

AWARDS CEREMONY 2021



Niskayuna High School

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It is an annual rite of spring at Niskayuna High School to formally recognize and award those students who have distinguished themselves as outstanding scholars, citizens, and athletes.

All members of the faculty, including coaches and advisors, provide the Awards Committee with nominations of those students whom they feel should be considered for an award. The selection process involves weeks of work, and it culminates tonight with this public forum where the recipients are awarded for their efforts. It is a tribute to all of our students that this task is never an easy one.

We regret that parents and providers are not able to attend tonight's ceremony because of the health and safety protocols in effect at this time. But we are delighted that we have the student winners present with us this evening. We look forward to celebrating the many accomplishments of our senior class.

Again, congratulations to everyone.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Rickert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John W. Rickert
Principal

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The Selection Process for Medal of Academic Excellence, Medal of Excellence, and Principal's Medal

Medal of Academic Excellence

- Every senior whose grade point average is in the top 5% of the class will receive a Medal of Academic Excellence unless their record of academic integrity is challenged by a member or members of the faculty and the challenge is upheld by the Awards Committee by two-thirds majority.
- A list of seniors whose grade point average is in the second 5% of the class will be presented to the faculty. Faculty will nominate, with supportive information, names from that list based on the senior's strength of schedule, evidence of intellectual curiosity, inquiry, and academic integrity.
- The Awards Committee will consider each nomination and examine the rigor of the senior's schedule and the other aforementioned criteria. A student from the second 5% of the class may be added to the list of recipients with a two-thirds majority vote of the Awards Committee.
- A final list of recipients is presented to the faculty-at-large for final approval.

Medal of Excellence

- Every senior whose grade point average is 90.0 or higher is eligible **to be considered** for the Medal of Excellence.
- It should be noted that the GPA is only one part of the criteria for a Medal of Excellence.
- The faculty-at-large will nominate students from this list and provide supportive information to the Awards Committee about the unusual contributions, accomplishments, personal qualities, or attributes worthy of this medal.
- A list of those seniors who received support from a teacher or teachers from a minimum of four different departments shall be presented to the Awards Committee for review and discussion.
- A two-thirds majority vote of the Awards Committee is needed for a senior to be awarded the Medal of Excellence.

Principal's Medal

- The faculty-at-large may nominate any senior who has excelled in some way or made unusual or significant contributions to the school or community.
- The Awards Committee shall also nominate seniors based on any or all the information collected via the general awards process.
- The Principal shall have the discretion to add a name to the list of recipients if he or she so chooses.
- A two-thirds majority vote is needed for a senior to be awarded this Medal.
- NOTE: Any senior who has received a Medal of Academic Excellence and /or a Medal of Excellence is not eligible for the Principal's Medal.

THE NISKAYUNA MEDAL OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE is awarded annually to those students in the graduating class who have demonstrated the greatest promise as students, having given real evidence of intellectual curiosity and inquiry, of persistence and thoroughness of effort, and of developed powers of accurate thinking and effective expression. (Selection is made by the Principal, Assistant Principals, Department Directors or Department Designated Teachers, with affirmation of the Faculty-at-Large.)

Presented to:

Tasneem Y. Abdalla	Christine J. Lee	Grace L. Rohde
Jessalyn A. Bonaparte	Mae C. Lynds	Jack L. Schiavo
Thomas S. Choi	Lindsey M. Matthews	Chamyuktha Senthilkumar
Joshua R. Cutting	Suchi S. Mehta	Dayeon Son
Abraham B. Ellenbogen	Peter A. Meshkov	Benjamin A. Tate
Shaima I. Hussaini	J. Leo O'Brien	Joshua J. Wang
Enana E. Jacob	Natalie G. Oliver	Annika M. Waskiewicz
McKenna K. Kelleher	Harini Prabakaran	Jacob B. Yanoff
Kevin Kwon	Ariana S. Rogowski	

THE NISKAYUNA MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE is awarded annually to those students of the graduating class who through devotion to and achievement in their studies, through exemplary character and conduct, and through conscientious effort and significant contributions to the school best exemplify the ideals of the school. (Selection is made by the Principal, Assistant Principals, Department Directors or Department Designated Teachers, Members of the Awards Committee, with affirmation of the Faculty-at-Large.)

Presented to:

Emma L. Anderson	Tajea M. Eugene	Haley R. Neufeld
Rebecca M. Barr	Ava Fallon	J. Leo O'Brien
Cadence C. Brennan	Aidan F. Graham	Gabriella Pizzolo
Meheer Commuri	Enana E. Jacob	Harini Prabakaran
Joshua R. Cutting	Eliana N. Klein	Ritwik Raj
Carly M. Dell	Christine J. Lee	Grace L. Rohde
Gloria E. Doudoukjian	Lindsey M. Matthews	Jack L. Schiavo
Emma K. Edwards	Rohan S. Menon	Jacob B. Yanoff
Abraham B. Ellenbogen	Peter A. Meshkov	Eric Zheng

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD is presented to students who have made unique or unusual contributions to the school or to the community, and who in so doing have demonstrated a genuine desire to make the world in which they live a better place. (Selection is made by the Principal and the Awards Committee.)

Presented to:

Michael G. Barry	Olivia I. Olsen
Abby M. Bell	Fatih Orhan
Corrina A. Blood	Isabella M. Sementilli
Stephanie M. Brownell	Caroline M. Skrebutenas
Orphenus A. Burger	Chase L. Steenburgh
Jenna M. Gresen	Ryan S. Szepek
Suhao J. Huang	Daniel M. Watson
Andrew M. Kosovski	Cooper M. Wilson
Alexander J. Mavian	Marissa A. Wise
Yejin R. Mun	

ALPLAUS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AND LADIES' AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a graduating senior who is a resident of this Fire District and who plans on pursuing a college education. The applicant must also have demonstrated evidence of good citizenship, concern for others, and the willingness to improve the quality of life for all.

Presented to **Ritwik Raj**

THE EDWARD ALSTON SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN WORLD LANGUAGE is awarded annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated an enthusiasm, passion and excellence in his or her study of multiple world languages as displayed by Edward Alston, Director of Foreign Language from 2002-2014

Presented to **Ariana S. Rogowski**

THE NICOLE BREITENBACH NURSING AWARD is presented to a graduating senior who plans on pursuing a career in nursing. The award is named in honor of Nicole Breitenbach, a graduate of the Class of 2015. She is presently a nurse at Troy Samaritan Hospital and is being honored for her outstanding care and compassion for her patients. The award is funded by Mr. Lawrence Lloyd who was a patient of Nicole's and is eternally grateful for the care that he received from Nicole.

Presented to **Mackenzie A. Kirwan**

THE BUSINESS AND EDUCATION SCHOLARS' RECOGNITION PROGRAM honors outstanding achievement by members of the graduating classes in an eleven county area, for their scholarship, leadership, citizenship, and service. As part of the award, the students have the opportunity to recognize a member of the faculty who has inspired them.

Awarded to **Enana E. Jacob** who selected **Mr. Christopher Jennings** and **Kevin Kwon** who selected **Mrs. Meagan Hughes** as faculty members for recognition.

THE CARENET MEDICAL GROUP SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a senior who is planning to attend college. The recipient must be of good character, show academic promise, and demonstrate leadership and concern for women's issues in contemporary society.

Presented to **Selwa Khan**

CLASS OF 1965 SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a graduating senior who, after overcoming adversity or loss, has demonstrated achievement and promise and plans to attend college in the fall.

Presented to **Robert A. Bentley**

CLASS OF 1980 SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a college bound student in the senior class for scholarship, citizenship, and service to the school.

Presented to **Eric Zheng**

CLIFTON PARK LODGE No. 2466, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Scholarship is presented to a graduating senior who has shown outstanding leadership accomplishments in promoting drug prevention awareness in their school or community.

Presented to **Aizza H. Shah**

COLLEGE BOOK AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS

BRANDEIS JUNIOR BOOK AWARD – is presented to a student in the top 10% of the junior class who demonstrates a commitment to civic engagement, community service, political activism, social justice, or volunteer work. The winner is eligible for a \$3,000 award for the first year of studies.

Samantha R. Cazer

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BOOK AWARD, sponsored by Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, is awarded to a **young woman in the junior class** who exhibits an intense intellectual commitment, a self-directed and purposeful vision of her life, and desire to make a meaningful contribution to the world.

Addison C. Evanoff

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is presented to a member of the **junior** class in recognition of his or her academic achievement and outstanding leadership involvement in his or her school and community. Should this student apply, be accepted, and enroll at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York, he or she will qualify for a tuition scholarship valuing up to \$48,000 for four years.

Patrick J. Yang

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARD is presented to a member of the **junior** class in recognition of his or her academic achievement and outstanding leadership involvement in his or her school and community. Should this student apply, be accepted, and enroll at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York, he or she will qualify for a tuition scholarship valuing up to \$60,000 for four years.

Marcus J. Paderon

THE ELMIRA COLLEGE KEY AWARD is presented to junior students in recognition of high scholastic achievement, leadership, citizenship, and participation in extracurricular activities. This award carries a scholarship value of \$20,000 per year for Key Award winners who choose to enroll at Elmira College.

Andrew D. Stiles and Matthew D. Stiles

FREDERICK DOUGLASS AND SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES is designed to recognize and reward the academic achievements of an outstanding **junior** and to emphasize the importance of a broad educational background in preparing students for future careers.

Duncan C. Wall

HARVARD BOOK AWARD is sponsored by Harvard University, a prestigious Ivy League school in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It is presented to a **junior** who "displays excellence in scholarship and high character, combined with achievement in other fields." The winner of this award, through his or her intelligence and variety of achievement, exemplifies Harvard's concern for excellence.

Ryana Sarcar

THE LE MOYNE COLLEGE HEIGHTS AWARD: is presented to a **junior** who will have achieved at least a 90 average in a regents, college preparatory, or honors curriculum; be ranked in the top ten percent of the class; and have scored a minimum of 50 on each of the three subsections on the PSAT. This award provides a Certificate of Recognition and an \$14,750 annual scholarship to Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York.

Baylee G. Fingerhut

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE BOOK AWARD is presented to a **junior** who has achieved an outstanding academic record and who has exhibited qualities of leadership and service in the school and/or community. The recipient of this award is honored with a specially chosen book related to Mount Holyoke, a certificate, and a book plate.

Sophia Boler

NEW YORK STATE CAPITAL DISTRICT SECTION OF THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS presents a Certificate of Merit to two **junior** girls nominated by the math and science faculty and the administration of the high school on the basis of their achievements in math and science as well as their character and desire for a future career in engineering or math and science.

Sophia Barnes and Heather A. Schmidt

RENSSELAER MEDAL (RPI AWARD) is presented to a **junior** who has displayed outstanding achievement in mathematics and science. This \$30,000 per year merit scholarship is guaranteed for four years for each medalist who applies, is accepted, and chooses to enroll at RPI.

Ryana Sarcar

THE ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY COMPUTING MEDAL AND SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a **junior** who has achieved academic distinction, demonstrated leadership in school or community activities, and demonstrated excellence in the field of computing. The recipient is eligible for a \$32,000 scholarship to RIT if he or she is accepted to and enrolls full time at RIT in the fall following his or her high school graduation.

Shivam Gupta

THE ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION & CREATIVITY AWARD PROGRAM is presented to a **junior** boy and girl who has achieved academic distinction, demonstrated leadership in school or community activities, and demonstrated innovative use of technology. Students selected to receive this award are eligible for a \$32,000 scholarship if they are accepted to and enroll full time at RIT in the fall immediately following their high school graduation.

Ryce R. Hazard and Carrie M. Watkins

SMITH COLLEGE BOOK AWARD is presented to a **junior** in the top ten percent of the class who combines academic achievement with leadership and concern for others. In addition to receiving a book as a gift, the recipient of this award will have her application fee waived if she chooses to apply to Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Elizabeth Ward

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD is presented to a **junior** who has displayed a significant commitment to community service. In addition to receiving a book as a gift from St. Lawrence University, the recipients are eligible to receive a \$4,000 merit scholarship if he or she applies and is admitted to St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York.

Kaitlyn Pack

THE STUDENT SAGE RECOGNITION AWARD is presented to outstanding **juniors** who embody the Russell Sage College motto, "To Be, To Know, and To Do." "To Be" because she "makes the classroom exciting for everyone else." "To Know" because she is academically talented. "To Do" because she "puts her knowledge into action." Qualifying nominees are eligible for a scholarship of a minimum of \$15,000 per year toward tuition at Russell Sage College in Troy or Sage College of Albany.

Zoe M. Goodwin, Sara G. Harrow, and A'Yonna D. Hughes

THE WELLS COLLEGE 21st CENTURY LEADERSHIP AWARD represents the highest honor Wells College can bestow upon high school **juniors** who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities in their school and community. The recipients are eligible for a \$40,000 Scholarship for Leaders for four years of study at Wells College in Aurora, New York.

Maya Gerstenbluth and Ella E. Geskey

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

DR. JOHN YOUNGBLOOD MEMORIAL BOOK AWARD is awarded to a student for outstanding achievement and interest in the subject for which he/she won the award. Dr. Youngblood played a key role in the establishment of Niskayuna High School as President of the Board of Education at that time. "His high standards of educational excellence remain a lasting challenge and inspiration to the people of the District."

Art
Business
English
Family and Consumer Sciences
World Language
Mathematics
Music
Science
Social Studies
Technology

Orphenus A. Burger
Lindsey M. Matthews
Natalie G. Oliver
Carly M. Dell
Grace L. Rohde
Suhao J. Huang
Jacob B. Yanoff
Rohan S. Menon
Meheer Commuri
Jack L. Schiavo

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

THE BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT JUNIOR BOOK AWARD is presented to the **junior** business student who has met high standards of performance in his/her business education classes.

Mikaela Tucker

THE BUSINESS AND MARKETING EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION AWARD is presented to a graduating senior(s) who has successfully completed at least a three-unit business sequence. This student has met high standards of performance and exemplifies those personal characteristics necessary to be successful in business today: reliability, self-motivation, conscientiousness, trustworthiness, congeniality and courteousness. This student is a role model for other students.

Marissa A. Wise

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Kevin P. Abatto, Cadence C. Brennan, Carly M. Dell, Sanzio J. DiGesualdo, Marcos Equiza Gasco', Carly A. Gabriele, Etienne Gervasio, Lindsey M. Matthews, Virginia A. Moraga, Marissa A. Wise

Juniors: Kendall L. Amorosi, Ahmed M. Aslam, Christian T. Ciannamea, Paolo P. Coppola, Nicholas M. Dunne, Joseph P. Giannetti, Mario S. Haase, Brody Johnson, Brayden Kehoe, Mandy S. Krug, Laura A. Mason, Ashlyn McPartlon, Colin Meade, Shivani Randive, Vincenzo L. Savona, Skyler L. Smith, Mikaela Tucker, Rachel C. Wheeler, Ryan Wilber

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

JOHN F. HOGAN MEMORIAL BOOK AWARD is presented to the students who best exemplify the qualities of Mr. Hogan, the founder of the Niskayuna High School English Department. These qualities are enthusiasm and respect for learning, curiosity about life, individuality, wit, compassion for others, excellence of character, and breadth of knowledge.

THE SUBBY AWARD is given to the student(s) who have a genuine spark and contagious energy that generates from their love of learning and passion for language, literature, and all things connected to our discipline. Through their actions, these students engage others to grow in their own love of English and thereby display an ever-present passion for all that is captured in the field of English. This award is named in honor of former English teacher T.A. Subramanian.

Joshua R. Cutting

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Senior: Tasneem Y. Abdalla, Emma L. Anderson, Thomas S. Choi, Meheer Commuri, Carly M. Dell, Emma K. Edwards, Abraham B. Ellenbogen, Ava Fallone, Grace M. Geurin, McKenna K. Kelleher, Selwa Khan, Eliana N. Klein, Christine J. Lee, Jesse A. Levine, Mae C. Lynds, Suchi S. Mehta, Natalie G. Oliver, Harini Prabakaran, Ariana S. Rogowski, Chamyuktha Senthilkumar, Caroline M. Skrebutenas, Dayeon Son, Joshua J. Wang, Jacob B. Yanoff

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Juniors: William D. Alcorn, Riley R. Aronowitz, David J. Bogue, Paris A. Bouldin, Tyler Carroll, Samantha I. Castle, Rylee Dayton, Grace L. DiCaprio, Khadia D. Dixon, Layla J. Farnan, Julian A. Franjeh, Kaitlyn R. Murphy, Jenna R. Semione, Winifred M. Wheeler, Jordan H. Zenner

Seniors: Carly M. Dell, Douglas M. Gillooley, Christopher M. Orminski, Celeste V. Whittam

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT INDEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTIA ART SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a student who has put forth exceptional effort into their pursuit of artistic quality. This award was presented by a representative from the 1st National Bank of Scotia at the Art & Design Department's annual awards ceremony June 2, 2021 to:

Mary-Margaret Russo

THE HAZEL ENDERSON MEMORIAL ART SCHOLARSHIP

This award is given by retired high school special education teacher Kathy Ylvisaker in memory of her mother Hazel Enderson. Hazel Enderson studied art at Iowa State University. She sewed wonderful creations and she painted. More importantly, she understood the value of creating art, celebrating art, and keeping it part of your life forever. May her wonderful spirit inspire the award winner to do the same. This award was presented at the Art & Design Department's annual awards ceremony June 2, 2021 to:

Grace Rohde

THE EVE WASSER COMMEMORATIVE AWARD

Eve Wasser's family, Barbara and Steve Wasser and friends created this award in 2007 to commemorate Eve's 100th birthday. Eve was an abstract expressionist artist who began painting at the age of sixty-four. Her art was inspired by a willingness to experiment with

new techniques, resulting in expressions of unconfined movement and free spirit. During her painting career she was the recipient of many awards. One of her works is on permanent display in the Great Hall of the U.S. Commerce Building in Washington, DC, and others are in the National Headquarters of the City of Hope in Duarte, CA and the Dade County, FL Public Library. Her paintings are in private collections throughout the U.S. as well as in Israel, Germany and Great Britain. This award was presented at the Art & Design Department's annual awards ceremony June 2, 2021 to:

Kairui Liu

EXCELLENCE IN THREE DIMENSIONAL ART AWARD

This award, sponsored by faculty members, is given to a student who not only excels in the creation of three dimensional art forms, but serves as a role model to their peers in both creativity and work ethic. In both Ceramics and Sculpture, this student has demonstrated excellence in every way. This award was presented at the Art & Design Department's annual awards ceremony June 2, 2021 to:

Adelaide Zimmerman

THE NISK-ART MAGAZINE CLUB ART SCHOLARSHIP

The Nisk-Art Magazine Club would like to recognize a high-achieving and visionary senior art student majoring or minoring in art. The Student must demonstrate innovative and creative contributions with exemplary commitment to the visual arts. This award was presented at the Art & Design Department's annual awards ceremony June 2, 2021 to:

Corrina Blood

THE ART INNOVATOR AWARD

This award recognizes a senior who demonstrates innovation in their art practice: experimenting with new ideas, taking risks with new mediums and pushing the boundaries of high school art and design.

This award is sponsored by Arlene's Artist Materials in Albany. This award was presented at the Art & Design Department's annual awards ceremony June 2, 2021 to:

Natalie Oliver

THE NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY SERVICE AWARD

The National Art Honor Society would like to recognize two students who have given an exceptional amount of service to celebrating art in our school community. These awards were presented at the Art & Design Department's annual awards ceremony June 2, 2021 to:

Grace Rohde and Rachael Heckathorn

NATIONAL ART AWARDS

THE 2021 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ART EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION

The Congressional Art Competition started in 1982 as an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. More than 650,000 high school students have participated in the nationwide competition. The 20th Congressional District Art Exhibition is sponsored by Congressman Paul D. Tonko's Office.

The 20th Congressional District comprises all of Albany and Schenectady Counties, most of Montgomery and Rensselaer Counties, and the town of Waterford in Saratoga County. High Schools from this district select three pieces of art work to represent their school. The work selected from Niskayuna represents the highest achievement from the high school, and the award-winning piece represents the highest achievement in the 20th Congressional District. Niskayuna High School's representatives were:

Kairui Liu, Harini Prabakaran, Juliana Potfora

SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have an impressive legacy dating back to 1923. Over the years the Awards have grown to become the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S., and the nation's largest source of scholarships for creative young artists and writers. A noteworthy roster of past winners includes Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford, Joyce Carol Oates, Stephen King, John Updike, and many more.

The following students from Niskayuna High School received recognition at the Northeast Regional Level in this year's competition:

Megan Calos

Silver Key- Painting *Left Behind*
Honorable Mention - Painting *The Windowsill*

Kairui Liu

Honorable Mention - Printmaking *Extinction*

Madison Dominguez Norris

Honorable Mention - Sculpture *Animus*

Sophia Piracci

Silver Key - Drawing & Illustration *The Strangest Honey*

Harini Prabakaran

Silver Key - Drawing & Illustration *Grandparents*
Honorable Mention - Mixed Media *Cuddalor*

Grace Rohde

Gold Key - Painting *L'Chaim*
Honorable Mention - Painting *POV: You're in my Microwave*

STATE AND REGIONAL ART SHOWS AND COMPETITIONS

HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL REGION JURIED ART EXHIBITION

The 22nd Annual Juried High School Regional was sponsored by the Capital Area Art Supervisors Group. This exhibit invites high schools from around the Capital Region to submit works for possible inclusion in the show. The Regional is a juried exhibition showcasing the artwork of 100 high school students from 22 regional high schools, ten of which were accepted from Niskayuna High School.

Megan Calos, Skyler Dee, Madison Dominguez-Norris, King Gallo, Chris Gabelman, Timothy Lin, Emma Litzner, Sophia Piracci, Juliana Potfora, Jessie Reed

Madison Dominguez-Norris

Animus - Lory Tansky 3-D Award

Juliana Potfora

Longing for Spring - President's Award

Jessie Reed

Wildfire - Winsor Prize

SPAC FESTIVAL OF YOUNG ARTISTS

The Festival of Young Artists is an annual event held at Saratoga Performing Arts Center that presents student art shows, poetry slams, and live performances featuring hundreds of young dancers, singers, and musicians.

This curated gallery space was created to celebrate the work of the students involved in the 2020 Festival of Young Artists, and it continues to serve as an ongoing platform for student artists in the region to share their artistic visions and achievements – to inspire and enrich their peers and the community. They received a record-breaking number of submissions and the panel of judges was blown away by the sheer amount of talent and creativity this year. Below are the accepted pieces from Niskayuna High School.

Anya Muraven *Good Evening Sun Sim*

Ava Fallone *In the Same Skin*

Jessie Reed *Moss Fox*

Pallavi Datta *Florescence*

THE 31ST ANNUAL REGIONAL “ARTS AND ENRICHMENT” STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

This grade 1 - 12 Student Art Exhibition is a cross district combination of artwork from students attending classes in 16 school districts in the Capital Region. The exhibit is sponsored by The Arts & Enrichment Service of the Capital Region BOCES. The art work in the show is the product of student achievement in all four of the New York State Visual Arts Learning Standards.

The following students' artwork was shown virtually.

Thomas Soule, Aria Bose-Mullick, Kosta Mirkovic, Katherine Haney, Hannah Cestaro, Gavin Lebrou, Sean Calhoun, Tatiana Garcia, Susan Ward, Silvanah Singh, Isabella Polk, Christopher Sparano

FILM FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

THE 2021 CAPITAL REGION MEDIA ARTS FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION

This festival is sponsored by The Capital Area Art Supervisors, The New York State Art Teachers Association, and hosted by Bethlehem High School. The festival was developed and organized to provide students with a venue to explore and share their creative efforts in the media arts. A panel of art educators from each school reviewed and selected the work for the show. It is quite an honor to be included in this annual regional exhibit. This year, 18 school districts submitted 182 pieces and the judges selected 20 pieces to receive awards. The judges are art educators and artists; George Dirolf, Elissa Ebersold and Ray Felix who selected the work for awards. A website was created that showcases all of the photography, design, films, animations, and videos submitted for the 2021 Capital Region Media Arts Festival.

Our participating students were:

Malak Al-Kofahi, Corrina Blood, Orphenus Burger, Pallavi Datta, Leo DeCarlo, Chris Gabelman, Mario Haase, Owen Hage, Emma Litzner, Gianni Lomonoco, Anna Macko, Maya Melendez, Logan Oliver, Natalie Oliver, Janet Pan, Alta Pirigyi, Juliana Potfora, Jessie Reed, Mary-Margaret Russo, Paige Splendido

The following students received awards:

Alta	Pirigyi	First Place	Photography: Abstraction
Corrina	Blood	First Place	Design: Magazines, Books, and Product Packaging
Jessie	Reed	First Place	Design: Digital Illustration
Gianni	Lomonoco	Second Place	Design: Digital Fine Art
Paige	Splendido	Second Place	Photography: Landscape/Nature
Pallavi	Datta	Honorable Mention	Design: Digital Illustration
Mario	Haase	Outstanding Video	Film: Music Video

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Alero O. Adelaja, Corrina A. Blood, Orphenus A. Burger, Jonathan Clickner, Meheer Commuri, Michelle E. D'Amico, Lucien C. d'Aversa, Ellen, M. Davis, Ava Fallone, Christopher J. Gabelman, Lisa J. Hartig, Abbigail D. Helstowski, Kyle N. Klokiw, Kairui Liu, Gianni M. Lomonoco, Mae C. Lynds, Brianna G. Miano, Anya Muraven, Natalie G. Oliver, Julia M. Pacheco, Isabella M. Polk, Juliana N. Potfora, Harini Prabakaran, Grace L. Rohde, Mary-Margaret Russo, Caroline M. Skrebutenas, Christopher A. Sparano, Paige A. Splendido, Annika M. Waskiewicz, Taylor M. Wood, Jacob B. Yanoff, Adelaide F. Zimmerman

Juniors: Mia L. Achcet, Kendall L. Amorosi, Zoe A. Bisnett, Sophia Boler, Megan D. Calos, Samantha I. Castle, Samantha R. Cazer, Taylor N. Cross, Madison Dominguez-Norris, Colin Dunham, Mia Etkin, Isaac A. Folos, Gillian G. Gaylord, Julia A. Gorman, Mario S. Haase, Ryce R. Hazard, Madeleine Lasher, Sophia A. Liggett-Ippoliti, Timothy Q. Lin, Zachary A. Lind, Claire V. Mankin, Laura A. Mason, Sarah L. May, Kaitlyn Pack, Janet M. Pan, Jessie C. Reed, Tess M. Sheremeta, Ian A. Tracy, Jack K. Tu, Carrie M. Watkins, Lindsey A. Whitley, Emily A. Willoughby, Shilun Xi

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT/NOTABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

WINNER IN THE 2021 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION:

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Jacob B. Yanoff

NATIONAL MERIT NORTHROP GUNMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Dayeon Son

NATIONAL MERIT UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER SCHOLARSHIP

Suchi S. Mehta, Harini Prabakaran, Chamyuktha Senthilkumar

NATIONAL MERIT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Eric Zheng

FINALISTS IN THE 2021 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION:

Suhao J. Huang, Kevin H. Kwon, Suchi S. Mehta, Harini Prabakaran, Ritwik Raj, Grace L. Rohde, Chamyuktha Senthilkumar, Dayeon Son, Jacob B. Yanoff, Eric Zheng

SEMI-FINALISTS IN THE 2021 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION:

Suhao J. Huang, Kevin H. Kwon, Suchi S. Mehta, Harini Prabakaran, Ritwik Raj, Grace L. Rohde, Chamyuktha Senthilkumar, Dayeon Son

COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2021 MERIT PROGRAM:

Jessalyn A. Bonaparte, Grace Geurin, Toby A. Goldner, Syeda S. Hussaini, Enana E. Jacob, Christine Jee-young Lee, Lucas A. Mastroianni, Alexander J. Mavian, Brenna C. McLaughlin, Rohan S. Menon, Benjamin A. Tate, Ivy Yu

HUMAN ECOLOGY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Tasneem Y. Abdalla, Tia E. Amberger, Nan An, Katelyn M. Atchinson, Kelsey H. Barber, Abby M. Bell, Flynn A. Biaglow, Stephanie M. Brownell, Bryan J. Burke, Bhavya Chavali, Meheer Commuri, Joshua R. Cutting, Michelle E. D'Amico, Patrick M. Daley, Carly M. Dell, Brooke L. Dempsey, Gloria E. Doudoukjian, Abraham B. Ellenbogen, Marcos Equiza Gasco´ Tajea M. Eugene, Ava Fallon, Matthew A. Fromowitz, Grace M. Geurin, Douglas M. Gillooley, Avery C. Jones, Grace R. Kayastha, McKenna K. Kelleher, Kyle N. Klokiw, Kalin A. Kochnev, Andrew M. Kosovski, Anjali Kurian, Jesse A. Levine, Lucas S. Lynch, Mae C. Lynds, Alexander J. Mavian, Gabriella N. McKee, Suchi S. Mehta, Rohan S. Menon, Courtney R. Meola, Peter A. Meshkov, Virginia A. Moraga, Yejin R. Mun, Haley R. Neufeld, J. Leo O'Brien, Natalie G. Oliver, Abigail H. Parks, Sunchlar M. Pilkey, Ritwik Raj, Ariana S. Rogowski, Grace L. Rohde, Molly Q. Rudden, Maxim M. Rush, Jack E. Salvin, Catherine E. Schiavi, Chamyuktha Senthilkumar, Aizza H. Shah, Paige A. Splendido, Michael S. Stanco, Chase L. Steenburgh, Bruce T. Tangredi, Benjamin A. Tate, Maria Tsakalacos, Isabel C. van der Veen, Tommaso Vato, Sara A. Wall, Annika M. Waskiewicz, Daniel M. Watson, Isaac S. Weingarten, Melinda M. Wetzell, Jacob B. Yanoff, Luke C. Zink

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

THE GERALD M. YORK MEMORIAL BOOK AWARD is presented to the senior students who have developed outstanding study skills in mathematics courses, has shown consistent evidence of original thinking, and has been dedicated to the study of mathematics. Mr. York, the first chairman of the Niskayuna High School Mathematics Department, was Mathematics Chairman from 1956 to 1976. As one of the five original staff, he worked for a year prior to the opening of the school planning curriculum.

Harini Prabakaran

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Nan An, Emma L. Anderson, Ethan R. Bechtel, Jessalyn A. Bonaparte, Bryan J. Burke, Bhavya Chavali, Ricky Cui, Abraham B. Ellenbogen, Marcos Equiza Gascó, Toby A. Goldner, Aidan F. Graham, Suhao J. Huang, Shaima I. Hussaini, Adam S. Iqbal, Cyrus R. Irani, Enana E. Jacob, Grace R. Kayastha, McKenna K. Kelleher, Kalin A. Kochnev, Kevin Kwon, Christine J. Lee, Derek T. Liu, Lucas A. Mastroianni, Lindsey M. Matthews, Alexander J. Mavian, Suchi S. Mehta, Rohan S. Menon, Peter A. Meshkov, Yejin R. Mun, Fatih Orhan, Krishna A. Patel, Harini Prabakaran, Ritwik Raj, Grace L. Rohde, Natalie Rosado-Rosado, Jack L. Schiavo, Chamyuktha Senthilkumar, Neil Shah, Dayeon Son, Bruce T. Tangredi, Benjamin A. Tate, Josh L. Tso, Joshua J. Wang, Annika M. Waskiewicz, Jacob B. Yanoff, Daniel Zhang, Eric Zheng, William Zheng, Adelaide F. Zimmerman, Luke C. Zink

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

M. MANNING ATHERTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is presented annually by the Niskayuna Friends of Music in memory of M. Manning Atherton, Director of Music Education from 1973 to his retirement in 1983. The scholarship award is presented to a Senior student musician who has distinguished himself or herself in their musical accomplishment and who best exemplifies leadership and humanitarian qualities exhibited by Mr. Atherton during his years as director for the Department of Music Education. Selection is made by the general consent of the music faculty.

Faith A. Potter

THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ AWARD is awarded to a student of outstanding achievement as an instrumentalist in the field of jazz, as demonstrated through superior musicianship, character, and individual creativity. Members of the music ensembles nominate students they think should receive the award. Final selection is made by the conductor and the Director of Music Education

Lucas S. Lynch

THE PAULA BRINKMAN CHORAL SCHOLARSHIP is endowed by Jerel and Geraldine Golub and presented to an outstanding graduating senior who plans to pursue formal music studies in college, majoring in vocal performance, music education or music industry. The recipient shall be a member of our Concert Chorale and Bel Canto Voices or Studio Singers. The selection is made by the Choral Conductor and the Director of Music Education and is presented by the Friends of Music in recognition of Mrs. Brinkman's inspiration to her students in vocal music education.

Daniel M. Watson

TOM GRECO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Tom Greco was a pianist/accordionist for over 80 years, learning to play at a very young age. He was an entertainer and performer who enjoyed bringing much joy to thousands of people through his music over his long career. This award is presented to a graduating senior who will pursue musical studies and/or musical performance.

Caroline M. Skrebutenas

THE RICHARD MATHEWS SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a graduating senior who is an accomplished musician and is likely to maintain music as an important part of their lives. This student is a positive contributor to the Niskayuna Music Department through leadership, advocacy and mentorship.

Timothy J. Burgess

THE MUSICAL THEATER AWARD is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a strong commitment to the annual musical production. In recognition of excellence in on-stage performance, this award recognizes an actor or actress with outstanding qualities of leadership in theatrical production, one who exhibits exceptional talent as demonstrated through singular performance achievement, and presents a unique talent, which brings a character to life.

Gabriella Pizzolo

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHORAL AWARD in recognition of singular merit, ability, and achievement, of outstanding contributions to the success of the school vocal program, and of an unusual degree of loyalty, cooperation and high qualities of conduct, by the general consent of the music faculty, school official, and others. Members of the music ensembles nominate students they think should receive the award. Final selection is made by the conductor and the Director of Music Education.

Gabriella Pizzolo and Daniel M. Watson

NATIONAL SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AWARD in recognition of singular merit, ability and outstanding contributions to the success of the school orchestra, and of an unusual degree of loyalty and cooperation, and cooperation for exemplifying the high standard of conduct that is the aim of the school instrumental program. Members of the music ensembles nominate students they think should receive the award. Final selection is made by the conductor and the Director of Music Education.

Joshua J. Wang

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AWARD in recognition of outstanding achievement and interest in instrumental music, for singular merit, loyalty and cooperation, and for displaying those high qualities of conduct that school instrumental music requires. Members of the music ensembles nominate students they think should receive the award. Final selection is made by the conductor and the Director of Music Education

Jacob B. Yanoff

NISKAYUNA FRIENDS OF MUSIC SENIOR MUSIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a Senior Music Student planning to study music in college. Selection is based on student's musical experience, achievement, commitment to school and community, music activities, citizenship, and an essay.

Gabriella Pizzolo

THE JEANETTE ODASZ AWARD IN MUSIC APPRECIATION is presented annually to Seniors who, through appreciation of and achievement in music, through service to the music community, and fine school citizenship, best exemplifies the ideals of the Music Department. Selection is made by the Director of Music Education and the conductors of the High School Music ensembles.

Daniel M. Watson

THE WENDELL B. PHILLIPS MUSIC AWARD is presented by the Niskayuna Friends of Music in recognition of singular musical achievement, of outstanding contributions to the schools' music program, of service to the music community, and a high standard of citizenship and integrity. Selection is made by the general consent of the music faculty.

Lucas S. Lynch

THE MELVIN SCHIFF MEMORIAL AWARD is awarded in memory of Melvin Schiff, who for 36 years provided outstanding leadership, influence and dedication to the Niskayuna Music program. This award is presented to the instrumental music student who has demonstrated commitment to excellence in music studies, performance and academics at Niskayuna. It serves to honor the graduating students as they advance their education in the spirit of Melvin Schiff 's life-long dedication to helping young musicians.

Joshua J. Wang

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Michael G. Barry, Corrina A. Blood, Timothy J. Burgess, Ziv T. S. Cheng, Daniel J. Chillrud, Xavier B. Chittenden, Thomas S. Choi, Ellen M. Davis, Angelia S. DePasquale, Gloria E. Doudoukjian, Connor J. Duguid, Tajea M. Eugene, Ava Fallone, Jenna M. Gresen, Owen S. Hage, Alise J. Hale, Griffin T. Hall, Jesse D. Hoogs, Suhao J. Huang, Autumn A. Hubert, Ethan J. Hunt, Cyrus R. Irani, Grace R. Kayastha, Kalin A. Kochnev, Kevin Kwon, Lauren A. Lanotte, Catherine A. Lasek, Christine J. Lee, Jesse A. Levine, Derek T. Liu, Lucas S. Lynch, Alexander J. Mavian, Peter A. Meshkov, Katelyn M. Micelli, Katarina R. Mills, Yejin R. Mun, Natalie G. Oliver, Taylor A. Perkins, Gabriella Pizzolo, Faith A. Potter, Olivia B. Reeves, Brianna L. Rhoden, Maxwell Rowden, Molly Q. Rudden, Richie Sanichar, Aizza H. Shah, Emmy Shi, Caroline M. Skrebutenas, Dayeon Son, Liam L. St. Clair, Sandra Sunil, Josh L. Tso, Joshua J. Wang, Annika M. Waskiewicz, Daniel M. Watson, Melinda M. Wetzel, Maighread D. Wood, Jacob B. Yanoff, Ivy Yu, William Zheng, Bella S. Zonderman

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

BOOSTERS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARD is given to seniors who have made significant contributions to the physical education and athletic programs and have given evidence of high character.

Presented to **Katelyn M. Atchinson, Kenyon J. Coleman, Douglas M. Gillooley and Olivia I. Olsen**

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARD PROGRAM

At the end of each sports season, the NYSPHSAA honors those teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. Those student-athletes, teams, and schools work very hard throughout the year and deserve to be recognized for their academic success. To receive team recognition with a certificate, the team's average GPA for 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90.00. Only students with a 90 or above will receive pins, even if a student with a lower GPA was used in the calculation. If a team DOES NOT meet the Scholar-Athlete Team criteria, the individuals on that team with a 90.00 or above GPA are still eligible to receive a pin and will be considered an Individual Scholar-Athlete

BASKETBALL (BOYS) 93.69%

Jack Allen, Brock Behrman, Marcos Equiza Gasco, Owen Evans, Jaden Giammattei, Joseph O'Brien, Darian Parker, Benjamin Tandlmayer, Thomas Titsworth

BASKETBALL (GIRLS) 95.77%

Kathleen Birmingham, Sophia Boler, Hawa Equiza Gasco, Erica Ferguson, Aryanna Mugits, Olivia Olsen, Olivia O'Meally, Jacquelyn Reffelt, Heather Schmidt, Abigail Thomas

BOWLING (BOYS) No Team Award

Michael Barry, Jordan Bell, Julian Hansen, Lucas Lynch, Brian Meservey, Gavin Otty, Benjamin Smith

BOWLING (GIRLS) 95.95%

Abby Bell, Lily Chenevert, Katherine Makrin, Kaylin Schneider, Allison Wuttke

CHEERLEADING (FALL) 93.71%

Ashley Artieda Basantes, Natalia Bordonaro, Brooke Dempsey, Eniola Elefontuyi, Claire Geskey, Ella Geskey, Emilee Haney, A'Yonna Hughes, Camryn Johnson, Lila Kerr, Eliana Klein, Sydney McCormack, Jamila Mesbahi, Ashley Mogavero, Chloe Pepe, Kayla Premnauth, Ariana Rogowski, Paige Romero-Campbell, Donna Verschueren

CHEERLEADING (WINTER) 93.00%

Natalia Bordonaro, Eniola Elefontuyi, Claire Geskey, Ella Geskey, Emilee Haney, Camryn Johnson, Sydney McCormack, Chloe Pepe, Kayla Premnauth, Ariana Rogowski, Paige Romero-Campbell, Donna Verschueren

CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS)

94.59%

Avaneesh Benki, Drake Brown, Thomas Canestrari, Daniel Chillrud, Vernald Esmeris, Daniel Malatesta, Jack Schiavo, Smyan Sengupta, Jason Serotta, Evan Skufca, Nicholas Thomas, Peter Wilde

CROSS COUNTRY (GIRLS)

97.04%

Rebecca Barr, Mary Katherine Cestaro, Hayley Elsbree, Liyat Kebede, Caitlyn Lafargue, Sara Mongelli, Kaitlyn Murphy, Juliana Sciortino, Orit Shiang, Abigail Thomas

FIELD HOCKEY

95.13%

Tia Amberger, Hailey Auster, Rylee Dayton, Adelyn Farrell, Lindsay Geer, Ava Holliday, Rachel Huh, Dharma Makarowsky, Ella Nish, Shivani Randive, Olivia Reeves, Molly Rudden, Lena Schiavo, Aizza Shah, Charlotte Soule, Carrie Watkins, Kathleen Weingarten

FOOTBALL

No Team Award

Nolan Beattie, Brock Behrman, Logan Benson, Tyler Borwhat, Spencer Haughney, Lucas Mastroianni, Joseph O'Brien, Christopher Orminski, Javan Owens, Charles Parisi, Darian Parker, Daniel Quinn, Thomas Titsworth, Aaden Woodward

GOLF (BOYS)

94.28%

Patrick Connelly, Patrick Daley, Connor Desjardins, Nicholas Dunne, Brayden Kehoe

GOLF (GIRLS)

93.16%

Josephine Calareso, Maya Gerstenbluth

ICE HOCKEY

94.03%

Kevin Abatto, John Blouch, Jesse Buchanan, Dominic Calareso, Jack Clark, Paolo Coppola, Connor Desjardins, Sanzio Digesualdo, Anthony Fiore, Connor Foley, Aidan Graham, Nicholas Gruda, Brayden Kehoe, Gabriel LaPorta, Henry Marcincuk, Luca Polsinelli, Joseph Rosi, Matthew Trippany, Andrew Velasco, Ryan Wilber

SKI (BOYS)

91.59%

Nicholas Dunne, Colby Geer, Landon Greene, Evan Skufca

SKI (GIRLS) 96.24%

Sophia Boler, Mary Katherine Cestaro, Madison Geer, Jessica Lawson, Shivani Randive, Cristina Rojo, Samantha Rowden, Cambria Tomko

SOCCER (BOYS) 94.41%

Jordan Angrist, Samuel Boyle, Toby Goldner, Lucas Gutillo, Jesse Hoogs, Ian Klenk, Nicholas Lomonoco, Timothy McCorry, Jacob Nuqui, Michael Puccioni, Ritwik Raj, Braeden Richards, Vincenzo Savona, Andrew Stiles, Matthew Stiles, Christopher Terwilliger, Jack Toy

SOCCER (GIRLS) 94.85%

Mia Achet, Emma Anderson, Kelsey Barber, Kyra Barbera, Addison Evanoff, Jillian Gillooley, Lauren Goyette, Sara Harrow, Grace Mackey, Carli Maltbie, Lindsey Matthews, Jamila Mesbahi, Rayna Parzych, Camryn Pepe, Miranda Pilato, Maclaren Richards, Lexie Thompson, Maria Tsakalacos, Mikaela Tucker, Kaleigh West, Lily Winters, Adelaide Zimmerman

SWIMMING AND DIVING (BOYS) 91.35%

Vidhu Bulumulla, William Edwards, Joseph Giannetti, William Karafanda, Maxim Lee, Timothy Lin, Patrick Yang

SWIMMING AND DIVING (GIRLS) 95.87%

Vera Amirbekian, Sophia Boler, Julia Boyle, Samantha Cazer, Caitlin Cho, Eileen Cho, Rachel D'Amico, Emma Edwards, Mia Etkin, Kelsey Gerstler, Alise Hale, Eva Hilt, Rojan Javaheri, Hannah Kreig, Alanna Krein, Ava Krein, Samantha Lind, Abigail Lyons, Brenna McLaughlin, Isabel Nelson, Charlotte Quinn, Grace Roberts, Kaylin Schneider, Paige Splendido, Katherine Sumner, Elizabeth Tandlmayer, Elizabeth Ward, Finley Watson, Allison Wuttke

TENNIS (GIRLS) 96.52%

Abby Bell, Bhavya Chavali, Eujeong Choi, Aleesha Choudry, Morgan Guzman, Grace Kayastha, Irina Knezevic, Lara Knezevic, Christine Lee, Holly Lightbody, Katherine Makrin, Suchi Mehta, Safiya Petrushenka, Estelle Su, Sandra Sunil, Simran Utturkar, Isabel Van Der Veen, Sara Wall, Xuning Ying

VOLLEYBALL (BOYS) 93.34%

Joshua Cutting, Jason Gao, Shivam Gupta, Ethan Hunt, Maxim Lee, Giancarlo Stabler, Benjamin Tandlmayer, Tommaso Vato

VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS)

94.57%

Katelyn Atchinson, Josephine Beltramo, Anjali Kurian, Anjana Kurian, Jesse Levine, Laura Mason, Catherine Schiavi, Jenna Semione, Annika Waskiewicz, Taylor Wood

WRESTLING

91.91%

Jackson Bogue, Drake Brown, Brody Johnson, Austin Matson, Peter Meshkov, Christian Otty, Charles Parisi, Joseph Parisi, Jack Schiavo, Luke Zink

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Kevin P. Abatto, Tia E. Amberger, Emma L. Anderson, Michael G. Barry, Nolan R. Beattie, Ethan R. Bechtel, Logan M. Benson, Flynn A. Biaglow, Tyler J. Borwhat, Cadence C. Brennan, Stephanie M. Brownell, Timothy J. Burgess, Tyler A. Camelo, Matthew A. Fromowitz, Christopher J. Gabelman, Jaden J. Giammattei, Douglas M. Gillooley, Erin C. Hensel, McKenna K. Kelleher, Paul J. LaVigne III, Lucas A. Mastroianni, Lindsey M. Matthews, Alexander J. Mavian, Peter A. Meshkov, Virginia A. Moraga, Anya Muraven, Haley R. Neufeld, J. Leo O'Brien, Shae P. O'Brien, Olivia I. Olsen, Christian J. Otty, Nicholas M. Reffelt, Grace L. Rohde, Maxwell Rowden, Vitoria Sarti, Jack L. Schiavo, Connor S. Singsheim, Benjamin A. Tate, Maria Tsakalakos, Joshua J. Wang, Annika M. Waskiewicz, Melinda M. Wetzel, Cooper M. Wilson, Marissa A. Wise, Aaden J. Woodward, Craig M. Woolley, Jacob B. Yanoff

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

BAUSCH AND LOMB HONORARY SCIENCE AWARD is presented to a **junior** who throughout high school has achieved the most outstanding record in science subjects and has planned to make a career in science. Winners are eligible to compete for science scholarships at the University of Rochester.

Ryana Sarcar

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Tasneem Y. Abdalla, Emma L. Anderson, Abby M. Bell, Bryan J. Burke, Thomas S. Choi, Meheer Commuri, Ricky Cui, Joshua R. Cutting, Tarek Dinar, Abraham B. Ellenbogen, Matthew A. Fromowitz, Marcos Equiza Gascó, Toby A. Goldner, Aidan F. Graham, Lucille E. Grossman, Spencer A. Haughney, Jesse D. Hoogs, Suhao J. Huang, Ethan J. Hunt, Shaima I. Hussaini, Enana E. Jacob, McKenna K. Kelleher, Kevin Kwon, Christine J. Lee, Grace L. Lemelin, Jesse A. Levine, Lucas A. Mastroianni, Lindsey M. Matthews, Alexander J. Mavian, Brenna C. McLaughlin, Suchi S. Mehta, Rohan S. Menon, Peter A. Meshkov, Haley R. Neufeld, Erin M.

O'Brien, J. Leo O'Brien, Natalie G. Oliver, Krishna A. Patel, Harini Prabakaran, Ritwik Raj, Ariana S. Rogowski, Grace L. Rohde, Jack L. Schiavo, Chamyuktha Senthilkumar, Neil Shah, Dayeon Son, Chase L. Steenburgh, Benjamin A. Tate, Joshua J. Wang, Annika M. Waskiewicz, Jacob B. Yanoff, Eric Zheng, Adelaide F. Zimmerman

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

SUSAN BURKE MEMORIAL BOOK AWARD – Susan Burke was a highly regarded and respected teacher of the Social Studies. Her commitment to students and colleagues, her love of teaching, and her adventurous spirit have been an inspiration to the Niskayuna community at large. In honor of Mrs. Burke, this award is given to a student who, through participation and engagement in class, exhibits an enthusiasm for the social studies and whose passion for the social studies extends beyond the classroom.

Ava Fallone

DR. EMILY LANGWORTHY PECK MEMORIAL SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Peck who was a popular Niskayuna High School social studies teacher who taught here for 29 years. Dr. Peck exemplified versatility and scholarship of the highest caliber. The recipients of this award are seniors who have demonstrated consistent involvement and commitment to Niskayuna High School and who have excelled in social studies.

Rohan S. Menon and Faith A. Potter

THE MYRTLE S. LARKIN MEMORIAL BOOK AWARD is presented to a foreign student currently attending Niskayuna High School who has given the most evidence of fulfilling the following criteria: 1) successfully pursuing a social studies course; 2) has consistently shown qualities associated with good citizenship; 3) endeavors to share cultural background with fellow students/community; 4) has become involved in school and/or community activities.

Nan An

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS, STATE OF NEW YORK AWARD, is presented to two students for proficiency in the study of the History of the United States and understanding of the Constitution.

Joshua R. Cutting and Jack E. Salvin

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Thomas S. Choi, Meheer Commuri, Emma K. Edwards, Abraham B. Ellenbogen, Marcos Equiza Gascó, Shaima I. Hussaini, Enana E. Jacob, McKenna K. Kelleher, Mackenzie A. Kirwan, Christine J. Lee, Jesse A. Levine, Lucas A.

Mastroianni, Lindsey M. Matthews, Suchi S. Mehta, Rohan S. Menon, Haley R. Neufeld, Natalie G. Oliver, Faith A. Potter, Harini Prabakaran, Ariana S. Rogowski, Grace L. Rohde, Molly Q. Rudden, Jack L. Schiavo, Chamyuktha Senthilkumar, Annika M. Waskiewicz, Jacob B. Yanoff

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Michael G. Barry, Ethan R. Bechtel, Bryan J. Burke, Gavin J. Clark, Ricky Cui, Patrick M. Daley, Connor J. Duguid, Colby M. Geer, Toby A. Goldner, Ethan J. Hunt, Ian Keat, Andrew S. Liu, Christian J. Otty, Alexander Z. Pan, George R. Skane, Chase L. Steenburgh, Benjamin J. Tandlmayer, Benjamin A. Tate, Isaac S. Weingarten, Craig M. Woolley

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

EHREN AUSZEICHNUNG; is presented to an outstanding student of German, selected by the Niskayuna High School Foreign Language Department.

Marcos Equiza Gasco´

JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LATIN

Suchi S. Mehta

MOTHER ROSE OF LIMA LANGUAGE AWARD Mother Rose of Lima was a member of the founding faculty of The College of St. Rose. In the interim years, she served as Professor of Latin and Greek, Dean of the College and College President from 1949 until 1953. She embodied the spirit and ideals she sought to pass on to those who came under her guidance. This Language excellence scholarship is given in her memory by the Schenectady Chapter of The College of St. Rose.

Presented to **Thomas S. Choi**

PREMIO DE HONOR is presented to an outstanding student of Spanish, selected by the Niskayuna High School Foreign Language Department.

Tasneem Abdalla

PRIZE OF HONOR is presented to an outstanding student of Chinese, selected by the Niskayuna High School Foreign Language Department.

Estelle Su

PRIX D'HONNEUR EN FRANÇAIS is presented to an outstanding student of French, selected by the Niskayuna High School Foreign Language Department.

Aidan F. Graham

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Senior: Tasneem Y. Abdalla, Alero O. Adelaja, Emma L. Anderson, Abby M. Bell, Cadence C. Brennan, Stephanie M. Brownell, Alexandra F. Burgio, Bhavya Chavali, Thomas S. Choi, Meheer Commuri, Aidan L. Corr, Michelle E. D'Amico, Farah Elgala, Abraham B. Ellenbogen, Marcos Equiza Gascó, Christopher J. Gabelman, Carly A. Gabriele, Colby M. Geer, Etienne Gervasio, Aidan F. Graham, Lucille E. F. Grossman, Will T. Hedden, Suhao J. Huang, Shaima I. Hussaini, Adam S. Iqbal, Cyrus R. Irani, Enana E. Jacob, Avery C. Jones, Grace R. Kayastha, McKenna K. Kelleher, Mackenzie A. Kirwan, Anjali Kurian, Kevin Kwon, Lauren A. Lanotte, Catherine A. Lasek, Grace L. Lemelin, Jesse A. Levine, Holly M. Lightbody, Jennifer C. Liguori, Emily A. Liguori, Derek T. Liu, Kairui Liu, Gianni M. Lomonoco, Mae C. Lynds, Lucas A. Mastroianni, Alexander J. Mavian, Timothy P. McCorry, Gabriella N. McKee, Brenna C. McLaughlin, Suchi S. Mehta, Jamila Mesbahi, Peter A. Meshkov, Katarina R. Mills, Virginia A. Moraga, Yejin Rachel Mun, Haley R. Neufeld, Erin M. O'Brien, Melissa A. Ochoa-Basantes, Natalie G. Oliver, Julia M. Pacheco, Abigail H. Parks, Taylor A. Perkins, Sunchlar M. Pilkey, Gabriella Pizzolo, Faith A. Potter, Ritwik Raj, Ariana S. Rogowski, Grace L. Rohde, Maxwell Rowden, Molly Q. Rudden, Jack E. Salvin, Melisa R. Sanichar, Catherine E. Schiavi, Jack L. Schiavo, Chamyuktha Senthilkumar, Aizza H. Shah, Dayeon Son, Benjamin E. Spain, Michael S. Stanco, Timothy C. Su, Sandra Sunil, Bruce T. Tangredi, Benjamin A. Tate, Christopher Terwilliger, Lexie M. Thompson, Josh L. Tso, Isabel C. van der Veen, Tommaso Vato, Sara A. Wall, Joshua J. Wang, Annika M. Waskiewicz, Celeste V. Whittam, Peter Wilde, Jacob B. Yanoff, Ivy Yu, Daniel Zhang, William Zheng, Luke C. Zink, Bella S. Zonderman

Juniors: Mia L. Achcet, William D. Alcorn, Ashley C. Artieda Basantes, Ahmed M. Aslam, Kyra M. Barbera, Sophia Barnes, Brock J. Behrman, Avaneesh Benki, Peter J. Bidoshi, John K. Blouch, Sophia Boler, Faith C. Borkowski, Josephine A. Calareso, Joshua C. Castillo, Samantha L. Cerezo, Laith S. Chowdhrey, Christian T. Ciannamea, Patrick W. Connelly, Adam C. Conrad, Paolo P. Coppola, Leonardo DeCarlo, Maya Dhinesh, Grace L. DiCaprio, Madison Dominguez-Norris, Colin Dunham, Nicholas M. Dunne, Vernald B. Esmeris, Addison C. Evanoff, Kevin Charles M. Felicitas, Baylee G. Fingerhut, Faith Foley, Julian A. Franjeh, Elise A. Frenyea, Ryan T. Funyak, Alexandra L. Gallo, Itzel N. Garcia, Gillian G. Gaylord, Maya Gerstenbluth, Ella E. Geskey, Joseph P. Giannetti, Lauren Goyette, Jacob Gresens, Garrett Guo, Shivam Gupta, Lindsay V. Harland, Sara G. Harrow, Ryce R. Hazard, Rachel Y. Huh, Aiden M. Irish, Brody Johnson, Liyat Y. Kebede, Brayden Kehoe, Nirmann K. Kingra, Ian R. Klenk, Lara Knezevic, Lindsay J. Kowal, Mandy S. Krug, Jessica Lawson, Chloe R. Lephart, Timothy Q. Lin, Dharma C. Makarowsky, Daniel Malatesta, Natalia Malcevic, Laura A. Mason, Sarah L. May, Ella C. McDonnell, Millee Modasra, Papa N. Ndiaye,

Tokunbo Oshinowo, Kaitlyn Pack, Marcus J. Paderon, Janet M. Pan, Charles J. Parisi, Rayna Parzych, Shivani V. Patel, Isabella Peng, Camryn A. Pepe, Emily T. Persaud, Kimberly P. Persaud, Miranda S. Pilato, Kathryn M. Pogue, Zachary T. Richard, Braeden W. Richards, Eric Romero, Sumit Sahoo, Faiyaz Sajjad, Amira E. Salem, Ryana Sarcar, Jenna M. Sarkisian, Rebecca Schechter, Heather A. Schmidt, Jenna R. Semione, Orit Shiang, Charlotte Soule, Brian C. Stella, Andrew D. Stiles, Matthew D. Stiles, Katherine A. Sumner, Abigail G. Thomas, Jack K. Tu, Mikaela Tucker, Camille T. Ugali, Duncan C. Wall, Elizabeth Ward, Carrie M. Watkins, Imani C. Webster, Lindsey A. Whitley, Lily G. Winters, Shilun Xi, Patrick J. Yang, Samuel G. Young, Jordan H. Zenner

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION "GOOD CITIZEN" AWARD is awarded to a senior student who exemplifies the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Selwa Khan

DENTAL TODAY SCHOLARSHIP provided by the Dental Today Office in Niskayuna, is awarded to a graduating senior from Niskayuna High School who is planning to pursue a career in the field of Dentistry or Dental Hygiene. If there are no candidates in the dentistry field, consideration shall be given to a student pursuing a degree in medicine.

Presented to Lucas A. Mastroianni

DIGNITY FOR ALL is presented by Emmanuel Friedens Church of Schenectady to a graduating senior who has worked to create an atmosphere in which actual or perceived gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender students and their straight allies may obtain an education free from discrimination, harassment, violence and abuse.

Presented to Catherine A. Lasek

THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to two graduating seniors who embody the spirit of the Niskayuna Central School District: "To empower each individual to make responsible choices, meet challenges, achieve personal success, and contribute to a global society." The recipients of this award have demonstrated significant development and growth in these areas by learning to achieve to the best of their ability and to become positive contributors to our school and community during their high school careers.

Presented to Gloria E. Doudoukjian and Jenna M. Gresen

JOHN FUREY SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a Niskayuna High School senior student-athlete who embodies a respect for others, pride in one's team, and responsibility to one's community, which are the hallmark qualities of former teacher and coach, John Furey. Qualifying students should exhibit a commitment to excellence in athletics, a healthy lifestyle and strong sense of school spirit.

Presented to Jack L. Schiavo

VICTORIA GOLD PRIZE FOR EDUCATION is presented to a graduating senior who plans on pursuing a career in education. The prize has been established to recognize and honor Mrs. Gold for her outstanding contributions to education as a member of the Niskayuna Central School District Board of Education from 1986 - 2001.

Presented to **Orphenus A. Burger**

HERFF-JONES AWARD is presented to a graduating senior who throughout his or her high school career has been a role model to others an active member of their class and a positive influence among their peers.

Presented to **Enana E. Jacob**

HUDSON RIVER BANK AND TRUST COMPANY CITIZENSHIP AWARD is awarded to a senior boy and girl who have demonstrated good citizenship and community involvement through his and her high school career as evidenced by volunteer participation in activities including school, church, charity, civic or other community groups.

Presented to **Abby M. Bell and Thomas S. Choi**

HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SENIOR BOOK AWARD is presented to a graduating senior who will be attending Hudson Valley Community College in the fall and has shown a commitment to pursuing their education in a meaningful manner.

Presented to **Robert A. Bentley**

HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP SEMINARS bring together a select group of high school **sophomores** to spend a weekend with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education, and the professions to discuss present and future issues.

Hailey Auster, Jane Biaglow, and Kate Weingarten

THE RITA V. LAZAREK SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a commitment and devotion to academics, athletics, and school or community involvement. This scholarship, provided by Mrs. Lazarek's sons, who enjoyed success in the classroom and in athletics during their careers at Niskayuna High School, will provide a \$2,500.00 scholarship to the recipient for each of the four years of this individual's college education.

Presented to **J. Leo O'Brien**

FRANK M. LONGO SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated commitment and leadership as a member of his or her soccer team or his or her basketball team. The students should also have exhibited those same qualities as a student and citizen. The award, in the amount of \$1,000.00, is provided by Mr. Frank M. Longo, NHS Class of 2003.

Presented to **Emma L. Anderson**

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

GEORGE ROBERT ABIGAIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Is presented to a graduating senior scholar athlete who has demonstrated, through their hard work, steel dedication and perseverance to have excelled beyond their natural born skills. Their athletic achievement exemplifies the virtues of individual sacrifice, effort and persistence. The applicant should have a minimum 3.0 academic GPA and be involved in wrestling.

Presented to **Peter A. Meshkov**

JOE BACIEWICZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Joe Baciewicz taught Mathematics and Computer Science at Niskayuna High School for over 33 years. Joe was singularly responsible for developing the high school's Computer Science Program that is still considered one of the finest in the area. He also helped to launch and administer our school's first website. Joe was the "go to" guy in the Math Department when anyone needed help with anything Math related and he was genuinely happy to help one and all. This scholarship in his memory is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated exceptional skills in mathematics, with special consideration to a Computer Science student. This individual should also have demonstrated a propensity for being a positive and meaningful contributor to his or her school and or community.

Presented to **Kalin A. Kochnev**

MICHAEL SCOTT BARG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is dedicated to the memory of Michael Scott Barg, a member of Niskayuna High School's Class of 1974. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a strong commitment to athletics and academics. This student-athlete has exemplified the traits possessed by Michael, of going "above and beyond" in the classroom and on the field of athletic competition. The Barg family is pleased to present this award to

Presented to **Lindsey M. Matthews**

TINA BIANCHI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is dedicated to the memory of Tina Bianchi. Tina was a positive, caring, compassionate, and helpful person who was loved by everyone who knew her. Her ever-present smile brightened your day and made everyone feel special. She was an admired and respected teacher for 34 years and then thoroughly enjoyed tutoring students after her retirement. This scholarship, provided by Tina's family, is presented to a graduating senior from Niskayuna High School who exemplifies Tina's personal characteristics and her love for helping others.

Presented to **McKenna K. Kelleher**

THE PATRICK COUNCIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is dedicated to the memory of Patrick Council, a member of Niskayuna High School's Class of 1995. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a keen interest in the study of Production and Mass Communication. A strong interest in International Relations and Global Communication may also be considered for the student who plans to pursue a major in these or related areas of study. The student must exemplify the ability to see through differences and embrace other cultures, just like Patrick.

Presented to **Bryan J. Burke**

THE DONNY DUDLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP honors the memory of Donny Dudley, a member of the Niskayuna High School Class of 2012. The Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has succeeded in the study of Mathematics and Science and has enjoyed success as an athlete while exhibiting Donny's spirit of being a loyal and non-judgmental friend to his peers and loved ones.

Presented to **Marcos Equiza Gascó**

DR. BRIJ G. GOEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a graduating senior planning a professional career in the health sciences who best exemplifies the criteria of intelligence, intellectual curiosity, sincerity, and personal integrity. This scholarship is sponsored by the Goel and Agrawal families.

Presented to **Harini Prabakaran**

ERIC BILGORE GOLD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is dedicated to the memory of Eric B. Gold, a member of Niskayuna High School's Class of 1991. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who exemplifies the personal integrity, academic achievement, civic involvement, and concern for and loyalty to others as demonstrated by Eric.

Presented to **Natalie G. Oliver**

SONDRA GRADY MEMORIAL AWARD – This award is in memory of Sondra Grady, who for 23 years provided outstanding leadership, influence, and dedication to the Niskayuna Business Education program. In honor of Mrs. Grady, this award is given to a student who is planning on pursuing a career in business, has shown a genuine interest in the field of business while in high school, and has been an active volunteer in our community.

Carly M. Dell and Carly A. Gabriele

GRAND BOULEVARD FIRE COMPANY - FRANK PRICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS are given to two students residing within Fire District # 1. The scholarships are awarded to help pay tuition expenses at the college of the winners' choice.

Presented to **Aryanna Mugits and Luke C. Zink**

STEPHEN J. GRIFFERTY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is dedicated to the memory of Stephen J. Grifferty who was a gifted attorney and innovative entrepreneur. This Scholarship shall be awarded to a graduating senior who plans to attend college. Special consideration shall be given to a candidate who is pursuing a career in the accounting or legal field. The candidate should have exemplified a passion for excellence, hard work, determination, and community service.

Presented to **Jack E. Salvin**

CATHY HARTLAGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is dedicated to the memory of Cathy Hartlage who was a dedicated and caring Glenclyff and Rosendale Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher. Cathy came to teaching, her true passion, after a career change from the world of Business and because of this she looked at each day of her teaching career as a gift. Cathy was a true professional who loved all aspects of her craft, from working collaboratively with her teammates on curriculum and planning, to helping every student in her class grow to their highest potential. Cathy always saw the best in us all. This scholarship, provided by the Glenclyff and Rosendale school community, is presented to a graduating senior from Niskayuna High School who exemplifies Cathy's personal qualities and plans to pursue a career in education.

Presented to **Katelyn M. Atchinson**

LYNNE C. HARTUNIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is dedicated to the memory of Lynne C. Hartunian, a member of Niskayuna High School's Class of 1985. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who plans to attend a college in the State University system. The recipient has shown accomplishment in the arts and demonstrates a strong propensity for bringing joy to people. Lynne possessed all of these characteristics, and she was willing to share her optimistic outlook as well as her love of life with those who were privileged to know her.

Presented to **Haley R. Neufeld**

THE KITTY KELLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP honors the memory of Kitty Kelly. Kitty taught in the Niskayuna School District for 20 years and her three children enjoyed success as graduates of Niskayuna High School. To honor her memory, this award is given to a student who reflects the memories of those years that Kitty treasured most. The may include one or more of the following: attendance at the NESAC College, especially Hamilton or Middlebury, participation in one of her favorite sports such as football, soccer, softball or baseball or desire to pursue a career in education or speech and hearing therapy.

Presented to **Rebecca M. Barr**

SUSAN AND PATRICK H. KIRWAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a graduating senior pursuing a career in a health related field and who has demonstrated compassion for others and provided service to the school and community.

Presented to **Marissa A. Wise**

GLORIA AND CHESTER KOZLOWSKI MEMORIAL AWARD is awarded in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Kozlowski who dedicated their lives to helping young people by sharing their time and treasure. This award is given to a high school senior who plans to attend college, has demonstrated good scholarship, and has devoted considerable time to helping others.

Presented to **Tajea M. Eugene**

THE MARGARET KYME MEMORIAL AWARD FOR NURSING is given in memory of Margaret Kyme who served as a Licensed Practical Nurse at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady for her entire career. It is awarded to a graduating senior who plans to work in the field of nursing. Preference is given to someone who may decide to study at a 2-year college.

Presented to **Katelyn M. Micelli**

THE MARY KYME MEMORIAL AWARD FOR DENTISTRY is given in memory of Mary Kyme who served the Schenectady area as a dental hygienist for several decades. It is awarded to a graduating senior who plans to work in the field of dentistry. Preference is given to someone who may decide to study at a 2-year college.

Presented to **Jaqueline Villeda**

THE DOROTHY T. MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD is dedicated to the memory of Dorothy T. Miller, who served Niskayuna High School as the Principal's Secretary when the school opened in 1957, then later completed her own college education and returned to NHS in 1964 as a teacher of English. This award is given to a graduating senior who displays a love of language, literature, and creative writing.

Presented to **Ava Fallone**

THE MARION MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is made available through the generosity of Mrs. Marion Miller who taught in the Niskayuna Central School District for many years. It is awarded to a graduating senior student who intends to pursue a post-secondary degree in education concentrating or majoring in Early Childhood Education. The recipient must have exhibited the character and quality of personality that, in the judgment of the Awards Committee, makes the recipient well-suited for teaching and caring for young children.

Presented to **Jenna M. Gresen**

THOMAS MULLANEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a graduating senior who plans to pursue a career working with young people as a teacher, counselor, or social worker. This scholarship is made possible through the generosity of Tom Mullaney's dear friends.

Presented to **Rebecca M. Barr**

THE SCOTT MCINTOSH MURRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD is dedicated to the memory of Scott Murray, class of 1994. Stricken with a brain tumor at age 5, he endured many related surgeries. Through sheer determination he overcame the resulting handicaps, graduated from Niskayuna High School, and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Beacon College in Leesburg, Florida. The award is given to a senior who, like Scott, has shown significant determination to overcome obstacles and as a result will pursue higher education.

Presented to **Isaac A. Harvey**

FRANK J. RISPOLI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is presented annually to a graduating senior varsity student-athlete who exhibits leadership, respect, and determination on the field of play and in relationships with teammates. In addition, this student-athlete also exhibits excellence in the classroom, displaying conscientious effort and hardworking approach to learning in a variety of different disciplines.

Presented to **Kevin P. Abatto**

THE JOHN STEVENS MEMORIAL AWARD is in memory of John Stevens, a member of the Niskayuna High School Class of 1988. John was known by his family and friends as a "defender of the underdog". The award is presented to a senior who has worked diligently to promote anti-bullying and has shown compassion and friendship to students who have felt unwelcome.

Presented to **Natalie G. Oliver**

SEAN WARREN VALERO MEMORIAL AWARD is dedicated to the memory of Sean Warren Valero, a member of the Niskayuna High School Class of 2009. Sean loved animals, the great outdoors and helping others. His concern for others led him to volunteer with the Schenectady Inner City Ministry Food Pantry and Habitat For Humanity. This award is presented this year to two graduating seniors who best emulate Sean's love of nature, compassion, volunteerism and intellectual curiosity. This award is sponsored by the Valero Family.

Presented to **Grace M. Geurin**

EDWARD C. VAN DENBURGH MEMORIAL AWARD is sponsored by the Sight Society of Northeastern New York, Inc., the Lions Eye Bank at Albany. This award is presented to a graduating senior, who through persistent efforts has improved the quality of life in the community.

Presented to **Matthew A. Fromowitz**

THE JULIA O. WELLS MEMORIAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a graduating senior who plans to pursue a career in professional nursing and who has participated in school activities. The award is sponsored by Julia O. Wells Memorial Education Foundation, Inc.

Presented to **J. Leo O'Brien**

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to one or more students planning to attend a four-year college. Selection is based on the following criteria: scholarship, leadership, character, service, and involvement in activities.

Presented to **Shaima I. Hussaini**

THE NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S 2021 TRIPLE "C" AWARD is presented to graduating seniors who exemplify **COMMITMENT** to school and community, strength of **CHARACTER**, and the **COURAGE** to meet daily challenges.

Madison L. Ruby and Ryan S. Szepek

NISKAYUNA EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP is awarded annually to graduating seniors whose parents are employees of Niskayuna Central Schools and members of the Niskayuna Educational Support Personnel Association. The chosen students must plan to attend college and demonstrate academic effort and good community citizenship.

Presented to **Ian A. Halpin and Brenna C. McLaughlin**

THE 2021 NEW YORK STATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE are State-funded scholarships awarded to seniors who ranked the highest in their class based on performance in Regents Examinations. This year Niskayuna High School was allotted one award of \$1,500 and seven awards of \$500 each. Students must enroll in an accredited college or university in New York State to receive the actual award. The following students qualified for the award:

Abby M. Bell, Thomas S. Choi, Shaima I. Hussaini, Lindsey M. Matthews, Suchi S. Mehta, Natalie G. Oliver, Harini Prabakaran, and Ariana S. Rogowski

NISKAYUNA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM AWARD (N-CAP) is presented to students who actively work on school and community concerns to improve the quality of life for all.

Presented to **Brooke L. Dempsey and Jacob B. Yanoff**

NISKAYUNA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP is a one-time award in the amount of one thousand dollars. It is presented to a graduating student from Niskayuna High School who has achieved a minimum average of 80, has earned a Regents Diploma, and plans to attend an accredited two or four year college or university.

Presented to **Luke C. Zink**

NISKAYUNA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD is presented to a graduating senior residing in the Town of Niskayuna or the Niskayuna School District who has performed significant community service and who has demonstrated dedication to scholastic achievement

Presented to **Shaima I. Hussaini**

NISKAYUNA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – HUETHER/GILLAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD is presented to a graduating senior residing in the Town of Niskayuna or the Niskayuna School District. Mr. Richard Huether established a scholarship in memory of his parents to help a community minded student who needs assistance to further his/her education and who plans to continue to perform significant community service in the future.

Presented to **Haley R. Neufeld**

NISKAYUNA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – HARRIET WALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD is presented to a graduating Niskayuna High School senior who will be attending Boston University. The recipient of this award shall be planning to pursue a career in physical education, physical therapy, sports medicine or a similarly related field. If there is not a senior with these qualifications attending Boston University, the recipient can be planning to attend another college in the Northeast.

Presented to **Gianni M. Lomonoco**

NISKAYUNA CONSUMERS' COOPERATIVE AWARD is dedicated to the memory of Betty Mathes for her many years of service on the Board of Directors. The award is given to a student for proficiency, interest, and initiative in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. The Niskayuna Co-op has been a cornerstone of the Niskayuna Community for over 75 years, but what you may not know is that due to financial struggles, the Niskayuna Co-op almost closed back in the early 70's. But it was a group of dedicated community activists headed by Betty Mathis, the Board Secretary at the time, who stepped up to save the Co-op.

Presented to **Christopher M. Orminski**

NISKAYUNA CROSSROADS YEARBOOK AWARD is given to up to two senior members of the club who have distinguished themselves in the area of yearbook production by holding a role of leadership and by contributing to the club in a positive manner.

Presented to **Andrew M. Kosovski**

NISKAYUNA EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to two senior students excelling in business subjects and who plan to pursue a career in business.

Presented to **Sanzio J. DiGesualdo and Etienne Gervasio**

THE NICS GOOD CITIZEN AWARD is presented to a member of the senior class who has demonstrated a commitment to improving the overall high school atmosphere through dedication to the improvement of school community and culture. This commitment is evident through his or her respect for peers, teachers, administration, and staff and a strong and continuous involvement in community service in order to make Niskayuna High School a better place.

Presented to **Emma L. Anderson**

NISKAYUNA POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a graduating senior who plans on attending a two or four year college, majoring in Law Enforcement/Police Sciences or any other field of study dealing with the legal profession.

Presented to **Tajea M. Eugene**

NISKAYUNA HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' LEGACY AWARD - is presented to a member of the senior class who best exhibits the intellectual curiosity and social and emotional maturity that have enabled them to enhance the quality of life of their school and community. The recipient of this award possesses personal integrity, is of high moral character, and exemplifies the characteristics of dedication, loyalty, and service to Niskayuna High School that were demonstrated by Francis R. Taormina 1968 – 1982 and Edward A. Carangelo 1982 – 2001 during their exemplary tenures as principal.

Presented to **Aidan F. Graham**

NISKAYUNA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS are awarded annually to graduating seniors who plan to attend college, and have demonstrated good citizenship and significant promise of academic achievement. Given by the Niskayuna Teachers Association to:

Aidan F. Graham	NTA-Ron Beauchemin Memorial Scholarship
Grace M. Geurin	NTA-Phyllis Black Memorial Scholarship
William D. Karafanda	NTA-Phyllis Black Memorial Scholarship
Mckenna K. Kelleher	NTA-Jean Bundy Memorial Scholarship
Daniel M. Watson	NTA-Jean Bundy Memorial Scholarship
Tajea M. Eugene	NTA-Susan Burke Memorial Scholarship
Jaqueline. Villeda	NTA-Michael Jones Memorial Scholarship
Ritwik. Raj	NTA-Roy Williams/ Bob McKee Scholarship
Neil. Shah	NTA-Roy Williams/ Bob McKee Scholarship
Corrina A. Blood	NTA-Dr. Emily Langworthy Peck Memorial Scholarship

Benjamin J. Tandlmayer	NTA-Emily Langworthy Peck Memorial Scholarship
Ian A. Halpin	NTA-Laura M. Sicko Memorial Scholarship
Haley R. Neufeld	NTA-Laura M. Sicko Memorial Scholarship
Michael G. Barry	NTA-Dr. Rexford Souder Scholarship
Brenna C. McLaughlin	NTA-Dr. Rexford Souder Scholarship

ROSEMARIE PEREZ JAQUITH SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a senior who is a minority (preference will be given to those of Latin descent) who has demonstrated a sustained commitment to serving their community and is interested in pursuing a career in public service, preferably in law. Mrs. Perez Jaquith is an attorney who served the NYS Legislature for over 20 years and was the first Latina and minority to serve as a member of the Niskayuna School Board. Her six years of school board service were the culmination of 20 years of volunteer service to the Niskayuna School District.

Presented to: **Tajea M. Eugene**

**PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD
PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD**

Emma L. Anderson

ROTARY CLUB OF NISKAYUNA SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated the ideals of Rotary by living the Rotary Motto of “Service Above Self.” This award recognizes a student who has shown ethical leadership, good communication skills, and an interest in problem-solving and conflict management. The student must demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism in school, local or global communities.

Presented to **Emma L. Anderson**

THE SCHENECTADY CHAPTER OF THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP – The members of the Schenectady Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club are committed to the preservation, protection and enjoyment of the Adirondack and Catskill Preserves. This year’s recipient of our scholarship is assisting our efforts by enrolling in a college program that is aimed at improving our planet. We commend his efforts and congratulate Colby Geer on winning the 2021 Schenectady Chapter Scholarship and a one-year membership to the Schenectady Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club.

Presented to: **Colby M. Geer**

SCHENECTADY FOUNDATION – ANNA HUDSON ERBACHER SCHOLARSHIP is awarded each year to two graduating seniors from Schenectady County High Schools intending to pursue a career in teaching. Recipients of the scholarship demonstrate excellence in scholarship, character, and extracurricular and community activities. The scholarship provides \$10,000 to each scholar over four years of continuing college education. This year one of the recipients comes from Niskayuna High School.

Presented to **Haley R. Neufeld**

SCHOOL SERVICE AWARD (PTO) is given to two seniors who have, through their years in high school, consistently accepted responsibility and demonstrated a high degree of dependability in the discharge of services to the school. This award is sponsored by the Niskayuna High School Parent Teacher Organization.

Presented to **Carly M. Dell and Jacob B. Yanoff**

STUDENT CONGRESS AWARD is given to the student(s) who best exemplifies the purpose and ideals of the Student Congress, and who is chosen by the officers and advisor. This student(s) has significantly contributed to the betterment of both school and community.

Presented to **Enana E. Jacob**

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY APPOINTMENT

Presented to **Jack L. Schiavo**

THE UPPER UNION STREET BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a graduating senior who will be attending a two or four year college with a focus on business.

Presented to **Isabella M. Sementilli**

THE ROBERT C. WINCHESTER HEALTH AND WELLNESS AWARD is given to a graduating senior who exemplifies a strong desire to live and lead a healthy lifestyle as exhibited by the effort shown in their Health Education course and the positive way in which they lead their life. This student demonstrates leadership skills, high moral character, commitment to school and community, love of family and culture, and a deep desire to help and support others. These characteristics embody Robert C. Winchester who had a 36-year career in the Niskayuna Central School District as a Health Educator and District Director of Health Education. Bob went on to faithfully serve on the Niskayuna Board of Education for 9 years and was instrumental in the development of the Niskayuna Community Action Program (N-CAP).

Presented to **Ariana S. Rogowski**

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Note of Special Interest

As a point of information, one might be interested to know that approximately 80 separate awards are presented at this evening's award ceremony. Approximately 35 of these awards are determined by the High School Awards Committee. The remaining award winners are selected by the individuals and organizations who sponsor these awards. In most cases, these awards require an application which is processed either through the High School Counseling Center, Mr. Bianchi, our Student Activities Coordinator, or directly through the sponsoring organization.

It is the philosophy of the High School Awards Committee to attempt to select as many different student winners as possible. Since most of the awards, not under the control of the Awards Committee, are selected on the basis of similar or common applications filed directly by the students, it is not unusual for a small number of students to win more than one award. We congratulate all of our student winners and their families.

NISKAYUNA HIGH SCHOOL THE MISSION STATEMENT

The faculty, staff, students, parents, and community of Niskayuna High School believe that our mission is to educate students to become lifelong learners who believe in their own potential. We will provide opportunities for all students to acquire knowledge, develop skills, and form attitudes that will enable them to take a responsible and active role in their local and global communities.

