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Twinsburg High School Celebrates *the Class of 2015*

“Most things in your life will come and go but what you accomplish is yours forever. Earning a diploma from Twinsburg High School is a very special accomplishment. You are all wonderful examples of what can be achieved through hard work and perseverance. Look around you and feel proud of what you have accomplished.”

– Kathryn Powers, Superintendent

Twinsburg High School celebrated the three-hundred and twenty-four members of its graduating class at a 2 p.m. Commencement Ceremony held at E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall in Akron on Sunday, May 31, 2015. Family members, friends, and staff came together with the Twinsburg High School Class of 2015 to celebrate their outstanding accomplishments and share with the graduates in their happiness.

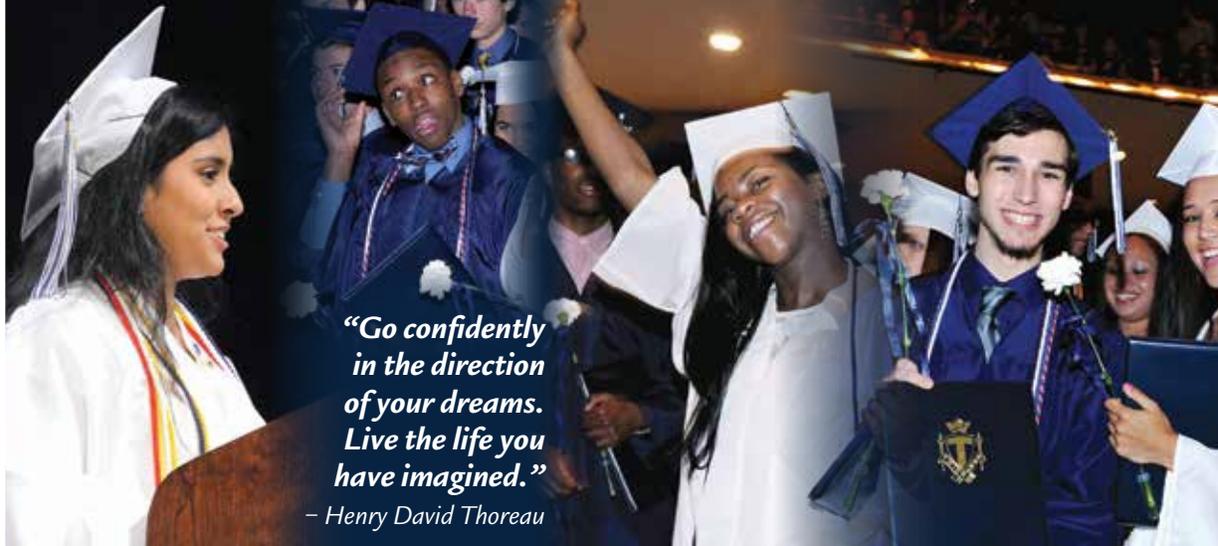
The Commencement Ceremony began with the Class of 2015 – ‘Top Ten Students’ taking their seats on stage along with members of the Twinsburg Board of Education, District Administration, Twinsburg High School Principal and Assistant Principals, Guidance Department Staff, and Building Principals and Assistant Principals from Wilcox Primary School, Samuel Bissell Elementary, George G. Dodge Intermediate, and R.B. Chamberlin Middle School. The graduates entered E.J. Thomas Hall to the traditional processional of *Pomp and Circumstance*, No. 1 played by the Twinsburg High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Ryan Bonitz.

Olivia Crichlow, 2015 Class Vice-President warmly welcomed and thanked all of the guests in attendance for joining in the graduation ceremonies. Crichlow said, “This is a special occasion for all members of the Class of 2015, and your presence makes this day memorable for all. As we begin today’s symbolic ceremony, it is tradition to have a moment of silence to honor and remember in our hearts the losses that we had to experience as a nation and a class. I would like to ask that we all honor our lost loved ones who cannot be with us today for this ceremony because they, too, have influenced us to get to this point in our lives.” Immediately following the moment of silence, the Twinsburg High School Band played *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

Nicole Ostrowski, 2015 Class Treasurer introduced and acknowledged the many special guests in attendance which included the Twinsburg City School District teaching staff, Twinsburg Board of Education, District and School Administrators and Guidance Counselors, and last but not

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Class of 2015

Class Officers

Caroline Sharon Toth
President

Olivia Grace Crichlow
Vice President

Amber Lee Wilson
Secretary

Nicole Ann Ostrowski
Treasurer

Class Motto

"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved"

Colors

Blue and White

Flower

Tiger Lily

Total Amount of Scholarships Awarded
\$7,008,225

Ohio High School Academic Diplomas with Honors
115 students



"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

— Henry David Thoreau

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least - our parents. Ostrowski shared, "During the past 12 years, we have developed a lasting relationship with the teachers who have guided us through our educational experience."

The graduation ceremony continued with an exceptional musical performance featuring Kelvin Chang on piano and Amber Wilson singing *Greatest Love of All* by Whitney Houston. The outstanding vocal performance along with the thought-provoking lyrics helped the graduates to take a look inside and reflect on their future.

The graduates responded to Amber and Kelvin's exceptional performance with a standing ovation and rousing round of applause and cheers.

Prabhsimran Batra opened her speech with, "For my classmates, I have a request. Right now, with me, think back to August 17th, 2011. Our first day of high school, most of us fresh faced and mouth full of braces. I know it's unpleasant to visualize, but just bear with me. Remember congregating in the gym before classes, attempting to navigate the halls, and just getting used to the sheer size of the building. It's crazy to think that it was both so long ago and yet feels like last week." She then moved into explaining the Rule of Five, a simple thing she has used to de-stress over the years. As Simmy explained, "The Rule of Five involves looking at your hand and counting off: Will this matter in five minutes? In five days? In five weeks? In five months? And in five years? If you can't say yes about whatever's bothering you past five weeks, it's not worth freaking out about."

She encouraged her classmates to use the Rule of Five to determine the things that will matter, five weeks, five months, five years from now, and even further into the future. She closed her speech with a quote from Emily Dickinson, "Forever is composed of nows. What you do now, determines your forever. All of the nows leading up to this moment have brought you here, and brought you great success. Be sure that all of the nows you have yet to come do the same."

The celebration continued with an excellent vocal and musical performance by Sean Purdy singing and playing piano to the lyrics of *Forever Young*, by Carter, Bernhard, Mertens, & Gold. The thought provoking lyrics again challenged the graduates to reflect about the day and what it means and what their future holds. The graduates and audience also responded to the performance with a standing ovation, applause and cheers.

Superintendent, Kathryn Powers delivered a speech that included a message of reflection and celebration along with a future of endless possibilities. Powers said, "In the blink of an eye, you have grown from incoming freshmen learning the ropes to confident young adults, ready to begin college, a career or life in the military. I am particularly proud of the Class of 2015 as you started your years at Twinsburg High School at the same time that I began my tenure as Superintendent. I have enjoyed watching you grow into talented, focused and caring young men and women. Class of 2015, it has been a fast and thrilling four years. Today's the day to reflect on all that you have achieved! I am confident that your years in the Twinsburg City School

“I decided long ago, never to walk in anyone’s shadows
 If I fail, if I succeed
 At least I’ll live as I believe
 No matter what they take from me
 They can’t take away my dignity
 Because the greatest love of all
 Is happening to me
 I found the greatest love of all
 Inside of me
 The greatest love of all
 Is easy to achieve
 Learning to love yourself
 It is the greatest love of all”
 – Whitney Houston



District have prepared you to accept life’s challenges and to do what you can to address inequality and social injustice, to care for those less fortunate than you and to truly make a difference in our world. It will not be easy. Life tends to throw detours along the way. It is not what happens to you in life but how you choose to think about it that matters. You have an innate ability to choose how to react and think about our world. It is how you choose to respond to life’s challenges that will ultimately determine your success.”

Powers concluded her inspirational graduation message with reminding the graduates to reflect and to remember their parents and loved ones who have been with them every step of the way. Powers in closing said, “They have been your biggest fans and your greatest advocates. Don’t forget to thank your parents and your family for their love and commitment that brought you here today. Live well, Class of 2015! And, remember, once a Tiger always a Tiger!”

The presentation of the “Top Ten Students” followed with Alex Popovich, Twinsburg High School Assistant Principal providing the introductions. The students were recognized for their exemplary academic accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, athletic achievements, community involvement, special areas of interest, and the college or university which they would be attending. The THS Class of 2015 Valedictorian was Neha Sharma daughter of Pramod and Vandana Sharma. Neha plans on attending Case

Western Reserve University and will major in Cognitive Science. The salutatorian was Logan Flack son of Jeffrey and Maria Flack. Logan plans on attending the University of Chicago and majoring in Economics and Philosophy.

Amber Wilson, 2015 Secretary proudly shared the significant accomplishments of the Class of 2015. Wilson started the recognition with the introduction of Shayla Goller, Neha Sharma and Abby Williamson who were awarded National Merit Finalist status and Deja Rush, who was named a National Achievement Scholar. She then moved to special recognition for members of the Class of 2015 which included; individual sports team achievements, the award of over \$7.0 million in scholarships, 26,455 hours of community service and the 115 graduates receiving an Ohio Honors Diploma. In closing Wilson said, “Our senior role modeling of leadership and commitment to academic work ethic has benefitted the class as well as Twinsburg High School.”

Twinsburg High School Principal, Louise Teringo took the stage, engaging the graduates and audience to think about the song and the words to *Dear Future Husband* by Megan Trainor. She challenged the graduates to think what the words might be if they were to write the song *Dear Future Senior*. Teringo shared academic, athletic and extracurricular accomplishments of the Class of 2015 including; Red Cross Blood Drive, three senior wrestlers who

advanced to state level competition, true school spirit displayed, Superior rating received by the THS Band, gifted student artists, and talented THS students who attended CVCC and advanced to the national chef competition. She closed and said to the graduates, “Remain Tiger Strong!” Then it was time, what all in attendance were waiting for, the certification and presentation of diplomas to the Class of 2015, recognizing that each student had met or exceeded the graduation requirements set forth by the State of Ohio and the Twinsburg Board of Education. The diplomas were presented by Ronald Stuver, Twinsburg Board of Education President, Rob Felber, Twinsburg Board of Education Vice-President, Kate Cain-Criswell, Member, Tina Davis, Member, Kathy Turle-Waldron, Member, Kathryn Powers, Superintendent, and Louise Teringo, THS Principal.

After the last graduate received their diploma, it was time for the “Turning of the Tassel Ceremony” led by 2015 Class President Caroline Toth. The graduates eagerly moved their tassels from right to left, signifying that they were now officially graduates and Alumni of the Twinsburg City School District. The celebration concluded with the graduates exiting E. J. Thomas Hall to meet family and friends to *Fanfare and Recessional* played by the Twinsburg High School Band.

Points of *Pride*

Top 10 Graduates *Class of 2015*

1. Neha Sharma
2. Logan Flack
3. Abby Williamson
4. Alvin Kazachkov
5. Nicholas Pronin
6. Robert Garrett
7. Erin Runta
8. Connor Rubin
9. Tommy Lu
10. Jennifer Scott

THS Perfect Attendance

Bryanna Aldrich
Steven DeAmon
Katelyn Jackson
Tommy Lu
Tanjot Singh
John Vlach
Dana'Sha White
Amber Wilson

Akron Beacon Journal's Top 25 Star Student

Neha Sharma

Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Art Winner

Leah Edwards

Eagle Scout

Gordon Weiss
Robert Garrett

Girl Scout Gold Award

Arshawna Warren

National Merit Achievement Scholar

Deja Rush

National Merit Finalists

Shayla Goller
Neha Sharma
Abby Williamson

National Merit Commended Scholar

Prabhsimran Batra
Kelvin Chang
Liam Durbin
Robert Garrett
Nicholas Pronin
Jennifer Scott

News Channel 5 Best of the Class

Neha Sharma
Logan Flack

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award

Jaxson Romano

Scholastic Art Award

Shayla Goller
Gold Key
Hally Shah
Honorable Mention
Allie Wood
Honorable Mention

OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsman Award

Grant Sutliff

OHSAA Contribution and Service Award

Amber Wilson

OHSAA Courageous Student Athlete Award

Jarette Gardenhire

OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics & Integrity Award

Courtney Freeman



2015 Recognition

Scholarship

Courtney Blaha
Natasha Daniels
Raymond Gines
Tiffany Ivey
Harmanjit Kaur

Outstanding Student of the Year

Tiffany Ivey
Aaron Sharpe

National Technical Honor Society

Natasha Daniels
Marisa DiPenti
Raymond Gines
Tiffany Ivey
Ian Meisner
Elizabeth Somers
John Vlach

2-Year Perfect Attendance

Tessa Ackley
Aundrea Burke
Nathan Colegrove
John Vlach

National Honor Society

Bryanna Aldrich
Caroline Bard
Prabhsimran Batra
Vishnu Bhola
Grace Blanchard
Amanda Bray
Marina Capitanov
Emily Caplice
Hunter Coghlan
Rachel Cohen
Nathan Colegrove
Kathryn Conklin
Makenzie Conner
Lexi Cooke
Natasha Daniels
Steven DeAmon
Marisa DiPenti
Liam Durbin

Leah Edwards
Mitchell Eglar
Justin Felty
Cameron Fields
Logan Flack
Adam Gannon
Matt Garner
Robert Garrett
Shayla Goller
Lauren Henderson
Jasmine Herd
Bethany Jablonski
Shikha Jain
Trent Jones
Alvin Kazachkov
Jake Levine
Eric Malmquist
Benjamin McMillin

Alexandra Menas
Nadia Miller
Brian Murar
Eric O'Connor
Nicole Ostrowski
Kahlie Paoletti
Rina Patel
Jordan Pitlor
Nicholas Pronin
Kelly Puleo
Sean Purdy
Sathvik Ravindran
Maxi Riley
Connor Rubin
Erin Runta
Deja Rush
Jaime Sanborn
Jennifer Scott

Neha Sharma
Jenna Simon
Victoria Simon
Joseph Sterling
Nicholas Suhoza
Grant Sutliff
Caroline Toth
Joshua Vargo
Olivia Vargo
Rohini Vembar
John Vlach
Gordon Weiss
Abby Williamson
Amber Wilson
Olivia Yee

Athletic Awards & Recognition

Academic All Ohio

Samuel Bequette - Golf
 Andrew Czech - Golf
 Eric O'Connor - Golf
 Logan Flack - Soccer
 Alvin Kazachkov - Soccer
 Tyler Pruett - Soccer
 Owen Simpson - Soccer
 Kahlie Paoletti - Bowling
 Marisa DiPenti - Bowling

Academic All District

Olivia Yee - Volleyball

All Conference NOC

Emily Caplice - Cross Country
 Joseph Leonardides - Football
 Jaxson Romano - Football
 Curtis Brodnan - Golf
 Alvin Kazachkov - Soccer
 Grant Sutliff - Soccer
 Lexi Cooke - Soccer
 Olivia Crichlow - Soccer
 Christian Strozier - Basketball
 Jaime Sanborn - Basketball
 Marisa DiPenti - Bowling
 Kahlie Paoletti - Bowling
 Joshua Vargo - Swimming
 Emily Lightner - Swimming
 Meredith Nock - Swimming
 Trevor Bruce - Wrestling
 No'ah Edwards - Wrestling

Eric Murdock - Wrestling
 Megan Brown - Softball
 Gordon Weiss - Tennis
 Joseph Sterling - Tennis
 Julian Strozier - Track
 Christian Strozier - Track
 Mitch Eglar - Baseball
 Matt Gugliotta - Baseball
 Jon Prentice - Baseball
 Andrew Czech - Baseball

All State 1st Team

Susan D'Isidorio - Soccer

East West All-Star

No'ah Edwards - Wrestling

GCBCA All Senior Academic

Nicholas Albanese - Baseball
 Andrew Czech - Baseball
 Mitch Eglar - Baseball

GCSSA All District 1st Team

Grant Sutliff - Soccer

Hobey Baker Character Award

Kyle DiRosa - Hockey

OHSBCA All State Academic

Nicholas Albanese - Baseball
 Andrew Czech - Baseball
 Mitch Eglar - Baseball
 Jon Prentice - Baseball

NOC Player of the Year

Susan D'Isidorio - Soccer

NSCAA Excellence Award

Jacob Engelmann - Soccer

NSCAA All Central Region

Susan D'Isidorio - Soccer

NSCAA Excellence Award

Jacob Engelmann - Soccer

OHSAA District Champion

No'ah Edwards - Wrestling

OHSAA Sectional Champion

Trevor Bruce - Wrestling

State Qualifiers

No'ah Edwards - Wrestling
 Eric Murdock - Wrestling
 Luke DiMuzio - Wrestling

Stark-Summit County All-Star

Caroline Bard - Cross Country
 Emily Caplice - Cross Country
 Leah Edwards - Cross Country

Class of 2015 Retirees

Congratulations to sixteen of our wonderful Twinsburg City School District staff members who are retiring and were recognized for their years of dedicated service by the Twinsburg Board of Education at the May 20th, 2015 Board of Education Meeting:

Margie Barbee-Fox - 2 years
 Kathleen Kolar - 25 years
 Julie DiSiena - 25 years
 Valerie Manzo - 22 years
 Joseph Haberek - 5 years
 Terry Marcovitz - 10 years
 Katherine Hearst - 10 years
 Brenda Rendine - 10 years
 Ronald Hendricks - 30 years
 David Stebbins - 24 years
 Bonnie Hensley - 37 years
 Gloria Sorace - 29 years
 Roseann Hodakievic - 13 years
 Nancy Wagner - 19 years
 Harvey Hoffman - 7 years
 Barbara Werstler - 18 years



Looking Ahead... Upcoming Events

June 2015

June 24 Twinsburg Board of Education Meeting

July 2015

July 2-5 Twinsburg VFW Cost of Freedom Tribute @ THS
 July 4 Independence Day
 July 15 Twinsburg Board of Education Meeting

August 2015

August 5 Twinsburg Board of Education Meeting
 August 7-9 Twins Days Festival
 August 19 Twinsburg Board of Education Meeting
 August 19 First Day of School - Students

A special *thank you...*

To the following organizations for their generous support in providing scholarships and awards to the Class of 2015.



Scholarship Recipient	Organization
Brynna Aldrich	Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award and Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League Scholarship Award
Caroline Bard	Twinsburg Firefighter Association Scholarship, Twinsburg PTA Scholarship, The Rotary Club of Twinsburg, Twinsburg Brick by Brick Leadership Scholarship, Joseph J. Stumpf Jr. Award, and The Mayor Katherine A. Procop Scholarship
Olivia Bartulovic	Officer Joshua T. Miktarian Memorial Scholarship
Grace Blanchard	Twinsburg PTA Scholarship
Megan Brown	Marine Corp Distinguished Athlete Award and Twinsburg Youth Softball League Scholarship
Emily Caplice	Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award
Rachel Cohen	Twinsburg PTA Scholarship
Makenzie Conner	The Rotary Club of Twinsburg Scholarship, Summit Lodge #213 Scholarship, and Twinsburg Board of Education Scholarship
Andrew Czech	Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League Award
Steven DeAmon	Saints Cosmas and Damian Holy Name Society Scholarship and Academic Challenge Award
Luke DiMuzio	Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award
No'ah Edwards	Marine Corp Distinguished Athlete Award
Cameron Fields	Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League Award
Jacob Fink	Twinsburg PTA Scholarship
Logan Flack	Twinsburg PTA Scholarship and Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award
Jayson Flask	Twinsburg Wrestling Club Scholarship
Matthew Garner	Twinsburg Baseball League Scholarship
Daniel Heise	JD Miller Memorial Scholarship and Twinsburg AYSO Scholarship
Bethany Jablonski	Twinsburg Vocal Music Boosters Scholarship
Trent Jones	The "Semper Fidelis" Award for Musical Excellence
Kaitlin Kostyo	Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scholarship
Benjamin McMillin	Saints Cosmas and Damian Women's Group Scholarship
Nadia Miller	Twinsburg Vocal Music Boosters Scholarship
Krista Moegling	JD Miller Memorial Scholarship and Twinsburg Youth Softball League Scholarship
Eric Murdock	Twinsburg Wrestling Club Scholarship
Meredith Nock	Twinsburg PTA Scholarship and Debby and Steve Marlow Family Scholarship
Tyler Pruett	Twinsburg PTA Scholarship and Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League Scholarship
Sean Purdy	Twinsburg Vocal Music Boosters Scholarship
Sathvik Ravindran	Twinsburg PTA Scholarship
Jaxson Romano	Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award, Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League Scholarship, Nancy Church Scholarship, and Twinsburg Baseball League Scholarship
Erin Runta	Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award
Jaime Sanborn	Twinsburg PTA Scholarship, Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award, and Twinsburg AYSO Scholarship
Hally Shah	Carolyn W. Crouse Art Scholarship
Neha Sharma	Brick by Brick Leadership Scholarship and Phi Beta Kappa Award
Jenna Simon	Twinsburg Garden Club Scholarship and Jodie Beth Kollman Award
Victoria Simon	Twinsburg PTA Scholarship
Joseph Sterling	Cleveland Technical Societies Council
Grant Sutliff	Joseph J. Stumpf Jr. Award, PTA Scholarship, Twinsburg Baseball League Scholarship, and Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League Award
Caroline Toth	The Rotary Club of Twinsburg Scholarship, TEA - William S. Mercer Memorial Scholarship, Twinsburg Historical Society Scholarship, Twins Days Festival Scholarship, and Mada O. Nichols Scholarship
Arshawna Warren	Ellen Mackey Palmer Scholarship and Twinsburg PTA Scholarship
Gordon Weiss	Twins Days Festival Scholarship and Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award
Brianna Williams	Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League Scholarship
Amber Wilson	Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award
Olivia Yee	Twinsburg Athletic Booster Award

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Tina Davis

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The Board of Education meets in regular session the first and third Wednesday of each month except for June and September, which are the first and fourth Wednesday of the month. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Twinsburg Government Center.

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