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“Graduates, I am so grateful for meeting you at our crossroads along life’s journey. It is said that some people come into our lives and quickly go...Some stay and make footprints on our hearts... and we are never, ever the same. Class of 2019, you have personally impacted our school community in small and great ways. We are very thankful that our paths have crossed. You have added joy and inspiration to our Tiger family and we celebrate you as you prepare to commence, to take that next big step into your future.”

– Kathryn Powers, Superintendent

THS grads at the crossroads, ready to step into the future

Twinsburg High School celebrated the 330 members of its 2019 graduating class at Commencement which was held at E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall in Akron on Sunday, June 2, 2019. Family members, friends, teachers, and staff came together with the Twinsburg High School Class of 2019 to share in the excitement and to recognize the graduates’ significant accomplishments.

Academic success was highlighted in the recognition of the THS Class of 2019 – “Top Ten Students”. The “Top Ten” joined in the procession taking their seats on stage along with members of the Twinsburg Board of Education, Twinsburg City School District Administration, Twinsburg High School Principal and Assistant Principals, Twinsburg High School School Counseling Staff, and building principals and assistant principals from Wilcox Primary School, Samuel Bissell Elementary School, George G. Dodge Intermediate School, and RB Chamberlin Middle School. The graduates entered E.J. Thomas Hall to the traditional processional of Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1, by Elgar played by the Twinsburg High School Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Ryan Bonitz.

THS Senior Class Vice-President Jessica Rosenberg welcomed all in attendance. She asked the audience for a moment of silence and reflection to remember those who could not be in attendance during the ceremony. Tyshaneé Allison, THS Senior Class Treasurer, introduced honored guests, including Board of Education members, THS teachers, District administrators and school counselors.

Following introductions, senior Carmen Priestly performed an original song she wrote entitled “We Won’t Be Shaken”. Classmate Jonathan Brooks then delivered a speech called “The Parking Lot of Life”.

“Now that we are graduating, we are officially leaving the parking lot. As we head to our next destinations in life, we’ll go our own ways, but whether we turn left on Ravenna, head straight onto Mikitarian, or make a right, we will carry these lessons with us to ensure our success in the future,” said Brooks.

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Class of 2019

Class Officers

Jonathan Brooks
President

Jessica Rosenberg
Vice President

Dana Khoncarly
Secretary

Tyshaneé Allison
Treasurer

Class Colors

Blue and White

Class Flower

Daffodil

Class Motto

“Wherever you go, go with all your heart.”

– Confucious

Alma Mater

To our dear
Twinsburg High we sing

Praises o’er the
school will ring

Through the years
t’will be our aim

To uphold that
glorious name

We’ll remember
in our hearts

Honor her when
we depart

Ever binding is the tie

When we sing of
Twinsburg High



... THS grads at the crossroads ready to step into the future *continued from p*

Senior Isabella Yee and Matthew DeAmon took to the stage next to perform “The End of the Innocence,” and “This Ain’t Goodbye,” respectively.

Twinsburg City School District Superintendent Kathryn Powers thanked the Class of 2019 for the impact that they made on the school community. On behalf of the community, Superintendent Powers challenged the graduates to be the best that they can be in the future.

“I congratulate you, and I challenge you to be the best that you can be because we are counting on you,” remarked Powers. “I look forward to our life’s journeys crossing once again, and at those times, I look forward to hearing all about all of the successes that I am certain you will achieve.”

She also reflected on the crossroads of her life with those of the Class of 2019. Powers shared several personal stories of watching many of the students grow up throughout the years which impacted her as well as the lives of those in the school community.

“I have been greatly touched by the many ways my life’s journey has crossed those of our graduates,” said Powers. “I am proud to know that such outstanding young adults are graduating from our school district and are ready to make positive contributions to our community, our country and our world.”

The presentation of the “Top Ten Students” followed with Twinsburg High School Assistant Principal Alex Popovich 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. Zachary McIlroy was recognized as the THS Class of 2019 Valedictorian. McIlroy, who plans to major in physics engineering at John Carroll University, was a member of the THS boys’ Tennis team for four years. He also was a member of the National Honor Society, Chess Club, World Language Club, and Economics Club.

Claudia Nmai was introduced as the THS Class of 2019 Salutatorian. Nmai will be attending Stanford University and double-majoring in human biology and international relations with a specialization in social development and human well-being. She was a four-year member of the girls’ Tennis team and belonged to the National Honor Society. She was a member of the Interact Club where she served as secretary her junior year and president her senior year. She also was a member of the World Language Club, serving as secretary her junior year and as president this past year.

Others in the “Top Ten Students” included Mary Leskovec (Spanish/Health Science, North Central College), Matthew DeAmon (Information Systems/Psychology, Bowling Green State University), Jason Ahern (Computer Science/Economics, The Ohio State University), Dominic D’Astolfo (Finance/Economics, The Ohio State University), Monica Shah (Environmental Public Health/Computer Information Systems, The Ohio State University), Ryan Adkins (Biology/Neuroscience, Butler University), Rohan Deshpande (Engineering, The Ohio State University), Adam Groenke (Global Politics/Diplomacy, Miami University), and Brett Grosel (Political Science/Women’s Studies,

Points of *Pride*

Nearly
\$7.6 million

Total Amount of
Scholarships Awarded

111

Ohio High School Academic
Diplomas with Honors

Top 10 Graduates

Class of 2019

1. Zachary McIlroy
2. Claudia Nmai
3. Mary Leskovec
4. Matt DeAmon
5. Jason Ahern
6. Dominic D'Astolfo and Monica Shah
8. Ryan Adkins
9. Rohan Deshpande
10. Adam Groenke and Brett Grosel

Department Award Winners

Mathematics: Jason Ahern
French: Matthew Belak
Business: Max Brazie
Media: Audriana Carmona-Chavez
Art: Gagandeep Dhami
Social Studies: Adam Groenke
Spanish: Mary Leskovec
Orchestra: Cameron Lucas
Health & PE: Richard Montgomery

Chinese: Star Reese
Student Achievement: Carrie Sinex
Band: Michael Sterling
American Sign Language: Anna Thomas
Science: Anna Thomas
English: Michael Turle
Technology: Taryn Vander Weit
Chorus: Isabella Yee

World Language Seal of Bilingualism

Jason Ahern
 Lila Albershtat
 Rohan Deshpande
 Alyssa Gebby
 Adam Groenke
 Kathryn Karlson
 Jillian Ketz
 Mary Leskovec
 Zachary McIlroy
 Carson Minter
 Jessica Rosenberg

National Merit Commended Scholars

Ryan Adkins
 Alexandra Denker
 Ian Furniss
 Adam Groenke

National Merit Finalists

Rohan Deshpande
 Cameron Lucas

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition

Claudia Palka
(Two Regional Awards)
 Leila Thomas *(Regional Award)*

Perfect Attendance (4-Years)

Jason Ahern
 Kyle Kaminsky
 Claudia Nmai

Scholastic Art Award

Piper Lash
(Gold Key & Honorable Mention)
 Claudia Palka
(Two Honorable Mentions)
 Leila Thomas
(Honorable Mention)

NFHS Award

NFHS Award of Excellence

Mariah Myles
 Jonathan Szydowski

OHSAA Senior Athlete Awards

OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award

Ryan Adkins
 Nya Bussey

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award

Ryan Adkins
 Claudia Nmai



CVCC - National Technical Honor Society

Tyshanee' Allison Alyssa McCarthy
 Ajanai Newton

2-Year Perfect Attendance

Alyssa McCarthy Daniel Burnett

CVCC Outstanding Students

James Pope, *Auto Body Repair and Refinishing*
 Ajanai Newton, *Education Professions*
 Samuel Wilkinson, *Transition-To-Work*
 Amari Williams, *Dental Assisting*
 Jada Jenkins, *Digital Design*

CVCC Scholarship

James Pope, *Auto Body Repair and Refinishing*
 Jada Jenkins, *Digital Design*

World Language Honor Society

American Sign Language

Mia Cervenka
 Makenzie Hartman
 Caila Robinson
 Anna Thomas
 Hannah Thompson

Chinese

Nicholas Baker
 Alexander Bard
 Travis Dumas

Victoria Holzwarth
 Nancy Hu
 Jason Menas
 Carmen Priestly
 Jacob Pruet
 Monica Shah

French

Matthew Belak
 Cameron Fontaine
 Piper Lash

Spanish

Ryan Adkins
 Jason Ahern
 Davida Albershtat
 Lila Albershtat
 Carson Albright
 Jonathan Brooks
 Alexandria Callahan
 Dominic D'Astolfo
 Matthew DeAmon
 Rohan Deshpande
 McKenna Donahue

Casey Frey
 Alyssa Gebby
 Rachel Gessler
 Brianna Gogan
 Adam Groenke
 Brett Grosel
 Julia Henderson
 Jada Jenkins
 Kyle Kaminsky
 Kathryn Karlson
 Jillian Ketz
 Jordan Kinford

Mary Leskovec
 Zachary McIlroy
 Divya Menon
 Carson Minter
 Claudia Nmai
 Tess O'Donnell
 Emily Pangonis
 Verane Peiris
 Caila Robinson
 Jessica Rosenberg
 Carson Sayavich
 Peyton Sesny

Julianne Shaffer
 Cassidy Smith
 David Stauffer
 Michael Sterling
 Ana Maria Surdu
 Jonathan Szydowski
 Gabrielle Tillman
 Taryn Vander Weit
 Ryan Vasiliauskas
 Anna Widmer
 Jared Young

National Honor Society

Ryan Adkins
 Jason Ahern
 Davida Albershtat
 Lila Albershtat
 Carson Albright
 Tyshanee' Allison
 Nicholas Baker
 Alexander Bard
 Matthew Belak
 James Besett
 Saurav Bhambra
 Brittany Bober
 Isabel Bongiovanni
 Caylie Bretz
 Jonathan Brooks
 Bailey Cain

Alexandria Callahan
 Mia Cervenka
 Dominic D'Astolfo
 Matthew DeAmon
 Angela DeFabio
 John DeLisio
 Rohan Deshpande
 McKenna Donahue
 Travis Dumas
 Kendall Fields
 Casey Frey
 Faith Geho
 David Georges
 Rachel Gessler
 Brianna Gogan
 Adam Groenke

Brett Grosel
 Makenzie Hartman
 Hana Hayes
 Allison Heise
 Julia Henderson
 Victoria Holzwarth
 Nancy Hu
 Riley Jones
 Kyle Kaminsky
 Kathryn Karlson
 Jillian Ketz
 Dana Khoncarly
 Jordan Kinford
 Kyle Kirtley
 Piper Lash
 Mary Leskovec

Cameron Lucas
 Punit Mangat
 Ravnit Mangat
 Danielle Marable
 Matthew McCormick
 Katherine McCoy
 Zachary McIlroy
 Thomas McMullen
 Jason Menas
 Divya Menon
 Carson Minter
 Marco Nesci
 Claudia Nmai
 Tess O'Donnell
 Marya Olson
 Verane Peiris

Hannah Pickens
 Hardik Polamarasetti
 Allison Porach
 Jacob Pruet
 Caila Robinson
 Nia Robinson
 Jessica Rosenberg
 Carson Sayavich
 Peyton Sesny
 Julianne Shaffer
 Monica Shah
 Cassidy Smith
 Dylan Smith
 Jillian Spindler
 David Stauffer
 Michael Sterling

Ana Maria Surdu
 Jonathan Szydowski
 Anna Thomas
 Hannah Thompson
 Gabrielle Tillman
 Michael Turle
 Taryn Vander Weit
 Ryan Vasiliauskas
 Jacob Walters
 Anna Widmer
 Kirstin Williams
 Chloe Willmott
 Bradley Yates
 Isabella Yee



Miami University).

THS Class Secretary, Dana Khoncarly, shared special recognitions, national awards, and noted the 28,747 hours of community service provided by the Class of 2019, including more than 600 hours performed by just one senior, Monica Shah. She also highlighted the nearly \$7.6 million in scholarships earned by the senior class and the 111 seniors receiving Honors Diplomas from the State of Ohio.

In her remarks to the graduating class at Twinsburg High School, first-year principal Dr. Laura Hebert highlighted four key components: academics, athletics, arts, and activities.

“These four components define a successful school, and this graduating class has excelled in all areas,” offered Dr. Hebert.

She noted that the Class of 2019 had two National Merit Finalists, four National Merit Commended Scholars, 11 Seal of Biliteracy awardees, and recognized senior

Tracy Wilson for earning an Associate’s Degree while in high school from Cuyahoga Community College. The graduating class took 781 Advanced Placement Tests, and more than 100 seniors participated in Senior Experience, where they shadowed local businesses in their areas of interest.

Dr. Hebert highlighted the athletic achievements of the Class of 2019, including a record 28 student-athletes who participated in the THS Athletic Signing Ceremonies. She also noted that the THS Visual and Performing Arts Department had much success during the school year.

“What defines this class, however, in addition to the successes, is a sense of a shared, common identity. Unified in the pursuit of excellence, whether as a student, athlete, or artist, this class has been a role model for our undergraduate community,” Dr. Hebert said during her remarks.

Before the presentation of graduates, Dr. Hebert offered special recognition of retiring THS staff members, thanking

them for their years of service. Dr. Marilyn Murray, school psychologist, will be retiring after 21 years of service to the Twinsburg City School District. Jackie Krajcik, school counselor, is retiring after 17 years at Twinsburg High School.

Dr. Hebert then presented the Class of 2019 as having met or exceeded the requirements set forth by the State of Ohio to the Twinsburg Board of Education and Superintendent Powers for graduation. The roll call of the Class of 2019 was conducted by Matthew Rutkowski, THS School Counselor, and Brian Fantone, Athletic Director/ Coordinator of K-12 Student Activities as the graduates received their diplomas. Class President Jonathan Brooks led the class in the traditional “Turning of the Tassel Ceremony”. 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.



A special *thank you...*

Thank you to the following organizations for their generous support in providing scholarships to the Class of 2019.

Ryan Adkins

Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award
Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League Scholarship

Jason Ahern

Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award
Twinsburg Brick-by-Brick Leadership Award

Alexander Bard

Summit Lodge #213 Scholarship
Judy Turk Memorial Scholarship - AYSO
Rotary Club of Twinsburg Scholarship
Ss. Cosmas & Damian Holy Name Society Scholarship
Crown Composite Tooling LLC Scholarship
Twinsburg PTA Scholarship

Cole Beason

Twinsburg Garden Club Scholarship

Max Brazie

Twinsburg Baseball League Scholarship

Nya Bussey

Joseph J. Stumpf Jr. Award
Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League

Bailey Cain

Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award

Hallie Davis

Twinsburg PTA Scholarship

Matthew DeAmon

Ss. Cosmas & Damian Women's Group Scholarship
Channel 5 Best of the Class Award
Akron Beacon Journal's Top 25 All-Star Honorable
Mention

Angela DeFabio

Timothy Heart Foundation Scholarship
Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award
Twinsburg Firefighter's Local 3630 Scholarship

John DeLisio

Jodie Beth Kollman Award

Grace deVille

Mada O. Nichols Scholarship

Kaleb East

Rotary Club of Twinsburg Scholarship
Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award

Nicole Fruscella

Fruscella-Glover AED Angels Award
Joshua T. Miktarian Memorial Scholarship
Timothy Heart Foundation Scholarship

David Georges

Lesli A. Burk Scholarship - Twinsburg

Hana Hayes

Twinsburg Youth Softball League Scholarship

Julia Henderson

Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award

Victoria Holzwarth

Ellen Mackey Palmer Scholarship

Riley Jones

Twinsburg PTA Scholarship

Kathryn Karlson

Judy Turk Memorial Scholarship - AYSO
Twinsburg PTA Scholarship

Zade Kleckner

Eagle Scout

Joshua Kormanec

Judy Turk Memorial Scholarship - AYSO

Lauren Little

Mayor Ted Yates Scholarship

Zachary McIlroy

Cleveland Technical Societies Council Award

Adam Molinari

Timothy Heart Foundation
Twinsburg PTA Scholarship

Richard Montgomery

Twinsburg Baseball League Scholarship

Marco Nesic

Air Force ROTC Scholarship

Claudia Nmai

Rotary Club of Twinsburg Scholarship
Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
Phi Beta Kappa

Akron Beacon Journal's Top 25 All-Star Honorable
Mention

Tess O'Donnell

Twinsburg Garden Club Scholarship
Twinsburg Youth Softball League Scholarship

Alexis Reed

Girl Scout Gold Award

Jessica Rosenberg

Twinsburg Youth Softball League Scholarship

Luke Schiopota

Twins Days Scholarship

Julianne Shaffer

Timothy Heart Foundation Scholarship
Twins Days Scholarship
Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Monica Shah

Lesli A. Burk Scholarship - Twinsburg
Robert Culhan Scholarship - Twinsburg

Carrie Sinex

JD Miller Memorial Scholarship

David Stauffer

Twinsburg Vocal Music Boosters Scholarship

Troy Sutliff

Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award
Twinsburg PTA Scholarship
Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League Scholarship

Anna Thomas

Twinsburg Garden Club Scholarship

Cole Turner

Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League Scholarship

Jacob Walters

Twinsburg Brick-by-Brick Leadership Award
Twinsburg PTA Scholarship

Anna Widmer

Twinsburg Vocal Music Boosters

Chloe Willmott

Al Baker Award
Debra & Stephen Marlow Family Scholarship
Twinsburg Board of Education Scholarship
Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
Twinsburg PTA Scholarship
William S. Mercer Memorial Scholarship

Ethan Wohlwend

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Bradley Yates

Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League Scholarship



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The Twinsburg Board of Education meets in regular session at the Twinsburg Government Center in Council Chambers on the first and third Wednesdays of each month with the exception of June and September when the meetings are on the first and fourth Wednesdays of the month; the exception of January when meetings are on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month; and July and December with only one meeting (7/17/19 and 12/11/19). All Regular and Special Board Meetings are open to the public.

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