

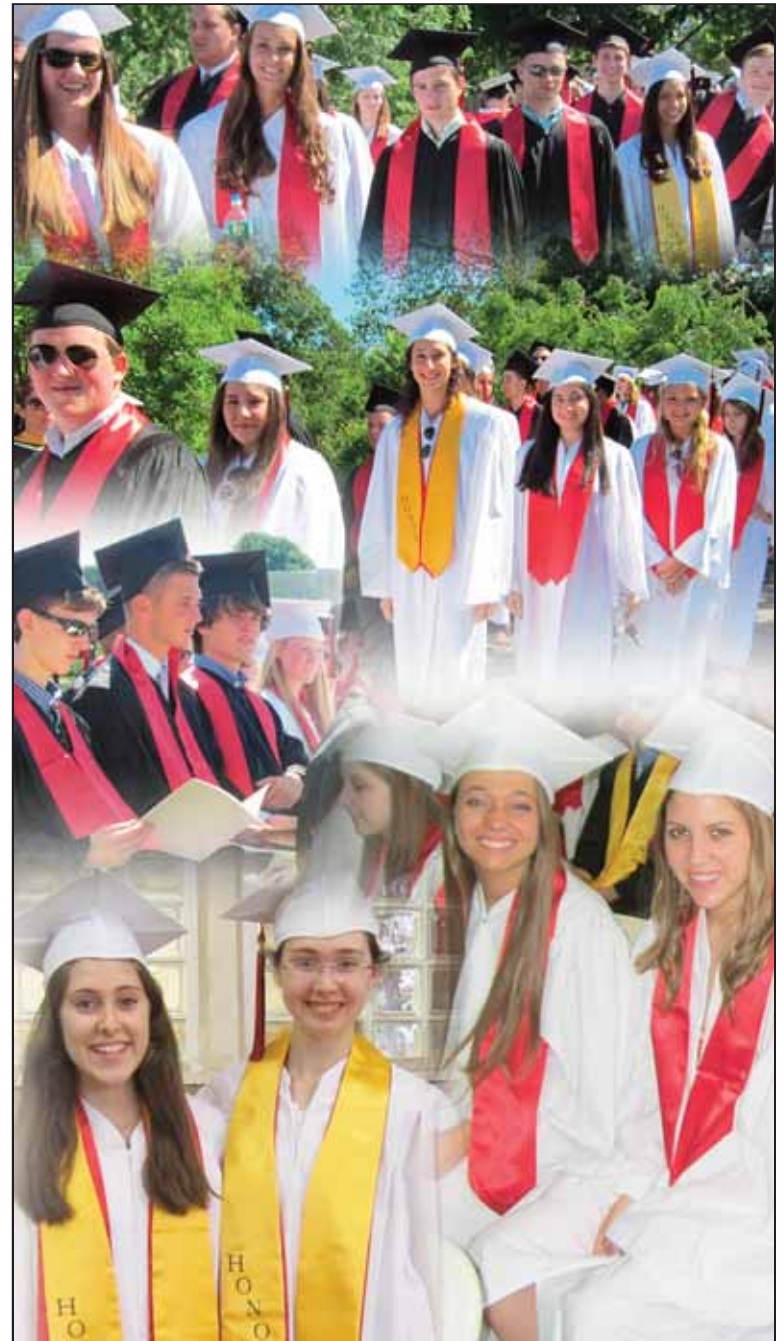
# Congratulations, RHS Grads!

Graduating seniors accepted their diplomas during a traditional ceremony held on June 16 on the High School field. This year's commencement featured remarks from Valedictorian Claire Pfister, Salutatorian Molly Jordan, and Senior Oration Speaker Grace Leishman, with Madeleine Kinker presenting the class gift. Students also provided the Latin Oration and several musical interludes. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edward Shine, High School Principal Patricia Taylor, and Board of Education President Laura Slack shared words of praise and advice with the Class of 2012.

This year's graduates are heading off to a number of colleges and universities (see page 8 for a full list). Athletes will go on to play sports at the following schools: Bates, Boston College, Bowdoin, Bucknell, Cal Tech, Columbia, Franklin and Marshall, Ithaca, Middlebury, Rutgers, Union, UPenn, University of Richmond, University of Rochester, Trinity, Washington and Lee, and Williams. Additionally, students will pursue music, theatre, and art at Hofstra, Manhattanville, Maryland Institute of Art, Oberlin, and Rhode Island School of Design.

RHS has a 99% graduation rate, and 96% of graduates are college bound. A total of 1,605 college applications were processed for 226 students. Students applied to 303 different colleges, and 177 students (78% of the class) applied early decision/early action. In the 2011-12 school year, RHS students took 996 AP exams, and there were 458 AP candidates. These are the highest numbers in RHS history.

Congratulations to the RHS Class of 2012, and also to the Middle School's eighth grade graduates and the fifth graders who have completed their elementary school years at Midland, Milton and Osborn.



## *Introducing... Dr. Frank Alvarez as Superintendent*



*Dr. Alvarez introduced himself to students while touring Rye High School in May.*

In March, Dr. Frank Alvarez was appointed the District's next Superintendent of Schools. This veteran public education leader comes to Rye with an extensive background in educational leadership, having held superintendent roles in New Jersey public school districts for the past 18 years. He assumes the chief school officer position from Dr. Edward Shine, who served as superintendent in Rye for 16 years.

Dr. Alvarez spent time this spring preparing for his official July 1 start in Rye. He has visited each of the District's five schools, toured the buildings, introduced himself to staff, and met with administrators.

"I'm honored to be given this opportunity," said Dr. Alvarez of his appointment. "Rye is one of the nation's

premier public school districts, and I am committed to helping drive the district to even greater heights."

Dr. Alvarez comes to Rye from Montclair (NJ) Public Schools, where he served as superintendent for the past nine years. Prior to this he was Superintendent of River Vale (NJ) Schools and North Caldwell (NJ) Schools. Dr. Alvarez began his education career in 1977 as a teacher, and became a principal in 1984. He later headed the New Jersey State Department of Education's Urban Initiative: Operation School Renewal, before embarking on a leadership career in several highly-regarded New Jersey school districts.

During Dr. Alvarez's time in Montclair, the district saw improvements in student achievement, particularly related to closing the minority achievement gap. Dr. Alvarez also spearheaded various efforts in the district including special education initiatives, integration of technology within the curriculum, gifted/talented opportunities for all students, Mandarin language instruction, and cultural opportunities that enhanced global relations involvement.

A strong advocate for public education, Dr. Alvarez serves on a number of professional boards including the Commission on Secondary Schools for the Middle States Association and the New Jersey Urban Superintendent Association's Executive

Committee. He is an executive board member of the Tri-State Consortium and the Victoria Foundation. He is also a founding member of the District Management Council and the Panasonic Foundation's New Jersey Superintendents Network.

Dr. Alvarez obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Montclair State University and his Master of Arts and Doctorate Degrees from Columbia University's Teachers College. He also holds an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Montclair State University. In addition to his career highlights, Dr. Alvarez has earned recognition for his educational research, which has been published covering a number of issues. He has also served as an adjunct professor and mentor to new and aspiring school administrators.

"We are pleased to welcome Dr. Alvarez to Rye and we are confident that he will be an excellent superintendent for our District," stated Board of Education President Laura Slack. "After completing a rigorous superintendent search process, the Board unanimously agreed that Dr. Alvarez is highly qualified and is a great match for our educational goals and philosophies in Rye."

Dr. Alvarez, who resides in River Vale, NJ in Bergen County, is married and has two children. His wife is a teacher in a New Jersey school district.

## **New Osborn School Principal:** *Angela Garcia*

The Board of Education appointed Angela Garcia as Principal of Osborn School, effective July 1, 2012. Ms. Garcia has served as assistant principal of Wampus Elementary School in the Byram Hills Central School District for the past seven years.

During her tenure as assistant principal, Ms. Garcia created and implemented a character education initiative, co-facilitated data analysis of assessments and coordinated administration and scoring of state assessments, supported faculty and staff in the adoption and implementation of a conceptual math program, participated in staff development initiatives as well as Cultural Proficiency training workshops, and worked with faculty to analyze the Common Core Learning Standards and school-wide curriculum maps. Her responsibilities also included staff supervision and development, and she has evaluated staff members and coordinated and led workshops and meetings for teachers and aides.

Prior to her most recent role at Wampus Elementary, Ms. Garcia was a fourth grade and enrichment teacher at the school. Before that, she taught fourth grade in the Clarkstown Central School District. She began her education career as a teaching assistant in the Chappaqua Central School District in 1997.

Ms. Garcia obtained both her Bachelor of Science Degree and her Master of Science Degree from Pace University. She earned her Advanced Certificate in School Building Leader through the College of New Rochelle. Ms. Garcia also holds the following New York State Permanent Certifications: Special Education (K-12), Elementary (N-6), and School Administrator and Supervisor.

"We are pleased to welcome Ms. Garcia to the District," stated Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shine. "After completing a thorough search and interview process, I am confident she is a qualified and enthusiastic leader for Osborn School."

"It is an honor to be the next principal of Osborn School," Ms. Garcia stated. "I look forward to working with many talented faculty, staff and students and developing a strong partnership with the parents. I am excited to become a member of the Rye learning community and contribute to its tradition of educational excellence."





## **RCSD Board of Education Presents Extra Mile Awards**

Several individuals were presented with Extra Mile Awards during May and June Board of Education meetings. This recognition is bestowed upon District employees or volunteers who go above and beyond in their contributions and dedication to the students, staff, and community of Rye.

On May 8, Board member Katy Keohane Glassberg presented the awards to a number of individuals who made significant efforts in supporting the bond that was approved by voters in March, which will enable the District to provide students with sufficient space and science labs. The Extra Mile honorees were Friends of Rye Co-Chairs Mary Emery and Nancy Pasquale, as well as Rye High School Science Teachers Suzanne Abramson, Robert Coppola, Karen Dimaggio, Connor Dowling, Jennifer Giaquinto, Amy Leahy, Bruna Mascia, Danielle Pizzuto, Erin Sornberger, Matthew Teitsch, and Jaime Zung.

Extra Mile Awards were presented on June 12 as well. Board member Kendall Egan recognized Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach and Middle School Physical Education Teacher Mary Henwood for her willingness to resume her coaching duties even after she had retired them. During the 2010-11 school year, the team found itself in need of a coach mid-season, and Ms. Henwood stepped in to enthusiastically accept the responsibility.

Mrs. Glassberg presented an Extra Mile Award to Craig Dreves, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, for initiating and leading the Reach Out Rye organization to provide students with opportunities to volunteer in and around the community. Mr. Dreves has spearheaded many donation and fundraising efforts that the group has participated in for the past several years.

Board member Edward Fox announced the next Extra Mile Award, which acknowledged District Clerk/Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Elaine Cuglietto for successfully overseeing and coordinating three elections during this school year, when a typical year involves only one.

Board member Josh Nathan presented a special recognition to Dr. Shine for providing 16 years of exemplary service to the District as Superintendent of Schools. He highlighted a number of Dr. Shine's accomplishments, noting the difference he has made to the educational program and students of Rye.

## *Thanks to All 2012 Retirees*

The District offers its gratitude and best wishes to the following 2012 retirees:

Debra Bobson  
 Marci DeRario  
 Dolores Hausler  
 Carol Havlin  
 Lisa Jenner  
 Susan Lovequist

JoAlyce Newgaard  
 Craig Sandhaus  
 Carol Seltzer  
 Edward Shine  
 Cynthia Young  
 Clarita Zeppie



## *Thank You, Dr. Shine!*

During Superintendent's Conference Day, held on June 22, Board of Education President Laura Slack acknowledged some of the contributions that Dr. Shine has made during his time in the District. She explained that he was instrumental in putting many initiatives in place that are the fundamentals of a successful educational program. He established the curriculum council and oversaw the writing of a common curriculum for the District. He also established committees such as Math K-12, English/Language Arts, and Science.

Also under Dr. Shine's direction, the Writing Mentorship Program was established, the Science Research Program was introduced, staff developers were brought in, Performing Arts and Fine Arts Programs at the Middle and High Schools grew, Heard in Rye was launched, and foreign language opportunities were greatly enhanced.

The District extends a fond farewell to Dr. Shine and thanks him for the 16 years of service and leadership he provided as Superintendent of Schools.



## *RHS Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach Mary Henwood Receives Award*

Varsity Basketball Coach Mary Henwood was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Section One Girls' Basketball Coaches Association, in recognition of outstanding contributions she has made to section one girls' basketball, during the Sectional Dinner held at the Colonial Terrace in April.

This is Ms. Henwood's 25th year coaching Varsity Basketball. In that time she has coached 17 all academic players, four Con Ed winners, four 1000+ point players, and a number of New York State scholar athlete teams. Ms. Henwood achieved her 300th win in 2009, with a record of 300 wins and 165 losses. Her overall win-loss record is currently 336 wins and 185 losses. Her teams have made it to the league championships 10 times in an 11 year time frame, have made seven final four appearances for sectionals, had one undefeated regular season of 20-0, and made it to one Sectional Championship, one Regional Championship, and one New York State Finalist round (that team also won the New York State Sportsmanship Award).

In addition to her successful coaching career, Ms. Henwood is an accomplished basketball player herself. She played at Hofstra University from 1982-1986 on a full scholarship, and scored 1,127 points. Prior to her college years, Ms. Henwood played basketball at Eastchester High School, where her jersey still stands on display and she was the first student – female or male – to reach 1,000 points. In 2007, she was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame.

"I had the honor of coaching some incredible athletes here at Rye over the past 26 years," Ms. Henwood stated. "In the 25 seasons of coaching the Rye varsity girls' basketball team, I was impressed with the players dedication, desire to build and maintain our winning ways, ready to compete, and always showing grace and sportsmanship. I was blessed to surround myself with outstanding assistant coaches who valued and believed in my program. I was always proud to patrol the sidelines of the Lou Drago Gymnasium knowing my Garnets were prepared and ready to compete on game day!"

# AROUND THE SCHOOLS

## MILTON SCHOOL

### Marine Studies

Second graders at Milton took schooner trips in correlation with their marine science unit, during which each class had the opportunity to tour the Long Island Sound. During their trips, students caught marine life with nets and observed and studied their findings, including trash that pollutes the water, in tanks. They also got to hoist the schooner's sail and sail the vessel in the Sound.



*Milton students observed marine life during a schooner trip on the Long Island Sound as part of a science unit.*

## MIDLAND SCHOOL

### Flag Day



Midland students recently celebrated Flag Day on June 14 with a ceremony acknowledging the national commemoration of the adoption of the American Flag. During last year's Flag Day event, the school dedicated its flag pole to former custodian Mr. Bill, and this year, a plaque was unveiled in his honor.

*Midland students waved mini flags during the recent Flag Day event and plaque unveiling.*

## OSBORN SCHOOL

### Dollars for Duffels



*Alan Schatz of New York Foundling visited Osborn to discuss the Dollars for Duffels fundraiser. He is pictured with fourth and fifth grade students.*

Osborn children and families concluded their Dollars for Duffels fundraising initiative, collectively raising over \$6,000 to purchase 150 duffel bags for the children at the New York Foundling Home. Students and classes did extra chores and volunteer work to raise funds for this program, and one second grader even donated \$150 he received from his first communion, which his parents matched.



# AROUND THE SCHOOLS

## Walk to School Week

“Walk to School Week,” an initiative launched by the Rye YMCA and Safe Routes to School Committee, was a great success in April. Students from each elementary school participated, joining “Walking School Bus” groups or just walking to school with friends and family. This weeklong event, held in conjunction with Earth Day, helped to promote exercise, reduce traffic congestion around the schools, and protect the environment.



*Students and parents from Osborn joined a “Walking School Bus” during “Walk to School Week” in April.*

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



### Assisting Animal Shelters

Rye Middle School’s Reach Out Rye organization visited the New Rochelle Humane Society, where students learned about the importance of adopting pets from shelters and providing them with homes. Reach Out Rye held a pet supply drive prior to the visit, collecting pet food and other supplies that were donated to the facility. Reach Out Rye has gathered hundreds of pounds of pet food for donation to various shelters over the years, and has been working with the New Rochelle Humane Society for five years now.

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### High School Humanitarians



*(L-R) Peter Nolan, Gabrielle Amaturro, Stephanie Klokiw, and Sarah Schreib were the finalists for the most influential essays.*

Tenth grade students spent time researching how the commitment of one group or person to a humanitarian cause resulted in a thriving organization. Each student selected an organization and thoroughly investigated the group and its cause. Students then wrote persuasive letters to fictitious donors requesting contributions. They shared these essays in class and voted on those they felt were most influential. The essay finalists are Peter Nolan, Gabrielle Amaturro, Stephanie Klokiw, and Sarah Schreib. The charities that these winning essays focused on were sent proceeds that students gathered over three weeks when they collected spare change.



# *A Perfect Score*

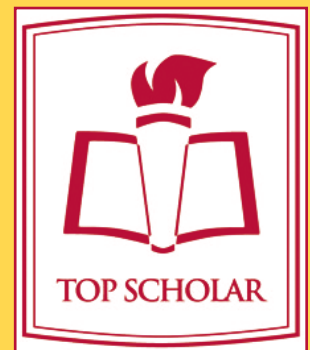
Congratulations to RHS ninth grader Charles Hager for achieving a perfect score on the 2012 National Latin Exam. Only 1,111 students out of over 136,000 from across the world who take the exam earn this distinction. Charles received a certificate acknowledging this achievement.

## **HS JUNIORS RECOGNIZED AT SCHOLARS DINNER**

One hundred and sixteen RHS juniors were honored for their academic achievements at the annual Scholars Dinner sponsored by the High School Parents' Organization. Students who have maintained an average of 90% or better during their high school career were invited to attend and receive certificates of acknowledgement.

In addition to this recognition, 39 of the scholars were presented with Book Awards from various colleges. The colleges mandate specific criteria for the awarding of their books and have honored Rye students for many years.

The students acknowledged at the Scholars Dinner are listed as follows (\* indicates Book Award recipients):



Ryan Ackert\*  
 Jack Agosta  
 Leah Alexander  
 Nicole Alimena\*  
 Natalie Amstutz  
 Henry Bailey  
 John Baldwin\*  
 Kelly Barnhardt\*  
 Noam Ben Yakir  
 Benjamin Berner  
 Michael Beveridge\*  
 Madeleine Bianchi  
 Kurt Bicher  
 Natalie Bird\*  
 Harry Bonay  
 Cristina Buenahora\*  
 Jason Chen\*  
 Jason Chin  
 Amanda Ciardiello\*  
 Evan Clark  
 Samantha Clark  
 R Miles Clyatt  
 Michael D'Antoni  
 Heather Davey  
 Grant DeBease  
 Elisabeth DiDonato  
 Jessica Donahue\*  
 Emily Dowling  
 Jimmy Dugan

John Durkee\*  
 Colby Ellis  
 Elizabeth Emanuel\*  
 Corina Finn  
 Mary-Bailey Frank  
 William Frolich  
 Melissa Fulenwider\*  
 Emily Fung  
 Michael Gilbert  
 Charlotte Goldman\*  
 James Goldszer\*  
 Lucy Greenberg  
 Greg Hale  
 Richard Hardis\*  
 Trevor Hele\*  
 Laura Higgins  
 Emma Jennings  
 Andrew Johnston  
 Nikola Jovanovic  
 Mackenzie Kashchy  
 John Kelly  
 Nina Koester\*  
 Katherine Konopka\*  
 Kristina Kotyza  
 Tilemahos Koutsogeorgas  
 Bradley Krapes\*  
 Gavin Kreitman  
 Brandon LaBella\*  
 Carine Leslie

Josephine Little\*  
 Catherine Livingston\*  
 Alyssa Longo  
 Audrey Love\*  
 Matthew Maloney  
 Olivia Mandracchia  
 Brittany Maurer  
 Fiona McFarland  
 Christopher McGinnis  
 Daniel McGovern\*  
 Liza Morell  
 Mary Moseman  
 C Ross Mulkerrin  
 Connor Murphy\*  
 Mary Murtagh\*  
 Christine Nelson\*  
 Kathleen Nicholas  
 Jacob Nurick  
 Rory O'Gallagher  
 Michael O'Neill  
 Kayako Ono  
 Gianna Paganelli  
 Daniel Papert\*  
 Justin Passaretti  
 Henry Pearson  
 Paola Peraza\*  
 Philip Pignato  
 Jackson Reed  
 Margaret Rix

Clara Robertson\*  
 Mary Robertson  
 Anne Rowen  
 Stephanie Santos  
 Heather Schindler  
 Brianna Scully  
 Danielle Scully\*  
 Holly Secon\*  
 Matthew Sherman\*  
 Alexandra Sims  
 Nathaniel Sizemore\*  
 Kevin Slack  
 Nathaniel Smith  
 Spencer Smith  
 Austin Sternlicht  
 Chiharu Takei  
 Aidan Talgo  
 Emily Tepler  
 James Tobin  
 John Tuttle  
 Peter Urbanczyk  
 Miranda van Dijk\*  
 Joseph Viger\*  
 Fiona Walsh  
 Jessica Weakley  
 Peter White\*  
 Thomas White\*  
 Alejandra Willson  
 Kylie Zahringer



# Music & The Arts

## Spring Shows



Rye Middle School students presented their spring musical, "A Disney Review: A Musical Extravaganza" in May, starring a cast of 77 students from grades 6, 7 and 8. The Parson Street Players performed Little Shop of Horrors in the spring, then showcased "Animal Farm" as their last show of the year.



Midland School fifth graders performed the play, "Peter Pan," and did an outstanding job. Milton School fifth graders presented an excellent performance of the play, "Guys and Dolls." Congratulations to all who participated as cast members and in behind-the-scenes work. Additionally, Milton first graders presented the musical "One Big Happy Family," with each class performing for guest

friends and family. Osborn fifth graders provided a captivating show when they presented "Broadway Our Way," an original play written and directed by Mr. Marshall Toppo.



## Opera Idol

High School senior Faith Logan was named a Finalist in the 2012 Opera Idol competition, sponsored by the North Shore Retirement Hotel in Evanston, Illinois. The contest, which offers scholarship awards, is formatted similar to the American Idol television series. Congratulations to Faith on this national recognition.

## Showcasing Artistry

The District's elementary schools showcase students' artistic creations during art shows for parents and guests to enjoy. Osborn's Spring Art Show and Concert, held on May 22, which was successful exhibit featuring



all types of artwork assembled throughout the hallways of the school as well as musical performances. Organized by art teacher Carrie Burke, the show filled the building with colorful, creative art exhibits from each grade level.

## NYSSMA

A number of elementary school students participated in NYSSMA's Solo Festival in May and achieved excellent results. Every Rye student received a rating of Excellent or Outstanding. Congratulations to these students, listed as follows:

### MIDLAND

- Adam Chen (alto saxophone), Grade 5
- Ben Kuster (baritone saxophone), Grade 5
- Charlie Madigan (snare drum), Grade 5
- Charlotte Townley (flute), Grade 5

### MILTON

- Maggie Elsen (violin, Level 2), Grade 5
- Audrey Fung (bass, Level 1), Grade 4
- Cynphnie Hsu (violin, level 2), Grade 5
- Chiara Kauffman (violin, Level 1), Grade 4
- Mike Kutchner (cello, Level 2), Grade 4
- Ron Ng (piano, Level 4), Grade 5
- Ron Ng (saxophone, Level 2), Grade 5
- Anna Sellon (violin, Level 2), Grade 5

### OSBORN

- Francesca Brizio (violin, Level 2), Grade 3
- Niamh Carty (flute), Grade 5
- Danielle Harrington (clarinet), Grade 5
- Christopher Park (cello, Level 1), Grade 2
- Mina Takegami (flute), Grade 5
- Yui Tanigawa (flute), Grade 4
- Jena Yi (violin, Level 2), Grade 4

# CLASS OF 2012 COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Melissa Acevedo .....St. Thomas Aquinas College  
 Peter Adams .....Northwestern University  
 Nikita Afanasiev .....Further Education  
 Abraham Ahmed .....Manhattanville College  
 Frances Allman .....University of Maryland College Park  
 Joseph Archino .....Iona College  
 Michelle Arellano .....SUNY Fredonia  
 Bonnie Avery .....Maryland Institute College of Art  
 Peter Bailey .....Curry College  
 Michelle Barajas .....State University of New York at Albany  
 Erica Becker .....Duke University  
 Marta Bello .....Chilean University  
 Lizbeth Bennett .....Southern Methodist University  
 Samantha Bentivenga .....Cazenovia College  
 Casey Berger .....The George Washington University  
 Kelly Bonaventura .....University of Michigan  
 Marissa Borgese .....University of California at Davis  
 Tyler Breckenridge .....St. Lawrence University  
 Benjamin Breitel .....Fairfield University  
 John Brigaudit .....East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania  
 Emma Brinkman .....Bates College  
 Kathryn Brody .....Brandeis University  
 Elizabeth Burns .....High Point University  
 Grace Byrne .....SUNY College at Cortland  
 Jack Carlisle .....Colgate University  
 Thomas Carter .....Villanova  
 Adriana Cayetano .....Siena College  
 Kenneth Chang .....Boston University  
 Ross Chumsky .....Lafayette College  
 Harry Cohan .....DePaul University  
 Harrison Collins .....James Madison University  
 Kirsten Colwell .....Brown University  
 Jake Concavage .....Union College  
 Shannon Connolly .....Syracuse University  
 Isabel Conte .....Santa Clara University  
 Gavin Conway .....Franklin and Marshall College  
 Tyler Conway .....Valley Forge Military College  
 Lauren Creadore .....Stanford University  
 Brian Cronin .....Trinity College -Dublin  
 William Croughan .....Wesleyan University  
 Courtney Cypher .....University of Southern California  
 Corinna Darelus .....University of Maryland Baltimore County  
 Whitney DaSilva .....Mt. St. Mary College  
 Andrew Davis .....Dartmouth College  
 Joseph DeBartolo .....The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill  
 Matthew DeGraw .....Stanford University  
 Jordan Delane .....Johns Hopkins University  
 Jake Delaney .....University of California at Berkeley  
 Christopher Dempsey .....Iona College  
 Jeffrey Dempsey .....St. Bonaventure University  
 Natalie DiEdwards .....Keene State College  
 Devon DiPalma .....Duke University  
 Bryan Donovan .....Siena College  
 Philip Dorn .....Tulane University  
 Geoffrey Douglas .....Vanderbilt University  
 Samantha Dreckmann .....Rowan University  
 Thornton Ellis .....Amherst College  
 Jamie Emanuel .....Mitchell College  
 Christopher Faries .....College of the Holy Cross  
 Briana Fioretti .....Manhattanville College  
 Gabrielle FitzGerald .....University of Michigan  
 Kristen Fitzpatrick .....DePauw University  
 Kimberly French .....College of the Holy Cross  
 Ellen Friedmann .....Northwestern University  
 Reid Fultz .....Suffolk University  
 Rita Futamura .....Bates College  
 Henry Gager .....University of Pennsylvania  
 Carlos Gallagher .....Babson College  
 Natalie Gardner .....Occidental College  
 Matthew Gazzola .....St. Bonaventure University

Daniel Germani .....State University of New York at New Paltz  
 Giroto Guglielmo .....Fairfield University  
 Andrew Gladstone .....Franklin and Marshall College  
 Daniel Gold .....University of Vermont  
 Meghan Gormley .....Wake Forest University  
 Marco Groenendaal .....Columbia University  
 Ryan Hale .....Clemson University  
 Scott Hanley .....Marist College  
 Russell Hanson .....University of Vermont  
 Elizabeth Harris .....Lafayette College  
 Catherine Hedge .....New York University  
 Oliver Henry .....Drew University  
 Leslie Hernandez .....Quinnipiac University  
 Sophie Hessekiel .....Vassar College  
 Kevin Heyel .....Fairfield University  
 Miles Hiron .....Kenyon College  
 Morgan Howells .....College of William and Mary  
 Andrew Hudson .....Northwestern University  
 Axel J Hufford .....Dartmouth College  
 Wilson Hunt .....Bucknell University  
 Melanie Hunter .....State University of New York at Albany  
 Theodore Ice .....University of Richmond  
 Jessica Jahnke .....Princeton University  
 Harrison Janart .....Lehigh University  
 Molly Jordan .....Amherst College  
 Sarah Jordan .....Amherst College  
 Madeleine Junkins .....Wesleyan University  
 Dakota Kashchy .....University of Vermont  
 Cassandra Katris .....Sacred Heart University  
 Claire Kehlenbeck .....Loyola Marymount University  
 Maggie Kehlenbeck .....Colorado College  
 Laura Kehoe .....Providence College  
 Robert Keller .....Carnegie Mellon University  
 Matthew Keough .....University of Notre Dame  
 Connor Killian .....Berkshire Academy  
 Katherine Killip .....Boston College  
 Linnea Kilpi .....Rhode Island School of Design  
 Cameron Kinker .....Washington University in St. Louis  
 Madeleine Kinker .....Middlebury College  
 Morgan Kirby .....St. Lawrence University  
 Robert Klemens .....Quinnipiac University  
 Lena Krikorian .....The George Washington University  
 Kathryn Lavelle .....Miami University of Ohio  
 Benjamin Lee .....Cornell University  
 Jennifer Lee .....Bucknell University  
 Grace Leishman .....California Institute of Technology  
 Emily Liddy .....Boston College  
 Faith Logan .....Manhattanville College  
 Brigid Lonergan .....SUNY College at Geneseo  
 Taylor Love .....Bowdoin College  
 Dylan Lynch .....Santa Clara University  
 Kelly Lyons .....Boston University  
 Paul Macal .....SUNY Morrisville State College  
 John MacAulay .....BOCES  
 Whalen MacHale .....Georgetown University  
 Alison Mackay .....Bates College  
 James Mackenzie .....University of Chicago  
 Joshua Manley .....Lewis & Clark College  
 Jacob Mann .....Ithaca College  
 Paige Martin .....Cornell University  
 Aaron Matthias .....Ithaca College  
 Dylan May .....Pennsylvania State University University Park  
 Thomas Mayo-Smith .....Carnegie Mellon University  
 John McCartney .....Northwestern University  
 Lydia McGee .....Manhattan College  
 Kelly McRedmond .....University of Missouri Columbia  
 Benjamin Meyers .....University of Michigan Ann Arbor  
 Jake Meyerson .....University of Rochester  
 Jennifer Mora .....Simmons College  
 Alexander Muench .....Loyola University Maryland  
 Alexander Mun .....California Institute of Technology

Annabelle Munsie .....Cornell University  
 Christopher Murphy .....Wentworth Institute of Technology  
 Bridget Nagle .....Duke University  
 Kamal Narayanamurti-Logue .....College of Charleston  
 Edward Nass .....Vanderbilt University  
 Leo Neuringer .....University College London  
 Lindsey Noto .....Hofstra University  
 Keeva O'Brien .....Sacred Heart University  
 Scott O'Brien .....Northwestern University  
 Claire O'Callaghan .....Trinity College  
 Nanami Okiyama .....Japanese University  
 Andrada Onet .....Stony Brook University  
 Michelle Orgera .....Swarthmore College  
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 Sean Pryor .....Loyola University Maryland  
 Abigail Regan .....Boston College  
 Ariella Reidenberg .....Cornell University  
 Christopher Reifsnnyder .....University of Utah  
 Willis Robbins .....Columbia University  
 Ian Robinson .....Rutgers University New Brunswick  
 Megan Rogers .....Gettysburg College  
 Ryan Rogers .....University of Vermont  
 Edgar Ruiz .....SUNY Delhi  
 Andrew Sackett .....Dickinson College  
 Emily Salk .....Skidmore College  
 Bradley Sandhaus .....University of Delaware  
 Benjamin Schaffler .....University of Michigan  
 Katelynn Serena .....College of Mount Saint Vincent  
 Emily Severance .....Colby College  
 Christopher Sganga .....Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Christopher Sherry .....The George Washington University  
 Mana Shibata .....Occidental College  
 Joseph Simolacaj .....Franklin and Marshall College  
 Olivia Singer .....University of Michigan  
 Eleni Speal .....McGill University  
 Elana Spitz .....Pennsylvania State University  
 Lea Sporcken .....Universiteit Maastricht  
 Christopher Springer .....Colgate University  
 Kayla Staubi .....Vanderbilt University  
 Lily Stearns .....University of Wisconsin Madison  
 Gregory Stern .....University of Richmond  
 Daniel Sundaram .....Boston College  
 Jake Swain .....State University of New York at New Paltz  
 Maki Tezuka .....Manhattanville College  
 Thomas Thevenet .....Quinnipiac University  
 Donald Tice .....Syracuse University  
 Caroline Timmings .....The University of Iowa  
 Eleanor Tremayne .....Oberlin College  
 Sawyer Turcotte .....Tulane University  
 Courtney Turiano .....Lehigh University  
 Justin Uzcategui .....Lehigh University  
 Ann Van Wagenen .....Williams College  
 Michael Vassos .....Further Education  
 Kristen Verille .....Bucknell University  
 Victoria Virtue .....Yale University  
 Charlie Volov .....Williams College  
 Patrick Wall .....Villanova University  
 Kathryn Walter .....Syracuse University  
 Lindsay Welhoelter .....University of Michigan  
 Caroline Whelan .....Boston College  
 Gwendolyn Wiegold .....University of Chicago  
 Peter Wittwer .....Washington and Lee University  
 Stefan Woort-Menker .....Choate Rosemary Hall  
 Maura Zipf .....The University of Scranton



# Tenure Recipients

During a reception held on June 12, the District granted tenure to 11 staff members. School and District administrators, Board of Education members, and other guests were in attendance to acknowledge and congratulate these individuals. PTO and PO representatives from each school presented the tenure recipients with gifts in honor of reaching this milestone in their careers. Congratulations to the newly tenured staff members:

**Kim Colacioppo**  
**Craig Dreves**  
**Hillary Krane**  
**Jennifer Magner**

**Bendis Mani**  
**Joseph Mannozi**  
**Danielle Pizzuto**  
**Bret Reilly**

**Brian Rodefeld**  
**Katrina Smith**  
**Alexandra Soberon**

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR – *Jean Romano*

Each year during the District’s Closing Day/Superintendent’s Conference Day program, a Teacher of the Year is announced. Jean Romano, Physical Education Teacher at Osborn School, has been selected by her colleagues, students, administrators, and parents as the 2012 Teacher of the Year.

Jean has positively impacted thousands of students and families as an invaluable member of the faculty who goes above and beyond her role as a teacher. A Rye resident, she is also actively involved in the community and participates in a number of efforts and events.

At Osborn, Jean has organized events and programs such as Jump Rope for Heart, Halloween parades, Circus Arts, ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously), PACES (Parents and Children Exercise Simultaneously), field days, mother/son volleyball, mother/daughter Girls’ Night Out, father/son Boys’ Night Out, and countless fundraisers. She has served as President of Faculty Club, faculty liaison to the PTO, and has participated on the Playground Committee, Curriculum Enrichment Committee, BRAVO Committee, Wellness Committee, Blood Drive Committee, and the Excellence Team.

Additionally, Jean chaired the silent auction at the Osborn Carnival, raising over \$100,000 for the school. She was also instrumental in the construction of the new playground from start to finish. She has run countless before- and after-school programs to raise funds for charitable causes, for school needs, or simply to bring parents and children together.

“Jean gets children of all fitness levels excited about gym class, and also cares for her students beyond what is typically expected of a teacher,” stated Dr. Shine as he presented her recognition. “Her colleagues, supervisors, and parents have expressed that this caring teacher exudes positive energy and a contagious enthusiasm, and is the first person to lend a hand. She has provided students with knowledge and understanding of good sportsmanship, teamwork, and getting along, while emphasizing the importance of nutrition and fitness. Although she has been an Osborn faculty member since 1988, Jean started her Rye career teaching physical education at the Middle School and High School, where she also coached a number of athletic teams.

Osborn Principal Clarita Zeppie expressed, “It is often the unsung heroes, those who do their jobs each and every day, with little fanfare that are the backbone of the school. Jean is teacher among teachers, a parent among parents, and a friend among friends.”



## 25 *Years of Service*

For the 20th year, the District presented 25-year pins a token of appreciation to staff members who have provided 25 years or more of service. To date, approximately 150 25-year pins have been awarded, collectively representing over 3,000 years of knowledge, sharing, and commitment to Rye’s schools. Congratulations to this year’s 25-year pin recipients: Iris Arest, Vincent Baione, Marci DeRario, and Margaret Donohue.

# SPORTS SUCCESS

The following spring sports teams received the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Team Award: **Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Girls Track & Field, Boys Track & Field, Baseball, Softball, Boys Tennis, Boys Golf, and Girls Golf.** To receive the award, a pre-determined number of athletes for each sport must have a combined average of 90% or above.

The **Girls Lacrosse Team** became Regional Champions and went on to play in the New York State Tournament at SUNY Cortland. Players Emma Brinkman, Madeleine Kinker, Scarlet Sulliman, Ann Van Wagenen, and Victoria Virtue were included on the 2012 Hudson Valley Girls Lacross Academic All Americans list.

The New York State Scholastic Rowing Association named Rye High School's **Girls and Boys Crew Teams** among its

Scholar Athlete Team Award recipients. These teams achieved a team GPA of 90% or higher for the spring season.

The **Girls Golf Team** was named League Champions for the third year and had its second consecutive undefeated season with a 13-0 Record. Jen Lee, who won the Section 1 Championship for her second year in a row, competed in the State Tournament at SUNY Cortland along with teammates Frida Henningsson and Alex Hios. Jen was also named the *Journal News* Player of the Year, and Rich Savage was recognized by the publication as Coach of the Year. The **Boys Golf Team** also won their League Championship and Andrew Gladstone competed at the State Tournament at Cornell.

The **Boys Track & Field Team** was named League Champions after a successful season during which many records were broken.

*Congratulations to these teams and athletes on their spring successes!*

## RHS SENIOR ATHLETES TO CONTINUE SPORTS IN COLLEGE

Several graduating senior athletes gathered for a "signing day," in recognition of their intent to play sports in college. The students joined Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics Mr. Robert Castagna as they discussed which school teams they will participate in following their high school careers.



*Athletes: Top Row (L-R) Peter Wittwer, Grace Leishman, Taylor Love, Aaron Matthias, and Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics Robert Castagna. Bottom Row (L-R) Coco Darelus, Alison Mackay, and Maddie Kinker.*

Coco Darelus signed a National Letter of Intent for diving at University of Maryland. The other students in attendance were Grace Leishman, who will play basketball at California Institute of Technology; Maddie Kinker, who will play lacrosse at Middlebury College; Alison Mackay, who will be on the cross country team at Bates

University; Aaron Matthias, who will participate in track and field at Ithaca College; Peter Wittwer, who will play football at Washington & Lee University; and Taylor Love will be on the cross country and track teams at Bowdoin College.

The students listed above are just some of many seniors who are have already committed to teams in college or hope to "walk on."



*Coco Darelus, joined by her mother Anne and Mr. Castagna, signs a letter of intent for diving at the University of Maryland.*

Congratulations to Rye's athletes as they continue their involvement in sports.

Both the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school year calendars are available on the District's website, [www.ryeschools.org](http://www.ryeschools.org).