



Hello Millbrook Families!

Celebrating commencement is one of the campus traditions I most look forward to. It is an opportunity for us all to recognize the achievements and success of our graduating Blazers. It is a special moment for the graduates, their families, staff, administration and Board of Education. This year's commencement in particular is special because we are in a brighter and lighter present and can see a promising future.

The pandemic and unrest throughout the world has put the Class of 2021 to the test in many ways, but also provided opportunities and lessons learned to begin the change our world needs. The change to focus on gratitude, kindness, appreciation and community. The change to celebrate, acknowledge and respect our differences. To focus more on what we have in common rather than what separates us. The change to be OK with slowing down, taking deep breaths and reflecting on what and who is really important in our lives.



During your time in Millbrook you have achieved so much. We have all noticed the extraordinary work you have accomplished and you have the respect and appreciation from everyone here and anyone who knows what you had to do to be here in your cap and gown.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to be a small part of your journey towards graduation and beyond!

Leave here knowing that we are all proud of you, impressed by you and inspired by you. Apply the best of what you've learned in your head and heart, to build your own lives, help your families, your neighbors and communities. Use your power and voice to create a new, better normal for all.

*And remember that you always have a home here at the Millbrook Central School District,
ONWARD!! Laura, Your Proud Superintendent of Schools*

MILLBROOK GRADUATES Congrats! 2021 SHINE ON THEIR BIG DAY

Students in blue and white caps and gowns took the long walk from the high school to the Athletic Complex on a path lined with their pictures and a sign (donated by MEF) showcasing all the colleges they will attend this fall. Proud relatives cheered them on as they took their seats.

Those 77 students are the Millbrook High School Class of 2021.

MHS Administrative Assistant Katherine Mattes, chosen by graduates to be the June 25th ceremony's guest speaker, encouraged them to accept change and be proud of themselves.

"Life is filled with unexpected twists and turns, disappointments and joys," Mattes said. "At the end of the day, it comes down to learning something from every situation."

Valedictorian Alice Pandaleon said the hour after sunset melds the beginning and end of a day, similar to the transition between high school and the adult world.

"The beauty of day and night are so commonly regarded, but this hour or so might be my favorite because it's a transition period," Pandaleon said. "We are forced to see just how similar the beginning and the end really are."

During this period, Pandaleon plans to do something impulsive and the end of her speech reflected this mantra when she Rickrolled the audience, a popular bait-and-switch internet prank, by playing Rick Astley's "Never Gonna Give You Up."

When asked about graduating, Ilse Kollmar said, "It's terrifying, I don't know where I'm going to go."

One of Kollmar's favorite memories were the senior pranks. She will miss school, but plans to keep in touch with friends.

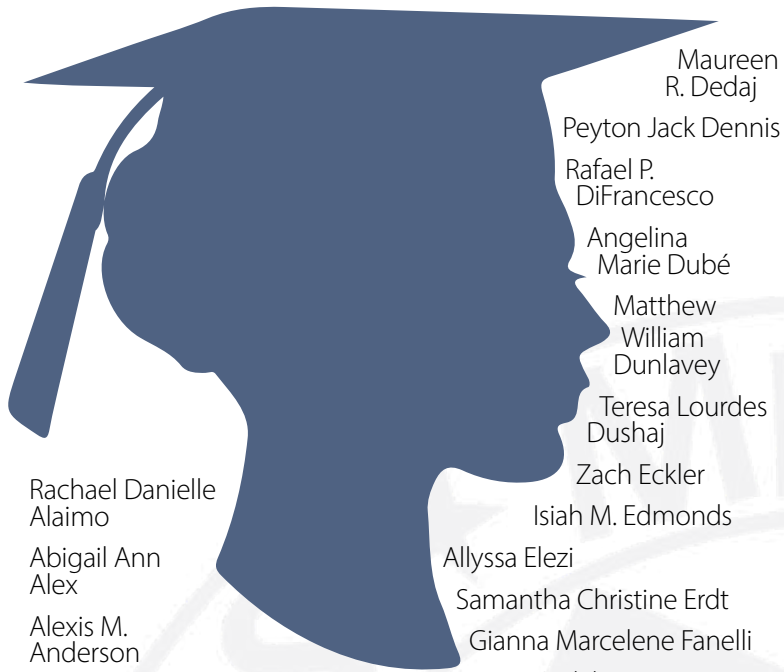
"Luckily most of my friends are staying close enough by," she said.

While the COVID-19 pandemic made the year seem longer, graduating is bittersweet for Matthew Garan. He plans to attend Dutchess Community College.

"It feels good to finally leave," Garan said. "It's sad, but not."



CLASS OF 2021



Rachael Danielle Alaimo
 Abigail Ann Alex
 Alexis M. Anderson
 Brady L. Arnold
 Ashley Bavis
 Ashely Gail Bohlin
 Brianna Bownas
 Dylan R. Colley
 Emma Jean Colley
 Margaret Rose Corbett
 Michael W. Corbin
 David James Daniele
 Destiny Elizabeth Darnell
 Jennifer DaSilva

Maureen R. Dedaj
 Peyton Jack Dennis
 Rafael P. DiFrancesco
 Angelina Marie Dubé
 Matthew William Dunlavey
 Teresa Lourdes Dushaj
 Zach Eckler
 Isiah M. Edmonds
 Allyssa Elezi
 Samantha Christine Erdt
 Gianna Marcelene Fanelli
 Liam C. Flaherty

**Salutatorian-
 Skyler Elizabeth Fountain**

Michael Anthony Garan
 Matthew James Guardiolo
 Ryan T. Hall
 Nicholas Stephen Heinlein
 Cassidy Lynn Howard
 Mikayla Rose Hughes
 Olivia Brynn Iannucci
 Christian Michael Jackowski

Gustavo Juarez
 Riley Kaan
 Nora M. Kehoe
 Paige M. Kehoe
 Maxwell D. Keller
 Isle Margarethe-Lee Kollmar
 Jakub Kowalski
 Haley Jane Kozera
 Andrew Logan LaCasse
 Benjamin Wallace Lacey
 Sophia Lucal
 Tyler Madison
 James Vincent Maestri
 Emily Elizabeth Mayo
 Jonathan Elias Mejia Cumbe
 Kathleen Marie Meyer
 James Robert Moore
 Adolfo Morales-Espinosa
 Samantha Muller
 Nathan Edward Osborn

**Valedictorian -
 Alice M. Pandaleon**

Faith Ann Parker
 Robert Caleb Peter
 John Michael Poles
 Connor Fahy Power

Rebecca A. Quick
 Luis Fernando Ramos Saavedra
 Alexis Jean Renna
 Dalia J. Rios
 Isabelle Masina Rubbo
 Madeline Ella Ruuge
 Riley Christopher Skyba
 Samuel Riley Stokes
 Anthony Joseph Testa
 Maximiliano G. Toledo Florentino
 Marissa Nicole Triglia
 Tyler William VanDeBogart
 ZaMail K. Vaughn
 Jimena Vazquez-Vega
 Paige Elizabeth Volpe
 Jake Christopher Wilber
 Michael Robert Zeolla



The George Hunter Brown Award
 – Pamela Jones Guida & Patricia Tomaseski
 The Anderson Award
 – Frederick Straub
 Triple A Award – Ryan Hall & Samantha Muller
 Prism Award for School Service
 – Benjamin Lacey & Alice Pandaleon
 Millbrook High School P.R.I.D.E. Award
 – Kathleen Meyer & Jake Wilber

SENIOR AWARDS

Academic Excellence Award in IB Visual Art Year 2
 – **Sophia Lucal**
 Academic Excellence Award in IB Calculus SL – **Skyler Fountain**
 Academic Excellence Award in IB Calculus HL – **Alice Pandaleon**
 Academic Excellence Award in IB Physics Year 2
 – **Alice Pandaleon**
 Academic Excellence Award in IB Biology Year 2 – **Isabelle Rubbo**
 Academic Excellence Award in IB History of the Americas HL Year 2
 – **Alice Pandaleon**
 Academic Excellence Award in IB Spanish SL Year 2
 – **Rafael DiFrancesco**
 Academic Excellence Award in Independent Study in Fine Arts
 – **Ashley Bavis**
 Academic Excellence Award in Media Design and Production II
 – **Olivia Iannucci**

Academic Excellence Award in Outstanding Senior Graphic Design – **Alexis Anderson**
 Academic Excellence Award in Independent Study in Graphic Design/Media
 – **Kathleen Meyer**
 Academic Excellence Award in PTLW: Digital Electronics
 – **Samantha Erdt**
 Academic Excellence Award in Physics Regents
 – **Isabelle Rubbo**
 Academic Excellence Award in Government & Economics
 – **Rebecca Quick**
 Academic Excellence Award in AP Government/DCC Connections – **Sophia Lucal**
 Academic Excellence Award in English 12 – **Ilse Kollmar**
 Academic Excellence Award in English 12/DCC College Connections 101
 – **Ashley Bavis & Jake Wilber**

Academic Excellence Award in English 12/ DCC College Connections 102
 – **Skyler Fountain & Sophia Lucal**
 Academic Excellence Award in Spanish V/DCC College Connections – **Jake Wilber**
 Academic Excellence Award in French V – **Samantha Muller**
 Academic Excellence Award in Performing Arts: Instrumental for Band – **Alice Pandaleon**
 Academic Excellence Award in Performing Arts: Instrumental for Jazz – **Ryan Hall**
 Academic Excellence Award in Performing Arts: Vocal
 – **Matthew Guardiolo**
 Academic Excellence Award in Trial Techniques
 – **Skyler Fountain**
 Academic Excellence Award in AP Calculus I/Marist College Connections – **Samantha Erdt**

PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED AWARDS

Scholastic Art & Writing: Gold Key Award – **Alexis Anderson**
 Cornell Cooperative Extension – Dutchess County Dairy Scholarship – **Emily Mayo**



SCHOLARSHIPS

Millbrook PTO Scholarship	Alice M. Pandaleon
The George T. Whalen, Jr. Foundation Scholarship	Skyler Elizabeth Fountain
The Millbrook Tribute Garden Scholarship	Skyler Elizabeth Fountain & Emily Elizabeth Mayo
Bank of Millbrook Award	Emily Elizabeth Mayo
The Millbrook Educational Foundation Scholarship	Rebecca A. Quick
The John and Agnes Marona Scholarship	Samantha Christine Erdt
Benjamin C. Boice Scholarship	Skyler Elizabeth Fountain
Millbrook Historical Society - The Laurie Duncan Award	Skyler Elizabeth Fountain
William and Mary Hasbrouck Scholarship	Peyton Jack Dennis
Millbrook Rotary Club Scholarship	Alice M. Pandaleon
Volkert V. R. Mason Award	Angelina Marie Dubé & Destiny Elizabeth Darnell
Colonel Robert W. Gunther Music Scholarship	Rachael Danielle Alaimo & Kathleen Marie Meyer
VFW Millbrook Post #9008 Memorial Scholarship	Matthew James Guardiola
Arthur Williamson Award	Skyler Elizabeth Fountain
Charles Fowler Memorial Award	Ashely Gail Bohlin & Isabelle Masina Rubbo
The Mark A. Loiacono Award	Kathleen Marie Meyer
Lisa E. C. Alexander Memorial Scholarship	Alexis M. Anderson
Millbrook Alumnae Association Scholarship	Sophia Lucal
Millbrook Administrators' Association Scholarship	Peyton Jack Dennis
Millbrook Teachers' Association-NYSUT Association Scholarship	Matthew James Guardiola
Millbrook Teachers' Association Scholarship	Madeline Ella Ruuge
Millbrook Teachers' Association-Valedictorian Award	Alice M. Pandaleon
Millbrook Teachers' Association-Salutatorian Award	Skyler Elizabeth Fountain
The Gene Ferrio Scholarship (given by Ron Woods)	Madeline Ella Ruuge
The Elizabeth Gerbi Scholarship	Ryan T. Hall
Dr. Robert Krall Scholarship	Emily Elizabeth Mayo
Theresa Farmer Scholarship	Jake Christopher Wilber
Thomas O. Vincent Memorial Scholarship	Mikayla Rose Hughes
State of New York Office of the Attorney General "Triple C" Award	Dylan R. Colley & Faith Ann Parker
Lizzie Burch Award	Cassidy Lynn Howard
The Millbrook Music Scholarship	Rafael P. DiFrancesco & Matthew James Guardiola
The Merritt Bookstore Award	Isabelle Masina Rubbo
The Class of 2020 Scholarship	Sophia Lucal
The Theodore "Poppy" Follis Scholarship	Liam C. Flaherty & Madeline Ella Ruuge
The Knights of Columbus Millbrook Council #381 Academic Award	Jimena Vazquez-Vega
The Matthew Martell Memorial Scholarship	Skyler Elizabeth Fountain & Alice M. Pandaleon
NYS Academic Excellence Awards	Skyler Elizabeth Fountain, Alice M. Pandaleon & Emily Elizabeth Mayo

BLAZER AWARDS

Varsity Basketball (Boys) – Liam Flaherty
Varsity Basketball (Girls) – Haley Kozera
Varsity Baseball – Nathan Osborn
Varsity Soccer (Boys) – Ryan Hall
Varsity Soccer (Girls) – Samantha Erdt
Track and Field – Ryan Hall & Madeline Ruuge

Varsity Cross Country – Skyler Fountain
Varsity Golf – Jake Wilber
Mazer Award – Jake Wilber
Senior Athlete of the Year (Female) – Haley Kozera
Senior Athlete of the Year (Male) – Liam Flaherty

