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Class of 2023 Commences

To all teachers, students, parents and guardians, town leaders, local business owners, and community members, the staff of *The Cougar Courier* wishes you health and happiness as this school year comes to an end.

The graduates of the North Providence High School Class of 2023 (as of the date of publication) are:

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Congratulations!

Class President's Farewell



By **Michaela Rizzo**
Class President, Class of 2023

To the Class of 2023 and all the teachers, staff, and administrators that make North Providence High School special, Four years of amazing memories have come and gone in a flash. When I think of who we were, who we are now, and where we are going, the one word that

comes to mind is "resilience." The Class of 2023 has proven resilient in uncharted

waters. We have learned virtually, we have learned hybrid, and we have learned - best of all - in person. Wearing masks and standing 6 feet apart did not break our spirit or sever our ties as a class. We have emerged stronger than ever as seniors, hosting new and more events with record breaking participation. We have led by example and will leave a legacy of teamwork, community, and respect.

It was an honor and a privilege to represent the class of 2023 as your President. I am proud of our accomplishments and thankful to have known each and every one of you.
Seniors out!

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The mission of North Providence High School is to educate all students in a safe, nurturing, and challenging environment which empowers them to become well-rounded individuals who are life-long learners and productive members of society.

Editor-in-Chief Says Goodbye



By **Naeelah Desanges**
Editor-in-Chief
The Cougar Courier

The exciting thing about "The End" is that it's a culmination of beginnings in retrospect. Inside of us is a wide-eyed freshman who viewed the halls of North Providence High with the

same wonder we look at our futures with today. I think of the scared sophomores inside us, the ones that mourned lost time and togetherness with the rest of the world during the Covid-19 Pandemic. I think of the motivated juniors within us whose courage to make up for missing memories created many of the friendships we hold dear today.

Denzel Washington once said, "To get something you never had, you must do something you've never done." We made it to our graduation because we were determined to. We have persevered through every curveball, setback,

and rejection. We have celebrated each other's wins and milestones. This unique high school experience is proof that we have the potential to be the best writers, scientists, engineers, doctors, nurses, CEOs, firefighters, teachers, business professionals, artists, and above all, people this world has ever seen. Not because we have experienced hardships but because we experienced hardships and earned a deep sense of compassion through them.

As the Editor-in-Chief of the *Cougar Courier*, I have had the privilege to learn about the unique perspectives of the students of NPHS. From bouncing pitches back and forth to creating a space allowing creativity its flow, excitement would be an understatement to describe how I feel about the future student leaders of the *Cougar Courier*. The 2022-2023 *Cougar Courier* Staff published an impressive total of 88 student-written articles! It has been my biggest honor to lead this paper, and with that, I pass the baton to Darrien Giuliano.

I want to thank my family and friends for your unconditional love and support. Because of you, I can smile when I say, "We made it!"

NHS President's Address



By **Samantha Anderson**
President
National Honor Society 2023

To the Class of 2023, congratulations to everyone on completing the long and hard, four years of high school. Our experience was vastly different compared

to those of other generations. Enduring the Covid-19 pandemic and readjusting to life in its wake created a unique set of challenges and instances of isolation.

At an age where friendships are ever important, connecting became difficult. Despite the hurdles set

in place, our senior class still managed to create a community. Sports and clubs created tight bonds between members and memories that will last them a lifetime. Our school was also host to the second annual diversity fashion show that's purpose was to celebrate underrepresented NPHS students, and create an environment where everyone was welcome.

Additionally, our senior projects often required the help of volunteers and our friends were always close by to step up. Events like Senior Sunrise set the tone for the year that lead us to the fun and celebratory ending we are experiencing now. With everyone becoming so invested in each other's lives, I look forward to us congratulating one another on our accomplishments in the future, as we all move on in the world.

Goodbye to My Senior Staff

By **Michael Gianfrancesco**
School Newspaper Adviser

Once again, dear reader, we reach the end of another school year. I am fortunate to be able to address you all as I do each year to tout the accomplishments of my outgoing senior newspaper staff.

To Julianna Rodriguez and Jeevika Thazhaiselvam, my outgoing Managing Editors, I want to thank you both for your years of dedicated and attentive work. You have both made me and our little publication proud with your fine contributions to our content. I will miss you both, but am buoyed by the knowledge that you are on to amazing and successful futures. Go achieve your dreams - you have the tools to do it.

To my editor-in-chief, Naeelah Desanges, what can I say? You have been a stalwart and compassionate defender of the value of journalism. I will miss the positive nature of your leadership during staff meeting and how you engaged with the team on a personal level while at the same time, encouraging productive discussion about pitches for story ideas. You also created an entirely new school initiative in the Student of the Month and we will do our level best to keep it going long after you have crossed the graduation stage.

To all outgoing senior staff, I wish you all the best in your inevitably successful futures. Stay vigilant, stay in touch, and stay the great young people I know you all to be.

**Congratulations to the
Class of 2023!**

From the Classes of
2024, 2025,
& 2026



Have a safe and successful future!

Congratulations to our Seniors!
You will soar beyond your dreams!
A message to our Senior Angels,
Thank you for all you do! We will miss you!

Angel Network / Healing hands



Congratulations Class of 2023!

Your Dreams Are Never Out of Reach



**By Christen Magill
North Providence High
School Principal**

This time of year always finds me in a state of mixed emotion. We are excited about graduation and enabling a new generation of students to replenish our citizenry and start their adult lives.

At the same time, I know that personally I also feel a bit sad this time of year because we are losing such a great group of students who have added so much to our school. I am happy we have all been able to be together as a class during these past years at NPHS. Your smiles and presence in the halls is what brings life to the school building each day.

The class of 2023 truly is a talented and special class in so many ways. This class is noted as being very close-

knit and supportive of each other. The class of 2023 will find their way into history books as a class who made it through a pandemic. As we take a pause from the hustle and bustle of daily life we will look back and tell a much younger population what it was like to live during a global pandemic. You have accomplished much in academics, athletics, and in the arts. Many of you will be going on to prestigious schools having earned well-deserved scholarships. Senior project was a day where NPHS's Vision of the Graduate was woven through each of your projects. Students learned valuable lessons about life, themselves, each other, and their community by answering the question: what gives my life meaning? At the same time, our town has benefited from the tremendous enthusiasm and talent that our students exhibit on a daily basis. On behalf of our entire school community, thank you to the class of 2023 for all you have done to enrich North Providence.

As the world was constantly evolving, you adapted to each curveball that has been thrown your way. You all

handled this with grace. You are a group of young men and women who I will never forget. With a heavy heart, I am saddened to see you leave our hallways. With a happy heart, I am glad to release you into the world for I know your story has only just begun. I look forward to hearing about all of your successes.

Be mindful of the words of businessperson, Mary Kay Ash, "When you reach an obstacle, turn it into an opportunity. You have the choice. You can overcome and be a winner, or you can allow it to overcome you and be a loser. The choice is yours and yours alone. Refuse to throw in the towel. Go that extra mile that failures refuse to travel. It is far better to be exhausted from success than to be rested from failure." Be young of heart and quick on your feet to chase your dreams. Your dreams are never further than your fingertips. The time we have spent together has been four wonderful years. Class of 2023 know that not only have you made your mark here at school, but also an indelible mark on both my life and the community of North Providence.

You Are Unforgettable!



**By Melissa Caffrey
Director of Pathways,
K-12**

By four years ago, we took a journey together setting important goals, high achieving expectations, and endless opportunities that a PTECH Program could offer at North Providence

High School.

Together, we built a community of learners who truly understood the attributes of commitment, a diligent work ethic, and determination to set their own academic, career, & personal goals, striving to meet the 21st century expectations of school and career. Additionally, many of you took advantage of the multiple opportunities that would enhance your future career aspirations. Along this journey, you made lifelong friendships, connected with your teachers who helped shape the student you represent today, and set unbelievable precedents for the NPHS PTECH Program as the third cohort of PTECH

Graduates. The community that we built now has high school graduates, those that earned an Associate Degree in General Studies Health Science, Certified Nursing Assistants, Emergency Medical Technician candidates, interns at local healthcare providers, acceptances at colleges/universities, some of which are going directly into the Schools of Nursing, and more. To say I am above and beyond proud is an understatement. Your passion, drive, and dedication has paved the way for so many others.

I am honored and humbled to have been a part of this amazing journey with each one of you. Abraham Lincoln once said, "I do the very best I know how - the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing so until the end". Your journey has endless opportunities. You all have made me so very proud and I would have not wanted to journey with anyone else on this unknown road that we paved together. This class even dedicated a beautiful mural that will forever stay on the walls of NPHS. Our community is strong, innovative, and successful! You are an unforgettable group and will always have such a special place in my heart.

Congratulations!



**By Kathleen Lisi
Assistant Principal
Class of 2023**

NPHS Class of 2023, you made it! You are truly a very special graduating class for me since I started serving as an Assistant Principal here at North Providence High School the same time you became

freshmen. Four years later, look at what you have accomplished. You have gone through a global pandemic and with that disaster, you have been able to spread your wings and reach your goals. As 2023 North Providence High School graduates, it's time for you to start the next chapter of your life. Do not stop here, keep going!

As I look back to four years ago, we all started off scared, confused, and determined. Some of our graduates will continue on with college or university, some may enter the workforce, and others will learn a trade in hopes of following your dreams. Always remember your very first day of high school, your new best friend, your fun class events, your favorite class, studying last minute to cram for an exam, and all your classmates and memories you will continue to hold in your heart from your time here at NPHS. It is said that high school is the best time of your life, and it is my hope that you have found this to be true.

I challenge you to continue to strive for greatness and success, and I wish you the very best in all your future endeavors.

All my best for the future!

Embrace Life's Lessons



**By Sheila Pilla
Guidance Counselor, Class
of 2023**

To the Class of 2023: I blinked my eyes, and just like that you are seniors! I will always remember the Class of 2023 fondly as we navigated your first year of high school through uncharted waters. It

has been my honor to watch you learn, smile, sometimes cry and more importantly grow and mature into a fine

group of young adults. You have finished this chapter of your life, and will soon be beginning a new one. Whatever your next chapter is, do not be afraid to make mistakes, but instead embrace all life lessons whole heartedly.

As Dr. Seuss said, "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory." Make amazing memories, take time to smile and always find the humor in your day. As you continue to grow and learn, be kind, make good choices and put your best effort into whatever you do.

Wishing you all much success and good health in your future endeavors.

Live the Life You Have Imagined



**By Giana Nassi
PTECH Guidance Counselor
Class of 2023**

To the Class of 2023 PTECH students:

First and foremost CONGRATULATIONS!! I am very proud of all of you and what you have accomplished in

your four years at North Providence High School. You have grown into a remarkable group of young men and women and I am so happy to have been a part of this exciting and rewarding journey with you.

As high school students in the PTECH program, you have taken college classes at CCRI, nine of you are graduating with your Associate's Degree this summer, four of you have become certified CNAs, and fifteen

of you are working towards becoming EMTs. This is amazing! May you reflect fondly on your high school years as you move confidently into your bright future. In the words of Henry David Thoreau, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you have imagined."

As you grow and learn as adults, you will find life is filled with unexpected adventures. As your future unfolds and you are faced with new experiences and challenges, keep your head high and never give up. Remember, the road towards success is a rough one, but hard work and determination will make your journey easy.

Thank you for the memories and Best of Luck in your future endeavors.

I'm rooting for you always!



Senior Prom Memories!



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Congratulations Class of 2023!

Pursue Your Interests and Spark Change



By Priyanssi Behera
Valedictorian, Class of 2023

In American Studies, our class went on a journey through Thoreau's *Walden* and came across the quote, "Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth." Unbeknownst to me, this quote would be the emblem of the class of 2023.

More often than not, high school students were known for getting caught up in brands, working up the social ladder, and finding comfort in ingenuity. Admittedly, I found it very easy to be captivated by new

trends on occasion, but this year's seniors reminded me of what was important. As we face the harsh realities of adulthood, I hope we take even an ounce of the dedication the class has shown throughout the year into discovering our truths.

This year, the seniors had to reflect on what gives their life meaning, and although the majority of the class was battling senioritis, they all managed to seek out their truths. Every project became a pocket of passion that sparked change. This included the transformation of different parts to the mobilized R2D2 robot, hosting a toy drive for children, and allowing middle schoolers to showcase their musical talent and culinary skills, and that does not even cover half of the awe-inspiring projects. The seniors have turned their passions into large-scale projects

and spread the impact to other communities. By being undeniably themselves, they have encouraged one another, including myself, to never be enthralled in the gilded aspects of life but rather to seek the unfiltered truth and advocate for change.

With that, the day we have been waiting for is finally here! We have been ticking off the weeks, days, and even hours. As this chapter of our lives closes, I hope that the class of 2023 continues to pursue each of their unique interests and spark change wherever they go! I cannot wait to be constantly reminded of Thoreau's words as we tread through the uncharted land outside North Providence High School.

Be the Best Versions of Yourselves Every Day



By Jeevika Thazhaiselvam
Salutatorian, Class of 2023

The past four years have been nothing short of a roller coaster. There have been difficult days, sleepless nights, and innumerable challenges. However, we've persevered through it all, bringing us to this final week of high school. While these moments do feel bittersweet, I've been reminiscing over the fond memories I've made

all along- walking into school the very first day, making new friends who are now family, and meeting the teachers without whom I wouldn't be who I am today. Before I leave, I would like to redefine success.

I (like most of us) spent a good amount of time in school chasing good grades. While there's nothing wrong with striving for a perfect score or a straight A, I've learned that the process of getting to that goal is more important than the resulting numeric value itself. Therefore, my advice to the underclassmen and my fellow peers is this- let's emphasize progress over perfection.

Let's strive to be the best version of ourselves each day. Let's bring positive change to our communities and leave a legacy of kindness and compassion. Through the senior projects, I've seen many of us doing just this; therefore, despite our grades and rankings,

I believe that we've all been successful in our own ways. I would like to thank the class of 2023 for inspiring me each day and for making NPHS feel like home. Even though it is difficult to say goodbye, I know that this is not the end. This is a new beginning and I'm thrilled to see where the future takes us!

You Will Decide Where to Go



Allison Ambrose
Adviser, Class of 2023

I cannot believe that the time has come for you to graduate! It has been an absolute pleasure serving as your class advisor for the last four years. From the largest Winter Ball we've ever hosted to the first Homecoming Dance in over 20 years, you sure have made your mark on NPHS!

When you began as freshmen, this day seemed so far

away - now here you are, ready to go out into the world and do great things. I hope you have learned so much in your time here but more importantly I hope the events and experiences we've shared have allowed you to form memories that will last a lifetime.

As you embark on the next leg of your journey I'll leave you with a quote from my childhood favorite, Dr. Seuss, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go...".

I will miss you all! Thanks for making my job an easy one!

Lead your Lives



By Ms. Usenia
NHS Adviser, Class of 2023

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments!

I have loved getting to know this stellar group of students! Author, Nora Ephron once said, "Your education is a dress

rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead."


You have done a great job at your NPHS dress rehearsal but as they say, the show must go on.

In the face of obstacles and adversity, you all continue to climb! You have shown that you are resilient leaders, and I have no doubt that each of you will make a difference in the world.

As you embark on this new beginning, hold true to the pillars of the National Honor Society and let your character, service, leadership, and scholarship guide you through your journey.


I will miss seeing all of your faces in the halls! Sending you warm wishes as you take off on this new adventure!

Congratulations to the Class of 2023



Especially our Athletes for Challenging the Rigors and Spirit of Competition

Congratulations Class of 2023



From the Honorable Mayor Charles Lombardi


"Once a Cougar, always a Cougar"

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 From NPFT Local 920




A Union of Professionals

Best Wishes Class of 2023 from the Cougar Swim Team!



Logo Design by Madilyn Guzman

To the Class of 2023 From NPHS DECA




We are all so proud of each and every one of you!

As Dr. Seuss once said "Kid, you'll move mountains."

Congratulations Class of 2023!

Continue to have enthusiasm for scholarship, maintain your desire to serve your community, strive to be leaders, and demonstrate good and honorable character.



Congratulations to the Class of 2023 from the Yearbook staff. Best of luck in the future!

Now go out there into the real world and let them hear your "roar!"



Congratulations Class of 2023!

Top Ten Students of the NPHS Class of 2023



The top 10 students for the Class of 2023 stood for a quick photo with Principal Christen Magill after being honored at a special breakfast attended by their families and friends along with school and town officials. (Photo by Kathy Lisi)

They are (in alphabetical order): Samantha Anderson, Priyanssi Behera (Valedictorian), Chloe E. Bryant, Sabrina Carmona, Naeelah Desanges, Christine K. Pietkiewicz, Julianna E. Rodrigues, Jeevika Thazhaiselvam (Salutatorian), Nicolas J. Upegui, and Meghan Witt.

Class of 2023 Academic Award Winners

Academic Resources

Growth in Academic Excellence, Academic Resources: Nicholas Barbosa, Megan Chancey, Talia Coppola, Jaivian DeLas Salas, & Nicandro Pistacchio

Business Awards

Thomas Shea Business Award for Excellence in Business Studies: Victoria LaFlamme
Louis Fabrizio Accounting Award: Jamie Celona
Excellence in Personal Finance: Jack Spinella
Outstanding Virtual High School Student: Gabriella Fuller

CTE Awards: The following students completed their CTE Pathway and have earned post-secondary credits from CCRI or URI as well as industry credentials and certifications:

Computer Science: Evan Albuquerque, Wahabu Kamara, Yilmaz Kasapoglu, Emily Liston, Hunter Randle, Mason Randle, Jayden Ratliff, & Samuel Spellman

Marine Trades: Carly Acciaioli, Santino Autiello, Chloe Bryant, Ava Dorgan, Michael Colin, Jason Doucette, Mitchell Duhamel, Isabella Goetz, Juan Hoyt, Angelina Rebello, & Joseph Valedofsky

Excellence in Marine Trades: Chloe Bryant

Pre-Engineering: Anthony Afriyie, Kaiden Andrade, Evan Beausoleil, Cameron Brackett, James Dufault, Michael Ficocelli, Gianni Estrada, James Gambardella, Isaac Gonzalez, Muhammad Khan, Emmanuel Lemus, Douglas McNeill, Jai Perez, Matthew Pernorio, Jason Reed, Christiana Smith, Jack Spinella, Bruno Teixeira, Taj Wehbe, & Taylor Varr

Excellence in Pre-Engineering: Taylor Varr
Excellence in Technology Engineering: Douglas McNeill & Jack Spinella

P-TECH Health Science Awards: The following students have earned an Associate Degree from CCRI in General Studies, Health Sciences: Denzel Allotey, Farah Awad, Nicolas Camacho, Alanis Garcia, Christian Hazard, Yassin Joof, Julianna Rodrigues, Zoe Sekasula, & Jalen Tomlinson

CNA Certification: Shaynalyz Berrocales, Christian Hazard, Yassin Joof, Macie Romano

English Awards

Herbert E. Hopkins Award for Excellence in English: Christine Pietkiewicz
Marianne Gianfrancesco Award for Excellence in Honors English: Priyanssi Behera
Excellence in Creative Writing: Isabella DiRocco & Jaily Medeiros
Cougar Courier Award for Excellence in Journalism: Naeelah Desanges

RI College Book Award and 2022 Early Enrollment Program Scholarship Winner: Audrey Manieri
David Groccia Award for Excellence in Senior Project: Macie Romano

Mathematics Awards

Excellence in AP Calculus AB: Jeevika Thazhaiselvam
Excellence in Honors Calculus: Olivia DePalma
Excellence in AP Computer Science A: Taylor Varr
Excellence in Pre-Calculus Enriched: Jamie Celona
Excellence in Pre-Calculus: Zoe Sekasula
Excellence in Topics: Ava Dorgan
Excellence in Consumer Math: Thomas Poirier
The American Mathematical Society Book Award: Jeevika Thazhaiselvam

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Awards

STEM with Distinction: Christine Pietkiewicz, Jack Spinella, Jeevika Thazhaiselvam, and Taylor Varr

STEM: Priyanssi Behera, Nicolas Camacho, Gillian Celona, Lana Cunningham, Alanis Garcia, Jonell English, James Gambardella, Christian Hazard, Yilmaz Kasapoglu, Muhammad Khan, Emmanuel Lemus, Emily Liston, Douglas McNeill, Michaela Rizzo, Julianna Rodrigues, Zoe Sekasula, Christiana Smith, Eva St-Germain, Taj Wehbe, Megan Witt, Nicolas Upegui, and Selina Yang

Physical Education Awards

Excellence in Physical Education: Jeevika Thazhaiselvam
Excellence in Health Education: Jaiden Wyner

RI Department of Education Senior Pinning

Education Majors: Juliana Catelli, James Gambardella, Domenic Intrieri, Brianna Murray, Matthew Pernorio, Chloe Porcelli, Zoe Sekasula, & Nadia Simeone

Science Awards

Caroline D'Amico Award for Excellence in the Study of Science: Priyanssi Behera
John Schultheis Award for Excellence in Chemistry: Christine Pietkiewicz
John Cerra Award for Excellence in Physics: Zoe Sekasula
Dr. Anthony Lombardi Award for Excellence in Biology: Jeevika Thazhaiselvam
Excellence in Science Olympiad: Nicolas Upegui

Social Studies Awards:

Claiborne Pell Medal for Excellence in American History: Zoe Sekasula
Salvatore Mancini Award for Excellence in Civics and Government: Priyanssi Behera
Joseph A. Finegan Award for Excellence in Social Studies:

Samantha Anderson
Thomas J. Cash Award for Excellence in Behavioral Sciences: Samantha Anderson
David N. Cicilline Congressional Leadership Award: Nicolas Upegui
Lieutenant Governor Sabrina Matos Leadership Award: Naeelah Desanges
Ruth E. Bucci Award for Excellence for Justice Studies: Audrey Manieri
Ann H. Riley Award for Excellence in European Studies: Jeevika Thazhaiselvam
Excellence in Mock Trial: Priyanssi Behera, Yilmaz Kasapoglu, & Meghan Witt
Excellence in Model Legislature: Priyanssi Behera, Lana Cunningham, & Domenic Intrieri
Excellence in Digital Media: Jacob Hall

Unified Arts Awards

Excellence in Visual Art: Jillian Maisonet & Christine Pietkiewicz
Excellence in Musicianship: Nicolas Upegui
Excellence in Concert Band – Flute: Lana Cunningham
Excellence in Concert Band – Clarinet: Gillian Celona & Jamie Celona
Excellence in Concert Band – Trombone: Conner Malone
Excellence in Choir: Sadie Evans & Matthew Zapata

World Languages Awards

Excellence in Italian: Lana Cunningham
Achievement in Italian: Nadia Simeone
Excellence in Spanish: Christiana Smith
Achievement in Spanish: Sabrina Carmona, Alanis Garcia, Julianna Rodrigues
Most Responsible Student: Awilda Martinez
Most Respectful Student: Robson Pinto
Most Dedicated Student: Milena Cardenas Carpio
Golden Seal of Bi-Literacy in Spanish: Sabrina Carmona, Alanis Garcia, Jennie Cante Morataya, & Julianna Rodrigues
Silver Seal of Bilingual in Spanish: Milena Cardenas Carpio, Yilmaz Kasapoglu, Ashley Lindo, Bella Salvador, Nicolas Upegui, & Matthew Zapata
Silver Seal of Bilingual in Portuguese: Julianna Rodrigues
Silver Seal of Bilingual in Chinese: Selina Yang
Silver Seal of Bilingual in Italian: Nadia Simeone
Silver Seal of Bilingual in Turkish: Yilmaz Kasapoglu
Silver Seal of Bilingual in Croatian: Lana Cunningham
Silver Seal of Bilingual in Yoruba: Christiana Smith



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Honoring Our Senior Scholarship Winners!

Mayor Charles A. Lombardi Scholarship: Naeelah Desanges

Jacqueline Lombardi Memorial Scholarship: Jillian Maisonet

Joseph P. McDonald, Esq. Memorial Scholarship: Michaela Rizzo

The North Providence Federation of Teachers George C. Cesana Union Scholarship: Samantha Anderson

The North Providence Federation of Teachers Merle Dresner Union Scholarship: Morgan McGrath

North Providence Federation of Teachers Scholarship: Muhammad Khan & Michaela Rizzo

North Providence High School Athletic Department Scholarship: Olivia DePalma, Michael Ficocelli

Alan Monacchio Memorial Scholarship: Juliana Catelli & Jack Spinella

Diana Rainone Memorial Scholarship: Samantha Marciano & Morgan McGrath

Christina E. Groccia Memorial Scholarship: Christine Pietkiewicz

Olivia Paone Memorial Scholarship: Emily Liston & Graycen Pappas

Isabella Corcelli Memorial Scholarship: Gillian Celona

Arthur Bucci Memorial Scholarship: Samantha Anderson

Mariano DaSilva Memorial Scholarship: Jonell English

David "Ditz" DiIorio Memorial Scholarship: Christian Hazard

North Providence Rotary Scholarship: Domenic Intrieri

William Robert Sacchetti Scholarship: Jenna Faioli

The Juliana Hall Music Scholarship: Conner Malone and Nicholas Upegui

Joseph R. Marciano, Jr. Memorial Scholarship: Douglas McNeill

Matthew K. Serio Memorial Football Scholarship: Denzel Allotey & Wahabu Kamara

Keri Anne O'Donnell Memorial Scholarship: Sadie Evans & Eva St. Germain

Katie J. Macari Memorial Scholarship: Kendal Beffre

Joseph & Eva Iacchei Memorial Scholarship: Jeevika Thazhaiselvam & Taylor Varr

Carlo & Maria Cotoia Memorial Scholarship: Evan Beausoleil & Sophia DeJesus

Fortuna Quinterno Memorial Scholarship: Judy Akid

Frank J. Iafrate Memorial Art Scholarship: Jaiden Wyner

North Providence Firefighter Retirees Association Scholarship: Douglas McNeill

North Providence Police Retirees Association Scholarship: Samantha Anderson & Jillian Dufault

Peter T. Coyle Memorial Scholarship: Emma Borkman

Maria A. Forte-Tocco Memorial Scholarship: Lauren Onye & Taj Webbe

Justin Conrad Community Scholarship: Sophia Bruzzese

Kevin Swiczewicz Memorial Scholarship: Noelle Poirier

Salvatore V. Lucci Memorial Scholarship: David Tejada

Angelo Costabile Math Club Scholarship: Jeevika Thazhaiselvam

The Fogarty Center - Lisa Rossi Memorial Scholarship: Juliana Catelli & Nadia Simeone

The Fogarty Center - Thomas Lamagna Memorial Scholarship: Chloe Porcelli & Zoe Sekasula

Anthony Marcolivio Memorial Scholarship: Jalen Tomlinson

North Providence Firefighters Athletic Association – Thomas "T.R." Russo Scholarship: Katelyn Sherry

North Providence Firefighters Athletic Association – Captain Gregory Unsworth Memorial Scholarship: Milana Bevilacqua

Dr. Day Care Scholarship: Zoe Sekasula

Kids Klub Scholarship: Emily Archilla

Henry Andrade Memorial Scholarship: Christine Pietkiewicz

Thomas Policastro Memorial Scholarship: Milena Carpio Cardenas

Kimberly Grossi Memorial Scholarship: James Dufault & Audrey Manieri

Thomas Grossi Memorial Scholarship: Jason Reed

Michael Coletti Memorial Scholarship: Nicolas Camacho

Paula Jahnz Scholarship: Seema Alarachi

Michael and Anita Costello Scholarship: Rebeka Perez, Taylor Varr, Ava Iacobucci, Chloe Bryant, Christine Pietkiewicz, Eva St. Germain, Jeevika Thazhaiselvam, Julianna Rodrigues, Lana Cunningham, & Santino Autiello

Camillo and Luigia Costello Family Scholarship: Priyanssi Behera, Sabrina Carmona, Catherine Cooper, Christiana Smith, Jeevika Thazhaiselvam, Kaiden Andrade, Meghan Witt, Naeelah Desanges, Nicolas Upegui, & Olivia DePalma

Golden Crest Nursing Center Scholarship: Alanis Garcia and Yacin Joof

North Providence Retired Teachers Scholarship: Jayleen Caldarone

Marianne and Stephen R. Valeff Scholarship: Priyanssi Behera & Nicolas Upegui

Edith Reall Memorial Scholarship: Seema Alarachi, Priyanssi Behera, & Jillian Dufault

Mayor Salvatore Mancini Memorial Scholarship: Priyanssi Behera and Jack Spinella

Michael A. Bova Memorial Scholarship: Ahmed Mutair and Thomas Poirier

Fruit Hill Women's Club Scholarship: Judy Akid & Vanne Emdjian

North Providence Boys & Girls Club Alumni Association Scholarship - James V. Kelly Community Service Award: Jamie Celona

North Providence Boys & Girls Club Alumni Association Scholarship - Donald J. Placido Community Service Award: Bruno Teixeira

North Providence Boys & Girls Club Alumni Association Scholarship - Dr. David R. DeRuosi Community Service Award: Jillian Dufault

Joseph A. Whelan Scholarship: Yilmaz Kasapoglu

Thomas Whelan Scholarship: Ashley Lindo

Susan Huntoon Memorial Scholarship: Ryan Pallotta

Class of 1959 Scholarship: Selina Yang

Honey Dew Scholarship: Samantha Anderson



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