



MANCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Scholars' Reception

Wednesday evening, June 1, was the 18th annual Top 20 Scholars' Reception. The top 20 seniors honored teachers who made an impact on them during their high school years. Each of the top 20 seniors gave a speech about the teacher they were honoring, and the respective teachers presented each student with a medal honoring them for being among the top 20 in the class. Teachers honored, standing left to right were: Mr. Emmons, Mrs. Pandya, Ms. Petrillo, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Chinskey, Mrs. Russo, Mr. Ala, Mrs. Hernandez, Mr. Molloy, Mr. Sanchez, Mrs. Orsita, and Mrs. Kaefer. Top 20 seniors (in rank – not seated order) are Valedictorian, Timaf Ishak; Salutatorian, Ariana Nunez; Elijah Mathew; Gabriela Triveno; Leslie Valladares; Sauda Meah; Amani Alqaralleh; Ivette Marte; Marwa Boroy; Maryam Abdul-Ghani; Shakir Ahmed; Natania Feliciano; Sonia Sosa; Brian Cadavid; Natalie Serrano; Marlin Marte; Catherine Mendez; Adam Zadeh; Zena Ismail; and Unis Yilmaz.



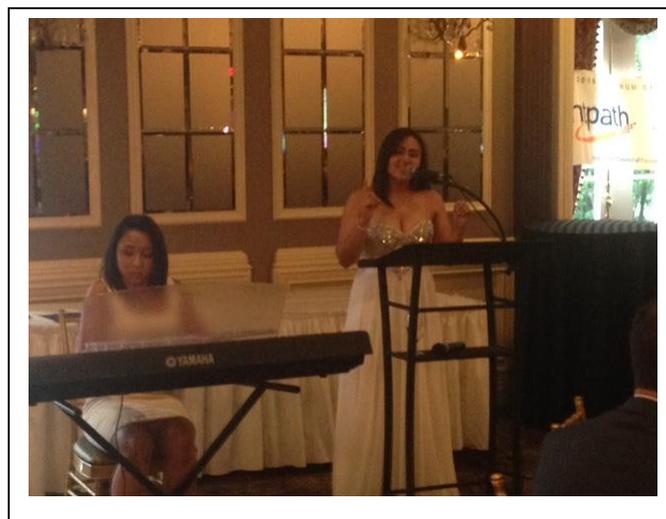
[Valedictorian/Salutatorian Breakfast](#)

Last Friday, Valedictorian, Timaf Ishak and Salutatorian, Ariana Nunez were honored at the Annual Passaic County Valedictorian/Salutatorian Breakfast at the Brownstone Restaurant in Paterson. The breakfast was attended by over 500 people including Valedictorians and Salutatorians, parents, and educators from every high school in Passaic County. Standing in front are Salutatorian, Ariana Nunez; and Valedictorian, Tamif Ishak, surrounded by Dr. Ney, Dr. Hernandez, Mr. and Mrs. Nunez, and Mrs. and Mr. Ishak.



[Manchester Students Featured Performers at Valedictorian/Salutatorian Breakfast](#)

Also, Susana Pamplona-Cardona was the featured soloist at the Valedictorian/Salutatorian Breakfast, giving an outstanding performance singing *The Climb* accompanied by Natania Feliciano in front of an audience of over 500 people.



[Senior Prom Makes a Hit on NJ.com](#)

The prom was held at the Seasons in Washington Township, Bergen County last Thursday evening, May 26. NJ.com covered the prom taking numerous pictures which were posted on the popular web site. It was very positive exposure for the school. Reportedly, our students were very well behaved, and all had a good time. Pictured are the Prom King and Queen (back in school uniform), Rafael Lugo and Jalissa Yepes.



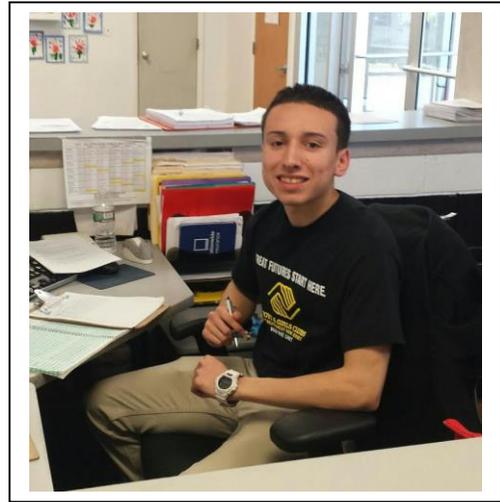
[Renowned Speaker Returns to Alma Mater](#)

Thanks to a \$500 donation from the North Haledon Municipal Alliance, Manchester's Safe Celebrations Committee was able to obtain the services of renowned motivational speaker, Gian Paul Gonzalez, to speak to our seniors last Thursday morning, May 26. Mr. Gonzalez, a former Manchester graduate and star basketball player, gave a very inspirational talk to our seniors on his "All In" theme. Other Safe Celebrations activities included a movie, *Dumb Decision*, and other activities in the gym, library and Falcons' Lounge. The purpose of Safe Celebrations is to reinforce students making appropriate decisions when they attend the prom and as they prepare for graduation. Attendance at Safe Celebrations was mandatory in order to attend the prom.

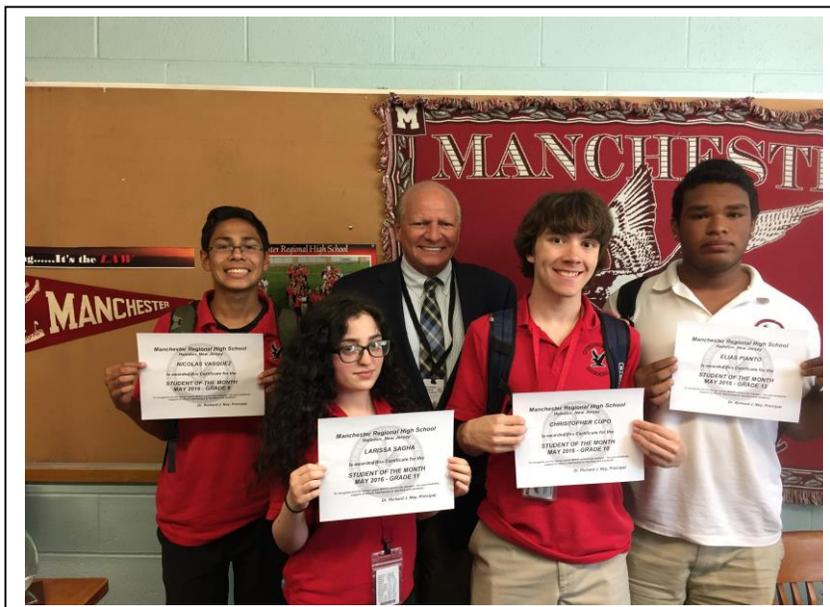


2016 Youth of the Year, Brian Cadavid

Congratulations to senior Brian Cadavid who was selected as the 2016 Youth of the Year by The Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest New Jersey (BGCNWNJ). Brian was selected among a competitive field of candidates from both the Wayne and Pequannock Units. His dedication to BGCNWNJ, successful academic studies (he currently carries a 4.0 GPA), mentoring, volunteerism, and ability to overcome obstacles led the committee to confirm Brian as the winner. Brian has been involved with BGCNWNJ for the past six years and calls it his second home. "For me, the club has been a source of refuge and enjoyment during the most difficult times of my life," shared Brian. He started out as a volunteer Counselor in Training and was asked to become a soccer referee at the BGCNWNJ, which he thoroughly enjoyed. During the next two years, Brian worked as a counselor during the summer camp and will do the same this upcoming summer. Brian attributes his relationships with the staff as contributing to his growth as a person. He transferred all he learned from staff mentors into volunteer involvement in the Keystone Club and at his high school, Manchester Regional High School. The Keystone Club is a volunteer service club of teenagers that supports BGCNWNJ. He will now move on to the Boys & Girl Clubs of New Jersey state competition in June. He will face other accomplished teens from twenty Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the state.



May Students of the Month



May Students of the Month were honored today for their kindness, support of others, and for helpfulness to teachers and students. They are (left to right); Nicolas Vasquez, Grade 9; Larissa Sagha, Grade 11; Christopher Cupo, Grade 10; and Elias Pianto, Grade 12. Congratulations for being great members of the school community!

Annual Spring Concert

Tuesday night, May 24, the music department presented its annual spring concert. Seven performing groups and many talented soloists from both the vocal and instrumental departments provided stirring renditions of a wide range of music to a well-attended and appreciative audience. The audience responded with enthusiasm to a unique performance by the drum line where the whole house was dark and the drum sticks lit up in red. The drum line performed for the North Haledon Memorial Day ceremony on Saturday, May 28.

