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# Spotlight on New Milford Schools

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## *Best Wishes and Congratulations to the Class of 2016!*



### **So who is the Class of 2016?**

The **Class of 2016** consists of a total of **312** students, **169** boys and **143** girls. Included in the class are **61** National Honor Society Members, **8** National Merit Commended Students and **1** National Merit Finalist.

This class is sending approximately **86 percent** on to further education. **Two hundred sixty five** will be attending either a four-year or two-year college.

**Six** seniors are planning to attend a business, vocational technical, or other specialized school.

Some of the schools our graduates have been accepted to are: **Bates, Boston University, Bucknell, Clark, Cornell, Dickinson, Duke, Fordham, Georgia Tech, Johns Hopkins, MIT, NYU, Providence, Rensselaer, Syracuse, Wheaton and Villanova.**

**Forty percent** of the four-year college students will be attending the **University of Connecticut** or **Central, Eastern, Southern or Western Connecticut.**

**Seven percent** of the students are planning to enter the labor market or armed services.

Financially, there is a grand total of approximately **\$270,000** in scholarships and grants that have been accepted by our students through state and local organizations.

***Well done Class of 2016!***





**NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Class of 2016**  
**Awards and Scholarships**



*Approximately 80 seniors were recipients of  
awards from the Greater New Milford community  
ranging from \$100 to \$20,000*

*with a grand total of over \$265,000 awarded!*

*Thank you New Milford for your support and encouragement  
to our graduates as they continue with their education.*

**A. Russell Ayre Scholarship:** Briana Abrams, Nicholas Adamou, Sarah Allen, Danielle Bautista, Shane Beebe, Tyler Bradley, Mark Chastain, Christopher Ciaglo, Vincent Galanti, John Habjan, Bettina Harcken, Shannon Jugler, Daniel Krauss, Alexa Kugler, Kimberly Sandberg, Steven Santos, Lauren Satmary, Bailey Scribner, Lucas Simmonds, Alex Slater, Eric Vazquez, Kurt Zarba

**American Legion Ezra Woods Post #31 Award:**  
Briana Abrams, James Mester

**Andrew B. Mygatt VFW Post #1672 Good Citizen Award:** Christopher Ciaglo

**Arion Singing Society German Language Award:**  
Bailey Scribner

**Big Y Scholarship for Academic Excellence:**  
Nathaniel Diamond, Katherine Polley, Alexa Kugler

**Bill Bresee Class of 1977 Scholarship:** Nicholas Calbi

**Brian Dickey Memorial Scholarship:** Eric Vazquez

**Burger King Scholarship:** Mark Chastain, Mitchell Kellett

**CABE Student Leader Award:** Morgan Laucius, Christopher Montalvo

**CAS Arts Recipient:** Francine Luo, Courtney Senior

**CAS/CIAC Scholar/Athlete Award:**  
Nathaniel Diamond, Alexa Kugler

**CAS Leadership Award:** Helen Elizondo, Kurt Zarba

**Catholic War Veterans Scholarship:**  
Nicholas Zumpano

**Delta Kappa Gamma Award:** Jennifer DePalma

**Dexter E. & Katherine R. Hoyt Memorial Scholarship:** Tyra Lindsay, Jordan Jessamy

**Donald H. Knowles Memorial Scholarship:**  
Jackson Olson

**Elizabeth & John Paul Scholarship:** Peter Ward

**Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation Scholarship:**  
Sabrina Alburquerque, Tyler Bradley, Jordan Prause

**Erwin "Chick" Lief Memorial Scholarship:**  
Hunter Barrett

**Gail Carlson NM Ambulance Scholarship:**  
Shannon Jugler, Abigail Kinsella

**Gaylordsville Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship:** Eric Vazquez

**George R. Wetmore Memorial Scholarship:**  
Christopher Ciaglo

**German Honor Society Scholarship:** Brandon Rehaag

**Gladys Cummings Memorial Scholarship:**  
Madison Corso

**Greater New Milford Board of Realtors Scholarship:** Heather Adams, Shannon Jugler, Gabrielle Sheridan

**Jeffrey Martin Memorial Scholarship:** Nicholas Calbi

**John Pettibone Memorial Scholarship:**  
Heather Adams, Danielle Bautista, Christopher Ciaglo, Madison Corso, Jordan Jessamy, Faizah Karim, Mitchell Kellett, James Mester, Kellen Ness, Kira Page, Marina Prontelli, Ruby Ruiz, Kimberly Sandberg, Bailey Scribner, Alex Slater, Elizabeth Smith, Eric Vazquez, Kurt Zarba

**John Phillip Sousa Award:** Kayla Blackburn

**Justine Wendy Smith Scholarship:** Elizabeth Smith

**Karlson Family Foundation Scholarship:**  
Nicholas Calbi, Julio Cordero, Hannah Roche, Brian Santivanez, Zachary Wunderlich



**Kimberly Clark Bright Futures Scholarship:**  
Mackenzie Morehouse

**Kiwanis Club of Danbury Scholarship:**  
Morgan Laucius

**Knights of Columbus Connecticut Council #40 Scholarship:** Tyra Lindsay, Eric Vazquez

**Larson/Schultz Scholarship:**  
Christopher Ciaglo, Brian Santivanez

**Latino Scholarship:** Peter Ward

**Lenny Casacalenda Scholarship:** Mark Chastain

**Literacy Volunteers on the Green Scholarship:**  
Elizabeth Sanchez

**Lois A. Fletcher Memorial Scholarship:**  
Elizabeth Smith

**Louis Armstrong Award:**  
Christopher Ciaglo

**Lynn Marie DeCaro Memorial Scholarship:**  
Bettina Harcken

**Mildred Larson Memorial Scholarship:**  
Mitchell Kellett

**NMHS National Honor Society Chapter Award:**  
Caitlyn Cushman, Allegra Peery

**National Merit Scholarship Commendation:**  
Christopher Ciaglo, Alexander Davlos, Nathaniel Diamond, Alexa Kugler, Francine Luo, Mackenzie Morehouse, Allegra Peery, Katherine Polley

**National Merit Scholarship Finalist:** Zachary Pitcher

**New Milford Band Parents:**  
Francine Luo, Allegra Peery, Brandon Rehaag, Peter Ward

**New Milford Cafeteria Workers Memorial Scholarship:** Julio Cordero

**New Milford Educational Secretaries Association Scholarship:** Mitchell Kellett

**NMHS Booster Club Scholarship:** Jenna Barron, Madison Corso, Nicholas Drew, Zachary Pitcher

**NMHS Faculty/Staff Character Scholarship:**  
Briana Abrams, Bryan Rojas

**NMHS Student Council Award:**  
Jordan Prause, Kimberly Sandberg, Lauren Sarko

**New Milford Girl Scouts:** Julianna Buser

**New Milford Lions Club Scholarship:** Eric Vazquez

**New Milford Police Union Criminal Justice Scholarship:** Daniel Krauss, Victoria Thalassinos

**New Milford Police Union Leadership Scholarship:**  
Christopher Ciaglo, Mark Chastain, Bailey Scribner, Kurt Zarba

**New Milford PTO Scholarship:** Nicholas Adamou, Mark Chastain, Christopher Ciaglo, Jennifer DePalma, Nathaniel Diamond, John Habjan, Bettina Harcken, Kellen Ness, Zachary Pitcher, Katherine Polley, Kimberly Sandberg, Alex Slater, Eric Vazquez, Peter Ward, Zachary Wunderlich

**New Milford Registered Nurses Scholarship:**  
Shannon Jugler

**New Milford Rotary:** Jenna Barron, Christopher Ciaglo, Erin Farley, Jordan Jessamy, Alicia Lungo, Kellen Ness, Emily Shiffman, Alex Slater, Eric Vazquez, Kurt Zarba

**New Milford School Administrators Association:**  
Francine Luo

**Northern CT Pop Warner Scholarship:** Lauren Sarko

**New Milford United Methodist Men's Club Frank Landig/Fred Bennett Memorial Scholarship:**  
Alexa Kugler, James Mester

**Nobel B. Booth Scholarship:** Caitlyn Cushman

**Oma Doubek Memorial Award:** Bryan Rojas

**President's Award for Educational Achievement:**  
Kathryn Antonelli, Mikayla Avallone, Marissa Fugardi, Maria Galletta, Abigail Gillin, John Habjan, Bettina Harcken, Seamus Harvey, Nathan Lee, Tyra Lindsay, Julia Malumphy, Andrew Olson, Jackson Olson, Nadia Ostreicher, John Pace, Patrick Rynkiewicz,

**President's Award for Educational Achievement:**

Courtney Senior, Elizabeth Smith, Owen Swanson,  
Barbara Thayer, Anna Wright

**President's Award for Academic Excellence:**

Briana Abrams, Heather Adams, Alison Bailey,  
Mark Chastain, Christopher Ciaglo, Caitlyn Cushman,  
Nathaniel Diamond, Mitchell Kellett, Alexa Kugler,  
Francine Luo, James Mester, Mackenzie Morehouse,  
Zachery Pitcher, Katherine Polley, Kailyn Schuster

**Prudential Sprit of Community Award:**

James Kainth

**Robert E. Muro Memorial Scholarship:** Alex Slater

**Roger Sherman DAR Good Citizens Award:**

Angela Haglund

**Roger Sherman DAR Chapter Award:** Mark Chastain

**Salutatorian:** Katherine Polley

**Spanish Honor Society:** Briana Abrams, Caitlyn  
Cushman, Karli Golembeski, Eric Pongsamorn

**SWC Leadership Award:** Jennifer DePalma, Brian  
Santivanez

**Teamsters Local 677:** Heather Adams

**Thrift Mart Of New Milford Scholarship:**

Heather Adams, Nrdeen Ahmed, Mirandon Blynn,  
Christopher Ciaglo, Madison Corso, Savannah Cruz,  
Jennifer DePalma, Nicholas Drew, Erin Farley, John  
Habjan, Shannon Jugler, Faizah Karim, Mitchell Kellett,  
Dallas Kelly, Abigail Kinsella, Brooke Landry, Tyra Lindsay,  
James Mester, Mackenzie Morehouse, Katelyn Norkowski,  
Zachary Pitcher, Ruby Ruiz, Hannah Roche, Elizabeth  
Sanchez, Alex Slater, Elizabeth Smith, Eric Vazquez,  
Peter Ward, Kurt Zarba

**Village Green Scholarship:** Nathaniel Diamond,  
Zachary Pitcher, Katherine Polley

**Valedictorian:** Nathaniel Diamond

**VFW Ladies Auxiliary Award:** Elizabeth Smith

**VJ Reddy Memorial Scholarship:** Heather Adams

**Walter G. Southworth Scholarship:** Mason Quirk

**Western CT Superintendent's Award:**

Briana Abrams, Bryan Rojas

**Woman's Club of Greater New Milford  
Scholarship:** Mark Chastain, Alex Slater

*To laugh often and much;  
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;  
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of  
false friends;  
To appreciate beauty, To find the best in others,  
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden  
patch or a redeemed social condition;  
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.  
This is to have succeeded.*

*~Ralph Waldo Emerson*



## New Milford Adult Education Holds Commencement Exercises



Some Adult Ed grads pose for a picture prior to the ceremony.

Twenty-three proud graduates of the New Milford Adult Education program walked the stage at New Milford High School on Wednesday evening, June 8, 2016 to receive their high school diplomas. Adult Education counselor Joe Neff says, "For many of these students, it has been a long haul. They may have come to the Adult Education program as a last resort, not fitting into other schools or feeling that regular school wasn't working. Many have overcome severe hardships to get to this point. For some, the journey took a few months, while others took a few years to reach the prize." With their high school

diploma in hand, these students will now have an opportunity for better jobs at better pay, attending post-secondary training or college. Congratulations to the following:

**Dan Alexander**  
**Russell Thomas Campbell**  
**Richard Gaylord**  
**Jordan Tyler Guevarez**  
**Debra A. Mendez**  
**Susan G. Sanger**  
**Justyne Nicole Simso**  
**Judy Lynn Velazquez**

**Susan Baldwick**  
**Kassandra Maria Cordero**  
**Andra Leigh Gonzalez**  
**Daniel Hoque**  
**Patricia Oviatt**  
**Mikayla Schmidheini**  
**Robert Smith**  
**Savannah Wilson**

**James E. Brundage, Jr.**  
**Kurt D. Freda**  
**Camille Gonzales**  
**Samuel Johnson**  
**Carlos Enrique Garcia Reyes**  
**Brittany Scoca**  
**Marianne Alice Stetzelberg**

### ***Congratulations to the following Adult Education students for special recognition of achievement:***



Voices & Values: **Jessica Lariviere**  
 Criminal Justice: **Judy Velazquez**  
 Civics: **Theresa Coons**  
 U.S. History: **Debra Mendez**  
 Digital Literacy: **Iris Cordova-Marino, Jessica Lariviere**  
 Journalism: **Theresa Coons**  
 Current Issues: **Margarita Siguenza**  
 Literature through Film: **Kurt Freda**  
 Commitment to Education: **Dan Alexander, Tina Tran**  
 Outstanding Performance: **Justyne Simso**  
 Academic Excellence: **Kassandra Cordero**  
 Perseverance Award: **Gordon McKnight**  
 Exceptional Achievement: **Kassandra Cordero**  
 Student Leadership: **Theresa Coons**  
 Achievement in Career Pathways: **Andra Gonzalez, Patricia Oviatt**



**You will be missed...**

## **Best Wishes to our other "Graduates" The 2015-16 NMPS Retirees!**



**Janet  
Allsworth**  
SNIS



**Cecilia  
Barberio**  
NMHS



**Barbara  
Bates**  
SMS



**Debbie  
Chin**  
NES



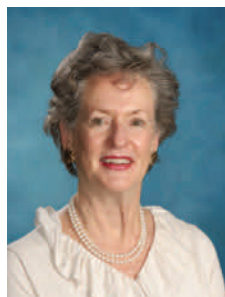
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Cooper**  
District



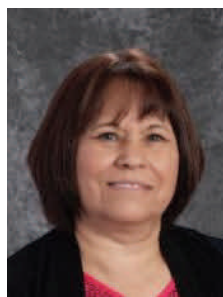
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Desmarais**  
HPS



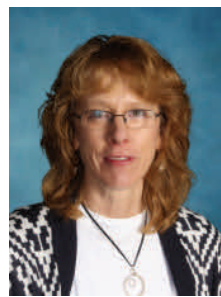
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Fitzsimmons**  
SMS



**Jane  
Harrison**  
SMS



**Laura  
Hults**  
NMHS



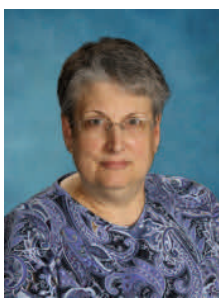
**Donna  
LaBella**  
SMS



**Larry  
Lieberman**  
SMS



**Joy  
Marino**  
NES



**Nancy  
Miller**  
SMS



**JeanAnn  
Paddyfote**  
District



**Alan  
Smith**  
NMHS



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**Mr. J.T. Schemm**

## Summer Memories

*(a poem by Teresa Dearing)*

Hot pavement burns the feet,  
Cool green grass what a treat.

Sand stuck between the toes,  
Sun burnt skin on the nose.

Cotton clouds floating by,  
Baby blue paints the sky.

Kids running out to play,  
School is out, happy day.

Summer smells fill the air,  
As we play without care.

Waiting lines, ice cream stands,  
Young and old are the fans.

All nature's running high,  
Summers breeze brush the sky.

Pools and waves cool the skin,  
What a day for a friend.

Tired, sleepy children cry,  
Once more, they want to try.

Visit family, see friends,  
All too soon summer ends.

Soon tired of summer's heat,  
Autumn brings cool relief.

Cool days turn green to gold,  
Summer memories we hold.

June brings

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.