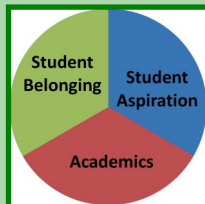




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Who is the Class of 2021?

The **Class of 2021** consists of a total of **304** students. Included in the class are **93** National Honor Society Members and **5** National Merit scholars.

Some of the schools our graduates have been accepted to and/or are attending include: the American University of Paris, Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis, UNC Chapel Hill, Colorado College, FSU, George Washington University, Goldsmiths University of London, Grinnell College, Harvard University, Holy Cross, Howard University, Lehigh, Northeastern, NYU, Purdue, Rensselaer, University of Miami, the University of Rochester, the University of Alabama, University of Colorado, University of Georgia, the University of Washington, and Villanova - just to name a few. Financially, there is a grand total of **\$203,850** in scholarships and grants that have been accepted by our students through state and local organizations. Well done class of 2021!

In her speech to the Class of 2021 graduates, Superintendent Alisha DiCorpo said, "I have watched you grow over the last four years and am grateful to have been able to have been a part of your journey. As we look to the future, I encourage you to hold your head up high and be proud of who you are, and to find strength and courage to face whatever lies ahead of you. I am proud of all of your accomplishments and look forward to hearing about your growth and the future opportunities that await each of you. May your future be bright, may you find something you love to do, and may you always continue to leave everything better than you've found it."



A Unique Celebration of the Class of 2021



NMHS Principal Greg Shugrue speaks of the graduates of 2021:

“The Class of 2021 has endured and has overcome the most adversity one could have imagined. From the spring of their junior year until graduation day, they have had to deal with adversity, change, and the unknown. They have learned skills from this time that will serve them well into their adult lives. They are New Milford strong!”





Congratulations!

NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2020-21 Special Recognition Awards and Senior Scholarships

On June 3rd, New Milford High School was pleased to host its annual Awards and Senior Scholarship Night. Approximately 150 students, of whom 65 are seniors, were recipients of awards from the Greater New Milford community ranging from \$100 to \$10,000. The total amount awarded was over \$203,000!



A. Russell Ayre Scholarship:

Jessica Baranowski, Jack Coloneri, Connor Delpha, Kellie Jackson, Dylan Lewis, Kylie Logan, Sophia McSherry, Paige Swinford, Amanda Tesoriero, Jordan Zarabet, Shae Zeitler

Alexander "Oley" and Glenda Carpp Scholarship:

Nancy Carvajal

Andrew B. Mygatt VFW Post #1672

Good Citizen Award: Katyln White

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Auxiliary Most Improved Award:

Katyln White

Arion Singing Society German

Language Award: Roxanne Edel

Betty Olson Coles Memorial

Scholarship: Cameron Hovey

Brian Cody's Brothers & Sisters

Student Hero Scholarship:

Matthew Marano, Emma Tagg

CABE Student Leader Award:

Joshua Abel, Savannah Hancock

CAS Arts Recipient: Abigail Luis, Terrell Williams

CAS/CIAC Scholar/Athlete Award:

Robert Harkin, Sophia Conklin

CAS Leadership Award:

Brenda Rojas, Jordan Zarabet

CEA New Milford: Carolynn DeBellis, Collette Lynch, Ayden O'Neill

Clara Evelyn Brown Memorial Scholarship: Jessica Matson

Connecticut DAR Scholarship:

Nathaniel Cramer

Connecticut AFL-CIO Workers' Memorial Day Scholarship:

Shae Zeitler

Creighton Public Service Scholarship:

Ryan Lull, Jessica Matson

DAR Good Citizen Award:

Joshua Abel

DAR Roger Sherman Scholarship:

Cassidy Ranno

Donald H. Knowles Memorial

Scholarship: Terrell Williams

Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation

Scholarship: Abigail Portelance, Alex Puglisi, Kyle Yeomans

Erwin “Chick” Lieff Memorial Scholarship: Sophia McSherry

French Honor Society Scholarship: Hannah Spinner, Sabella Volansky

Gaylordsville Historical Society: Jessica Matson, Elena Stephens

Gaylordsville VFD Auxiliary Scholarship: Elena Stephens

German Honor Society Scholarship: Sophia Delohery

GFWC Woman’s Club of Greater New Milford Scholarship: Dylan Lewis

Greater New Milford Board of Realtors Jay Solomon Memorial Scholarship: Nathaniel Cramer, Dylan Lewis

Healing the Children Scholarship: Nathan Lawson, Isabella Luis, Amanda Tesoriero

Henry “Hank” Anderson Memorial Scholarship: Nathaniel Cramer, Cassidy Ranno

Isadore Wise Scholarship: Sabella Volansky

John Pettibone Memorial Scholarship: Cole Allen, Jackson Caldwell, Nancy Carvajal, Julia Cascone, Dakota Incorvaia, Jillian Kenny, Callie Lacey, August Latta, Dylan Lewis, Kylie Logan, Ryan Lull, Collette Lynch, Matthew Marano, Ian McNulty, Cassidy Ranno, Hannah Spinner, Elena Stephens, Samuel Tarrant, Amanda Tesoriero, Brooke Thibodeau

John Phillip Sousa Band Award: Terrell Williams

Justine Wendy Smith Scholarship: Collette Lynch

Karlson Family Foundation Scholarship: Abdullah Abrar, Tyler Carpenter-Berendsohn, Carolynn DeBellis, Michael Muller, Tiffani Saunders

Kenneth Hipp Memorial Scholarship: Carolyn DeBellis

Knights of Columbus Connecticut Council #40 Scholarship: Cole Allen, Cassidy Ranno

Lois A. Fletcher Memorial Scholarship: Michael Muller

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award: Cory Wooley

Lynn Marie DeCaro Memorial Scholarship: Amanda Neeb

Math Honor Society: Shae Zeitler

Mildred Larson Memorial Scholarship: Sophia Conklin

National Honor Society Chapter Award: Maia Quirk, Elena Stephens

National School Orchestra Award: Kylie Logan

National Merit Scholarship Commendation: Sophia Conklin, Robert Harkin, Ethan Jung, Michael Sterk

National Merit Scholarship Finalist: Jackson Caldwell

New Milford Ambulance-Gail Carlson Scholarship: Ciara Anderson

New Milford American Legion Ezra Woods Post #31 Award: Matthew Plancon, Abigail Portelance

New Milford Band Parents Scholarship: Adam Crispo, Tristen Kayfus, Ryan Lull, Tiffani Saunders, Hannah Spinner, Jason Zimmitti

New Milford Cafeteria Workers Memorial Scholarship: Jack Coloneri



New Milford Educational Secretaries Association Scholarship:

Sharaia Kerlew

New Milford High School Student Council: Marielle Biachi, Margaret Ginn

New Milford Hospital RN Scholarship: Ciara Anderson

New Milford Lions Club Scholarship: Shae Zeitler

New Milford Police Union Leadership Scholarship: Adriana Alfano, Cole Allen, Robert Harkin, Cameron Hovey, Matthew Marano, Julia Wheeler

New Milford PTO Scholarship: Jack Coloneri, Sophia Conklin, Robert Harkin, Kylie Logan, Ian McNulty, Sophia McSherry, Gianna Militana, Matthew Plancon, Amanda Tesoriero

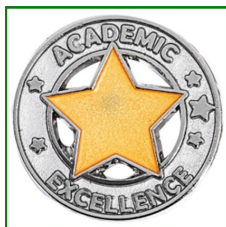
New Milford Rotary Scholarship: Matthew Plancon

New Milford Rotary Jim Faure Scholarship: Dylan Lewis

New Milford School Administrators Association Scholarship: Connor Delpha

New Milford United Methodist Men's Club: August Latta, Skylar Mink

Nobel B. Booth Scholarship: Jordan Zarabet



President's Award for Academic Excellence: Joshua Abel, Cole Allen, Marielle Bianchi, Tamas Biro, Jackson Caldwell, Sophia Conklin, Nathaniel Cramer, Heather Dempsey,

Sharon Dogbo, Robert Harkin, Ethan Jung, Matthew Marano, Sophia McSherry, Cassidy Ranno, Gabriel Rocca, Ezra Rosenberg, Hannah Spinner, Elena Stephens, Brooke Thibodeau, Sabella Volansky, Shae Zeitler

Robert & Barbara Mullen Scholarship: Nathaniel Cramer

Salutatorian: Ethan Jung, Robert Harkin

Sherman Veteran's Association: Rosemund Lowe, Shae Zeitler

Spanish Honor Society: Isabella Luis

SWC Leadership Award: Madison Antonucci, Nathan Lawson

Thrift Mart Of New Milford Scholarship: Abdullah Abrar, Cole Allen, Kerith Bradshaw, Nancy Carvajal, Julia Cascone, Jack Coloneri, Nathaniel Cramer, Carolyn DeBellis, Robert Harkin, Dakota Incorvaia, Timothy Jellen, Kylie Logan, Amanda Neeb, Abigail Portelance, Maia Quirk, Cassidy Ranno, Hannah Spinner, Elena Stephens, Jordan Zarabet, Jason Zimmitti

Unified Buddies Scholarship: Peter Blunt, John Connor Dawson, Hayley Telesca

Valedictorian: Jackson Caldwell

Walter G. Southworth Scholarship: Callie Lacey

Western CT Superintendent's Award: Connor Delpha, Jordyn Ingram

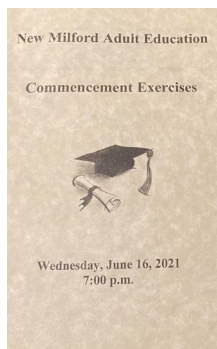
**Sincere gratitude
to our community partners.
Thank you New Milford for
all the encouragement and
support you give to our
students and graduates!**

New Milford Adult Education Holds Commencement Exercises

On June 16th, twenty-one proud graduates of the New Milford Adult Education program received their high school diplomas. Congratulations graduates!

**Jasmine Naomi Agard
Herculano Dante Amaral
Brian Burch, Jr.
Ariosto Eugenio Cardenas
Natalya Davenport
Brian Farez
Dana Maureen Geoffroy
Ana Guaman
Jaylin Lao
Shelby Rose McBride
Timothy McGainey**

**Hector Murillo
Alisha Marie Pallares
Kally Perry
Franklin Canfield Schwartz
Devin Lee Seger
Griciely Sousa Silva
Martin D. Walsh
Madlyn Warren
Benjamin Randolph Weimer
Conor Patrick Whelan**



Adult Education 2021 Student Awards



**Career Pathways: Jasmine Agard
Commitment to Education: Ariosto Cardenas, Ana Guaman
Ecology: Gianney Arzu, Dana Geoffroy, Jaylin Lao
Events in Modern History: Gianney Arzu, Gustavo Garcia, Dana Geoffroy
Mathematics: Ariosto Cardenas, Ana Guaman, Martin Walsh
Persistence: Madlyn Warren
Reading/Writing Connection: Brady Manouse**

Best Wishes to the 2020-21 NMPS Retirees

You will be missed!!



Rebecca
Allen



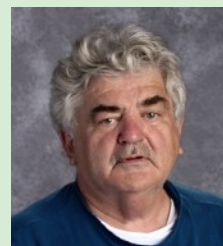
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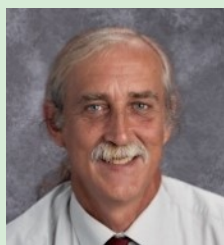
Merete
Bonacci



Leanne
Buckley



Joseph
Carmignani



Michael
Coleman



Maureen
Dunkerton



Susan
Hackel



Linda
Hall



Sarah
Herring



Marshia
King



Mary
Maloney



Irene
Miller



Patricia
Morales



Nancy
Mowrey



Karen
Rivero



Jill
Ross



Michael
Savo



Patricia
Shanahan



Catherine
Shimko



Teresa
Sokaitis



Diane
Taylor



Christianne
Urbanowski



Joanne
Weber

Administrative Appointments

At its regular Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, New Milford Public Schools Superintendent Alisha DiCorpo recommended, and the Board approved, the following administrative appointments:



Ms. Holly Hollander will serve as Assistant Superintendent for New Milford Public Schools beginning on or about July 1, 2021. Ms. Hollander comes to New Milford from the Lebanon Public Schools where she has served as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction. In this PK-12 administrator role, Ms. Hollander's responsibilities have ranged from curriculum redesign and alignment to assessment review and data management. In 2020, Ms. Hollander worked at the CT Science Center as Director of Educational Programs. From 2018-20, Ms. Hollander was the Director of the Mandell Academy for Teachers. She served as Director of Teaching and Learning for the Cromwell Public Schools from 2015-18 and as K-12 Common Core Supervisor from 2013-15. From 2002-04, Ms. Hollander worked at Central CT State University as an Elementary Education Instructor and as Director of Student Teaching and Field Experience from 2004-13. She has also worked previously as a teacher in grades 3 and 5.

Ms. Hollander's educational background includes a BS in Education from Illinois State University. She received her MA in Elementary Education and Advanced Official Certificate Program in Superintendent of Schools from Central CT State University. She earned her Sixth Year Certificate in Educational Leadership from the University of CT.



Mr. Raymond Manka will join New Milford Public Schools as Principal of New Milford High School beginning on or about July 1, 2021. Mr. Manka is a seasoned educator with over 20 years' experience. He has served as Principal at Stamford High School since 2015. Prior to that he worked as an Assistant Principal at Norwalk High School, Westhill High School and Stamford High School. Mr. Manka has classroom experience as well, having started his career as a 6th grade Science Teacher at the Maplewood School in Bridgeport, and as a Biology teacher at Jonathan Law and Ridgefield High Schools.

Mr. Manka's educational background includes a BS in Elementary Education/Biology from WCSU, an MA in Education from the University of Bridgeport, and his Sixth Year Certificate in Educational Leadership from Sacred Heart University. Mr. Manka is currently enrolled in a Doctoral Cohort in Educational Leadership at WCSU.

Superintendent Alisha DiCorpo says, "I am thrilled to welcome Ms. Hollander and Mr. Manka to the New Milford Public Schools administrative team. Each candidate comes to New Milford with a wealth of experience in teaching and learning. Both Ms. Hollander and Mr. Manka model through their actions, and articulate the importance of collaboration and effective communication. They recognize the importance of keeping children at the forefront of our decisions. In addition, they are also reflective educators who will continue to build on the great work already begun in their respective positions with the district and building staff."



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Please join Superintendent Alisha DiCorpo and Teacher of the Year Committee Co-Chairs Roxanne Kraft and Connie Williams in congratulating the New Milford Public Schools' School-Based Teachers of the Year!



Congratulations

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.