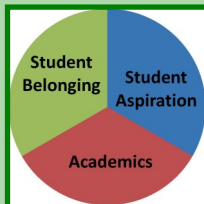




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# Spotlight on New Milford Schools

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## Who is the Class of 2020?

The **Class of 2020** consists of a total of **334** students. Included in the class are **77** National Honor Society Members, **2** National Merit Commended students, and **2** National Merit Finalist students.

Some of the schools our graduates have been accepted to and/or are attending outside the state of Connecticut are: the American University of Paris, Baylor, Boston University, Colgate University, Columbia University, Cornell University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, Gettysburg, Lafayette, Lehigh, University of Miami, UNC Chapel Hill, Northeastern, Northwestern, Purdue, Rensselaer, RIT, Rutgers, Skidmore, St. Lawrence University, Trinity, the University of Glasgow, Vassar, Villanova, Worcester Polytech, and the Universities of Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Maine, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, and Wyoming, just to name a few.

Financially, there will be an expected total of **\$447,457** in scholarships and grants awarded to our students through state and local organizations this year.

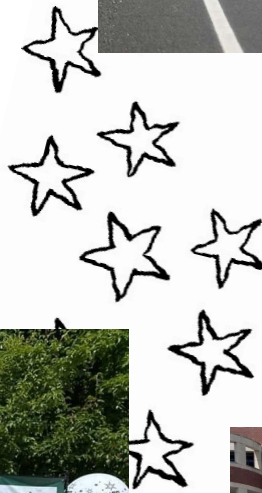
In her speech to graduates, Superintendent Kerry Parker praised all the members of the Class of 2020. "You have all faced the most incredible situation – a senior year challenge of epic proportions and you persevered. You finished strong. You were determined. And although you experienced a senior year unlike anyone before you – you will forever be someone who can face a challenge head on and come out a winner."

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## A Unique Celebration of the Class of 2020

*NMHS Principal Greg Shugrue speaks to the graduates of 2020:*

“This is a very different ceremony from the one we all envisioned at the start of the 2019-2020 school year. As we begin, you’re watching on YouTube in your car sitting at Sarah Noble School. These are unprecedented times and this ceremony is very unique all in an effort to celebrate the Class of 2020. Today you come together one last time as a class; graduation, the culminating event that signifies the end of one journey, but also, more importantly, signifies the beginning of yet another. Go forward from this day and pursue your dreams and aspirations with a sense of commitment, go find out what makes you tick and become the productive citizen we know you can be.”



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## New Milford Adult Education Holds Commencement Exercises

On June 25th, ten proud graduates of the New Milford Adult Education program received their high school diplomas. **Congratulations graduates:** Manuel C. Alvarez, Patricia Ann Bertram, Giovanni Joseph Cooper, Jack D. Dos Santos, Kellie Taylor Goncalves, Alexander Thomas Hall, Jenna M. Kozar, Elizabeth Rose Noeding, Christina Louise Nunez and Hunter Edison Sloane.



## Adult Education 2020 Student Awards

Commitment to Education: Jenna Kozar  
 Academic Excellence: Elizabeth Noeding, Christina Nunez  
 Graphic Novel Studies: Giovanni Cooper  
 Essential English: Patricia Bertram, Judith Stanislas  
 Creative Writing: Giovanna Cooper, Elizabeth Noeding, Judith Stanislas  
 Elementary Algebra: John Shaw  
 US History: Edna Hernandez, Judith Stanislas, John Shaw  
 Earth Science: Anna Guaman, Christina Nunez  
 Environmental Science: Jannette Ordonez, Patricia Bertram  
 Financial Lit: Judith Stanislas, Anna Guaman  
 Pre-Algebra: Edna Hernandez, Judith Stanislas  
 Information Studies: John Shaw, Martin Walsh, Alyssa Morgan  
 Astronomy: Ariosto Cardenas

## SMS 2019-20 Special Recognitions and Awards

*CABE Student Leadership Award*  
 Nikara Garretson, Andrew Rondini

*CAS Middle Level Scholar-Leader*  
 Brett Carpana, Amelia Sabatino

*CMEA Northern Region Middle School Music Festival-Chorus*  
 Meadow Do, Kendall Lim, Katelyn McGuire, Rebekah Newman, Bella Schwartz, Phebe Seppa, Abigail Staib

*CMEA Northern Region Middle School Music Festival-Instrumental*  
 Connor Ciaglo, Karan Karkhanis, Gabriel Larsen, Leo Mahlke, Himaani Pradeep, Maayan Rosenberg, Lily Runyan, Lurinz Serrano-Santiago, Catherine Zeng, Brandon Zhang, Adam Zimmitti

*National Geographic Geography Bee*  
 William Orlando

*VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest*  
 Brandon Zhang

*Western CT Superintendents Award*  
 Leo Mahlke, Abigail Staib







## NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

### *2019-20 Special Recognitions, Awards and Senior Scholarships*

#### BOOK AWARDS

*Bowdoin College Book Award*  
Hannah Spinner

*Columbia College University Book Award*  
Shae Zeitler

*Dartmouth College Book Award*  
Sabella Volansky

*Gettysburg College Book Award*  
Matthew Marano

*Harvard College Book Award*  
Jackson Caldwell

*Sacred Heart University Book Award*  
Robert J. Harkin

*Saint Michael's College Book Award*  
Joshua Abel, Elizabeth Usher

*Smith College Book Award*  
Heather Dempsey

*Trinity College Book Award*  
Elena Stephens

*University of Virginia Jefferson Book Award*  
Ethan Jung

*Wesleyan University Book Award*  
Sophia Conklin



#### BROOKFIELD CRAFT CENTER JURIED STUDENT EXHIBITION

Julia Botelho, Morgan Colp, Kenna Gavel, Susan Hackett, Dylan Heydet, Lily Hutchinson, Jessica Learson, T Makowicki, Madisyn Martinelli, Matheus Martins, Emmaline Moore, Aiden Mulligan Brown, Hannah Murphy, Kyle Paist, Justin Pasato, Colleen Ryan, Mya Sheehan, Jillian Smith, Sopier Soeum, Andrew Sypko, Jack Teplica, Allison Thomas, Sania Toprani, Evelyn Toth, Isabelle Vazquez, Olivia Zeitler



#### MUSIC AWARDS

**CMEA NORTHERN REGION BAND**  
Jazmine Dionne, Sloan Gubner, Allan Lian, Riley Mahlke, Yae Young Min, Eliza Peery, Kelsey Stewart, Charles Vogt, Terrell Williams, Cory Woolley

**CMEA ALL STATE BAND**  
Sloan Gubner, Terrell Williams, Cory Woolley

**CMEA NORTHERN REGION CHORUS**  
Joshua Abel, Olivia Esposito, Brian Hinger, Madison Lafontan, Leah Lawson, Kayla Machado, Ian McNulty, Cassandra Williams

## **CMEA ALL STATE CHORUS**

Joshua Abel

## **CMEA NORTHERN REGION ORCHESTRA**

Henry Runyan

## **DECA STATE AWARDS**

### *Independent Business Plan*

Isabella Damiano, Abigail Mars

### *Start-up Business Plan*

Owen Arias, Mackenzie Brady

### *Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making*

Jack Cossari, John Comaskey

### *Franchise Business Plan*

Mykenzee Baier, Kallie Johnson,  
Madisyn Martinelli

## **FBLA STATE AWARDS**

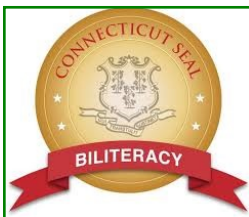
### *Computer Applications*

Jessica Miller

## **HOBY AWARD**

Ishaani Pradeep

## **SEAL OF BILITERACY**



Omar Afifi, Kyle Beebe,  
Manuel Bonfil, Mackenzie  
Brady, Carla Campoverde,  
Geovanna Coelho,  
Lee Joaquin Conlu,  
Alessandra Cordero,  
Matthew Dugan,

Damien Edel, Ashley Escobar,  
Emma Harvison, Jordyn Ingram,  
April Li, Allan Lian, Brianna Logan,  
Alyssa Lombardo, Helen Ma, Ryan Murphy,  
Grace Oliver, Kyle Paist, Eliza Peery,  
Jennifer Quaintance, Jason Zhang

## **SPECIALTY AWARDS**

### *CABE Student Leadership Award*

Katherine LaCava, Luke Pliego

### *CAS Arts Award*

Allan Lian, Kyle Paist

### *CAS Student Leadership Award*

Joshua Abel, Craig Benvenuti

### *CAS Student Scholar-Athlete Award*

Julia Colley, Ryan Murphy

### *Connecticut Scholar's Award*

Jackson Caldwell

### *DAR Good Citizen Award*

Madilyn Siwek

### *National Merit Scholarship Commendation*

April Li, Ryan Murphy

### *National Merit Scholarship Finalist*

Louis Chiarito, Jason Zhang

### *President's Award for Educational Excellence*

Lindsey Adamou, Omar Afifi, Kyle Beebe,  
Justin Bitteker, Mackenzie Brady,  
Nicole Chodack, Julia Colley,  
Nolan Cushman, Victoria Giancaspro,  
Ashton Ivey, Dylan Leddy, April Li,  
Allan Lian, Helen Ma, Colin Murphy,  
Ryan Murphy, Eliza Peery, Madilyn Siwek,  
Abhiemanya Sukumaran, Emilia Tesoriero,  
Jason Zhang

### *Prudential Spirit of Community Award*

Annika Stuerken

### *SWC Leadership Award*

Mackenzie Brady, Andrew Grinnell

### *Western CT Superintendents Award*

Lindsey Adamou, Johnathan Letizia

### *Salutatorian*

Jason Zhang

### *Valedictorian*

Ryan Murphy



## UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER AWARDS

*Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award*  
Sabella Volansky

*Frederick Douglass &  
Susan B. Anthony Award*  
Tyler Holm

*George Eastman Young Leaders Award*  
Robert J. Harkin

*Xerox Award*  
Dylan Lewis

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## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



*In gratitude to our community partners.  
Thank you New Milford for your support and  
encouragement to our graduates*

*A. Russell Ayre*  
Lindsey Adamou, Alexandra Carraccio,  
Ashley Escobar, Victoria Giancaspro,  
Sergy Holcomb, Lily Hutchinson,  
Johnathan Letizia, Luka Liguori,  
Dylan Magner, Sidney Martin,  
Juliana Rella, Maxwell Sarich,  
Jacob Smith, Nicole Vivian

*Andrew B. Mygatt VFW Post #1672*  
*Good Citizen Award*  
Zachary Best

*Andrew B. Mygatt VFW Post #1672*  
*Auxiliary Scholarship*  
Cassandra Way

*Arion Singing Society German Language*  
Lee Conlu

*Betty Olson Coles Memorial*  
Jordyn Strati

*Big Y*  
Dylan Leddy, Emilia Tesoriero

*Connecticut Education Association (CEA)*  
Taylor Bentley, Jennifer Quaintance

*Connecticut AAU Scholarship*  
Nicole Vivian

*Connecticut Army National Guard*  
*Scholarship*  
Kevin Meskill

*DAR Roger Sherman Chapter*  
Zachary Deakin

*DAR Connecticut State*  
Helen Ma

*Delta Kappa Gamma Tau Chapter*  
*Nancy Cousin Book Grant*  
Allison Thomas

*Donald H. Knowles Memorial*  
Sarah Mickelson

*EdAdvance Board of Directors*  
Jason Zhang

*Elizabeth & John Paul Memorial*  
Ryan Murphy, Reginarose Ryan

*Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation*  
Alyssa Mastocciolo, Aidan Murphy,  
Gerson Page, Jack Puglisi, Benjamin Silver

*Erwin "Chick" Lieff Memorial Tennis*  
Nathan Mulder

*French Honor Society*

April Li, Allan Lian, Jennifer Quaintance

*Garden Club of New Milford*

Lindsey Adamou

*German Honor Society*

Damien Edel

*GFWC Womans Club  
of Greater New Milford*

Taylor Briggs, Alyssa Delaney, Luka Liguori

*Gladys Cummings Memorial Nursing*

Craig Benvenuti

*Greater New Milford Board of Realtors  
Jay Solomon Memorial*

Matthew Bouzakis, Amanda Clark,  
Hannah Fitzgerald

*Greater New Milford Film Festival*

Madelyn Hurlburt

*Healing the Children Northeast*

Alexandra Carroccio, Aylssa Delaney,  
Hannah Fitzgerald

*John Phillip Sousa Band Award*

Emma Chamberlin

*Justine "Wendy" Smith Memorial*

Jennifer Quaintance

*Karlson Family Foundation*

Brittany Carroccio, Nolan Cushman,  
Alyssa Delaney, Thomas Lewis,  
Nicole Vivian

*Kenneth T. Hipp Memorial*

Brittany Carroccio

*Knights of Columbus  
(Housatonic Council #40)*

Brittany Carroccio, Molly-Lynn Farquharson

*Lois Fletcher Memorial*

Katherine Lukens

*Louis Armstrong Jazz Award*

Eliza Peery

*Lynn Marie DeCaro Memorial*

Helen Ma

*Math Honor Society*

Jason Zhang

*Mildred Larson Memorial*

Justin Bittekar

*National Honor Society*

April Li

*National School Orchestra Award*

Helen Ma

*New Milford Ambulance*

*Gail P. Carlson Memorial*  
Reginarose Ryan

*New Milford Band Parents*

Emma Chamberlin, Emma Harvison,  
Allan Lian, Sarah Morris, Charles Vogt

*New Milford Cafeteria Workers*

Molly-Lynn Farquharson,  
Madelyn Hurlburt, Emily Toth, Kaley Toth

*New Milford Educational Secretaries*

Thomas Lewis

*New Milford Girl Scouts*

Allison Thomas

*New Milford High School Student Council*

Mariya Tazi

*New Milford Hospital RN*

Madilyn Siwek

*New Milford Lions Club*

Alyssa Delaney

*New Milford Police Union Leadership*

Alexandra Carroccio, Amanda Clark,  
Zachary Deakin, Alyssa Delaney,  
Jenna Epstein, Kristen Grabner

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Lindsey Adamou, Connor Benvenuti, Craig  
Benvenuti, Matthew Bouzakis, Caden Flynn,



*NMPTO continued*

Victoria Giancaspro, Thomas Lewis,  
Alex Lipari, Juliana Rella, Brandon Rigdon,  
Jack Schipul, Makayla Terrillion,  
Emilia Tesoriero, Tanner Wozney

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Zachary Deakin, Luka Liguori, Alex Lipari,  
Mariya Tazy, Allison Thomas,  
Amanda Clark - Jim Faure Scholarship

*New Milford School Administrators Association*

Julia Colley

*New Milford United Methodist Men's Club*

Tanya Baranov, Owen Kwan

*Nobel B. Booth*

Katherine LaCava

*Oma Doubek Wrestling*

Isaac Chamreun

*SADD Jeffrey Martin Memorial*

Jennifer Quaintance, Reginarose Ryan

*Sean Caselli Memorial Wrestling*

Grace Reardon

*Spanish Honor Society*

Mackenzie Brady, Damien Edel,  
Ashley Escobar

*Thrift Mart of New Milford*

Omar Afifi, Taylor Bentley,  
Connor Benvenuti, Craig Benvenuti,  
Marc Calcaldi, Alexandra Carroccio,  
Brittany Carroccio, Amand Clark,  
Zachary Deakin, Aylssa Delaney,  
Ashley Escobar, Hannah Fitzgerald,  
Molly-Lynn Farquharson,  
Madelyn Hurlburt, Anthony Izzo,  
Bleona Lekaj, Thomas Lewis, Luka Liguori,  
Lyndsey O'Marra, Kyle Paist, Juliana Rella,  
Reginarose Ryan, Madilyn Siwek,  
Jordyn Strati, Mariya Tazi, Emith Toth,  
Kaley Toth, Nicole Vivian

*Truck Driver & Helpers Local Union #677*

Hurlburt, Madelyn

*Unified Buddies*

Samina Ahmed, Connor Bladt, Tyler Hottes,  
Brianna Lennon, Anthony LeRose

*Walter G. Southworth*

Abhiemanyu Sukumaran

*WGA Chick Evans Scholarship*

Alex Lipari



### All School Musical Cast Nominated for Halo Awards

While this year's All School Musical, *The Addams Family*, was postponed due to COVID-19 with only a week to go before live performances, the ensemble was able to submit a video of one of their run-throughs to the Halo Awards nominating committee, which recognizes high school excellence in theatre, and received several nominations. The Halo Awards streamed live on Tuesday, June 23rd and included a video that Advisor Alessandro Amenta created celebrating the cast, crew and pit. Watch the video [here](#).

Special congratulations to Sophia Delohery who won for best performance by a supporting actress in a musical!



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## RETIREMENTS

### Best Wishes to the 2019-20 NMPS Retirees

*You will be missed!!*



Michael Abraham



Kathy DelMonico



Denise Duggan



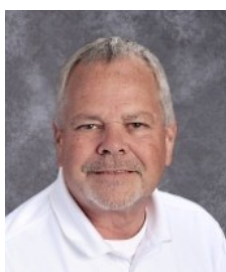
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Greg Holmes



Barbara Hubbard



William Knipple



Darcey Markelon



Elaine Perrin



Janet Roache



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