Our Valedictorian

“High school should not just be about learning academic knowledge. School should be about acquiring new experiences, exploring, and learning more about oneself. I’m grateful to say Hendrick Hudson High School gave me the opportunity to do all that,” said Jen Chan, Hendrick Hudson High School’s Valedictorian for the Class of 2015.

Jen was the Vice President and Treasurer of the Hispanic Honor Society, Treasurer for HOSA, Treasurer for the Green Team, Co-Captain of the Girls’ Varsity Tennis Team, and an active member of Future Business Leaders of America, Student Government, Math Honor Society, and National Honor Society.

Her interest in business spurred her to participate in the events at FBLA States, in Rochester. At one of her events, Entrepreneurship, she won first place and as a result will be heading to Chicago this summer to compete in Nationals.

Thus, it is not surprising that Jen plans to attend New York University in the fall, studying at the Stern School of Business. There, she will concentrate in finance and possibly marketing. She also plans to minor in Psychology.

Outside of school, Jen dedicates her time to her Girl Scout services. After completing her Silver Award, she decided to pursue her Gold Award in the beginning of freshman year. The mission of a Gold Award is to identify an issue within the community and attempt to resolve it.

In Jen’s Gold Award project, “The Lindsey Lion’s Laboratory Club,” she had the objective of addressing the issue of low numbers of women in the STEM fields, such as engineering, computer science and chemistry. Since only 21% of people in the field of physics are women, along with an even more staggering 14% in the field of computer science, Jen hoped to change these numbers. For five weeks at the Frank G. Lindsey School, by leading several experiments, such as creating bouncy balls, lava lamps, and even ice cream, she hoped to encourage young children, especially girls, to be interested in the STEM fields. This way, she hopes female students will not be discouraged from male-dominated professions and feel supported in choosing any career.

Our Salutatorian

This year’s salutatorian, Jodi Scharf, is a dedicated musician, athlete, and student.

She has participated in both the Wind Ensemble and the pit orchestra. She has been a member of many ensembles outside of school as well, serving as a trombonist in the Greater Westchester Youth Orchestra, All-State Symphonic Band, All-State Symphonic Orchestra, and All-Eastern Band. In her junior year, she won first prize for brass in the New York International Music Competition, which allowed her to play trombone at Carnegie Hall. She is also a talented pianist, and in her sophomore year, played at the NYSSMA piano showcase, the equivalent of All-State for piano. She has played in a piano quartet with three of her friends, winning third place as an ensemble that played at Carnegie Hall last year.

Jodi has also enjoyed being on the Girls’ Varsity tennis team since the eighth grade. She played first singles as a co-captain and earned the title of All-League player for four years.

Despite juggling music and athletics, Jodi has also committed to volunteering and community service. She is active at her church, volunteering as a Sunday school teacher for third graders. She loves being
around these young children, and has also worked with six-year-olds as a counselor at a camp in Hickory Run State Park, in Pennsylvania. Jodi has also served as an assistant at the Northern Westchester Hospital’s Volunteer Office.

In addition, Jodi has been active in an array of student clubs and activities. She has served as Treasurer of Student Government and Secretary of French National Honor Society and was a member of Future Business Leaders of America as well as the National and Math Honor Societies.

In the fall, Jodi will attend Brown University, where she plans to double major in Neuroscience and Music. She hopes to take part in a few of Brown’s ensembles and pursue research on the connection between neuroscience and music.

**Hen Hud Board Awards Tenure to Three**

Congratulations to the following members of the Hendrick Hudson school community who were awarded tenure the evening of May 19 at a special Board of Education recognition ceremony:

Thomas Confrey (Science - Hendrick Hudson H.S.), Katherine Ostrye (School Psychologist - Frank G. Lindsey), and Theresa Outhouse (Special Education - Buchanan-Verplanck).

Best wishes to all!

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**A Message about our District Website**

To all members of the Hendrick Hudson community:

Many of you may not know that Hendrick Hudson is in the process of improving/upgrading its website at www.henhudschools.org. This project has been months in the making, with significant input from faculty, staff, PTA representatives, administrators, and School Board members.

What this will mean for you is a site with easier navigation, clearer choices, and the same array of key, useful information that you have come to expect from our District. A fresh new look will round out the process.

The website “rebuild” is happening throughout the month of July, with the cut-over to the new site planned for on or around August 1. In the meantime, please note that both our news and calendar information will not be updated during the rebuilding period.

To assist you in your planning, we will post the holidays and closings for the 2015-2016 school year in the existing online calendar.

Thanks for your patience while we complete this exciting project.

Mathew Swerdloff, Ed.D.
Director of Instructional Technology
The Hendrick Hudson School District honored its 2015 retirees at a festive reception before the June 10 school board meeting in the Hen Hud High School cafeteria.

All of the retirees present were honored with words of thanks and gifts. Retirees received blue and white wrist corsages or boutonnieres, and there were plenty of accolades, photos, smiles and tears.

The retirees are:

- Alice Gottlieb, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Personnel
- Robin Dolacky, Elementary Teacher, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School
- Lorraine Giametta, Special Education Teacher, Furnace Woods Elementary School
- Doreen Halsall, Art Teacher, Frank G. Lindsey
- Sandra Maldonado, Spanish Teacher, Hendrick Hudson High School
- Nancy McClelland, Special Education Teacher, H.H.H.S.
- Bernice Mener, School Psychologist, Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School
- Nancy Rikoon, School Social Worker, H.H.H.S.
- Pamela Stewart, Elementary Teacher, Furnace Woods
- Marianne (Meme) Weinheim, Reading Teacher, B-V
- Stuart Zaiman, Technology Teacher, Blue Mountain Middle School
- Deborah Palencsar, Secretary, H.H.H.S.
- Frank Donohue, Teaching Assistant, Frank G. Lindsey
- Carol Flynn, Teaching Assistant, B.M.M.S.
- Linda Serafino, Monitor, H.H.H.S.
- Kathryn Sponseller, Teaching Assistant, Frank G. Lindsey
- Nancy Trapasso, Teaching Assistant, B-V
- Nunzio Maffetone, Custodian
- Nancy Marcopoulos, Special Education Teacher Aide
- Joseph Stamboni, Music Teacher
At its May 19th meeting, the Hendrick Hudson School Board appointed Dr. Margaret Ruller Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction. On July 1st, she will assume her new leadership role.

Ruller, currently the Director of Curriculum & Instruction in the Clarkstown Schools, is an experienced educator, having worked as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and district curriculum supervisor in her 20-plus years in education. Prior to her years in education, Dr. Ruller worked in the private sector for a financial services firm in midtown Manhattan.

Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter said, “I am excited to work with Margaret. Her experiences and commitment to building strong, sustainable professional development opportunities will be an asset and help move our organization forward.”

Ruller earned her Bachelor’s in Business Administration from Marymount Manhattan and her Master’s in elementary education from the Long Island University. She holds a Certificate of Advanced Studies-Administration from Teachers College and, in March 2013, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation at Manhattanville College. She has been instrumental in leading district and building-level initiatives focused on school improvement and teacher leadership, all with a focus on increased student achievement.

“Uppermost in my mind is the fact that this journey belongs to the student,” Ruller said. “How can we work together to make that journey as engaging and meaningful an experience as possible so that all kids reach their potential?”

Initially Ruller had a pre-screening interview with Superintendent Hochreiter, followed by a larger committee interview of twenty-three people. Ruller was impressed by the commitment of the interview committee and their comprehensive questions. She praised this committee, stating the depth of the professional conversation solidified her desire to be part of the Hen Hud community.

Asked about her plans as she begins her work at Hen Hud, Ruller replied, “I will be spending quite a few days in district in the month of June to make the transition as smooth as possible. I anticipate meeting with our leadership team, including teacher leadership groups, and visiting schools before I officially begin on July 1st.”

On a personal note, Ruller and her husband Peter have three children, Kristen, and twins Megan and Greg, ages 29 and 26, each respectively an architect, veterinary student, and video editor. Her family also includes three family dogs – a boxer, a yellow Labrador retriever, and a Bernese mountain dog. Dr. Ruller is a resident of Cortlandt Manor. She loves spending time with her family and friends, reading and traveling when possible. Most importantly, she is a diehard Mets fan.

“Margaret’s credentials and experiences are impressive,” Superintendent Hochreiter continued. “As we wish our outgoing Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Personnel, Dr. Alice Gottlieb, well in her retirement, I am confident Margaret will take the baton and continue to move and inspire Hendrick Hudson staff to do great things for kids and make us a Destination District. We welcome Dr. Ruller to the Hendrick Hudson school community.”
Hendrick Hudson Athletic Highlights for 2014-15

- 91 Student-Athletes achieved All League status
- 29 Student-Athletes achieved All Section/All Conference status
- 2 Student-Athletes qualified for New York State Championships
- Cheerleading won the Westchester County Championship and qualified for Nationals.
- Over 90% of our teams were recognized by New York State as Scholar-Athlete teams
- 2 Con Edison Award winners in Class of 2015.
- Implemented an innovative Speed and Agility Program for Student-Athletes
- 17 members of Class of 2015 are playing a college sport
- Student Athletes were recognized by various coaching associations across Section 1 with awards and scholarships. Boys' Basketball and Ice Hockey were honored.
- Hen Hud has its first-ever nomination of a coach to the Westchester County Hall of Fame—Diane Swertfager, Varsity Volleyball

- Community Service offered throughout the district by athletes.
  * Athletes raised money for the following organizations:
    - Friends of Jaclyn for Pediatric Cancer Awareness
    - Hope’s Door for Domestic Violence Awareness
    - Support Connections for Breast Cancer Awareness
  * Athletes also offered service through various clinics to young athletes in the community
- 8 teams won League Championships:
  - Volleyball
  - Boys’ Soccer
  - Wrestling
  - Girls’ Winter Track
  - Boys’ Tennis
  - Golf
  - Girls’ Spring Track
  - Softball

Hen Hud Seniors: Where They’re Going

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Commencement Photo Gallery
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Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2015

Drew Abatemarco  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Italian Honor Society Academic Award  
Scholar Athlete Award  
Alexa Amato  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Nicholas Anapol  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Italian Honor Society Academic Award  
Patriotic Service Community Award  
Scholar Athlete Award  
Town of Cortlandt Certificate of Award  
William Stern Post #70 Jewish War Veterans of U.S. Award  
Kelson Anderson  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Megan Anstett  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Roxanne Arecco  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Herrf Jones Believe In You Principal's Award  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Performing Arts Award  
Emily Auran  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
HHCEF Scholarship Award  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Jake Avellino  
Sally Schecter Debate and Speech Award  
Wali Azizi  
Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award  
Diana Acevedo-Barrera  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Business Award  
Rachel Blitzer  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition  
Cortlandt Engine Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary Award – School District Resident  
High Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Irwin J. Mayer Memorial Award-Award Scholarship and Athletics  
Kelly Brennan  
Athletic Department Award  
Plattsburgh Freshman Merit Scholarship  
Jennifer Brown  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Xena Burbano  
Principal's Award  
Brian Calcutti  
Stephen C. Keenan Memorial Award  
Natasha Camino  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Circolo DaVinci Award  
Italian Honor Society Academic Award  
Marissa Campanelli  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Mackenzie Carney  
CSEA Unit 9162 Scholarship Award  
Aoife Casey  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
2015 Scholarship for Academic Excellence  
Cortlandt Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps Annual Scholarship  
Cortlandt Engine Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary Award- Fire District Resident  
Cortlandt Lodge No. 34 Free & Accepted Mason – 2013 Samuel Topper Award  
Hendrick Hudson Lions Club/Sarah F. Donovan Scholarship  
High Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Margaret McCorry Memorial Scholarship  
Math Honor Society Senior Award  
Scholar Athlete Award  
Steve “Pud” Heller Scholarship  
Work Ethic Award  
Jennifer Chan  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Frank G. Lindsey Alumni Scholarship  
High Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Award to the Valedictorian  
Peekskill Rotary Club Outstanding Scholarship Student  
Scholar Athlete Award  
Harrison Chen  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Colgate University Benton Scholar  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in Science Award  
Zhao Chen  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Richard Albert Scholarship Award  
Simon Youth Foundation Scholarship  
Michael Ciofalo  
Sailor Pride Award  
Michael Ciulla  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
2015 National Merit Scholarship – Commended Student  
2015 Scholarship for Academic Excellence  
Madeline Cohen  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
2015 National Merit Scholarship – Commended Student  
2015 Scholarship for Academic Excellence  
Corinne Cordts  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Nicholas Correia  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Megan Cruikshank  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Honor Roll – 15 Times  
SMU Discovery Scholarship  
SMU Founders Scholarship  
Luca Cuccia  
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence  
High Honor Roll – 15 Times  
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Italian Award
Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2015

Aidan Datene
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
2015 Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Con Edison Scholar Athlete
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Scholar Athlete Award
The College of Westchester Outstanding Achievement in Leadership Award

Dayna DiCola
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Ed Carter Memorial Award

Michael DiPietro
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Athletic Department Award
New York State Society of CPAs Westchester Chapter – George Mandel Scholarship

Antonia Dolan
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
American Association of University Women
Excellence in Writing Award
Athletic Department Service Award
Hendrick Hudson Lion’s Club/Sarah F. Donovan Scholarship
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association ESL Award
Yara Louise Heston Memorial Service Award

Danica Donovan
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Orchestra Award

Brianna Dustin
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times

Dominique Eberhard
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
2015 Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Math Award

Isaac Elkin
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Gabrielle Esposito
Athletic Department Award

Amber Feminella
Rotary Athlete of the Year

James Flynn
Athletic Department Service Award

Emma Fogel
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
High Honor Roll – 15 Times
Muhlenberg College Grant
Muhlenberg Presidential Merit Scholarship
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in the Study of Spanish Award
Patriotic Service Community Award

Daniel Forero
Irwin J. Mayer Participation Award

Joseph Gallo
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
High Honor Roll – 15 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Italian Award
Scholar Athlete Award

Gabrielle Garcia
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
MICA Academic Honors Scholarship
MICA National Art Honor Society Scholarship
MICA Recognition Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Art Academic Excellence Award

Jason Gershgorn
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Hendrick Hudson High School Faculty Award
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Spanish Award

Michelle Giannetta
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in Social Studies Award

Richard Given
Thomas L. Fedele Dedication to Success Award

Amy Glashoff
Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School Alumni PTA Scholarship
Hendrick Hudson Educational Association Scholarship
Hendrick Hudson Hall of Fame Scholarship
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Rotary Athlete of the Year

Matthew Goetchius
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Parent Teacher Student Association Orchestra Award

Carolyn Hamm
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Christopher Columbus Society Ladies Auxiliary Award
High Honor Roll – 15 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in Math Award

Emily Hayes
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Buckner Award for Understanding, Acceptance, and Compassion
Cheryl R. Lindenbaum Memorial Award
Frank G. Lindsey Alumni Scholarship
Parent Teacher Student Association Choral Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Social Studies Award

Brian Ho
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times

Jordan Hudock
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
The College of Westchester Outstanding Achievement in Business Education Award

Carson Jacobs
Rotary Athlete of the Year

Amy Jacobson
The College of Westchester Outstanding Determination in Business Education Award
Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2015

Kenneth Johnson
Athletic Department Award
Michaella Kear
2015 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Lauren Kearney
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
2015 Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Fairfield University Magis Scholarship
High Honor Roll – 15 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in the Study of Italian Award
Scholar Athlete Award
Woman’s Club of Peekskill-Cortlandt Award
Adam Kemper
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
2015 Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Matthew Kenny
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Irwin J. Mayer Memorial Award - Scholarship and Athletics Furnace Woods Elementary School Alumni Scholarship
James Kertelits
Hendrick Hudson Hall of Fame Scholarship
Matthew Kolesar
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
New York State Attorney General Triple “C” Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in Business/Computer Award
Robert J. Hill Memorial Scholarship Award
Vincent Verdeschi Memorial Award
Tiana Lampkin
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
American Association of University Women Outstanding Student Award
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Celine Lee
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Emma Lesnick
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Athletic Department Leadership Award
Morgan Loh
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Con Edison Scholar Athlete
Hendrick Hudson High School Historical Award
High Honor Roll – 15 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to French Award
Scholar Athlete Award
Ryan Lustyik
Jack McGuire Memorial Scholarship
Marissa Marash
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Jillian McCarthy
Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award
Sailor Pride Award
Christopher McGinnis
2015 Christopher Columbus Society Scholarship Award
Michaela McGovern
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Fredonia Dean’s Scholar Award
New York State Attorney General Triple “C” Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Choral Award
Peter McGowan
Hendrick Hudson Athletics Perseverance Award
Kate McGuire
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Robert McIlrath
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Hendrick Hudson Athletics Perseverance Award
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Michael Migliore
Aaron Copland Excellence in Music Award
Jeremy Morris
Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award
Jazz Munitz
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
FBLA Business Award
Glaser Orthodontics Scholarship
HHCEF Scholarship Award
New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Award
New York State Comptroller’s 2015 Student Achievement Award
President’s Volunteer Service Award
Spirit of Community Award – Certificate of Excellence
Jasmin Murray
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Huyen-Uyen Nguyen
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Patrice O’Donnell
High Honor Roll – 15 Times
Cindy Palaguachi
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
CSEA Unit 9162 Scholarship Award
Nina Parente
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Nina Park
Buchanan Engine Company Annual Scholarship Cortlandt Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps Annual Scholarship
Esteban Patino
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Troy Peterson
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Band Award
Damian Pezzano
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
2015 National Merit Scholarship – Commended Student Verplanck Residents’ Scholarship Award
Isabella Pinque
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Buchanan Senior Citizens Scholarship Award
High Honor Roll – 15 Times
Kristen Pyrch
Hendrick Hudson High School Senior Awards 2015

Hendrick Hudson Educational Association Scholarship
Ella Rasmussen
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Hendrick Hudson Athletic Department Dedication Award
High Honor Roll – 15 Times
Nicole Reiner
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Hendrick Hudson Educational Secretaries Association Business Scholarship
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Art Award
Brandon Renda
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Sarah Resner
Douglas Mowbray Art Award
Jaclyn Riefenhauser
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Vincent Verdeschi Memorial Award
Daniel Rojas
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Jonathan Rose
The University of the Arts – Artist Grant
The University of the Arts – Dean’s Scholarship
Katherine Ruh
Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award
Jodi Scharf
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
High Honor Roll – 15 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in the Study of French Award
Parent Teacher Student Association Award To the Salutatorian
Peekskill Rotary Club Outstanding Fellowship Student Scholar Athlete Award
Elvia Sinchi
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Dana Smith
2015 National Achievement Scholarship
2015 National Merit Scholarship – Commended Student
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Phillip Solomon
Ema S. K. Price Music Award

Jake Spitz
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Furnace Woods Elementary School Alumni Scholarship
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to English Award
Principal’s Award
Varsity Club Award
Anton Sterlinski
Athletic Department Leadership Award
Shannon Stinson
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Performing Arts Award
Sara Tabio
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Ryan Tandy
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Charles Reilly Scholarship
Linda Tenesaca
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Samantha Tetro
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Hendrick Hudson Heisman Scholar Award
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Olivia Tivnan
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Irwin J. Mayer Participation Award
Madeline Tufanio
Diane Tangen Scholarship Award
Thalia Vasquez
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Science Award
Cadila Vaz
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Ivan Ward
Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School Alumni PTA Scholarship
Emma Willinger
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Honor Roll – 15 Times
Parent Teacher Student Association Tech Center Award
Emily Young
2015 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
Gloria Zhagui
Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award
Hendrick Hudson H.S. Underclass Awards 2015

INNOVATION & CREATIVITY AWARD Rochester Institute of Technology
Joshua Alter; Lilah Schneeberger

FREDERICK DOUGLASS & SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD Travis Ramirez

GEORGE EASTMAN YOUNG LEADERS AWARD Brittany Schiavo

PARENTS CLUB OF WEST POINT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LEADERSHIP AWARD Kennan Ewing

XEROX AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Joshua Alter

BOOK AWARDS
HARVARD BOOK PRIZE Jessica Goldman

YALE BOOK AWARD Kennan Ewing

WELLESLEY BOOK AWARD Clio Lieberman

ART AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS
HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND AWARD Mark Quarles; Cassandra Cavalieri

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AWARD Shaquan Nadal; Margaret Gruber

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS AWARD Gregory Carey; Katherine Johnson

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL CERAMICS AWARD Lorreilee Castaneda

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDIO ART AWARD Alexis Merz; Danielle Smith

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL JEWELRY DESIGN AWARD Alanna Shea

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL DRAWING AND PAINTING AWARD Mikayla Barton; Jennifer Martinez

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL STAINED GLASS AWARD Ariana Kingwood; Brenna Wassil

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED DRAWING AND PAINTING AWARD Brenna Kaegi

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARDS
HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD
9th Grade – Stephanie Mandelkow
10th Grade – Jonathan Chung
11th Grade – Marisa Lebitsch

BUSINESS EDUCATION AWARDS
HIGHEST AVERAGE IN ACCOUNTING Emily Barthelmes

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN BUSINESS LAW Catherine Barra

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN MARKETING Harrison Warshaw

ENGINEERING AWARDS
ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD – IED Connor Anderson

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD – POE Melanie Porras

ENGINEERING CHARACTER AWARD Zachary Wolf; Julian Weissman; Kyle Szendro

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY AWARDS
PROJECT LEAD THE WAY BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AWARDS
Principles of the Biomedical Sciences – Melody Munitz
Human Body Systems – Deepa Mistry
Medical Interventions – Nancy Siguenza

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS
HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL WRITING AWARD
9th Grade – Stephanie Mandelkow
10th Grade – Alyssa Bleakley
11th Grade – Gillian Stieglitz

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARD
9th Grade – Eve Kennedy
10th Grade – Vin-Thuy Nguyen
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11th Grade – Morgan Murphy

HIGHEST GRADE ON ENGLISH REGENTS – 100%
   Gracie Aaronson; Aidan Dowling; Christina Kennedy;
   Spencer Mazzilli; Amanda Monk

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT AWARDS
ALGEBRA I – HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE – 90%
   Eva Hecht

GEOMETRY – HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE – 100%
   Maya Cacanindin; Carolyn Kocheck; Danielle Smith

ALGEBRA II & TRIGONOMETRY – HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE – 99%
   Julian Weissman

PRE-CALCULUS (AB) FINAL EXAM AWARD
   Adam Kissner; Amanda Monk

PRE-CALCULUS (BC) FINAL EXAM AWARD
   Andrew Persaud

MATH HONOR SOCIETY JUNIOR AWARD
   Joshua Alter

HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL AMERICAN MATHEMATICS CONTEST AWARD
   Daniel Maloney – AMC 10 Test
   Kennan Ewing – AMC 12 Test

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS
HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN EARTH SCIENCE – 95%
   Henry DeGarmo; Alexandra Lenz;
   Trinity Mickelsen; Taylor Prokopiak

HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN CHEMISTRY – 98%
   Connor Anderson; Adam Kissner

HIGHEST REGENTS GRADE IN PHYSICS – 98%
   Jonathan Chung; Frank Riefenhauser;
   Danielle Smith; Kyle Szendro

SAMUEL H. TOPPER CHEMISTRY AWARD
   Aidan Dowling

RENSSSELAER AWARD
   Daniel Kaufman

BAUSCH & LOMB AWARD
   Daniel Pfrang

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARDS
HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD GRADE 9
   Carolyn Kocheck – Global I and Global II – Block
   Stephanie Mandellkow – Global I
   Danielle Smith – AP Global I

MALCOLM BUMP MEMORIAL AWARD
   GRADE 10
   Lauren Mandellkow – Global II
   Chloe Hornbarger – AP European History
   Connor Anderson – AP Global II

MORTON C. LINDSEY MEMORIAL HISTORY AWARD
   GRADE 11
   Travis Ramirez – Academic US History
   Gracie Aaronson – AP US History
   Daniel Kaufman – AP US History
   Andrew Persaud – AP US History

JOHN E. MILLS SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD
   Presented to the student who has shown the greatest improvement in
   grade, effort and attitude
   Grade 9 – Jessica Colombo; Grade 10 AP – Frederick Wohlers; Grade 10 – Tatiana Reeves; Grade 11 AP – Jessica Macci; Grade 11 – Elyse Samojedny

COLLEEN McGUIRE BLAIR AWARD
   Presented to the student who lives in the Tri Village area,
   has a love for global studies and is involved in athletics,
   drama or yearbook activities. Mrs. Blair, a former teacher,
   was involved with all of these activities.
   Alexandra Lenz; Thomas Maloney

HIGHEST GRADE ON GLOBAL STUDIES REGENTS – 100%
   Gregory Fucheck

HIGHEST GRADE ON U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT REGENTS – 100%
   Cassandra Cavalieri; Andrew Persaud

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT AWARDS
ITALIAN
   MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – ITALIAN II
   Eliza Tivnan

   MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – ITALIAN III
   Elizabeth Quezada O'Rourke; Peter Maselli

   MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT
   ITALIAN IV & V – MERCY COLLEGE
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Emily Barthelmes
ITALIAN FLACS COMPREHENSIVE EXAM – 100%
Gabriela Pogyo; Jessica Tosi; Elizabeth Quezada-O’Rourke

FRENCH
MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – FRENCH II
Maya Cacanindin

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – FRENCH III
Wendy Yu

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT FRENCH – SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
Danielle Bufano

FRENCH FLACS COMPREHENSIVE EXAM –100%
Gregory Fucheck; Isabel Martinez

SPANISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS
MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH II
Taylor Prokopiak; Danielle Smith

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH III
Jisun Reiner; Julian Weissman

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – SPANISH IV
Daniel Kaufman

SPANISH FLACS COMPREHENSIVE EXAM – 100%
Lucas DeJesus; Joao Goncalves; Juan Vallejo

ESL AWARD
Awarded to the English Second Language students who have demonstrated the greatest growth in their language development, reading and writing
Jihyeon Jung; Miguel Perez; Nestor Sinchi; Bryan Zhagui

THREE TIMES ON THE HIGH HONOR ROLL
GRADE 9
Samantha Aaronson; Matthew Barry; Margaret Bernstein; Katherine Bhanote; Amelia Bisaccia; John Briggi; Maya Cacanindin; Jessica Conklin; Henry DeGarmo; Trevor Dowling; Margaret Gruber; Eva Hecht; Elisabeth Johnson; Kyle Kapfer; Carolyn Kochek; Alexandra Lenz; Kayleigh Lizotte; Ashley Lupi; Brett Mager; Stephanie Mandelkow; Natalie McIntyre; Melody Munitz; Montana Nelson; Vy-Ha Nguyen; Vanessa Nine; Taylor Prokopiak; Fiona Reilly; Danielle Smith

GRADE 10
Connor Anderson; Alyssa Bleakley; Isabella Brizzi; Kelsey Byrne; Jonathan Chung; Tiffany Connelly; Michael Cudahy; William Fennell; Gregory Fucheck; Jessica Gerhardt; Matthew Goftman; Christopher Goldstein; Ellen Gruber; Meghan Ho; Chloe Hornbarger; Jihyeon Jung; Sara Kearney; Kathryn Kenny; Rachael Kikoler; Molly Lesnick; Kirstin Loh; Lauren Mandelkow; Peter Maselli; Patrick McGovern; Vinh-Thuy Nguyen; Jillian O’Reilly; Gabriela Pogyo; Melanie Porras; Jaclyn Raguso; Jisun Reiner; Alanna Shea; Lauren Siegel; Carole Sinacore; Emily Sullivan; Jessica Tosi; Julian Weissman; Lauren Wenzel; Wendy Yu

GRADE 11
Gracie Aaronson; Jacob Alter; Joshua Alter; Catherine Barra; Emily Barthelmes; Danielle Bufano; Lorreilee Castaneda; Gail Chica; Aidan Dowling; Kennan Ewing; Alec Feldman; Jake Fox; Scott Glaser; Jessica Goldman; Emily Hochron; Katherine Johnson; Shannon Karabaic; Daniel Kaufman; Christina Kennedy; Ariana Kingwood; Nicholas Marra; Spencer Mazzilli; Deanna Mickelsen; Jane Melcetic; Amanda Monk; Ashley Morris; Alicia Niebrzydowski; Lindsay Pelaccio; Andrew Persaud; Gabriela Picciano; Travis Ramirez; Frank Riehenauser; Britney Schiavo; Lilah Schneeberger; Hideo Schwartz; Nancy Siguenza; Lexi Steinman; Gillian Stiegzit; Adrianna Tiberi; Harrison Warshaw; Olivia Young
Blue Mountain Middle School Awards 2015

All Are for 8th Grade

EXCELLENCE IN SUBJECT AREA

English
Katie Mahoney
Kenneth Rossi
Math
Mairead Kelly
Nataly Forero
Science-Living Environment
Katie Mahoney
Buu-Hac Nguyen
Social Studies
Katie Mahoney
Wayne Smith
Spanish
Katie Mahoney
Rachel Moon
Italian
Emily Guida
Gabriella Mannarino
French
Larisa Bushkin
Haley Donovan
Algebra 1
Lara Castaneda
Joseph DiBitetto
Fontana Award
Devan Burke
Gary Mercer Award
Matthew DiLoreto

Geometry
Rachel Moon

PERFECT ATTENDANCE THREE YEARS
Lamar Anderson; Jonathan Basler; Dennis Pilco; Devin Quinoy

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO STUDENT ORGANIZATION
Nick Caruso; Emily Guida; Gabriella Mannarino; Brandon Gibson

THE COUNSELOR’S AWARD
Candace Crowley

MOST OUTSTANDING ATHLETE
Jordan Grullon
Ashley Perez

MOST OUTSTANDING P.E. STUDENT
Dennis Emanuel
Amanda Gougelmann

MOST OUTSTANDING BAND STUDENT
Larisa Bushkin

MOST OUTSTANDING ORCHESTRA STUDENT
William Wohlers

MOST OUTSTANDING CHORUS STUDENT
Elijah O’Neal

LION’S CLUB KAY CHALK AWARD
Amanda Donnelly
Devan Burke

AMERICAN LEGION AWARD
Connor LaRocque
Yash Rijal

AMERICAN ASSN OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN AWARD
Thea Barbelet
Larisa Bushkin

CORTLANDT VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Wayne Smith
Sophia Barberan

WOMEN BAND DIRECTORS’ ASSOCIATION MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARD
Katie Mahoney

DEBBIE MILLER SPANISH AWARD
Buu-Hac Nguyen

PTA AWARD
Grace O’Malley; Candace Crowley

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN – MATH AND SCIENCE AWARD
Thea Barbelet; Larisa Bushkin

NYS COMPTROLLER’S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Emily Guida; Thea Barbelet

BMMS 20TH CENTURY LEARNER AND LIBRARY AWARD
Buu-Hac Nguyen; Alex Parker

High Honor Roll All Three Years

Honor Roll All Three Years
Commencement: A Day to Remember

On Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 1 p.m., the Hendrick Hudson High School Graduating Class of 2015 gathered at the Performing Arts Center of SUNY Purchase for their commencement ceremony.

High School Principal James Mackin gave the opening address, Valedictorian Jennifer Chan and Salutatorian Jodi Scharf gave their respective addresses, and Superintendent Joseph E. Hochreiter presented a message to graduates before conferring diplomas.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Alice Gottlieb, who is retiring after more than three decades in public education, told the graduates in her keynote address, “Find your passion, learn as much as you can about it, and don’t give up. And remember to laugh every day!”

Superintendent Hochreiter summed it all up when he told the graduates: “As I wrap up my second year as your superintendent, I’m proud to have witnessed, in just two short years, more successes -- art shows, dramatic performances, music concerts, science fairs, athletic contests, honor society inductions, and many different fund-raising activities -- you represented our school, our community, your family with grace and respect.”

In the grand musical tradition of Hendrick Hudson, the ceremony was punctuated with both orchestral and choral music, beginning with the traditional “Pomp and Circumstance” and ending with the rousing “Anchors Aweigh.”

Members of the Hendrick Hudson Board of Education are: Mary-Pat Brigg, President; Barbara Pettersen, Vice-President; Carol P. Abraham, DVM, Trustee; Carson Jacobs, Trustee; Laurie Ryan, Trustee; Charles Thompson, Trustee; and Marion Walsh, Trustee.


As Jennifer Chan noted in her Valedictory address, “We will forever be Sailors, anchored to one another.” We wish all of our graduates a bright future.
Hendrick Hudson Alumni Notebook

Kelsey Wickel
Class of 2007

I am in my last semester of the Masters of City Planning program at the University of Pennsylvania. I study environmental planning and food systems, or how our food goes from production to consumption.

Before my master’s program, I worked in the sales and marketing department of an olive oil company in California and managed community and school gardens in Michigan. Once I graduate in May, I hope to work in food and farm policy and research.

I was lucky to have many teachers at Hen Hud that were formative in my development. Mrs. Benjamin and Mr. Oliva exposed me to some of my favorite authors and artists whose work I still cherish today and taught me to think in a critical way. Mrs. Williams was a knock out history teacher, and her textbook still sits on my shelf as a reference. She also provided a safe space for my fellow students and me to grow and become inquisitive, thoughtful young adults.

Mr. Annunziata always made learning so much fun, and I feel I took a lot away from his global history class, particularly early East Asian history.

Words of Wisdom: Get involved with a lot of different activities and people. Being a well-rounded person is critical to being successful, and will teach you a lot about managing a diverse set of projects, working with others, and managing your time.

Graduating in a class of students who all got along and were able to interact with a variety of social groups helped me engage with the entire Hen Hud community, which made my volunteer work or time spent in extracurriculurs all the more worth it.

Hendrick Hudson High School Alumni: Please visit our Alumni Page at www.henhudschools.org. Click on “District” and then on “Alumni.” And don’t forget to keep us informed about your post-high school achievements!