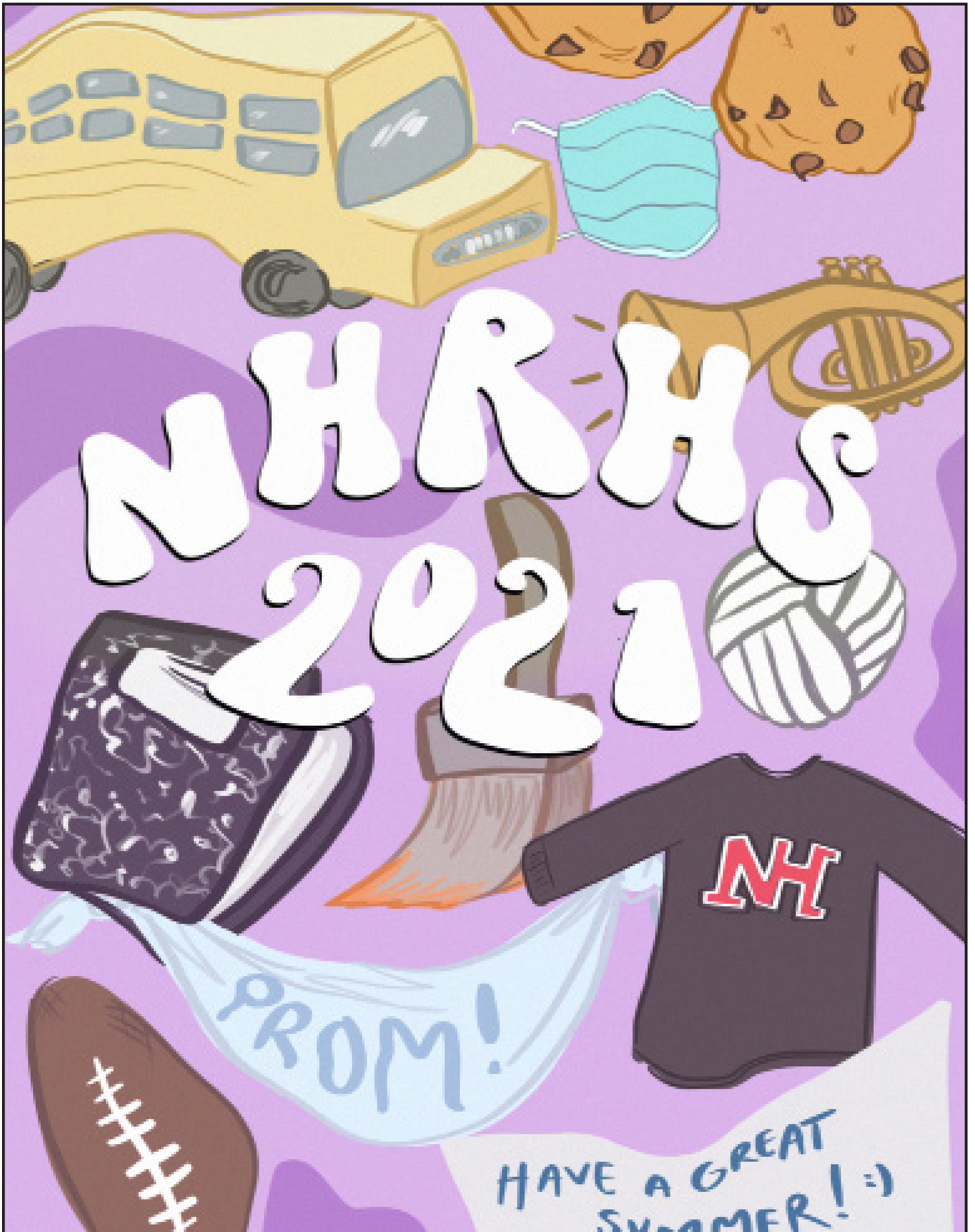


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CLASS OF 2021 REMEMBERS

How would you define your Highlands experience?

I would describe and define my Northern Highlands experience with a single word: opportunity. Not only were there the incredible academic opportunities that allowed me to grow into a much more prepared student, but there was also the opportunity to meet and become friends with the extremely nice and kind Northern Highlands student body, many of whom I expect to be in contact with through college and even beyond.

Miles Mortimer

Definitely a rollercoaster. Ups and downs, turns and twists. But the ride itself was a blast and it's the type of rollercoaster you want to get back on right after it's over.

Haley Krell

Chaotic and always unexpected

Penny Keeble

Immaculate

Derek Knutzen

Fast

Aidan O'Rourke

Cherry soda hot potato

Chris Meyer

Helping one teacher "prompose" to another teacher via a "prom?" ransom note mysteriously thrown into a classroom

Michelle Ling

Getting a sandwich at lunch.

Brendan Murray

This one time in gym sophomore year these soon to be gym teachers came in for their training. We just played games with them but it was first period and it felt like an absolute FEVER DREAM. Nothing about it felt real and it was the type of class where everything was funny and you could not stop laughing.

Haley Krell

What is your favorite Highlands memory?

What are you most proud of from your time at Highlands?

My poetry was published in a national anthology!

Nina Evans

Being apart of the National Honors Society and playing football all four years.

Hunter Cabrera

Probably building my boat for the regatta, seeing the final project of 4 years worth of classes finally come together was so satisfying.

Zoe Kearney

I am proud of not only some of my academic achievements, but also the development of a growth mindset. Through the high school student life at Highlands, I learned how to become aware of reflecting and acknowledging all my failures and mistakes. Nobody is perfect. I made wrong decisions and I still regret it. However, I am satisfied that I became a better person because I learned from mistakes.

Brian Heo

Mrs. Melle and Ms. Carpino: thank you for always supporting my art, I loved every single class!

Nina Evans

Thank you for your hard work. They believed in me when I didn't.

Brynn Madonna

I will never forget the teachers that I've had at Northern Highlands. So many of them, aside from being really excellent educators and helpful, thoughtful teachers, have helped me realize the type of adult that I want to be and have given me life lessons, advice and insight I will never forget. A lot of Highlands teachers have traits that I hope to embody myself too as I grow up, and have emphasized life lessons alongside those in the classroom.

Ariana Eftimiu

What message do you have for your teachers? How did Highlands teachers impact you?

What is something you learned over the last four years?

Patience - things will come

Brynn Madonna

The parking lot never gets better

Mary Margaret McAuliffe

Don't let others tell you what's best for you

Maris Mancino

Confidence is key.

Jake Fishmen

I've learned what I look for and value in a friendship, and just how incredibly important and monumental those relationships really are, and how to be a better student and advocate for myself. I came into high school not really knowing how to study, not knowing how to speak up and ask teachers for help, not really able to communicate my problems, things like that, and over the years I've grown a lot more experienced in forming good relationships with teachers and being able to go to them for help and recognize when I need it, address issues and setbacks, etc.

Ariana Eftimiu

THE BEST OF HIGHLANDS

How did COVID shape your Highlands experience?

It taught me to be thankful for the little things and never take anything for granted. I realized how much I really love being in school and socializing and seeing everyone. That's something I never thought I would miss until my bedroom turned into my classroom.

Haley Krell

Despite the pandemic creating an adjustment in terms of adapting to a new learning situation, I do not believe it negatively impacted my experience, as long as you view it that way. I think throughout the pandemic I've learned valuable lessons about caring about others, respect and consideration for the greater good, checking in with people, mental health, and how communities work. All of our teachers were very kind and accommodating, as well as the Highlands staff, and there was a mutual patience when we adjusted to online learning. I will never look at COVID's impact on my Highlands experience in a negative light; instead, it showed the resilience of our community and the importance of being a citizen of the world.

Penny Keeble

FOR OUR TALENTED SENIORS A list of the honorees from NH Senior Award Night

Valedictorian: Noreen Hosny	Drawing Award: Kenna McGahren	Award for Music Theory: Aidan Joyce	Allendale Woman's Club Computer Science Technology: Award Todd Bechtel Mathew Jacob	Scholarship: Kelli Kuenzel	Margaret Batenhorst Daniel Coleman
Salutatorian: Melissa Reifman	Digital Media Award: Bridget Bruchalski	Northern Highlands Home & School Citizenship Award: Valentina Giraldo Melissa Reifman	Nancy Simpson Art Award: Nina Evans	U.S. Marine Semper Fidelis Music Award: Alex Bryan Jones	Big North Conference Student Athlete Award: Gio Kim William Klarmann
National Merit Finalists: Siddharth Bhatia Jacob Chen Meghan Cornacchia Jamie Kim	Jean Oberholtzer Drama Award: Rebecca Branigan Matthew Onufrak	Music and Performing Arts Association Scholarship: Penelope Keeble Jacob Makofske Matthew Onufrak	Strasser & Associates, P. C. Legal Award: Brendan Murray	U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award: Emely Cespedes Erick Narvaez	Herb Cohen Sports Associ- ation Scholastic Achieve- ment Award: Margaret Higgins Aidan Joyce
Art Award: Mirabella Stanin	Contini Award: Lindsay Sparago Thomas Buono	The Loch & Quay Creative Writing Award: Nina Evans	Upper Saddle River PTO Award: Emely Cespedes	West Point Academy: Greg Hermo	Chris Cellary Sports Association Scholastic Achievement Award: Randi Anne Conroy Colin Hascup
Business Education Award: Ava Lyons	Coaches Award: Shannon Flatt Esmee Oehler John Haemmerle Matthew Hamrah	Principal Award: Michelle Bechtel	Allendale PTO Award: Farah Pavri	New Jersey Scholar Athlete Award: Hannah Apsey Ryan Phillips	New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Assoc. - Natl. Women In Sports Award: Brynn Madonna
Lois Farese Marketing Award: Vivien Jones Macie Moran	Family & Consumer Sciences Award: Shannon Flatt	Chuck Dombeck Memorial Scholarship: Kassidy Fishman Erick Narvaez	Ho-Ho-Kus PTO Award: Sydney Weiner	Distinguished Athlete Award: Kelli Kuenzel Nicholas Holle	A John Uhlmann Scholarship Award: Brynn Madonna Michael Horkan
Jane Kedron French Award: Noreen Hosny	John Phillip Sousa Award: Ryan Yu	Sandy Helfand Memorial Scholarship: Cassidy Boyle Andrew DiGisi	Northern Highlands Faculty & Staff Scholarship: Paul Albarella Erick Narvaez	Bergen County Coaches Outstanding Athlete Award: Michael Horkan	Bob Pash Memorial Scholarship: Anna Sciuto Nicholas Weber
Eleanor Keyser Spanish Award: Siddharth Bhatia	Sheila Taylor Vocal Music Award: Thomas Finan	Woman's Club of USR Award: Api Dhadda	Lacey Benvenuto Award: Bridget Bruchalski	Bergen County Coaches Multi Sport Season Award: Thomas Buono Kenneth Morrissey	Northern Highlands Athletic Department Highlander Award: Olivia DeLorenzo
Italian Award: Isabella Torriani	Louis Armstrong Jazz Award: Julian Rosenberg	Gerry Repole Award: Olivia Impomeni	The Friends of The Library Award: Molly Cunningham	Bergen County Women Coaches Multi Sport Season Award: Christina Hughes Olivia Pettinato	Mickey Corcoran Scholarship Foundation Award: Paul Albarella
Multicultural Award: Flora Dedvukaj	National School Marching Award: Rachel Shames	Saddle River Valley Lions Club English Award: Siddharth Bhatia	Allendale/Saddle River Rotary Foundation: Jordana Barteles Vanessa Shoenholz	Bergen County Women Coaches' Association Award: Reagan Klarmann	The Americans Soccer Club Scholarship: Carolyn Weinberger Matthew Cadillac Thomas Leahy
Science Award: Roshan Ramamoorthy	Musical Theater Award: Jacob Makofske	Saddle River Valley Lions Club Social Studies Award: Sarah Renee Bakal	The MHF Beacon of Hope Award: Michelle Bechtel Varvara Evdokimova	U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award: Charlotte Fargis Mark Apsey	Highlands Travel Softball Scholarship: Maren Spence
Mathematics Award: Meghan Cornacchia	Buddy Ajalat National School Choral Award: Ariana Eftimiu	Saddle River Valley Lions Club Mathematics Award: Michelle Ling	USRA Coalition Scholarship: Melissa Reifman	Edward N. Fitzpatrick Award:	
Andrew Dunn English Award: Api Dhadda	Journalism Award: Melissa Reifman	Wood Technology Award: Alex Ingrassia	Upper Saddle River PBA Merit Scholarship Varvara Evdokimova		
Robert Hellwig Social Studies Award: Daniel Anderson	Student Council Highlander Award: Michelle Bechtel Jake Fishman	Health & Wellness Educa- tion Award: Greg Hermo	Michael Shanley Memorial		
		Fine Arts Award: Lily Riker			
		Frank Olender Technical			



Congratulations

On behalf of the Fling staff, congratulations, Class of 2021!
Despite a very challenging year, we managed to make our last year at Highlands a great one. We hope you enjoyed reading the Senior issue of the Highland Fling!

