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Spotlight on New Milford Schools

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Best Wishes and Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

Did you know?

The Class of 2015 consists of a total of 357 students, 172 boys and 185 girls. Included in the class are 45 National Honor Society Members, 5 National Merit Commended Students and 1 National Merit Finalist.

Some of the schools our graduates will be attending are: American University, Amherst College, Bard, Brandeis, Clark, Clemson, Cornell, Gettysburg, Georgia Tech, Holy Cross, McGill, NYU, Providence, Rensselaer, Syracuse, and Virginia Tech. Forty-six percent of the four-year college students will be attending UConn or Central, Eastern, Southern or Western CT University. Financially, a grand total of approximately \$336,000 in scholarships and grants have been accepted by our students.



Well done Class of 2015!



NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2015 Awards and Scholarships



*Many, many thanks to all of the groups
who presented a scholarship or award. Your assistance
will enable many students to accomplish far more
than they otherwise could have.*

United States Army ROTC Scholarship: Ryan Fabich

A. Russell Ayre Scholarship: Jenna Benvenuti, Hannah Delohery, Carly Drost, Michael Fitch, Gergory Hansell, Gyan Kandhari, Carly KleinStern, Haley Kozar, Shawn Martin, Nicole McCarthy, Brianna Paiva, Julia Peck, Timothy Rehm, Megan Tishion, Emilyn Tuomala, Thomas Vita

American Legion Ezra Woods Post #31 Award: Donald Cherico, Thomas Vita

Albert & Helen Meserve Memorial: Bethany Balstad, Brady Clarke

Andrew B. Mygatt VFW Post #1672 Good Citizen Award: Donald Cherico

Arion Singing Society German Language Award: Timothy Rehm

Betty Olson Coles Memorial Scholarship: Dakota Foshay, Nicole McCarthy

Big Y Scholarship for Academic Excellence: Marta Gryb, Zachary Polley, Timothy Rehm

Bill Bresee Class of 1977 Scholarship: Madison Romandi

Brian Dickey Memorial Scholarship: Helen Bayers

Building Bookcases Scholarship: David Alvarado

CABE Student Leader Award: Emma Hunniford, Timothy Rehm

CAS Arts Recipient: Brandon Halberg, Zoë Miolla

CAS/CIAC Benjamin Scholar/Athlete Award: Helen Bayers, Gregory Hansell

CAS Leadership Award: Logan Doud, Kimberly Sandberg

Catholic War Veterans Scholarship: Brianna Paiva

Charles James Chapin Annual Athletic Scholarship: Blaine McMahon

CT Community Foundation Scholarship: Helen Bayers, Brady Clarke, Marta Gryb, Sean Kunic, Nicole McCarthy, Thomas Nisco, Julia Peck, Courtney Pecora, Thomas Vita

Dexter E. & Katherine R. Hoyt Memorial Scholarship: James Doran, Charlotte Durr

Donald H. Knowles Memorial Scholarship: Charlotte Durr

Elks National Foundation Scholarship: Zachary Polley

Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation Scholarship: Donald Cherico, Lorina Milay, Megan Tishion

Erwin "Chick" Lief Memorial Scholarship: Justin Nabozny

Gayle Carlson NM Ambulance Scholarship: Amanda Aguayo, Jenna Benvenuti, Emma Hunniford, Hayley Kozar

Gaylordsville Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship: Anika Berger, Matthew Martinez

George R. Wetmore Memorial Scholarship: Brady Clarke

Gladys Cummings Memorial Scholarship: Zachary Polley

Greater New Milford Board of Realtors Scholarship: Allison Noteware, Zachary Polley

Herrf Jones Believe in You Scholarship and Principals Award Nominee: Lauren Wright

IBM Thomas Watson Scholarship: Emma Bergman

James Lauer Memorial History Award: Nicole McCarthy

John Pettibone Memorial Scholarship: David Alvarado, Simone Buck, Donald Cherico, Charlotte Durr, Madeline Federle, Dakota Foshay, Danielle Gosselin, Abigail Hambidge, Gregory Hansell, Stephen Kipp, Hayley Kozar, Sean Kunic, Nicole McCarthy, Thomas Nisco, Noah O'Connor, Julia Peck, Timothy Rehm, Anthony Scalzo, Emilyn Tuomala

Justine Wendy Smith Scholarship: Zachary Polley

Karlson Family Foundation Scholarship: David Alvarado, Dakota Foshay, Julia Peck, Kierstyn Raines, Thomas Vita

Kimberly Clark Bright Futures Scholarship: Lauren Wright

Kiwanis Club of Danbury Scholarship: Christine Habjan, Lauren Wright

Knights of Columbus Connecticut Council #40 Scholarship: Melanie Horkan, Noah O'Connor

Larson/Schultz Scholarship: Lindsey Heaton, Andrés Wagner

Latino Scholarship: David Alvarado, Matthew Martinez, Johanna Zhunio-Guaraca

Lenny Casacalenda Scholarship: Gregory Hansell

Lois A. Fletcher Memorial Scholarship: Kathleen Lewis

Lynn Marie DeCaro Scholarship: Abigail Hambidge

Mildred Larson Memorial Scholarship: Duo Zheng

NMHS National Honor Society Chapter Award: Jenna Benvenuti, Timothy Rehm, Kezia Varughese

National Merit Scholarship Commendation: Serina Ahmed, Kevin Bun, Marta Gryb, Abigail Hambidge, Zachary Polley

National Merit Scholarship Finalist: Carly Drost

New Milford Cafeteria Workers Memorial Scholarship: Alyssa Law

New Milford Educational Secretaries Association Scholarship: Thomas Vita

NMHS Band Parents Scholarship: Andrea Conrad, Killian Greene, Brendan Halberg, Justin Nabozny

New Milford Barracuda Swim Team: Ben Hannan

NMHS Booster Club Scholarship: Hayley Dwy, Autumn Faitak, Terrence Flynn, Lindsey Heaton, Derek Laurentus, Allison Noteware, Madison Romandi

NMHS Faculty/Staff Character Scholarship: Nicole McCarthy, Zachary Polley

NMHS Spanish Honor Society Scholarship: Emma Bergman, Carly KleinStern, Sylvia Onorato, Timothy Rehm

NMHS Student Council Award: Teresa Harkin

New Milford Girl Scouts: Julia Peck

New Milford Lions Club Scholarship: Charlotte Durr

New Milford Police Union Criminal Justice Scholarship: Nicole McCarthy

New Milford Police Union Leadership Scholarship: Jenna Benvenuti, Meredith Cowan, Dakota Foshay, Trevor Hallas, Brianna Paiva

New Milford PTO Scholarship: Jenna Benvenuti, Paul Christin, Charlotte Durr, Terrence Flynn, Saige Grazia, Christine Habjan, Rebecca Johanson, Carly KleinStern, Kathleen Lewis, Ryan Lynch, Nicole McCarthy, Noah O'Connor, Zachary Polley

New Milford Registered Nurses Scholarship: Amanda Aguayo

New Milford Rotary: David Alvarado, Helen Bayers, Jenna Benvenuti, Autumn Faitak, Michael Fitch, Abigail Hambidge, Carly KleinStern, Hayley Kozar, Zachary Polley, Ashley Reiske

New Milford School Administrators Association Scholarship: Serina Ahmed

New Milford United Methodist Men's Club

Frank Landig/Fred Bennett Memorial Scholarship: Michael Fitch, Danielle Gosselin

Nobel B. Booth Scholarship: Marissa McLaughlin

Oma Doubek Memorial Award: Ryan Fabich

Paul J. Newman Memorial Scholarship: Cori Paquin

President's Award for Educational Achievement: Amber Andrews, Michael Armstrong, Alissa Assad, Vincent Bianca, Bryan Brown, Kayla Burton, Meredith Cowan, Nicholas DelMastro, Cameron Fairchild, Madeline Federle, Carolyn Hripak-Underhill, Amber Levine, Chase Morrissey, Dylan Nenadal, Noah O'Connor, Anthony Oviatt, Theresa Paradiso, Madison Romandi, Andria Salinas, Luisa Saravali, Anthony Scalzo, Yegor Shea, Megan Tishion, Stephen Tompos, Jessica Yunga, Johanna Zhunio

President's Award for Academic Excellence: Serina Ahmed, Helen Bayers, Emma Bergman, Kevin Bun, Carly Drost, Marta Gryb, Christine Habjan, Abigail Hambidge, Gregory Hansell, Carly KleinStern, Sylvia Onorato, Zachary Polley, Timothy Rehm, Lauren Wright, Duo Zheng

Prudential Sprit of Community Award: Kirsten Potts

Robert E. Muro Memorial Scholarship: Joseph Carangui

Roger Sherman DAR Good Citizens Award: Sylvia Onorato

Roger Sherman DAR Chapter Award: Allison Noteware

Salutatorian: Carly KleinStern

Sikorsky Aircraft Teamsters: Gina Viglione

SWC Leadership Award: Brady Clarke, Nicole McCarthy

Thrift Mart Of New Milford Scholarship: David Alvarado, Amber Andrews, Jenna Benvenuti, Simone Buck, Brady Clarke, Sarah Coshal, Autumn Faitak, Dakota Foshay, Danielle Gosselin, Marta Gryb, Melanie Horkan, Stephen Kipp, Hayley Kozar, Lea Krebs, Sean Kunic, Kathleen Lewis, Ryan Lynch, Nicole McCarthy, Jessica Melendez, Lorina Milay, Thomas Nisco, Noah O'Connor, Julia Peck, Ashley Reiske, Jameson Steinhardt, Thomas Vita, Sara Wilton, Hannah Winter

Timothy Mulvey Memorial Scholarship: Julia Trocchio

Village Green Scholarship: Gregory Hansell, Lauren Wright

Valedictorian: Gregory Hansell

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Award: Carolyn Hripak-Underhill

VJ Reddy Memorial Scholarship: Justin Lourenco

Walter G. Southworth Scholarship: Joseph Carangui

Western CT Superintendent's Award: Amanda Aguayo, Jameson Steinhardt

Woman's Club of Greater New Milford-Ginny

Wall Memorial Scholarship: Carly KleinStern

Woman's Club of Greater New Milford-Sue Hackney Memorial Award: Shawn Martin



NMHS Spring Athletics Wrap-Up

New Milford High School held its final sports awards evening on Monday, June 8th, recognizing the spring athletes and teams. Athletic Director Keith Lipinsky says the spring season is by far the fastest season of the school year as teams have less than seven weeks to complete their regular season schedule before SWC and State tournaments begin. This spring got off to a slow start as teams waited patiently for the mounds of snow to melt, but in the end they were able to start games on time and had a beautiful stretch of weather from about the third week of the season on where they were able to get in games, meets, and matches without postponements, quite the accomplishment given the winter preceding! Following is a synopsis of AD Lipinsky's remarks from the evening in which he also highlighted one of the district's character traits while praising the student-athletes:

We had 420 student athletes (196 Girls and 224 Boys) participating in our nine spring programs. Including the post season, our student-athletes competed in approximately 275 events while representing New Milford High School.

In my address to the students tonight I would like to focus on one of our character traits here at the high school: Responsibility. High school sports provide each one of you the opportunity to demonstrate and develop every single one of the character traits that New Milford High School promotes. While attending practices and contests during the spring season, I had the opportunity to witness many of our student-athletes developing and demonstrating our character traits, including responsibility. Responsibility is defined as: "the state or fact of being responsible answerable, or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management".

With respect to accountability, ask yourself these questions...Are you showing up to school on time regularly and putting your best effort into your school work or are you just doing enough to get by? Are you arriving to practice early and helping your coach get your practice area ready for the day's events or are you showing up late and letting someone else do it? Are you holding yourself accountable by putting your best effort in to every repetition at practice in efforts to constantly improve and prepare for competition, or are you satisfied with your current skill set? Are you conducting yourself in a manner that demonstrates respect for your sport, your coaches, your opponents, and the officials, or are you misrepresenting your school community? Are you making good decisions in and out of school and leading by example, or are you following the crowd? Can your teammates and coach count on you to be there 100% when needed most?

Responsibility means accepting that you have control over your thoughts, actions, and feelings. It means recognizing that you have the power to make

both good choices and poor choices. It means being accountable for the consequences of your actions. The goal is to have 100% of you as student-athletes be able to say 'Yes' to the first part of each of these questions, and sports gives you that opportunity every day to work on being responsible.

This season, our varsity teams compiled an overall record of 74-71 for an overall winning percentage of .510. We had seven of the nine teams qualify and compete for the SWC Tournaments/Championships, and also had representation from seven of the nine Varsity teams in the state tournament. We had nine athletes selected to the first team all conference teams in their sports and another 26 receiving All Colonial, 2nd team All-Conference, and honorable mention honors. Last, but certainly not least, we had 35 student-athletes make the All-Conference All-Academic Team. Needless to say, it was a successful season.

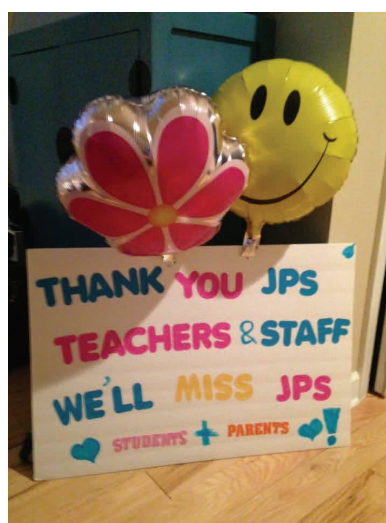
AD Lipinsky went on to thank the many, many people who contribute to the success of the program including the coaching staff: "I have been able to attend and observe many practices and athletic events to witness the passion, knowledge, enthusiasm, dedication and compassion of our coaching staff and feel very fortunate to be surrounded by so many outstanding professionals. I am also very proud to be working in this school community where so many parents and coaches I speak with have the same vision of not only demanding excellence and sportsmanship on the playing field, but who also understand the importance of making sure their student-athletes are receiving the many beneficial life lessons and experiences that athletics can provide".



*Congratulations to the
NMHS Unified Sports team
that competed this spring at
Newtown High School.
Good job by all!*



We can't let this end-of-year issue go by without recognizing the closing of John Pettibone Elementary School. For those students, parents and other members of the community who may have attended school there throughout the years, it is indeed the end of an era.



We at the New Milford Public Schools look forward to welcoming students back to our five remaining schools on August 24th. Our focus as always will be to provide an enriching student experience while increasing the academic caliber of all our students, whichever school they may attend.

2015-2016 New Milford Public Schools

Hill and Plain Elementary School: Grades PK-2

Northville Elementary School: Grades PK-2

Sarah Noble Intermediate School: Grades 3-5

Schaghticoke Middle School:: Grades 6-8

New Milford High School: Grades 9-12



Best Wishes to Our June Retirees!

**They will be
sorely missed...**



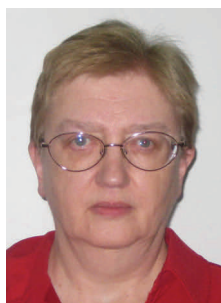
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Summer Vacation!

Looking for fun in your own backyard?
The state of Connecticut has many suggestions
for family activities.

<http://www.ctvisit.com/getaways>

This site also features an interactive map by region of
cultural attractions, events and entertainment.

<http://www.ctvisit.com/connections/family-fun>

This part of the site is specifically geared to families.

<http://www.visitconnecticut.com/state/50-great-things-to-do-in-connecticut/>

Want to go farther afield? This site gives suggestions for
the other New England states as well.

Whatever you do, enjoy these
relaxing, refreshing summer days
for remember, as Shakespeare says:

"Summer's lease hath all too short a date."



See you on August 24th!

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.

June means