



# **DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL**

## **AWARDS ASSEMBLY**

**MAY 22, 2009**

**Darien High School staff, students and parents wish to express their gratitude to our community organizations for their generous and sustained support of scholarship programs, which assist members of the graduating class in continuing their education.**

**Scholarship awards will be presented at the Senior Scholarship Awards Ceremony  
Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Darien High School Auditorium.**

**Darien High School staff and students wish to thank members of the Darien community who sponsor Book Award programs through their Colleges and Universities.**

**Congratulations to the National Merit Commended Scholars from the Class of 2009:**

**Michael Baresich, Ushashi Basu, Courtney Bennett, Caroline Boulton,  
Samantha Choos, John Cook, James Critelli, Maura Farley,  
Gareth Gray, Katharine Hedlund, Jonathan Kelly, Brian Kosnik, Jennifer Large,  
Erica Long, Kristin Long, Erin Mahoney, Jane Makin, Katherine Marren,  
Charlotte Myers, Danielle Noujaim, Russell Parnon, Sreya Radhakrishna,  
Jocelyn Spencer, Philip Treesh, and Matthew Wheelock**

**Congratulations to the National Merit Finalists from the Class of 2009:**

**David Hammer  
Kristen Morrison  
Sarah Nelson**

**Congratulations to the following students who were newly inducted into the  
National Honor Society on December 16, 2008:**

**Margaret Ardery, Grace Austin, Thomas Bell, Alexandra Budd, Elizabeth Calby,  
Madeline Coburn, Evan Cunningham, Gabriella D'Agosto, Kathryn D'Andrea,  
Laura Durham, Jessica Farrell, Andrew Gagne, Andrew Glick, Daniel Glockler,  
Kilbourn Gordon, William Griffiths, Jessica Gunzel, Alexandra Hamill, Kelsey Harrison,  
Katharine Hedlund, Christian Holmes, Harriet Jacobs, Meredith Jordan, Stephanie Ko,  
Alexandra Leinroth, Rebecca Lew, Hannah Lyons, Kaitlin Maier, Sarah McGowan,  
Kristen Morrison, Charlotte Myers, Kelsey Ott, Emily Pik, Suneil Raghvan,  
Louis Rawden, Laura Rhein, Hadley Riegel, Robert Shindler, Jessica Van Ingen,  
Caroline Vilter, Taylor Wells, Timothy Westcott, Brandon Wong**

**OBERLIN COLLEGE AWARD**

Presented to a sophomore with the highest academic standing in English.

Presenter: Doug Paulsen

Joy Meikle

**BARNARD COLLEGE BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior girl who is outstanding in the field of Science.

Presenter: Dave Lewis

Corinne Sommi

**BROWN BOOK AWARD**

Presented to the junior who best combines academic excellence with clarity of written and spoken expression.

Presenter: Anne Schoknecht - Brown '04

Douglas Cavers

**COLUMBIA BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior exhibiting outstanding academic achievement.

Presenter: Dr. Ellen Steele - Columbia '78 '86

Andrew Gagne

**CORNELL UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior who is an innovative thinker.

Presenter: Rudy Spannaus

Stephanie Ko

**DARTMOUTH COLLEGE BOOK AWARD**

Given to a junior in the top ten percent of his or her class who is of high moral character and who has made a positive impact on the life of the school community.

Presenter: Crashy Brown - Dartmouth '82

Suneil Raghvan

**DENISON BOOK AWARD**

Presented to an outstanding junior with a proven record of academic achievement and an interest in pursuing the study of English literature, creative writing, or poetry at the college level.

Presenter: Mike Caro

Christopher Black

**EMORY UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior who has served in leadership positions, made a demonstrated impact on their school and community, served as role models to fellow students, and maintained a high standard of academic excellence throughout high school.

Presenter: Rudy Spannaus

Willem Sandberg

**FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior in the top ten percent of his or her class, who participates actively in school and/or community activities and who possesses leadership qualities coupled with a sense of concern and responsibility to others.

Presenter: Rudy Spannaus

Elizabeth Miller

**GETTYSBURG COLLEGE BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior in the top ten percent of his or her class who has distinguished himself or herself in the study of American History and who demonstrates a dedication to scholarship.

Presenter: Mike Caro

Byron Callan

**HARVARD CLUB BOOK AWARD**

Presented to an outstanding junior for overall excellence, leadership, character and service.

Presenter: Rudy Spannaus

Brandon Wong

**HOLY CROSS BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior with exceptional academic achievement who has evidenced sincere concern for others and a responsible attitude in all of his or her endeavors.

Presenter: Rudy Spannaus

Timothy Westcott

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AWARD**

Presented to junior who is outstanding in English.

Presenter: Doug Paulsen

**Byron Callan**

**MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior who is an exceptional student and has shown remarkable commitment to or achievement in environmental studies.

Presenter: Dave Lewis

**Mackenzie Jones**

**MT. HOLYOKE BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior with high academic achievement.

Presenter: Elizabeth Cortright - Mt. Holyoke '78

**Madeline Coburn**

**PRINCETON CLUB OF DARIEN/NEW CANAAN**

Presented to a junior for excellence and academic achievement in the field of Humanities.

Presenter: Delphine Knight Brown - Princeton '85

**Kaitlin Maier**

**ST. LAWRENCE BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior who displays a significant commitment to community service.

Presenter: Rudy Spannaus

**Kelsey Harrison**

**ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior boy and a junior girl who have demonstrated a sincere commitment to service at the high school or in the community.

Presenter: Dennis Conetta - St. Michael's '79

**Caroline Vilter  
Michael Wohlberg**

**SMITH CLUB BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior girl who has shown outstanding achievement in one of the liberal arts fields.

Presenter: Rudy Spannaus

**Gabriella D'Agosto**

**TRINITY COLLEGE ALUMNI AWARD**

Given in memory of Thomas J. Ryan, Jr., and presented to a junior with high academic standing who has made a significant contribution to the school community.

Presenter: Thomas J. Ryan

**Andrew Glick**

**VASSAR BOOK PRIZE AWARD**

Presented to a junior who has demonstrated excellence in the Humanities.

Presenter: Mike Caro

**Douglas Cavers**

**WELLESLEY CLUB OF SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior girl with an exceptional academic record and character.

Presenter: Kathryn Tohir - Wellesley '81

**Alexandra Budd**

**WILLIAMS COLLEGE BOOK AWARD**

Presented to a junior with high academic standing and intellectual leadership who has made contributions to the extra-curricular program.

Presenter: Rudy Spannaus

**Daniel Glockler**

**YALE AWARD**

Presented to an outstanding junior with overall academic excellence who has demonstrated leadership ability.

Presenter: Rudy Spannaus

**Hannah Lyons**

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARD**

Presented to a junior who has shown a commitment to a career in education.

Presenter: John Boulton

**John Bushell**

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA BOOK AWARD**

Presented by the Women's International Educator's Society for overall achievement and given to a junior who demonstrates the traits of an outstanding teacher.

Presenter: Marion Jewell

**Kilbourn Gordon**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

Presented to two seniors who have displayed concern for others and have shown dedication on behalf of the school.

Presenter: Donald Fiftal

**Reilly Horan  
David Hammer**

**DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIRMAN'S BOOK AWARD**

Presented in honor of Sallie S.E.A. Raleigh, who served as chairman from 1997-2005. The award recognizes a junior who has a record of academic achievement, evidence of service to the community which advanced the common good for all, and a reputation for leadership that displays courtesy and respect for others.

Presenter: John Boulton

**Nicasio Arroyo**

**NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM FINALISTS**

Awards presented for outstanding academic achievements of Hispanic students.

Presenter: Dan Haron

**Emily Cortright  
Jaclyn Munoz  
Isabella Vargas**

**ABC ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Presented to outstanding seniors for demonstrated academic distinction, leadership, and an ability to achieve in a manner that is representative of the goals and ambitions of A Better Chance and its Member Schools.

Presenter: Francis Janosco

**Melinda Siew**

**ALTERNATE LEARNING PROGRAM FACULTY AWARD**

Presented to the student who best embodies the ideals and standards of the Alternative Learning Program.

Presenter: Stephen Leete

**Nicole Taylor**

**DHS COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Presented to students who have displayed and applied outstanding computer knowledge.

Presenter: Patty Brooks

**Richard Kelly  
Jonathan Kelly  
Christopher Shea  
Jay Robinson-Duff**

**KIWANIS AWARD**

Presented for excellence in Fine Arts.

Presented for excellence in Technology Education.

Presenters: Dana Larsen and Leon Strecker

**Helen Robinson  
Timothy Sargent**

**DHS TECHNOLOGY AWARD**

Presented to outstanding students who have consistently produced excellent work in Technology Education courses.

Presenter: Leon Strecker

**Graham Christensen  
Alexander Gault**

**THE TECHNOLOGY CLUB AWARD**

Presented to a senior who has shown good leadership skills within the Technology Department.

Presenter: Leon Strecker

**Scott Bora  
Garrett Loeffelman**

**ART DEPARTMENT AWARD**

Presented to seniors who have excelled at DHS and who show promise in the Arts.

Presenters: Katie Stuart and Robert Sorensen

**Megan Ardery  
Courtney Bennett  
Corey Caputo  
Katherine Crump  
Jamie Loveland  
Larsen McDowell  
Allison Walters**

**GRAPHIC DESIGN AWARD**

Presented to a senior who excels in graphic design.

Presenter: Dorine Bosler

**Sarah Abbasi**

**Mary Mutino**

**Melinda Siew**

**ART DEPARTMENT CERAMICS AWARD**

Presented to seniors for excellence in Ceramics.

Presenters: Dorine Bosler and Michelle Currier

**Katie D'Andrea**

**Kelly McIlree**

**Kelly Large**

**Eileen Meehan**

**Artem Skobrev**

**Samantha Stevenson**

**ARNOLD THURM PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD**

Presented to seniors who have excelled in or plan a college major in Photography.

Presenter: Dana Larsen

**Claire Concannon**

**Alex Schaffer**

**VIDEO SERVICE AWARD**

Presented to a student for outstanding service to WAVE TV.

Presenter: Ivan Crowther

**Kelly McIlree**

**Isabella Vargas**

**BLUE WAVE NEWS SERVICE AWARD**

Presented to a student for service to Blue Wave News.

Presenter: Ivan Crowther

**Dean Coots**

**Julia Ozzano**

**VIDEO AWARD**

Presented to a students who excel in the video program and who will be pursuing studies in the industry.

Presenter: Ivan Crowther

**Michael Marcantonio**

**Casey Mulderrig**

**CURRENT AWARD**

Presented to students for excellence in Creative Writing.

Presenters: Mary Mammana

**Samantha Choos**

**Emily Cortright**

**NEIRAD EDITORIAL AWARD**

Presented to students who bring to the *Neirad* outstanding skills in leadership, decision making, editing, and writing.

Presenter: Stacey Wilkins

**Jenny Large**

**Kim Michels**

**NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL**

Presented to student journalists who have achieved a 3.75 GPA or higher and have excelled in student media.

Presenter: Sybil O'Hare

**Daniel Campbell**

**Kilbourn Gordon**

**Kelsey Ott**

**Jennifer Large**

**Christina Lattimer**

**CONNECTICUT STUDENT JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Presented by the Connecticut Journalism Education Association to the top student journalist in the state who consistently demonstrates excellence in the area of newspaper layout, design, and style.

Presenter: Sean Otterspoor

**Kimberly Michels**

**ENGLISH CLUB AWARD**

Presented to a senior who has consistently demonstrated excellence in English with a particular strength in writing.

Presenter: Doug Paulsen

**Maura Farley**

**David Hammer**

**THEATRE 308 AWARD FOR TECHNICAL THEATRE**

Presented to a senior who has consistently provided organizational leadership and who has contributed with excellence to the technical aspects of theatrical production.

Presenters: Nancy Herman and Alex Speiser

**Emma Case**

**THEATRE 308 AWARD FOR ORCHESTRA PARTICIPATION**

Presented to a senior who has consistently participated with excellence in the pit orchestra for Theatre 308 dramatic and/or musical productions.

Presenters: Nancy Herman and Alex Speiser

**David Hammer**

**THEATRE 308 AWARD FOR PERFORMANCE**

Presented to seniors who have consistently performed with excellence on stage in Theatre 308 dramatic and/or musical productions.

Presenters: Nancy Herman and Alex Speiser

**Michelle Birsky  
Harriet Jacobs  
Charlie Nicholls  
Russell Parnon**

**THEATRE 308 DIRECTOR'S AWARD**

Presented to a senior who has consistently participated with excellence in all facets of theatrical production; who has provided organizational leadership; and who has made an outstanding contribution to Theater 308.

Presenters: Nancy Herman and Alex Speiser

**Reilly Horan**

**NORTHEAST CONFERENCE AWARDS**

Presented to students for excellence in Foreign Languages.

- French
- Spanish
- Latin

Mandarin

Presenter: Dr. Derek Taylor

**Ushashi Basu  
Ellen Hill  
Jonathan Kelly  
Peter Watson  
Heidi Lohr**

**AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE AWARD**

Presented to a student for excellence in French.

Presented to a student for excellence in Spanish.

Presenter: Dr. Derek Taylor

**Reilly Horan  
Sreya Radhakrishna**

**State of Connecticut National Spanish Exam**

Level 2: 1st in State

Level 3: 1st in State

Presenter: Dr. Derek Taylor

**William DeRocco  
Elsa Imbimbo  
Charles Lacy  
Lindsay Tyler**

**KIWANIS MUSICIANS AWARD**

Presented to students who are outstanding musicians.

Presenter: Christopher Andrade

**Harriet Jacobs  
Mallory Kahn**

**MUSIC FOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Presenter: Susan Elliot

**Lynn Strother  
Chrissy Linegar  
Kevin Pasquarella**

**THE ACABELLA VOCAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Presented to a freshman, sophomore or junior to promote advanced study and scholarship in vocal music.

Presenter: Christopher Andrade

**Jessie Mayhew**

**CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS ARTS AWARD**

Presented to a student for excellence in Art.

Presented to a student for excellence in Music.

Presenters: Dana Larsen and Christopher Andrade

**Katie D'Andrea  
Katherine Hedlund**

**MATH TEAM AWARDS**

**The Fairfield County Mathematics League Award**

Presented to the top school scorer in the 2008-2009 competition

Presenters: Bonita Messman and Michael O'Brien

**Andrew Gagne**

<p><b>The American Mathematics Competition Award</b>  Certificate of Distinction; American Mathematic Competition  Presenters: Bonita Messman and Michael O'Brien</p>	<b>William Juan</b>
<p><b>HAROLD A. PETERSON AWARD</b>  Presented to a senior who is outstanding in Mathematics.  Presenter: Michael Sullivan</p>	<b>Peter Watson</b>
<p><b>SENIOR MATHEMATICS AWARD</b>  Presented to a senior for excellence in Mathematics.  Presenter: Michael Sullivan</p>	<b>Thomas Bell</b>
<p><b>JUNIOR MATHEMATICS AWARD</b>  Presented to a junior for excellence in Mathematics.  Presenter: Michael Sullivan</p>	<b>Andrew Gagne</b>
<p><b>RENSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AWARD</b>  Presented to a junior excelling in Science and Mathematics.  Presenter: David Lewis</p>	<b>Kaitlin Maier</b>
<p><b>SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS AWARD</b>  Presented for high achievement in Science and Mathematics.  Presenter: David Lewis</p>	<b>Samantha Stuek Suneil Raghvan</b>
<p><b>THE ELAINE FATTIBENE BOOK AWARD</b>  Presented to a senior excelling in the study of Botany.  Presenter: Sean Otterspoor</p>	<b>Jake Seymour</b>
<p><b>AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY</b>  Presented to an outstanding student in first-year Chemistry.  Presenter: Art Ruggieri</p>	<b>Charles Lacy</b>
<p><b>WILLIAM McNICHOL AWARD</b>  Presented to a senior who plans a career in Engineering and who demonstrates initiative and responsibility.  Presenter: David Lewis</p>	<b>Jonathan Kelly</b>
<p><b>AUTHENTIC SCIENCE RESEARCH AWARD</b>  Presented to a student who exemplifies the mission of the Authentic Science Research Program by demonstrating self-discipline, curiosity, and outstanding dedication to scientific research and scholarship.  Presenter: David Lewis</p>	<b>Nicole Granath</b>
<p><b>BAUSCH AND LOMB HONORARY SCIENCE AWARD</b>  Presented to a junior with the highest average in Science.  Presenter: Art Ruggieri</p>	<b>Andrew Gagne</b>
<p><b>FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY B.E.I. SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING  SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT AWARD</b>  Presented to a student for excellence in college preparatory Mathematics and Science.  Presenter: David Lewis</p>	<b>Brandon Wong</b>
<p><b>KIWANIS AWARD FOR LAW AND GOVERNMENT</b>  Presented to an outstanding student in Law and Government.  Presenter: Jean Shortliffe</p>	<b>Maura Farley</b>
<p><b>DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION</b>  Presented to an outstanding junior in United States History.  Presented to the winner of the DAR Good Citizen Award.  Presenter: Winifred Lom</p>	<b>Andrew Gagne David Hammer</b>

**JOHN J. CURTIS AWARD**

Presented by the Republican Club of Darien to a senior for individual, unheralded contribution to the school or community.

Presenter: Peter Hovell

**Sarah Nelson**

**WESTERN CIVILIZATION BOOK AWARD**

Presented to an outstanding freshman in Western Civilization.

Presenter: Jean Shortliffe

**Will DeRocco**

**WORLD STUDIES BOOK AWARD**

Presented to an outstanding sophomore in World Studies.

Presenter: Jean Shortliffe

**Julia Boulton**

**SAM HOUGAS MEMORIAL AWARD**

Presented to an outstanding student in American Studies.

Presenter: Jean Shortliffe

**Meredith Jordan**

**EUROPEAN HISTORY AWARD**

Presented to an outstanding student in European History

Presenter: Jean Shortliffe

**Joseph Hughes**

**DR. HELEN MERRITT AWARD**

Presented to a student who has compiled a consistently excellent record in Social Studies throughout their four years of high school.

Presenter: Jean Shortliffe

**Maura Farley**

**ECONOMICS BOOK AWARD**

Presented to an outstanding student in Economics.

Presenter: Jean Shortliffe

**James Critelli**

**SPECIAL HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE AWARD**

Presented to students for recognition of achievement in History and the Social Sciences.

Presenter: Jean Shortliffe

**Caroline Boulton  
Annie Wilson  
Kelsey Harrison  
Corinne Sommi**

**DEBATE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Presented to students who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and leadership on the Debate Team.

Presenter: Bruce Clarke

**Maura Farley**

**DEBATE TEAM BEST NOVICE DEBATERS AWARD**

Presented to a student who has demonstrated the most improvement over the year

Presenter: Bruce Clarke

**Matthew Golino**

**FUTURE GLOBAL LEADERS AWARD**

Presented to a junior who demonstrates academic leadership and achievement with a developed interest in global issues, demonstrated leadership in related extracurricular school activities with an international focus, and serves as a role model within school community.

Presenter: Dan Haron

**Suneil Raghvan**

**THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT MILITARY OFFICERS  
YOUNG AMERICAN AWARD**

Presented to a student who has demonstrated love of country and good citizenship principles, who serves as an ambassador for spreading the concept of democratic principles.

Presenter: Lt. John Walsh

**Kristin Long**

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

Presented to a boy and girl who combine excellence in three fields: the study of History, formal debate, and service to the community.

Presenter: Phil Kraft

**Suneil Raghvan**

**Nicole Granath**

**GEORGE NELSON BASEBALL AWARD**

Given in memory of George Nelson, math teacher, basketball and baseball coach at Darien High School. Presented to a student who possesses the quiet unassuming leadership qualities of Coach Nelson and who is respected by his or her peers for sacrifice and dedication to the team, the school and the community.

Presenter: Jeff Brameier

**Reilly Horan**

**CAS/CIAC SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD**

Presented to students for distinction as athletes and scholars.

Presenter: Jeff Brameier

**Corey Vernon**

**Matthew Wheelock**

**SENIOR EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS AWARD**

Presented to senior boys and girls for excellence in athletics.

Presenter: Jeff Brameier

**Courtney Bennett**

**Corey Caputo**

**Nicholas Dysenchuk**

**Brian Kosnik**

**Caroline McDonough**

**Samantha Stevenson**

**THE DARIEN NATURE CENTER ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD**

Presented to a student who has demonstrated an interest in the environment by his or her conservation efforts and who is dedicated to increasing understanding and appreciation of our planet earth.

Presenter: David Sinclair

**Reilly Horan**

**TOWN OF DARIEN CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Presented to Post 53 seniors for outstanding service to the Town of Darien.

Presenter: First Selectwoman Evonne Klein

**Ushashi Basu**

**Brittany Christopher**

**Brittany Coley**

**Daniel Connell**

**David Hammer**

**Martin Hannon**

**Kate Hayes**

**Kathryn Landers**

**Spencer Matson**

**Anna McPhee**

**Melissa Michels**

**Grace Pomponi**

**Chris Shaker**

Presented to seniors who are volunteers in the Darien Fire Department.

**Alexander Gault**

**Charles Hibben**

**Aaron Miller**

**Jake Seymour**

**Samantha Stevenson**

**Tally Thoren**

**Andrew Vanech**

Presented to seniors who are volunteers in the Noroton Fire Department.

**Keith Bennett**

**Jack Lohr**

Presented to seniors who are volunteers in the Noroton Heights Fire Department.

**Tim Sargent**

**MARY McKEE AWARD**

Awarded by Parent Awareness for outstanding leadership in the area of volunteerism and substance abuse education.

COMMIT Students: **Ashwin Basu, Robin Bone, Lee Bolton, Caroline Carmichael, Gabriella Carrara, Ryan Dirvin, Emma Getsinger, Rupert Hansford, Graham Hotchkiss Dana Howe, Connor McCarthy, Katie McKay, Alex McGuire, Shelby Renfield, Charlotte Stevenson, Justine Sweeney, Olivia Taylor, Clare Tuck, Bobby Weaver, and Will Weinstock**

Presenter: Leslie Pennington

COMMIT

**YWCA INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS AWARD**

Presented to a senior with high academic standing who shows leadership and interest in global and community affairs.

Presenter: Leslie Pennington

**Katie Marren  
Mackenzie Milne**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS AWARD**

Presented for outstanding student leadership in support of the chapter's blood program.

Presenter: Patty Burke

**Clemmy Little  
Tally Thoren**

**THE DEPOT SERVICE AWARD**

Presented by The Depot Governing Board to students for leadership and service.

Presenter: Janice Marzano

**Alexandra Lundberg**

**THE ALICIA SILLARS DEPOT DIRECTOR'S AWARD**

Presented to the member of the Student Governing Board who best embodies the vision and mission of The Depot.

Presenter: Alicia Sillars

**Michael Muney**

**THE DEPOT SPIRIT AWARD**

Presented in memory of Amanda Buening to a senior serving on The Depot Student Governing Board, who best exemplifies Mandy's spirit, enthusiasm, sincere commitment, and smile.

Presenters: Janice Marzano

**Catherine Stineman**

**GOVERNOR'S SCHOLAR**

Presented to a junior for outstanding achievement.

Presenter: Dan Haron

**Andrew Gagne**

**THE TOM RYAN STUDENT GOVERNMENT AWARD**

Presented in memory of Thomas J. Ryan, Jr., class of 1990, for concern, dedication, and service to both the school community and the world community.

Presenter: Thomas J. Ryan

**Emily Cortright**

**DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION AWARD**

Presented to students for meritorious service to Darien High School.

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Presenters: Laurie Orem and Kathleen Del Col

**Nicole Gutierrez  
Nicole Granath  
Stephanie Ko  
Amy Marchesi**

**RALPH M. GIBBS AWARD**

Presented to a senior for citizenship and demonstrating a high level of extra-curricular achievement, academics, integrity, character, leadership and social consciousness.

Presenter: Dan Haron

**Chloe Drimal**

**CAS STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Presented to students who have exhibited outstanding leadership qualities in a variety of ways.

Presenter: Dan Haron

**Amy Marchesi**

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLAR LEADER AWARD**

Presenter: Dan Haron

**Kendall Murphy  
Tally Thoren**

**CIAC AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Presented for exemplary display of sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity.

Presenter: Dan Haron

**Phoebe Maglathlin  
Brian Kosnik**

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

Presented to seniors who have given meritorious service to the school.

Presenter: Dan Haron

**Stuart Austin  
Michael Baresich  
Chloe Drimal  
Matt Gorski  
Reilly Horan  
Amy Marchesi  
Spencer Matson  
Kendall Murphy  
Sreya Radhakrishna**

**FACULTY AWARD**

Presented to seniors who have shown commendable academic improvement in one or more subject areas.

Presenter: Walter Signora

**Tucker Burton  
Keith Bennett  
Ashlie Bray  
Mackenzie Buchanan  
Daniel Egan  
Claire Gardner  
Michael Gencarelli  
Sonia Giannattasio  
Christopher Gray  
Maddie Lamedica  
Katherine Newkirk  
Harry Poth  
Tim Sargent  
Tyler R. Scott  
Tommy Toledo  
Katie Velesbir**

**SALUTATORIAN AWARD**

Presented to the senior with the second highest grade point average in the Class of 2009.

Presenter: Dan Haron

**Corey Vernon**

**DR. STEWART ATKINSON VALEDICTORIAN AWARD**

Presented to the senior with the highest grade point average in the Class of 2009.

Presenter: Dan Haron

**Maura Farley**

**RALPH PERSCHINO AWARD**

Presented to the class that best exemplifies Darien High School students.

Presenter: Dan Haron

Accepting: Megan Ardery, Kathryn Landers, Kendall Murphy, and Brooke Pfister

**The Class of 2009**