimin Kim  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Latin.*

**Science Award** ..... Shelley Tong  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Science.*

**Mathematics Award** ..... Joan Kim  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Mathematics.*

**Andrew Dunn English Award** ..... Valerie Sydnor  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in English.*

**Robert Hellwig Social Studies Award** ..... Andrew Palella  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Social Studies.*

**Health & Physical Education Award** ..... Steven Griffoul  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Health & Physical Education.*

**Fine Arts Award** ..... Alexandra Austin  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Fine Arts.*

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

**Television Production Award** ..... Evan Linaris  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Television Production.*

**Jean Oberholtzer Drama Award** ..... Michelle Schechter  
*Awarded by the Board of Education to a senior for excellence in Drama.*

**Contini Award** ..... Kelsey Halpin  
..... William Rose  
*Awarded by the Board of Education to a male and female senior who participated throughout their four years in sports in multiple seasons demonstrating skill, desire to win, outstanding sportsmanship, exemplary attitude, and team spirit.*

**Coaches Award**  
Daniel Hurwitt ..... Vanessa Milanesi  
Andrew Mazen ..... Haley Rosa  
*Awarded by the Board of Education to two male and two female seniors 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** ..... Jessica Borzilleri  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for excellence in Family and Consumer Sciences.*

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

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

**Louis Armstrong Jazz Award**..... Emile Hsu  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding Jazz musicianship.*

**Musical Theater Award**..... Emily Richardi  
*Awarded by the Board of Education for outstanding contributions to our school's annual musical production.*

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

**Jean Phillippe Rameau Award for Music Theory** .....Samuel Lowry  
*Awarded to a senior for outstanding work in Music Theory. (Jean Phillippe Rameau was the first musician to codify and present the principles of Music Theory in book form; therefore, he is considered the "Father of Music Theory.")*

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

**Student Council Highlander Award**..... Caroline Broder  
..... Jimmy Zhang  
*Awarded by the Student Council to a male and female senior who have displayed exemplary service to their school, community, and fellow students.*

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

**Northern Highlands Home & School Citizenship Award**

..... Enrique Carrion  
..... Sarah Stettin

*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.*

**Music and Performing Arts Association Scholarship**

..... Emily Goddard  
..... Emile Hsu  
..... Michelle Schechter

*Awarded to senior(s) for overall commitment to Music and Performing Arts at Northern Highlands, who plan on continuing their studies in the Music & Performing Arts field.*

**Multicultural Award** ..... Emily Goddard

*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.*

**The Loch & Quay Creative Writing Award** ..... Tyler Davis

..... Taylor Nasta

*Awarded to senior(s) who have taken Creative Writing and demonstrated a love for writing above and beyond required assignments; that has been published or participated in special programs such as The Governor’s School, contributed and/or worked on the magazine. This award is based on creative writing alone.*

**Principal Award**

..... Enrique Carrion

*Awarded to a senior who demonstrated exemplary character, integrity, and commitment to both school and community life.*

**The Sandy Helfand Memorial Scholarship** ..... Haley Bishop

*Awarded in memory of Howard “Sandy” Helfand to a senior who demonstrates interest in a marketing career and a strong commitment and outstanding success in the DECA program.*

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

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

**Town Journal Journalism Award** ..... Bettina Weiss

*Awarded by the Town Journal for excellence in Journalism.*

**Gerry Repole Award**..... Alexandra Russell  
*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* ..... Cassandra Poulis  
*History*..... Robyn Shapiro  
*Mathematics*..... Dylan Sena  
*Science* ..... Jimin Kim

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

**Allendale Woman’s Club Computer Science Technology Award**  
..... Shelley Tong  
..... Michael Urciuoli  
*Awarded by the Allendale Woman’s Club to a male and female senior for excellence in Computer Science Technology.*

**Strasser & Associates, P. C. Legal Award** ..... Mary Cornfield  
*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** ..... Kristen Cenci  
*In recognition to a senior with artistic and academic achievements who demonstrates both creativity and uniqueness of expression as an artist.*

**Dennis Rouse Teens for Life Scholarship** ..... James Donahue  
..... Alexandra Russell  
*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.*

**Patricia Riccobene Memorial Scholarship**..... Timothy Latterner  
*Established in memory of school librarian, Patricia Riccobene, to a senior who plans to pursue a career in education.*

**Dick Meighan Memorial Scholarship** .....Evan Lam  
..... Timothy Latterner

*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(s) 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 its former students who have demonstrated, through word and deed, commitment to both school and community.*

**Allendale P.T.O. Award** .....Jessica Borzilleri  
**Upper Saddle River P.T.O. Award** .....Brooke Yellen  
**Ho-Ho-Kus P.T.O. Award** ..... Alexandra Randall  
**Saddle River P.T.O. Award**.....Lillian Laiks

**The Northern Highlands Education Association Scholarship**

..... Alexandra Austin  
..... Catherine Hinchin  
..... Tara Kohli

*Awarded to deserving senior(s) who, by their effort, 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**.....Cassandra Poulis

*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.*

**Upper Saddle River P.B.A. Scholarship** ..... Tyler Davis  
..... Nicole Scardino

*The Upper Saddle River Policemen's Benevolent Association is pleased and proud to offer this scholarship to two Northern Highlands seniors who are committed to academics, as well as service to make their school and community a better place.*

**Lillian and Stiles Thomas Scholarship**..... Jasmine Gonzalez  
*Awarded by the Fyke Nature Association to a senior who is pursuing a college degree in the environmental sciences and who has shown a commitment to community service, especially in recycling or related efforts, environmental projects, or other related endeavors. The student should have maintained an A-B average. In addition to academic qualifications, candidates had to submit an essay presenting their ideas on how to improve the environment.*

**U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award**..... Stephen Brown  
*Awarded by the U.S. Marine Corps to a senior for displaying courage and demonstrating a commitment to his studies by maintaining a minimum of 3.5 G.P.A. This student has honored his school by his spirited attendance and participation in school activities.*

**U.S. Marine Semper Fidelis Music Award** ..... Emily Goddard  
*Awarded by the U.S. Marine Corps to a high school musician who embodies the virtues admired by the Marine Corps. The honored musician displays leadership, endurance, enthusiasm, dependability, loyalty, and a commitment to the music program. To help schools recognize the achievements and sacrifices student musicians make, the Marine Corps provides this “Semper Fidelis Music Award.”*

**Appointment to West Point Academy** ..... Andrew Palella  
*Awarded by the West Point Military Academy to a senior who will be attending West Point.*

**Appointment to U.S. Naval Academy Prep School** .....Nicholas Picache  
*Awarded by the U.S. Naval Academy to a senior who will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy Prep School.*

**New Jersey Scholar Athlete Award** ..... Andrew O’Donnell  
..... Caroline Broder  
*Awarded by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to a male and female senior who have earned a minimum of two varsity letters, ranked academically in the top 20% of their class and provided service within the school and/or community.*

**Distinguished Athlete Award** ..... Amanda Distler  
..... Matthew Mecca  
*Awarded by the U.S. Marine Corps to a male and female senior for displaying courage, poise, self-confidence, and leadership as a high school athlete.*

**New Jersey Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award**.....Eilis McGovern  
*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 Schick  
*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**..... Jonathan Caufield  
..... Timothy Latterner  
*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 10 Sport Season Award** ..... Kerri Bergin  
..... Maura Nestor  
*Awarded by the Bergen County Women Coaches Association to female 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** ..... Bettina Weiss  
*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.*

**U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award** .....  
..... David Bonifacic, Jr.  
..... Jamie Shulman  
*Awarded by the U.S. Army Reserve to a male and female senior who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom and on the athletic field.*

**Edward N. Fitzpatrick Award** ..... Kristina Markel  
..... Zachary Ross-Nash  
*Awarded in memory of Edward Fitzpatrick, to a male and female senior who have demonstrated the characteristics of selflessness, generosity of spirit, and dedication to the “success of the team” while participating in athletics at Northern Highlands.*

**Big North Conference Student Athlete Award** ..... Catherine Hinchey  
..... Patrick Routh  
*Awarded to a male and female senior who were recognized for their outstanding athletic and academic achievements by the athletic league, the Big North Conference.*



**New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association National Women In Sports Award** ..... Cassandra Poulis  
*Awarded by the N.J. State Interscholastic Athletic Association to an outstanding female student athlete in recognition of National Women in Sports Day.*

**Herb Cohen Sports Association Scholastic Achievement Award**  
Enrique Carrion.....Melissa Fichera  
Evan Lam..... Nicole Scardino  
*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 two or four year college. The recipients must have displayed, both on and off the field, a positive attitude, leadership ability, served as a role model, and submitted an essay on a topic selected by the Sports Association.*

**A John Uhlmann Scholarship Award** .....Jennifer Forhez  
..... Benjamin Picache  
*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** ..... Benjamin Picache  
..... Valerie Sydnor  
*Awarded to a male and female senior residing in the towns of Allendale, Upper Saddle River, Ho-Ho-Kus, and Saddle River who have played soccer and displayed commitment and sportsmanship to the game of soccer at Northern Highlands.*

**Eduardo Pena Memorial Scholarship** .....Alexander Perrin  
*Awarded to a male and female soccer player who resides in Allendale, Upper Saddle River, Ho-Ho-Kus or Saddle River who has played soccer at least one year at the Varsity level. Applicant must submit an essay explaining their deep appreciation for family as well as the importance of soccer in their lives.*

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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# ***Northern Highlands***

## ***Alma Mater***

*Far above the cities near with its  
skies of blue,*

*Stands our noble Highlands dear,  
glorious to view.*

*With colors red and black we stand  
to praise thy name where e're we go.*

*Hail Northern Highlands,  
Alma Mater, we love you so.*