Meet Hen Hud’s Valedictorian and Salutatorian
Danielle Smith and Melody Munitz

For Hendrick Hudson High School’s Valedictorian Danielle Smith and Salutatorian Melody Munitz, experiences both inside and outside of the classroom played a key role in determining the paths they would choose to pursue upon graduation.

“During my time at Hendrick Hudson High School, I have grown as a student, an athlete, a friend and an individual,” said Danielle. “The school has allowed me to broaden my horizons and venture into new territories.”

“Hen Hud is an amazing district full of unique opportunities and caring faculty,” said Melody. “I have loved learning from teachers who were enthusiastic about their subject matter and taught me lessons that were not applicable just in school, but in life.”

Danielle’s four years at HHHS have been characterized by both academic excellence and outstanding dedication to community service.

A member of four different honor societies (National Honor Society, Art National Honor Society, Mathematics National Honor Society and the National Hispanic Honor Society), Danielle has received numerous academic awards and distinctions, from achieving High Honor Roll every semester of her four years of high school to receiving the highest Regents grade in both Geometry and Physics (with a perfect score in Geometry) and having the highest average in Studio in Art, AP World History and Spanish.

Danielle credits the high school’s Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science program with piquing her interest in the medical field. “Each PLTW Biomed class taught me the importance of time management and organization, as well as the importance of having a passion for what you do,” she said.

Giving back to the community has been a hallmark of Danielle’s high school career. A key organizer of the school’s Relay for Life event, she played a pivotal role in helping the school raise $46,000 for the American Cancer Society. She also helped raise $10,000 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital through months of fundraising with the cheerleading team. Danielle also helped found the school’s Stars and Stripes Club, served as co-president of the Leos Club and participated in Habitat for Humanity.

Beyond academics and community service, Danielle was a member of the Varsity Cheerleading and Competition Team and played soccer all four years at the high school, serving as captain of the Junior Varsity soccer team during her sophomore year.

This fall, Danielle will attend Duke University, where she will pursue a major in Neuroscience.

Melody Munitz’s years at Hendrick Hudson High School have been filled with drama – of the good sort. A performer in six shows during her four years at HHHS, Melody credits the school’s “lively theater program” with helping her pursue her passion for musical theater. She noted that, through her experiences performing on stage, she became very close with Erica Denler and Clare Carey drama program co-advisors, both of whom have “become like mothers to me.”

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The Hendrick Hudson School District celebrated its 2018 retirees at a reception prior to the June 6, 2018 School Board meeting in the high school cafeteria. The retirees, many of whom attended with family members, were honored with warm words of appreciation, special gifts and plenty of hugs.

**The 2018 retirees are:**

- **Janette Aiello**, Art Teacher, Hendrick Hudson High School
- **Salvatore Bottiglieri**, Head Custodian, Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School
- **Marcia Bailey**, Math Teacher, Hendrick Hudson High School
- **Francesca Cerullo**, Teacher, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School
- **Patricia Colesanti**, Physical Education Teacher, Blue Mountain Middle School/Hendrick Hudson High School
- **Gary Delcioppo**, Science Teacher, Blue Mountain Middle School
- **Lynn DelVecchio**, Teaching Assistant, Blue Mountain Middle School
- **Maria Kelley**, Custodian, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School
- **Lynn LaVecchia**, Administrative Assistant, Blue Mountain Middle School
- **Lee Macci**, Math Teacher, Blue Mountain Middle School
- **Patricia Peters**, Teaching Assistant, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School
- **Nancy Philips**, Administrative Assistant, Blue Mountain Middle School
- **Amy Richter**, Music Teacher, Blue Mountain Middle School
- **Roberta Roberts**, Music Teacher, Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School
- **Frances Van Tassel**, Administrative Assistant, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School

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Eight Receive Tenure on May 15, 2018

Congratulations to the following members of the Hendrick Hudson school community who were awarded tenure the evening of May 15 at a special Board of Education recognition ceremony in the high school cafeteria. After an introduction by Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter, Executive Director of Educational Support Services Dr. Mathew Swerdluff made the presentation, and Marie Manner, HHEA Co-President, provided comments.

The eight recipients are:

Jean Gismervik-White, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Emilia Kaufman, Teaching Assistant, Frank G. Lindsey ES

Mercedes Lanwehr, Teaching Assistant, Blue Mountain MS

Mara Lepore, Teaching Assistant, Blue Mountain MS

Michelle O’Neill, Teaching Assistant, Blue Mountain MS

Margaret Ruller, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Heather Wynne, School Psychologist, Buchanan-Verplanck ES

Congratulations to all!

Meet Hen Hud’s Valedictorian and Salutatorian Danielle Smith and Melody Munitz

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In addition to participating in numerous school and community performances, Melody has used her talent on stage to support many causes, performing at high-profile benefit events in the New York area, from the United Nations Ambassador’s Ball Humanitarian Award Gala and Women in the World Summit at Lincoln Center to a benefit for Sting’s Rainforest Fund and the Actors Fund Gala. She also performed at the 100th Anniversary of Johns Hopkins School for Public Health and Lyrics for Life, a benefit in support of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Melody credits the school’s Science Research program with being a transformative experience. “The research I conducted in conjunction with a professor in England opened my eyes to nuances in the fields of psychology and neuroscience and helped me develop my passion for science, while also learning skills such as time management, how to present effectively, and how to take responsibility for my own academic path.”

Melody will be heading to Penn State University this fall, where she will be in the Schreyer Honors College and will pursue a degree in Musical Theatre.

“I will miss Hen Hud greatly as I venture on next year,” she said. “As I continue to strive for academic and personal success, I will look back fondly on the foundation that Hen Hud provided me and will never forget the memories made and lessons learned during my time as a Sailor.”

Click here to listen to the superintendent’s audio interview with Danielle Smith and Melody Munitz.

Salutatorian Melody Munitz (left) and Valedictorian Danielle Smith.
Hendrick Hudson HS Graduates: Where They are Going

- Albright College
- American University
- Baruch College – The City University of New York
- Binghamton University – State University of New York
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bucknell University
- Champlain College
- City College of New York – The City University of New York
- Colgate University
- College of Staten Island - The City University of New York
- Concordia College - New York
- Cornell University
- Dickinson College
- Duke University
- Dutchess Community College
- Endicott College
- Fairfield University
- Franklin Pierce University
- Georgian Court University
- Hartwick College
- High Point University
- Hunter College - The City University of New York
- Iona College
- James Madison University
- Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
- Lasell College
- Lehigh University
- Manhattanville College
- Marist College
- Mercy College
- Michigan State University
- Monmouth University
- Mount Saint Mary College
- Northeastern University
- Pace University, New York City
- Pennsylvania State University
- Potomac State College of West Virginia University
- Pratt Institute
- Purchase College - State University of New York
- Queens College - The City University of New York
- Quinnipiac University
- Rowan University
- Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- Sacred Heart University
- Springfield College
- St. John’s University
- SUNY Albany
- SUNY Fredonia
- SUNY New Paltz
- SUNY Cobleskill
- SUNY Cortland
- SUNY Geneseo
- SUNY Oneonta
- SUNY Oswego
- Syracuse University
- The George Washington University
- The New School - All Divisions
- The Ohio State University
- The University of Alabama
- The University of Arizona
- The University of Scranton
- The University of Tampa
- University at Buffalo - State University of New York
- University of Delaware
- University of Florida
- University of Hartford
- University of Kentucky
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of New Hampshire at Durham
- University of New Haven
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Rochester
- University of South Carolina
- University of Vermont
- Utica College
- Villanova University
- West Virginia University
- Westchester Community College
2017-18 Hen Hud Athletic Highlights

- 130 Student-Athletes achieved All League status
- 35 Student-Athletes achieved All Section/All Conference status
- Student-Athletes qualified for New York State Championships
- 4 Athletes garnered All American status—Carla Guariglia, Amanda Siegel and Samantha Aaronson achieved NCA All American Cheer and Mackenzie Porter was voted an All American for Girls Lacrosse
- Individual track and field sectional champions
- Two teams, Volleyball and Girls Lacrosse, played in the Section One Championship game
- 20 varsity teams were recognized by New York State as Scholar-Athlete teams
- 1 Con Edison Award winner in Class of 2018. — Zoe Staats
- News 12 Athlete of the Week — Mackenzie Porter
- MVP Section 1 League 3 Ice Hockey — Brett Hanson
- Implemented a full-time strength and conditioning coach for after school programs
- 15 Class of 2018 graduates are playing a college sport
- Student Athletes were recognized by various coaching associations across Section 1 with awards and scholarships.
- Community Service offered throughout the district by athletes
  - Athletes raised money for the following organizations:
    - Breast Cancer Awareness
    - Relay for Life
    - Mental Health Awareness
    - Drunk Driving Awareness
- Community Service offered through various clinics to young athletes in the community.
- 9 teams won League Championships:
  - Volleyball
  - Girls Cross Country
  - Girls Tennis
  - Girls Winter Track
  - Boys Basketball
  - Girls Lacrosse
  - Boys Lacrosse
  - Softball
  - Girls Tennis
2018 Commencement Photo Gallery
Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2018

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION AWARD TO THE VALEDICTORIAN
Danielle Smith

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION AWARD TO THE SALUTATORIAN
Melody Munitz

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION AWARD TO THE 3RD RANKING SENIOR
Maya Cacanindin

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION GRADUATION AWARD
Jesse Colombo
Julianna Kuhn
Robert Reyes
Matthew Strang

ART/MUSIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION BAND AWARD
Joseph Tejeda
Alexandra Lenz

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ORCHESTRA AWARD
Quinn Gruber
Andrea Goncalves

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION CHORAL AWARD
Amelia Bisaccia
Marielle Simbulan

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD
Melody Munitz
Briana Mannarino

EMA S. K. PRICE MUSIC AWARD
Melody Munitz

PARENTS COMMITTEE ON MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP
Matthew Strang

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HENDRICK HUDSON ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT DEDICATION AWARD
Male Athletes – Alec Dalton, Noah Schwartz
Female Athletes – Danielle Smith, Carolyn Kochek

SAILOR PRIDE AWARD
Male Athlete – Thomas Pecchia
Female Athlete – Tanazia Miller

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AWARD
Male Athletes – Kyle James, Jake Travis
Female Athletes – Vy-Ha Nguyen, Sarah Vargas

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARD
Male Athlete – John Briggi, Kyle Kapfer
Female Athlete – Samantha Aaronson, Leah Montgomery

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD
Male Athlete – Doug Smith
Female Athlete – Eve Kennedy

RICHARD DITOMASSO MEMORIAL FOOTBALL AWARD
Alan Porter-Jackson

VARSITY CLUB AWARD
Samantha Aaronson
Sam Kemper

SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS
Samantha Aaronson, Margaret Bernstein, Jessica Conklin, Trevor Dowling, Quinn Gruber, Elisabeth Johnson, Carolyn Kochek, Alexandra Lenz, Taylor Prokopiak, Danielle Smith

ROTARY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
Male Athlete – Austin Fraser
Co-Female Athletes – Mackenzie Porter, Zoe Staats
Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2018

CON EDISON SCHOLAR ATHLETE
Zoe Staats

MICHAEL W. LYNCH, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Jake Travis

HENDRICK HUDSON HALL OF FAME SCHOLARSHIP
John Briggi
Danielle Smith

CORTLANDT YOUTH FOOTBALL TOUCHDOWN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
Amoni Haynes
William Riefenhauser

STEVEN “PUD” HELLER SCHOLARSHIP
Samantha Aaronson

BUSINESS EDUCATION AWARDS

BUSINESS/COMPUTER AWARD
Fiona Reilly

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO BUSINESS AWARD
Lynsey Gillespie

FBLA BUSINESS AWARD
Margaret Bernstein

BOOKSTORE AWARD
Matthew Barry

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

ENGLISH AWARD
Natalie McIntyre

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO ENGLISH AWARD
Paloma Socorro

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ESL AWARD
Estefania Barragan

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN EXCELLENCE IN WRITING AWARD
Natalie McIntyre

MATH HONOR SOCIETY SENIOR AWARD
Marielle Simbulan

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Marielle Simbulan

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AWARD
Danielle Smith

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO SCIENCE AWARD
Melody Munitz

BASF AWARD FOR SCIENCE
Carolyn Kochek
Kelsie MacFadyen

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARD

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD
Christina Alaio

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD
William Reifenhauser

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL HISTORICAL AWARD
Henry DeGarmo

WILLIAM STERN POST #70 JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF U.S. AWARD
Trevor Dowling

THOMAS L. FEDELE DEDICATION TO SUCCESS AWARD
Matthew Marricco

TECH CENTER AWARDS

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION TECH CENTER AWARD
Stephanie Mandelkow

CSEA UNIT 9162 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Jesse Colombo
Mackenzie Porter

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Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2018

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WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF SPANISH AWARD
Marielle Simbulan

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO SPANISH AWARD
Miracle Cooke

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF FRENCH AWARD
Maya Cacanindin

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO FRENCH AWARD
Itzak Rowland

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF ITALIAN AWARD
Vanessa Nine

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION DEDICATION TO ITALIAN AWARD
Matthew Barry

ELL OUTSTANDING TUTOR AWARD
Estefania Barragan

HENDRICK HUDSON ITALIAN HONOR SOCIETY AWARD
Briana Mannarino
Christina Alaio

HENDRICK HUDSON FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY AWARD
Violet Kravitz

SCHOLARSHIPS

WOMAN’S CLUB OF PEEKSKILL-CORTLANDT AWARD
Samantha Aaronson

RICHARD ALBERT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Natalie McIntyre

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY AWARD
Vy-Ha Nguyen

BUCHANAN SENIOR CITIZENS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Kelly Driver

ROBERT J. HILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Matthew Barry

CHERYL R. LINDENBAUM MEMORIAL AWARD
Margaret Bernstein

NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL BARBARA UNDERWOOD TRIPLE “C” AWARD
Matthew Marricco
Vy-Ha Nguyen

PATRIOTIC SERVICE COMMUNITY AWARD
Fiona Reilly
Peter Manthey

DIANE TANGEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Eve Kennedy

ED CARTER MEMORIAL AWARD
Jessica Conklin

CORTLANDT ENGINE COMPANY #1 LADIES AUXILIARY AWARD
Fire District Resident –
Taylor Prokopiak
School District Resident –
Montana Nelson

CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
Melody Munitz

NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Jillian Walsh

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD
Danielle Smith

HHCEF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Natalie McIntyre
Robert Reyes

TIMOTHY CONKLING CULINARY SCHOLARSHIP
Alexander Lagos

HENDRICK HUDSON EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP
Vy-Ha Nguyen

CORTLANDT COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS KATHY STEWART SCHOLARSHIP
Colin Park
Tess Willinger

MARGARET MCCORR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Kaylee Febres

SPIRITO D’ITALIA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Paloma Socorro
Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2018

THIS IS ME SCHOLARSHIP
Danielle Smith
Amanda Margiotta

GOLDBLATT & ASSOCIATES LAW SCHOLARSHIP
Amanda Margiotta

HENDRICK HUDSON LIONS CLUB/SARAH F. DONOVAN SCHOLARSHIP
John Briggi
Samantha Aaronson
Colin Park

2018 CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Paloma Socorro

BUCHANAN ENGINE COMPANY ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
Colin Park

FURNACE WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ALUMNI PTA SCHOLARSHIP
Danielle Smith
Maxwell Tieche

BUCHANAN-VERPLANCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ALUMNI PTA SCHOLARSHIP
Jessica Conklin
Taylor Prokopiak

FRANK G. LINDSEY ALUMNI PTA SCHOLARSHIP
Vanessa Nine
Victoria Lennox

MICHAEL “BIG MIKE” SELLAZZO SCHOLARSHIP
Kane McKeever
Briana Mannarino

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

HIGH HONOR ROLL 15 TIMES
The following students have achieved high honor roll 15 times
Samantha Aaronson
Margaret Bernstein
Amelia Bisaccia
Maya Cacanindin
Jessica Conklin
Trevor Dowling
Quinn Gruber
Eva Hecht
Elisabeth Johnson
Carolyn Kochek
Alexandra Lenz
Kayleigh Lizotte
Natalie McIntyre
Melody Munitz
Montana Nelson
Vy-Ha Nguyen
Taylor Prokopiak
Danielle Smith

HONOR ROLL 15 TIMES
The following students have achieved honor roll status 15 times
Christina Alaio
Matthew Barry
Katherine Bhanote
Austin Fraser
Andrea Goncalves
Paul Hartigan
Kyle Kapfer
Ashley Lupi
Kelsie MacFadyen
Brett Mager
Peter Manthey
Leah Montgomery
Vanessa Nine
Fiona Reilly
Marielle Simbulan
Douglas Smith
Paloma Socorro
Eliza Tivnan
Sarah Vargas

2018 PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
Listed below are the students in the Class of 2018 who have overall averages of 90 or above and have taken the SAT or ACT with a grade at the 85th percentile. These are the students who have met the criteria for eligibility this year

Danielle Smith
Melody Munitz
Maya Cacanindin
Carolyn Kochek
Quinn Gruber
Alexandra Lenz
Taylor Prokopiak
Amelia Bisaccia
Samantha Aaronson
Andrea Goncalves
Trevor Dowling
Margaret Bernstein
Montana Nelson
Eva Hecht
Peter Manthey
Marielle Simbulan
Matthew Barry
Paul Hartigan
Kayleigh Lizotte
Itzak Rowland
Violet Kravitz
Henry DeGarmo
Eliza Tivnan
Tess Willinger
Briana Mannarino
Paloma Socorro
Leah Montgomery
Brett Mager
Mitchell Feldman
Vanessa Nine
Thomas William Lorio
Hendrick Hudson High School Underclass Awards 2018

INNOVATION & CREATIVITY AWARD
Awarded by Rochester Institute of Technology
Nina Tagliabue, Joseph DiBitetto

COMPUTING MEDAL AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Awarded by Rochester Institute of Technology
Harrison Turner

FREDERICK DOUGLASS & SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD
Connor LaRocque

GEORGE EASTMAN YOUNG LEADERS AWARD
Emily Guida

XEROX AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
James Schiavo

BOOK AWARDS

HARVARD BOOK PRIZE
Kathleen Mahoney

YALE BOOK AWARD
Buu-Hac Nguyen

WELLESLEY BOOK AWARD
Rachel Moon

ART AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND AWARD
Matthew DiLoreto, Kathleen Mahoney

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AWARD
Timothy Smith, Jordana Emmitt

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS AWARD
Matthew Quarles, Kiely Beltran

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL CERAMICS AWARD
Kylie Merando

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL STAINED GLASS AWARD
Emmeline Osuyah

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED DRAWING AND PAINTING AWARD
Jailah Kingsley

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG DESIGNER AWARD
Caitlyn Coronel

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARDS

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD
9th Grade – Jakob Lentino
10th Grade – Michael Tosi
11th Grade – Ashley Perez

BUSINESS EDUCATION AWARDS

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN ACCOUNTING
Matthew Ptashnik

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN BUSINESS LAW
Nina Tagliabue

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN MARKETING
Reese Weidenbaum

ENGINEERING AWARDS

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD – IED
Jeffrey Bernstein

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD – POE
Mathew Klimek

ENGINEERING CHARACTER AWARD
Adam Acevedo, Nicholas Perez

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY BIOMED CHARACTER AWARD
Emily Guida

EXCELLENCE IN PROJECT LEAD THE WAY BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AWARDS
Principles of the Biomedical Sciences – Madison Kivel
Human Body Systems – Adhithya Rajasekhar
Medical Interventions – Supriya Baskaran

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD
Justin Cohen
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL WRITING AWARD
9th Grade – Betsabe Farfan Bonilla, Laisha Torres
10th Grade – Kristen Blaney, Kate Doorley, Rebecca Stratton
11th Grade – Kevin Foster, Laura Soto

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARD
9th Grade – Rafael Fasolino, Katelyn Hartigan
10th Grade – Marcella Maselli
11th Grade – Veronica Barrera Acevedo

HIGHEST FINAL AVERAGE IN ENGLISH 9, 10, and 11
English 9 – Isolde McManus – 99%
English 10 – Joshua Anderson – 98%, David Goldman – 98%
English 11 – Thea Barbelet – 98%, Supriya Baskaran – 98%, Lily Burke – 98%, Pamela Loh – 98%

HIGHEST GRADE - ENGLISH REGENTS
Joshua Anderson, Supriya Baskaran, Isabel Begun, Hannah Chang, Kate Ciulla, Joshua Donaton, Nataly Forero, Kevin Foster, Ethan Furphy, Hayden Gelman, David Goldman, Emma Gormley, Carla Guariglia, Dana Ho, Alexander Lee, Andrew Lee, Pamela Loh, Abigail Lustyik, Grace O’Malley, Sean Outhouse, Alex Parker, Maureen Parks, Julian Yu, Joshua Zilker

MATH HONOR SOCIETY JUNIOR AWARD
Sam Glosser

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION AWARD
Adhithya Rajasekar, Sam Glosser

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN EARTH SCIENCE – 98%
Christopher Connolly, Olivia Taylor

HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN PHYSICS – 100%
Madison Kivel

SAMUEL H. TOPPER CHEMISTRY AWARD
James Reilly

RENSSELAER AWARD
Sam Glosser

BAUSCH & LOMB AWARD
Rachel Moon

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARDS

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD GRADE 9
Sarah Mandelkow – Block Program
Cameron Montalbano – Regents
Amanda Desharnais – AP

MORTON C. LINDSEY MEMORIAL HISTORY AWARD GRADE 10
Emma Gormley – Regents
Joshua Anderson – AP

JOHN E. MILLS SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD
9th Grade – Stephanie Nogueira – Block,
Catherine Reyes-Narvaez – Regents,
Donovan Burns – AP
10th Grade – Hanna Armusewicz – Regents,
Paul Williams – AP
11th Grade – Immanuel Carbone – Regents,
Joanne Blaney – AP

COLLEEN McGUIRE BLAIR AWARD
Mairead Kely, Justin Cohen

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HIGHEST GRADE ON GLOBAL STUDIES REGENTS – 100%
Joshua Anderson, James Reilly

HIGHEST GRADE ON U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT REGENTS – 99%
Ryan Arecco, Larisa Bushkin, Lara Castaneda,
Hannah Chang, Joseph DiBitetto, Amanda Donnelly,
Aja Eiden, Emily Guida, Connor LaRocque,
Kathleen Mahoney, Haley Merchant, John Paribello,
Alex Parker, Dennis Pilco, Matthew Ptashnik,
Nina Tagliabue, Richard Walsh

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

ITALIAN
MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – ITALIAN II
Parker Piccolo Hill

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – ITALIAN III
Aexandra Kempski, James Reilly

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT ITALIAN - IV & V
Joseph DiBitetto

ITALIAN FLACS COMPREHENSIVE EXAM - 100%
Joshua Anderson, James Reilly

FRENCH
MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – FRENCH II
Daniela Lastras-Castrejon

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – FRENCH III
Adhithya Rajasekar

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT FRENCH – SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
Larisa Bushkin

SPANISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH II
Amanda Desharnais, Molly Gibson

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH III
Hayden Gelman, Julian Yu

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH IV
Buu-Hac Nguyen

SPANISH FLACS COMPREHENSIVE EXAM – 100%
Hayden Gelman, Escarle Tapia, Caitlin Weimar, Julian Yu

ESL AWARD
Catherine Reyes-Narvaez, Maria Selena Monroy

THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL - GRADE 9
Megan Abatemarco, Adam Acevedo, Olivia Albers,
Surya Baskaran, Jeffrey Bernstein, Jessica Bleakley,
Betsabe Farfan Bonilla, Taylor Breeding, Connor Brown,
Shannon Burke, David Buscetto, Jessie Corbett,
Amanda Desharnais, Madeline Donnelly, Eliza Falk,
Rebecca Fareed, Molly Gibson, Eitan Goldman,
Madison Gough, Katelyn Hartigan, Nicholas Hilsley,
Kami Johannsen, Sophia Justo, Madison Kivel,
Kamryn LaRocque, Daniela Castrejon Lastras,
Victoria Malaspina, Indrani Malhotra, Sarah Mandelkow,
Matthew Mason, Elizabeth McDowell, Fiona McGovern,
Isolde McManus, Sara Michelle Soto, Shayne Naley,
Madison O’Hara, Matthew Paolucci, Nicole Pearson,
Parker Piccolo Hill, Maria Porokhina, Zoe Rose,
Vanessa Rossi, Ava Ruggiero, Salena Salameh,
Alexandra Simonetti, Alessandra Smith, Olivia Spitz,
Hannah Stout, Olivia Taylor, Rafe Wilkinson

THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL - GRADE 10
Eli Aaronson, Joshua Anderson, Jillian Attinelly,
Sofia Azizi, Kristen Blaney, Aiden Breneman-Pennas,
Michaela Capicotto, Justin Cohen, Ashanti Davis,
Kate Doorley, Eric Feldman, Michelle Fernandez,
Meghan French, David Goldman, Emma Gormley,
Jennifer Gougelmann, Jessica Hanney, Beckett Herman,
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Siobhan Smith, Brian Stabulas, Rebecca Stratton,
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Erica Andre, Betty Ann Atkins, Thea Barbelet,
Supriya Baskaran, Joanne Blaney, Larisa Bushkin,
Lara Castaneda, Hannah Chang, Joseph DiBitetto,
Joshua Donaton, Haley Donovan, Tarah Doyle,
Aja Eiden, Sam Glosser, Emily Guida, Mairead Kelly,
Hailey Kissner, Pamela Loh, Kathleen Mahoney,
Nathan McLaughlin, Kylie Merando, Haley Merchant,
Rachel Moon, Buu-Hac Nguyen, Thalia Oliveira,
Katie Outhouse, Maureen Parks, Matthew Ptashnik,
Devin Quinoy, Ke’Ajahnae Ridenhour, Joseph Shamash,
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### HIGH HONOR ROLL

- **All THREE YEARS**

On Sunday, June 24, 2018, the Hendrick Hudson High School Class of 2018 held its Commencement Exercises at the Performing Arts Center at SUNY Purchase.

In his opening address, Principal James Mackin reflected on the bittersweet nature of a high school graduation. “Bittersweet moments are difficult, frightening and exciting,” he told the students on stage. “Today you will say goodbye to many of the people who have been most influential in your lives with the excitement of meeting those who will inspire and influence you on the horizon.” Sharing memories of his father as an example, Mr. Mackin encouraged all of the students to always remember “those who have influenced your lives and will continue to define who you become in the future.”

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The 2018 graduates, in alphabetical order:

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- A culture of the highest expectations for all;
- A rigorous, articulated curriculum;
- Diverse, effective instructional strategies and resources;
- An educational environment that is challenging, creative, exploratory, accessible, and nurturing; and
- A fully engaged, supportive community.

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