Fifty-First Commencement Exercises

Northern Highlands Regional High School



The Class of 2017

June 21, 2017

Prelude Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble
Processional
Star Spangled Banner Highlands Voices
Smile
WelcomeJoseph Kazancioglu, Class President
Class Speaker
Presentation of Awards Joseph J. Occhino, Principal
Irish Blessing Concert Choir Seniors
Class Speaker Emily Hite
Salutatorian
Presentation of the Class of 2017Scot Beckerman, Superintendent
Awarding of Diplomas Barbara Garand, Board President and Board of Education Members
"16"Kylie Fernands
ValedictorianMary Wang
NH Alma MaterConcert Choir Seniors & Highlands Voices
Recessional

Class Advisor: Michele Zungoli Band Directors: Theodora Sotiropoulos Choir Director: Thomas Paster

Bagpipers: The Clan Na Vale

Candidates for Graduation

Jacob J. Abboud Yasmeen O. Abdalla Sarah Lourdes Abrahamsen Ryan Michael Adkins Evan Joshua Ahdout Jiho Ahn * Madison Patricia Alderton Keenan Clark Alward Kiayla M. Amos-Flom * Kyra Jane Anderson Joseph M. Anelle Robine Arami Alexander William Arcasoy Colin Richard Arscott Talla S. Baghal Danielle Nicole Baron Max Caleb Baron * Jeremy O. Barr David Ara Barsamian * Jenna Maria Barthel Grace Louise Basralian * Ken F. Battaglia Amadea Bekoe-Tabiri Carolyn Nicole Belardinelli * Christian John Bennewitz Hallie Berndt * David Robert Bernhardt Samantha Greene Bernstein Alexandra Bespalko * Sidney Mather Bewlay Jenna Juliette Bishop

Claire A. Blass

Michelle J. Bond Ethan Lloyd Bonpin Caroline Eileen Bookstaver Kathryn V. Bors Lauren Lucile Bough * Katharine T. Boyajian * Rebecca Paige Bracuti Julia Marie Bradbury * Noah William Britton * Julia Clare Broadbent Dylan H. Brooke James Joseph Butler Skye Elle Buzzerio Kaitlyn E. Callaghan Gabriela A. Cardenas Alexandra Emily Caricato Talia Katherine Carter Rachel R. Cary * Daniela Nicole Cassetta Riley Elizabeth Cedro Brielle Izabelle Chavez Diane Y. Choi * Grace J. Chong * Jessica Charleen Chu Adam Jonathan Clark Alyssa Marie Coelho * Paulo Galvez Coelho Gregory Ryan Coleman * Ceara Rose Connolly Haley June Cooper * John Adam Cornfield

Zachary T. Blomquist

Matthew Scott Fontanese * Kathryn Grace Corriston Liam Steven Corriston * Natalie Annette Formento Declan David Crean Nicolo Robert Frasco Spencer Jared Crystal Taylor Heidi Galitsis * **David Michael Cummings** Kalie Ganem * Georgia Lee Cyriax Jane Y. Gao Catherine Ann Dalton Christopher George Gasparis * Tiffany Dawli Gabriella Grace Genao Dylan Frank DeCandia Andrew J. Gentile Margaret E. Del Duca Cleopatra Georgiades Timothy James DeLorenzo * Tiffany Germani Haley Dominique DeMaria Skylar Angel Giarusso Daniel James Dina Matthew J. Gido Max Joseph Ditkoff Oliver Lavi Gilan * Aaron G. Djaker Robert Anthony Giuffra Tess Ellen Doherty * Max J. Gold Lauren Evelyn Donato * Evan Benjamin Goldstein * William John Downs Jillian Ashley Gottbetter Zachary George Dreznin Kevin Robert Grady * Ryan M. Duncan * Cara Ann Gramegna Kyle Ross Dupont William Raymond Gray Elizabeth Anne Dutko Taylor Paige Greenthaler Leah Michele Edmonds Parker M. Griep * Christopher Esteban Madison Brianna Grossman * Katelyn Smith Ewell * Paul Nikolas Guarnieri Heidi Rose Fallon Lauren Rose Guglielmi Paul Robert Farrington * Priyanka Vijay Gupte Kylie Michele Fernands Anthony Harout Gurunian * Emily Ava Ferrara Victoria V. Haab Alyssa Ferrari Patrick Hall Brianna Paradise Ferrarie * Aicha S. Haller * Alexander Angus Fidanza Suzanne Grace Halpern Morgan Lily Florio Thomas C. Hamrah Olivia Nicole Florio Yong Suk Han Logan Alexander Flynn * Amy Isabelle Harris *

Erin Haviland Hart * Srisaisuhita Kodali *
Julia Louise Healy * William Lee Koenig
David Daniel Herraiz Dylan Koh *

Brendan John Hillin * Aakash Kommineni *
Grace Charlotte Hinchen * Dylan Rose Kossar *
Emily Christine Hite * Greta Paige Krell

Penelope Li Ho

Kaitlin E. Hofer *

Nicole Kudelka

Abigail Hoffer * Brett Michael Kuehn

Kevin Bisgrove Holdefehr

Brendan Kevin Holleran

Jenna Nicole Kyme *

Christopher Joseph Lagana *

Julia Rachel Homan * David M. Laganella
Austin Thomas Hughes Douglas M. Langone
Eva Therese Hurm * Sarah Nicole Lapi
Sabrina S. Hussaini Amanda Lauricella

Daniel Edward Hynes Melissa Lauricella
Anthony Iannaccone Reilly N. Lavrich
Elizabeth Ilin * Michael Thomas Leahy

Anthony Raymond Inghilterra David Doyoung Lee
Ryan A. Ingrassia Diwoo Lee

Gianna Jaclyn Innocenti John Patrick Lee
Claire Katherine Jamieson Rachel Siya Lee

Matthew K. Johnson Dominick Alexander Leskiw *

Derek Jung Zachary Lowell Levin

Christine J. Kang Dalya Eden Levy

Edward Michael Kayal * Maxim Anthony Lishko *
Joseph Kazancioglu * Joanna Irene Lizardo
Morgan Alana Keller * Steven Patrick Long
Maxwell Lane Kestenbaum * Jamie J. Lonski

Shiv Khanna * Nam Quang Lu *

Hassan Jamil Khokhar Andrew Joseph Magro

Byung-Seok Kim

Ji Hwan Kim

Nathan W. Kim

Griffen R. Klauser

Ali S. Malik

Julia Rose Malo

Emily Mamunes *

Victoria Kate Marino

Melissa Oliveira Daniel M. Marshak Charlotte Elizabeth Martin * Alexander J. Palumbo Karen Denise Martin Jake Paparozzi Katrina Matthews Mark Stanley Pathrose Daniel Evans Patrick Sean Finn Mauro Vilija Indre Paulius Thomas Ryan McCarthy John C. McFarren * Logan Lorenzo Pensa Alexandria Peralta * William Atkinson McKee Thomas Donald McMahon Sophia Elisabeth Pereira * Caitlin McMichael * Caelan M. Perez Alexandra M. Petris Daniel C. Mecca Matthew James Phibbs * Lara Rose Meisner * Emma Diane Piazza Daniel P. Menten Alexandra Kelly Pirsos * Paige Alyse Mezzatesta * Victoria Rose Piscatelli John Luke Miele Ethan Ciulla Plasker Joseph Christian Miele Owen Thomas Plaut Sarah Rory Minchin Joshua Polo Grace Noelle Mitchell Gabriella Pontone Carina Alessandra Modugno Amanda Rose Post Skylar Beth Moody Mary Grace Powers * Matthew Moskowitz Dylan Daniel Provenzano Riley Elizabeth Murray Morgan Taylor Queen Tori Lee Murry Chelsea Anne Quinn * Gavin M. Murtha * Ian Ouinn Claire Beauchamp Nam * Ryan Matthew Quinn Sydney Victoria Navarro * Jennifer Elizabeth Ranges Nina Victoria Navazio * Aram John Rashduni * Nicola Naydenov Samuel James Redling Emily A. Neumann Victoria Paige Reich * Alexander P. Nieradka

Martina Alessandra Nodini * Ethan Dylan Reisbaum

Maeson Nolan Brian Christopher Reynolds

Melina North * Julianne Bea Ricca *

Mary Helen Noury Elliot David Richardson

Sarah Elise O'Neill Anna Rose Rimland *

Garret Rofheart * Shane R. Sosinsky Katharine H. Spence * Hannah Claire Rogers Madison E. Rom * Paige Stapleton Prasad J. Romijn Meghan Elizabeth Strauss Michael Vincent Rotondo Michael Suehnholz William Christopher Russo Kaeley Nicole Sullivan * Michael Alexander Saks Nicole Ashley Sullivan Ethan Joseph Sumner * Elisa Kathleen Santo Mackenzie Paige Saturn Danielle Marie Sun Brian Robert Sayre James Matthew Sun Calthrop D. Scheck Olivia Mary Sun Lily Isabelle Scheer * Nicole D. Symon Joseph Hudson Scherreik Jake Taylor Michael Jack Schmidt Angel C. Tello Justin Dylan Schneiderman * Grace Marie Tencellent

Sophie Elise Tittensor * Ayden Jennings Schwartz *

Trevor L. Topken

Kayla Nicole Vieira *

Erik W. Seay

Lauren Maeve Trainor Avery Anne Semkow Grace A. Travers * Matthew Daniel Shames * Sally Troyanovski Julia Grace Shea * Benjamin Jordan Tyler Patrick Shea * Selin Ulu

Mujahid Abbas Sheikh

Neil Abraham Varghese * Bianca Kaitlyn Mary Sheridan Spencer Walter Shih * Michael Robert Vidals-Reyes

Clair Shin *

Richard Michael Vincent * Maya Michele Silberman

Jeremy Silverman * Alison Vinokur

Hope Ruth Simpson * Christian Virgona * Justin A. Vitale * Alexa Sirubi *

Tatianna Sitounis * Alexa Mary Vitti

Kyle Joseph Vlasich * Noah Andrew Slakter Fiona Grace Walley Annika Caldwell Smith Mary E. Wang * Haley Juliet Sobel *

Ainslie Pamela Waterford Justin Lance Soell Maria Elizabeth Weck Amanda M. Song *

Jack M. Weinberger Benjamin Zachary Weiner Emma Rachel Weiss * Joshua Tyler Widawsky Jack Wilder * Elizabeth Bonnie Winters * Julian Wolak Samantha Taylor Yaccarino Maia Yallowitz Jacqueline Yang * Marcus Youssif Yong Tae Yu Andrew Luis Zayas Elaine Zheng * Charles Lukas Zoeller * Maxwell Zubarev

^{*} National Honor Society

Senior Awards

Northern Highlands Regional High School



The Class of 2017

Class of 2017 – Senior Awards

Valedictorian Mary Wang

Salutatorian Justin Schneiderman

Northern Highlands Distinguished Service Award

Rachel Cary Victoria Marino Alexa Sirubi

Taylor Galitsis Anna Rimland

Principal's Award for Four Years Northern Highlands Perfect Attendance

William Downs David Herraiz Nina Navazio

Julia Healy Derek Jung Justin Soell

Ali Malik

The following awards were presented at our Senior Awards Ceremony on June 8, 2017

National Merit Finalists have gone through a rigorous process to achieve this outstanding honor. Juniors named National Merit Semifinalists 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 2017, 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 Emma Weiss

Business Education Award
Lois Farese Marketing Award
Jane Kedron French Award
Eleanor Keyser Spanish Award
Italian Award Christian Virgona Awarded for excellence in Italian.
Chinese Award
Multicultural Award
Science Award
Mathematics Award
Andrew Dunn English Award
Robert Hellwig Social Studies Award William Downs Awarded for excellence in Social Studies.
Health & Wellness Award

Fine Arts Award			
Awarded for excellence in Fine Arts.			
Frank Olender Technical Drawing Award Christopher Lagana Awarded for excellence in Technical Drawing.			
Television Production Award Sidney Bewlay Awarded for excellence in Television Production.			
Jean Oberholtzer Drama Award			
Awarded for excellence in Drama.			
Contini Award			
Julia Bradbury			
Awarded to two male and two female student-athletes 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			
Awarded for excellence in Family and Consumer Sciences.			
John Philip Sousa Award			
Sheila Taylor Vocal Music Award Kylie Fernands Awarded for outstanding musicianship, citizenship, leadership, and dedication to the music program.			

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award	
National School Marching Awarded for outstanding contributions on the musical contributions and dedication of studies example inspires others.	e field. It honors the
Musical Theater AwardAwarded for outstanding contributions to outproduction.	
National School Choral AwardAwarded for outstanding musicianship, pand leadership demonstrated throughout the and deed.	articipation, dedicatio
Journalism Award	5
Awarded for excellence in Journalism.	Jack Wil
Wood Technology AwardAwarded for outstanding craftsmanship in W	
Student Council Highlander Award	
Awarded by the Student Council to a male have displayed exemplary service to their fellow students.	and female senior wh
Northern Highlands Home & School Citiz	
Awarded by the Home & School Association senior who best exemplify good citizen devotion to duty, and unselfish service to oth	Gregory Colen on to a male and fema ship through integrit

Jean Phillipe Rameau Award for Music Theory
Awarded for outstanding work in Music Theory. (Jean Phillipe 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.")
Music and Performing Arts Association Scholarship Kylie Fernands William McKee
Awarded for overall commitment to Music and Performing Arts at Northern Highlands, and are planning to study in the Music & Performing Arts field.
The Loch & Quay Creative Writing Award Katharine Boyajian
Awarded for excellence in our Creative Writing course and demonstrates a love for writing above and beyond required assignments; 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
Awarded to a senior who demonstrated exemplary character, integrity, and commitment to both school and community life.
Chuck Dombeck Memorial ScholarshipEmily Hite
Awarded in memory of Chuck Dombeck to a selfless Highlander who exemplifies integrity, genuine thoughtfulness, and outstanding character while actively participating in our school and community with positive leadership, a spirit of humanity, commitment to "team", and determination to make the world a better place for everyone.
The Sandy Helfand Memorial Scholarship John Cornfield 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.

Dennis Rouse Teens for Life Scholarship Priyanka Gupte Patrick Shea		
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.		
Upper Saddle River 5K Run Extra Mile Scholarship		
Aicha Haller Mary Wang		
The Extra Mile Scholarship was created to celebrate the 5 th anniversary of The Dick Meighan Memorial Run. The scholarship acknowledges the outstanding efforts of graduating high school seniors who have made a difference in our community and gone the extra mile with community service participation along with academic achievements and extra-curricular activities.		
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. AwardKatrina Matthews		
Upper Saddle River P.T.O. Award Kathryn Corriston		
Ho-Ho-Kus P.T.O. Award		
Saddle River P.T.O. Award Grace Hinchen		
The Northern Highlands Education Association Scholarship		
Sophia Pereira Alison Vinokur		
Awarded to deserving seniors who are inspired to pursue a career in public service, including government, public education, public health, social work, and non-profit organizations. Candidates were required to submit an essay in which they describe their desire to pursue a career in the public arena, as well as their current plans to do so. The NHEA Scholarship committee selects a recipient who best exemplifies the character and mindset of a true public servant.		

Patricia Riccobene Memorial Scholarship Michelle Bond Established in memory of school librarian, Patricia Riccobene, awarded to a senior who plans to pursue a career in education.

U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence AwardAicha Haller
Awarded by the U.S. Marine Corps to a male and female senior for displaying courage and demonstrating a commitment to their studies by maintaining a minimum of 3.5 G.P.A. These students have honored their school by their spirited attendance and participation in school activities.
Selection to the U.S. Army R.O.T.C. Program
Appointment to West Point
Awarded by the United States Military Academy to a senior who will be attending West Point.
Appointment to Air Force
New Jersey Scholar Athlete Award
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 20% of their class.
Distinguished Athlete Award
Awarded by the U.S. Marine Corps to a male and female senior for displaying poise, self-confidence, and leadership as a high school athlete.
New Jersey Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award Julia Healy Awarded by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to a senior athlete based on academic achievement along with school citizenship.

Bergen County Coaches Outstanding Athlete Award
Ethan Plasker
Awarded by the Bergen County Coaches Association to male senior
athletes who represent the many qualities that Northern Highlands
athletes should possess.
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Bergen County Coaches Multi Sport Season Award
Jack Weinberger
Yong Tae (Dan) Yu
Awarded by the Bergen County Coaches Association to male senior
athletes who have participated in multiple sport seasons over four
years and have demonstrated excellence both on and off the field.
Danger County Women Cooches Multi Sport Seeger Award
Bergen County Women Coaches Multi Sport Season Award
Melina North
Victoria Reich
Awarded by the Bergen County Women Coaches Association to
female senior athletes who have participated in multiple sport
seasons over four years and have demonstrated excellence both on
and off the field.
Pargan County Waman Canahas Association Award
Bergen County Women Coaches Association Award
Olivia Florio
Awarded by the Bergen County Women Coaches Association to a
female senior athlete who represents the many qualities that
Northern Highlands athletes should possess.
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U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award
Morgan Florio
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 Emily Mamunes
Jeremy Barr
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.

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Awarded to d	male and female senior athlete who were reco ctic and academic achievements by our athletic l	gnized
	Sports Association Scholastic Achievement Aw 	n Ewell
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Chris Cellar	y Sports Association Achievement Award	
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•	State Interscholastic Athletic Association Natio ports AwardSarah M	
•	he N.J. State Interscholastic Athletic Association emale student athlete in recognition of National V	
A John Uhln	nann Scholarship Award Victoria	
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The Americans Soccer Club ScholarshipJulia Homan
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
Highlands Travel Softball Scholarship Madison Rom Awarded to a senior who has displayed leadership, commitment, and sportsmanship playing softball at Northern Highlands.

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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.