



MANCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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[Nineteenth Top 20 Scholars Reception](#)

The nineteenth annual Scholars Reception featuring the Top 20 Seniors was held Wednesday, May 31, in the cafeteria. More than 140 guests including the top 20 seniors, their families, and honored teachers attended. Each of the top 20 students in the senior class honored a teacher who made a difference in their Manchester experience. Each student gave a speech about how the selected teacher made a difference. Each honored teacher then presented their top 20 student with a medal, and each teacher received a gift. Teachers honored, standing left to right, are Ms. Boivin, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Rodriguez (Coordinator of Discipline), Mrs. Kaefer, Mr. Roberson, Mrs. Russo, Mr. Yob, Mr. Banta (Supervisor), Mrs. Hernandez, Mr. Ala, Mrs. Orsita, Mr. Sposato (Guidance Counselor), Mr. Ercolani, Mrs. Krafft, Ms. Persenaire, and Mr. Tobar. Top 20 seniors by rank (not picture order) are Tara Mott (Valedictorian), Ciara Mulvihill (Salutatorian), Caroline Ajami, Julio Lora, Asina Wahab, Ilire Goca, Steven Sole, Jasmin Shaba, Larissa Sagha, Adrianna Garcia, Dyandra Brown, Andrea Almendarez, Faith Deruiter, Joanna Jedryczka, Shane Perkins, Samer Alqarelleh, Sheila Perez, Rosa Gutierrez, Kayla Elias, and Roseanna Fierro.



Senior Awards

The Annual Senior Awards presentation was held on Wednesday, June 7, in the school auditorium. Twenty-four awards were presented to seniors who excelled in specific subject areas during their high school years. Additionally, local organizations and businesses presented twenty-two scholarships. Including scholarships awarded by colleges and universities, the Class of 2017 has earned \$2.5 million in scholarships.



Valedictorian/Salutatorian Breakfast

This morning, June 9, Valedictorian, Tara Mott, and Salutatorian, Ciara Mulvihill, were honored at the Annual Passaic County Valedictorian/Salutatorian Breakfast sponsored by The Educational Council of Passaic County at the Brownstone Restaurant in Paterson. The breakfast was attended by over 500 people including Valedictorians, Salutatorians, parents, and educators from every high school in Passaic County. Pictured below are Valedictorian Tara Mott (left) and Salutatorian Ciara Mulvihill (right) with Dr. Hernandez, Dr. Ney, Mr. Sposato and Interim Executive County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Robert Davis.



May Students of the Month

May students of the month were honored last week for being great community members for kindness, support of others, and for helpfulness to teachers and students. They are (left to right) Khalil De Loach, Grade 12; Selena Candelaria, Grade 11; Melina Mendoza, Grade 10; and Iniah Brown, Grade 9. Congratulations!



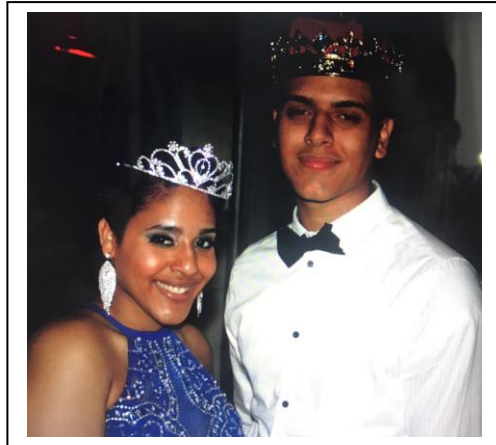
Dailey Earns Athletic Scholarship

Senior Quazier Dailey was awarded an athletic scholarship to Caldwell University for track and field. Quazier currently holds six track and field records at Manchester. On Friday and Saturday June 2 and 3, he competed in the State Group 2 Championships in North Burlington where he came in fourth in the 100 Meter Dash. This qualified him to compete in the Meet of Champions this Saturday, June 10. Other schools that sought to recruit Quazier were Syracuse University, East Stroudsburg University, Newberry College, and Grambling State University. Congratulations Quazier!



Senior Prom's Elegant Evening

The Senior Prom was held Thursday, May 25, at the Indian Trail Club in Franklin Lakes. Seniors and dates were dressed in their finest and behaved their best! Meet the King and Queen, Dennis Marie Cordero and Jean Perez.



Meet Ms. Hughes



Ms. Hughes has been teaching English at Manchester Regional High School for just two years, but she already feels right at home and part of the wonderful MRHS community. Earning her Bachelor's Degree in English from Drew University and her Master's Degree in Teaching English from Columbia Teachers College were just the jumping off points for her career. Ms. Hughes gives the most credit for her successes and love of teaching to the amazing students, faculties, and school districts with which she has worked. When she is not "talking the meaning of things" (*Fahrenheit 451*) with her classes, she is applying the lessons MRHS teens teach her about 21 Century kids to her own children, Jake 16 and Ellison 10. It is clear that Ms. Hughes gets great satisfaction from her September to June teaching experiences, but she feels particularly grateful for the international teaching opportunities that are part of her life. Last summer she was invited to conduct a workshop in Sintra, Portugal, and this summer she will spend five weeks in Lyon, France, teaching educators from around the world about technology in the classroom as well as strategies for teaching Reading and Writing.

Tri-District Music Festival

The Tri-District Music Festival was staged last night, June 8, at the Roe St. Field band shell. An estimated crowd of 400 people were entertained by choral and instrumental groups from Haledon Public School, High Mountain School, North Haledon, and Manchester Regional High School. The performers from all of the schools wore red tee shirts prominently displaying "Tri-District Music Festival." All types of music were represented including classical, ethnic, popular, jazz, and rock n roll. It was a fun evening for all as people mingled with each other, listened to the music, and enjoyed food and snacks from food and snack trucks. The event was coordinated by Haledon Public School Music Teacher Matthew Testa. Pictured below are the Haledon Public School Band directed by Mr. Testa, the MRHS Concert Choir directed by Rachel Persenaire, and the MRHS Drum Line directed by Rick Merino. Other groups included the Haledon Public School Choir directed by Christine Frontino, and the High Mountain School Band directed by Ron Pokryska.



[Color Fun Run](#)

The Color Fun Run hosted by Student Council and Girls' Soccer was held last Saturday, June 3, 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There were 150 participants and 40 volunteers who participated in the run and other activities. The event earned over \$2,000 for student council and girls' soccer. One event that made a big splash was the "dunk tank." Teachers who took the plunge to help earn big bucks (\$1.00 a throw, or \$5.00 for six throws) included Mr. Ala, Mr. Chinskey, Ms. Cochran, Mr. Hickey, Mrs. Orsita, Mr. Sanchez, and Ms. Savastano. They urged Dr. Ney to dare getting wet for really big bucks. But, he held his ground. (Maybe next year.) The event was coordinated by Ms. Falzarano and Mrs. Petrillo-Ala. Great job! Pictured below, Mr. Ala takes aim, Mr. Chinskey takes the plunge, and Mrs. Ryan and daughter, Olivia, get sprayed.



[Freshmen Tops in Attendance](#)

The freshmen class won the attendance award for the month of May with an attendance rate of 95.4 percent, slightly down from their 96 percent last month. Sophomores were 93.8 percent vs. 93.9 percent last month, juniors were 94.7 percent, up from 94.4 percent, and seniors were 93 percent up from 92.1 percent. Juniors and seniors were awarded a dress-down day along with the freshmen for their positive effort.

