



# RYE HIGH SCHOOL

One Parsons Street, Rye, New York

## Ninety-First Annual Graduation

Friday, June seventeenth  
two thousand and twenty-two  
at six o'clock

# **PROGRAM**

**Processional**.....**Pomp and Circumstance**  
**The Pledge of Allegiance**  
*American Sign Language Interpreters - Nya Salkey and Meni Thomas*  
**The National Anthem**  
*ASL Interpreters - Isabella Berrocal, Isabella Cardino, Erin Del Guercio, Kristin DeLorenzo,  
Zoey Frenchman, Mia Paganelli, Lauren Salomon, Hailey Thompson, Madison White*

## **Musical Interlude**

**Welcome and Introductions**.....**Ms. Suzanne Kelly Short**  
*Principal*

**Remarks**.....**Dr. Eric Byrne**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

**Latin Oration**..... *Savanna Harvey, Luke Lepore, Julie Saito, and Rafay Syed*

**Senior Oration**.....**Chloe Nacson Schechter**  
*Representing the Senior Class*

**Salutatory Address**.....**Vanessa Lahrkamp**  
*Salutatorian*

## **Musical Interlude**

**Presentation of Class Gift**.....**Rafay Syed**  
*Class President*

**Valedictory Address**.....**Rafay Syed**  
*Valedictorian*

**Presentation of the Class**.....**Ms. Suzanne Kelly Short**  
*Principal*

**Remarks and Presentation of Diplomas**.....**Jennifer Boyle**  
*President of the Board of Education*

**Closing Procession**

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dr. Eric Byrne.....*Superintendent of Schools*  
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The Honorable Josh Cohn.....*Mayor - City of Rye*  
Marissa Fink.....*Grand Marshal*

## FACULTY

Giuliana Adesso  
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Megan Bradley  
Sara Charles  
Charles Cipriano  
Laura Cunningham-Barrett  
Barbara D'Alois  
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Jose Dominguez  
Jennifer Fall  
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Laura Glicksman  
Robyn Kaminer  
Daniel Kennefick  
Christen Klewicki  
William Meyer

Maria Gabriela Murphy  
Garrett Renner  
Jean Romano  
Sheau-Yuann Rynne  
Robert Schechter  
Tom Snowden  
Alexandra Soberon  
Peter Thomas  
Jennifer Turoff  
Jaime Zung

## LATIN ORATION 2022

Hello and Welcome to all the families here today, and congratulations to all the students. Through tough times and good times we have finally made it to graduation. For the past four years, despite all the challenges we faced, we were able to persevere through all the struggles we faced and grow as people along the way. Although some of our time at school was cut short, the memories we made during this time were enough to last a lifetime. We should not look back at our days here with sadness or regret, but instead look at the fond memories we have, and be thankful that those memories are what shaped us as students and people.

Latin has been the cornerstone of our education for seven years. Translation, vocabulary, grammar, and more translation has been a consistent token of our education that we will hold dearly as we advance into the next stages of our academic careers. The tight bond we Latin scholars have formed over the last 7 years is something that will never be forgotten.

We started our journey through the Cornelian forest and country home, laughing along as Davis scolded the annoying boys in the atrium. We've asked "where is Geta?" and reenacted his fate. We learned our myths through Dungeons and Dragons, Cornelia bid Flavia a tearful farewell, and we ended our eighth grade year, 3 months stuck in a ditch. We entered high school, where we met Ovid, Cicero, and Catullus, "Let us live, let us love!".

Nodictionaries and Quizlet translations became our saving graces. Some adore prose, others poetry, but surely all praised the fun of Blooket and Gimkit. Then came our final year, where we wandered with Aeneas, and marched across Gaul alongside Caesar's cohorts. With all our jokes and fond memories, we now embark on yet another journey.

## **Ōrātiō Latīna MMXXI Habita**

Salvete omnibus familiis quae adsunt hodie, et omnibus discipulis gratulationes. Per tempora difficilia et bona tandem ad graduationem pervenimus. Praeteritos quattuor annos, in omnibus provocationibus quae ad nos erant, perseverare poteramus per omnia certamina quae versamur et crescimus sicut homines in via. Etsi quaedam temporis nostri in schola abscissa sunt, memoriae quas fecimus in tempore satis erant ad aetatem durandam. Non debemus hic dies nostros cum tristitia vel dolore respicere, sed melius est intueri amatas memorias quam habemus, et gratias agere quod illae memoriae sunt quae nos ut discipulos et homines informant.

Lingua Latina lapis angularis educationis nostrae per septem annos fuit. Translatio, vocabularium, grammatica, et plus translationis constans indicium nostrae educationis fuit, quod nos carissimum habebimus sicut procedimus ad gradum proximum vitae nostrae. Vincula magna quae nos discipuli linguae Latinae septem annos fecerunt, semper in memoriis tenebimus.

Incipimus iter nostrum per Cornelianam silvam et villam, Ridentes cum Davus castiget pueros molestos in atrio. Rogavimus “ubi est Geta?” et adsimulavimus iterum fatum. Didicimus fabulas per Carceres et Dracones, Cornelia ‘vale, lacrimans Flaviae dicit, Et complemus octavum gradum, haesi tres menses in fossa. In altam scholam ingressi sumus, ubi occurimus Catullo, Ciceroni, et Ovidio, “Vivāmus atque amemus!”

Nodictionaries, et fortasse Quizlet translationes, gratiae salvificae factae sunt. Alii prosam adorant, alii poeticam, sed certe omnes laudaverunt Blooket et Gimkit. Deinde annus extremus adfuit, in quo errabamus cum Aenea et cum Caesaris cohortibus transibamus Galliam. Cum omnibus iocis et amatis memoriis, nunc in alio itinere aggredimur.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Steven Abbott  
Lucy Adelson  
Taran Agarwal  
Finn Ahrens  
Amelia Ahrens  
Katherine Arquit  
Charlotte Ausfahl  
Keira Baden  
Matteo Balentine  
Tillman Ball  
Ryan Becton  
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Jane Chai  
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Andrew Chang  
Megan Chun  
Dominic Cich  
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Aidan Cunningham  
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Morgan Delizia  
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Kristin DeLorenzo  
Thomas Dore  
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Jack Garnett  
Gabriella Gomez  
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Margaret Graseck  
Aidan Haddad  
Savanna Harvey  
Eleanor Hedges

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Grant Hounsell  
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Kevin Keane  
Emma Kelly-Walsh  
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Claire Killian  
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Lilibet Kirwan  
Katherine Knight  
Angelica Koutsoubis  
Owen Kovacs  
Ryan Kovacs  
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Claire Labovitz  
Vanessa Lahrkamp  
Catia Lai  
Beatrice Larzul  
Michael Lavelle  
Xing-Wei Lee  
Leo-Paul Leger  
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Zachary Levitt  
Jude Lipuma  
Gregory Lodato  
Andrew Luthringer  
Eric Lynch  
Monica Macarie  
Charlotte Macdonald  
Lily Macdonald  
Caroline Mayer  
Mason McComb  
William McEnroe  
Hannah McGovern  
Michael McLoughlin  
Samuel Mead  
Rachel Mehler  
Lauren Mehrara  
Keith Miller  
Sophia Mohamedally  
Sophie Molitor  
Sofia Montagna  
Patrick Moran  
Diana Moschetti  
John Murphy  
Gloria Mustafa  
Patrick Myers  
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Peter Nemeth

Madeline Newman  
Elaine Noga  
Kristi Nolte  
Grace Oberbannscheidt  
Christopher Park\*  
Penelope Peters  
Aidan Petriella  
Audrey Porter  
Clyde Press  
Morgan Puzzuoli  
Declan Quirke  
Callista Radtke  
Jamie Regan  
Amelia Richardson  
Daniel Roberts  
Nicole Rodriguez  
Natalia Roman  
Nicholas Rosenstadt  
Hailey Ryan  
Julie Saito  
Lauren Salomon  
Malena Santia  
Emily Saurack  
Katherine Schultz  
Mackenzie Sheridan  
Parsa Smiley  
Juliet Smith  
Lente Smits  
Dylan Snyder  
Charlotte Spierings  
Alex Spinola  
Juliette Stone  
James Surak  
Lavinia Sutherland  
Rafay Syed  
Sameer Tambe  
Alexander Tepedino  
Anabelle Thomas  
Reilly Traynor  
Theresa Tuneski  
Matthew Ulicny  
Cameron Vahabzadeh  
Clare Verille  
Alexandra Verna  
Kelsey Walsh  
James Whaling  
Catherine Williams  
Peyton Woods  
Derek Woods  
Zhuofei Wu  
Ryan Wyckoff  
Aarav Yadav  
Alexander Yeh  
Sean Yu  
Leah Zion  
Alence Zion

## **CLASS OFFICERS**

**Rafay Syed, *President* ♦ Luke Lepore, *Vice President* ♦ Keith Miller, *Secretary*  
Jack Formon, *Treasurer* ♦ Ashley Blanch and Jeffrey Shannon, *Class Advisors***

## **CLASS HONORS**

***Summa Cum Laude* - Rafay Syed  
*Magna Cum Laude* - Vanessa Lahrkamp  
*Cum Laude* - Hailey Ryan**

## **NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS**

**Luke Lepore**

**Sophie Molitor**

**Lainey Noga**

**Sean Yu**

## **NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS**

**Lucy Adelson**

**Margaret Graseck**

**Penelope Peters**

**Taran Agarwal**

**Savanna Harvey**

**Nicholas Rosenstadt**

**Matteo Balentine**

**Sophia Hofmann**

**Hailey Ryan**

**Ryan Becton**

**Claire Labovitz**

**Emily Saurack**

**Pierce Buckner-Wolfson**

**Monica Macarie**

**Rafay Syed**

**Sofia Cabrera**

**Keith Miller**

**Kelsey Walsh**

**Andrew Fogarty**

**Christopher Park**

**Zhuofei Wu**

**Aarav Yadav**

## **NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

**Sean Yu**

# Rye High School Class of 2022

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Gretchen Mary Angelich  
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Victor Hugo Avilés Ortega  
Keira Sage Baden  
Matteo J. Balentine  
Tillman C. Ball  
Alex Jose Barajas  
Montserrat Barajas  
Carter Christopher Barford  
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Thomas Dore  
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Patrick James Egan  
Christian R. F. Ellis  
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Federico Etinger  
Thalyson Oliveiralino Felipe  
Megan Liberty Ferris  
Armando Flores  
Ava Grace Flosse  
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Grant Alan Hounsell  
Philip Thomas Hovers  
Anne Brunner Howard  
Charles Lloyd Howard  
Beck Iannucci  
Taylor Angelina Iorillo  
Ari Ishikawa  
Samuel Johnson  
Thomas James Karmilowicz  
Caleb Kaufman  
Kevin William Keane  
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Charlotte Rose Levine\*

\*Top 10% of the Class of 2022



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Greta Lleshaj  
Gregory Joseph Lodato  
Andrew Perandi Luthringer  
Eric Lynch  
Monica Ioana Macarie\*  
Charlotte C. Macdonald  
Lily S. Macdonald  
Roméo Giuliano Malta  
Catherine Hope Margiloff  
Jack Henry Margiloff  
Caroline Elizabeth Mayer  
Annabella Mazzilli  
Mason West McComb  
William Ryan McEnroe  
Hannah Grace McGovern  
Nicholas James McGuire  
Michael Callum McLoughlin  
Jack Dirksen McRedmond  
Samuel Philip Mead  
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Sean W. O'Donnell  
Grace Katherine Oberbannscheidt  
Caroline Leigh Olsen  
Thiago Oppermann V. Oliveira

Daniel Orozco  
Mia Christina Paganelli  
Tara Panagos  
Christopher Park  
Devan S. Patel  
Louis Samuel Patterson  
Michael J. Pecora  
Penelope Mariko Peters  
Aidan Turner Petriella  
Jolie Pineault  
Selim Pirinccioglu  
Audrey Evelyn Porter  
Clyde D. Press  
Morgan Teresa Puzzuoli  
Declan William Quirke  
Callista Radtke  
Jamie Nicole Regan  
Nicholas S. Renza  
Amelia Hall Richardson  
James Foster Richardson III  
Daniel Tyler Roberts  
Jonathan E. Rodriguez  
Jose Anthony Rodriguez III  
Nicole S. Rodriguez  
Natalia Román  
Nicholas Alan Rosenstadt\*  
Baron Alexander Rozowsky  
Hailey Frances Ryan\*  
Clara Sacristan Lagunas  
Julie Sakura Saito  
Nya C. Salkey  
Lauren F. Salomon  
Chelsea Marie Sanchez  
Malena Christine Santia  
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Santino Barone Sculti  
Mackenzie Mae Sheridan  
Rebecca M. Silverstein  
Kyle Read Simandl  
Parsa Smiley  
Juliet Indie Elizabeth Smith

Lente Smits  
Dylan Patrick Snyder  
Charlotte Winslow Spierings  
Alex Jay Spinola  
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Juliette Rowan Stone  
Thomason Reese Sulliman  
James Daniel Surak  
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Gianna Isabella Zamboli  
Alence Emily Zion  
Leah Daisy Zion\*

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Congratulations on your graduation and all you have accomplished.

There is no escaping the fact that Covid-19 challenged our lives in recent months; however, you endured, adapted, and even thrived. It sometimes may have felt unfair, but looking at you today, you have proven that inevitably, all storms pass, and you are able to emerge stronger.

As you gain distance from this year, you may find that you change perspectives, or that you already have, that the world around you looks different based on your experiences. If that ever stops being the case... that you stop letting yourself grow... pause and notice that. In those moments, you will start to see that adversity can bring strength, and fear can bring growth. The challenges you face, and the way you tackle them, will continue to define you and lead you to amazing accomplishments.

I want to thank the Interim Assistant Principals, Dr. Kathleen Affigne and Mr. Philip Campbell, the amazing teachers at Rye High School, and the committed support staff. My special thanks to Mrs. Hanley and Mrs. Sakanaka in the Main Office and to Mr. Liotta, all who generously shared their wisdom and experience, and hours of their time.

I want to thank and acknowledge Rye City School District Superintendent, Dr Byrne, and his exceptional team in Central Administration for their wonderful support given to the class of 2022 and all of us.

There are many others who dedicated themselves to making Graduation 2022 an unforgettable event. I also wish to acknowledge the hard work and hours of preparation that have been provided by the following people:

- Ms. Gabriella Perruccio, Dr. Kaitlyn Sassone, and Mr. Robert Gimigliano for hours (days and days) of planning.
- The Custodial Staff for preparing the school campus for the ceremony.
- Thomas Snowden for his coordination of the musical performances.
- Ashley Blanch and Jeffrey Shannon, Senior Class Advisors, for their guidance of the Class of 2022.
- The Parents' Organization, particularly co-presidents Maureen Brophy and Petra Nemeth.

***Congratulations to the Class of 2022!*** You touched the lives of many during your time at Rye High School and in the Rye City Schools. I hope that you cherish the strengths you started to develop here and share them with those you meet moving forward. You have the power to inspire others through your energy and passions. I am beyond proud of your accomplishments and look forward to hearing about your achievements in future years.

***Ms. Suzanne Kelly Short, Principal - June 17, 2022***