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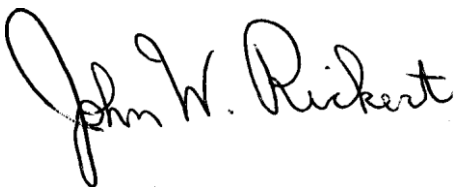
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It is an annual rite of spring at Niskayuna High School to formally recognize and award those students who have distinguished themselves as outstanding scholars, citizens, and athletes.

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 would like to recognize the faculty, staff, and families of the award winners. We know that you all played an integral part in our students' achievements. We thank you for the years of encouragement and support.

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:

Sophia A. Barnes	Natalia Malcevic	Heather A. Schmidt
Peter Bidoshi	Ella C. McDonnell	Andrew D. Stiles
Sophia Boler	Kaitlyn L. Pack	Matthew D. Stiles
Josephine A. Calareso	Isabella Peng	Duncan C. Wall
Samantha L. Cerezo	Sumit Sahoo	Elizabeth M. Ward
Baylee G. Fingerhut	Ryana Sarcar	Carrie M. Watkins
Daniel Malatesta	Rebecca Z. Schechter	

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:

Sophia A. Barnes	Daniel Malatesta	Sumit Sahoo
Sophia Boler	Ella C. McDonnell	Ryana Sarcar
Samantha L. Cerezo	Marcus, J. Paderon	Rebecca Z. Schechter
Addison C. Evanoff	Janet M. Pan	Heather A. Schmidt
Baylee G. Fingerhut	Isabella Peng	Orit G. Shiang
Maya Gerstenbluth	Kathryn M. Pogue	Duncan C. Wall
Aiden M. Irish	Jessie C. Reed	Carrie M. Watkins
Lara Knezevic		

PRINCIPAL'S MEDAL 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:

Kyra Barbera	Isabel M. Nelson
Julian A. Franjeh	Darian R. Parker
Jillian Gillooley	Daniel M. Quinn
Sarah L. May	Matthew T. Stroud
Tokunbo O. Oshinowo	Caleb R. Tysz

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 **Benjamin D. Dussault**

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 **Aiden M. Irish**

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 **Samantha L. Cerezo**

THE CASDA STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD PROGRAM honors graduating seniors in an eleven-county area who have achieved academically, are making a difference, are overcoming adversity and are pursuing their passions. As part of the award, the students have the opportunity to recognize a member of the faculty who has inspired them.

Awarded to **Tokunbo O. Oshinowo** who selected **Mrs. Laura Favata** and **Eden J. Sumner** who selected **Mrs. Kelly Oppenheimer** as faculty members for recognition.

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 **Caleb R. Tysz**

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 **Mia D. Etkin**

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 **Tess M. Sheremeta**

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.

Emily E. de Soyza

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.

Vera S. Amirbekian

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.

Evan Sanderson

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.

Elizabeth Peng

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.

Hannah M. Kreig and Finley C. Watson

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.

Greta C. Merrill

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.

Ava G. Mauriello

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.

Vera S. Amirbekian and Aleesha A. Choudry

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.

Pallavi Datta

THE ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY COMPUTING MEDAL AND SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a **junior** boy and girl who has achieved academic distinction, demonstrated leadership in school or community activities, and demonstrated excellence in the field of computing. Students selected to receive this award are 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.

Elise A. Corbin and Smyan Sengupta

THE ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a **junior** boy and girl who has achieved academic distinction, demonstrated leadership in school or community activities, and demonstrated outstanding achievement in innovation, creativity or entrepreneurship. 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.

Vidhu D. Bulumulla and Caitlyn LaFargue

THE SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE BOOK AWARD SCHOLARSHIP recognizes students who exhibit the characteristics of the ideal Saint Michael's student: Strong academic achievement and a strong social conscience. This is a national scholarship for which high schools across the country are eligible to nominate up to two students in the spring of their **junior** year that they feel best fit these characteristics. Book Award Scholarships range from \$17,000 to full-tuition annually for 4 years, depending upon academic achievement. The amount of the Book Award Scholarship is not determined until a student's complete application and academic record have been reviewed. As a premier Saint Michael's academic scholarship, the Book Award supersedes any other Saint Michael's merit scholarship.

Elizabeth A. Tandlmayer

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.

Josephine G. Beltramo

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.

Emily J. Bateman

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.

Ella A. Nish and Lena Schiavo

THE WELLS COLLEGE 21st CENTURY LEADERSHIP AWARD represents the highest honor Wells College can bestow upon a high school junior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities in his or her 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.

Emily E. de Soyza

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	Megan D. Calos
Business	Ashlyn G. McPartlon
English	Ryana Sarcar
Family and Consumer Sciences	Paris A. Bouldin
World Language	Sara G. Harrow
Mathematics	Jeffrey X. Chen
Music	Duncan C. Wall
Science	Sumit Sahoo
Social Studies	Duncan C. Wall
Technology	Marcus J. Paderon

ART AND DESIGN DEPARTMENT

INDEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTIA ART SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a student who has put forth exceptional effort into their pursuit of artistic quality.

Janet Pan

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.

Tess Sheremeta

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.

Madison Dominguez Norris

EXCELLENCE IN THREE DIMENSIONAL ART AWARD This award 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.

Samantha Castle

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.

Tess Sheremeta and Emily Willoughby

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.

Megan Calos

JAMES ALUND MEMORIAL AWARD

This prize is given in memory of James Alund, a devoted parent who encouraged his children to do their best and be themselves. This prize is for a senior that has worked exceptionally hard to develop their artistic skills and embrace their personal style and aesthetic. This artist has honed their craft over their high school career, and is not afraid of experimentation, practice, and hard work.

Jessie Reed

BEAR AND BIRD GALLERY AWARDS

Sponsored by the Bear and Bird Gallery + Boutique along with Storied Coffee, these prizes are for art students who have gone above and beyond in their school community. These students are recognized for their efforts to make artwork that goes beyond tradition to make something unique and special, always thinking outside the box and pulling from their creative imagination.

Colin Dunham, Mia Etkin, Darren Penid, Carrie Watkins

BELL HOUSE PROJECT PRIZE

The three pillars of The Bell House Project are Food, Art, and Community. Their mission is to provide residents of Troy and Albany an accessible place where they can hold events, connect with their community, and create experiences through art and food. The Bell House Project presents this award to a senior who is making unique contributions to their local community.

Eden Sumner

ART COMPETITIONS

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

The 20th Congressional District Art Exhibition is sponsored by Congressman Paul D. Tonko's Office. High Schools from this district select three pieces of art work to represent their school. The award-winning piece represents the highest achievement in the 20th Congressional District.

Niskayuna's representatives were Megan Calos, Janet Pan, Jessie Reed.

HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL REGION JURIED ART EXHIBITION

The 2022 Capital Region High School Juried Art Exhibition represented 24 school districts. There were almost 500 works submitted, and 113 selected for the show. Six Niskayuna students had work selected.

Megan Calos

Samantha Castle

Madison Dominguez Norris

Janet Pan, Juror's Choice Award

Jessie Reed, two pieces, Juror's Choice Award, The Collar Works Emerging Artist Award

Tess Sheremeta, Sponsor Spotlight Award

THE 28th ANNUAL FULTON-MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE JURIED HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

This annual exhibition is installed at the Perrella Gallery at Fulton-Montgomery Community College and highlights the work of talented high school students within a 50 mile radius of the college. The exhibit showcases a variety of student work in all mediums, including painting, drawing, photography, film, digital media, and sculpture. This year, 13 Niskayuna High School artists are included in the exhibit.

Malak Al-Kofahi, Megan Calos (two pieces), Grace Cerniglia, Madison Dominguez Norris, Keat Lorenz Hermo, Ryan Hesler, Abigail Lunetta, Kassandra Morris, Janet Pan, Darren Penid, Sophia Piracci (two pieces), Tess Sheremeta, Brad Tull

Tess Sheremeta received the Juror's Award

ART IN THREE DIMENSIONS HIGH SCHOOL REGIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION

Art in Three Dimensions 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. Of the 221 works submitted, 79 were selected for the exhibition, 11 of which were created by nine Niskayuna students.

Megan Calos, Samantha Castle, Madison Dominguez Norris (two pieces), Gillian Gaylord (two pieces), Olivia Guzzo, Darren Penid, Tess Sheremeta, Liam Smith, Jack Tu

NEW YORK STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL ART AND CRAFT COMPETITION

The Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Women's Club invites Niskayuna students to participate in their Arts & Craft Competition each year. Student artwork is first judged at a regional level competition.

Drake Brown	1 st Place	Sculpture Category
Ali Card	1 st Place	Mixed Media/Jewelry Category
Mia Chaymang	1 st Place	Pencil/Graphite/Colored Pencil/Marker Category
Mia Etkin	1 st Place	Oil Category
Nina Knezevic	1 st Place	Printmaking Category
Abigail Lunetta	1 st Place	Ink/Scratchboard Category
Kassandra Morris	1 st Place	Pastels/Charcoal/Chalk Category
Jessie Reed	1 st Place	Computer Generated Art Category
Alta Pirigyi	2 nd Place	Photography Category
Emily Willoughby	3 rd Place	Acrylic/Tempera Category
Darren Penid	Honorable Mention	Sculpture Category

The regional level first place winners continue on to a NYS competition. The New York State competition was held this year in Albany, N.Y.

SARATOGA NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING AND HALL OF FAME ART SHOW

2022 SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS

Over the years the Scholastic Art & Writing 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. More than 100,000 teens from across the country and Canada entered more than 260,000 works of art and writing to the 2022 Scholastic Awards.

Tess Sheremeta	Gold Key	<i>human</i>	Ceramics and Glass
Megan Calos	Silver Key	<i>Sink or Swim?</i>	Painting
Pallavi Datta	Silver Key	<i>Chaos & Order</i>	Mixed Media
James Lian	Silver Key	<i>Down the Hall</i>	Digital Art
Janet Pan	Silver Key	<i>I Will Call</i>	Photography
Timothy Lin	Honorable Mention	<i>Beaten</i>	Digital Art

HIGH SCHOOL ALL STARS EXHIBITION

This exhibition was hosted by Saratoga Arts. Featuring student artwork from Saratoga, Fulton and Montgomery counties, the exhibit was on display from January 15 through February 5. Niskayuna had one student participant.

Drake Brown

SARATOGA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FESTIVAL OF YOUNG ARTISTS

The Festival of Young Artists is an annual event held at Saratoga Performing Arts Center. This curated gallery space was created to celebrate the work of the students involved in the 2022 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. Three Niskayuna High School students were featured.

Pallavi Datta *Surrender* Featured Work
Iris Liu *us* Featured Work
Megan Calos *High School* Runner Up

CAPITAL REGION MEDIA ARTS FILM FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION

This festival is sponsored by The Capital Area Art Supervisors and The New York State Art Teachers Association. The festival was developed and organized to provide students with a venue to explore and share their creative efforts in the media arts. It is quite an honor to be included in this annual regional exhibit. This year, 17 school districts submitted 190 pieces of 2-D artwork and 52 films.

Participating Students

Mia Achcet, Mya Audette, Jane Biaglow, Sam Cazer, Grace Cerniglia, Tristan Duffy, Colin Dunham, King Gallo, Julia Gorman, Benjamin Graber, Ryan Hesler, Ian Johnson Tracy, Anna Macko, Janet Pan, Sophia Piracci, and Jessie Reed

Sam Cazer	First Place	Design: Typography
Grace Cerniglia	First Place	Photography: The Human Figure/Portrait
Ryan Hesler	First Place	Photography: Landscape/Nature
Jessie Reed	First Place	Design: Digital Illustration
Julia Gorman	Second Place	Design: Digital Illustration
Janet Pan	Second Place	Design: Digital Fine Art
Janet Pan & Mia Achcet	Third Place	Photography: Special Processes or Techniques
Connor Bailey	Honorable Mention	Film: Music Video
King Gallo	Outstanding Film	Film: Documentary
Sophia Piracci	Outstanding Film	Film: Experimental/Video Art
King Gallo	Outstanding Cinematography	
Sophia Piracci	Outstanding Directing	

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Megan D. Calos, Samantha I. Castle, Samantha R. Cazer, Taylor Cross, Madison Dominguez Norris, Colin D. Dunham, Mia D. Etkin, Gillian G. Gaylord, Julia A. Gorman, Madeleine O. Lasher, Christopher E. Lavelle, Fang Y. Li, Rudolph A. Liggett, Timothy Q. Lin, Claire V. Mankin, Janet M. Pan, Darren G. Penid, Jessie C. Reed, Tess M. Sheremeta, Matthew T. Stroud, Jack K. Tu, Alice L. Van Etten, Carrie M. Watkins

Juniors: Malak Y. Al-Kofahi, Jane A. Biaglow, Niklas Bratten, Evan R. Bray, Anna Brown, Drake T. Brown, Annalee R. Card, Mia B. Chaymang, Haley L. Cituk-Desbois, Julia A. Cropsey, Laurea H. D'Arpino, Pallavi Datta, Emily E. de Soyza, Skyler Dee, Adelyn Farrell, Leijan O. Fortich, Ellie Grossman, Olivia A. Guzzo, Keat Lorenz A. Hermo, Ryan J. Hesler, Krista B. Katsoudas, Lucas Klokiw, Hannah M. Kreig, Anya M. Krisa, Caitlyn Lafargue, Vincent C. Liguori, Anna C. Macko, Maya J. Melendez, Kassandra L. Morris, Ashley M. Nebu, Sophia C. Piracci, Alta C. Pirigyi, Camryn Ronan, Lavaysha Smith, Liam P. Smith, Amelia M. Vachon, Finley C. Watson, Sven Wilde

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.

Connor J. Desjardins

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.

Ashlyn G. McPartlon

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Jack D. Allen, Nicholas Dunne, Benjamin D. Dussault, Owen C. Evans, Avery J. George, A'yonna D. Hughes, Brayden C. Kehoe, Mandy S. Krug, Ashlyn G. McPartlon, Colin S. Meade, Rayna Parzych, Vincenzo L. Savona, Ryan P. Wilber

Juniors: Grace C. Berry, Annalee R. Card, Jackson B. Casey, Hassan A. Daas, Connor J. Desjardins, Gregory P. Drapeau, Ryan G. Famolaro, Jason D. Frankel, Fintan R. Lapham, Gabriel J. Laporta, Grace A. Mackey, Carli Maltbie, Kassandra L. Morris, Ashley M. Nebu, Maxwell O. Pigliavento, Kayla Premnauth, Grace E. Roberts, Owen Rutnik, Jack S. Swinton, Rylie Teti, June M. Zierer

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.

Carrie M. Watkins

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.

Kathryn M. Pogue

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Senior: Ashley C. Artieda Basantes, Sophia Boler, Samantha L. Cerezo, Jeffrey X. Chen, Madison Dominguez Norris, Baylee G. Fingerhut, Alexandra L. Gallo, Gillian G. Gaylord, Maya Gerstenbluth, Ava Holliday, Kaitlyn L. Pack, Kathryn M. Pogue, Zachary Richard, Ryana Sarcar, Jenna M. Sarkisian, Rebecca Z. Schechter, Orit G. Shiang, Duncan C. Wall, Carrie M. Watkins

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Juniors: Samuel E. Boyle, Isabel M. Cueman, Millie M. Ellenbogen, Cooper N. Harvey, Eva L. Hilt, Alexander R. Laing, Dylan J. Mennillo, Paige E. Romero-Campbell, Camryn Ronan, Cameron M. Royal, Finley C. Watson, Kaleigh West

Seniors: Blake Bender, Jackson D. Bogue, Paris A. Bouldin, Jack D. Ford, Rashado O. Fowler, Trevor Hegney, Makenna L. Morrow, Jacob Nuqui, Anne M. Sardella, Jenna R. Semione, Beatrix Serana, Sarah M. Stutz, Thomas R. Titsworth, Winifred M. Wheeler, Lily Winters

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT/NOTABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FINALISTS IN THE 2022 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION:

Ryana Sarcar

SEMI-FINALISTS IN THE 2022 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION:

Ryana Sarcar

COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2021 MERIT PROGRAM:

Avaneesh Benki, Sophia Boler, Jeffrey X. Chen, Adam Conrad, Shivam Gupta, Zinnia S. KarDi, Lindsay J. Kowal, Natalia Malcevic, Kaitlyn L. Pack, Isabella Peng, Samuel L. Rodick, Rebecca Z. Schechter, Evan F. Skufca, Andrew D. Stiles, Matthew D. Stiles, Eden J. Sumner, Elizabeth M. Ward, Carrie M. Watkins, Patrick J. Yang

HUMAN ECOLOGY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Jessica M. Arul, Sophia A. Barnes, Sophia Boler, Josephine A. Calareso, Samantha R. Cazer, Laith S. Chowdhrey, Baylee G. Fingerhut, Itzel N. Garcia, Gillian G. Gaylord, Maya Gerstenbluth, Jillian Gillooley, Jacob R. Gresens, Sara G. Harrow, Ryce R. Hazard, Ava Holliday, Madeleine O. Lasher, Ella C. McDonnell, Stella L. Mirković, Rayna Parzych, Isabella Peng, Kimberly P. Persaud, Kathryn M. Pogue, Daniel M. Quinn, Zachary Richard, Philip Tristan R. Rosero, Jenna M. Sarkisian, Orit G. Shiang, Charlotte A. Soulé, Duncan C. Wall, Imani C. Webster

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.

Sophia A. Barnes

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Sophia A. Barnes, Avaneesh Benki, Peter Bidoshi, Sophia Boler, Josephine A. Calareso, Samantha L. Cerezo, Jeffrey X. Chen, Laith S. Chowdhrey, Caleb C. Ethier, Alexandra L. Gallo, Shivam Gupta, Ryce R. Hazard, Zinnia S. KarDi, Liyat Y. Kebbede, Daniel Malatesta, Natalia Malcevic, Tokunbo O. Oshinowo, Kaitlyn L. Pack, Shivani V. Patel, Isabella Peng, Samuel L. Rodick, Sumit Sahoo, Amira E. Salem, Ryana Sarcar, Rebecca Z. Schechter, Heather A. Schmidt, Orit G. Shiang, Evan F. Skufca, Andrew D. Stiles, Matthew D. Stiles, Thomas R. Titsworth, Elizabeth M. Ward, Shilun Xi, Patrick J. Yang

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.

Patrick J. Yang

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

Cooper Filkins

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.

Duncan C. Wall

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.

Aiden M. Irish

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.

Ella C. McDonnell

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.

Ella C. McDonnell and Keller J. Wegter-McNelly

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.

Faith C. Borkowski

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

Duncan C. Wall

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.

Ella C. McDonnell

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.

Faith C. Borkowski

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.

Sophia A. Barnes

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.

Cooper Filkins

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Ashley C. Artieda Basantes, Sophia A. Barnes, Ryan B. Behar, Peter Bidoshi, Faith C. Borkowski, Makari D. Bullock, Conor M. Compton, Adam Conrad, Olivia A. Defazzio, Stephen D. Duffy, Mia D. Etkin, Cooper Filkins, Jason P. Gao, Ashton J. Gilbert, Garrett Guo, Lindsay V. Harland, Ryce R. Hazard, John C. Hoke, A'yonna D. Hughes, Rachel Y. Huh, Aiden M. Irish, Ina Joseph, Ian R. Klenk, Madeleine O. Lasher, Ella C. McDonnell, Millee A. Modasra, Tokunbo O. Oshinowo, Kaitlyn L. Pack, Janet M. Pan, Kathryn M. Pogue, Jack W. Ryan, Rebecca Z. Schechter, Fiona Schlossberg, Evan F. Skufca, Connor M. Smith, Eden J. Sumner, Caleb R. Tysz, Kassandra A. Vena,

Duncan C. Wall, Keller J. Wegter-McNelly, Rachel C. Wheeler, Winifred M. Wheeler, Patrick J. Yang, Samuel G. Young

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 **Sophia Boler, Laith S. Chowdhrey, Owen C. Evans, and Jillian Gillooley**

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

BASEBALL

92.02%

Parker Aikens, Samuel Booth, Connor Dayton, Owen Evans, David Fields, Ryan Funyak, Tatum Hegney, Brody Johnson, Zachary Mravlja, Duncan Munro, Alexander Nevells, Daniel Quinn

BASKETBALL (BOYS)

92.62%

Tristan Adrian, Jack Allen, Samuel Booth, Saif Chowdhery, Owen Evans, Kasper Matia, Nicholas Thomas, Thomas Titsworth

BASKETBALL (GIRLS)

94.62%

Kathleen Birmingham, Sophia Boler, Hawa Equiza-Gasco, Ryan Famolaro, Ashley Mogavero, Olivia O'Meally, Jacquelyn Reffelt, Aiylin Rutnik, Heather Schmidt, Rebecca Schmidt

BOWLING (BOYS)

91.58%

Jordan Bell, Julian Hansen, Gavin Otty, Jasraj Singh

BOWLING (GIRLS)

95.80%

Emily Aldas, Ya'el Amsalem, Lily Chenevert, Isabel Irizarry, Katherine Makrin, Coumba Ndiaye, Kaylin Schneider, Allison Wuttke, Tsz Yi Yeung

CHEERLEADING (FALL) 93.51%

Ashley Artieda, Shelley Burton, Eniola Elefontuyi, Gianna Gallo, Claire Geskey, Ella Geskey, Ava Giagni, Olivia Girolami, Lila Kerr, Ashlyn Petersen, Marissa Phillips, Kayla Premnauth,

CHEERLEADING (WINTER) 91.89%

Gianna Deso, Eniola Elefontuyi, , Emilee Haney, Camryn Johnson, Chloe Pepe, Paige Romero-Campbell

CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS) 94.63%

Roman Antonikowski, Jackson Bach, Valen Beckmann, Avaneesh Benki, Evan Bray, Drake Brown, Colby Geurin, Landon Greene, Antonio Gonzalez, Ryan Hesler, Daniel Malatesta, Marcus Paderon, Brendan Ross, Alexander Samaniuk, Jason Serotta, Evan Skufca, Nicholas Thomas

CROSS COUNTRY (GIRLS) 96.20%

Marin Casey, Mary Katherine Cestaro, Hayley Elsbree, Liyat Kebede, Caitlyn Lafargue, Abigail Lunetta, Leah Madden, Riley McQueeney, Sara Mongelli, Kaitlyn Murphy, Orit Shiang, Abigail Thomas

FIELD HOCKEY 95.17%

Hailey Auster, Annalee Card, Julia Cropsey, Caroline Daley, Rylee Dayton, Laurea D'Arpino, Adelyn Farrell, Lindsay Geer, Ava Holliday, Rachel Huh, Sophia LaPorta, Dharma Makarowsky, Grace Murphy, Shivani Randive, Charlotte Salmon, Lena Schiavo, Harper Stevens, Carrie Watkins, Kathleen Weingarten

FOOTBALL No Team Award

Shane Bracken, Rashado Fowler, Cooper Harvey, Brody Johnson, Zachary Ladopoulos, Austin Matson, Daniel Miller, Darian Parker, Gavin Pendergast, Daniel Quinn, Thomas Titsworth, Tanner Wood

GOLF (BOYS) 91.91%

Connor Desjardins, Nicholas Dunne, Brayden Kehoe, Vincent Liguori, Henry Marcincuk, Charles Parisi

GOLF (GIRLS) 94.23%

Josephine Calareso, Maya Gerstenbluth, Meghan McLaughlin, Stella Myers, Emily Shim, Finley Watson

ICE HOCKEY 91.49%

Dominic Calareso, Tyler Carroll, Luca Coppola, Paolo Coppola, Connor Desjardins, Gavin Dibble, Connor Foley, Brayden Kehoe, Gabriel LaPorta, Camren Mance, Henry Marcincuk,

INDOOR TRACK (BOYS)	92.80%
William Alcorn, Ahmed Aslam, Jackson Bach, Avaneesh Benki, Evan Bray, King Gallo, Avery George, Antonio Gonzalez, Ryan Hesler, Isaiah Linyear, Daniel Malatesta, Marcus Paderon, Charles Parisi, Michael Puccioni, Brendan Ross, Aleander Samaniuk, Orit Shiang	
INDOOR TRACK (GIRLS)	94.52%
Jillian Abbatiello, Fiona Bean, Ella Beattie, Monica Cammarota, Mary Kate Cestaro, Hayley Elsbree, Elyse Gerstenbluth, Sara Harrow, Liyat Kebede, Abigail Lunetta, Isabella Martinez, Sara Mongelli, Kaitlyn Murphy, Isabella Peng, Skyler Smith, Abigail Thomas, Hailey Waxman, Kaleigh West, Brianna Wise	
LACROSSE (BOYS)	91.03%
George Angelopoulos, David Bogue, Jackson Bogue, Jesse Buchanan, Lou Chicatelli, Saif Chowdhrey, Dylan Coan, Cooper Jones, Lucas Klokiw, Riley Lephart, Jackson Massaroni, Colin Meade	
LACROSSE (GIRLS)	94.99%
Kyra Barbera, Emma Batko, Emily Bateman, Jane Biaglow, Alison Boler, Sophia Boler, Mary Kate Cestaro, Caroline Daley, Gianna Deso, Faith Foley, Jillian Gillooley, Chloe Lephart, Ella Nish, Jacquelyn Reffelt, Ava Roemer, Aiylin Rutnik, Lena Schiavo	
SKI (BOYS)	93.76%
Nicholas Dunne, Aidan Ford, Landon Greene, Evan Kresge, Ryan LeBrou, Joshua Milone, Evan Skufca, Peter Tomko, Abhinav Yukilevich	
SKI (GIRLS)	93.59%
Hazel Danko, Madison Geer, Maya Gerstenbluth, Jessica Lawson, Cristina Rojo, Isabelle Rosenthal, Samantha Rowden, Cambria Tomko	
SOCCER (BOYS)	92.86%
William Alcorn, Samuel Boyle, Ian Klenk, Chi Huan Lei, Papa Ndiaye, Jacob Nuqui, William Olson, Michael Puccioni, Braeden Richards, Eric Romero, Samarbir Singh, Nathaniel Snider, Andrew Stiles, Matthew Stiles, Jack Toy	
SOCCER (GIRLS)	95.01%
Mia Achcet, Kyra Barbera, Emily Bateman, Jane Biaglow, Anna Brown, Maya Buhrmaster, Meagan Eldaye, Jillian Gillooley, Lauren Goyette, Sara Harrow, Anna Joyce, Gabriella Kedik, Grace Mackey, Carli Maltbie, Ava Mauriello, Madeline Mills, Rayna Parzych, Camryn Pepe, MacLaren Richards, Mikaela Tucker, Tiniki Van Niekerk, Kaleigh West, Lily Winters	

SOFTBALL	94.69%
Sara Abatto, Madelyn Aldous, Anna Brown, Emily De Soyza, Briana Dieckmann, Abigail Duffy, Anna Joyce, Laura Mason, Lillian Salvin, Finley Watson	
SWIMMING AND DIVING (BOYS)	92.65%
Samuel Boyle, Vidhu Bulumulla, David D’Amico, Samuel Eckman, Joseph Giannetti, Daniel Guilmette, Franklin Han, Daniel Kwon, Lucas Li, Luke Splendido, Carter Steele, Patrick Yang	
SWIMMING AND DIVING (GIRLS)	95.10%
Vera Amirbekian, Allison Boler, Sophia Boler, Julia Boyle, Samantha Cazer, Caitlin Cho, Eileen Cho, Rachael D’Amico, Mia Etkin, Kelsey Gerstler, Helen Hao, Eva Hilt, Rojan Javaheri, Hannah Kreig, Alanna Krein, Ava Krein, Samantha Lind, Rina Moses, Isabel Nelson, Grace Roberts, Abigail Sandvik, Lily Splendido, Eden Sumner, Elizabeth Tandlmayer, Elizabeth Ward, Avery Watson, Allison Wuttke	
TENNIS (BOYS)	92.54%
Avaneesh Benki, Jeremy Burstyn, Zain Choudry, Jacob Ciesinski, David Henson, Mihir Kulkarni, Arthur Leung, Philip Rosero, Syed Saeed, Masum Shah, Aarush Sinha, Vinh-Sang Tran	
TENNIS (GIRLS)	96.14%
Christine Amirbekian, Jeevika Benki, Jane Buchanan, Eujeong Choi, Aleesha Choudry, Olivia Dartawan, Tessa Ferguson, Irina Knezevic, Katherine Makrin, Millee Modassra, Safiya Petrushenka, Simone Pillai, Sana Seth, Diane Son, Simran Utturkar, Xuning Ying	
TRACK (BOYS)	92.28%
William Alcorn, Roman Antonikowski, Jackson Bach, Evan Bray, Drake Brown, Thomas Canestrari, Nicholas Downing, Julian Franjeh, Avery George, Antonio Gonzalez, Landon Greene, Ryan Hesler, Evan Kresge, Isaiah Linyear, Daniel Malatesta, Jacob Nuqui, Marcus Paderon, Charlie Parisi, Brendan Ross, Jason Serotta, Evan Skufca, Samuel Smith	
TRACK (GIRLS)	94.72%
Jill Abbatiello, Fiona Bean, Ella Beattie, Josie Beltramo, Megan Breslin, Hannah Cestaro, Madison Dominguez-Norris, Elicia Esmeris, Itzel Garcia, Sara Harrow, Elsbree Hayley, Liyat Kebbede, Abigail Lunetta, Zoey Manzo, Isabella Martinez, Sara Mongelli, Kaitlyn Murphy, Abigail Paderon, Rayna Parzych, Isabella Peng, Camryn Pepe, Juliana Sciortino, Orit Shiang, Callan Stabler, Abigail Thomas, Mikaela Tucker, Hailey Waxman, Kaleigh West, Brianna Wise	

VOLLEYBALL (BOYS)

93.79%

Peter Bidoshi, Noah Castle, Laith Chowdhrey, Saif Chowdhrey, Paolo Coppola, Connor Dayton, King Gallo, Caleb Goldberg, Shivam Gupta, Keat Hermo, Gavin Otty, Giancarlo Stabler

VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS)

96.04%

Josephine Beltramo, Grace Berry, Kaylee Borwhat, Emily deSoyza, Elicia Esmeris, Keira Gullickson, Jordan Haughney, Anjana Kurian, Audrey Mason, Laura Mason, Jenna Semione,

WRESTLING

90.56%

Jackson Bogue, Brody Johnson, Zachary Ladopoulos, Austin Matson, Connor Reynolds

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Mia L. Achcet, Sophia Boler, Josephine A. Calareso, Laith S. Chowdhrey, Patrick W. Connelly, Adam Conrad, Connor J. Dayton, Maya Dhinesh, Tarik Dogan, Addison C. Evanoff, Owen C. Evans, Rashado O. Fowler, Ryan T. Funyak, Jillian Gillooley, Brody J. Johnson, Daniel L. Kelly, Isabel M. Nelson, Darian R. Parker, Darren G. Penid, Camryn Pepe, Daniel M. Quinn, Rebecca Z. Schechter, Heather A. Schmidt, Orit G. Shiang, Andrew D. Stiles, Matthew D. Stiles, Matthew T. Stroud, Abigail G. Thomas, Thomas R. Titsworth, Jack D. Toy, Mikaela L. Tucker, Caleb R. Tysz, Duncan C. Wall, Carrie M. Watkins, Winifred M. Wheeler, Lindsey A. Whitley, Tanner Wood, Jordan H. Zenner

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

BAUSCH AND LOMB HONORARY SCIENCE AWARD is presented to a **junior** who throughout high school has achieved a 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.

Grace Z. Sun

THE MEDICAL SCIENCE AWARD is presented to a senior who has demonstrated academic achievement with a special emphasis on science courses and the Introduction to Medical Science course. They must have demonstrated exceptional interest, effort, and enthusiasm in the medical sciences and plan to pursue a career in a related field. This award is sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Brian Gordon.

Presented to **Peter Bidoshi and Sumit Sahoo**

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Leo V. Arcidiacono, Sophia A. Barnes, Peter Bidoshi, Samantha L. Cerezo, Jeffrey X. Chen, Alexandra L. Gallo, Ella E. Geskey, Joseph P. Giannetti, Brayden C. Kehoe, Daniel Malatesta, Natalia Malcevic, Laura A. Mason, Kaitlyn L. Pack, Marcus J. Paderon, Isabella Peng, Samuel L. Rodick, Sumit Sahoo, Ryana Sarcar, Rebecca Z. Schechter, Heather A. Schmidt, Orit G. Shiang, Evan F. Skufca, Andrew D. Stiles, Matthew D. Stiles, Jack K. Tu, Mikaela L. Tucker, Elizabeth M. Ward, Carrie M. Watkins, Patrick J. Yang

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 students who, through participation and engagement in class, exhibit an enthusiasm for the social studies and whose passion for the social studies extends beyond the classroom.

Baylee G. Fingerhut and Lara Knezevic

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.

Samuel L. Rodick

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

Peter Bidoshi and Rebecca Z. Schechter

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Peter Bidoshi, Samantha R. Cazer, Caleb C. Ethier, Addison C. Evanoff, Baylee G. Fingerhut, Alexandra L. Gallo, Gillian G. Gaylord, Maya Gerstenbluth, Lara Knezevic, Michael Puccioni, Zachary Richard, Samuel L. Rodick, Ryana Sarcar, Rebecca Z. Schechter, Orit G. Shiang, Eden J. Sumner, Duncan C. Wall

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Seniors: Daniel Anderson, Joshua C. Castillo, Jeffrey X. Chen, Paolo P. Coppola, Stephen D. Duffy, Benjamin D. Dussault, Caleb C. Ethier, Kevin Felicitas, Jack D. Ford, Ryan T. Funyak, Jackson J. Gray, Sarah L. May, Marcus J. Paderon, Faiyaz Sajjad, Benjamin F. Smith, Matthew D. Stiles, Jack D. Toy

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

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

Lara Knezevic

JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LATIN

Alexandra L. Gallo

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 **Sophia Boler**

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

Orit G. Shiang

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

Camille T. Ugali

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

Duncan C. Wall

DEPARTMENTAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Senior: Ahmed M. Aslam, Kyra M. Barbera, Sophia A. Barnes, Avaneesh Benki, Peter Bidoshi, Sophia Boler, Josephine A. Calareso, Samantha R. Cerezo, Adam Conrad, Connor J. Dayton, Leonardo M. DeCarlo, Madison Dominguez Norris, Colin D. Dunham, Vernald Esmeris, Addison C. Evanoff, Kevin Felicitas, Baylee G. Fingerhut, Faith E. Foley, Greta Fornari, Alexandra L. Gallo, Itzel N. Garcia, Gillian G. Gaylord, Isabella Gomez Mellado, Jacob R. Gresens, Shivam Gupta, Sara G. Harrow, Ryce R. Hazard, Ava Holliday, Zinnia S. KarDi, Liyat Y. Kebede, Brayden C. Kehoe, Nirmann K. Kingra, Lindsay J. Kowal, Mandy S. Krug, Chloë R. Lephart, Daniel Malatesta, Laura A. Mason, Ella C. McDonnell, Tokunbo O. Oshinowo, Kaitlyn L. Pack, Janet M. Pan, Rayna Parzych, Shivani V. Patel, Isabella Peng, Emily T. Persaud, Kimberly P. Persaud, Miranda S. Pilato, Zachary Richard, Samuel L. Rodick, Sumit Sahoo, Amira E. Salem, Rebecca Z. Schechter, Heather A. Schmidt, Jenna R. Semione, Orit G. Shiang, Andrew D. Stiles, Abigail G. Thomas, Jack K. Tu, Mikaela L. Tucker, Camille T. Ugali, Duncan C. Wall, Elizabeth M. Ward, Imani C. Webster, Lindsey A. Whitley, Samuel G. Young

Juniors: Sara J. Abatto, Emily V. Aldas, Hussain Ali, Vera S. Amirbekian, Cooper Anderson, Hailey C. Auster, Jackson A. Bach, Emily J. Bateman, Josephine G. Beltramo, Jane A. Biaglow, Kathleen Birmingham, Anders Borger, Lillian D. Bosco, Anna Brown, Maya E. Buhrmaster, Rui Xuan Cai, Jackson B. Casey, Michelle S. Chan, Caitlin Cho, Matthew J. Choi, Aleesha A. Choudry, Saif S. Chowdhrey, Elise A. Corbin, Emma Cornish, Isabel M. Cueman, Caroline S. Daley, Emily E. de Soyza, Grant A. Desart, Amani Dinar, James T. Dinius, Mary K. Dutcher, Meagan Eldaye, Ryan G. Famolaro, Adelyn Farrell, David W. Fields, Christian M. Francisco, Jason D. Frankel, Mia A. Frisoni, King Nino D. Gallo, Lindsay J. Geer, Madison P. Geer, Colby Geurin, Anina Ghosal, Antonio L. Gonzalez, Lily Goodman, Ann E. Greenwood, Emilee C. Haney, Lucy K. Hart, Tay Harvey, David N. Henson, Keat Lorenz A. Hermo, Ryan J. Hesler, Jasmine U. Karn, Gabriella V. Kedik, Taryn S. Klein, Lucas Klokiw, Hannah M. Kreig, Anya M. Krisa, Vivek Lanka, Gabriel J. Laporta, Emma E. Litzner, Shelby Lucey, Carli Maltbie, Isabella M. Martinez, Ava G. Mauriello, Hannah K. McCorry, Maya J. Melendez, Joseph Menditto, Madeline Mills, Sara M. Mongelli, Ella A. Nish, Kayla Premnauth, Jacquelyn Reffelt, Samantha W. Rowden, Aiylin Rutnik, Lillian J. Salvin, Evan Sanderson, Ashley E. Santibanez, Samuel R. Scamardo, Lena Schiavo, Kaylin M. Schneider, Ella C. Schroeder, Smyan Sengupta, Jason P. Serotta, Giancarlo Stabler, Harper Stevens, Grace Z. Sun, Jack S. Swinton, Abigail C. Szepek, Rylie Teti, Amelia M. Vachon, Henry Wang, Kathleen M. Weingarten, Kaleigh West, Vincent Y. Zhang, Bryan Zheng

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.

Baylee G. Fingerhut

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 **Abigail G. Thomas**

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 **Rachel C. Wheeler**

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 **Rashado O. Fowler and Winifred M. Wheeler**

THE FLUOR SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to children of employees of the Fluor Corporation who have achieved high academic merit and dedication to community service.

Presented to **Rebecca Z. Schechter**

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 **Darian R. Parker**

GLENVILLE ROTARY FOUNDATION “STUDENT OF THE YEAR” 2022 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 from the Town of Glenville who plans to attend a four-year college and 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.

Sumit Sahoo

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 **Aiden M. Irish**

“HELP FOR TODAY, HOPE FOR TOMORROW” SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated through community service a commitment to helping those in dire circumstances. A student interested in a career in social work, community engagement or activism is the ideal recipient. The student receiving this award will meet with Mike Saccocio, Executive Director of The Schenectady City Mission, to learn more about a systemic approach to community engagement and support. The City Mission also receives a monetary donation as part of this award.

Presented to **Ella E. Geskey**

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 **Chloë R. Lephart**

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 **Benjamin D. Dussault and Addison C. Evanoff**

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 **Philip T. Rosero**

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.

Gianna Deso, Arya Dixit, and Aishani Misra

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 **Brayden C. Kehoe**

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 **Ian R. Klenk**

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 **Brody J. Johnson**

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 **Darian R. Parker**

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 **Jillian Gillooley**

THE BILL CONNELLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP provided by Bill's friends and family, is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a commitment to family and community and has given of them self for the benefit of others. This individual exhibits leadership, brings positivity to a group or team and demonstrates the ability to motivate and influence others in a positive manner.

Presented to **Marcus J. Paderon**

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 **Sophia Boler**

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 **Sumit Sahoo**

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 **Daniel Malatesta**

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.

Nicholas Dunne and Mandy S. Krug

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 **Lauren Goyette and Daniel M. Quinn**

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 **Ashley C. Artieda Basantes**

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 **Kyra M. Barbera**

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 **Grace L. DiCaprio**

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. They 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 **Paris A. Bouldin**

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 **Philip T. Rosero**

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 **Sara G. Harrow**

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 graduating seniors who plan to work in the field of nursing. Preference is given to students who may decide to study at a 2-year college.

Presented to **Philip T. Rosero and Camille T. Ugali**

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 **Carrie M. Watkins**

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 **Lindsey A. Whitley**

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 **Grace L. DiCaprio**

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 **Dominick R. Voris**

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 **Daniel M. Quinn**

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 **Sarah L. May**

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 a graduating senior who best emulates Sean's love of nature, compassion, volunteerism and intellectual curiosity. This award is sponsored by the Valero Family.

Presented to **Kathryn M. Pogue**

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 **Ella C. McDonnell**

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 the Julia O. Wells Memorial Education Foundation, Inc.

Presented to **Dharma C. Makarowsky**

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 **Sumit Sahoo**

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 **Mia D. Etkin and Brody R. Riordon**

THE 2022 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:

Peter Bidoshi, Samantha L. Cerezo, Ryce R. Hazard, Isabella Peng, Sumit Sahoo, Ryana Sarcar, Rebecca Z. Schechter, and Elizabeth M. Ward

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 **Grace L. DiCaprio and Abigail G. Thomas**

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 **Kathryn F. D'Amato-Neff**

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 **Ryana Sarcar**

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 **Jessica M. Arul**

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 **Julian A. Franjeh**

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 **Sarah M. Stutz**

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 **Nicholas Dunne and Mandy S. Krug**

NISKAYUNA FIRE DISTRICT #2 SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a Niskayuna High School senior pursuing a career in community service or health related profession such as: EMT, paramedic, firefighter, nurse, doctor, technician, and similar occupations.

Presented to **Abigail G. Thomas**

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 **Lily Winters**

NISKAYUNA HIGH SCHOOL MILITARY SERVICE AWARD - is presented to a senior boy or girl who has made the honorable decision to enlist in any branch of the armed services to serve our country. This award honors a student for their good academic standing, good character and behavior, leadership, devotion to family, and desire to answer a calling greater than oneself. Consideration will also be given to a candidate who has shown considerable personal development during his or her high school career.

Presented to **Austin Matson**

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 **Jack D. Allen**

NISKAYUNA HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' LEGACY AWARD - is presented to members of the senior class who best exhibit the intellectual curiosity and social and emotional maturity that have enabled them to enhance the quality of life of their school and community. The recipients of this award possess personal integrity, are of high moral character, and exemplify 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 **Baylee G. Fingerhut and Maya Gerstenbluth**

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:

Samuel L. Rodick	NTA-Ron Beauchemin Memorial Scholarship
Olivia M. Girolami	NTA-Phyllis Black Memorial Scholarship
Isabel M. Nelson	NTA-Phyllis Black Memorial Scholarship
Paris A. Bouldin	NTA-Jean Bundy Memorial Scholarship
Kathryn M. Pogue	NTA-Susan Burke Memorial Scholarship
Aiden M. Irish	NTA-Michael Jones Memorial Scholarship
Brody R. Riordon	NTA-Roy Williams/ Bob McKee Scholarship
Winifred M. Wheeler	NTA-Roy Williams/ Bob McKee Scholarship
Lauren Goyette	NTA-Dr. Emily Langworthy Peck Memorial Scholarship
Zachary Richard	NTA-Laura M. Sicko Memorial Scholarship
Philip T. Rosero	NTA-Laura M. Sicko Memorial Scholarship
Grace L. DiCaprio	NTA-Dr. Rexford Souder Scholarship

PEP CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS: Two of the four scholarships are named in honor of Joanne Izzo, a former Niskayuna support staff member who founded the Pep Club. The other two scholarships are designated as General Pep Club Scholarships. These four scholarships are presented to senior students who have achieved in the classroom, played on at least one varsity interscholastic team, and plan to attend college.

Nicholas Duanne	Pep Club
Mia D. Etkin	Pep Club
Lily Winters	Pep Club – Izzo Scholarship
Jenna R. Semione	Pep Club – Izzo 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: **A'yonna D. Hughes**

REXFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a deserving high school senior(s) who is entering college and lives within the Rexford fire district.

Addison C. Evanoff

THE GENE ROBB JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP was established to recognize the many significant contributions that Gene Robb, former publisher of the Times Union, made to the field of journalism. The student must have a clearly demonstrated interest in journalism and provide samples of journalistic work

Presented to: **Javan R. Owens Jr.**

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 **Baylee G. Fingerhut**

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 Brody R. Riordon on winning the 2022 Schenectady Chapter Scholarship and a one-year membership to the Schenectady Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club.

Presented to: **Brody R. Riordon**

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. This year the two recipients come from Niskayuna High School. One award provides \$2,500 per year and the other \$1,000 per year for four years.

Presented to **Aiden M. Irish and Lindsey A. Whitley**

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 **Jillian Gillooley and Aiden M. Irish**

THE ISABELLA MARIE SEMENTILLI NEVER CRUMBLE ® SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a Senior who has overcome an obstacle in their life that made them a tough cookie. Special Consideration will be given to applicants who plan on pursuing a career in Business or Culinary. Isabella is a 2021 graduate of Niskayuna High School and continues to spread the Izzy Cure – “Be nice. Be kind. Share a smile.”

Presented to **Jenna R. Semione**

SOUTH COLONIE TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP is awarded annually to graduating seniors whose parent is a member of the South Colonie Teachers’ Association. The students must also plan to attend college, and have demonstrated good citizenship and significant promise of academic achievement.

Presented to **Andrew D. Stiles and Matthew D. Stiles**

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 **Jessica M. Arul and Samantha I. Cerezo**

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT APPOINTMENT

Presented to **Michael Puccioni and Avaneesh Benki**

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 **Owen C. Evans**

VERMONT MILITARY INSTITUTE (Norwich University) – Awarded Army ROTC Scholarship

Benjamin Dussault

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 **Orit G. Shiang**

ZONTA CLUB OF SCHENECTADY JEAN M. COON HUMANITARIAN AWARD is awarded to a young woman who demonstrates outstanding leadership skills and a high level of dedication and commitment to public service.

Presented to **Rebecca Z. Schechter**

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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.

