PROGRAM

Welcome ............................................................ RoseAnne Collins-Judon
Assistant Superintendent
Curriculum and Instruction

Pledge of Allegiance ................................................ RoseAnne Collins-Judon

National Anthem ................................................... Lincoln High School Students

Greetings ............................................................. Rev. Steve Lopez
President, Board of Education

Remarks .............................................................. Dr. Edwin M. Quezada
Superintendent of Schools

Breakfast

PRESENTATION OF HONOREES

Gorton High School
Gail Joyner-White, Principal

Lincoln High School
Ian Sherman, Principal

Palisade Preparatory School
Dr. Michelle Yazurlo, Principal

Riverside High School
Dr. Don Solimene, Principal

Roosevelt High School – Early College Studies
Edward DeChent, Principal

Saunders Trades and Technical High School
Steven Mazzola, Principal

Yonkers Middle/High School
Michael Shapiro, Principal

Yonkers Montessori Academy
Dr. Eileen E. Rivera, Principal

Closing ................................................................. Jade Sharp
Principal
District Guidance – Arts Education
Marielis George
Valedictorian
Weighted grade point average of 99.06
Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses: AP Chemistry, AP United States History, AP World History, AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Calculus, AP Spanish Language

School Activities
National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Student Council President, Math Honor Society Treasurer, Varsity Volleyball Captain, Varsity Softball Captain, Wolf’s Den Treasurer, Lighting/Tech Crew for school performances, Unified Yonkers Student Leadership Council – Gorton meeting organizer, Girls’ Basketball Team manager, Principal’s Assistant supported student management office, Freshman Orientation tour guide

Awards, Honors and Scholarships
Consulate General of New York for the Dominican Republic - Meritorious Student 2016, Star Student, Dedicated Service Award, County Executive Astorino Challenge in Education

Aleeza Joy C. Toribio
Salutatorian
Weighted grade point average of 98.12
Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses: AP English Language, AP Calculus, AP World History, AP English Literature, AP United States History

School Activities
Medical Program, Wellness Center Student Ambassador, National Math Honor Society President, Smart Scholars Program, Freshmen Orientation Student Leader, Iona Liberty Partnership Tutor

Awards, Honors and Scholarships
Star Student, Academic Excellence in Medical, English and Math, Citizen Certificate in Art, Superintendent’s Honor Society Club 90, Principal’s List 2014-2017

Community Service and Work
Summer Pre-K Camp, Senior Citizen BBQ, Medical Program volunteer, Teacher’s Helper, Caretaker

Hobbies and Interests
LGBT Rights Activist, CPR Certified, volunteer work, working with children, drawing, teaching, mathematics, excellent writing skills, fast learner, self-motivated and artistic

College Acceptance - Plans to major in Biology
Accepted – Quinnipiac University, CUNY Baruch College, CUNY City College of New York, SUNY New Paltz, SUNY University at Albany
Paola L. Ferreira
Valedictorian
Weighted grade point average of 96.26
Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses:
AP World History, AP English Language, AP Chemistry, AP United States History, AP English Literature, AP Calculus, AP Biology

School Activities
Yearbook Club, National Honor Society President, Student Government Senior Advisor, Hand in Hand Club Co-founder, Maine Stormwater Management and Research Team

Awards, Honors and Scholarships
RPI Science Award, AP Scholar with Honor, Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, NFTE Business Competition 1st Place,

Alexis Bates
Salutatorian
Weighted grade point average of 95.29
Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses: AP Chemistry, AP English Literature, AP Calculus

School Activities
National Honors Society, Beta Club, Bio-Tech Club, Future Farmers of America, Student Government, Future Career and Community Leaders of America

Awards, Honors and Scholarships
Harvard Radcliffe Book Award, Student of the Month, Superintendent’s Honor Society Club 90, High Honor Roll and Principal’s List 2013-2017

Community Service and Work
Key Club Vice President, Habitat for Humanity, The GO Project Volunteer, JCY Summer Reading Buddies Program, Westchester Family Court Intern

Hobbies and Interests
Tennis, filmmaking, exploring New York City, traveling, DIY projects, wants to get involved with Doctors Without Borders

College Acceptance - Plans to major in Neuroscience
Accepted – Fordham University, SUNY Binghamton University

Commended Lancer, Superintendent’s Honor Society Club 90, Principal’s List 2013-2017

Community Service and Work
Key Club Vice President, Habitat for Humanity, The GO Project Volunteer, JCY Summer Reading Buddies Program, Westchester Family Court Intern

Hobbies and Interests
Reading, loves nutrition research and exercising to keep healthy, softball, road trips, has lived in 3 different states: Washington, Alabama, and New York

College Acceptance - Plans to major in Neuroscience
Attending – Ohio State University
Yanerlis E. Perez DeLeon  
Valedictorian  
Weighted grade point average of 98.94  
Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses: AP Calculus, AP English Language, AP Biology, CL Forensics, CL English, CL Eco/Government  
School Activities  
Summer Collegiate Academy, Independent Science Research, African American Men of Westchester Business Skills Olympics for Morgan Stanley, Varsity Volleyball Setter  
Awards, Honors and Scholarships  
Meritorious Dominican Student, Manhattan College Summer Engineering 4th place in Structural Contest, School Science Fair 1st Place, Yale Book Award, Superintendent’s Honor Society Club 90, Principal’s List 2013-2017  
Community Service and Work  
Yonkers Clean Up Day, nursing home volunteer, assisted with book inventory at the Yonkers Riverfront Library, Party City store associate  
Hobbies and Interests  
Exercising, editing videos, volleyball, developed two PSA's for Westchester County of Health, obsessed with Chipotle, plans on attending graduate school  
College Acceptance - Plans to major in Business  
Accepted – Mercy College, Pace University, Iona College  

Jolaynie D. Bonito  
Salutatorian  
Weighted grade point average of 96.57  
Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses: AP Biology, AP English Language, AP Calculus, AP Psychology, CL EMS  
School Activities  
Orchestra upright bass player, Spoken Word  
Awards, Honors and Scholarships  
Meritorious Dominican Consulate Award, Italian Certificate of Merit, AP Scholar Award, Superintendent’s Honor Society Club 90, Honor Roll and High Honor Roll and Principal’s List 2013-2017  
Community Service and Work  
Volunteer CPR trainer, school community service  
Hobbies and Interests  
Playing the upright bass  
College Acceptance - Plans to major in Business Administration  
Accepted – CUNY Lehman College, CUNY Brooklyn College
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<td>Samantha G. Mensah</td>
<td>94.35</td>
<td>AP English Literature, CL Economics/Government, CL Sociology, CL Psychology, CL Pre-Calculus, CL Composition and Literature, CL Emergency Medical Systems</td>
<td>Student Government, School Newspaper, Literary Magazine, Yearbook Senior Editor, Anti-Racism, Regeneron Sci2Med Academy, Kess Designs Model, Senior Committee, South Africa Cultural Association, Junior Achievement, Cosmetology, Dance, Basketball, Track &amp; Field</td>
<td>Harvard Book Award, Elmira Key Award, National Society of High School Scholars, Superintendent’s Honor Society Club 90, Honor Roll and High Honor Roll and Principal’s List 2013-2017</td>
<td>CLUSTER’s study buddy program, Junior Achievement, Riverside High School office helper, Learning Ambassador - read stories to children at the Yonkers Riverfront Library, Stew Leonard’s employee</td>
<td>Journalism, creative writing, poetry, make-up, music, dancing, church usher, experimenting science research and development, cleaning, cooking, shopping, photography, modeling, fashion, enjoys playing video games, inspires to become one of the best surgeons in the world, speaks Twi, born in Ghana, emigrated to the United States 5 years ago</td>
<td>Accepted – Hofstra University, Marist College, Elmira College, Ithaca College, Mercy College, Concordia College, Monroe College, Mount Saint Vincent, CUNY City College, SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Oswego, SUNY Westchester Community College</td>
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<td>Anthony Rodriguez</td>
<td>93.52</td>
<td>AP English Literature, CL Psychology, CL Sociology, CL Composition &amp; Literature, CL Pre-Calculus, CL Economics/Government</td>
<td>Gateway Cardio and Weightlifting, Senior Committee, National Honor Society</td>
<td>Yale Book Award, Superintendent’s Honor Society Club 90, Honor Roll &amp; High Honor Roll 2013-2017</td>
<td>Greyston Foundation community garden, Hudson Valley Groundwork, X20 Xavier’s on the Hudson busboy</td>
<td>Music, playing the guitar and ukulele, rapping and singing, enjoys playing video games, exercising, men’s fashion, New York Knicks fan, loves basketball, strong work ethic, aspires to be a New York Knicks announcer or head coach</td>
<td>Accepted – Mercy College, SUNY Westchester Community College, SUNY University at Albany</td>
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Cynthia J. Paz  
**Valedictorian**  
Weighted grade point average of 98.67  
Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses:  
- AP Environmental Science  
- CL Statistics  
- CL United States History/Government  
- CL Composition & Literature  
- Composition & Literature 2  
- CL Business Law  
- CL Basic Calculus  
- CL Drawing & Painting  
- CL Economic/Government  
- CL Public Speaking  

**School Activities**  
- National Honor Society  
- Multicultural Club  
- Spanish Honor Society  
- Class president  

**Awards, Honors and Scholarships**  
- Human Rights Essay Award  
- Superintendent’s Honor Society Club  
- 90, Honor Roll & High Honor Roll & Principal’s List 2013-2017  

**Community Service and Work**  
- Habitat for Humanity  
- Tutor  
- Junior Achievement  
- Geico receptionist  

**Hobbies and Interests**  
- Reading  
- Volunteer work  
- Tutoring  
- First person to go to college in her family  

**College Acceptance - Plans to major in Pre-Medicine**  
- Accepted – Columbia University, New York University, Fordham University

Elisabeth Salazar  
**Salutatorian**  
Weighted grade point average of 96.45  
Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses:  
- AP Environmental Science  
- CL United States History/Government  
- CL Composition & Literature  
- Composition & Literature 2  
- CL Economics/Government  
- CL Basic Calculus  
- CL Business Law  
- CL Introduction to Marketing  
- CL Public Speaking  
- CL Statistics  

**School Activities**  
- National Honor Society Treasurer  
- Spanish Honor Society President  
- Multicultural Club  

**Awards, Honors and Scholarships**  
- Human Rights Essay Award  
- Yale Book  

**Community Service and Work**  
- Habitat for Humanity  
- Tutor  

**Hobbies and Interests**  
- Volunteering  
- Reading  
- First person to go to college in her family  

**College Acceptance - Plans to major in Biology or Nursing**  
- Accepted – Concordia College, College of Mount Saint Vincent, St. Thomas Aquinas College, Iona College, St. John's University, Hofstra University, Mercy College
Akacia W. Dunkez
Valedictorian
Weighted grade point average of 99.66
Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses:
AP World History, AP United States History, AP Psychology, CL Writing and Research, AP Chemistry, CL Basic Calculus

School Activities
Track & Field, Sarah Lawrence College writing workshop, Spanish tutor for autistic students

Awards, Honors and Scholarships
Recognition from Mayor Mike Spano, Assembly Members, Yonkers City Council, and Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins for Human Rights Contest, awarded a scholarship to Sarah Lawrence College to attend writing and theater classes, Superintendent’s Honor Society Club 90, Principal’s List 2013-2017

Community Service and Work
Groundwork Volunteer worked on outdoor parks for senior citizens, community gardens and helped rebuild recreational areas, Abundant Life Church volunteer – helped at senior citizens programs

Hobbies and Interests
Painting landscapes with watercolors, creating banners using photo shop, reading, running the track, playing the acoustic guitar

College Acceptance - Plans to major in Pre-Medicine and Neuroscience
Attending – SUNY University of Albany

Shawn Abraham
Salutatorian
Weighted grade point average of 98.9
Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses:
AP United States History, AP World History, AP Statistics, CL Basic Calculus, CL Writing and Research

School Activities
Robotics Team treasurer, SkillsUSA, Key Club, UNICEF, fundraising for school clubs

Awards, Honors and Scholarships
Innovation and Creativity Award from Rochester Institute of Technology, Superintendent’s Honor Society Club 90, High Honor Roll and Principal List 2013-2017

Community Service and Work
Hudson River Museum of Westchester Junior Docent Program, church youth group leader, City of Yonkers Annual Senior Picnic volunteer

Hobbies and Interests
Reading short stories, repairing broken computers, Junior Docent at Hudson River Museum – facilitated workshops and assisted adults and children at the museum, enjoys traveling to see different cultures and people

College Acceptance - Plans to major in Mechanical Engineering
Accepted – Manhattan College, New York Institute of Technology, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Shaina E. George  
Valedictorian  
Weighted grade point average of 103.68  
International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses: IB English Literature 11 & 12, IB Spanish 11 & 12, IB Theory Knowledge I & II, IB Math Studies, IB Biology HL 11 & 12, IB History HL 11 & 12, IB Physics, IB Psychology, AP Chemistry, AP World History, AP Calculus  
School Activities  
CASE Club (College Applicants Self-Empowerment Club) President, HOSA Club (Health Occupational Students of America) Public Representative, Newspaper Club staff writer and editor, DNA Learner’s Club secretary, CUNY Sophie Davis Physician Assistant Program Pipeline Program Society, National Honor Society, Web Design  
Awards, Honors and Scholarships  
Union College Presidential Scholarship, Virginia Commonwealth University - Presidential Scholarship, St. Louis University Vice Presidential Scholarship, University of Rochester Susan B. Anthony & Frederick Douglass Award, Superintendent’s Honor Society Club 90, Honor Roll & High Honor Roll & Principal’s List 2013-2017  
Community Service and Work  
New York Medical College – research assistant to Dr. Friedman, Sacred Heart Church catechist, Lawrence Presbyterian Hospital volunteer  
Hobbies and Interests  
Rock-climbing, playing the piano, Indian classical and Bollywood dancer, choreographer and performing in the Gala, badminton player  
College Acceptance - Plans to major in Biology-Medicine  
Accepted – University of Rochester, St. Louis University, Washington University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Union College, Sierra College, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, CUNY City College of New York, CUNY Queens College, CUNY Baruch College, CUNY Brooklyn College, St. Bonaventure Universit

Lilli Hong  
Salutatorian  
Weighted grade point average of 102.93  
International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses: IB English Literature 11 & 12, IB Spanish 11 & 12, IB Theory/Knowledge I & II, IB Math Studies, IB Biology HL 11 & 12, IB History HL 11 & 12, AP Chemistry, AP Calculus  
School Activities  
DNA Learners Club Vice President, Ecology Club Vice President, Chemistry Tutoring Club Vice President, Key Club member, Newspaper Club member, Stage Crew, HOSA Club Club (Health Occupational Students of America) member, Blood Drive committee, Sarah Lawrence College Summer Research Program CUNY Sophie Davis Health Professions Mentorship Program, The Community Corps  
Awards, Honors and Scholarships  
National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Math National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in the Study of Mathematics and Science, National Merit Scholarship Program Letter of Recognition, University of Pittsburgh Chancellor’s Nominee Scholarship, Superintendent’s Honor Society Club 90, Principal’s List 2013-2017  
Community Service and Work  
Thanksgiving Food Drive volunteer, Yonkers Clean-Up Day volunteer, Groundwork Hudson Valley Science Barge, Riverdale Hebrew Home volunteer  
Hobbies and Interests  
Playing the piano, drawing, reading, writing, running, baking, enjoys listening to pop and rock music, watching TV, Netflix, Broadway shows, animated and drama movies, science documentaries, has a twin brother, and once ate a cricket and a frog  
College Acceptance - Plans to major in Biology  
Accepted – University of Pittsburgh, SUNY Binghamton University, SUNY Stony Brook University
Melanie Quinones  
Salutatorian  
Weighted grade point average of 95.05  
Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses: AP English Literature, AP English Language, CL Basic Calculus, CL United States History and Government, CL World History, CL Spanish, CL Introduction to Business, CL College Algebra  

School Activities  
Student Government, Art Club, Prom Committee leader, YMA Newspaper writer, Student Government News leader, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Peer Mentoring, Manhattan College Physics 1 Lab, Student ‘Tutor, Boys’ Baseball Team manager  

Awards, Honors and Scholarships  
Italian Language and Culture award, Student Art Exhibit winner, Superintendent’s Honor Society Club 90, Honor Roll & High Honor Roll & Principal’s List 2013-2017  

Community Service and Work  
Thanksgiving Food Drive, Teacher’s assistant, Food Bank volunteer, Toys for Tots, raised money for cancer research, collected winter clothing for people in need and pajamas and toys for children, helped cleaned the woman’s shelter in Pennsylvania, volunteered at a Pediatric Office and at Yonkers Department of Social Services  

Hobbies and Interests  
Drawing, listening to music, swimming, outdoor activities, spending time with friends and family, bilingual in Spanish  

College Acceptance - Plans to major in Biology pursue a career in Pediatric Medicine  
Accepted – Utica College, Mercy College, Eckerd College  

Amanda Prechtl  
Valedictorian  
Weighted grade point average of 98.51  
Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) courses: AP English Literature, AP English Language, CL United States History and Government, CL World History, CL Spanish, CL Introduction to Business, CL College Algebra  

School Activities  
Yonkers Varsity Girls’ Golf Team Captain, YMA Peer Mentoring Program, Yonkers Varsity Swim Team, Condors Swim Team, Westchester Business Olympics, New York State School Music Association, Manhattan College Physics Program, Students Inside Albany Program, Sarah Lawrence College Writing and Science Research programs  

Awards, Honors and Scholarships  
National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, AP Scholar Award, United States History Award, League of Women Voters Scholarship, Superintendent’s Honor Society Club 90, Honor Roll & High Honor Roll & Principal’s List 2013-2017  

Community Service and Work  
Convent of Mary the Queen – assisted senior citizens, Metropolitan Professional Golf Association - The First Tee of Metropolitan volunteer, Wiz Girls and the Sky’s the Limit events volunteer, Tudor Woods Pool head lifeguard  

Hobbies and Interests  
Swimming, playing golf, reading, playing the piano, baking  

College Acceptance - Plans to major in Industrial and Systems Engineering  
Accepted – Manhattan College, Clarkson University, SUNY Stony Brook University
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