

Montclair High School Virtual Senior Awards Night

June 11, 2020

MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

Montclair, New Jersey

MHS Virtual Senior Awards Program

Thursday, June 11, 2020

**1. INTRODUCTION OF THE 2020 SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS
AND STUDENT COALITION OFFICERS**

**Presentation of Certificates of Merit and Appreciation
by Anthony M. Grosso, Principal**

Student Coalition Officers:

President	Estee Goel
VP of Activities & Events	Paige Lacey
VP of Communications	Belgin Koc
VP of Fundraising	Kate Festa
Advisors:	Sabrina Conti & Alyson Wasko

Senior Class Officers:

President	Mia Rodriguez-Vars
VP of Activities & Events	Brianna Barrett
VP of Communications	Will Polen
VP of Fundraising	Charlotte Adams
Advisors:	Samantha Leschak & Alyson Wasko

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

3. NATIONAL ANTHEM
Sung by Katherine Platte

4. INTRODUCTION of GUESTS

Dr. Nathan Parker, Interim Superintendent MPS
Ms. Latifah Jannah, President Montclair BOE
Recognize Donors,Presenters, Parents/Guardians, Staff and Students

5. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The awards and scholarships being presented at this assembly are being awarded for good citizenship, commendable academic achievements, criteria set by the donors, and significant contributions to the life of Montclair High School and the community.

It should be recognized that these awards and scholarships are made available through the generosity of individuals and organizations within the community and the school.

Many members of the Class of 2020 also received scholarships directly from universities as well as other organizations prior to this program. Tribute should be paid to all members of the senior class for their accomplishments, hard work and dedication to Montclair High School.

The college and university acceptances listed for seniors are based on information provided by the students. Any changes were not known at the time of publication.

Students are selected through interviews, scholarship committees, recommendations from faculty and staff members and student submitted applications to organizations and community groups.

Awards and Scholarships to be presented at this time are:

Academic Excellence Awards

The following two students have been recognized by Essex County for their academic achievement.

Spencer Greenfield

Spencer Greenfield is an intriguing, kind, humble, and thoughtfully intentional young man. He engages not only with his peers, but with teachers and mentors, exploring ways to improve as an individual, student, and member of his community. He mindfully takes in each moment, enjoying the process the tasks in which he takes part, whether it is as a member of Peer Leadership, the Robotics Club, a fencer within the Epee Division, collaborating on the NASA Mapping Mosquitos Project, or volunteering as a tutor. Spencer is the epitome of an intellectually curious person engaging with his world and in doing, making it an interesting place for himself and others. His best attribute is that he is not just a nice person, but a young man of immense integrity. He is someone willing to work tirelessly, in order to effect change on a broader scale within his school, community, and world. Spencer will be attending Yale University in the fall.

Nanette-Rose Walls-Tarver

Nanette-Rose Walls-Tarver is bright, creative, independent, and an excellent student athlete. Her career at Montclair High School has been one of achievement both within the classroom and on the athletic field. She has been a three-year member of The Civics and Government Institute, which focuses the students' intellectual pursuits on historic, literary, and current events, allowing them to engage in course work and project that demonstrate their awareness, and which create opportunity for their activism and dedication to community service. Her studies and efforts have been focused on combating stereotyping in all aspects of her life. She is an avid student of science and technology, committed to the future study of medicine. Nanette is an All-American lacrosse player who will pursue this passion in college. Her determination and vision to be the best in all facets of her life make her an exceptional student and person. Nanette-Rose will be attending Yale University in the fall.

The Alex Patenaude Compassion Award

This very special award is given to a MHS staff member in loving memory of Alex Patenaude, MHS Class of 2015 by his parents, Judy Hoffstein and Joel Patenaude, his family and friends to recognize Alex's compassion and quiet ability to help others. Throughout his attendance in the Montclair School System, Alex's helping came naturally because he cared about people. He was always there to be a friend; he was an intuitive person and a good listener. To help Alex's work continue, his parents have established this award to recognize and reward those in the Montclair School System who like Alex reached out to students beyond their daily job. Their quiet interventions and acts of kindness, like Alex's, will make a difference in helping to build a kinder, gentler Montclair for students. This award is presented on behalf of the Patenaude family to:

Dr. David P. Steinke
Psychologist

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarship

Pearls and Ivies Serving Montclair NJ and Beyond Foundation, the charitable arm of Omicron Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated awards scholarships to seniors who have demonstrated service to the school and to the community, have excelled academically, have good personal character, and have been accepted to and plan to attend an institution of higher learning. Members from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. present the following 2020 scholarship awards to:

Doris Coleman Butterfly Book Scholarship

Janyia McGainey Rogers
Rutgers University Newark

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Scholarship

Maya Aristimuno
School of Visual Arts

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Scholarship

Rahzier Kelly
Louisiana State University

Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCU) Scholarship

Shayla George
Howard University

Athletic Department Awards for Female Students

Virginia Gross Trophy

This most prestigious award for girls is given in memory of a woman who was a physical education teacher at Montclair High School from 1946-1950. Ms. Gross was a pioneer in promoting girls' participation in athletics. The trophy is awarded to senior female athletes with participation in at least two sport programs, superior athletic achievement, leadership, and respected by coaches and peers. The trophy is presented by Dr. Patrick Scarpello, Director of Athletics to:

Evelyn Battleson-Gunkel
University of Chicago

Coaches Award

This award is given to female athletes with primary consideration given to versatility of participation as well as talent. This award is recommended by the coaches to recognize outstanding female athletic talent. Dr. Patrick Scarpello, Director of Athletics, will present the award to:

Isabella Hummel
Southern Methodist University

Athletic Department Awards for Male Students

Clarence L. Woodman Trophy

This most prestigious award for boys is given in memory of a man who was the Director of Athletics at Montclair High School from 1922-1942. The trophy is awarded to a senior male athlete who participated in at least two sports programs, demonstrated superior athletic achievement, leadership, and is respected by his coaches and peers. The trophy is presented by Dr. Patrick Scarpello, Director of Athletics to:

Nathan Bryan
College TBD

Coaches Award

This award is given to a male athlete with primary consideration given to versatility of participation as well as talent. This award is recommended by the coaches to recognize outstanding athletic talent. **Dr. Patrick Scarpello**, Director of Athletics, will present the award to:

Evan O'Brien
Wesleyan University

Kaija Jung Andersen Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by family and friends in honor of Kaija Jung Andersen, a lifelong and proud resident of Montclair and a rising second grader at Nishuane Elementary School. Kaija is remembered for her confidence, empathy, humor, tenacity, her enthusiasm for life and learning, and for sharing expressions of love for all types of people and living things.

The scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who demonstrates the potential for success in bringing people together and creating joy and comfort in their lives -- one who best exemplifies Kaija's spirit through their acts of compassion, creativity, curiosity, courage, and contributing to community/inclusion. This scholarship is presented on behalf of the Shin/Andersen Family to:

Aamnah Ullah
Montclair State University

Russell Scott Atkind Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is presented in loving memory of Russ Atkind, MHS Class of '94 and Yale, Class of '98, whose passion for music enriched our lives and lifted our hearts. The scholarship is given to an outstanding musician who made music an important part of life at Montclair High School. This scholarship is presented on behalf of Marsha and David Atkind, Russ's parents, to:

Katherine Platte
University of Hartford

Marjorie Bethell Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Union Noble Bethell as a memorial for their daughter, Marjorie, who was a member of the MHS Class of 1912. The scholarship is presented by the Montclair Scholarship Fund to:

Alizaya Londono
Rutgers University

Richard I. Bonsal Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Richard I. Bonsal by all of his children and grandchildren to a Montclair High School Senior, for academic achievement and interest in the pursuit of knowledge and for high standards of integrity and concern for the rights of others. Richard Bonsal was a longtime resident of Montclair who attended the Montclair Public Schools graduating in 1938. He was the highest scoring member of the MHS State Championship Mathematics Team. He received a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Yale University with High Honors in 1942 and became President of Joshua L. Baily & Co., Inc. He was a Commissioner of the Town of Montclair from 1972 to 1980, and Deputy Mayor of the Town from 1972 to 1976. He dedicated his life to serving his community and was active in many industry associations, Montclair civic and charitable organizations, and barbershop singing as a member of the Dapper Dans of Harmony Chorus and the Baritones Quartet. This scholarship is presented on behalf of the Bonsal Family to:

Angel Gaines
Rutgers University

Harold Bouton Princeton Award

This award is presented in memory of Mr. Bouton and given to students attending Princeton University to aid in their future academic achievements. This award is presented on behalf of the Montclair Scholarship Fund to:

Isis Arevalo
Princeton University

Boys' State Delegates

Students are selected by the American Legion of Montclair annually to attend Boys' State at Rider College as delegates. These students were selected by a committee in their junior year for their qualities of leadership, honesty, character, and scholarship. They have successfully completed the program and the award is presented on behalf of the Crawford Crews American Legion Post 251 to:

Theodore Gray
Virginia Commonwealth University

Will Novak
Northeastern University

Armaan Nischol
TBD

Gabriel Rembert
Sarah Lawrence College

Jacob Schmeltz
Columbia University

Effie K. Britton Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Ms. Britton who was a teacher at Mt. Hebron School for many years. School performance, scholastic and extra-curricular activities as well as a desire and aptitude for continuing education were considered by the committee in selecting this recipient. The scholarship is presented by the Montclair Scholarship Fund to:

Lola Scarpone
Macalester College

BSTV Entertainment Scholarship

This scholarship was created by BSTV Entertainment, a television production company located in Montclair, and is awarded to a graduating senior pursuing a degree in television, film or digital production. This award is presented on behalf of BSTV Entertainment and the Montclair Scholarship Fund to:

Maximo Cespedes
Temple University

Joanne Cedola Memorial Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is given by Anthony Cedola, retired MHS Math teacher, in memory of his wife Joanne Cedola, a teacher of Spanish at Montclair High School for several years. It is awarded to a graduating Montclair High School senior who has shown an interest in and respect to other cultures as a World Language student. The scholarship is presented on behalf of Mr. Cedola to:

Judit Garcia
Montclair State University

Center for Social Justice Philip Easton Humanitarian Award

This award is a mark of distinction given to those students in the Center for Social Justice who over the course of 3 years exhibited both the characteristics expected of CSJ students and humanitarian ideals. As humanitarians, they participate in direct action and are agents of change. They are involved in the larger community, and are allies for those who don't have a voice, and they are constantly working toward the empowerment of target groups. This award is presented on behalf of the CSJ teachers to:

Isis Arevalo
Princeton University

Loren Johnson
Rutgers University

Center for Social Justice Activism Award

This is an award that is given to a person selected by their peers in the Center for Social Justice. It recognizes those students who are dedicated to making social change and whose activism has reached beyond the high school community. They have a deep commitment to human rights and correcting social injustices. Activists have a proven ability to transform this commitment into effective action. This award is presented on behalf of the CSJ teachers to:

Shayla George
Howard University

CGI Achievement Award

This award is presented to a minority CGI senior for outstanding achievement in the institute. This student demonstrates dedication, civic responsibility, and integrity representing all of the ideals upon which the Civics and Government Institute was built. On behalf of CGI, this award is presented to:

Dena Salliey
Brown University

CGI Dennis Murray Citizenship Award

This award is presented to CGI seniors who exemplify the attributes of good citizenship including service, responsibility and leadership to the institute, Montclair High School, the Township of Montclair and the community at large. On behalf of CGI, the awards are presented to:

Jacob Schmeltz
Columbia University
In the City of New York

Claire Ellis
Tufts University

Kiera Hasan
University of California
San Diego

The Dr. Mary Pugh Clark Emerging Woman Award

This award is given to a young woman who embraces women's studies and women's issues and shows promise for acting on behalf of women in the future. The award is named for Dr. Mary Pugh Clark, a retired MHS Social Studies teacher, who created the Women of the World elective course and worked to keep women at the forefront at Montclair High School. The award is presented on behalf of the MHS Social Studies Dept. to:

Eliza Salamon
Cornell University

Ynes Slyker
Oberlin College

Class of 1943 Scholarship

This MHS Class which has given scholarships since 1993 will continue to give scholarships indefinitely as a memorial to the graduates of the Class of 1943, many of who lost their lives in World War II. The scholarship is presented by the Montclair Scholarship Fund to:

Naa-yu Duncan
Pratt Institute

College Women's Club of Montclair

The College Women's Club of Montclair, Inc., a branch of the American Association of University Women, is proud to continue the tradition of awarding scholarships from the funds raised by our annual Used Book Sale to female seniors who will be attending colleges or universities in the fall. These scholarships are presented on behalf of the College Women's Club of Montclair to:

Isis Arevalo Princeton University	Ali Lin Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Kevonny Brooks Seton Hall University	Alizaya Londono Rutgers University-Newark
Kathryn Brutzman St. Joseph's University	Carli Miller Temple University
Elizabeth Carhart Rutgers Univ.-New Brunswick	Eva Owgang Northeastern University
Shayla George Howard University	Mia Padberg Northeastern University
Khari Jenkins Univ. of Southern California	Eliza Salamon Cornell University
Laura Kazdoba Univ. of Maryland-College Park	Dena Salliey Brown University

Commonwealth Club Karl Gabriel Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship recognizes the contributions of high school seniors whose spirit and actions are an inspiration to their fellow students and the community at large. Anthony Grosso, MHS Principal, presents the scholarships to:

Shayla George Howard University	Zachary Lepak To Be Decided
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Connors Family Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior in recognition of his or her academic achievement and service to school and community. This scholarship is presented on behalf of the Connors Family to:

Ali Lin
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Ali Khawaja
Rutgers University

Cornerstone Montclair Award

Cornerstone Montclair is a business with a mission of changing perspectives and creating opportunities for people with disabilities to be active participants in the community in which they live through meaningful work, social engagement and active lifestyles. The Cornerstone Montclair Award aims to highlight the importance of the inclusion of people with disabilities by providing deserved recognition of Montclair High School students who develop, nurture, promote and live the idea of inclusion through self-advocacy and/or interaction with people with disabilities in our community. These awards are presented to:

Ilyssa Chanin
The College of New Jersey

Sydney Rosen
Cornell University

Grace McDonald
Syracuse University

Dreams Can Happen Scholarship

Dreams Can Happen Inc. was founded in 2012 by a group of Montclair natives and close friends with the sole purpose of providing assistance and recognition to deserving individuals. This scholarship recognizes a Montclair High School senior student who has shown a strong commitment to community service and the school while maintaining a high level of academic achievement while at MHS. This scholarship is merit based and neither financial need, gender, nor creed is a consideration. This award is given in memory and honor of three family members who shared a deep love for Montclair High School and the town of Montclair where they were born and raised. They were the Founders and Owners of the Caggiano Funeral Home in Montclair and graduates of MHS. Patsy J. Caggiano, MHS '35 – Margaret P. Caggiano, MHS '37 – and their son Michael A. Caggiano, MHS'61. This scholarship is presented on behalf of the Caggiano Ruccio Family to:

Shayla George
Howard University

The Drifters – Montclair Chapter Scholarship

The Drifters have been in existence since 1964 and they continue to be in the public focus with an ongoing commitment to serve as role models and to enhance the universal image of womanhood in the community. This scholarship is presented to students who have performed well in high school and contributed to community service programs. This scholarship is presented on behalf of the Drifters to:

Kevonny Brooks
Seton Hall University

Christy Rolling
Montclair State University

Essex Running Club - Doug Williams Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded by the Essex Running Club in memory of former member and MHS graduate, Doug Williams, to recognize college bound seniors who have been outstanding in track and field/cross country while demonstrating academic excellence, leadership and community service. On behalf of the Williams family, the scholarships are presented to:

Evelyn Battleson-Gunkel
University of Chicago

Aidan Ward
Wesleyan University

Don Feinberg Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given annually in honor of Don's memory to a graduating senior whose passions include music and people. Don was consumed with a love of music, jazz in particular, as well as people - "Once a friend, always a friend." In his early career he was a recording engineer and later with friends formed a jazz band where he played the saxophone. Don's son, Matt is completing his senior year at Montclair High and his daughter Rachel graduated in 2017. This award recognizes a graduating senior who reflects Don's passion for music and his love of life, family and friends. On behalf of the Feinberg Family, the scholarship is presented to

Max Munoz
Berklee College of Music

Edwin A. Feinhour Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is presented in memory of Edwin A. Feinour, a long-time Montclair resident who was dedicated to community service through the Kiwanis Club. His wife, Emilie Feinour was a Montclair High School English teacher. It is given to a senior who has also contributed service to the school and community. The scholarship is presented by the Montclair Scholarship Fund to:

Natalia Cruz
Pace University

Elizabeth Flippin Dramatic and Fine Arts Award

Elizabeth Flippin was a lifelong resident of Montclair, an MHS graduate, actress, writer, and great proponent of the arts. She served as president of the Montclair PTA and gave tirelessly to numerous community organizations and supported student productions throughout her life. This award is presented to seniors who demonstrated talent in drama, music, film and fine arts on behalf of Ken Cleerdin, MHS Art Teacher to:

Cameron Smith
School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Lorelai Andrews
Montclair State University

Rowan Downie
To Be Decided

Margaret Nowrojee
Rutgers Univ.-New Brunswick

Foreign Languages Department Awards

Northeast Conference Award for Excellence in Foreign Languages

The award recognizes outstanding achievement of a senior in the most advanced foreign language courses. These awards are presented to:

Remington Katz-Chinese
To Be Decided

Massimo Esposito-Italian
Rutgers Univ.-New Brunswick

Trevor Hettrich-French
Johnson & Wales Univ. Denver

Dena Salliey-Latin
Brown University

Luella St. Pierre-Spanish
Univ. of Cincinnati-Main Campus

Derick Tolentino-German
Employment

Fortunato Family Scholarship

This scholarship recognizes MHS scholar-athletes who have exhibited leadership, dedication and school spirit through participation in varsity sports while maintaining a high level of academic achievement. Awardees demonstrate unwavering loyalty to and appreciation of the lessons they will take from the MHS experience – in the classroom, on the athletic field and in community service – as a springboard for future success. They are true Mounties. The scholarship is given in honor of three men who shared not only a family name but a deep and enduring love for MHS athletics and this community: Angelo “Butch” MHS ’35, S. Joseph MHS ’50 and Kenneth MHS ’70. The Montclair Alumni Association on behalf of the Fortunato Family presents the scholarship to:

Grace Van Atta
Johns Hopkins University

Ali Khawaja
Rutgers University

The Frederic's Fine Jewelers Scholarship

This scholarship is given to a student interested in merging the arts and business. The award is presented on behalf of Frederic's Fine Jewelers to:

Maya Aristimuno
School of Visual Arts

Garden Club of Montclair Scholarship

This award is given to a student interested in promoting, protecting and maintaining the health and beauty of our natural environment. This award is presented by the Montclair Scholarship Fund on behalf of the Garden Club of Montclair to:

Kyle Martin
Michigan State University

Girls' State Delegates

Delegates are selected in their junior year by the American Legion of Montclair to attend Girls' State at Rider College. A committee selects the students in their junior year for their qualities of leadership, honesty, character, cooperativeness, courage and scholarship. This award is presented on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 251 to:

Thandiwe Wilson
Howard University

Stephanie Gauval
University of Colorado Boulder

The Alica and Peter Giuffra Scholarship Award

This scholarship established by Project Graduation 2018 and the MHS Class of 2018, honors Peter and Alica's decades of service to the MHS community and their enthusiastic support for its traditions. The recipients of these awards, one male and one female, have enhanced the spirit, vibrancy and vitality of MHS. This award is presented on behalf of Alica and Peter Giuffra to:

Davida Task
Rutgers University

Brian White
St. Bonaventure University

Craig Gonzalez Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in memory of Craig Gonzalez, a long time Montclair resident and father of MHS alumnus Andrew Gonzalez. Craig's friends and family have created this fund to honor his commitment to education and his generous spirit. This award recognizes the potential for success and strength of character. This scholarship is presented on behalf of his family to:

Adrian James
University of Tampa

Reverend Archie Hargraves – Montclair Clergy Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Reverend Archie Hargraves who was the pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church and a dedicated community leader. The scholarship honors Rev. Hargraves' memory by recognizing a minority student who has demonstrated past involvement in and future commitment to working toward finding common ground among differing groups of people. The scholarship is presented on behalf of the Montclair Clergy Association to:

Ariana Padilla Intriago
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Margaret Fenton Haynes Scholarship

This scholarship is given in honor of all of the wonderful educators at Montclair High School. In the words of their students...you have demanded nothing less than our best while always remaining compassionate, encouraging, supportive, and understanding. You inspire us! This award is presented on behalf of the MHS Alumni Association to:

Luc Nahas
Syracuse University

Ariana Padilla Intriago
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Heart of Montclair Award

This scholarship is awarded to a deserving senior who has excelled in academics and embraces the value of community service, friendship, and recognition of the ties that bind all of Montclair together. This scholarship is presented on behalf of the MHS Alumni Association to:

Thandiwe Wilson
Howard University

James M. Henry Memorial Scholarship

James M. Henry worked in construction in NYC and never had the opportunity to attend college. He loved to read, listen to opera, and root for the Giants and the NJ Devils. Most of all, he loved his family. This award is for a Montclair High School student who needs support in achieving their dream of college.

Judit Garcia
Montclair State University

Beatrice Hirsch Memorial Scholarship

These scholarships are awarded to students whose curiosity, enthusiasm, and perseverance indicate that they will successfully complete their college education and who will continue to contribute as vital members of society in the future. The scholarships are presented to:

Liyan Cheung
New York University

Danielle Johnson
Montclair State University

Larry Hollander Award

This award is given in honor of Larry Hollander, Class of '52 and former owner of Grove Pharmacy. The scholarship is given to a student who has displayed an interest in the field of health sciences; who has been involved in extracurricular activities and community service; who has demonstrated leadership qualities and most importantly is dedicated to helping his or her fellow man. This scholarship is presented on behalf of the Hollander Family to:

Elana Frank
Cornell University

Ali Khawaja
Rutgers University

Robert S. Hurt Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Montclair residents, MHS alumni, friends and family, of MHS basketball standout and 1980 graduate, Robert "Bobby Smooth" Hurt. After four years as an MHS Varsity starter, Smooth or Coach Hurt, as he was affectionately known by many, continued his basketball career at Division 1 Fairfield University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. Returning to Montclair, as the MHS Assistant Boys Varsity Coach & JV Basketball Coach for over 18 years and the founder of Montclair based "Basketball 101" summer camp – a safe place and basketball training ground for hundreds of youth – Coach Hurt shared his knowledge and enthusiasm for the game and was a mentor to many. This scholarship is given to a member of the boys or girls MHS Varsity Basketball team who embodies the qualities of generosity, kindness and caring by which Coach Hurt lived. The scholarship is presented on behalf of the Hurt Family to:

Rahzier Kelly
Louisiana State University

Janyia McGainey Rogers
Rutgers University

The Katz Family Theater Award

A four-year scholarship, sponsored by Donald Katz and Leslie Larson, is awarded to college bound Montclair High School students who plan to pursue a career in theater and will continue their education studying to become actors, directors, playwrights, set designers and related technical theater designers. This award is presented on behalf of Donald Katz and Leslie Larson to:

Elizabeth Carhart
Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts

Kearny Bank Award

Kearny Savings Bank has a long standing commitment of giving back to the communities where they do business. To that end, this award is presented to a MHS senior with an interest in continuing their education in the field of finance or business. This award is presented on behalf of the Montclair Scholarship Fund to:

Zachary Sanders
Montclair State University

Key Club International Award

Key Club International is a student led organization that provides members with opportunities to provide service to school and community, builds character and develops leadership. This award is presented to students who have upheld the core objectives of Key Club International to build home, school and community through service. The award is presented on behalf of the Club's Advisor, Ms. Angelica Mino, to:

Estee Goel
Carnegie Mellon University

Jean H. Kidd Memorial Scholarship

The Jean H. Kidd Scholarship is established in memory of Jean Hyde Kidd, a lifelong Montclair resident and volunteer community leader. Jean was a champion for volunteerism in the areas of education, diversity, and community beautification in Montclair. It is awarded to a senior who has shown leadership both as a volunteer, and in promoting volunteerism in the Montclair community. The scholarships are presented on behalf of the family to:

Simran Kahlon
New Jersey Institute of Technology

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarships

MLK Scholarships are presented to students who have achieved academically or have demonstrated scholastic potential and are pursuing further education in the tradition of Dr. King. Stanley E. White, President of the Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund of Montclair, will make the presentations to:

Brianna Barrett
Rutgers Univ.-New Brunswick

Kevonny Brooks
Seton Hall University

Brian Hatchett
Lincoln Technical Institute

Joshua Martin
Rutgers Univ.-New Brunswick

Alvin L. Koschik, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Alvin L. Koschik, Jr., who was a Jazz organist and trumpet player and the paternal grandfather of Montclair High School students. It is awarded to an accomplished and passionate musician who has contributed his or her talents to MHS. The scholarship is presented on behalf of the Hara/Koschik Family to:

Maria Magdalena Faulkner Valiente
Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts

Dr. Hank Lowenthal Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Lowenthal, MHS Class of 1968 practiced medicine and resided in Montclair for many years. His wife Phyllis is employed by the Montclair School District and his children Erica and Lee are also Montclair graduates. This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has demonstrated both an interest in and an aptitude for science. This scholarship is presented on behalf of Mrs. Phyllis Lowenthal to:

Margaret Nowrojee
Rutgers University – New Brunswick

Craig A. MacCallum STEM/Aviation Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Craig A. MacCallum, who was a flight instructor and died tragically in an airplane accident in May 2013. His daughter, Margaret was a 2013 MHS graduate and his son James is a 2017 MHS graduate. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating MHS senior who has shown an interest in pursuing studies in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math or Aviation. The scholarship is presented on behalf of the Schlein/MacCallum Family to:

Dwayne Brooks
Kean University

Russell W. Marsden Scholarship

This scholarship was established in accordance with the wishes of the late Russell W. Marsden to extend financial assistance to students whose scholastic achievement, character, sincerity, and ambition indicates that they will meet with success in their pursuit of a college education. The scholarship is presented by the Montclair Scholarship Fund to:

Erica Field
St. Lawrence University

Math Department Awards

The following awards are presented on behalf of the Math Department.

Math League of New Jersey Award

This award is given to a student who achieved the highest scores in the New Jersey Math Contest. This year the award is presented to:

Ethan Ryder
Rising Senior

Joseph McAllister Memorial Math Award

This award is given in memory of Joe McAllister by his colleagues at MHS. Mr. McAllister was a much loved and respected Math teacher at MHS for over 30 years. The scholarship recognizes students for their tenacity and strong problem solving. The award is presented to:

Ali Lin
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Loren Johnson
Rutgers University

Simran Kahlon
New Jersey Institute of
Technology

Noa Gross
To Be Decided

National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics

This award is given in recognition of excellence to a student with outstanding achievement in mathematics for four years. The presentation will be made to:

Eliza Salamon
Cornell University

Barton Smock Mathematics Award

This award is given in Mr. Smock's memory. He was a member of the Mathematics Department for 38 years. It is given to the student who has achieved the highest average in mathematics for four years. The award is presented to:

Spencer Greenfield
Yale University

Dena Salliey
Brown University

Shirley Maxwell Memorial Science Award

This award is given in memory of Shirley Maxwell, Science teacher at Montclair High School. Mrs. Maxwell is remembered by her colleagues as a special teacher who helped her students strive for excellence and achieve success. This award is presented on behalf of the Maxwell family to:

Nguenar Ndiaye
Rutgers University-New Brunswick

John J. McMullen Award

This scholarship is awarded to a senior whose accomplishments, leadership roles and involvement in school and community activities indicate the promise of future success, like that achieved by John McMullen. Dr. McMullen, a 1936 graduate of MHS and a 1940 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy served in the Navy for 14 years before retiring as a Commander. Widely known in the field of sports, Dr. McMullen was the former owner of the Houston Astros and later, the NJ Devils. Dr. McMullen passed away in 2005 and this scholarship is part of his legacy. This award will substantially fund 4 years of college tuition and is presented on behalf of the McMullen Family by the MHS Alumni Association to:

Mia Rodriguez-Vars
Yale University

MHS Class of 1986 Spirit Award

Created by MHS Class of '86 to assist future generations of Mounties with the costs of higher education, this award represents the legacy, ideals, and spirit of the Class of 1986 and pays tribute to departed classmates. It is given to academically motivated, community- minded students who show special Mountie spirit in athletics, activities or volunteering. This award is presented to:

Noah Farjani
The New School

Montclair Principals' Association Scholarship

The MPA scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, and service to the school and the community. Anthony Grosso, MHS Principal, makes the presentation to:

Reese Kovel
Brown University

Montclair Republican Club

The Montclair Republican Club is committed to national growth and strength, to the U.S. system of Government and to private-sector and free-market ideals. It encourages protection of the environment and personal and family responsibility, respects the Nation's founding documents, and believes in the rich potential of individuals and society. It takes a conservative approach to taxes, spending and the use of resources, and believes that Government should be limited, not expanded. Its principle message is one of hope, opportunity, liberty, responsibility and perseverance. This scholarship is presented on behalf of the Montclair Republican Club to:

Gabe Weintraub
Columbia University

Montclair Society of Engineers Award

This award is presented annually to a senior of outstanding scholarship in science and mathematics, in each of nine local high schools. This scholarship is presented on behalf of the Montclair Society of Engineers to:

Alex Gideon
Rochester Institute of Technology

Montclair Scholarship Fund Awards

These awards are made possible through the fundraising efforts of the Montclair Scholarship Fund with support and donations from many citizens, MHS alumni, family and friends. The scholarships are awarded to:

Zakai Afolabi-Mack
Montclair State University

Michael Justin Ellis
Rutgers University

Maya Aristimuno
School of Visual Arts

Noah Farjani
The New School

Marco Arnez
Pennsylvania State University

Juliana Fawcett
Kean University

Dwayne Brooks
Kean University

Judit Garcia
Montclair State University

Natalia Cruz
Pace University

Danielle Johnson
Montclair State University

Jada Elliott
New Jersey City University

Loren Johnson
Rutgers University

Rahzier Kelly
Louisiana State University

Zachary Sanders
Montclair State University

Alizaya Londono
Rutgers University

Lola Scarpone
Macalester College

Kyle Martin
Michigan State University

David Task
Rutgers University

Arden Phillips
Berklee College of Music

Shane Taylor
North Carolina Central Univ.

Greta Poglinco
Connecticut College

Trinity Thompson
Kean University

Christy Rolling
Montclair State University

Nicholas Urquijo
Pennsylvania State Univ.

Carlos Salem-Rosario
Eastern University

Brian White
St. Bonaventure University

Lucy Ziesing
Syracuse University

The Mountaineer Award

This award is presented to seniors for outstanding work as a contributor to the award winning MHS school newspaper and for responsible, conscientious leadership. This award is presented on behalf of *The Mountaineer* staff to:

Joseph Held
College of Charleston

Steel Galdieri-Simonelli
George Washington University

Celena Sanchez-Olivera
TBD

Trevor Hettrich
Johnson & Wales Univ.-Denver

Sofia Agostinelli
To Be Decided

Josephine Hurwitz
To Be Decided

Eliza Cant
Wilkes University

Salih Jannah
To Be Decided

Lucia Carson
American University

Remington Katz
To Be Decided

Ian Fishman
To Be Decided

Kai Moore
SUNY Oswego

Lauren Novak
Temple University

Kyla Rombough
Ohio University-Main Campus

A Mountie Forever Award

This very special award is being presented in conjunction with Jostens and the Class of 2010. The award itself consists of a specially designed MHS Class Ring which will be presented annually, as well as the individual's name being engraved on a plaque in the main hall of Montclair High School. The individual honored with the **Mountie Forever Award** has been recognized by his classmates as someone who exemplifies the traits and character of Ryne Dougherty who set the standard for this award. Being a Mountie continues after you leave MHS; it continues forever. This year's award is presented to:

Nareece Wright
To Be Decided

Music Department Awards:

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award in Memory of 1st Lt. A.J. Schneider, USMC

This award is given by Arthur and the late Arlene Schneider in memory of their son First Lieutenant A.J. Schneider, MHS Class of 1989, who also was awarded the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award as a senior at MHS. Lt. Schneider played trumpet in the high school bands. This combined award is presented to an accomplished student jazz musician. Eileen Gilbert, Assistant Principal and Music Department Administrator, will present the award on behalf of the Schneider Family to:

Dorian Lake
Rutgers Univ.-New Brunswick

John Philip Sousa Band Award

This award is given to a senior in recognition of outstanding achievement, dedication in band, and leadership among his peers. This award is presented on behalf of the Music Dept. to:

Anil Murthy-Uppal
Rutgers University-New Brunswick

National School Orchestra Award

This award is presented to an outstanding musician who displays exceptional dedication, service and musicianship to the MHS orchestra. This award is presented on behalf of the Music Dept. to:

Maria Magdalena Faulkner Valiente
Rutgers University Mason Gross School of Music

National Honor Society Award

This award includes a Certificate of Merit for recognition and service as officers to the National Honor Society, for giving of their time and interest and for being instrumental in upholding the tenets of the MHS National Honor Society. These awards are presented on behalf of the NHS Advisors, Jessica Buel and Samantha Leschak, to:

Dena Salliey, President
Brown University

Siona Ely, Secretary
Georgetown University

Lucy Ziesing, Treasurer
Syracuse University

NJ Seal of Biliteracy

The Seal of Biliteracy is an official recognition from the New Jersey Department of Education. The Seal is a nationally recognized credential that attests to each recipient's unwavering dedication to proficiency and global citizenship. The Seal affirms that these seniors are prepared to utilize the language that they have acquired as they commence their post-secondary pursuits. All recipients of the Seal have demonstrated Intermediate-Mid or higher proficiency in at least one language other than English and have fulfilled their English Language Arts graduation requirement. The NJ Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to the following students by Frank Sedita, Supervisor of World Languages and ESL:

Isis Arevalo
French & Spanish

Claire Ellis
Spanish

Kiera Hasan
Spanish

Nathaniel Bauer
Spanish

Siona Ely
Spanish

Trevor Hettrich
French

Hanna Bensalem
Spanish

Elisa Flagel
Spanish

Ava Hoerrner
Portuguese

Nicolas Blaustein
Spanish

Angel Gaines
Spanish

Tania Jiménez
Spanish

Eliza Cant
Spanish

Rachele Gaisie
Italian

Lukas Karapin-
Springorum
German

Wing Tsam Cheung
Chinese

Judit Garcia
Spanish

Michael Khan
Spanish

Lesly Delgado
Spanish

Spencer Greenfield
Spanish

Belgin Koc
French

Emma Kugelmass
Spanish

Mia Padberg
Japanese

Grace Van Atta
French

Lucinda Makin
French

Hannah Regal
French & Latin

Nathaniel Weiss
Spanish

Kyle Martin
Spanish

Mia Rodriguez-Vars
Spanish

Emeline Zaltas
Spanish

Alexa Martins
Italian

Dena Salliey
Latin

Gabrielle Ziemacki
Spanish

Emma McElwee
Spanish

Luella St. Pierre
Spanish

Sofia Zorich
Spanish

Luc Nahas
French & Spanish

Nicholas Urquijo
Spanish

Jill Ann Newman Scholarship

This scholarship awarded annually by the Newman Family, formerly of Montclair. The recipient of this award has shown exemplary academic achievement, school participation, spirit and leadership with plans to pursue a career in the field of education. Montclair High School is Jill Newman's alma mater and she is a past recipient of the Effie K. Britton Scholarship. Dustin Bayer, Director of Guidance, makes the presentation to:

Janyia McGahey Rogers
Rutgers University

James B. Nye Scholarship

The James B. Nye Scholarship offers a scholarship for seniors who are attending a 2 or 4 year college and are passionate about their education and outside interests, just as Mr. Nye was. This award is presented on behalf of the James B. Nye Scholarship Fund to:

Maya Aristimuno
School of Visual Arts

Outpost in the Burbs Music Award

This award is given to a student of demonstrated musical ability who has made a worthwhile contribution to some form of musical activity at Montclair High School and plan to pursue music in college. This award is presented on behalf of the Outpost in the Burbs Board of Directors to:

Arden Phillips
Berklee College of Music

Pay-It-Forward Fine Arts Merit Award

This award is given by a former MHS student in recognition of Mr. Cleerdin, Fine Arts faculty member who went beyond the call of his profession to help a student in financial need. This award is given to seniors who will continue in their chosen art studies and who someday may be able to help other students achieve their potential and Pay It Forward. The awards are presented to:

Teo Suzuki – Film
To Be Decided

Lena Harrison – Art
Maryland Institute College of Art

Brianna Anderson – Film
Kean University

Anna Skinner – Orchestra
New York University

Naa-yu Duncan – Art
Pratt Institute

Miriam Jackson – Choir
Rutgers Univ.-New Brunswick

Maria Magdalena Faulkner Valiente - Orchestra
Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts

P.E.O. Sisterhood-Chapter A-B Memorial Scholarship

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is an international philanthropic educational organization that promotes educational opportunities for women through grants and scholarships. This need-based scholarship has been established by Chapter A-B of Montclair, NJ. It is intended for a female senior at Montclair High School who will attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the United States after high school graduation. The selected student must exhibit excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, academics and potential for future success. The scholarship is presented on behalf of the P.E.O. Sisterhood-Chapter A-B to:

Isis Arevalo
Princeton University

The Phoenix Literary Magazine

The Phoenix, Montclair High School's literary magazine, publishes digital fiction, essays, poems, photography and artwork. Officers of this student-led journal recruit submissions, write, edit, design and digitally circulate this time-honored publication. These student leaders run Creative Writing Club meetings and lead weekly writing sessions. More importantly, their efforts create an outlet for MHS's creative spirits.

Lucy Diaz, Editor
Macalester College

Daphne Hansell
TBD

Zachary Bialik
TBD

Christy Rolling
Montclair State University

PNC Bank Award

PNC is proud to support efforts to enhance accessibility to a college education for the students of Montclair High School. A good education is one of the most powerful and portable assets anyone can acquire. The award is presented on behalf of PNC and the Montclair Scholarship Fund to:

Loren Johnson
Rutgers University

The Giacinto Reale Scholarship

This scholarship is given in the memory of Giacinto J. Reale, longtime friend of Montclair High School and minister of the Italian Presbyterian Church of Montclair. It is given to a senior student who has demonstrated service to school and community. The scholarship is presented by the Montclair Scholarship Fund to:

Greta Poglinco
Connecticut College

SADD Club Award

The Students Against Distracted Drivers Club presents this award to members who supported the efforts of the organization and worked to get their message out to the school community. These awards are presented on behalf of the Club's advisors, Mr. Witter and Detective Falaise, to:

Brianna Anderson
Kean University

Angel Gaines
Rutgers Univ.-New Brunswick

Jada Auletta
Howard University

Jaida Gardner
Howard University

Amiyah Burgman
To Be Decided

Maka'I Harris
To Be Decided

Shawn Collins
Rutgers Univ.-New Brunswick

Rahzier Kelly
Louisiana State University

Milani Davis
Howard University

Madison Lavendar
To Be Decided

Osyus Dorcelly
Gap Year

Janyia McGahey Rogers
Rutgers University-Newark

Sebastien Fortune
American International College

Ariana Padilla-Intriago
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

William Patel
San Diego State University

Celena Sanchez
To Be Decided

Makayla Paul
To Be Decided

Sania Scott
Delaware State University

Gary W. Schultz Scholarship Fund Award

All recipients of a Schultz Scholarship Fund awards shall demonstrate not only academic achievement, but also a strong commitment to community service. Successful candidates may have overcome personal and/or physical obstacles in order to achieve his or her goals and objectives. This scholarship is presented on behalf of the Schultz Family in partnership with the MHS Alumni Association to:

Jaida Gardner
Howard University

Max and Bertha Seltzer Scholarship

This scholarship honors Bertha Silber, who was born in 1895 and was widowed at age 23 with a young son and little education, and Max Seltzer, an immigrant with two years of schooling, who married Bertha. Max and Bertha overcame adversity with minimal resources. This scholarship is intended to provide additional help to a student with a seriousness of purpose in pursuing post high school education. This scholarship is presented on behalf of the Montclair Scholarship Fund to:

Nicholas Urquijo
Pennsylvania State University

Randi Simon Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in memory of Randi Simon, a long time Montclair resident, architect, business leader, and proud mother of three Montclair public school graduates. Randi's friends and family have created this fund to honor her commitment to growing a diversified next generation of leaders in the Architecture profession. She advocated tirelessly to create opportunities for members of underrepresented communities and this award is meant to carry on that legacy. This scholarship is presented on behalf of her family to:

Lucy Ziesing
Syracuse University

The STEM Achievement Award

This award is presented to a senior who participated in Montclair High School's STEM Academy Small Learning Community for three years and demonstrated dedication, talent, and outstanding effort, while fostering pride, service and commitment to STEM projects in the Montclair community. The awards are presented to:

Amanda Murnick
Stevens Institute of Technology

Abel Yemane
Kean University

SVPA – Patricia Woodward Theater Scholarship

This scholarship in memory of Pat Woodward is given to SVPA student who has shown determination, hard work, and drive for the good of the show in the similitude of Pat, beloved SVPA mentor. The Pat Woodward scholarship is presented on behalf of Kirk Woodward to:

Elizabeth Carhart
Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts

Hortense Tate – Montclair Historical Society Scholarship

In celebration of its 50th Anniversary, the Montclair Historical Society created this scholarship for a student planning to major in the historical or social science field. Mrs. Tate inspired countless young women at the YWCA by creating a positive environment, fostering cultural pride, and encouraging young women to pursue higher education degrees. This scholarship is awarded in her spirit. The scholarship is presented to:

Khari Jenkins
University of Southern California

Clem Taylor Scholarship

This scholarship was created by family and friends to honor Montclair resident, Adrian Clemens "Clem" Taylor, an engaged citizen, caring mentor, and one of the nation's most gifted and passionate journalists. The scholarship is awarded to a senior who exudes the curiosity, spirit and commitment to storytelling that Clem loved and lived. The scholarship is presented on behalf of his family to:

Nguenar Ndiaye
Rutgers University

Teachers' Club of Montclair

This scholarship from the Montclair Teachers' Club declares their belief in the importance of teachers for the future of the local and global community. They endorse and promote those who will continue to exhibit excellence in this field. The scholarship is presented on behalf of the Montclair Teachers' Club to:

Janyia McGainey Rogers
Rutgers University

The Treene Family Scholarship

This scholarship is given by C.Y. and Bill Treene to assist a deserving student to attend a four-year college of his or her choice. The scholarship is presented on behalf of the Treene Family to:

Erick Wilson
Stockton University

Visual and Performing Arts Awards

The following awards are presented on behalf of the Visual and Performing Arts Department at MHS:

The Art Award is based on a student's outstanding talent and dedication in the area of art.

Cameron Smith
School of the Art Institute of Chicago

The Dance Award is based on a student's outstanding dedication, talent and effort in the area of dance.

Emma Kuggelmass
University of Chicago

The Instrumental Music Award is presented to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding talent, leadership, and commitment in the area of instrumental music.

Anil Murthy-Uppal
Rutgers University-New Brunswick

The Theater Award is based on a student's dedication, service, achievement and leadership.

Charley Polaner
Tulane University

The Vocal Music Award is presented to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding talent, leadership, and commitment in the area of vocal music.

Anna Gustavsen
Savannah College of Art and Design

Joe Walsh – William McClellan Music Awards

This scholarship is given to a senior at MHS whose accomplishments suggest the potential for future success in the field of music or entertainment. Joe Walsh, MHS Class of 1965, is best known for his contribution to popular music in the 1970's as a member of The Eagles and for their album "*Hotel California*" that reached number one on the billboard charts and went gold. Joe started his rock 'n' roll career at MHS and later performed in The James Gang Band, Ringo Starr's All Star Band and as a successful solo artist. In 2011 Rolling Stone placed Joe Walsh at the number 54 spot on its list of 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time. Joe Walsh also established a scholarship in memory of his MHS vocal teacher, William McClellan who was known for his great concerts and colorful ties. Mac directed the Chorus, Madrigal Choir and Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs. He was a consummate professional, a perfectionist and a favorite of students throughout the school. These scholarships are presented to:

Joe Walsh Award

Arden Phillips
The Berklee College of Music

William McClellan Award

Matthew Lee
The Julliard School of Music

Gary F. Whitlock Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Gary F. Whitlock, MHS Class of 1977 and a teacher and chess coach in the East Orange Public Schools. Gary was passionately interested in black culture, and this scholarship is given to a student who shares this interest and who has also demonstrated intellectual curiosity, artistic ability, a commitment to helping people in need and/or a love of chess and sports, all traits embodied by Gary. The scholarship is presented on behalf of the Whitlock Family to:

Shayla George
Howard University

Alice B. Woodward Memorial English Award is given annually by Janet and Peter Saint Germain, in memory of Alice B. Woodward for her outstanding dedication to the teaching of vital skills of the English language. The recipients of this award have shown exemplary scholarship and proficiency in all areas of English curriculum. The scholarship is presented to:

Dalia Engelberg
New York University

Leigh Wang
Northwestern University

Phyllis Ziegler Memorial Scholarship

On the 20th anniversary of her untimely passing, this scholarship is created in the memory of Phyllis Ziegler, the aunt of a current MHS student and an MHS alumna, both of whom she never got the opportunity to know. Phyllis Ziegler was a gifted linguist, fluent in many languages, who became a leader at the NYC Department of Education, as the Director of K-12 Second Language Programs. A respected expert in language acquisition, she was in demand as a speaker around the world. Phyllis was an avid world traveler and global citizen and inspired many by sharing her enthusiasm for learning, teaching, and living. To honor Phyllis' passions for learning foreign languages and exploring other cultures, this scholarship is granted to a senior who has also demonstrated these passions and intends to pursue the study of a foreign language and/or education in college. The scholarship is presented on behalf of Shari and Alan Fox to:

Stella Schaefer-Surdez
Syracuse University

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO SENIORS

These awards are given each year to students who have qualified for this honor by giving time and effort in generous measure to the school and its many activities. These students have made our school a better place in which to pursue excellence in education. **Dr. Nathan Parker, Interim Superintendent, Latifah Jannah, BOE President** and **Anthony M. Grosso, MHS Principal**, will make the presentations to the seniors:

Gold Pins - We are proud to honor **49 seniors for four years** of service to Montclair High School.

Bryce Axe	Mia Padberg
Teah Bordick	Lucas Podvey
Charlotte Carr	Mia Rodriguez-Vars
Maximo Cespedes	Sydney Rosen
Aaron Chanin	Peter Roy
Ilyssa Chanin	Abigail Russman
Michael Ellis	Eliza Salamon
Estee Goel	Dena Salliey
Carly Fazendin	Luke Savitch
Max Gugig	Jacob Schapiro
Anna Gustavsen	Alexander Stubin
Aidan Hsieh	Erik Swanson
Patrick Jordan	Adan Tapia
Lukas Karapin-Springorum	Maxwell Temkin
Belgin Koc	Laya Sathana Tuazon
Reese Kovel	Aamnah Ullah
Emma Kugelmass	Evan Unruh
Paige Lacey	Grace Van Atta
Lucinda Makin	Nathaniel Weiss
Alexa Martins	Brian White
Grace McDonald	Evan Williams
Sonia Menken	Emeline Zaltas
Amanda Murnick	Gabrielle Ziemacki
Angela Noyes	Lucy Ziesing
Eva Owgang	

Silver Pins - We are proud to honor **5 seniors** who have performed **three years** of service:

Anna Babboni
Jade Lytle
Emma McElwee
Charlotte Nickason
Sabrina Trenta

Bronze Pins – We are proud to honor **4 seniors** with **two years** of service:

Mikhi Gayle
Yael Gelman
Tyler Straker
Bianca Swan

First Year Service Pins – We are proud to honor **6 seniors** for **one year** of service:

Lila Bolt
Adriana Comini
Mollie Dawson
Christy Rolling
Shane Taylor
Erick Wilson



PRESENTATION OF OWL PINS

The Owl Pin, designed from a coin of ancient Athens, is an award for democratic distinction bestowed upon deserving seniors and staff members. Apart from excellence in scholarship or athletics, it symbolizes recognition of the qualities and achievements that play an important part in democracy's progress. It connotes enthusiastic cooperation in various school activities, high executive ability and power of organization, an intelligent awareness of the duties, responsibilities, and privileges of good citizenship, conspicuous devotion to the welfare of the school, and commendable initiative in attempting solutions of school problems.

Dr. Nathan Parker, Interim Superintendent, Latifah Jannah, BOE President and Anthony Grosso, MHS Principal, are pleased to present:
Montclair High School 2020 Owl Pins:

The Owl Pin Recipients: (in random order)

Eva Owgang

For her countless hours of service and dedication to the Gas Lamp Players Theatre Company, as a performer, stage manager, and an advisor to younger actors; for her commitment to tutoring local elementary age students; for her contributions as a member of the MHS Key Club, a community service-based club; for her participation as a member of both the National Honor Society and Latin National Honor Society; and for her service as a member of the CGI small learning community; she receives an MHS Owl Pin.

Lukas Karapin-Springorum

For his steadfast commitment and outstanding contributions to the M.E.S.H. Community Program as a weekly volunteer; for his achievements and leadership as a member of both the MHS Model Congress and Model UN Teams; for his contribution to Fed Challenge; for his participation on the MHS Boys Soccer Team and his Ultimate Frisbee Team, serving as captain; for his contributions to the international translation community; for his service as a MHS Peer Leader; and, for his service as a member of the National Honor Society, he receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Mia Rodriguez-Vars

For her four years of dedication and contributions to the MHS Soccer Team; for her constant support of community and district programs via MFEE and other organizations; for her participation in Mock Trial and Euro Challenge; for her leadership in the CGI small learning community, specifically her work on the State and Local committees, educating her peers about issues such as sexism in high school athletics and gentrification in Montclair; and for her valuable student government achievements and efforts, including Senior Class President; she receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Nathaniel Weiss

For his four-year contribution and achievements on the MHS Varsity Fencing Team; for his commitment and valuable instruction in running a fencing clinic for three years for middle school students; for his extensive service as a tutor; for his volunteer efforts with Imani, assisting with the 9th Grade Transition Program; for his dedication and service to Toni's Kitchen; and, for his recognition and achievements on the National Spanish Exams, he receives the Owl Pin.

Carly Fazendin

For her achievements and years of commitment to both the MHS Varsity and Montclair YMCA Dolphins Swim Teams; for her contributions to the MHS Field Hockey Team; For her service as part of the international Food Club; for her outstanding contributions to the Weston Science program; for her dedication to the Girl Scouts of America organization, attaining cadette status; for her volunteer efforts at hospitality events and singing in the church choir; and, for her consistent commitment as a camp counselor during summer breaks, she receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Dena Salliey

For her participation and peer tutoring in National Honor Society, Latin Honor Society, and Math League; for her recognition and achievement on the National Latin Exams; for her years of service as a junior usher at her church; for her longstanding dedication to community enrichment in the Delta GEMS program; for preparing Thanksgiving meals for those in need with the Million Man Montclair program; for her outstanding work as Co-founder and President of the Youth Council at Union Baptist Church; and, for her summer achievements as a Weston Science Scholar and MPS Office of Technology Future Leader, she receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Emma Kugelmass

For her selfless commitment as a volunteer to the Bnai Keshet Bet Midrash Religious Education Program; for her unwavering dedication to the MHS Dance Company, as both a performer and choreographer; for her service as Senior at Large on the MHS SVPA Board; for her participation as a member of the N.O.W. Club and as founder of FemLit, a monthly book club that focuses on gender issues; and, for her national recognition and achievements on the National Spanish Exams, she receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Aaron Chanin

For his years of participation and outstanding contributions as a member of the MHS Baseball Team; for his commitment and dedicated to participation in the Good Grief Organization, including four years as a camp counselor; for his service and impact as a volunteer with the Special Olympics; and, for his consistent and dedicated service as a teacher's assistant for religious education at the Temple Ner Tamid, he receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Ilyssa Chanin

For her years of dedicated service to the Templr Ner Tamid, including as VP of Communications for her youth group; for her service as a teacher's assistant for religious education and as a mentor for summer programs; for her dedication as co-founder of Educating Each Other, serving under-privileged youth in the Bronx; for her exemplary commitment to the Good Grief Organization, including as emcee of their annual charity event; for her service to Eyeglasses for All; and, for her commitment and contributions as a volunteer with the Special Olympics, she receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Lucas Podvey

For his volunteerism and dedication as a coach and mentor at the Montclair Youth Lacrosse program for young players; for his support of the Gramon Family of Schools, serving adolescents and young adults with special needs, through their annual 5K and Color Runs; for his participation as a member of the National Honor Society and MHS Italian Club; and, for years of dedication, outstanding contributions, and selfless leadership on the MHS Varsity Ice Hockey and Varsity Lacrosse teams, he receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Laya Sathaya Tuazon

For her membership on the NJ Chemistry Olympics team, representing Montclair High School; for lending her voice to the Madrigal Choir; for her ongoing and dedicated volunteer work for a local soup kitchen and senior home; for her sustained fundraising efforts to help the indigenous people of the Philippines; for her recognition in the National French Contest; for her valuable contribution as an intern for Proceed Family Success Center, a non-profit organization for mental health counseling; and, for her service as a member of the Teen Advisory Board for the Montclair Public Library, she receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Patrick Jordan

For his exemplary dedication and reliability as a volunteer for the Hospitality Ministry of St. Cassian Church; for his notable contributions and service to Toni's Kitchen Summer Outreach Program; for his achievements and contribution as a four year member of the MHS Baseball Team; and, for his volunteer efforts assisting at local community events, he receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Gabrielle Ziemacki

For her four-year commitment and service to the MHS School of Visual and Performing Arts in the pit orchestra; for lending her voice as a member of 'Passing Notes'; for her membership and outstanding accomplishments as a classical pianist in the Music Educators Association of NJ, playing in volunteer concerts for various charity and non-profit organizations; for her concerted efforts in fundraising and promoting awareness for Haitian relief efforts; for her work for Youth Rise Up, which champions immigrant causes; and, for her contributions as a member of the CSJ small learning community, she receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Luke Savitch

For his tireless dedication to the well-being of animals, including his volunteer work at a pet supplies store; for his participation in STEM small learning community; for his years of valuable assistance with animal adoption; for his years of commitment and contributions to both the MHS Cross Country and Track and Field Teams, and the Ski Club; and, for his yearly contributions to biking programs like Tour de Montclair, Bike Swap, and Bike & Walk Montclair, he receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Estee Goel

For her steadfast commitment as a member of the MHS Varsity Crew Team; for her service as a member of the Key Club and President of Student Coalition, giving of herself and her time in numerous ways; for her weekly contribution and service to Toni's Kitchen; for her work at the Montclair Art Museum; and, for her inspired dedication as founder of the Enrich It program, an outreach program created and established to provide programs for various senior homes, she receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Adan Tapia

For his dedication and efforts as a volunteer for Toni's Kitchen; for his commitment volunteering for three years at the Montclair Public Library; for his four year athletic participation and outstanding contribution to the MHS Varsity Soccer Team, serving as Captain during his Freshman year; for his willingness to volunteer his time as a soccer referee for the Montclair Township recreation league; and, for his contribution as a volunteer at a local VA Medical Center, he receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Grace Van Atta

For her four-year dedication, contribution and exemplary achievements on the MHS Varsity Fencing Team, serving as Captain Senior year; for her achievement as a member of the USA Fencing All-American First Team; for her volunteer service as a classical pianist, performing various charity events, including for the Ronald McDonald House; for her outstanding fundraising efforts for the annual Midnight Run for cancer awareness; for her ongoing volunteer work for the M.E.S.H. Community Program; and, for her recognition in the National French Contest, she receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Peter Roy

For his selfless dedication to wildlife education and preservation; for his service and years of volunteer work with the Turtle Back Zoo Volunteer Program, especially educating groups of children; for his commitment and contributions to the MHS Varsity Fencing Team; for his leadership and contributions organizing field trips as part of the STEM small learning community; and, for his years of participation in Camp Songamon, as a Counselor in Training in Vermont and as an Apprentice in Thailand, he receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Alexa Martins

For her exemplary service to Toni's Soup Kitchen, including turning empathy into action by creating a new program to instill positivity and promote self-worth in those who receive free meals; for her commitment and focus on environmental causes, including creating special projects like 'Project Styrofoam,' to benefit the community and reduce carbon footprints; and, for her volunteer experience at the Montclair Public Library, she receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Maximo Cespedes

For his four years of dedicated participation and exemplary contributions as a member of the MHS Varsity Crew Team, including medaling at the Garden State Championships; for his outstanding and dedicated volunteer work with Toni's Kitchen; for his commitment to volunteer efforts working with the Special Olympics, and, for volunteering as a lifeguard for the Montclair Recreation Program, he receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Amanda Murnick

For her achievements and dedication to the MHS Varsity Field Hockey team, serving as Captain; for countless hours volunteering at Strokeline Field Hockey Summer Camp; for her leadership in the STEM small learning community, being named the 3D Printing and Technology Coordinator for the STEM Student Board; for her consistent dedication to Girl Scouts of America since elementary school: and, for her contributions to the MHS Hospitality Club, International Food Club, and Sign Language Club, she receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Aamnah Ullah

For her four year dedication to the Key Club participating in various commitments and outreach projects. For her patience and dedication working the concession stand for both the MHS Basketball Association and the MHS Gridiron Club. For her three years of service to the YMCA aftercare program caring for elementary children, and her efforts spent working the aftercare programs in the New Discovery Summer Camps, she receives the MHS Owl Pin.

Evan Unruh

For his outstanding contribution as a four-year volunteer to the Montclair Learning Center where he provided academic tutoring, organized activities, and facilitated STEM related projects and robotics for younger children. For his tireless four- year dedication to the MHS Varsity Crew Team helping to achieve championship seasons and participating in team related volunteer activities, he receives the MHS Owl Pin.

THE MHS AWARD

Montclair High School always strives for intellectual zeal and achievement, for personal integrity, and for an eagerness to advance the interest of the larger group; the qualities of leadership that influences the entire school. This also includes the number of hours a student volunteers above and beyond the normal school day, the number of people who directly benefit from the service performed and the magnitude of positive exposure for the Montclair High School family in addition to the manner in which the task is undertaken, the ambition, conscientiousness with which the student has performed and the loyalty, dedication and trustworthiness of the individual.

**Dr. Nathan Parker, Interim Superintendent of Montclair Public Schools,
congratulates the 2020 MHS Award recipient:**



ALMA MATER (written by Anne Coe Mitchell, 1886-1970):

You may sing of other places,
Little do we care;
There is one place that is dearer
Here in old Montclair.

Chorus:

Raise the chorus, speed it onward
Sing with praises fair;
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater
Hail, all hail, Montclair.

Come then friends and come then scholars,
Raise the hearty song;
Swell the chorus with your voices,
Pass the strain along.

Chorus:

Raise the chorus, speed it onward
Sing with praises fair;
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater
Hail, all hail, Montclair.

