

# Value Education

Graduation 2015

## Congratulations !

### Class of 2015

This issue of *Value Education* celebrates twenty members of Rye Neck's Class of 2015. These students illustrate the range of talent and commitment to success possessed by Rye Neck's entire student body.

These graduates balance their enthusiasm for learning with a broad sampling of extracurricular interests. Rye Neck successfully harnesses their energy through challenging academic programs and rich extra and co-curricular activities. These opportunities help them develop leadership and production skills and hone special talents that ultimately result in a strong work ethic, a sense of personal empowerment and a value of teamwork.

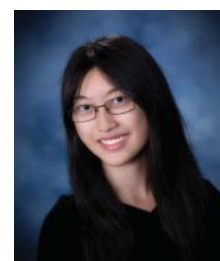
### Ekim Buyuk Duke University Valedictorian

- AP Scholar with Honor
- National Honor Society, President
- 2015 National Merit Scholar Program, Commended Student
- Blue Ribbon Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
- Harvard-Radcliffe Book Prize
- New York State Department of Education Scholarship for Academic Excellence
- Department Awards for AP Calculus, AP Psychology, Journalism, Physics and AP Statistics
- Moody's Mega Math Challenge, Team Member
- Varsity Tennis, NYS Doubles Finalist, Section 1 Doubles Champion, Conference Doubles Champion, All-State, All-League, Captain
- J.F.K. Physical Fitness Award, Athletic Director's Honor Roll
- Harrison-Mamaroneck Rotary Scholarship, Student of the Year
- P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter AJ Scholarship
- Volunteer at Comfort Zone Bereavement Camp, Midnight Run, Children's Hope Chest and tutoring
- Senior Internship at Gramercy Advisors



### Cassie Chan New York University - Stern School of Business Salutatorian

- AP Scholar with Honor
- National Honor Society
- 2015 National Merit Scholar Program, Commended Student
- Blue Ribbon Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
- Yale Book Award
- New York State Department of Education Scholarship for Academic Excellence
- Department Awards for AP Chemistry, Pre-calculus, Chemistry and Computer Science
- Department Award for highest average in math for four years
- Award for Community Service for 100+ hours
- Member of the Academic Challenge and Mock Trials teams
- Moody's Mega Math Challenge, Team Member
- Volunteer at Larchmont Library, Mamaroneck Shares, Westchester Children's Museum, Open Door Medical Center, Rye Neck Library, 5th Grade Chemistry Program and Hour of Code
- Senior Internship with Fifth Avenue Digital



### Rye Neck High School



Gold Medal Award 2015

## A Message from the HS Principal

By Barbara Ferraro, Ed. D.



It is a pleasure to share with you the college acceptances for the Rye Neck High School Class of 2015. The Class of 2015 will attend some of the finest schools and universities in the nation.

These outstanding college acceptances are a direct result of the rigorous academic course of study offered to the students at Rye Neck High School. Our program includes eighteen Advanced Placement (AP) classes, college credited courses in world languages, theater and science research.

In addition, we offer an extensive athletic program, the Senior Intern Program, an Independent Learner Program, a community service program, a comprehensive arts education sequence and a comprehensive and highly individualized counseling program.

These opportunities are unique to the quality educational program at Rye Neck and enhance college applications, making our students preferred candidates at our nation's most competitive schools.

In an effort to further assist students in making informed choices regarding higher education, college representatives visit Rye Neck on a regular basis.

Our collaborative approach to the application process yields outstanding results for our students, as demonstrated by the Class of 2015.

## Superintendent's Notebook

By Peter J. Mustich, Ed. D.

Please note that we have highlighted 20 of our graduates of the Class of 2015 – but know that each member of the class is special and is celebrated.

All these students make us very proud, not only for what they have accomplished, but for who they are as individuals.

These scholars, athletes and artists are excited to move forward and use what they have learned from our schools and our community. They are poised to make their mark on the world. I know that you join me in wishing them the best of luck as they move on to new opportunities.

Our high school graduation is a community celebration; it represents our district's long standing commitment to excellence in education, a tradition dating back over 150 years. Tradition is important as it roots our students in the past and gives them a firm foundation on which to build.

Our students have benefitted from one of the most challenging and resource rich programs in the State and they are well-prepared for the future.

On behalf of our graduates, I thank you for your continued support; you are making a difference for each and every one of our students.

Please enjoy our graduation issue and the summer season.



*Congratulations to*



*the Class of 2015*

## **Dominic Brescia** **Merrimack College**

- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service and Leadership
- Rye Neck Athletics Outstanding Athlete Award
- Varsity Football Captain, 2x All State, MVP, Section 1/Class C Most Valuable Back
- Set new school records for rushing yards in a season and rushing yards in a career
- Varsity Golf, All League
- Co-founder of NRC-TECH, an entrepreneurial venture
- Co-founder of the Maria Fareri Children's Toy Drive
- Key Club
- Play Smart Academy volunteer
- Senior Internship: Lifestyle Integrated Fitness Training (LIFT) at SUNY Purchase



## **Mikael Bucknavage** **Georgia Institute of Technology**

- AP Scholar with Honor
- National Honor Society
- International Thespian Society, Treasurer and Award Winner
- Metro Award Nominee for Best Vocal Performance, Male
- Patty Aloisi Gibbs Memorial Scholarship
- Athletic Director's Honor Roll
- Varsity Cross Country, All-League
- Varsity Winter Track, All-League Honorable Mention
- Varsity Spring Track, All-League
- EMS Volunteer, Member
- Volunteer at Comfort Zone Bereavement Camp, Mamaroneck/Larchmont Food Drive and Midnight Run
- Senior Internship with Songcatchers - "Reaching For Peace Through Music"



## **Rachel Cohen** **Duke University**

- AP Scholar with Honor
- National Honor Society
- 2015 National Merit Scholar Program, Commended Student
- Bausch and Lomb Award for Outstanding Achievement in Science
- St. John's University Women in Science Award for AP Chemistry and Forensics Department Award for Achievement in Biology, AP Calculus
- Award for Community Service for 100+ hours
- Founder of S.A.F.E. – Stuffed Animals for Emergencies
- Westchester Board of Health, J.R. Tesone Youth Public Health Service Award for S.A.F.E.
- The Journal News – Hall Monitor – Student of the Week for Westchester County
- St. Vincent's Hospital of Westchester Youth Award for Community Service
- Village of Mamaroneck – Proclamation of Merit for Community Service – S.A.F.E.
- Teen Advisory Board, Village of Mamaroneck, Founder and Chairperson
- Varsity Volleyball, Captain, Club Volleyball for Downstate and Westchester Pride
- The Gold Card Award
- Senior Internship with Rye Neck Science Department – Ms. Cappa and Mr. Loverso



## **Kendall Edwards** **Emerson College**

- National Honor Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service and Leadership
- St. John's Women in Science Award for Excellence in AP Psychology and Pre-calculus
- Department Award for Excellence and Achievement in Writing
- Award for Community Service for 100+ hours





- Member of the Gay-Straight Alliance, Kiwanis Educating Youth and Rescuing the Earth's Environmental Future Clubs
- Volunteer at Mamaroneck Library, Bread of Life Food Drives and The Rye Neck Theatre Department
- Senior Internship at Daniel Warren Elementary School – Mrs. Santoro

## **Maite Elias-Nava** **New York University - Tisch School of the Arts**

- AP Scholar with Honor
- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service and Leadership
- National Honor Society and LOTE Honor Society
- International Thespian Society, Award and Recognition
- Student Senate, President and Secretary
- Department Award for Exceptional Achievement in Spanish
- Department Award for Excellence and Achievement in Writing
- Metro Award Nominee for Best Supporting Actress – Singin' in the Rain
- Four-year member of Rye Neck Theatre Department and Student at Atlantic Theatre Company
- Member of the International, KEY, REEF, SADD, GSA and NYC Clubs
- Volunteer at Starkidz Theatre Program, Don Bosco Center and New Rochelle Humane Society
- Senior Internship with Westchester Magazine – Editorial



- St. Vincent's Hospital of Westchester Youth Award for Community Service
- Co-founder of Student Action Coalition, Raising awareness and funds for human rights
- Attended the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center's Youth Leadership Conference
- Four-year member of the Rye Neck Theatre Department
- Four-year member of the cross country and track teams
- Member of the Strategy Club, Gay-Straight Alliance Club, New York City Club
- Participated in the Science Olympiad and Copy Editor/Yearbook Staff for Rye Neck Scraps
- Award for Community Service for 100+ hours
- Volunteer at Comfort Zone Bereavement Camp and Teaching Assistant for Sunday School
- Senior Internship at Albert Leonard Middle School – Music Department

## **David Jackson** **Syracuse University**

- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service and Leadership
- International Thespian Society, Secretary, Award and Certificate
- 2015 Metro Award Nominee for Technical Merit, Stage Manager
- Department Award for Outstanding Contribution, Music and Theatre
- Four-year member of the Rye Neck Theatre Arts Department, Lighting and Design, Board Operator, Assistant Stage Manager and Stage Manager for 6 productions
- Award for Community Service for 100+ hours
- Volunteer at the Emelin Theatre and with the Rye Neck Middle School Theatre Productions
- Senior Internship at Scene Works Inc.



## **Kevin Hassenfratz** **Northeastern University**

- AP Scholar
- National Honor Society
- International Thespian Society, Certificate and Award
- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service and Leadership



**Diana King**  
**New York University - Steinhardt School**

- AP Scholar
- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service and Leadership
- National Honor Society
- Con Edison Award
- Well's College 21st Century Leadership Award
- Four-year member of Student Senate, Class Officer, Vice President
- Award for Community Service for 100+ hours
- Volunteer at Rye YMCA, Rye Neck softball clinics, Caring for Kids of Kenya and Midnight Run
- Five-year member of Varsity Softball, Captain, All-State, All-Section and All-League
- Five-year member of Varsity Tennis, Captain, All-State, All-League, NYS Doubles Finalist, Section 1 Doubles Champion, Conference Doubles Champion
- Senior Internship at Summit Physical Therapy



- Mock Trial Team, Captain, Student Awareness Coalition, Co-founder and President, Student Senate, French Club, President
- Varsity Tennis
- Tools for Change, Senior Researcher and Teaching Assistant
- Senior Internship: Young America Capital, LLC

**Lauren Mastoloni**  
**Bucknell University**

- National Honor Society
- International Thespian Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service and Leadership
- Victor Ridder Memorial Scholarship
- Departmental Award, Math for AP Statistics
- Award for Community Service for 100+ Hours
- DCH/Toyota City, SADD Scholarship
- Athletic Director's Honor Roll
- Senior Class Treasurer
- Student Senate
- Students Against Destructive Decisions, President
- Theater Productions, actress
- Varsity Tennis Captain, Varsity Golf Captain (Coaches Award)
- Senior Internship: FE Bellows Elementary School, 3rd grade



**Samuel Lawhon**  
**Dartmouth College**

- AP Scholar with Honor
- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service and Leadership
- National Honor Society and LOTE National Honor Society
- Athletic Director's Honor Roll
- Columbia University Book Award
- Brandeis University Book Award
- Leonard Euler Award for Math and Computer Science
- New York State Comptroller's Achievement Award
- Departmental Awards, English, US History and French
- Albert Einstein Achievement Award for Psychology
- Student Civic Achievement Award from the League of Women Voters



Senior Class Officers:  
 Maria de Graca Tito (Secretary) Aiden Spencer (Vice President)  
 Lauren Mastoloni (Treasurer) Nick Ritacco-Canessa (President),  
 Juliette D'Errico (Events Coordinator)

## Nicole Miller Siena College

- Michael P. Canno Scholarship for Achievement, Persistence and Community Concern
- St. John's University Women in Science Certificate for Forensic Science
- Award for Community Service for 100+ hours
- Rye Neck Athletics Old Timer's Award
- Varsity Field Hockey, Captain, All State, Coaches Award
- New Heights Field Hockey Club Team, Gold Medal Winner, USA Futures
- Varsity Softball Captain, All League, Coaches Award
- Key Club, SADD, Midnight Run
- Volunteer for Cookies for Kids' Cancer and Children's Hope Chest
- Senior Internship: FE Bellows Elementary School, 5th Grade



## Rachel Novick Cornell University

- National Merit Scholar Commended Student
- AP Scholar with Honor
- National Honor Society, Treasurer
- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service and Leadership
- New York State Education Department Scholarship for Academic Excellence
- Certificate of Merit Award from Senator George Latimer
- Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award
- Moody's Mega Math Challenge, second round
- Athletic Director's Honor Roll
- Tools for Change Research, Principal Researcher and Teaching Assistant
- Student Senate Treasurer
- Mock Trial Team
- Gay Straight Alliance Club
- Varsity Soccer Captain, All League, Varsity Spring Track
- Senior Internship: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society



## Takuno Nishimura University of California, Los Angeles

- National Honor Society
- Athletic Director's Honor Roll
- Award for Community Service for 100+ Hours
- Marjorie O'Rourke Award for English as a Second Language
- Michael P. Canno Scholarship for Achievement, Persistence and Community Concern
- Science Olympiad, Chemistry of Food
- Spanish Club, Recipe Exchange Club, SADD
- School Band
- Three Sport Athlete Award
- Varsity Soccer Captain, All Section, Varsity Winter Track, All League, Varsity Baseball
- Mamaroneck Rush Travel Soccer
- Senior Internship: Rye Neck High School Mathematics Department



## Desi Flores Ramales SUNY Oswego

- LOTE National Honor Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Motivation, Effort, Growth, and Improvement
- St. John's University Women in Science Award, Chemistry
- Helene A. Fried Scholarship
- Kiwanis Club of Mamaroneck Scholarship
- Member of International, S.A.D.D, Art, and Photography clubs
- Work Experience: Sophisticuts Unisex Hair Salon, Boiano Bakery, Babysitting, Gardening
- Senior Internship: Mamaroneck Veterinary Hospital and Pet Resort





**Nicholas Ritacco**  
**New York University**  
**Gallatin School of Individualized Study**

- National Honor Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Character, Service and Leadership
- Eliot M. Engel Congressional Certificate of Merit
- Departmental Award, Economics
- Award for Community Service for 100+ Hours
- Senior Class President
- Holocaust and Human Rights Conference and 9/11 Volunteer Conference
- CEO of NRC-TECH; AG Capital LLC, Entrepreneur; other ventures include mamaroneck.ave.com; qualitycases.com; madisongrace.com
- Founder and coordinator of annual community toy drive
- Varsity Winter and Spring Track and Field
- Student Awareness Coalition, Co-founder and President, REEF Club, President, NYC Club, Key Club
- Internship: Paradysz + PM Digital
- Senior Internship: Morgan Stanley



- Three Sport Athlete Award
- Varsity Tennis Captain, All League, Coaches Award, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Winter Track
- Certified Lifeguard
- Senior Internship: Rye Nature Center

**Maria Da Graca Tito**  
**University of Delaware**  
**Honors Program**

- AP Scholar with Honor
- National Honor Society
- LOTE National Honor Society
- Blue Ribbon Award for Consistently Outstanding Academic Excellence
- International Thespian Society
- Oberlin College Book Award
- Mount Holyoke College Book Award
- St John's University Women in Science Award For Excellence in Chemistry
- National Spanish Examination, 1st place
- Departmental Awards, Science for Earth Science, LOTE for Spanish as a Native Language, Math for AP Calculus
- Westchester Branch of the American Association of University Women Award
- Award for Community Service for 100+ Hours
- Senior Class Secretary
- Key Club, President, Student Awareness Coalition, Co-Founder, SADD
- Theater Productions, Actress
- Varsity Spring Track
- Trilingual - Portuguese, Spanish, English
- Senior Internship: Daniel Warren Elementary School



**Alexander Styler**  
**Cornell University**

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Honor Society
- Athletic Director's Honor Roll
- Certificate of Merit Award from Senator George Latimer
- Departmental Award, Computer Science
- Second round of Moody's Mega Math Challenge – top 17% nationwide
- Student Senate Vice President
- Academic Challenge Team
- Mock Trial Team, Attorney
- Theater Production, Actor
- Chemistry Club



- AP Scholar with Honor
- National Honor Society
- Athletic Director's Honor Roll
- St. John's University Women in Science Certificate for AP Chemistry and Computer Science
- Departmental Award, Math for AP Statistics
- Lou Intervallo Scholarship Award
- Three Year Band Member Award
- Chosen to attend the prestigious Google Computer Science Summer Institute
- Award for Community Service for 100+ Hours
- International Club, President, NYC Club Executive Board, Chemistry Club
- Rye Neck Athletics Scholar Athlete Award
- Three Sport Athlete Award
- Varsity Cross Country, Captain, MVP, All County, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Captain, MVP, All League
- Dance: Ballet, Pointe, Tap and Jazz
- Senior Internship: Rye Arts Center



## **The Class of 2015**

### **By Melinda Merkel, Senior Advisor**

The waning days of June are here again—it seems like yesterday that the Class of 2015 was preparing for Homecoming and Senior Week—for the year of milestones that is the Senior Year.

There is but one event ahead for the Class of 2015: graduation; and then comes the world of firsts beyond. In its wake, our senior class leaves a year of unparalleled achievements in the classroom, on the fields, in the community and on the stage. The impact of the Class of 2015 will long be felt by the Rye Neck community.

The distinguished performance of the Class of 2015 is hardly news in the halls of Rye Neck High School. At the recent Senior Awards Ceremony, the extraordinary level of achievement of the Class of 2015 was apparent.

Collectively the class of 2015 was awarded almost \$55,000 in local and state scholarships! A testament to their academic prowess, this class boasts twenty three AP Scholars (eleven with honors, four with distinction), and four National Merit Commended Students.

Forty-five graduates are members of National Honor Society. Ninety-six percent plan on pursuing higher education.

Part of the academic experience at Rye Neck is developing independence—and to that end, our seniors enjoyed one of the most successful years in the Senior Internship Program (SIP) on record. SIP is a uniquely Rye Neck experience that immerses students in the business world, and allows them to collect the kind of “personal data” required to make informed decisions about their paths in life. Nearly 100 students interned in 61 businesses locally, throughout the county and in the city.

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## College Acceptances - Class of 2015

Adelphia University	University of Illinois	Roger Williams University
The University of Alabama	Indiana University at Bloomington	Rutgers University
Allegheny College	Iona College	Sacred Heart University
The American Musical & Dramatic Academy	Ithaca College	Saint Michael's College
American University	Johnson & Wales University	The College of Saint Rose
The American University of Paris	Keene State College	Salem State University
Barnard College	La Salle University	Sarah Lawrence College
Bentley University	Lafayette College	Savannah College of Art & Design
Binghamton University	Lasell College	School of Visual Arts
Boston College	Lehigh University	Siena College
Boston University	LIM College	Southern Connecticut State University
University of British Columbia	Lynchburg College	St. John's University
Bryant University	Manhattan College	Suffolk University
Bucknell University	Manhattanville College	SUNY – Albany
University of California, Los Angeles	Marist College	SUNY – Brockport
Capri College	Marshall University	SUNY – Buffalo State
Carnegie Mellon University	University of Maryland	SUNY - University of Buffalo
Central Connecticut State University	Marymount Manhattan College	SUNY – Canton
Champlain College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	SUNY – Cobleskill
College of Charleston	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth	SUNY - Cortland
Columbia College Chicago	University of Massachusetts, Lowell	SUNY - Delhi
Coastal Carolina University	Mercy College	SUNY – Fredonia
Concordia College	Merrimack College	SUNY – Geneseo
Connecticut College	Miami University, Oxford	SUNY – Maritime College
University of Connecticut	Misericordia University	SUNY - Morrisville
Cornell University	Monmouth University	SUNY – New Paltz
CUNY Baruch College	Mount Ida College	SUNY – Old Westbury
CUNY – City College	Muhlenberg College	SUNY – Oneonta
CUNY – Hunter College	New England College	SUNY - Oswego
CUNY – John Jay College	University of New Hampshire	SUNY – Plattsburgh
CUNY – Macaulay Honors	University of New Haven	SUNY – Purchase
Dartmouth College	New York Institute of Technology	SUNY – Stony Brook
University of Delaware	New York University	Syracuse University
DePaul University	Nichols College	The University of Tampa
Dickinson College	University of North Carolina	Temple University
Drexel University	North Carolina State	Texas A&M University
Duke University	Northeastern University	University of Toronto
Dutchess Community College	The Ohio State University	Towson University
East Carolina University	Ohio University	Tulane University
Elon University	Old Dominion University	Union College
Emerson College	Pace University	Utica College
Fairfield University	Pennsylvania State University	Vanderbilt University
Fairleigh Dickinson University	University of Pittsburgh	Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology
Fordham University	Providence College	University of Vermont
Franklin Pierce University	Purdue University	University of Virginia
The George Washington University	Quinnipiac University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Rhode Island	Wesleyan University
University of Hartford	Rochester Institute of Technology	West Virginia University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	University of Rochester	Westchester Community College
Hofstra University		Western New England University
		Williams College
		Worcester State University

## Congratulations Class of 2015

Amanda Albert  
Ryan Allen  
Jodie Arvonio  
Michael Augustine  
Mark Babakian  
Hannah Barach  
Christopher Barajas  
Christopher Barrios  
Richard Barrios  
Léa Berlioz  
Marisa Bevilacqua  
Gabriella Bianco  
Dominic Brescia  
Cameron Broome  
Mikael Bucknavage  
Ekim Buyuk  
Joanna Calderon  
Christopher Campone  
Sophia Carolini  
Briana Cefaloni  
Cassie Chan  
Zachary Chmelecki  
Rachel Cohen  
Joseph Colasanti  
Manuel Corona  
Pedro Cueto  
Christopher Delarosa  
Salvatore DeRose  
Juliette D'Errico  
Kendall Edwards  
Maite Elias-Nava  
Marc Fischer  
Desi Flores Ramales  
Samuel Fraioli

Dana Gallagher  
Matthew Garofalo  
Daniel Gottlieb  
Kameron Greenland  
Karen Guerrero  
Kevin Hassenfratz  
Daniel Humphreys  
David Jackson  
Daniel Jayson  
Matthew Johnson  
Joseph Juliano  
Brandon Kates  
Diana King  
Victor Lam  
Samuel Lawhon  
Gabriel Lesser  
Shannon Liguori  
Joshua Lore  
Hunter Lyon  
Karolina Marszall  
Lauren Mastoloni  
Thomas McCaffery  
Kristofer McClain  
Alexandra McMillan  
Courtney McNally  
Nicole Miller  
Kathymarie Mitchell  
Nikki Napolitani  
Brendan Nashelsky  
Takuno Nishimura  
Rachel Novick  
Ryan O'Day  
Alessia Panetta  
Annalisa Panetta

Kaitlyn Pillig  
Noah Ponticiello  
Shawn Primrose  
Rocco Puccella  
Kayla Pugliese  
Ashley Ramirez  
Christopher Richart  
Nicholas Ritacco-Canessa  
Joseph Rodriguez  
Sara Rukeyser  
Renato Sansotta  
Alyssa Sensi  
Jake Sevean  
Andrew Smith  
Cory Soriano  
Aidan Spencer  
Anthony Strazza  
Alexander Styler  
Anna Swatski  
Yohabet Tejeida Caballero  
Maria Tito  
Fernando Toledo-Camargo  
Victoria Tripicchio  
Salvador Valencia  
Lauren Vallarelli  
Peter Veltri  
Alexis Vinzons  
Cayla Vinzons  
Lindsay Walther  
Oscar Ward  
Jack Webber  
Bram Wollowitz  
Samantha Yellen



## The Class of 2015

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The Rye Neck Class of 2015 also broke new ground in the performing arts. In the fall, our students tried their hands at drama, mounting a successful performance of *Laughing Stock*. In addition, our annual musical theatre performance *The Music Man* garnered six nominations for the Metropolitan High School Theatre Awards.

Rye Neck seniors were a force to be reckoned with on the athletic fields. Seniors helmed teams who competed in league and sectional playoffs in sports during all three seasons.



Softball and boys' soccer both won Class B Section 1 Championships while League Championships were secured by the field hockey, boys' tennis, boys' lacrosse and softball teams. Two seniors signed national letters of intent to play sports in college.

Members of the Class of 2015 also demonstrated a compelling commitment to bettering the world they live in.

Taken together, the Class of 2015 performed a staggering 13,545 hours of community service! In senior facilities and soup kitchens, on walks to raise awareness or as agency volunteers—students in the senior class made a difference in the lives they touched.

In spite of this exhaustive list of successes, the seniors of the Class of 2015 remain quietly proud—

they are characterized by enthusiasm, commitment and humility.

This is the class that got things done: they changed the senior trip, they painted a mural in the senior office and they put their hand prints on the wall.

They are possessed of an energy that matches their impulse for innovation. Rye Neck's Class of 2015 has built a formidable foundation on which their future successes can stand; their impact on Rye Neck will be long felt—as individuals, as role models, as leaders.



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## Independent Learner Program

The Independent Learner Program (ILP) offers opportunities for students to develop their strengths and talents by implementing in-depth projects in areas of personal interest. The ILP emphasizes self-directed learning, creativity and complex problem solving in real world situations.

The following students from the Class of 2015 excelled in the Independent Learner Program (ILP).

Hannah Barach	Social Science:	Female High School Seniors Future Expectations
Ryan O'Day	Computer Science:	Programming a wireless component
Shawn Primrose	Electrical Engineering:	Design and construct a wireless component
Hunter Lyon	Playwright:	An original dark comedy
Rachel Novick	Social Science:	Hunger, Immigration, Should 16 year olds vote?
Samuel Lawhon	Social Science:	Hunger, Immigration, Should 16 year olds vote?
Nicholas Canessa Ritacco	Entrepreneurship:	NRC-TECH, Technology design and installation
Alexis Christen Vinzons	Social Science:	Hunger and Immigration



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Dr. Kimberly Bucci, Assistant Superintendent for  
Business

*Congratulations to the Class of 2015!*

