

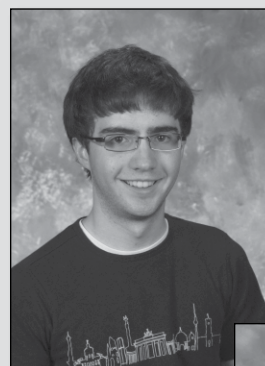
# R Schools

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## *Congratulations to the Class of 2009*

On June 12, 246 members of the Rocky River High School Class of 2009 received their diplomas during commencement ceremonies at Lakewood Civic Auditorium. We are proud to highlight some of the achievements of the Class of 2009 in this issue of the *R Schools*.

- Matthew James Mitcheltree was named the **Class of 2009 Valedictorian** and David Michael Kolakowski earned the honor of **Salutatorian**.
- **High Honors** (GPA of 3.75 or above) on all quarterly report cards during their four years of high school was earned by Bryana Arancibia, Molly Beirne, Justine Beres, Jenna Berg, Danielle Berry, Kevin Bhasin, Michelle Brzoska, Grace Corrigan, Mary Farah, Colleen Foley, Julia Frohnapple, Ryan Gallagher, Andrea Hobson, Abigail Kacpura, Genevieve Kadlec, Maureen Kessler, Sarah Kessler, David Kolakowski, Natalie Kurgan, Emily Lanzola, Emily Lewis, Emily Maurer, Nolan Mitchell, Matthew Mitcheltree, Brendan Monte, Paige Nagy, Coilin Richards, Samuel Ryan, Alexis Schmidt, Bernadette Schneider, Quinton Shuster, Keti Sulaj, Grace Summers, Kaitlyn Super, Evangelia Tjotjos, Ian Trudell, Mary Grace Umerley, Katarina Velickovic, and Celia Waggoner.
- Sara McCormick, Bernadette Schneider, Matthew Mitcheltree, Justine Beres, and Mary Farah were named **2009 National Merit Finalists**.
- Forty-three students earned **Academic Letters** in recognition of their scholastic achievement. Those students were Erin Amschlinger, Bryana Arancibia, Molly Beirne, Justine Beres, Jenna Berg, Catalina Blidaru, Kiah Bransch, Michelle Brzoska, Grace Corrigan, Kara Emery, Brian Fancher, Colleen Foley, Julia Frohnapple, Jacqueline Gates, Marisa Hanson, Meredith Hauck, Andrea Hobson, Gabriella Jones, Abigail Kacpura, Molly Kenney, Maureen Kessler, Philip Koch, Imelda Mahmutaj, Sara McCormick, Julia McGannon, Ian McGorray, Nolan Mitchell, Kevin Moeller, Olivia Moran, Daniel Owens, Ashley Pantona-Price, Hannah Pempus, Iva Rreza, Alexis Schmidt, Bernadette Schneider, Keti Sulaj, Kaitlyn Super, Evangelia Tjotjos, Carson Tompkins, Hollyn Trudell, Mary Grace Umerley, Ala'a Wadi, and Celia Waggoner.



Class of 2009  
Valedictorian  
**Matthew  
Mitcheltree**



Class of 2009  
Salutatorian  
**David  
Kolakowski**

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- **Members of the National Honor Society**, Class of 2009 are Adam Abukhater, Bryana Arancibia, Molly Beirne, Justine Beres, Jenna Berg, Danielle Berry, Catalina Blidaru, Michelle Brzoska, Julia Bunce, Kathleen Burns, Grace Corrigan, Thomas Dickey, Nichole Eames, Brian Fancher, Mary Farah, Colleen Foley, Julia Frohnapple, Kristin Galbincea, Megan Grey, David Haas, Matthew Hagan, Elizabeth Handley, Victoria Hebert, Andrea Hobson, Abigail Kacpura, Annalise Kelleher, Jacquelyn Kelly, Molly Kenney, Maureen Kessler, Sarah Kessler, Katie Kilgore, Tabbitha Kilpatrick, David Kolakowski, Juliet Krapf, Natalie Kurgan, Emily Lanzola, Bailey Lessig,

Kiersten Lessig, Emily Lewis, Emily Maurer, Sara McCormick, Julia McGannon, Ian McGorray, Nolan Mitchell, Matthew Mitcheltree, Kevin Moeller, Brendan Monte, Jennifer Murphy, Paige Nagy, Colleen Normile, Daniel Owens, Hannah Pempus, Jonathan Plachta, Coilin Richards, Samuel Ryan, Eric Schade, Alexis Schmidt, Bernadette Schneider, James Scott, Megan Stinn, Keti Sulaj, Grace Summers, Kaitlyn Super, Samuel Swartz, Evangelia Tjotjos, Ian Trudell, Mary Grace Umerley, Katarina Velickovic, Brandon Vogel, Heather Wade, Ala'a Wadi, Celia Waggoner, and Adrina Wolf.

## Scholarships

Class of 2009 members were awarded over \$8 million in scholarships to help them pursue college and university degrees.

- Scholarships managed by the **Rocky River Education Foundation** were awarded to Celia Waggoner, Carson Tompkin, Brendan Monte, Mary Farah, Daniel Owens, Megan Stinn, Kevin Moeller, Maureen Kessler, Matthew Mitcheltree, Emily Lanzola, Danielle Berry, Jenna Berg, Sam Swartz, Grace Corrigan, Christine Bobst, David Kolakowski, Bryana Arancibia, Evangelia Tjotjos,



**National Merit Finalists** (left to right)  
Sara McCormick, Bernadette Schneider, Matthew Mitcheltree, Justine Beres, and Mary Farah.



**Academic Letter Recipients** (left to right)  
Five of this year's 43 students to receive an Academic Letter are Bryana Arancibia, Kevin Moeller, Evangelia Tjotjos, Grace Corrigan, and Philip Koch.



Brandon Vogel,  
Brian Fancher,

Sara McCormick,

Stuart Huller, Paige Nagy, Eric Schade, Megan Smith, Abigail Kacpura, and Julia McGannon.

- The **RRHS Alumni Association** awarded scholarships to Kevin Bhasin, Julia Bunce, Sarah Kessler, Jennifer Murphy, Barry Goepfert, Ryan Gallagher, Ian Trudell, and Elizabeth Handley.

- The **Danny Scherry Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to Zehr Kaull.

- The **Rocky River Middle School September 11th Memorial Fund** presented David Haas with a \$500 scholarship.

- Katarina Velickovic was the recipient of the **Medical Mutual of Ohio Scholarship**.

### **National Merit Scholarship**

#### **Corporation Commended Students**

Grace Corrigan, Kristin Galbincea, Ryan Gallagher, Abigail Kacpura, Sarah Kessler, Emily Lewis, Grace Summers, Ian Trudell, and Celia Waggoner.

### **Class of 2009**

#### **Hall of Fame Inductees**

- **National Merit Finalists**  
Justine Beres, Mary Farah, Sara McCormick, Matthew Mitcheltree, and Bernadette Schneider
- **1st Team All-Ohio Football**  
Zehr Kaull
- **All-Ohio Swimming**  
Anne Camerino, Paige Ferber, Meredith Hauck, and Stephanie Thomas
- **Forensics State Champions**  
Michelle Chaho, and Paige Nagy

# 2009 awards



**Awards of Distinction** (left to right)  
Emily Hunger, *Best It Can Be Award*; Molly Kenney, *Distinguished Service Award*; Marybeth Leitch, *Best It Can Be Award*; David Kolakowski, *Principal's Leadership Award*; Grace Summers, *All-Ohio Academic Team Recognition*; and Danielle Berry, *Distinguished Service Award*.



**Athletic Recognition Awards** (left to right)  
Seven of this year's eleven students to win an Athletic Award are Thomas Dickey, Hannah Pempus, Zachary Youseff, Paige Ferber, Maureen Kessler, Justine Beres, and Zehr Kaull



## Rocky River Middle School Principal's Award Reception

The following students were recognized in June for having earned straight As on their report cards for seven or more quarters during their three years in middle school: Ian Adams, Allison Beer, Keelan Boettcher, Madison Connelly, Madelyn Cook, Anna Eames, Alexandra Fedynsky, Madeline Fitzsimmons, Christopher Grant, Catherine Hall, Robert Hendricks, Alex Konangi, Harry Konangi, Kyle Kopechek, Olivia Krebs, Angelica Kucinic, Katarina Kucinic, Amy Lam, Natalie Lawson, Sarah Lesiecki, Taylor Marsilio, Cara Mitchell, Claire Stemen, Alec Temes, Kevin To, Bob Wen, and Blake Williams.

## Rocky River Board Of Education



1st row: *Jay Milano and Kathleen Goepfert*  
2nd row: *Jean A. Rounds, Scott Swartz, and James Schieda.*

### Search for Children with Disabilities

The Rocky River School District, along with districts across the state, is participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth to age 21 who may have a disability. A disability is a condition such as speech or language impairments, hearing impairments, visual impairments, learning disabilities, behavioral, multiple or severe handicaps, mental retardation, or other health impairments. If you have a concern about a child, please contact the Division of Learning Resources (LRS) at 356-6006.

### Grants

Each year the school district receives federal and state money through several grants. The yearly focus of the district's grant projects is developed with input from parents, staff and community members. If you would like to provide input for Title VI-B, Pre-school Children with Disability, Safe & Drug Free Schools, and/or Title III, Limited English Proficient, please contact the Division of Learning Resource Services at 356-6006. If you would like to provide input for Title I, Title II-A, Professional Development Program and Title V, Innovative Programs or eTech/Ohio, please contact the Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction at 356-6001.

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