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Recognizing Excellence at RCDS



Class of 2009

Members of Rye Country Day School's Class of 2009 will be attending the following colleges and universities:

American University of Paris
 Bentley University
 Boston College (3)
 Boston University
 Brown University (7)
 Bucknell University (3)
 Colby College
 Colgate University (2)
 Columbia University (2)
 Connecticut College
 Cornell University (3)
 Dartmouth College (3)
 Duke University
 Emory University
 Florida International University
 George Washington University (3)
 Georgetown University (2)
 Hamilton College (2)
 Harvard University
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 Indiana University (2)

Johns Hopkins University (4)
 Lehigh University (2)
 Loyola College in Maryland
 Manhattanville College
 Miami University/Ohio
 Middlebury College
 New York University (4)
 Northwestern University (4)
 Pepperdine University
 Rice University
 Skidmore College (2)
 Smith College
 Swarthmore College
 Trinity College
 Tufts University (3)
 Tulane University
 University of Delaware
 University of Edinburgh
 University of Florida
 University of Miami
 University of Notre Dame (2)

University of Pennsylvania (2)
 University of Southern California
 University of Vermont
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin (3)
 Ursinus College
 Vanderbilt University (4)
 Wake Forest University
 Washington and Lee University
 Washington University/St. Louis
 Williams College



National Merit Scholarship Winner

Flora McDavid

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Flora has a plan for her future. She's headed to Columbia University for studies in literature, history, and film, and then wants to complete her education at film school, either in France, or at the University of Southern California. "I've always been interested in making movies, and I want to be a director," she says.

At Columbia, she'll be following her brother, William (RCDS class of 2006), who is studying economics, and her sister, Madeline (RCDS class of 2004), who studied comparative literature at Columbia and currently is studying journalism in Paris.

Flora particularly loved math and history at RCDS. She completed eight Advanced Placement courses and took two additional AP exams. She played on the ice hockey and soccer teams, was a member of the choir, and participated in Beads For Needs, a community action group that crafts jewelry to raise funds for charities.

Her mother, Sylvia McDavid, is French, and Flora holds dual French - U.S. citizenship. She came to RCDS in the ninth grade after eight years as a student at the French - American School of New York. This spring, she completed her studies for the French Baccalaureate at Lycée Français, the French school in New York City.

For eight summers, Flora performed at the Long Lake Camp For The Arts in the Adirondacks. Last year, she worked as a counselor at the Rye YMCA summer camp and also completed a course in corporate valuation at Columbia. Flora and her family have traveled extensively and this summer plan to visit Japan.

She sees her travels, summer activities, multi-lingual skills and avocations of writing poetry and essays, visiting museums and reading of historical novels and the classics as building blocks in reaching her objectives. "I particularly want to make historical and science-fiction movies and adapt the classics to film," she says.

National Merit Finalists



National Merit Scholarship Winner Flora McDavid (center) with National Merit Finalists (L to R) Carole Mariani, Alexander Shapiro, Jacqueline Baron, Dennis Purcell, and Matthew Peterson.

Jacqueline Baron

"I've always loved working with young children," says Jackie, a National Merit Finalist, who plans to major in education at Smith College on her way to becoming an elementary or early childhood teacher.

Jackie entered RCDS in the sixth grade and is the fourth member of her family to graduate from Rye Country Day School. Her sister, Rebecca, also a National Merit Finalist, is a member of the class of 2005 and is finishing studies in technical writing at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Their father, Frederick Baron, is a member of the class of 1975, and their uncle, Howard Baron, is a member of the class of 1974.

Jackie completed seven Advanced Placement courses and eight AP exams, won the Choir Award in 2009, and excelled in the National French Exam, in which she placed in the top ten nationally three times and in the top ten in Westchester County for four consecutive years. Last summer, she completed a course in sign language at the State University in Purchase.

She performed as a soprano in the Concert Choir; Bel Canto, the female honors choir; and WildScats, the a cappella jazz group. She

also was a campus tour guide, co-president of the Drama Club, president of the Math Contest Club, and a member of the Community Action Organization and the Service Leadership Council.

Jackie has studied music since the sixth grade and has performed in the school's musical productions in each of the past four years, as well as the spring one-act plays for the past two years. Since the third grade, she has been a member of The Play Group Theatre in White Plains, where she performed in 23 shows.

Jackie's interests in teaching and the performing arts led her to be a member of the Song Catchers, a New Rochelle group that teaches high school students the basics of singing, dancing and acting. On Friday evenings, she has worked as an assistant ballroom dance instructor of grade - school students at a Larchmont dance school. She also worked parts of four summers as a camp counselor at Camp Monroe in Mamaroneck, and has assisted youngsters with their studies through Big Brothers, Big Sisters..

She's a devotee of Broadway shows and further relaxes by reading the classics and carrying out projects in knitting, sewing and cross-stitching.

Carole Mariani

A career in teaching or research beckons Carole as she enters the engineering school at Rice University. She will “probably major in electrical engineering, perhaps aimed at a future in artificial intelligence.”

Carole, a National Merit Finalist and a winner of a National Merit Rice University Scholarship, entered RCDS in the ninth grade and has particularly enjoyed her courses in English and the sciences. Underlying her school work has been an active program in dance since she was in the fourth grade.

Carole completed six Advanced Placement Courses and was the recipient of the Computer Science Award in 2008.

She was executive copy editor of *Crop*, the student newspaper, a campus tour guide, and a peer tutor in World Civilizations and English courses. She also wrote for *Forum*, the school’s political journal, and was a member of the Art Club. Carole played the flute in the school band and performed as a dancer in the musical, *Anything Goes*.

She was a defender/center midfielder on the varsity field hockey team and was named “all-league” in the Fairchester Athletic Association in 2008. In addition, she was a four-time varsity letter winner on the golf team that was undefeated and won the Fairchester championship in 2009.

Carole studies and performs in modern dance eight hours a week. She is a member of a performing group that performs at schools, nursing homes and other organizations in the Rye area.

Since 2005, Carole has been a volunteer Sunday School teacher at Christ’s Church in Rye, and for the past two summers, has been a lifeguard and swim instructor at a day camp in White Plains.

Carole enjoys family travel both in the U.S. and abroad, and relaxes by reading fiction, listening to music, and cheering for the Yankees and New England Patriots.

Matthew Peterson

Matt, a National Merit Finalist, is headed for Brown University and studies in the humanities or social sciences, en route to a career as a music journalist or in international relations as a member of the diplomatic corps.

He’s a “lifer” at RCDS, having attended the school from Kindergarten through 12th grade. His younger brother, Timothy, will be a 10th grader at RCDS this fall.

Music and languages have been major interests of Matt’s throughout his schooling. He won the Headmaster’s Prize, the French Prize, and the Music Award in 2009, and previously won the Harvard University Book Award, was named summa cum laude in the National Latin Exam, and medaled in the National French Exam. In the French exam, he scored first in Westchester County and second in the nation in 2008; second in Westchester and fourth in the nation in 2009.

He completed eight Advanced Placement courses and was active in several extra-curricular activities, including competing as a member of the varsity cross country and fencing teams.

Matt plays the violin, bass, and guitar, and co-founded the RCDS chamber music group, the Chamber Five. He sings both baritone and tenor, was co-president of the choir and a member of the Madrigals and WildScats vocal groups, and also played Billy Crocker, the male lead in *Anything Goes*, the school’s most recent musical.

Off campus, Matt performs on bass and is a vocalist with White Rose, a rock band that performs at concerts, clubs and benefits in the tri-state area. In the summer of 2008, he served as a management intern assisting James Taylor at Tanglewood.

Matt also was co-president of the Peer Leadership program, managing editor of *Crop*, the school newspaper, and an OPI (oral proficiency intern) in French classes.

Matt enjoys writing music, reading, hiking, golf, tennis and traveling. This summer, he plans to backpack in France and Italy before heading off to college.

Dennis Purcell

Dennis came to Rye Country Day School in the fifth grade and completed his career as a National Merit Finalist headed for Harvard University, where he plans to study chemistry and the Chinese language.

He has been taking Chinese since the RCDS program started three years ago, and also has studied Spanish since the sixth grade. He has been an OPI (oral proficiency intern), assisting Chinese teachers in the classroom and is a two-time medalist in the National Spanish Exam.

Dennis completed eight Advanced Placement courses. He won the Headmaster’s Prize, the Modern Language Prize, and the Band Prize at the end of his senior year, and previously won the Dartmouth College Book Award and a Founder’s Award for community service, as well as being named an AP Scholar with Honor.

Outside the classroom, Dennis was vice president of the senior class, a member of the executive council of Peer Leadership, a campus tour guide, a member of the Service Leadership Council, a member of the Math Contest Club and a writer for *Crop*, the student newspaper. He also played the trumpet in both the school band and the jazz band.

He was co-captain of the varsity cross country team and a member of the varsity golf team that won the NYSAIS (New York State Association of Independent Schools) championship for the past four years, and the Fairchester Athletic Association championship in his sophomore year.

During the summers, Dennis has worked with youngsters in a Head Start program in Port Chester, as a golf instructor in a children’s program run by the African American Men of Westchester, and as a volunteer at a day camp in Puerto Rico.

He relaxes by playing the piano, golf, and tennis, and rooting for the Yankees, Jets, Duke basketball, and golfer Phil Mickelson.

Alexander Shapiro

Alex, a National Merit Finalist and winner of a National Merit Northwestern University Scholarship, plans to study economics at Northwestern, with his eye on a career in international or technology-based business.

Alex entered RCDS in the sixth grade, preceded by his brother Matt, RCDS Class of 2007. Their brother Joshua just finished the third grade at RCDS.

Alex completed eight Advanced Placement courses, was a member of the Model UN Club and Poetry Slam, and has been active in music. He plays the piano and was a member of the school band and the jazz band. What he describes as his “only foray into classical music” resulted in a third-place award in the Junior Composers contest held by the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Fencing has been his main sports interest. Alex was a member of the RCDS team for four years, co-captain in his senior year, and winner of the Wildcat Award for fencing in both 2008 and 2009.

Last summer, Alex split his time by serving as an intern at a hedge fund and also working as a counselor at the Eastern U.S. Music Camp at Colgate University. He plans to work as a camp counselor again this summer. Throughout the year, Alex also serves as an assistant teacher of young people at Temple Shalom in Greenwich.

Family travel and cheering for the New York Mets are high among his other interests.

Upper School Awards

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Winners of the RCDS Auxiliary Prize:
Farima Alidadi '09 and Jacob Shulman '09.

Headmaster Scott Nelson with the winners of this year's Headmaster's Prize:
Dennis Purcell '09, Julia Lindon '09, and Matthew Peterson '09.

Recipients of the V. Janet Lott Spirit
of the Theatre Award: Michael Stewart '09
and Anna Whitehouse '09.

School Awards

The Alumni Prize

The School's highest honor. Awarded to that senior who has made the most outstanding contribution to the life of the School.

Sean Bryant '09
Andrew Nathanson '09

The Headmaster's Prize

Given to that student who models leadership, courage or academic excellence.

Julia Lindon '09
Matthew Peterson '09
Dennis Purcell '09

The RCDS Auxiliary Prize

In recognition of exemplary personal growth and service to others.

Farima Alidadi '09
Jacob Shulman '09

The James P. Godfrey Award

Presented to that underclassman who has performed significant service on behalf of others.

Elexa Antweil '10
Kathryn Yates '10

The Christine Nelson Award

Presented to tenth graders in recognition of outstanding citizenship.

William Mills '11
Amanda Shulman '11

The Laura S. Van Steen Award

Given to that student who has done the most to help others learn.

Susan Temple '09

The Mary Ann Reichhardt Memorial Scholarship

In memory of the School's Director of College Counseling, given to a senior for a combination of outstanding academics and contributions to the School.

Anna Whitehouse '09

The Gretchen Pulvermann Scholarship Award

Given to an accomplished senior who will study fine arts in college.

Lucy Braid '09
Daniele Gold '09

The New York State Attorney General Triple "C" Award

(Courage, Character & Commitment)

Jolie Berke '09
Colby Donovan '09
Michael Stewart '09

The Senior Dean's Award

Awarded to the senior who has made an outstanding contribution to the senior class and to the School during the senior year.

Marco Blasetti '09

The Class of 2008 Award

Given annually to that freshman who has had the most positive influence in and outside of the classroom, noting his or her enthusiasm and dedication to school work and extracurricular activities.

Jemma Curtin '12
Alex Gendelman '12

The Glen Robertson Award (for faculty)

Meredith deChabert

Department Awards

Art

Photography Award

Jacob Stavits '09
Matthew Wolff '09

Leila Carter Birrell Award for Studio Art

Susan Temple '09

Classics

Latin Award

Madeleine Knight '09

Computer Science

Computer Science Award

Jack Holland '09
Alec Khan '09
Andrew Nathanson '09

Drama

V. Janet Lott Spirit of The Theatre Award

Given to that student who has contributed most on stage to the School's drama program.

Michael Stewart '09
Anna Whitehouse '09

Glen Robertson Memorial Award

Presented to that student who has contributed most backstage to the School's drama program.

Andrew Nathanson '09

English

English Award

Rachel Watson '09



Jack Holland '09, Alec Khan '09, and Andrew Nathanson '09, recipients of the Computer Science Award.



Lucy Braid and Daniele Gold received The Gretchen Pulvermann Scholarship Award.

The Oberlin College Award

Presented to that sophomore who has excelled in the study of English.
Marisol Dahl '09

Creative Writing Award

Evan Phail '09

Humanities

Humanities Award

Anthony Carbone '09

Cornelius Tacitus Prize

Presented to that junior who has excelled in the study of Humanities.
Jake Rattner '10

Mathematics

Mathematics Award

David Fertig '09
Rachel Watson '09

George Washington University Medal

Presented to a junior with the highest average in mathematics.
Grayson Clary '10

Modern Languages

Modern Languages

Dennis Purcell '09

French Prize

Alba Berenguer '09
Grayson Clary '10
Matthew Peterson '09

Spanish Prize

Jacob Stavis '09

Chinese Prize

Jason Wong '09

Music

Music Award

Matthew Peterson '09
Daniel Russell '09

Band Prize

Max Ortwein '09
Dennis Purcell '09

Choir Award

Jacqueline Baron '09
Daniele Gold '09

Natural Science

Bausch & Lomb Award

Presented to that junior who has demonstrated academic excellence in science.
Joshua Geller '10

Ciba-Geigy Award

Awarded to a graduating senior who has shown great interest and promise in science.
William Lassman '09

Rensselaer Medal

Awarded to that junior who has demonstrated a potential for success in the sciences and excels in both math and science.
Grayson Clary '10

Physical Education

The Mary Borton Trophy

Presented to the senior girl who has contributed most to the School's athletic program.
Jessica DiChiacchio '09

The Richard Le Maire Award

Presented to the senior boy who has contributed most to the School's athletic program.
James "J.P." Garry '09

Book Awards

The Brown University Book Award

Elizabeth Tepler '10

The Cornell University Book Award

Lindsay Haut '10

The Dartmouth College Book Award

Eugene Vinitzky '10

The Harvard University Book Award

Joshua Geller '10

The John Hopkins Alumni Prize

Scott Wieman '10

The University of Pennsylvania Book Award

Maria de Lera Fernandez '10
T.J. Sarda '10

The Princeton University Book Award

Grayson Clary '10

The Wellesley College Book Award

Hannah Loewentheil '10

The Yale University Book Award

Isabel Beshar '10



Advanced Placement Scholars

Last fall, 83 Rye Country Day School students were recognized for their outstanding achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Exams by the College Board's 2008 Advanced Placement Program.

6 AP National Scholars (having received grades of "4" or higher on eight or more AP Exams): Rachel Groh '08, Julia Howland '08, Christopher Jensen '08, Alexander Rosanelli '08, Rebecca Sackler '08, Scott Weinreb '08

41 Scholars with Distinction (having received grades of "3" or higher on five or more AP Exams): Alexandra Boillot '08, Alexander Breinin '08, Rachel Brody '08, Anne Budnick '08, Brooke Camps '08, Grayson Clary '10, Louis DeSantis '08, Matthew Duarte '08, David Fertig '09, Eleanor Fisher '08, Rachel Groh '08, Anthony Henry '08, Jillian Hirsch '08, Julia Hochberg '08, Julia Howland '08, Ashwath Jaidev '08, Christopher Jensen '08, Lisa Khanna '08, William Lassman '09, Justin Lipton '08, Christina McClintock '08, Flora McDavid '09, Madelyn Moelis '08, Margot Neuburger '08, Evan Oleson '08, Howe Pearson '08, Elisa Pelgrift '08, Matthew Reese '08, Jessica Rogers '08, Alexander Rosanelli '08, Samuel Rosenfeld '08, Rebecca Sackler '08, Caroline Schwarzman '08, Brett Simon '08, Jacob Stavits '09, Agatha Taveras '08, Lisanna Wallace '08, Emily Watson '08, Justin Wayne '08, Scott Weinreb '08, Wesley Wilson '08

16 AP Scholars with Honor (having received grades of "3" or higher on four or more AP Exams): William Baine '08, Jacqueline Baron '09, Alexander Cardone '09, Ryan Coughlin '08, Conrad Dresdale '08, Carolina Geadas '08, James Hutchins '08, Ivan Kukharkin '08, Ann Lubben '09, Lenni Marcus '08, Charles Moran '08, Dennis Purcell '09, Daniel Reef '08, Molly Rieger '08, Elise Sarda '08, Alexander Shapiro '09

26 AP Scholars (having received grades of "3" or higher on three or more AP Exams): Heidi Alpert '09, Marni Aronson '09, Alba Berenguer '09, Jane Budnick '08, Anthony Carbone '09, Daniele Gold '09, Christopher Gray '09, Michael Kahn '09, Abby Kohn '08, Becky Lange '09, Carole Mariani '09, Brandon Nieuw '08, Henry Odum '08, Max Ortwein '09, Alexander Osborne '08, Jessica Ostrau '08, Matthew Peterson '09, Jake Shulman '09, John Siderides '08, David Smolens '08, Sandy Sternberg '09, Rachel Watson '09, Anna Whitehouse-Lewis '09, Alexandra Wolitzer '08, Jason Wong '09, John Wulf '08



Spanish Awards

The National Spanish Exam was administered to RCDS students in the Middle and Upper School in the spring.

Gold Medal (scoring at or above the 95th percentile)

Upper School

Level 1

Lindsay Hughson '12

Level 2

Matthew Stevens '12

Level 3

Pauline Chiquet '11
Christine Cunningham '11
Anders Mikkelsen '11

Level 4

Lindsay Haut '10

Middle School

Level 01

Dylan Bronson '14	Jessica Grasso '14	Liam McEnroe '14
Isabella Cohen '14	Gabriela Johnson '14	Hannah Needle '14
Olivia Cohen '14	Adam Kozek '14	Stephanie Sabatini '14
Samantha Cooper '14	Lauren Levine '14	Gabrielle Salomon '14
Katherine DiCaprio '14	Connor Linehan '14	Sophie Walker '14
		Alex Wilf '14

Level 1

Matthew Beatty '13	Riley Kaminer '13	John Rigby '13
Matthew Crowley '13	Danielle Ledesma '13	Brett Saperstein '13 (perfect score)
Eleanor Fanto '13	Tyler Payer '13	
Emily Hauben '13		

Silver Medal (from 85th to 94th percentile)

Upper School

Level 2

Ari Abboud '12
Darren Douglas '12
Amanda Henick '12
Charles Krause '12
Isabel Kurzner '11
Samantha Stavits '12
Sarah Strong '12
Avery Waite '11

Middle School

Level 01

Ruby Aresty '14	Brianna Arroyo '13
Constance Blatt '14	Samantha Friedwald '13
William Chai '14	Kaleigh Galvin '13
Kelley Dalton '14	Elizabeth Judd '13
Tyler Fernandez '14	Robert Levine '13
Jillian Katz '13	Brittany Maldonado '13
Katherine Lattanzio '14	Nina Sayles '13
Taylor Pomroy '14	Brittany Wattley '13
Amanda Weinstein '14	

Level 3

Samisha Bansal '11
Jonathan Kligman '11
Eugene Vinitsky '11

Level 5

Michael Kahn '09

French Awards

Once again, many Rye Country Day students placed among the top ten in their respective divisions of this year's National French Contest, which is administered to Middle and Upper School students. This year, four Upper Schoolers at the three most advanced levels of "Le Grand Concours" shared the title of 1st in Westchester and 3rd in the nation: **Pauline Chiquet**, **Maria de Lera**, **Alba Berenguer** (2nd consecutive year), and **Grayson Clary** (3rd consecutive year). Congratulations to them all!

Level 01A

Jelani Denis '14	2 in Westchester and 3 in the nation
Michael Mossman '14	7 in Westchester and 10 in the nation
Henry Alderson Smith '14	9 in Westchester

Level 1A

Bonnie Ishiguro '13	3 in Westchester and 5 in the nation
Nicole King '13	6 in Westchester and 8 in the nation
Abigail Woods '13	6 in Westchester and 8 in the nation

Level 2A

Caroline Watson '12	2 in Westchester and 3 in the nation
Andrew Razman '12	3 in Westchester and 4 in the nation
Daniel Alderson Smith '12	8 in Westchester and 9 in the nation
Taryn Clary '12	8 in Westchester and 9 in the nation
Charlotte Lovejoy '12	9 in Westchester and 10 in the nation
Matthew Lee '12	10 in Westchester

Level 3A

Paula Berenguer '11	2 in Westchester and 5 in the nation
Lindsay Haut '10	2 in Westchester and 5 in the nation
Hadley Chu '11	5 in Westchester and 8 in the nation
Alexandra Shapiro '10	10 in Westchester

Level 3C

Pauline Chiquet '11	1 in Westchester and 3 in the nation
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Level 4A

Maria de Lera '10	1 in Westchester and 3 in the nation
Joshua Geller '10	9 in Westchester

Level 5A

Alba Berenguer '09	1 in Westchester and 3 in the nation
Grayson Clary '10	1 in Westchester and 3 in the nation
Matthew Peterson '09	2 in Westchester and 4 in the nation

Not For Self, But For Service

The following awards were presented to Rye Country Day students in recognition of their service.

RCDS Volunteers of the Year

Jacqueline Baron '09
 Amanda Cole '09
 "Green" Volunteers: Charlie Brooks '11, Marisol Dahl '11, Scott Wieman '10

Recipient, Certificate of Merit – New York State Senate (State Senator Suzi Oppenheimer)

Jena Goettisheim '09

Recipient, Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition (Representative Nita Lowey)

Amanda Cole '09

New York Blood Center Service Award

Alba Berenguer '09

Athletes Serve/Nike Gamechangers Award

Alexander Cardone '09

St. Vincent's Hospital 2009 Westchester Youth Award

Benjamin Baevsky '09

Laura Steed van Steen Memorial Award

Susan Temple '09



National Latin Exam Scholars

The 2009 National Latin Exam was taken by over 135,000 students from all 50 states and 11 foreign countries, from Australia to Lithuania. In 2009, 53 Rye Country Day students from grades 7 to 12 were named winners across several levels of achievement in this competition, which is administered by the American Classical League.

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Middle School

Achievement Certificates (Introductory Exam)

Kevin Collado '14
Alexander Kassin '14
Cristina Mariani '14
Max Weisman '14
Maxwell Wright '14

Certificates of Outstanding Achievement (Introductory Exam)

Michael Farber '14
Eleanor Reich '14
Mailah Robinson '14
Hendrick Townley '14
Katherine Tyler '14
Lily Velona '14

cum laude Award (Latin 1)

Shelby Cavanaugh '13
Merritt Cullman '13
Madison Friedman '13
Michael Leake '13

Upper School

cum laude Awards

Latin 2

Andrew Farber '12
Matthew Weissman '12

Latin 3

James Carter '11

Latin 4

T.J. Sarda '10

magna cum laude Award (Latin 1)

Reed Waggoner '13

maxima cum laude Silver Medal Awards (Latin 1)

Ruben Conn '13
Robert Linton '13
Rashi Narayan '13
Adam Simon '13

summa cum laude Gold Medal Awards (Latin 1)

Amelia Dobronyi '13
Summer Elbardissy '13
Clare McClintock '13 (perfect score)

magna cum laude Awards

Latin 2

Samuel Stern '12

Latin 3

Alexandra Osborn-Jones '10

Latin 4

Deelan Ayhan '10
Alexander Cardone '09
John Paschall '10
Jesse Wayne '10

Upper School *continued*

maxima cum laude Silver Medal Awards

Latin 1

Kayla Collado '12

Latin 2

Laura Fields '10
Alexandra Hugh '12
Andrew Mollerus '12

Latin 3

Caroline Breinin '11
Zachary Lattanzio '10
Kimberlyn McKoy '11
Katharine Tremain '11
Avery Waite '11

Latin 4

Jonathan Madorsky '10
Alex Rieger '10

summa cum laude Gold Medal Awards

Latin 2

Jonathan Lassman '12
Jake Wright '12

Latin 3

Adam Colombo '10 (perfect score)
Owen Gray '11
Swathi Krishnan '11
Delaine Powerful '10
Jacqueline Sandling '11

Latin 4

Kathryn Cordiano '10
Paul Fanto '11



National Greek Exam Scholars

The 2009 National Greek Exam was taken by over 1,600 students nationwide. Four awards are given at each level of study: green ribbon, red, blue, and purple, the highest. This year, one Rye Country Day student was recognized as a winner at the introductory level of ancient Greek:

Jonathan Madorsky '10 (Green Ribbon of Merit)

Upper School Math Exam

The National Math Contest was held in the Upper School in February. It is an annual event, divided into two levels: one designated for students in grades up through 10 (AMC 10), and the other for students through Grade 12 (AMC 12)

AMC 10

1st Place	David Cho '12
2nd Place	Anders Mikkelsen '11
3rd Place	Abigail Doud '11

AMC 12

1st Place	Joshua Geller '10 & Michael Rosenfeld '11
2nd Place	William Lassman '09

Johns Hopkins Talent Search

Earning "D" for Distinction:

Grade 7	Grade 8
Dylan Bronson	Matthew Beatty
Nathaniel Cooney	Clare McClintock
	Christina Sandling



Middle School Math Olympiad & Math League

Math Olympiad

Silver Pin Winners in Grade 5 Math

Matthew Farber
Brandon Levine
Jared Yanis

Silver Pin Winners in Grade 6 Math

Bo Curry
Chase Goddard
Leonardo Gomez
Erik Hanson

Silver Pin Winners in Grade 7 Math

Dylan Bronson
Jelani Denis

Gold Pin Winners in Grade 6 Math

Justin Chun
Hailey Nicholson

Trophy for High Score in Grade 6

Caroline Kimmel

Trophy for High Score in Grade 7

Michael Mossman

Trophy for High Score in Grade 8

Jillian Katz

New York Math League

Grade 6

1st Place: Caroline Kimmel

Runners Up: Sophie Beshar

Bo Curry
Leonardo Gomez
Hailey Nicholson
Austin Weber

Grade 7

1st Place: Michael Mossman

Runners Up: Michael Farber

Jason Goettisheim
Lauren Levine
Connor Linehan
Robert Platek
Stephanie Sabatini
Henry Townley

Grade 8

1st Place: Matthew Mollerus

Runners Up: Bonnie Ishiguro

Clare McClintock
Nina Sayles
Abby Woods

The RCDS 2009 Founder's Award

The Founder's Award was established to recognize Upper School students who have donated hours of their time in the service to others. Students' volunteer activities must be documented and must have occurred between June 2008 and May 2009.

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Founder's Award (50-74 hours)

Grade 9

Sarah Antonacci
Katherine Dean
Charlotte Grant
Lindsay Hughson
Charles Russell
R. Matthew Stevens
Mark Temple

Grade 10

Ian Baine
Samisha Bansal
Paula Berenguer
Caroline Breinin
Charlie Brooks
James Carter
Pauline Chiquet
Alexander Donovan
Allison Farber
Ryan Herbst
Devon Kraus
Fuyuki Kurahashi-Sofue
Marie Kurahashi-Sofue
Donald Lovejoy
Natalia Quintero
Lauren Schumaker
Ian Tecklin
Donovan Whitter

Grade 11

Justine Anderson
Adam Colombo
Lindsay Haut
Patrick Manus
Edward Mark
Suzanne Nimocks
Delaine Powerful
Nicole Rosenbach
Kristen Sabatini
Caroline Stoupnitzky
William Thomas
Charlotte Wilson
Alexander Zavoluk

Grade 12

Alba Berenguer
Dennis Purcell
Daniel Russell
Miranda Tecklin
Matthew Wolff

Founder's Award - cum laude (75-99 hours)

Grade 9

Catherine Cole
Michael Thomas
Matthew Weinreb

Grade 10

Isabel Kurzner
Michael Rosenfeld
Jacqueline Sandling
Jennifer Williamson
Alinah Zamir

Grade 11

Renyelle Jimenez
Daniel Judd
Jonathan Madorsky
Lucas Stevens
Bridget Stock
Shoko Whittemore
Zara Wright
Tomoaki Yokose

Grade 12

Emily Arons
Alexander Cardone
Samantha Stone

Founder's Award - magna cum laude (100-149 hours)

Grade 9

Erica Baevsky

Grade 10

Hadley Chu
Marisol Dahl
Nicole Kaye
Elizabeth Manus
Caroline Platek

Grade 11

Rachel Blumer
Kathryn Cordiano
Rachel De Rosa
Kayti Faustini
Laura Fields
Micole Himelfarb
Sarah Nelson
Julia Sayles
Kathryn Yates

Grade 12

Benjamin Baevsky
Jacqueline Baron
Jena Goettisheim
Daniel Samet
Michael Stewart

Founder's Award - summa cum laude (150+ hours)

Grade 9

Amanda Rhine

Grade 10

Swathi Krishnan
Amanda Shulman

Grade 11

Elexa Antweil
Isabel Beshar
Grayson Clary
Ayelen Rodriguez
Scott Wieman

Grade 12

Farima Alidadi
Amanda Cole
Susan Temple



Fall Season

Boys' Cross Country

Paul Fanto '11

Patrick Manus '10, Honorable Mention

Brandyn Dougan '11, Honorable Mention

Girls' Cross Country

Erica Adler '09

Field Hockey

Kim Cunningham '09

Carole Mariani '09

Heidi Alpert '09, Honorable Mention

Isabel Beshar '10, Honorable Mention

Katie Sandling '10, Honorable Mention

Football

Charles Buckingham '09

Christopher Kim '09

Nicholas McKoy '09

Brian Glazewski '10

Miles Suleman '09, Honorable Mention

Obinna Nwakeze '10, Honorable Mention

Christopher Seter '10, Honorable Mention



The 2008 Boys' Soccer Team – FAA Tournament Champions

Boys' Soccer

Marco Blasetti '09

Conor McDade '09

Denzeyl Morris '10

Taylor Washington '11

John Walsh '09, Honorable Mention

Cole Kleinberg '10, Honorable Mention

Girls' Soccer

Jolie Berke '09, Honorable Mention

Rebecca Diefenbach '09, Honorable Mention

Kelly Gordon '09, Honorable Mention

Winter Season

Boys' Basketball

Joseph Connor '09, Honorable Mention

Girls' Basketball

Daniele Gold '09

Alexandra Osborn-Jones '10

Veronica Roman '11

Carolyn Binder '13, Honorable Mention

Girls' Squash

Lindsay Haut '10

Adrienne Sternlicht '11, Honorable Mention

Wrestling

Charles Buckingham '09

Adlee Fayyaz '09

Zachary Tax '10, Honorable Mention



The 2009 Girls' Basketball Team – FAA League Champions & NYSAIS Tournament Champions

Spring Season

Baseball

- Marco Blasetti '09
- Alexandre Marinier '09
- William Mills '10
- Zachary Tax '10
- Alex Gendelman '12, Honorable Mention

Softball

- Jolie Berke '09
- Kimberly Cunningham '09
- Rachael Jelley '09, Honorable Mention
- Anna Whitehouse-Lewis '09, Honorable Mention
- Alexandra Sabatini '10, Honorable Mention

Boys' Golf

- Colin McDade '11
- James Kennedy '11
- Joseph Barber '10, Honorable Mention
- Harrison Baker '11, Honorable Mention
- Brian Starker '11, Honorable Mention

Girls' Golf

- Grace Konopka '09
- Catherine Cole '12, Honorable Mention

Boys' Lacrosse

- Cody Levine '09
- J.P. Garry '09
- Jack Mandy '10
- Harry Razook '10
- Christopher Seter '10
- Chandler Grinnell '10
- Jake Heller '11

Girls' Lacrosse

- Jena Goettisheim '09
- Hannah Loewentheil '10
- Nealy Nimocks '10
- Bridget Stock '10
- Rebecca Diefenbach '09, Honorable Mention

Boys' Tennis

- Joseph Connor '09
- Jordan Kemp '09
- Paul Fanto '11



The 2009 Boys' Lacrosse Team – FAA League Champions & WNESSLA Co-Champions



The 2009 Girls' Golf Team – FAA League Champions



The 2009 Boys' Golf Team – NYSAIS Tournament Champions (4th consecutive year)



Cody Levine

Senior captain Cody Levine capped off a terrific RCDS lacrosse career with an outstanding 2009 season. His leadership, passion, and talent were evident throughout the spring, and it was these traits that led him to being named an All-American by US Lacrosse. This season, Cody amassed 75 goals and 31 assists, which made him one of the top scorers in Westchester County. He ended his RCDS career with 161 goals and 62 assists. In addition to his All-American recognition, Cody was a two-time First Team All Western New England player, a three-time First Team Fairchester Athletic Association member, as well as the 2009 Division II Western New England Offensive Player of the Year.

Cody will continue his lacrosse career next year at Cornell University.

Obinna Nwakeze

Last winter, junior Obinna Nwakeze finished an outstanding wrestling season with his second consecutive New York State Prep title and All-American honors. Competing at the 285lb. weight class, Obinna achieved an amazing record of 34 wins and just 4 losses for the 2008-09 season. During the National Prep Wrestling Tournament at Lehigh University, which involved wrestlers from 140 schools from across the country, Obinna won 5 of his 7 matches, including a 3-2 decision over the #3 seed in the "wrestlebacks." Obinna's success at the national tournament earned him a seventh-place finish and "Prep All-American" recognition. He is the first Wildcat wrestler to achieve this distinction.

Coach Rich Knazik looks forward to having Obinna back at RCDS for the 2010 wrestling season.



RCDS Wildcat Sports





At the conclusion of the 2008-09 school year, Rye Country Day senior Jena Goettisheim was selected as a Fairchester Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete. Qualifications for this prestigious award include outstanding academic credentials (grade point average, class rank, and minimum of three Advanced Placement courses), All-FAA athletic recognition in at least one sport, and a varsity letter in a second sport.

During her Upper School career, Jena excelled in the classroom while taking a challenging academic program that included four honors and seven Advanced Placement courses. Her teachers describe her as a highly motivated, engaged, and passionate student who is genuinely interested in learning. At the end of her junior year, she received the Brown University Book Award. In addition, for the past two years, Jena has received a Founder's Award magna cum laude for completing over 100 hours of community service.

On the athletic field, Jena earned two varsity field hockey letters and four varsity lacrosse letters. This spring, she was named to the Fairchester Athletic Association All-League Girls' Lacrosse Team. Jena also served as the RCDS lacrosse team's co-captain, and she received the Coaches' Award for her dedication, commitment and enthusiastic leadership.

Jena Goettisheim will attend Tufts University.

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