

Class of 2023

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Bajno, Izabela | AAS
Bare, Rosselys | AAS*+
Brasington, Anthony | AAS
Bruno, Barbara | AS
Cadichon, Daphney | AAS
Caeners, Robert | AS
Caguana, Madolyn | CERT*
Callahan, Shane | AA*
Campos Reyes, Genesis | AAS
Cardone, Traci | AAS*
Cemelli Brinkerhoff, Pamela | AAS
Chacon, Nayeli | AAS*
Ciardo, Michael | AAS
Clark, Carolanne | AS
Connors, William | AA
Costoso, Tevan | AAS
Cumpston, Lisa | AAS
Curry, Danielle | AAS*
Dastparvardeh, Roxanne | AAS*+
Dawson, Seraiah | AA
DeGeorge, Sumayah | AAS
DeGroat, Erika | AAS
DePew, David | AS*
Diaz, David | AAS
Dinkins, Kayson | AA
Dreher, Liam | AS
DuBose, Katlyn | AAS
Edwards, Angela | AA*
Edwards, Dylan | AS*
Elsayed, Mariam | AA
Farrell, Louis | AAS
Feeney, Kevin | AS*+
Feigenbutz, Heather | AAS
Felice, Rosalie | AAS*+
Fiske, Jonathon | AOS
Fitzpatrick, Matthew | AA
Gai, Haddy | AA*+
Galligan Jr, Shawn | AA*
Gallon, Cameron | AAS

Gill, Shawn | CERT*
Gilmore, Erinn | AA
Giminiani, Kayla | AAS**
Gonzalez, Devin | AAS
Gray, Iyis | AA
Gray, Ramona | AAS*
Gray, Trevon | AAS
Griffin-Lawson, Cassandra | AAS
Gulley, Kaelyn | AA*
Habertzell, Zachary | AAS*
Heal, Sabrina | AAS
Hendrickson, Destiny | AS*
Hernandez, Lizeth | AAS**
Hotalen, Nicole | AAS
Jurado, Liana | AAS*
Kishore, Ashley | AAS
Lainez, Mercedes | AS
Lalewicz, Patryk | AAS*
Latham, Alivia | AA*+
Lee, Sondra | AA*
Lemon, Taylor | AOS
Lozado, Pedro | AAS
Mack, Layla | AAS**
Marban-Rodriguez, Wendy | AA
Markle, Ty | AA
Martinez, Angelina | CERT*
Martinez, Nathaniel | AAS**
Mata, Andrew | AS
Mayers, Jon | AS
McCabe, Kathleen | AS
McCormick, Kimberly | AAS*
McGee, Darlene | AAS
Medley, Megan | AAS*
Mends, Kobe | AAS
Miller, Stacy | AAS
Minton, Christine | AAS
Molina, Destinie | AAS
Moran Lemus, Madelin | AS**
Morgenstern, Juliann | AA
Noren, Michael | AS**
O'Connor, Mariel | AAS
Oppong, Albert | AS
Ortiz, Amanda | AAS
Pacella, Angelina | AAS*
Pagan, Destiny | AAS
Paredes, Elizabeth | AAS

Peck, Haley | AS*+
Pennell, Mackenzie | AA
Pennell, Ryan | AAS*+
Perez, Sarah | AAS
Perryman, Corneisha | AAS
Pierre Louis, Jona Stephanie | AAS
Poole, Leroy | AA*
Porter, Tristan | AS*
Ramirez, Anthony | AAS
Ramos, Alyssa | AAS
Rector, Shauna | AAS
Reid, Emily | AAS
Resto, Sean | AAS**
Richvine, Kipplyn | AA
Rivas-Cornejo, Stanley | AA*
Rivera Aponte, Xiverliz | AAS
Rodriguez, Bryan | AAS*+
Rook, Oswaldo | AAS
Sandoval-Padilla, Laura | AAS*+
Santos, Gerard Jose | AAS
Seastrand, Steven | AS
Scheuermann, Brooke | AAS*
Siegel, Hailey | AS**+
Smith, Albert | AA*
Smith, Laura | AS
Smith-Lowe, Kylie | AAS*
Stankewicz, Ariel | AAS
Stock, Madison | AAS
Sutton, Latima | AAS
Tobin, Christina | AAS
Tracey, KeSean | AS
Travis, Luke | AS
Velasquez, Enrique | AS
Viglione, Thomas | AAS
White, Brittany | AAS
Wieder, Debra | AAS
Williams, Chelsea | CERT

Cumbo, Jennifer | AS
Drayton, Maleiah | CERT*
Ferrera Martinez, Alquidania | AS
Fontanes, Ashley | AS
Hajdaraj, Fiona | AS
Kelly, Jada | AAS
Kuczyna, Patrick | AAS
Martin, Jonathan | AA*
Millspaugh, Thomas | AAS
Minto, Jalen | AAS
Napoli, Austin | AAS
Ramirez, Kevin | AAS
Reynolds, Christian | AAS*
Reynolds, Yvonne | CERT
Smith, Melissa | AS+
Villareal, Clara | AA*
Wowk, Alyssa | AA

December 2022

Bellamy, Tara | AA
Berlingeri, Madison | AAS
Cesar, Jayda | AAS
Connal, Nicholas | AA*
Cruz, Melary | AA
Diaz, Giovanni | AAS
Forde, Fabrice | AAS
Hilliard, Niyera | AAS
Hook, Chase | AA*
Klinegardner, Cortney | AS**
Meyer, Kelsey | AAS*
Minaya, Jordanie | AA
Perez, Christian | AOS
Pitre, Tamica | AAS
Powell, Cody | AAS*
Poyser, Alicia | AA
Rook, Oswaldo | AS
Rutledge, Tyler | AAS*
Sager, Owen | AAS**
Santangelo, Victoria | AS
Schrader, Brittany | AA
Shamro, Macy | AS*
Smith, Baley | AAS*
Suarez, Eileen | AAS
Valle, Khadijah | AA
Williams, Jaheim | AA
Zheng, Andy | AA*

August 2023

Allwood, Steve | AA**
Alvarado, Kevin | AAS
Asitimbay, Mindy | AAS
Bowman, Ruth | AA
Bryant, Malaysia | AS
Butcher, Darius | AA
Crupi, Anthony | AAS*

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Eldred sees 31 graduate



The Class of 2023 enters the gymnasium to Pomp and Circumstance.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY DEREK KIRK

Excitement was buzzing in the Eldred Junior-Senior High Gymnasium on Friday, June 23, as 31 graduates earned their diploma.

Opening the ceremony with a rendition of the National Anthem were graduates Kristen Amoroso and Natalie Edwards, followed by a welcome speech from class of 2023's Salutatorian, Sheila Pearl Smyth.

Smyth recalled the trials and tribulations that their class had faced, not forgetting the challenges of online learning.

Smyth noted her gratitude for all those at the school who assisted in pushing the class and herself towards success, as well as for her profound friendship with the Valedictorian, Ema Amato.

The district's Superintendent, Traci Ferreira, addressed the graduates.

"Your hard work and determination paid off," Ferreira told the graduates seated just alongside the

stage. "This mindset of hard work and determination will carry you far."

The commencement address was given by 2010 Eldred alum Dr. Christina Watts, who now works as a veterinarian in Montrose, Pa.

Watts regaled to the class of 2023 on her experiences and challenges in academia and in life, and how the graduates lined up ready to walk the stage have the same ability to overcome any obstacle in their path on the way to success.

Following Watts at the podium was this year's Valedictorian, Ema Amato, who offered up gratitude to the Eldred school district and all its teachers, faculty, and staff, as well as the family members and close friends, for their support in getting the graduates to where they are today - especially long-time friend, Salutatorian Sheila Pearl Smyth.

Amato then shared her own definition of success, noting it as "the accomplishment of an aim or purpose." Addressing her classmates, she rejoiced in

having achieved this success in completing high school alongside her classmates. Amato noted in hope and trust that this would not be the last time her or the class of 2023 would find success in life.

Junior-Senior High School Principal, Michael Conklin, noted his pride for the graduates, wishing them luck moving forward, just moments before they took their final walk across the gymnasium stage.

Those conferring the diplomas were President of the School Board, Scott Hallock, Superintendent Traci Ferreira, and Junior Senior High School Principal Michael Conklin.

The ceremony ended in cheers and admiration from the crowd, as families and friends snapped pictures, exchanged hugs, and wished each other well as the 31 Yellowjacket alumni stepped out onto their next individual paths in life, saying goodbye to their years at the Junior-Senior High School.

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Central Office and Building Administration Scholarship
Ema Maeson Amato

President of the Key Elements, and a featured Soloist
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Kristen Joy Amoroso

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Destiny Naturelle Banach

American Legion Post Diane VanDeVelde Award
Andrew Parker Scholarship
ECS Faculty Association Financial Award
ECS Faculty Association Visual Arts Award
ECS Faculty Association Humanities Award
Justin Christopher Bangs

Ben Bergmanis

Peck's Market Achievement Award
Dillon J. Besimer

Peck's Market Achievement Award
ECS Faculty Association Ken Bjorn Award
President's Academic Excellence Award through the National Technical Honor Society
Angelina Marie Canfield

Peck's Market Achievement Award
American Legion Post Norma Schroeder Americanism Award
Walter Family Scholarship
Ghemma Ann Craig

Class Treasurer

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SUNY Sullivan Promise Scholarship
Mackenzie Denlinger

Class Secretary
Triple C Award
Natalie Rae Edwards

American Legion Post- Joan E Whalan Award
ECS Faculty Association Stanley Naumovitz Scholarship
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Bryn Marie Greenfield

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Syracuse University Award of Recognition

President's Academic Excellence Award through the National Technical Honor Society
Addison Paige Kidney

SUNY Promise Scholarship
Nicholas Raymond Kirk

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Emma Elizabeth Rumsey

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Lumberland Lions Club Scholarship
Emerson Heasman Alumni Scholarship presented by the Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce
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Symanski Scholarship
Syracuse University Award of Recognition
Sheila Pearl Smyth

Lumberland Lions Club Scholarship
American Legion Jen Barnes Award
Pierce Thomas Weyant

Geneva College Alumni & Trustees Scholarship
Francis James Whitmore III

President's Academic Excellence Award through the National Technical Honor Society
Triple C Award
Ethan Thomas Joshua Williams



The anticipation was building in the graduate seating section before the big walk across the stage.



Bryn Greenfield snaps a selfie with JSHS Principal Michael Conklin.



Graduate Jordynn Oliver having her corsage pinned on by teacher Kelly Pratschler before the ceremony.



Angelina Canfield, Emma Rumsey, and Justin Bangs show off their decorative caps to match their graduation gowns.

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Patrick Adams, Ema Amato, Kristen Amoroso, Destiny Banach, Justin Bangs, Benedict Bergmanis, Dillon Besimer, Angelina Canfield, Ghemma Craig, Mackenzie Denlinger, Natalie Edwards, Sean Furler, Dominick Furlipa, Mattie Gallagher, Mary Grant, Bryn Greenfield, Jackie Horton, Addison Kidney, Nicholas Kirk, Grace Loretto, Hailey Markle, Molly Mckerrell, Marayah Morra, Samantha Murray, Jordynn Oliver, Matthew Ranaudo, Reuben Rausch, Emma Rumsey, Sheila Smyth, Pierce Weyant, Francis Whitmore, Ethan Williams



Above: Kristen Amoroso, left, and Natalie Edwards deliver the National Anthem.
At left: Graduate Hailey Markle gets a job well-done from friends and family following the ceremony.

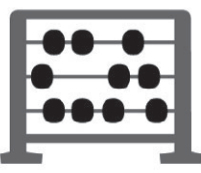


Valedictorian Ema Amato spoke to her classmates in her speech.



Graduates Natalie Edwards and Ethan Williams alongside JSHS Principal Michael Conklin.

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81 Class of 2023 graduates celebrate in Fallsburg

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BY PATRICIO ROBAYO

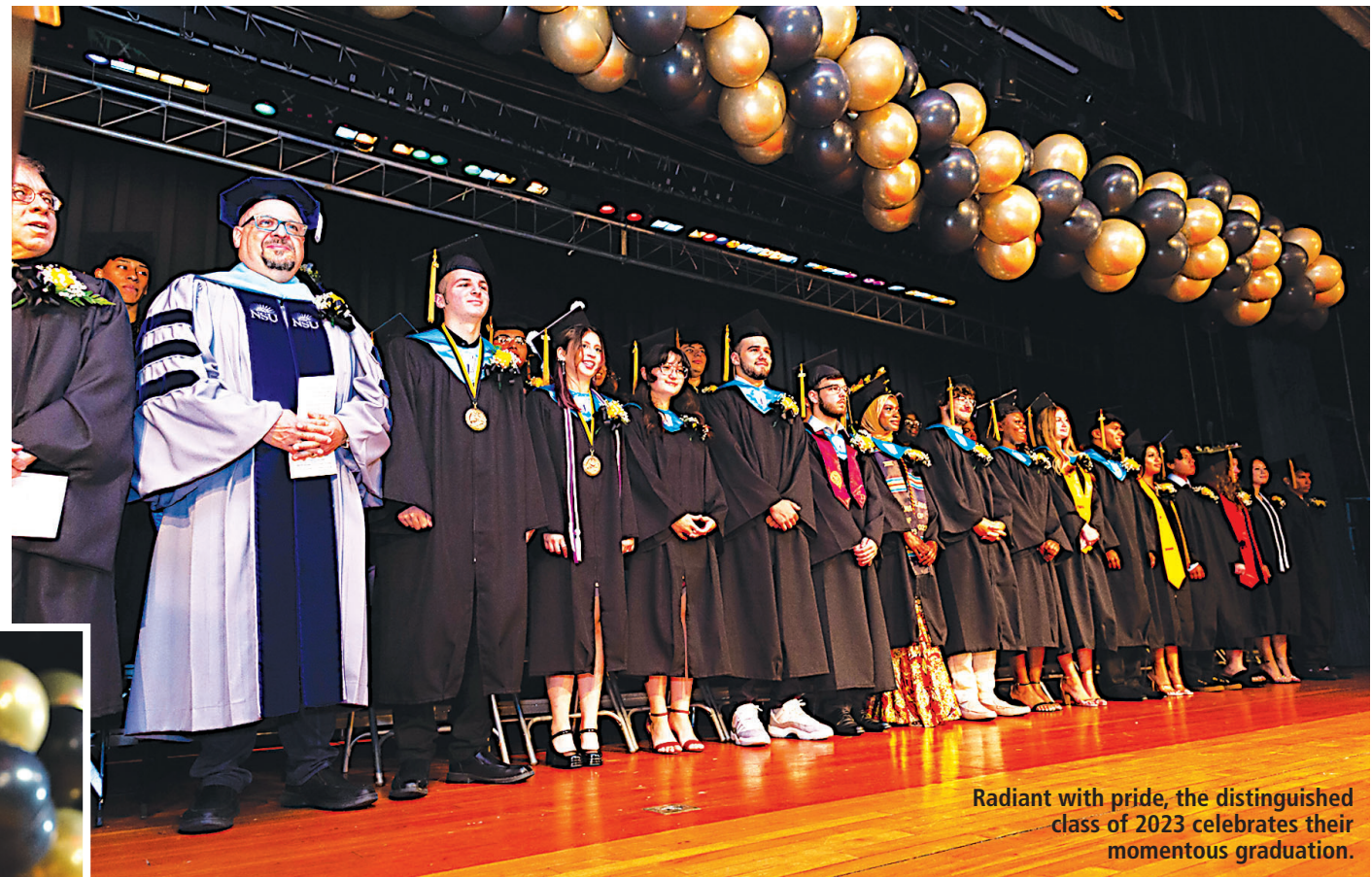
The Fallsburg Central School District bid a heartfelt farewell to the graduating class 2023. This momentous occasion united students, faculty, and families in a joyous event filled with pride, reflection, and optimism for what lies ahead.

Amidst the challenges faced, such as the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the graduates showcased remarkable resilience. Despite the difficulties of remote learning and other obstacles, these students persevered and demonstrat-

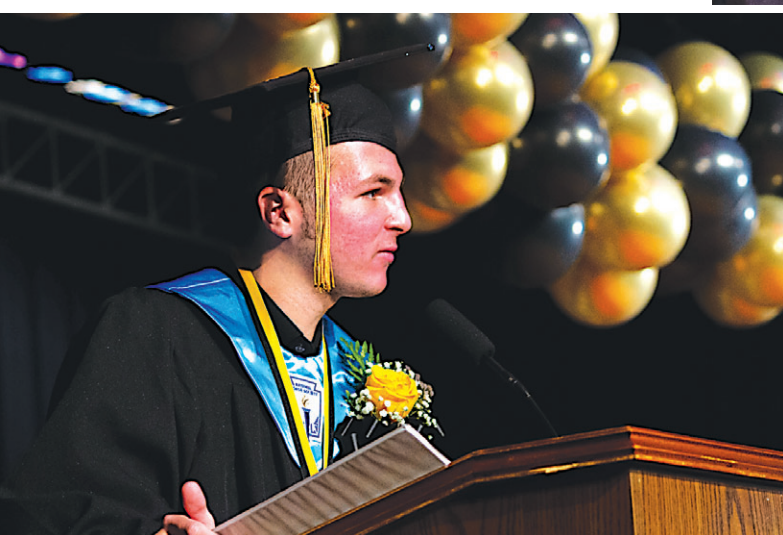
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tion. With their education and experiences, these graduates are now prepared to leave a lasting impression on the world. They are poised to make a difference and leave their mark, ready to tackle new challenges and contribute meaningfully to society.

Samantha Medina Garzon, Fallsburg's Salutatorian who will be attending Ithaca College in the fall, told her fellow graduates, "With your help, we have risen to meet high expectations and manage to find our way through unpredictable global catastrophes and economic hardships. Success is not merely a des-



Radiant with pride, the distinguished class of 2023 celebrates their momentous graduation.



Nicholas Muscia, Fallsburg's Valedictorian



Samantha Medina Garzon, Fallsburg's Salutatorian

tinuation but a journey of growth and self-discovery and resilience."

Nicholas Muscia, Fallsburg's Valedictorian who will be attending SUNY Oneonta, said to those in attendance, "Being able to stand here and graduate with such remarkable individuals as you make me feel blessed. Thank you for teaching me and pushing me to be a better person. Thank you for laughing with me. And that at times, I have grown up with all of you, and I understand why everyone can see such potential in you. We've experienced so much through our years together."

Genesis Zelaya,

Fallsburg Class President for 2023, told her fellow graduates, "I didn't feel like this day would ever come. But here we are. This is a very exciting time as we begin to ascertain the dreams we have before us. We all have accumulated many shared memories with each other. We all sat in the same classroom day after day with each other. And we've all leaned on each other for support, and the past has passed, and these memories will all be stories we will share with others in the future."

When Fallsburg Central School District's Superintendent, Dr. Ivan Katz, stood before the graduating class of 2023, he said, "Graduation is a very special day. As it may, it marks a significant and notable accomplishment for our students, especially with how much they've had to overcome these last few years. I know that everyone present today is exception-



From the left, the Howard T. Scholefield Citizenship Award, Class advisor Elisa Baum, graduate Luke Oefelein, graduate Bintou Darboe, and class advisor Isabel Meija-Corley.

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At left: Graduate Ryan Zempoalcatl with Fallsburg Central School District Board of Education President Mike Weiner and Fallsburg Central School District's Superintendent, Dr. Ivan Katz.

Top left: Exuding joy, graduates beam with delight upon receiving their well-deserved diplomas.

Above: The Fallsburg class of 2023 strides forward, eager to turn their tassels and go into the future!

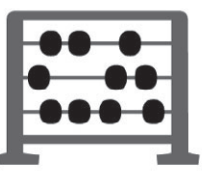
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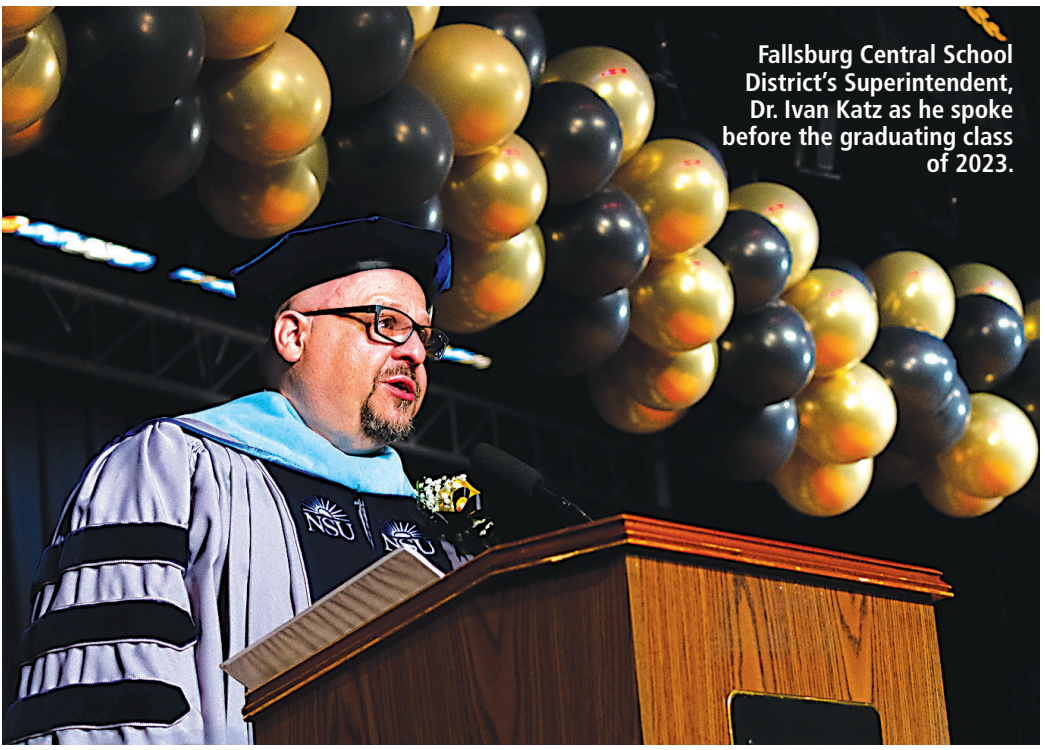
FALLSBURG HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Valedictorian - **Nicholas Muscia**
Salutatorian - **Samantha Medina Garzon**
Maria Alas: Business Award
Mikalah Ballard: Kiwanis Club Scholarship
Yuna Bennett: Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship, Fallsburg ART Scholarship, New York State Award For Academic Excellence
Kayalah Brewster: Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship
Aisha Darboe: Edward Bryan Memorial Scholarship, Fallsburg Alumni Award, The Michael Lorino Perfect Attendance Award; Art Award, Instrumental Music
Bintou Darboe: Fallsburg Alumni Award, Citizenship Award
Hunter Doty: The Fallsburg Alumni Award in Honor of Jack Leshner, SUNY Sullivan Presidential Scholars Program; Boys Physical Education Award
Isabella Frunzi: Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievement Award, Fallsburg Fire Department and Rescue Squad Scholarship, Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship, Fallsburg Alumni Award, Elissa Lippen/Matthew Helm Memorial Scholarship, Samuel Beytin - Eugene Feldman - Trudy Kapito, Gussie Kasofsky - Arthur Townsend - Abe Wasserman, Sandra Williams SGA Memorial Scholarship
Edwar Garcia Ponce: The Young Entrepreneurs Club Scholarship
Carla Granados: Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship, The Coach Mike Weiner Scholarship, Kiwanis Club Scholarship, Fallsburg Fire Department and Rescue Squad Scholarship, Brian Ingber Memorial Foundation, Inc Achievement Award
Stephanie Granados: The Jocelyn Levner-Nissenbaum Memorial Scholarship
Jasmine Jackson: Samuel Beytin - Eugene Feldman - Trudy Kapito, Gussie Kasofsky - Arthur Townsend - Abe Wasserman, Sandra Williams SGA Memorial Scholarship
Sierra Kaplan: Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievement Award, Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship, Monticello Rotary Service Award, Kiwanis Club Scholarship, Brian Ingber Memorial Foundation, Inc Achievement Award, Mel Mednick Memorial Scholarship, John and Deb Rath Health Services Scholarship, Liberty Rotary Club Scholarship, Rock Hill Volunteer Ambulance Corps Scholarship
Najuwa Ladan: Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievement Award, Monticello Rotary Service Award, Marion and Phil Salon Memorial Scholarship, Kiwanis Club Scholarship, Fallsburg Fire Department and Rescue Squad Scholarship, Candy Gold Memorial Scholarship, Grace Johansen Memorial Scholarship, SUNY Sullivan Presidential Scholars Program, New York State Award For Academic Excellence
Laura Marquez Vasquez: Blossom Cohen Scholarship, Timothy Hill Memorial Scholarship, Triple C Award
Samantha Medina Garzon: Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievement Award, Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship, Fallsburg Alumni Award, New York State Award For Academic Excellence, Eugene Feldman, Sandra Williams Award for Excellence in English, The Jack Leshner-Trudy Kapito, Award for Excellence in Social Studies, Salutatorian Award
Edwin Morales Jr: SUNY Sullivan Presidential Scholars Program
Amanda Murtagh: Young Entrepreneurs Club Scholarship
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Luke Oefelein: Citizenship Award
Allison Perna: The Robynne Anderman Memorial Scholarship; Girls Physical Education Award
Michael Razumoski: Triple C Award
Andrew Rein Jr: Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship
Cassandra Rose: Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship; Vocal Award

Cyriah Russell: Monticello Rotary Service Award, Esthyr Mintz-Flanagan Scholarship, Nancy Solomon Scholarship, Sheryl Kalter Memorial Scholarship, Fallsburg ART Scholarship, Elissa Lippen/Matthew Helm Memorial Scholarship
Iyanna Smith: The Celia M. and Harry A. Dill Memorial Scholarship
Michael Storms: Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship, Kiwanis Club Scholarship



The Fallsburg class of 2023 strides forward, enveloped by resounding cheers from their loved ones and the supportive faculty.



Fallsburg Central School District's Superintendent, Dr. Ivan Katz as he spoke before the graduating class of 2023.



Graduate Yuna Bennett with Fallsburg Central School District's Superintendent, Dr. Ivan Katz

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Honesdale celebrates 160 graduates from the 148th senior class

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY ALEX KIELAR

“Well this is the end and we made it. Not a final one of course, but a conclusion of this chapter of our lives. We have experienced many peaks and valleys which have shaped us into who we are today.”

Those are the words voiced by 2023 Class President Anna Coar as she congratulated her fellow classmates of Honesdale High School’s (HHS) 148th graduating class before they crossed the stage to receive their diplomas on Saturday morning, June 10.

She fought through tears as she thanked everyone, most importantly her grandfather, who is no longer with us.

“You may not be with me here today,” she said. “But you will always be my biggest inspiration.”

Family and friends were buzzing with excitement in the newly-renovated high school auditorium, which held the graduation ceremony for the first time in 30 years. For several years prior, not including 2020, the Honesdale graduation had been held in the Wayne Highlands Middle School gymnasium.

Taking the final steps of their high school careers and stepping into the future were 160 graduates.

The HHS choir and HHS wind ensemble performed the Star Spangled Banner following the Pledge of Allegiance to begin the ceremony. The wind ensemble also

performed two instrumental selections “Lean on Me” and “Oh, The Places You’ll Go” throughout the ceremony.

Salutatorian Amaya Yarrish delivered her Salutatory speech as she reminded her classmates to take in each moment as it comes and not think too far ahead. She opened her speech by telling everyone in the auditorium to look to their left and to their right, and said “This is your present moment.”

“Do not dream of the future because the future is not yet born,” Yarrish said. “Concentrate on the present moment and live in the pres-



Beltran Castrejon Herrero approaches the stage with a smile as the Class of 2023 graduates enter the auditorium.



Salutatorian Amaya Yarrish smiles at Board of Education member Mr. James Rutherford as he presents her with her diploma.

ent wisely and earnestly.”

“It is remarkable how detached we become from the cyclicity of life and the beauty that can be seen everywhere we look,” Yarrish said later in her speech.

In her speech, Valedictorian Jessica Aguasin reminded her fellow graduates that it’s okay if you don’t know what you want to do or what you want to be in life.

“Life is not about knowing,” she said. “It is about discovery and learning about the world, about the people around us and about

ourselves. Life is a constant and endless pursuit of knowledge. It is a continuous journey for which we can find our purpose. It is okay to live life simply to live and find happiness.”

The second musical presentation, performed by the HHS Chamber Choir, was “Thank You for the Music” from Mamma Mia!

Over 200 academic and athletic awards and scholarships were granted to students in the Class of 2023.

High school Principal Dr. Peter Jordan and Assistant

Principal Patrick Blaskiewicz honored a Class of 2023 student that is no longer with us. Timothy Howey was tragically killed in an accident in July 2021 before his junior year. His mother, Melinda Schwartz and his step father, Adam Schwartz, were awarded with Timothy’s posthumous diploma.

Following the commencement ceremony, graduates gathered in the high school gymnasium and outside the front doors of the high school for photos with family members and friends.

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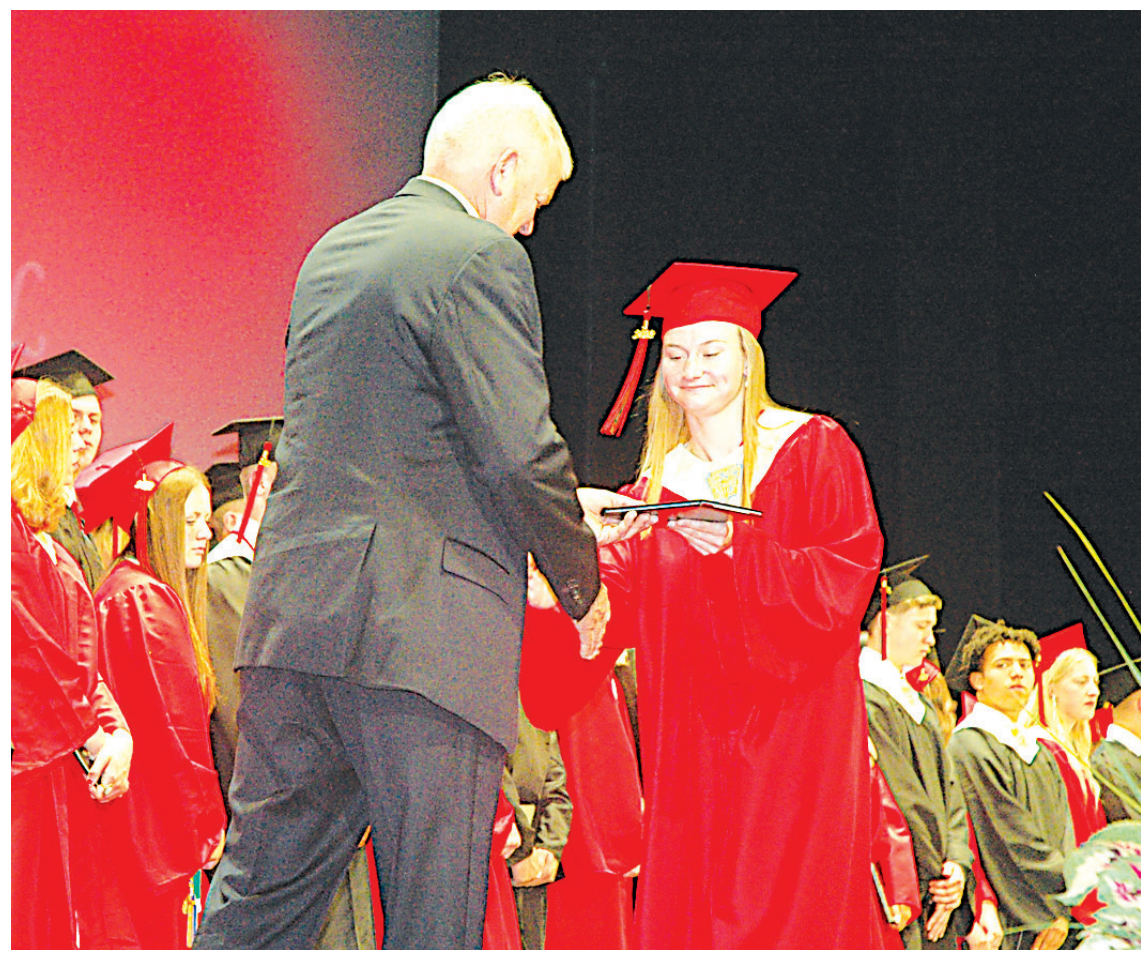
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Valedictorian Jessieca Aguasín spoke to the large crowd in the auditorium before receiving her high school diploma.



At right: Kate Dowling joyfully sees her high school diploma from Board of Education member David Stanton.

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 Northeast Barbershop Chorus Scholarship: **Emma Agis**
 Dave Olver Memorial Wrestling Scholarship: **Timothy Martin**
 Dr. William J. Perkins Scholarship - Cold Spring Chapel & Christian Society: **Madison O'Brien**
 Pike Wayne Chapter #462 Trout Unlimited Scholarship: **Emma Matlaga**
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 The Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains R.E.S.C.U.E. Benjamin Stone Scholarship: **Aidan LaTourette**
 Michael Reynolds Memorial Scholarship: **Rochelle Keast**
 Rudy Schemitz Scholarship: **John Kauffman**
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 Anna R. and Walter Schayer Scholarship - Salutatorian: **Amaya Yarrish**
 Judith Newman Silberlicht Memorial Scholarship Honesdale/Hawley

Bridge Club: **Maggie Yerkes**
 George Stanton Memorial Outstanding Career Wrestler Award: **Timothy Martin**
 Student Council Good Citizenship Award: **Joseph Curreri**
 Keith Sutton Boys Basketball Award: **Nathan Hugaboom**
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 Brigadier General Richard J. Tallman and Evelyn Phillips Tallman Memorial Scholarship: **Aidan LaTourette**
 Technology Education Golden Mallet Award: **Grant Pratt**
 Marie Tenk Memorial Scholarship: **Ivy Brinkerhoff**
 Town and Country Energy Corporation Award: **Madison Roberts**
 Bonnie Tyrrell Memorial Scholarship: **Ella Miller**
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 Robert Diehl Memorial Scholarship: **Isaac Carmody**
 David Dulay Memorial Scholarship: **John Kauffman**
 Paul Edwards Scholarship: **Jessica Moira Aguasin, Anna Coar,**

Rachael Collins
 Jim Willow Fall Music Festival Scholarship: **Brodie Cole**
 Freedom Lodge #88 Independent Order of Odd Fellows: **Anna Coar**
 Friends of Boys' Basketball Scholarship: **Nathan Hugaboom, Anne Meagher**
 Friends of Soccer Scholarship: **Nathan Hugaboom**
 Honesdale Lion's Club Scholarship: **Chloe Rogers**
 Tony and Sharon Herzog Scholarship: **Maggie Yerkes**
 Aaron Hocker Memorial Scholarship: **Chloe Rogers**
 Jerry "Jake" Hopkins Memorial Scholarship: **Tyler Winters**
 Kelley J. Lalley Memorial Scholarship: **Kole Fries, Trent Gombita**
 John E. & Marjorie L. Marshall Scholarship: **Tyler Winters**
 Pleasant Valley Grange #1074 Scholarship: **Hannah Rybak**
 H. Richard Osborne Integrity Award: **Trent Gombita**
 Luke Rickard Memorial Scholarship: **Karter Kromko**
 John G. and Eleanor P. Rickert Memorial Scholarship: **Kaitlyn Brown**
 Earl R. Riefler Pre-Medical Memorial Scholarship: **Chloe Wolfe**
 James Rowe and Alice Box Memorial Scholarship: **Aidan LaTourette**
 Reed Sandercock Memorial Scholarship: **Madison Meagher**

William Schwarz Memorial Scholarship: **Christian Krasniak**
 Leon Scudder Scholarship: **Trent Decker, Alaina Neu, Davalyn Ursich**
 Inger Bagger and Robert H. Stovall Scholarship: **Brody Dexheimer**
 Marilyn and Jerry Swendsen GGH Engineering Scholarship: **Aidan LaTourette**
 Marilyn and Jerry Swendsen Health Occupations Scholarship: **Nathan Hugaboom**
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 Wayne County Bar Association Scholarship: **Kira Fox**
 Wayne County 4-H & FFA Livestock Scholarship Nebzydoski/White Memorial: **Carley Fries, Charles Moran, Jordyn Noble, Mason Wasman**
 Wayne Highlands Education Association Scholarship: **Sabrina Endriss, Alaina Neu**
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 Julia Yale Weber Scholarship: **Maggie Yerkes**
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 Women's Club of Honesdale Scholarship: **Caroline Klinkiewicz, Aidan LaTourette, Madison Meagher**
 Yarrish Family 12 Varsity Letter Club Award: **Rachael Collins**

STUDENT COUNCIL ATHLETIC AWARDS

Baseball: **Nathan Hugaboom**
 Basketball (Boys): **Karter Kromko**
 Basketball (Girls): **Rachael Collins**
 Cheerleading (Football): **Caroline Klinkiewicz**
 Cheerleading (Basketball): **Anne Meagher**
 Cheerleading (Wrestling): **Madison White**
 Cross Country (Boys): **Gage Dickison**
 Cross Country (Girls): **Kate Dowling**
 Field Hockey: **Alaina Neu**
 Football: **Isaac Carmody**
 Golf: **Jorden Haviland**
 Soccer (Boys): **Nathan Hugaboom**
 Soccer (Girls): **Anna Coar**
 Softball: **Sarah Decker**
 Tennis (Boys): **Jorden Haviland**
 Tennis (Girls): **Alexandra Pinto**
 Track & Field (Boys): **Lakelen LeClere**
 Track & Field (Girls): **Kate Dowling**
 Wrestling: **Bennett Fritz**

STUDENT COUNCIL ACADEMIC AWARDS

Agriculture: **Carley Fries**
 Art: **Veronica Baker**
 Business: **Gopi Patel**
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 Foreign Language (Spanish): **Trinity Kline**
 Foreign Language (Latin): **Chloe Wolfe**
 Mathematics: **Jessica Moira Aguasin**
 Music (Band): **Samuel Messersmith**
 Music (Chorus): **Rochelle Keast**
 National Honor Society: **Madison Breidenstein**
 Physical Education (Boys): **Jacob Millon**
 Physical Education (Girls): **Kate Dowling**
 Science: **Ella Miller**
 Social Studies: **Jonah Legg**
 Vincent Griffis Technology Education Award: **Austin Rachi**
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Rachael Collins, right, offers a celebratory fistbump to her fellow graduates and friends, Matthew Becker, Audrey Rutherford and Jacob Becker as the ceremony concludes.

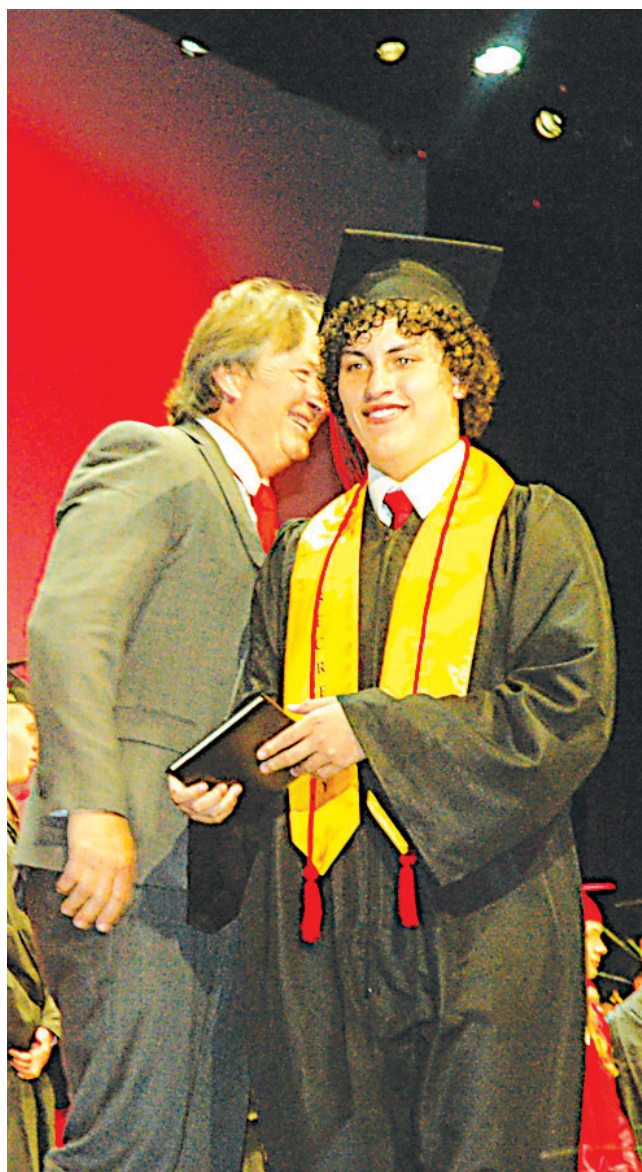


160 Honesdale High School seniors graduated on Saturday, June 10, in the newly-renovated high school auditorium.



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Class of 2023 President Anna Coar wipes away tears during her commencement speech.



Secretary of the Class of 2023, Lucas Agis, walks off stage after receiving his high school diploma.



Caroline Klinkiewicz smiles after receiving her high school diploma.

Thirty Wildcats turn their tassels



Wildcat seniors toss their caps into the air as they are now officially High School Graduates.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY AUTUMN SCHANIL

For most, Graduation Day is big. It's a rite of passage shifting from adolescence to adulthood, and it signals the beginning of a new journey into who we become. It can be both exhilarating and terrifying as students are faced with the decisions and changes that are inevitable as they move towards their future.

Thirty Livingston Manor Wildcats reached that milestone Saturday morning surrounded by peers, faculty, family and friends.

The morning started off a bit rainy with people running from their cars to the

open doors of the school with bouquets of flowers in hand, but the rain was quickly forgotten as smiling graduates waited to officially receive their diplomas, while giving their full attention to each speaker who took the podium.

"Where does most growth come from?" Principal Adam Larson asked while standing before the seniors. "It stems from the lessons that we learn through our failures... and failure is only permanent if you don't learn anything from it. My advice to you, which may be a bit different than the advice you've received over the last 13 years of schooling," he said as he looked to the grad-

uates, "is go out there and fail, and in doing so know that you share the likeness of Abraham Lincoln, Albert Einstein, Stephen King, Bill Gates, Michael Jordan, and many others. They failed numerous times before succeeding. Failure is just a temporary detour on the road."

Mr. Larson was followed by the Salutatory Address, the Concert Band, and Senior Chorus before Demi Budd left her seat to give the Valedictory Address.

"I'm sure most of us are feeling all kinds of emotions right now," she said looking around. "Excitement, sad-

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Kaitlyn Burkey and Anthony Mendoza joined the Concert Band for Bossa Caribe.

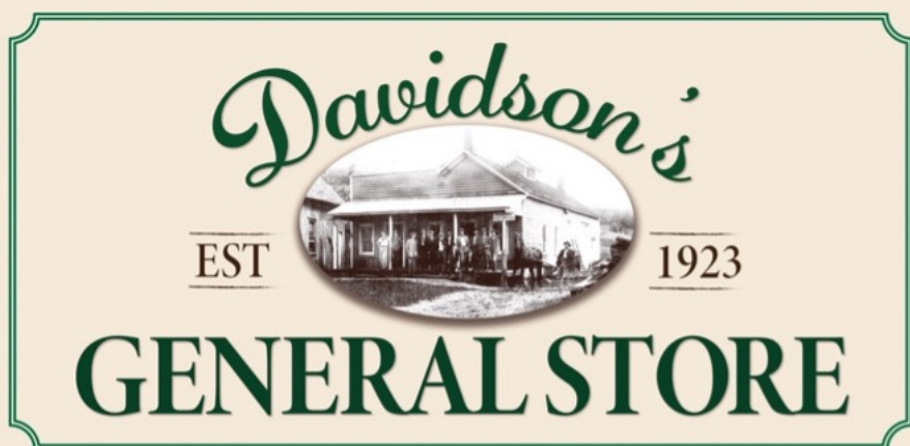


Megan Cristaldi smiles as she accepts her diploma from Board President James Buck.



Alyssa Peck smiles for photos.

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ness, fear, but what's probably most potent is that feeling of what's next, because now we're stepping into the adult world. It does all feel very fast, and everyone was right when they said it would come far quicker than we thought...but your life happens at your own pace, and you alone have control over this timeline and much of what occurs in it," she said

encouragingly. One by one seniors were called forward to receive their diplomas and awards, before finally turning their tassels and tossing their caps in the air to the whistles, shouts, and applause of everyone in the gymnasium. "I am so excited to see where life takes you, and don't worry if it looks different than you thought," said LMCS Class of 2012 graduate Maggi Fitzpatrick.



Stephanie Meade strikes a pose.



The Senior Chorus stood to perform The Alma Mater after Class President Demi Budd sang the Pledge of Allegiance.



Daniel Tolbert steps down to receive his diploma.

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American Legion Award for highest average in Social Studies: **Demi L. Budd**
American Red Cross Life Shares High School Scholarship Program: **Mackenzie Carlson, Nevaeha Jones, Sienna K. Dutcher**
Arlene and Mecky Schwartz Award: **Jocelyn A. Mills**
Art Scholarship Award: **Mia Larizzati**
Audra Sipple-Spath Scholarship: **Edward Lundquist, Demi L. Budd**
Avery Foundation Scholarship Award: **Edward Lundquist, Jenson Ladislav Skalda, Mackenzie Carlson, Mia Larizzati, Nevaeha Jones, Robert Michael Staudt III**
Beaverkill Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution: **Demi L. Budd**
Board of Education Award for the student who ranks 3rd in class standing: **Mia Larizzati**
Board of Education Award for the student who ranks 4th in class standing: **Mackenzie Carlson**
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Creative Arts Scholarship for Dance: **Megan Lynne Cristaldi**
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David Pollack Award for Class Valedictorian: **Demi L. Budd**
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Jamie Lyn Ford Memorial Award: **Nevaeha Jones**
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Robert Staudt III stands proud with diploma in hand.



Class President Demi Budd spoke before her fellow graduates, friends, and family during the Valedictory Address.

Brandon Nunez and Alyssa Peck follow fellow graduates off the stage and out to the hallway as everyone applauds and congrats the class of 2023.



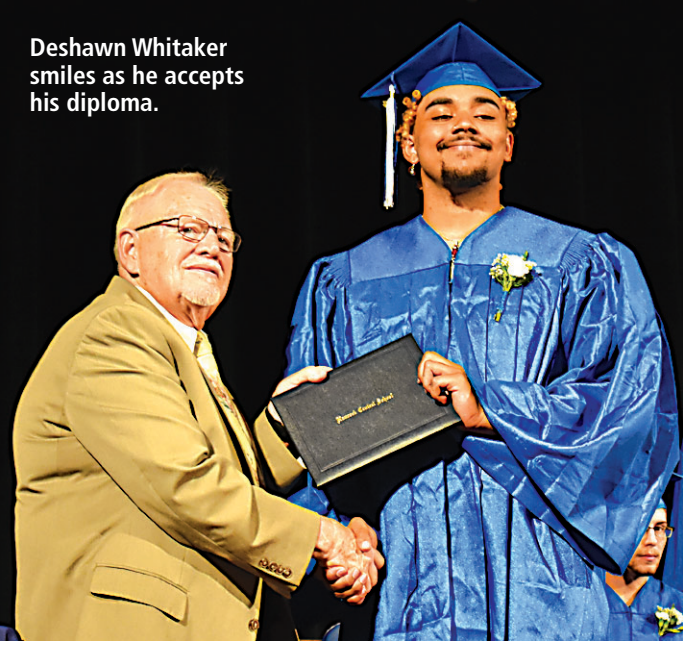
Gabriel Ivory smiles towards the camera as classmates stand to present their class gift.



Hancock graduates 27 on Friday morning



Madison Gerchman-Conklin sings the Alma Mater.



Deshawn Whitaker smiles as he accepts his diploma.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY ANTHONY MORGANO

The day is finally here! After 13 years of primary school, 27 seniors made their way to the stage to celebrate their graduation from Hancock Central School.

The ceremony was moved inside due to the forecasted rain, so the seniors spent the morning getting ready in the library and hanging out before heading to the auditorium to a crowd of faculty, family and friends.

Student Council Co-President Hailey Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance before the band performed the Star Spangled Banner and the school's Alma Mater.

Peyton Johnson, Salutatorian, headed to the podium next to deliver his address, titled The Climb.

He spoke of the parallels between the D/H State Champion baseball team from 2022 and the hard work and dedication that helped find success on both the baseball field and in the classroom.

"Do not focus on the destination, focus on the climb," Johnson said. "Life is a journey, enjoy the climb."

After another performance by the band, it was time for Wynter Stanton to deliver the Valedictory Address, aptly titled "New Beginnings."

She recalled the early days of playing on the playground and the class growing as individuals throughout the years.

"We are all embarking on a new chapter," Stanton said. "Congratulations to us, the Hancock Class of 2023."

Following the address, diplomas were handed out along with the acknowledgement of senior awards.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, attendees were invited to meet the graduates in the gym for photos and to celebrate their momentous achievement.

Above: The Hancock Class of 2023 takes the stage.

At right: Ronnie Ellis and Tyler Allen get together for a photo after receiving their diplomas.

Below: Kaelin Cobb (left) and Sophia Avaschieri-Schaffer are excited to get to the stage.



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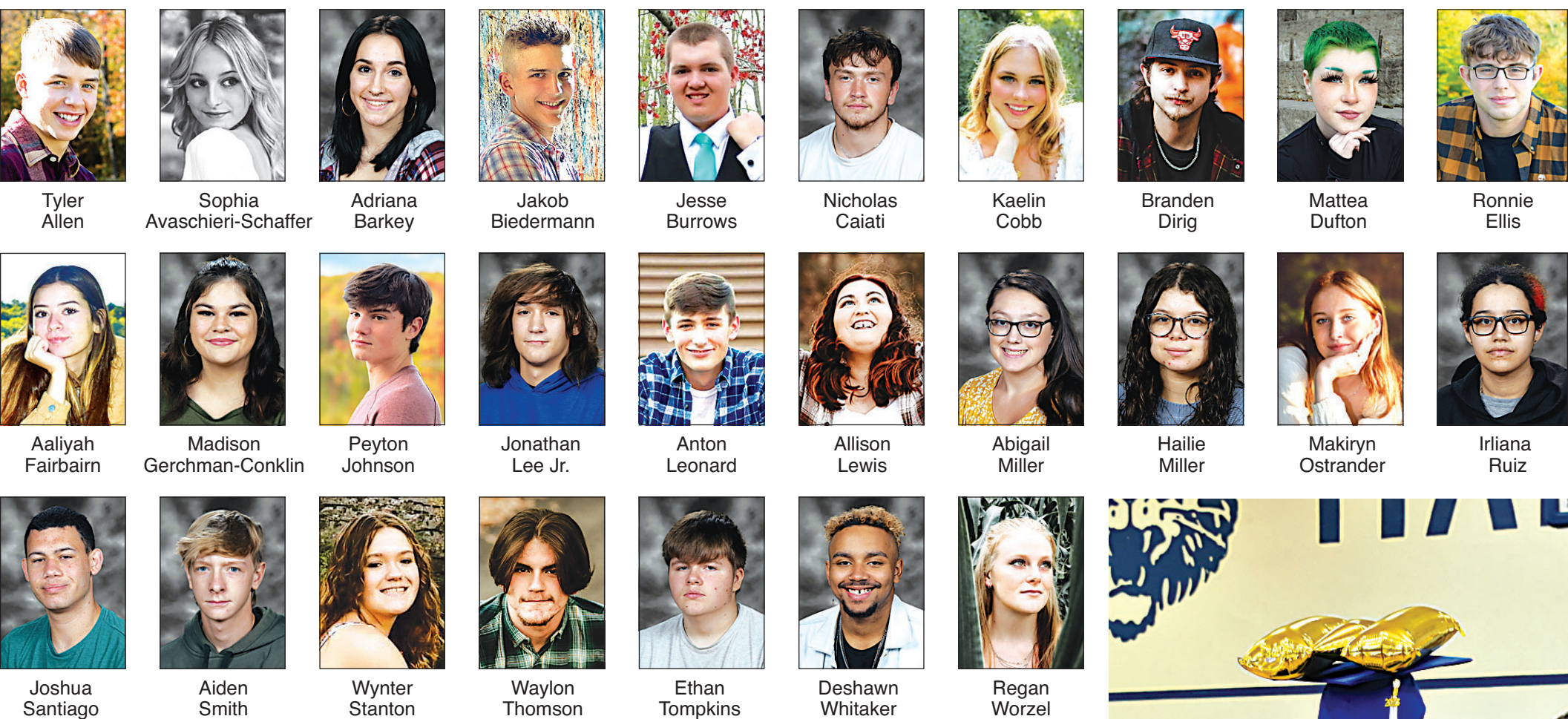
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Anton Leonard shows off some balloons.



Above: Ronnie Ellis is excited to receive his diploma.

Left: Wynter Stanton is this year's Valedictorian.

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Wynter Stanton - The Rob Potter Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$300, the Cameron N. Hall US Navy Scholarship in the amount of \$1000, and the Kate Resti Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1200 for a total of \$2500.

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Payten Gill - The Cameron N. Hall US Navy Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 and the Mark McGraw Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1500.
Brenna Gleim - The Vera Fisher Scholarship for Teaching in the amount of \$1000 and the Cameron N. Hall US Navy Scholarship in the amount of \$1500.
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The 101 graduates of the Liberty Class of 2023 throw their caps in the air as the commencement ceremony concludes.

Liberty graduates 101

STORY AND PHOTOS
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With the rainy weather over graduation weekend, Liberty Central School District moved their 2023 commencement inside the high school gymnasium. Despite not being able to hold it outside on the football field like usual, there was no lack of excitement for the 101 graduates and their family and friends.

After walking into the gymnasium to "Pomp and Circumstance," the crowd was led by Paola Ponce-Agreda-

no and Bryan Bajana Alegria for the Pledge of Allegiance and remained standing as Zeimoni Dansby and Salutatorian Jackson Wolcott came on stage to sing the Star Spangled Banner. Charlyanna Johnson then sang the Liberty Alma Mater before the speakers went up to the microphone.

Grace Hernandez, President of the Class of 2023, highlighted the various challenges the class faced over the past four years in her opening remarks. The biggest challenge they faced, of course, was the pandemic.

"Before we move forward

into that next chapter, I think it is important to take a moment and reflect on where we've been," Hernandez said. "These past four years of high school found us facing many uncertainties, most notably the uncertainties of living through a pandemic. We are the last class to experience high school life pre-COVID, during COVID, and post-COVID."

"We had to learn how to be more flexible, more adaptable and most importantly, we learned to hang in there and stick it out through the

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Valedictorian
Dylan Nichols presents
his valedictory speech.

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Clockwise from above: Salutatorian Jackson Wolcott, right, and Zeimoni Dansby sing the Star Spangled Banner to begin the Liberty Commencement Ceremony.



Grace Wormuth with a big smile as she receives her diploma from Liberty High School Principal Derek Adams.

Andrew Figueroa hugs Liberty police officer Adam Lake after receiving his diploma. Lake is also the Head Coach of the Liberty Varsity Football team.

Grady Parks walks off stage after being presented with his diploma.

Class President Grace Hernandez gives her opening remarks to the Liberty graduating Class of 2023.



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most difficult of times," she continued. "Life at times can and will get dark. No matter how dark it gets or how hopeless we may feel, we know that dark times do not last forever."

Liberty High School Principal Derek Adams opened his speech with a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Liberty junior Javon Islam in May.

"[Javon's] passing will forever impact many of us, including his classmates sitting before me," Adams said.

Adams also talked about the challenges the class faced during the pandemic. He said when they had to move the graduation inside, he was a little disappointed. But also said it was fitting.

"I think it may be fitting for the Class of 2023 to have graduation in this gym as the last class to be recognized as the Liberty Indians," he said.

"This gym represents the history and pride of Liberty as the Indians, and I cannot think of a better class to carry this legacy."

Adams went on to tell the class to strive to reach their dreams and setting goals and planning would lead to that becoming a reality. He also spoke about failure and how it teaches you to keep trying.

"Success is not guaranteed," he said. "Challenges and setbacks are likely. You may have rungs on your ladder that break from time to time. You may also be lucky enough to skip a rung once in a while. Failure will only occur if you stop trying. Failure is part of the learning process. Learning and success are not linear. History shows us that some of the most influential people have struggled greatly."

Salutatorian Jackson Wolcott reminded his fellow classmates to not be sad that

their times in school are over and that, no matter what lies ahead for them, it will forever live in their hearts and memories.

"Our class managed to say what no other class can say," Wolcott said. "We made a legacy here - the legacy of being the last class to graduate as Liberty Indians. We revived so many programs here in Liberty. We revived the athletics as we came back and immediately started getting back into sports. We helped bring back the music and arts. The pandemic was hard, but we made it through."

Valedictorian Dylan Nichols remarked how he is just as nervous and excited about what comes next as the rest of the class.

"I'm no different than you," Nichols said. "In all honesty, I haven't done much special. What I have done, however, is embrace hardship and do my best. Honestly, that's all

that we can do."

For the musical selection, the Liberty High School Band played "Gonna Fly Now", the theme from "Rocky".

After remarks from Superintendent Dr. Patrick Sullivan and Board of Education President John Nichols, the 101 graduates made their way to the stage to accept their diplomas. Once they all received their diplomas, Class President Hernandez led the "shifting" of the tassel before the graduates threw their caps in the air in celebration. The band once again played "Pomp and Circumstance" as the graduates walked out of the gym before meeting their families outside.

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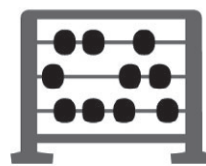
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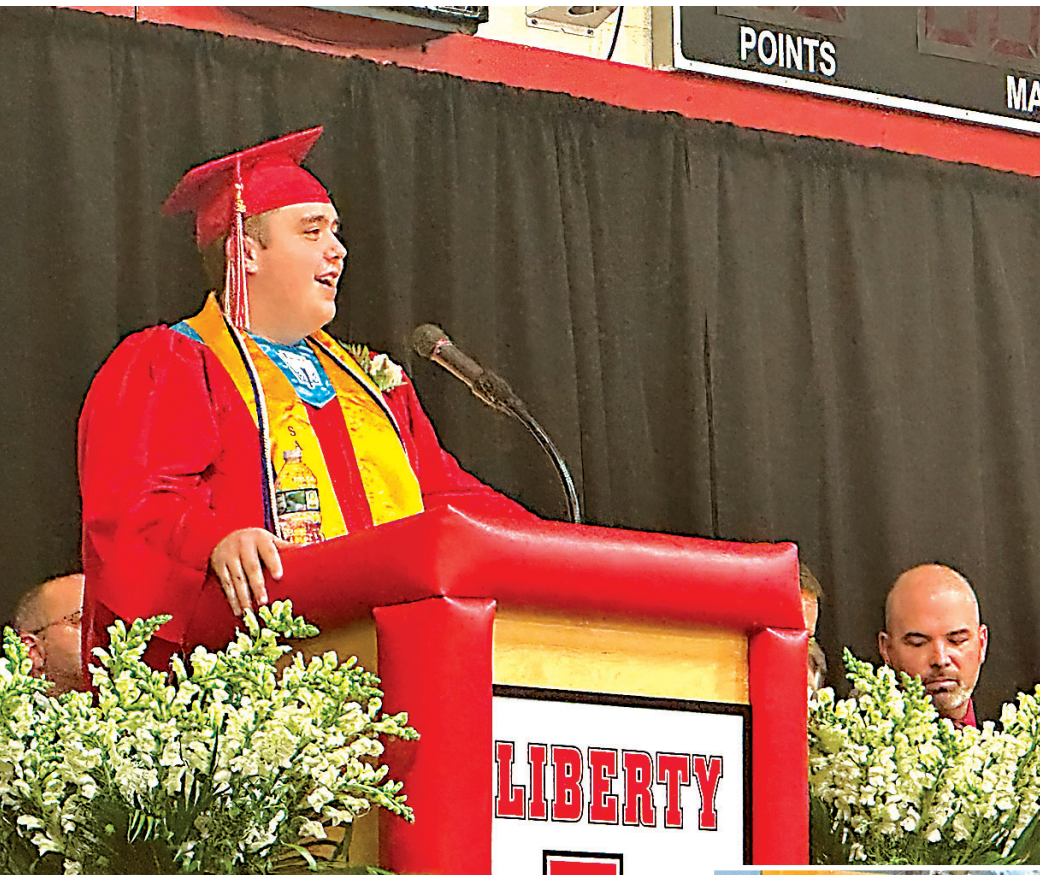
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Liberty High School Principal Derek Adams speaks to the gymnasium full of the 101 graduates and their friends and family.



Above: Jorge Reyes, with his graduation sign in front, stands out in the rain outside Liberty High School following the commencement ceremony.



Salutatorian Jackson Wolcott presents his speech to the Class of 2023.

Below: Jayden Ramsay smiles while holding up a homemade sign after meeting her family outside after the Liberty graduation.



Cousins Ethan Blumenthal and Makayla Day pose for pictures outside after receiving their diplomas inside the high school gymnasium.



Kianna Jackson smiles as she walks off stage with her diploma.



Armando Miguel posing for pictures with his family outside Liberty High School.

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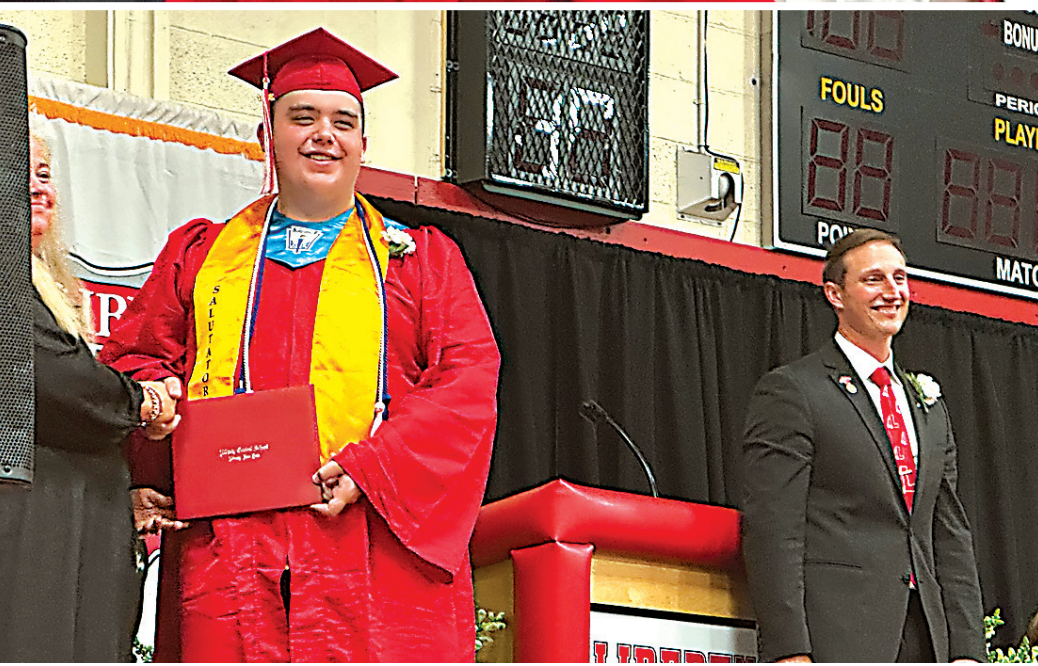
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Above: Graduates of the Class of 2023 walk out of the gymnasium as the ceremony concludes.



At left: Salutatorian Jackson Wolcott proudly accepts his diploma.



Imani Gonzague hugs Liberty Central School District Superintendent Patrick Sullivan before receiving her diploma.



Donnie Godley fistbumps someone while walking out of the high school gymnasium with the rest of the Class of 2023.

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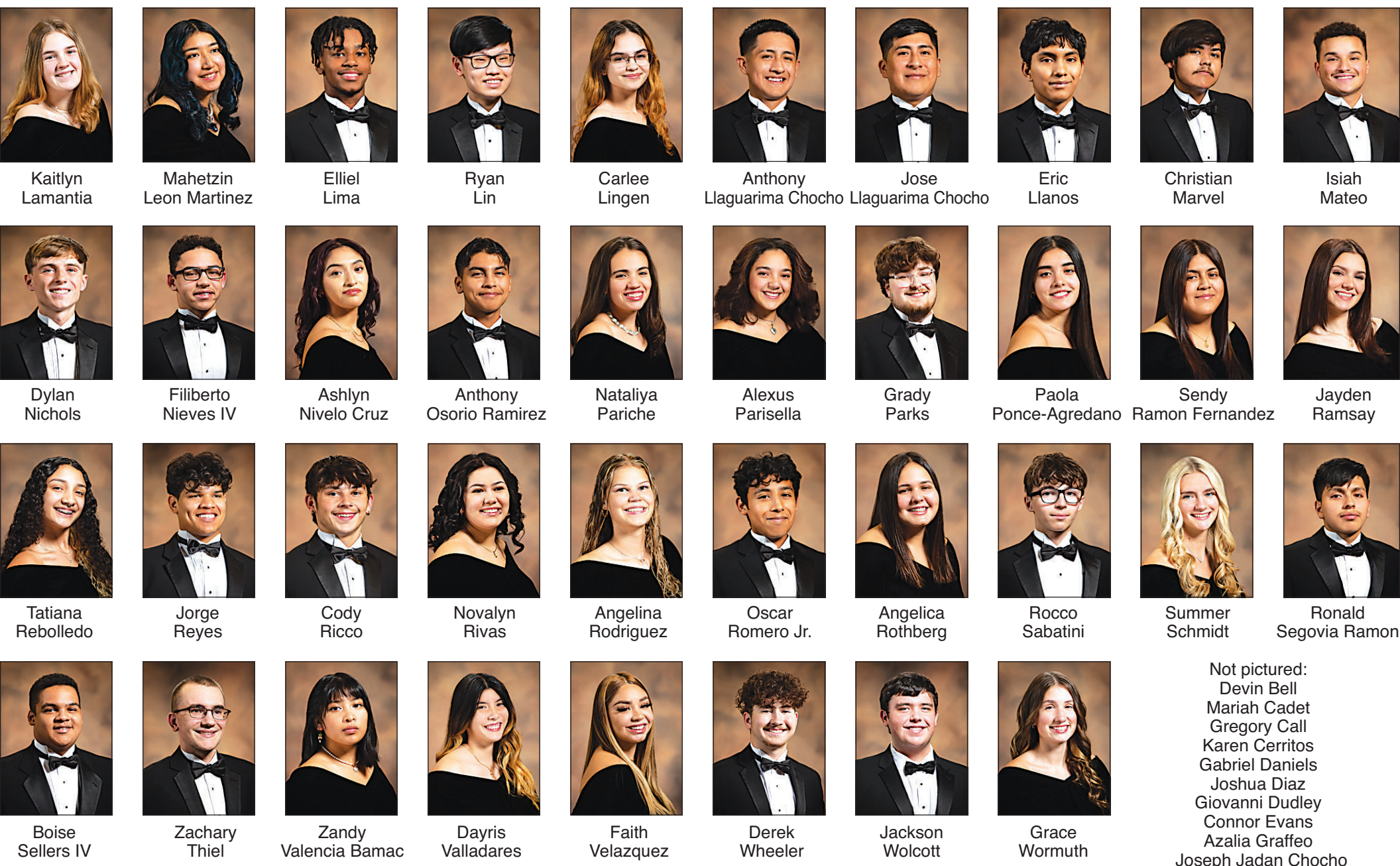
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Tanner Bury takes a selfie with Liberty High School Principal **Derek Adams** after receiving his diploma.



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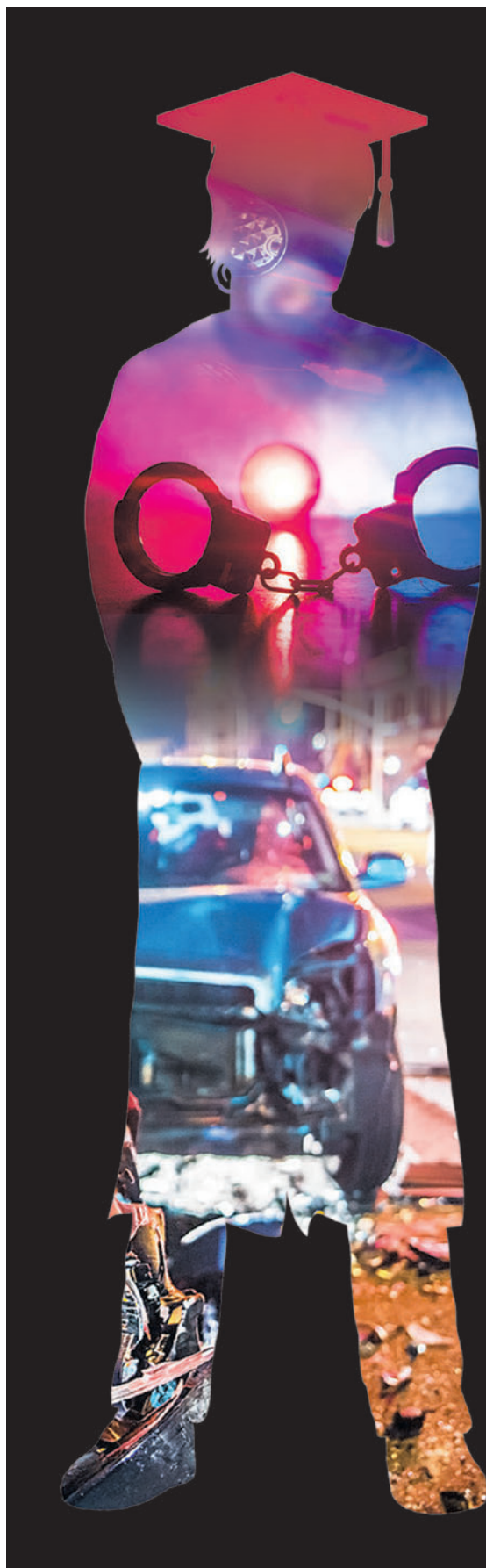
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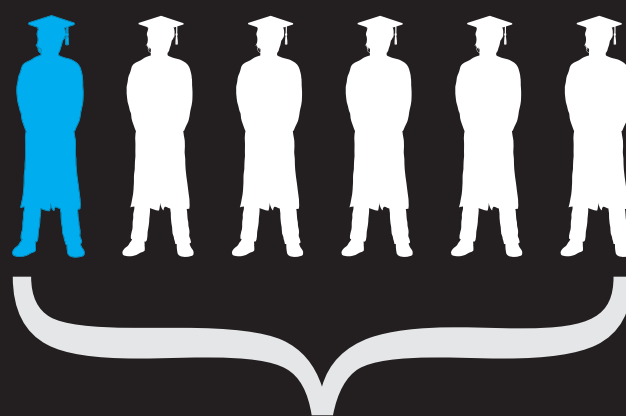
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Salutatorian Anabella Wagner, left, and valedictorian Angela Cordischi



Above: Cameron Sullivan shows off his graduation glasses.

Sullivan West

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At left: Andrew Hubert, Jaymes Buddenhagen, Max Ebert and Dillan Hanslmaier were among the class' athletes.



Above: Jaymes Buddenhagen, Dillan Hanslmaier, Serena Harting and Elanie Herbert joke around before the ceremony.

At left: Members of the senior class chat with Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Bressler before the ceremony.

Congratulations Will!

We love you and are so proud of all you have accomplished. We are even prouder of the person you are. You are one in a million!

We love you, Mom, Dad, and Isabel

We'd like to Congratulate our High School Graduates and wish them well in their College Futures!

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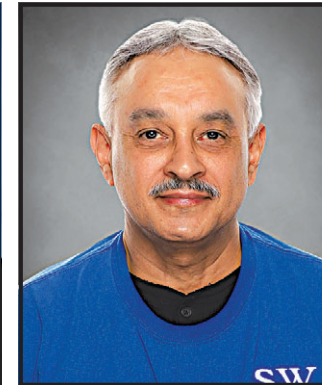
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Sullivan West Graduates 62



Former school board member Sarah Cooper hugs daughter Rose-Lynn Murphy tight as she awards her diploma.

STORY AND PHOTO
BY JEANNE SAGER

nasium with advanced Regents diplomas with honors and another 25 received advanced Regents diplomas. Twenty-one grads were members of the National Honor Society, seven members of the National Technical Honor Society.

Together they'd earned more than a million dollars in scholarship money, 163 scholarships and awards, a string of sports championships, and not one but two Color Wars victories. The teens left a school setting because of COVID and became the first senior class to enjoy a completely normal school year, without alternate schedules, COVID testing or masking, since the Class of 2019.

Through it all, they became what Sullivan West Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Bressler called "survivors of hardships and losses we hope to never know or experience."

"Class of 2023, we are in awe of you," Bressler told them.

Because the group Cordischi learned was one time termed the "class from hell" is one Bressler said "we will miss having ... in our halls."

"Whether it's 2, 20, 200 or 2,000 miles from Sullivan West, feel proud to be on the path that is meant for only you to travel," the top administrator advised the Class of 2023.

High School Principal Mark Plescia, whose son Dominic was among the graduates on the dais in the gym Friday night, advised the class to "find

what makes you happy, what inspires you, and follow that passion. Once you have that, everything else will fall into place.

"Trust in who you wish to be," he added. "Have faith in yourself, knowing you will succeed."

It's a lesson this class of 62 has already demonstrated they understand, rising from a challenging label to become young adults with a host of adventures ahead of them.

And as their valedictorian reminded them, "There were a lot of lasts this year, but tonight also makes room for a lot of firsts — our first day of military service, our first day of college, our first day of professional life, our first day of adulthood. The only difference is, we won't be together, so instead of them being our firsts, they will be your firsts."

PLEASE SEE SULLIVAN WEST, 28G



Colin Kavleski balances on Matthew Gattus' shoulders while Robert Davidson looks on.

When Angela Cordischi transferred into the Sullivan West district in 10th grade, the Class of 2023 valedictorian quickly learned her class had a nickname — the class from hell.

As fellow grad and Salutatorian Anabella Wagner told the crowd assembled for commencement exercises, "we have fought, we have been misbehaved, we have even been called 'a pretty disobedient class' since elementary school."

But, Wagner added, "every day we have been determined to overcome the stereotype placed upon us at a young age."

Friday night, they did just that.

Out of the 62 graduates, six walked out of the gym-



Hannah Abplanalp sends an "I love you" to a friend.

RYAN GABRIEL DAVIS

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--Dr. Seuss

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Oma, Opa,
Michael, Shania,
Haven, Paxton,
Whalen, Jacob,
Sophia, Uncle Bill,
Anne, Monika,
Emma & Jett

Congratulations Elanie

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished! It has been a great ride watching you play soccer, basketball, and softball, as well as all the hard work you put into 4H and the FFA throughout high school. Keep working hard at all that you do. You are a true leader! We know that you will keep reaching your goals and making the world a better place!

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Two \$100 Awards presented by Dick's Auto Sales of Kohlerstown to a senior who has shown proficiency in mechanical skills and pursuing further education in a related field: **Rebecca Dalton & Dominic Plescia**
Fifteen \$200 Achievement Awards from Peck's Market to students, who have demonstrated a high level of participation in school activities, try hard, do the best they are able, and show a positive attitude toward faculty and peers: **Lucy Arzilli, William Chellis, Mikayla Dirie, Maxwell Ebert, Kaylee Feller, Caitlynn Grossman, Dillan Hansmaier, Serena Harting, Elanie Herbert, Andrew Hubert, Mathew Mills, William Nearing, Colin Phelps, Michael Schroeder, & Beth Sykes**
A \$500 Award in memory of Frederick W.V. Schadt, Jr., presented by the Jeff Bank Board of Directors, to a student furthering his/her education in the field of law or criminal justice: **Rodney Wilson**
A \$2,000 Graduation Award in memory of Gertrude Kohler, long-time high school English teacher at Jeffersonville-Youngsville Central School: **Georganne Cardona**
Twenty Awards from the Charles P. and Pauline M. Kautz, Charles Thorwelle Foundation, and Sawyer Foundation: **Hannah Abplanalp, Rebecca Dalton, Matthew Gattus, Robert Kurtz, Lucy Arzilli, Rebecca Brewer, Jaymes Buddenhagen, Robert Davidson, John Greier, Mathew Mills, Rose-Lynn Murphy, Cheyenne Decker, Michael Schroeder, Alexis Yusko, Emily Yusko, Bailey Tesseyman, Beth Sykes, Michael Schroeder, Colin Phelps & William Nearing**
Ten Scholarships totaling \$7,500 from the Western Sullivan United Teachers and School Related Professionals: **Angela Cordischi, Isabella DuBois, Andrew Hubert, Beth Sykes, Anabella Wagner, Jaymes Buddenhagen, Georganne Car-**

dona, Maxwell Ebert, Rose-Lynn Murphy & Paige Muzuruk
A \$3,000 Billy Moran Academic/Athletic Scholarship: **Elanie Herbert**
A \$100 Societas Tertiae Palmae Award given by Laura Mosher – DV Class of 1980: **Anna Bernas**
A \$200 James Brown Memorial Scholarships given by Ronald Bauer to Sullivan West Central School football players: **Jaymes Buddenhagen**
Six \$500 Awards from the Kiwanis Club of Callicoon: **Jaymes Buddenhagen, John Greier, Michael Schroeder, Andrew Hubert, William Nearing, Rebecca Brewer, Mathew Mills & Beth Sykes**
A \$100 Award in memory of Anna M. Todd to a student furthering his/her education in a health-related field presented by the Youngsville Fire Department Auxiliary: **Rae-Lynn Stanton**
Two \$100 Awards in memory of Winifred Boxberger sponsored by the Youngsville Fire Department Auxiliary to a student furthering their education and who has proven to be dependable, reliable, and conscientious in carrying out responsibilities to school and community: **Paige Muzuruk & Makenzie Watson**
A \$1,000 Alan Gerry Beaverkill Foundation Scholarship awarded to a graduating senior who is pursuing postsecondary education, who demonstrates promise to do college-level work, and shows strong leadership skills: **Robert Davidson**
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The Lynne Kraack Memorial Award: **Bailey Tesseyman**
Two \$100 Awards presented by The Liberty Elks Lodge 1545 B.P.O.E to seniors who have demonstrated good citizenship: **Cheyenne Decker, Briana Haass**
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#1, Inc., of Jeffersonville to a senior continuing their education in a vocational or technical area: **Stefano Zinas & Elanie Herbert**
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John Philip Sousa Band Award presented to a senior showing outstanding achievement in band: **Beth Sykes**
A Louis Armstrong Jazz Award: **Cheyenne Decker**
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One High School Vocal Award: **Angela Cordischi**
One \$1393 Katherine & Albert Luchs and Casper & Sadie Egler Memorial Scholarship: **Angela Cordischi**
Seven \$1300 Katherine & Albert Luchs and Casper & Sadie Egler Memorial Scholarship: **Isabella DuBois, Paige Muzuruk, Jillian (Winter) Sager, Briana Haass, Anabella Wagner, Georganne Cardona, & Andrew Hubert**
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A \$500 Kathleen & Elizabeth Ference Memorial Award to a deserving student going into a helping field: **Kimberly Veilla**
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Two \$100 Allan Milk Memorial – VFW Auxiliary #7276 Awards: **Rebecca Brewer & John Greier**
Seven Awards from the Triquart Scholarship Foundation, Inc.: **Hannah Abplanalp, Rebecca Brewer, Cheyenne Decker, John Greier, Rose-Lynn Murphy, Colin Phelps & Bailey Tesseyman**
One \$100 Beaverkill Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution Awards to a senior with the highest average in American History:



Former school board member Lucas Arzilli had the honor of awarding daughter Lucy with her diploma ... and challenging her to a light saber duel!

Angela Cordischi
One \$1,000 Charles and Dorothy Mae Smith Memorial Scholarship: **Rose-Lynn Murphy**
A \$500 Grace Johansen Memorial Foundation Scholarship, sponsored by the River Reporter Newspaper: **Elanie Herbert**
A \$500 Mid-Hudson Chapter of NYS Association of School Business Officials Scholarship: **Isabella DuBois**
A \$500 Rebecca Pisall Kingfisher Award presented by the Kingfisher Project: **Rae-Lyn Stanton**
A \$500 American Youth Soccer Organization Region 647 Scholarship: **Elanie Herbert**
Four \$1,000 Donald Meckle Memorial Scholarships: **Georganne Cardona, Briana Haass, Colin Phelps & Elanie Herbert**
A \$250 JEMS – Jeffersonville Enhance More of Sullivan Award: **Briana Haass**
A \$100 Award given in memory of Herbert and Nellie Persbacker to a senior in the Music Department, donated by the Sullivan County Democrat: **Lucy Arzilli**
A \$150 Award given in memory of Fred Stabbert, Sr., to an outstanding journalism senior, donated by the Sullivan County Democrat: **Rose-**

Lynn Murphy
A \$1,500 annual Scholarship for Academic Excellence presented by the New York State Board of Regents: **Angela Cordischi**
Two four-year \$500 annual Scholarships for Academic Excellence presented by the New York State Board of Regents: **Anabella Wagner & Anna Bernas**
One \$500 Hankins-Fremont Fire Department – Trevor Armbrust Memorial Scholarship: **Colin Phelps**
One \$500 Rebekah Peters Memorial Scholarship: **Anabella Wagner**
A \$1,000 Award in memory of John and Lori Gempler, given by the Finn and Bodenstein Families, presented to a deserving student going into agriculture, science, or medical-related field: **Paige Muzuruk**
Two Awards in memory of Donald "Pop" Hauschild, given by Protection Hose Company #1, Inc. of Jeffersonville, to graduating seniors who are children of a member or are a member of the department: **Xaira Sennett & Stefano Zinas**
Two Jeffersonville Volunteer First Aid Corps Awards to graduating seniors who is a child of a member or is a member of the corps: **Xaira Sennett & Stefano Zinas**

Four \$50 Awards from the Women's Community Club of Cohecton: **Anna Bernas, William Nearing, Briana Haass & Kaylee DiBiase**
One \$500 Sullivan County Farm Bureau Scholarships: **Elanie Herbert**
A \$500 Sullivan West Elementary PTSO Scholarship: **Georganne Cardona**
A \$500 Sullivan County Teachers' Council – Albert Shanker Memorial Scholarship: **Jaymes Buddenhagen**
A \$1,000 Sullivan County Probation Officers Association – Jacob E. Gunther, III Memorial Scholarship: **Bailey Tesseyman**
A \$500 "Patriot Award" given by Legacy of Honor to a student entering the military in Memory of SSG Justin R. Whiting, KIA Mosul, Iraq 1/19/2008: **Mikayla Dirie**
Two \$1,000 Brian Ingber Memorial Foundation Recognition Awards: **Isabella DuBois & Elanie Herbert**
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Congratulations **Anna**

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Love, Mom, Dad & Johnny

Congratulations **Lucia**

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Grandma, Auntie Dawn, Uncle Tom and Aunt Tricia

Congratulations **Jaymes** on your graduation!

There is only one way to succeed in anything...and that is to give it everything."
- VINCE LOMBARDI

We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS, LUCY!

Sullivan West High School Class of 2023

"I may be small, but I've got giant plans to shine as brightly as the sun."
From the Broadway Musical Little Women

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Will

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Lucy Arzilli, left, Cheyenne Decker and Mat Mills all joined the chorus for one last song.



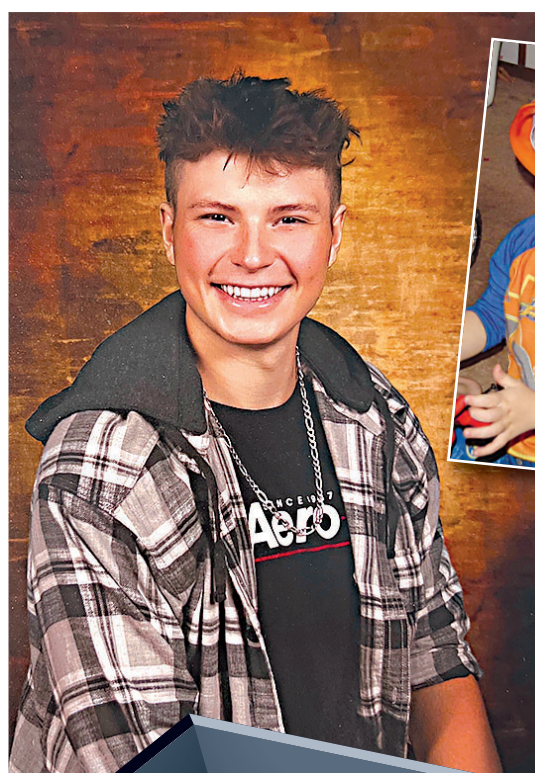
Class advisors Dorothy Grecco, left, and Katelyn Kelly congratulate graduate Winter Sager.

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The Sullivan County Pride Scholarship \$250: **Jillian (Winter) Sager**
The Honorable Louis B. Scheinman Memorial Scholarship Fund: **Colin Phelps**
PLEASE SEE **SULLIVAN WEST**, 30G



We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments you have grown into such a wonderful young man. You are a loving son and brother. Remember don't lose yourself in trying to be the best, find the truest version of yourself and live it!

Love Always,
Dad, Mom, Ashlyn,
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Congratulations **Sarah and Jaymes!**

Love, Grandma and Grandpa

Congratulations **Michael** on a job well done!

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Congratulations **Mikayla**

We are all so proud of you. We wish you the Best of Luck in your Future Endeavors!

Love always,
Mom, Dad,
Bubba, Corey,
Nana, Meeka,
Poppy,
Jay & Danielle,
Aunt Lara,
Uncle Scott,
Aunt Shannon & Uncle Kevin

To Sullivan West Class of 2023,

It has been an honor and a privilege to watch you grow into the incredible young men and women you are today.

I have watched you work hard and dedicate yourselves in the classroom, on the stage, on the field and in all of your extra-curricular activities.

You leave Sullivan West as well rounded individuals ready to take on all of your future adventures. Know that you can accomplish anything you put your mind to thanks to the many lessons you've learned from your teachers and the support you've received from your parents and your whole "family" at Sullivan West.

Congratulations & Best Wishes to each of you as you start a new beginning.

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Mat Mills reacts to a joke in the valedictory address.

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Kaylee Feller fist bumps a classmate.



Jack Greier adjusts his mortarboard while Robert VonGerichten and Dominic Plescia shake hands.



Nathan Coy peeks out of the cafeteria doors.

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Alyssa Martin (center) lines up with Jordan Lopez Sanchez (foreground) and Mat Mills (background).



Lucy Arzilli takes a silly selfie with band director Kristina Verrico.



Decorating your cap is a tradition at Sullivan West, and Caitlynn Grossman shows off her handiwork.



William Nearing and Nate Pereira-Mendoza pose for a selfie.

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Tri-Valley celebrates the great accomplishments of 71 graduates

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Upon arriving in the Tri-Valley Central School parking lot this past rainy Saturday, you were greeted with the sight of hundreds of beaming friends and family members ready to celebrate the school's 71 graduates on their momentous achievement. Tri-Valley students celebrated their graduation inside their auditorium for the second year in a row.

Graduate Anna Streimer welcomed all attendees saying, "As a graduate, I think I speak for all of us when I say this an extremely exciting and nerve-racking day for everyone," and reflected on the many challenges the class of 2023 had to overcome to see it.

Tri-Valley Central School District Superintendent, Erin Long, congratulated the Class of 2023 and imparted some wisdom saying, "Today's ceremony represents the next step to your journey. You have the opportunity to explore, learn, stretch and to experience. This is all yours for the taking." She continued to encourage the graduates to find their passion and continue what they've been taught over 13 years within the halls of Tri-Valley.

While introducing Salutatorian Noah Jucha, his best friends Dayne Wall, and Cole Terwilliger, spoke to his out-

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Graduates throw their mortarboards high into the air in a time-tested tradition after receiving their hard-earned diplomas from Tri-Valley. Grads typically toss their caps skyward, signaling their flight to whatever awaits them. The tradition started in 1912 at the U.S. Naval Academy and soon spread.

BELOW: Valedictorian Thomas Houghtaling and his mother embrace after he receives his diploma.



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outstanding charisma and knowledge stating, "Throughout our whole high school career we were lucky enough to know someone like him, and when we say someone like him we don't mean someone that can teach us anything he asks for, which he most certainly could, we mean the integrity of his character."

Jucha later went on to reminisce on his time on stage with the high school theatre club and how it put him out of his comfort zone, encouraging his classmates that the best experience of your life made be, "just one Google Form away."

Class President Dylan Poley then went on to announce the class of 2023

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School board member Travis Hartman hugs a graduate after presenting their diploma.



Graduates Sierra Mickelson, Adam Furman and Dylan Poley are honored by military personnel for their future service. Sierra will be serving our country in the United States Air Force, Adam will be attending the United States Military Academy West Point and Dylan will be attending Virginia Military Institute (VMI) in Lexington, VA.



Tri-Valley's 2023 Salutatorian is Noah Jucha.



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ABOVE LEFT: Austin Hartman strikes the pose.



ABOVE: Classmates present themselves onstage before the ceremony.

Dylan Poley
U.S. Marine Corps Award for Scholastic Excellence - **Collin Mentnech**
U.S. Marine Corps "Semper Fidelis" Music Award - **Noah Jucha**
U.S. Military Academy at West Point Certificate of Admissions - **Adam Furman**
2022 Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award - **Clare Verbert**
2021 Wilkes University Colonel Emerging Leaders Award - **Adam Furman, Thomas Houghtaling, Kaylee Poppo, Cole Terwilliger**
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President's Academic Achievement Award - **Jesse Payne**
Stephen K. Sullivan Memorial Award - **Michael Lauria**
Trading Post Award - **Louis Bilancione Jr.**

TOP TEN STUDENTS
CLASS OF 2023
Valedictorian - **Thomas Houghtaling**
Salutatorian - **Noah Jucha**
Elena Ruef
Brook Delaney
Sierra Mickelson
Cole Terwilliger
Collin Mentnech
Anna Streimer
Armaan Butler
Austin Hartman

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would be gifting the current and future students an outdoor learning space as their class gift, in hopes to continue the tradition of outdoor learning and create a safe environment to do so.

During the choral presentation, graduates sang "Like an Eagle" by Carl Strommen to honor all family and friends that helped them get to this day.

Class Valedictorian Thomas Houghtaling spoke on his experiences on the school track team and how sometimes failing meant learning. "To stop focusing on what could go wrong in the future and start focusing on what I can do right now."

He continued to explain how stopping to help a person with even the most menial of things can make you a hero, leaving the Class of 2023 with these final words of wisdom, "Every day, we have the chance to impact the lives of those around us. Every small act that we do can have an impact on others."

"Every decision, every choice we make affects those around us. Every time we make a person around us smile or laugh, they are likely to do the same for someone else. In that way, the kindness of just one person, through a small act, is likely to change the lives of thousands of people."



Class of 2023

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

TRI VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL 2023 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

SENIOR CLASS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Valedictorian - **Thomas Houghtaling**
Salutatorian - **Noah Jucha**
Madelene Adams Memorial Scholarship - **Louis Bilancione Jr.**
Madelene Adams Memorial Teaching Scholarship - **Clare Verbert**
Any Make Model Car Club Scholarship - **Louis Bilancione Jr.**
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award - **Armaan Butler**
Matthew R. Bertholf Scholarship - **Vincent Mingo**
Claryville Fire Department Scholarship - **Phailyn Countryman**
Daughters of the American Revolution History Award (Beaverkill Chapter) - **Collin Mentnech**
DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award - **Jacob Lucak**
2022 Elmira College Key Award - **Mackenzie Closs, Brooke Delaney**
FFA Susan Beresick Memorial English Award - **Phailyn Countryman**
FFA Alumni Olan Erath Community Service Award - **Dylan Poley**
FFA James Gorman Leadership Award - **Jacob Lucak**
FFA Alumni Catherine Harth Memorial Scholarship - **Louis Bilancione Jr., Phailyn Countryman**
FFA Alumni Scholarship - **Jacob Lucak**
FFA Alumni Richard Strangeway Perseverance Award - **Keegan Stroop**
FFA Gene Walter Farmer-Athlete Award - **Adam Furman, Jacob Lucak, Dylan Poley**
FFA Senior Watch Recognition - **Louis Bilancione Jr., Adam Furman,**

Jacob Lucak, Dylan Poley, Keegan Stroop
Frost Valley YMCA Scholarship - **Elena Ruef**
Theodore Gordon Fly Fishers Soliar Science Award - **Jacob Lucak, Elena Ruef**
Grahamsville Fire Department & Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship - **Jacob Lucak, Ashley Miller, Elena Ruef**
Iatauro Award (12 Consecutive Seasons) - **Armaan Butler, Gavin Clarke, Mackenzie Closs, Adam Furman, Austin Harman, Thomas Houghtaling, Noah Jucha, Collin Mentnech, Vincent Mingo, Ian Mullen, Dylan Poley, Christopher Russo Jr., Clare Verbert, Daniel Winters**
Brian Ingber Memorial Foundation Annual Recognition Award - **Dylan Poley**
Alan Moss Memorial Theater Scholarship - **Dayne Wall**
National Choral Award - **Collin Mentnech**
National Technical Honor Society - **Alexandra Barnes, Louis Bilancione, Jr., Vincent Mingo, Jocelyn Mungeer, Savannah Rose, Brooke Van Aken**
Neversink EMS Charles Nielsen Scholarship - **Ashley Miller**
Neversink Fire Department Scholarship - **Mackenzie Closs, Dylan Poley**
Neversink Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship - **Brooke Delaney**
Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Scholarship - **Louis Bilancione Jr.**

NYS Attorney General Triple "C" Award - **Armaan Butler, Clare Verbert**
NYS Comptroller's Achievement Award - **Thomas Houghtaling**
NYS Senator Peter Oberacker Youth Leadership Recognition Program - **Armaan Butler, Noah Jucha**
NYSSMA All State Chorus - **Collin Mentnech**
2021 Hugh O'Brian Youth Seminar Participant - **Dylan Poley**
OCIAA Scholar Athlete - **Brooke Delaney, Thomas Houghtaling**
Outstanding Senior in Music - **Collin Mentnech**
Outstanding Theater Senior - **Dayne Wall**
President's Award for Educational Achievement - **Gavin Clarke, Mackenzie Closs, Phailyn Countryman, Brooke Delaney, Owen Mejia-Escalante, Adam Furman, Austin Hartman, Emily Hornbeck, Mark Klein, Matthew Kein, Sierra Mickelson, Jocelyn Mungeer, Vincent Mingo, Jesse Payne, Dylan Poley, Kaylee Poppo, Emily Pollan, Elena Ruef, Christopher Russo Jr., Anna Streimer, Keegan Stroop, Cole Terwilliger, Clare Verbert, Dayne Wall, Daniel Winters**
President's Award for Educational Excellence - **Armaan Butler, Thomas Houghtaling, Noah Jucha, Collin Mentnech**
Principal's Honor Roll/High Honor Roll (all 16 quarters) - **Armaan Butler, Brooke Delaney, Adam Furman, Austin Harman, Emily Hornbeck, Thomas Houghtaling, Noah Jucha, Sierra Mickelson, Elena Ruef, Anna Streimer, Cole Terwilliger**

2022 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal for Science & Math - **Noah Jucha**
2022 Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Award - **Thomas Houghtaling, Elena Ruef**
2021 Rochester Institute of Technology Innovation & Creativity Award - **Brooke Delaney, Noah Jucha**
Rolling V Scholarship - **Ashley Miller**
Mike J. Schulte Scholarship - **Louis Bilancione Jr., Gavin Clarke, Mackenzie Closs, Brooke Delaney, Austin Hartman, Emily Hornbeck, Thomas Houghtaling, Ashley Miller, Dylan Poley, Kaylee Poppo, Elena Ruef, Christopher Russo Jr., Talan Scanna, Keegan Stroop, Cole Terwilliger, Clare Verbert**
Ruth G. Scully Memorial Scholarship - **Clare Verbert**
John Phillip Sousa Band Award - **Armaan Butler**
Standing Ovation Music Award - **Adam Furman, Thomas Houghtaling, Noah Jucha, Mark Klein, Collin Mentnech**
SUNY Sullivan Presidential Scholarship - **Brooke Delaney, Christopher Russo Jr.**
SUNY Sullivan Promise Scholarship - **Anna Klimiuk, Zachary Miller, Dylan Mitchell, Brianna Mulholland, Terri Porter, Adam Turk Jr.**
Thespian Society Outstanding Technical Award - **Collin Mentnech**
Time and the Valleys Museum Scholarship - **Emily Hornbeck**
Tri-Valley Athletic Perseverance Award - **Thomas Houghtaling, Kaylee Poppo**
Tri-Valley Athletic Leadership Award - **Armaan Butler, Emily Hornbeck**
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Achievement Award & Scholarship - **Louis Bilancione Jr., Gavin Clarke, Brooke Delaney, Adam Furman, Austin Hartman, Thomas Houghtaling, Sierra Mickelson, Elena Ruef, Keegan Stroop**
Tri-Valley Outstanding Senior Athlete Award - **Mackenzie Closs, Adam Furman, Austin Hartman**
Tri-Valley Sportsmanship Athlete Award - **Gavin Clarke, Clare Verbert**
Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) Scholarship - **Clare Verbert**
Tri-Valley Volunteerism Award - **Kaitlyn Ackerley, Gavin Clarke, Mackenzie Closs, Phailyn Countryman, Brooke Delaney, Adam Furman, Emily Hornbeck, Thomas Houghtaling, Noah Jucha, Collin Mentnech, Sierra Mickelson, Ashley Miller, Kaitlyn Miller, Dylan Poley, Kaylee Poppo, Christopher Russo Jr., Keegan Stroop, Cole Terwilliger, Clare Verbert, Dayne Wall**
2022 University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Award - **Thomas Houghtaling**
2022 University of Rochester Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Scholarship - **Cole Terwilliger**
2022 University of Rochester George Eastman Kodak Young Leaders Award - **Collin Mentnech**
2022 University of Rochester Xerox Award for Technology - **Armaan Butler**
U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete - **Adam Furman, Kaylee Poppo**
U.S. Army ROTC Scholarship - **Dylan Poley**
U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award - **Emily Hornbeck,**

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Monticello High School's 196 graduates celebrate

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY PATRICIO ROBAYO

The graduation ceremony at Monticello High School for the Class of 2023 was a joyful event brimming with pride, gratitude, and optimism for the future.

During the ceremony, the accomplishments of the graduating class were recognized, and a special tribute was paid to those unable to attend, fostering a moment of contemplation and togetherness.

Despite the obstacles presented by the Covid-19 pandemic and the shift to remote learning, this determined class has overcome these challenges and emerged triumphant. Their unwavering Monti pride and the unwavering support of their devoted friends and

loving families have driven their success.

Dr. Matthew Evans, Monticello Central School District Superintendent, took the stage to share his wishes and offer guidance to the graduating class. He acknowledged the challenges faced during the pandemic, emphasizing the irreplaceable value of in-person relationships and interactions.

"On behalf of the Monticello Central School District and much Monti pride, I wish all of you the best of health and luck in everything you do this moment forward. Congratulations," said Evans.

Senior class speaker Sarah Dye said to her graduating class, "We did it. Those four years are over, and we can breathe now. We've been

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As the sounds of applause from friends and family fill the air, the graduating class of 2023 marches in.



With a radiant smile, graduate Ofelia Huerta walked alongside her fellow graduates.



Senior class speaker, Sarah Dye.



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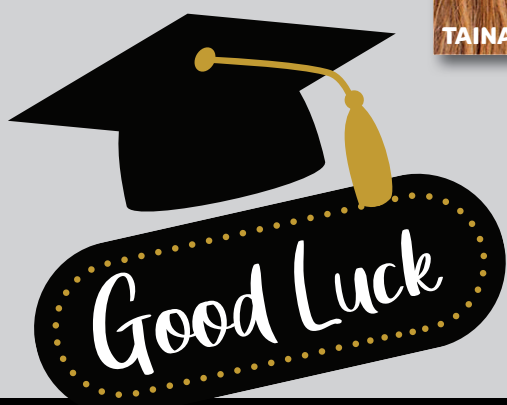
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TO ALL 2023 GRADUATES



The graduating class rejoiced in reaching a significant milestone in their lives as they jubilantly tossed their hats into the air in celebration.



As the senior class speakers took the stage, the members of the class of 2023 attentively listened.

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holding our breath and sitting on the edge of our seats for so long to get here. Now that we are here, let's go back to when our hard work first started: kindergarten. "That's when we all first started hearing about the year 2023. Back then, we all tried to picture ourselves in caps and gowns, but it always seemed so unreal. Today, we're all anxiously waiting to walk across the stage. I'm so proud of every single one of you." Senior class speaker Ashley King will reflect on the individuals who were tragically lost in the devastating

Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings and would have been graduating alongside us this year. "They may not be here physically with us, but they are spiritually; let's make it our mission to not forget them. And let us remember that we have the ability to change this; we have the power to make sure that no more children or families experience this pain again. So, Class of 2023, as we walk across this stage to receive our diplomas, walk in honor of yourselves as well as for those who are not able to today. Let's do this with gratitude and appreciation toward our family, parents, school safety officers,

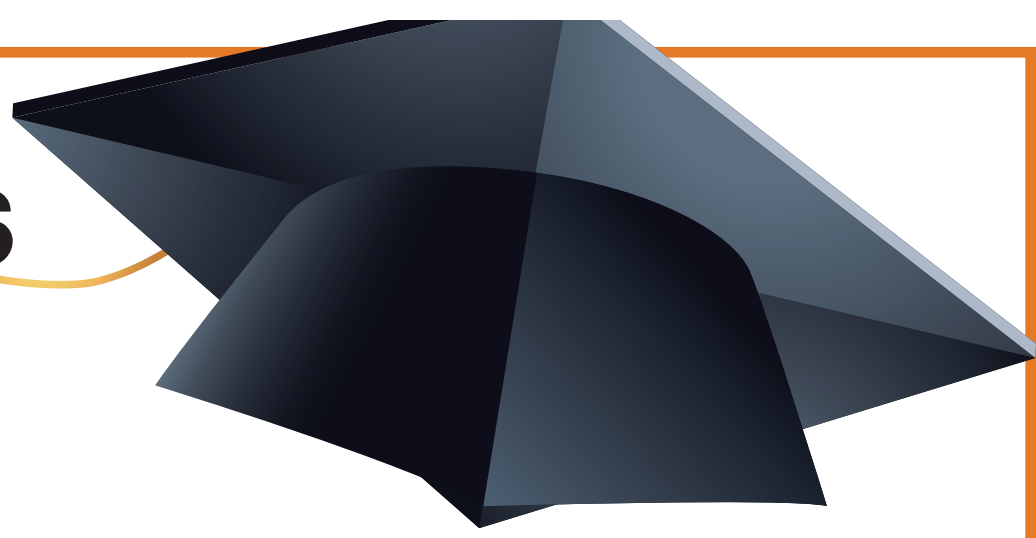
educators, and everyone that has supported us over the years." Senior class speaker Joseph Russo said, "We have worked hard and grinded over these past four years to make it to this day. And now it is our time. I know that because of this pride we carry with us, we all have it in us to be successful in the next stages of our life. Whether that involves college, trade school, the workforce, the military, or anything else our hearts desire. I am beyond proud of all of you graduating here today. And I am beyond proud to call myself a Monticello Panther."

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Senior class speaker Ashley King



During the Monticello graduation ceremony of 2023, the Monticello Chamber singers filled the air with their melodious voices, serenading the graduating class.



Above left to right:
Filled with happiness, graduate Amalia L. Decker was proud to reach this significant milestone in her life.

With a beaming smile, graduate Jacob Thomas Harrington joyfully accepted his diploma.

With a radiant smile, graduate Hector Perez celebrated his accomplishment of graduating from Monticello.



**Congrats
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to the
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Julia Kurthy



Madison Clancy

Congratulations

The Monticello Teachers' Association would like to send a special **Congratulations to Julia Kurthy & Madison Clancy** who are the 2023 recipients of the Monticello Teachers' Association Scholarship.

This award is presented to deserving seniors who have shown tremendous merit throughout high school and who have unlimited potential.

The Monticello Teachers' Association would like to send out congratulations to the two recipients of the Annual Monticello Teachers' Association College Scholarships.

Julia Kurthy and Madison Clancy have shown great character, attentiveness to academics, and tenacity through their high school careers, and we wish them continued success as they enter college and pursue careers. The MTA is extremely proud of the class of 2023 and wishes you a lifetime of success and fulfillment.

Keep reaching for your dreams, while embracing the infinite possibilities which lie before you, and remember that no challenge is too great to overcome. We are proud of the scholarship recipients and proud of the entire class of 2023. Congratulations and all the best to our Monticello Panthers!

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Nicholas Anzuma - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement, Monticello Board of Education Award in Performing Arts, Promise Scholarship
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Michele Mitchell Memorial Scholarship
Corey Bedward - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement, SC BOCES President's Award for Outstanding Excellence
Kevin Bell - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence, Macaulay Honors Merit Scholarship
Bretten Benzenberg - SC BOCES President's Award for Outstanding Excellence
Delaney Booth - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence
Erin Brawley - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement, Monticello Rotary Club Scholarship, The Trust Family Scholarship, SC BOCES President's Award for Outstanding Excellence, Monticello

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Christopher Brush - SC BOCES President's Award for Outstanding Excellence
Shelby Burns - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence, Presidential Merit Scholarship
Dennis Call - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement, SC BOCES President's Award for Outstanding Excellence
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Fabian Clough - Promise Scholarship
Aiden Conklin - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence, Promise Scholarship
David Cooper - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence, Kiwanis Club of Monticello: The Founders Scholarship, Monticello Board of Education Award in Health and Physical Education, Peter H. Cahalan Scholarship, Wendy Levinson Award, Academy of Finance Make a Difference Scholarship
Christian Corces - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement
Jesse Corces - Monticello Board of Education Award in Family and Consumer Sciences
Meg Cruz - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence, Rock Hill Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship, Family Footcare Scholarship, Syracuse University Award of Recognition, Rock Hill Fire Dept. Scholarship
Jesus Cruz Palma - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement
Elijah Cuadrado - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement
Michael Davies - SC BOCES President's Award for Outstanding Achievement Award
Emily Decker - Promise Scholarship
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Monticello Valedictorian Allison Weinstein smiles after receiving her diploma.



Above: With Monti pride beaming on their faces, the graduates looked on attentively as they listened to the speakers at the graduation ceremony.

At left: Christian Koutarow Corces, a graduate, watched as his tassel was switched, symbolizing his significant accomplishment.



Senior class speaker Joseph Russo

Dear Taina,

Today is a day of celebration, not just for you, but for the entire Class of 2023. As your parents, we want to express how immensely proud we are of you. Watching you grow into the incredible young lady you have become has been a privilege and a joy, even though you will always be our baby girl!

Keep chasing after PRs and your dreams with unwavering determination. You have a radiant light within you, and we have no doubt that you will shine brightly as you pursue your goals. May your path be paved with joy, success and unyielding happiness.

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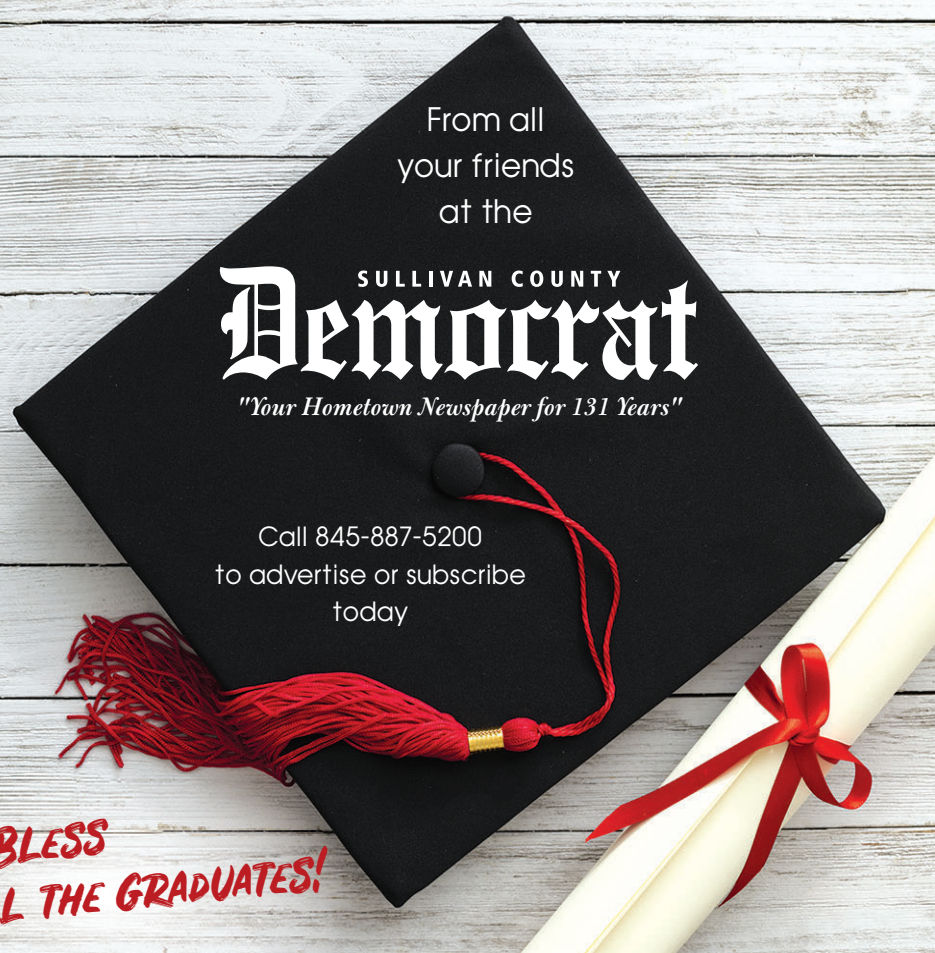
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As you continue on your life's journey please remember to make every day count and always strive to do your best no matter the task. The road called life is filled with bumps, turns and a lot of forks. Choose wisely, act thoughtfully and remember, **ONLY YOU** can make your dreams come true.



Yulissa Maribelle Escobar, a graduate, is prepared to face the future head-on following the receipt of her diploma.



Guiomar Fay Flores da Silva, a recent graduate, beamed with joy upon receiving her diploma.

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Sarah Dye - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence, Montclair State Presidential Scholarship
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Carmen Gonzalez Fuentes - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement
De'Lijah Hadley - Promise Scholarship
Dylan Hardy - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement, Kiwanis Club of Monticello: The Selma and Robert Green Memorial Scholarship
Jacob Harrington - SC BOCES President's Award for Outstanding Excellence
Jason Hernandez - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence, Promise Scholarship
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Peter Ruggiero - Academy of Finance Service Scholarship
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Sarah Willett - President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence, Promise Scholarship
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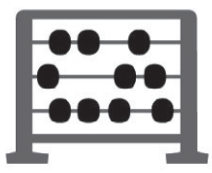


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19 graduate from Rubin Pollack Education Center

Sullivan BOCES held its commencement ceremony on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, for the Rubin Pollack Education Center at the Clubhouse at Villa Roma. Family, teachers, and school administrators honored the nineteen graduates for their educational achievements.

Dr. Robert M. Dufour, District Superintendent at Sullivan BOCES, welcomed guests and opened the ceremony with a story of a little boy attending kindergarten for the first time. The story spoke of how his father was fearful of how his son was going to a strange place without knowing anyone at the school. To do something to help protect his child, the father wrote the saying 'You Can Do the Hard Stuff' on a card and stuffed it in his son's pocket. He told his son that this was his superpower and that if he was ever afraid or wasn't sure if he could do something, to take the card out of his pocket and read it. The boy carried the card in his pocket until he graduated high school. The



Sullivan BOCES District Superintendent Dr. Robert Dufour leaves his remarks for the 19 graduates of the Class of 2023.

boy returned the card to his father at his graduation and thanked him.

Dr. Dufour then handed each graduate a small card that said, 'You Can Do the

Hard Stuff.' He said, "You are stronger than you think, and you can obtain anything you want in life because you can do the hard stuff. Because you've already done it, I

know you are here tonight, graduation. Congratulations!" said Dufour.

Lieutenant Cheryl Crumley from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department was the keynote speaker for the graduation. Lieutenant Crumley congratulated the students and praised them for their success, and spoke of how the obstacles that they have overcome have made them stronger.

"Although the journey has been different for each of you, you have shown your strength and determination, and you showed

up. The most important part of life is showing up," said Crumley. "You have overcome your obstacles and persevered. As you reflect on your high school journey, be proud of how far you have come. Now is the time for you to dream and set new goals. Wherever your future takes you, let it lead you to new and amazing opportunities. Class of 2023 - you've made us proud. Congratulations on a job well done!"

The ceremony's student speaker was Zachary Thiel, a Liberty CSD graduate. Zachary spoke of the past three years he has spent at BOCES and how he learned a great deal and made many friends. He congratulated his classmates and thanked them for always being there for

him. He ended with words of advice for the graduates. "As you go off to college or work, never let anyone walk over you, and keep moving forward," said Thiel.

Anthony Sinacore, Sullivan BOCES Board Member, spoke to the class on behalf of the Sullivan BOCES Board of Education. He congratulated the graduates for their accomplishments and spoke of the changes and challenges the students have had over the past couple of years. Mr. Sinacore expressed his admiration for the students for their ability to adapt and overcome any challenge that was put forth to get them to this milestone in their academic path as they move to the next step in their life. Keep learning.

BOCES 2023 AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- BOCES BOARD AWARD
- Xaira Sennett, Sullivan West CSD
- CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION AWARD
- Zachary Thiel, Liberty CSD
- Adam Turk Jr., Tri-Valley CSD

GENE SMITH SCHOOL TO WORK AWARD

- Armando Miguel, Liberty CSD
- LIBERTY ELKS AWARD
- Xaira Sennett, Sullivan West CSD
- Zachary Thiel, Liberty CSD

LIBERTY ROTARY CLUB AWARD

- Oscar Barerra-Campos, Fallsburg CSD
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OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARD

- Xaira Sennett, Sullivan West CSD

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- Delyla Alger, Roscoe CSD
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Sullivan BOCES Career & Tech Center recognizes 213 graduates

GRAHAMSVILLE — On June 15, the Career & Technical Education Center held its Recognition Ceremony for 213 graduating Career & Tech students at the Tri-Valley Central School District.

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- Felicity Bauernfeind, Sullivan West
- Erin Brawley, Monticello
- ANTONIA KEESLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- Madison Clancy, Monticello
- DANIEL THALMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- Armando Miguel, Liberty
- LIBERTY ELKS CITIZEN SERVICE AWARD
- Louis Bilancione, Jr., Tri-Valley
- Jocelyn Mungeer, Tri-Valley
- LIBERTY ROTARY AWARD
- Sierra Kaplan, Fallsburg

- MEDI-FAIR AWARD
- Jordanna Martinez, Monticello
- SCHMIDT'S WHOLESALE AWARD
- Micaiah William, Monticello
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- Matsuy Gutierrez, Liberty
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- Ashlee Ladenhauf, Roscoe
- SYMANSKI SCHOLARSHIP
- Sheila Smyth, Eldred
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- Madison Ames Shaw, Monticello
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- Madison Clancy, Monticello
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- Carla Granados, Fallsburg
- Stephanie Granados, Fallsburg
- Addison Kidney, Eldred
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- Sheila Smyth, Eldred
- Ava Toledo, Monticello
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- Allison Weinstein, Monticello
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- Patrick Adams, Eldred
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- Alexandra Barnes, Tri-Valley
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- Corey Bedward, Monticello
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Seniors, students, families and friends gathered in the "Coach" Fred Ahart Gymnasium on Friday to celebrate the Class of 2023 and their commencement ceremony.

For many of the students, spending the last 13 years within the walls of RCS has prepared them for this day, and the rest of their lives.

Whether heading to college, the military, the workforce or just taking some time to sit back and reflect on their achievement, the Class of 2023 entered the school for the last time as highschoolers on June 23, before graduating and joining the ranks of Roscoe Alumni.

Meagan McDoal delivered the welcome speech before introducing Salutatorian Kansas Miner who delivered her address.

Miner's speech centered around "Survival," and the adversity that the Class of 2023 underwent. Including, but not limited to, Covid-19, not going on a single field

trip, three different social studies teachers and more.

"Not many other classes can say that they lived through what we have, but we took those adversities and made great memories out of it and became one of the best classes that graced the halls of RCS," Miner said.

After the presentation of awards and music from the RCS band and choir, it was time for Valedictorian Jacqueline Lambe to deliver her speech.

The focal point of Lambe's speech was a combination of three messages to her class. The first was to believe in yourself, the second to embrace your fear and use it to guide you towards new experiences and the final message is to find your individual happiness, even if it doesn't make sense to others.

"The one thing I want you all to remember is that we are all capable. We are capable of blocking out expectations and living for ourselves. We are capable of experiencing new things whether they are scary or not, and we are capable of finding happiness and making our lives beautiful."



The Roscoe Central School Class of 2023.



Roscoe seniors gather in front of the school for photos before the ceremony.



Joseph Park assists his classmate Liam Haering with his cap.



Meagan McDoal pauses before joining her classmates on stage.



The Class of 2023 turns their tassels, signifying their official graduation from Roscoe Central School.



Valedictorian Jacqueline Lambe is surrounded by her family for a photo to commemorate her achievements.



Anthony Teipelke shows off his awards to his row of family members.



ROSCOE CENTRAL SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

ARTHUR V. MAUS MEMORIAL AWARD—Awarded to a senior who is either enrolled in the BOCES Vocational School or Industrial Arts Program at RCS. **Lauren Kirk**

BEAVERKILL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION—Awarded to the senior with the highest average in American History. **Jacqueline Lambe**

BEAVERKILL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION—Awarded to the senior showing exceptional patriotism. **Jacqueline Lambe**

BILLY MCMICHAEL MEMORIAL AWARD—Presented to a student who has attended a career and technical education program for auto mechanics/auto body or construction and plans to pursue further training in one of these fields. **Adam Vandermark**

BLUE & WHITE ATHLETIC CLUB AWARD—Awarded to seniors who have volunteered service in the athletic program. **Ashlee Ladenhauf, Anthony Teipelke**

BRIAN INGBER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION AWARD—Awarded to seniors in Sullivan County that are committed to community service and volunteerism. **Jacqueline Lambe**

CAROL YOUNG HERRMANN ART SCHOLARSHIP—Awarded to a graduate accepted and will be attending an institution of higher learning pursuing a degree in visual, theater or musical arts. **Ava Hesse**

CATHERINE & ALEX PORTZ MEMORIAL MUSIC AWARD—Awarded to a member of the senior class for dedication in the music program. **Liam Haering**

"COACH" FRED AHART CHARACTER AWARD—This award is given to a graduating senior who displays outstanding character. These qualities include leadership, selflessness, dedication, and generosity. **Anthony Teipelke**

DAI DUTCHER MEMORIAL AWARD—Awarded to two deserving members of the senior class who have been most respectful, courteous, and cooperative within the school setting. **Meagan McDoal, Samantha Powell**

DAVID B. ROBINSON MEMORIAL PRIZE—Awarded to a RCS BOCES student who demonstrates superior enthusiasm, interest, and talent in auto body or a vocational field. **Lauren Kirk**

DEE BRZYTTWA MEMORIAL AWARD—Awarded to the student who has demonstrated honesty and integrity and overall good sportsmanship during his/her high school career. **Daniel Aiello, Joseph Park**

DEREK & JUSTIN HAAS MEMORIAL AWARD—Awarded to a senior who has actively participated in school activities and is furthering his or her education. **Ashlee Ladenhauf**

DEREK & JUSTIN HAAS MEMORIAL SPORTS AWARD—Recognizes a senior who participated in sports and is continuing his/her education. **Anthony Teipelke**

DR. LEWIS G. DENMAN MEMORIAL AWARD—Awarded to a senior who plans to continue his/her education in the field of health care. **Liam Haering, Kansas Miner**

DR. ROBERT R. ECKERT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD—Awarded to deserving students who reside in the Town of Colchester and will be continuing their education after high school. **Samantha Powell**

ED WEITMANN BEAVERKILL VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—Awarded to a graduating senior pursuing a college education related to a trade, engineering, first responder, or medicine/nursing. **Kansas Miner**

ELEANOR MARKS MEMORIAL AWARD—Awarded to a graduate who is planning a career in nursing or a science related field. **Kansas Miner**

EVELYN TICE BUTTON MEMORIAL AWARD—Awarded to the highest ranking female senior who will be attending college in the fall. **Jacqueline Lambe**

EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH AWARD—Awarded to the senior who shows excellence in English and Language Arts, will major in some form of the study of the English language in a post-secondary setting or the student with the highest average in English 12. **Jacqueline Lambe**

HONORABLE LOUIS B. SCHEINMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—Awarded to a Sullivan County senior who is an inquisitive student, is community minded and displays compassion and warmth toward others. **Kansas Miner**

JAMES & ELEANOR CAIN SCHOLARSHIP—Awarded to students who exemplify community service. **Jacqueline Lambe, Samantha Powell, Anthony Teipelke**

JAY J WHEELER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—This award is given by the Sullivan County Assessor's Association to a graduating senior from Sullivan County who shows academic potential and will be attending a two or four year college or university. **Kansas Miner**

JOHN AND DEB RATH HEALTH SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP FUND—This fund awards scholarships annually to graduating high school students from New York and New Jersey pursuing a degree in nursing or other allied health services. **Kansas Miner**

JOHN JAY HORTON "HIGH POINT" MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—Awarded to students who share John's qualities of humor, gentleness and kindness. **Kansas Miner, Samantha Powell**

JULIE & DON ALLEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND—Awarded to the female graduate with the highest GPA planning to attend college and major in a business related field or to two seniors who show exemplary community service. **Meagan McDoal**

KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS—Awarded to graduating seniors pursuing a post-secondary education who have demonstrated school/community service activities and experiences that have contributed to them becoming a good citizen. **Liam Haering, Ava Hesse, Ashlee Ladenhauf, Jacqueline Lambe, Meagan McDoal, Kansas Miner, Joseph Park, Samantha Powell, Anthony Teipelke, Adam Vandermark**

KURT T. ROWAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—Awarded to graduating seniors who have played two varsity sports, one of which is basketball; who exhibited leadership on and off the playing field; who by their attitude helped to elevate his/her teammates' play; who maintained an overall academic average for four years of 80% or above; and who will be continuing their education. **Anthony Teipelke**

LAZARE AND CHARLOTTE KAPLAN FOUNDATION GRANT—This grant is awarded to seniors to assist with post-secondary education funding. **Ava Hesse, Jacqueline Lambe, Meagan McDoal, Kansas Miner, Samantha Powell, Anthony Teipelke**

LIBERTY ELKS LODGE CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD—Awarded to a graduate for excellent citizenship and unselfish service to school and community. **Jacqueline Lambe, Joseph Park**

MARY DAY WOMEN OF SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP—Awarded to a female graduate who is furthering her education in a science related field. **Jacqueline Lambe, Kansas Miner**

MICHAEL & ROSE FAILLA MEMORIAL AWARD—Awarded to a senior who has been a positive role model for younger students. **Ashlee Ladenhauf**

MYSTIC ENTERTAINMENT AWARD—Awarded to the senior who has participated in athletics and performed in plays, shows or concerts at RCS. **Liam Haering**

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATE OF MERIT—Awarded to each senior in recognition of his/her achievement by Aileen Gunther, Member of Assembly.

NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S TRIPLE "C" AWARD—This award recognizes the "commitment, character, and courage" of a hard working student. **Jade Baker, Joseph Park**

NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER'S STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD—Awarded to students who show academic promise and potential for leadership through involvement in activities that improve the school and/or community. **Kansas Miner, Anthony Teipelke**

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ACADEMIC AWARD—Awarded to the senior earning the highest grades on Regents Exams that will be attending college in New York. **Jacqueline Lambe, Kansas Miner**

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NYSCOPBA AWARD—Awarded to the child of a NYSCOPBA member who is furthering his/her education. **Ashlee Ladenhauf**

PAUL G. DeVANTIER MEMORIAL AWARD—Awarded to a senior intending to pursue a career in engineering or entering the military. **Daniel Aiello**

PECK'S MARKET ACHIEVEMENT AWARD—Awarded to four students demonstrating positive respect toward fellow students, faculty, community, the environment, and dedicated to quality school involvement. **Lauren Kirk, Meagan McDoal, Samantha Powell, Anthony Teipelke**

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD—Awarded to the senior who best defines the word integrity and explains how it plays a part in their lives and how it will help define their future. **Jacqueline Lambe**

RCS ARTS IN EDUCATION AWARD—Awarded to seniors participating in the "Chair Auction" sponsored by the Roscoe Central School Art Department. **Jade Baker, Samantha Bonilla, Ava Hesse, Lauren Kirk, Ashlee Ladenhauf, Kansas Miner, Megan McDoal**

RCS DRAMA CLUB GRADUATION AWARD—Awarded to a graduating senior having shown dedication and extensive involvement in the RCS Drama Club program. **Liam Haering**

ROSCOE CENTRAL SCHOOL PTA BOOK GRANT AWARD—This award is given to a college bound senior who has written an essay explaining why he/she is deserving of the award and how the PTA has helped support him/her throughout the years at RCS. **Jacqueline Lambe, Joseph Park**

ROSCOE CENTRAL SCHOOL YEARBOOK AWARD—Awarded to the senior(s) who have significantly contributed to the development of the current yearbook. **Lauren Kirk, Adam Vandermark**

ROSCOE DINER PRIZE—Awarded to a student who is continuing his/her education in a business-related field. **Joseph Park**

ROSCOE FREE LIBRARY AWARD—Awarded to an avid reader planning to attend college, trade school or the military. **Russell Hodge Jr.**

ROSCOE-ROCKLAND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORP. AWARD—Awarded to a senior who is active in volunteer activities in the community. **Russell Hodge Jr., Meagan McDoal**

ROSCOE-ROCKLAND FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY PRIZE—Awarded to two seniors (one boy and one girl) who have shown community service, volunteerism and pride in their community. **Jade Baker, Ava Hesse**

ROSCOE-ROCKLAND FIRE COMPANY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD—Awarded to seniors who are active in the fire company or who have done a great deal of community service. **Jade Baker**

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HONOR OF DEBBIE HOLLAND AND MARIE SULLIVAN-SMITH - Presented to a senior(s) who has devoted an extraordinary amount of service to RCS and the Student Government. **Jacqueline Lambe STUDENT GOVERNMENT AWARD IN MEMORY OF DEREK HAAS**- Presented to a senior(s) who demonstrate a caring and friendly disposition toward peers and who strive to raise morale and promote school pride. This award is chosen by the Student Government members. **Ashlee Ladenhauf STUDENT GOVERNMENT AWARD IN HONOR OF MINDY SCHULTE** - Presented to a senior(s) who shows compassion and friendship to others, loves to laugh, is encouraging and uplifting, is a good listener, is respectful, and strives to be the best he or she can be. This award is chosen by the Student Government members. **Liam Haering STUDENT GOVERNMENT AWARD IN HONOR OF OUR FRIENDS: TIMOTHY JOHNSTON AND KURT**

ROWAN - Presented to a senior(s) who exemplify such qualities as leadership, character, a dedication to school and class, and who participates actively in extra-curricular activities. These recipients must also maintain a respectable class standing. This award is chosen by the Student Government members. **Anthony Teipelke SULLIVAN 5 STAR CHAPTER #298, ORDER EASTERN STAR** - Awarded to the senior who demonstrates citizenship, morality, responsibility, unselfishness, and service to school and community. **Meagan McDoal SULLIVAN COUNTY BOCES TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AWARD**- This award is given to a Career and Technical Education student who will be attending college to pursue a degree in education. **Ashlee Ladenhauf SUNY SULLIVAN PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - A full-tuition scholarship awarded to students who have demonstrated academic achievement during high school

and will be attending SUNY Sullivan. **Ashlee Ladenhauf, Samantha Powell SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD**- Awarded to a senior who is recognized for service, good citizenship and is held in positive academic standing. **Kansas Miner THEODORE GORDON FLY FISHING SCIENCE AWARD**-Awarded to a senior who is continuing his/her education in environmental studies in a 2 or 4 year school or who has the highest average in science. **Liam Haering, Kansas Miner THOMAS WALLACE BUTTON MATHEMATICS AWARD** - This award is for the senior who is deemed by the math department to have distinguished themselves by their performance in math during their high school career. **Daniel Aiello TONY BRZYTWA MEMORIAL ACADEMIC AWARD**-Awarded to a senior who has shown the most improvement academically over the last four years. **Samantha Powell TONY BRZYTWA MEMORIAL HUNT-**

ING AWARD-Awarded to a senior who has shown the most interest in hunting. **Adam Vandermark TONY BRZYTWA AND DEE BRZYTWA MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD**-Presented to a senior who is pursuing a medical profession. **Kansas Miner TONY BRZYTWA MEMORIAL SPORTS AWARD**-Awarded to a senior who has shown the most improvement athletically over the last four years. **Daniel Aiello, Ashlee Ladenhauf UNITED CHURCH OF ROSCOE GRADUATION AWARD**-Awarded to two graduating seniors in honor of

their community service donated to the Roscoe Shepard's Food Pantry. **Daniel Aiello, Joseph Park VERLYNN R. HILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**-Awarded to a senior who is a member of the National Honor Society and is pursuing higher education. **Jacqueline Lambe WOMEN'S CLUB OF THE HORTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP**- Awarded to a member of the senior class who expects to continue his/her education. **Samantha Bonilla, Alexis O'Shaughnessy**



Valedictorian Jacqueline Lambe is introduced to the crowd.



Russell Hodge Jr. patiently waits to walk in for graduation.



Samantha Powell delivers the Closing Remarks speech as well as presenting the Class of 2023 gift to the school.

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