

## **Graduation Program**

<i>Processional</i> .....	“Scotland the Brave” Mark Kelsey, Bagpipes
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i> .....	Isaac Boesse
<i>Welcome</i> .....	Dr. Stephen Young Superintendent of Schools
<i>Welcome</i> .....	Madison Scott
<i>Salutatory Address</i> .....	Hayden Crandall
<i>Valedictory Address</i> .....	Greta Hermann
<i>Presentation of Awards</i> .....	Dr. Catherine Allain, Principal & Mrs. Rachel Harrison, School Counselor
<i>Introduction of Commencement Speaker</i> .....	Connor Hing
<i>Commencement Speaker</i> .....	Ms. Karen Day
<i>Class Gifts</i> .....	Mackenzie Dawes, Class Treasurer & Rylie Kells, Class Co-Secretary
<i>Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates</i> .....	Dr. Catherine Allain, Principal Mrs. Sherry Bowman-Kluck Board of Education Member Mr. Jeffrey Paine Board of Education Member
<i>Senior Chorus</i> .....	“It’s Time” by <i>Imagine Dragons</i> D. Reynolds, B. McKee & D. Sermon Arranger, Mark Brymer
<i>Senior Band</i> .....	“Last Ride of the Pony Express” David Shaffer
<i>Farewell</i> .....	Adison Colin
<i>Presentation of Class</i> .....	Dr. Stephen Young Superintendent of Schools
<i>School Song</i> .....	Accompanied by Ms. Leslie Eliashuk
<i>Recessional</i> .....	“ <i>Triumphal March from Aida</i> ” Composer, Giuseppe Verdi Arranger, James Swearingen Berlin Central Band

## **CLASS of 2019 OFFICERS**

<i>President</i> .....	Hayden Crandall
<i>Vice President</i> .....	Connor Hing
<i>Co-Secretaries</i> .....	Greta Hermann Rylie Kells
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Mackenzie Dawes

*Senior Class Advisors* ..... Mr. Paul Slaver Mrs. Season Crandall  
*Graduation Coordinator* ..... Ms. Karen Day  
*Music Directors* ..... Ms. Leslie Eliashuk Mrs. Jessica Gould

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Stephen Young ..... *Superintendent of Schools*  
Dr. Catherine Allain ..... *Principal*  
Mr. Fred Hutchinson ..... *Director of Curriculum Instruction & Assessment*  
Ms. Tracy Kent. .... *Principal*  
Ms. Samantha Brewer ..... *Director of Exceptional Education*

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Frank J. Zwack, President

Sherry Bowman-Kluck Jeffrey Paine Rachel Finney Katie Snyder Kellie Kaschak James Willis

SCHOOL SONG Dear Berlin Central, to you we will be true. We'll cherish fond memories our whole lives through. Ideals and hopes we've gained here will be to us a light, knowing that you've done your best to guide us to the right.

In Memory of Earle Hewitt 1918-2002

### **Class of 2019 Berlin Central Graduating Candidates**

Tapanga M. Batchelder- Workforce

Patrick Williams Batchelder-Workforce

McKenzie Lynn Bellard- Hudson Valley Community College

Destiny A. Boecker- Hudson Valley Community College

Isaac Boesse - Military - Marine Corp

†\* Craig J. Bortnick - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

†\* Jenna Elizabeth Brazie - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Ethan R. Brown - Columbia Greene Community College

Matthew M. R. Brown - Hudson Valley Community College

Kaili L. Burdick - Workforce

Ryan M. Burdick - Hudson Valley Community College

Jenna M. Christiana - Schenectady County Community College

Carly M. Church - Hudson Valley Community College

†\* Adison N. Colin- Kent State University

†\* Hayden Crandall - Russell Sage College

Brion P. Daby- Hudson Valley Community College

†\* Mackenzie C. Dawes - Hudson Valley Community College

†\* Melanie M. deLaurentis - Binghamton University

†\* Brooke A. deShane- Russell Sage College

\* Conner J. Douglas - Hudson Valley Community College

\* Carmen Francis Farano-Salazar - SUNY Albany

†\* Kyle Alfonse Fiske - Mohawk Valley Community College

Savanna J. Garcia - Hudson Valley Community College

†\* Erin Elizabeth Goodermote - Hudson Valley Community College

Jacob William Goodermote - Hudson Valley Community College

Angelina Goyer - Hudson Valley Community College

Austin K. Harvender - Hudson Valley Community College

Kaylie M. Hayes - Hudson Valley Community College

†\* Greta Elise Hermann - SUNY Geneseo

\* Haley Hicks - SUNY New Paltz

Jonathan Hicks - Workforce

†\* Connor James Hing - Hudson Valley Community College

Dustin J. Hoag - Workforce

†\* Cayla F. Hungerford - LeMoyne College

†\* Haley Ann Jewett - Johnson & Wales University

Rylie Brooke Kells - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Daniel Lamontagne - Hudson Valley Community College

† Maxwell Jacob Lockett - Military - Air Force

Donovan Lowell- Hudson Valley Community College/Military

†\* Katheryn J. Matson-Russell Sage College

Jillian Chloe Mills-Maria College

Samantha J. E. Moore -Hudson Valley Community College

Shelbey J. Phillips -Workforce

Cole Xavier Roberts -Hudson Valley Community College

Cora Marie Salvo-Hudson Valley Community College

Anthony W. Santon -Hudson Valley Community College

†\* Madison Ann Scott -Siena College

Abigail Marie Sprague -Workforce

Sean D. Taylor -Hudson Valley Community College

Jazmine Rose Wagner -SUNY Plattsburgh

Lewis Yerdon -Workforce

\* Honor Student

† National Honor Society Member

## **Senior Scholarships**

Edward and Caroline Pelz Memorial Scholarship: Kyle Fiske and Madison Scott

Rachael Cavosie Memorial Scholarship: Hayden Crandall

SMITH Scholarship: Cayla Hungerford and Haley Jewett

Berlin PTO Awards:

Sports – Conner Douglas

Music/Drama – Greta Hermann

Community Service – Hayden Crandall

Berlin High School Dollars for Scholars Scholarship: Adison Colin

Mike Richardson Memorial Scholarship: Melanie deLaurentis

Rick Ingraham Cross Country Scholarship: Cayla Hungerford and Haley Jewett

Ruth B. Canfield Memorial Scholarship: Greta Hermann

Norma Lewis Memorial Scholarship: Connor Hing

Kjelsen Trust Fund Scholarship: Brooke deShane

Taylor Trust Fund Scholarship: Katheryn Matson

Lester T. Russell Scholarship: Adison Colin

Berlin Central School Staff/Student Memorial Scholarship: Craig Bortnick

Frances Palmer Memorial Scholarship: Haley Jewett

Berlin Teachers Association: Carly Church

## **HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC AWARDS (**

Triple “C” Award-Haley Chaykowski - Jewett and Kyle Fiske.

The BlueShield Scholar’s Award - Brooke deShane

Elmer A Grogan Award - Jenna Brazie

Service in Action Award- Craig Bortnick and Greta Hermann

Beth-Anne Steele ‘86 Scholarship - Brooke deShane

Booster Club Awards - Haley Chaykowski-Jewett and Cayla Hungerford

Perfect Attendance Awards - Grade 9: Sophie Ericson Micayla Price

Grade 10: Bridget Hermann

Grade 11: Colby Brundige Brandon Rifenburg

Grade 12: Carly Church, Adison Colin, Hayden Crandall,  
Brooke deShane and Cayla Hungerford

Questar III Rensselaer Educational Center awards for outstanding work in a CTE or New Visions program:

Achievement Awards: Angelina Goyer, Certified Nursing Assistant

Katelynn Keeler, Information Technology I

Craftsmanship Awards were received by: Tapanga Batchelder, Hospitality & Lodging

Joseph Canam, Automotive Technology I

Brion Daby, Information Technology II

National Technical Honor Society Inductees: Carly Church, CNA

Brooke deShane, CNA

Angelina Goyer, CNA

Katelynn Keeler, Information Technology I

Jillian Mills, CNA

Two-year member of NTHS: Brion Daby

Voice of Democracy Award: Kylieann Krause

NYS Capital District Society of Women Engineers: Selena Bierwirth and Makenna Jansen

Elmira Key Award: Collin Douglas and Flavia Muller

Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award: Heather Hughes

University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology: Roman Kane

Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award: Jackson Flowers

George Eastman Young Leaders Award: Cody Hunt

University of Rochester Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award: Heather Hughes

Student Sage Recognition Award: Selena Bierwirth and Connor Votra

Clarkson Leadership: Makenna Jansen

Clarkson Achievement Awards: Cody Hunt

Seniors with a GPA of 84.5 Honors Tassels: Craig Bortnick, Jenna Brazie,  
Haley Chaykowski-Jewett, Adison Colin,  
Hayden Crandall, Mackenzie Dawes,  
Melanie deLaurentis, Brooke deShane,  
Conner Douglas, Erin Goodermote, Franki Farano,  
Kyle Fiske, Greta Hermann, Haley Hicks,  
Connor Hing, Cayla Hungerford, Katheryn Matson  
and Madison Scott

National Honor Society Awards: Craig Bortnick, Jenna Brazie, Haley Chaykowski-Jewett,  
Adison Colin, Hayden Crandall, Mackenzie Dawes,  
Melanie deLaurentis, Brooke deShane, Erin Goodermote,  
Kyle Fiske, Greta Hermann, Conner Hing, Cayla Hungerford,  
Max Lockett, Katheryn Matson and Madison Scott

Department Key Awards Outstanding Performance and Academic Excellence

Art Department Key Outstanding Performance: Franki Farano  
Academic Excellence: Haley Chaykowski-Jewett

Art Historian of the Year: Haley Chaykowski-Jewett

Joey Sweeney Award: Mckenzie Bellard

English Department Key Outstanding Performance: Haley Hicks  
Academic Excellence: Franki Farano

Math Department Key Outstanding Performance: Melanie deLaurentis and Greta Hermann  
Academic Excellence: Jackson Flowers

Music Department Key Outstanding Performance: Christina Reger  
Academic Excellence: Greta Hermann

John Phillip Sousa Music Award: Erin Goodermote

Patrick S. Gilmore Award: Kyle Fiske  
Physical Education Department Key Outstanding Performance: Craig Bortnick  
Brooke deShane

Most Outstanding Female Athlete: Cayla Hungerford

Most Outstanding Male Athlete: Kasey Billert

The Gabe Duffy Award: Carly Church



Science Department Key Outstanding Performance: Connor Hing  
Academic Excellence: Greta Hermann

Envirothon Team: Matt Brown, Melanie DeLaurentis, Greta Hermann, Cayla Hungerford,  
Jordan Shupe, Nikifor Popov, Lauren Meyer, Sophie Ericson, Peyton Labonte  
and Jesse Cameron

Master Minds MVP: Jackson Flowers

Excellence in Physics: Cole Roberts

The Spirit of Science: Adison Colin and Cayla Hungerford

NYS Science Honor Society: Craig Bortnick, Adison Colin, Hayden Crandall,  
Mackenzie Dawes, Melanie deLaurentis, Brooke deShane,  
Kyle Fiske, Erin Goodermote, Greta Hermann, Connor Hing,  
Cayla Hungerford and Madison Scott

Social Studies Department Key Outstanding Performance: Adison Colin  
Academic Excellence: Hayden Crandall

Spanish Department Key Outstanding Performance: Flavia Muller  
Academic Excellence: Bridget Hermann

Spanish Award for outstanding peer teacher: Gabe Colin

Technology Department Key Academic Excellence: Melanie deLaurentis

The Burt Swersey Change the World Award: Kaley Culbertson

DAR Citizenship Award Program: Hayden Crandall

Scholars' Recognition Program: Greta Hermann

Knights of Pythias Achievement Award: Samantha Moore

New York State Comptroller Student Achievement Awards: Greta Hermann  
Cayla Hungerford

School Systems Federal Credit Union Community Service Award: Melanie deLaurentis

The American Red Cross Life Share High School Scholarship: Hayden Crandall

NYS Education Department \$500 Scholarship for Academic Excellence: Adison Colin and  
Greta Hermann

NYS Education Department \$1,500 Scholarship for Academic Excellence: Melanie deLaurentis

Thomas Conklin Memorial Award: Hayden Crandall and Connor Douglas

2019 Salutatorian Award: Hayden Crandall

2019 Valedictorian Award: Greta Hermann

### **Speech from the 2019 Valedictorian Greta Hermann**

Here we are: graduation. I'm sure along the way we've all been told a thing or two about what life is going to be like after tonight. We've all been given advice - some we love and some we roll our eyes at. Just like the Chris Young song, "I just can't help but hear 'em. Man, I can't avoid it. I hear voices." Man, I love that song. For those of you who don't know it, it's not as creepy as it sounds. It just means that there are people all around us, always telling us something. Now, I'd like to take a minute and share some of my favorites with you.

Mr. Christian gives pretty good advice on everything, from boys and drama, to politics and religion, and more often than not, figuring out what I'm going to do in college. But he gives some pretty ridiculous advice too. His favorite saying is "DFTNBL", and for those of you who may not have had to hear in on a daily basis, "DFTNBL" means "Don't forget to not be lame." He had to tell me about how lame I was so often that my physics class all got matching "Don't be lame" t-shirts. Now, this may be one of the most annoying pieces of advice that I have ever gotten because it applies to absolutely everything. Complaining about a bad grade? Don't be lame. Crying because of stress? Stop being lame. Making jokes about dropping out of high school? Well... I couldn't even get a response on those jokes by the end of the year. Just a sigh and his world famous look of disapproval. Thank you, Christian!

Cornell gives solid advice too, but the one thing that I think is going to stick most is the piece he gave me without even realizing it. He put a sign on my locker when I was having an especially bad day that had a smiling sun on it and said "Have a good day." This isn't really advice, but it reminded me to smile, try to start the day off on a high point, and always do my best to turn what might seem like a terrible day into a good one. You can bet that piece of paper is getting hung up in my college dorm in the fall!

My dad also gives lots of advice, regardless of whether you want to hear it or not. One of his favorites is "Like or really?" because when I get excited or nervous, I tend to babble, and it annoys him a lot. He also likes to tell me to "be careful, pay attention, and watch where you're going, and watch what you're doing!" (I fall down, struggle walking in a straight line, and drop things a lot, in his defense.)

But, on a more serious note, he has taught me how to be unapologetically unique, to stand up for my morals, and to be strong in the face of stress and difficulty, not only in his words, but in his actions.

I guess what I'm getting at here is that I hope that we are all appreciative of everything that we have learned, and all the advice we've received throughout our lives and our time here at Berlin. Let's make sure that as we move into the next stages of our lives we're learning and listening to all of the advice that life has to offer, and let's try our hardest to share our own lessons and advice with others. Like Mr. Cornell's note, we never know the impact that one little action might have on someone.

Now, time for some thank yous... I would like to thank my dad for his tough love and never ending advice. Even when we fight-- and I know we do that a lot-- I know it's just because you love me and want what's best for me. I promise that every lesson that you've tried so hard to teach us over the years has stuck.

I would also like to thank my best friend in the whole world, for sitting through every single sobbing breakdown, fighting for me, proof-reading everything that I've ever written, and teaching me love, acceptance, and kindness. Thank you mama. For everything.

Thank you to my sisters Bridget and Holly for the goofy dancing, the laughter, the long talks, and all the love.

Thank you to my friends. Y'all better keep in touch in college, I haven't put up with you since, like, kindergarten for us to stop talking now!

Thank you to the teachers who have stuck through my snarkiness, all of my grumpy comments and eye rolls, and all of the tears.

And finally, I would like to congratulate the Berlin class of 2019 for making it here today. I still can't believe that we made it. I hope y'all get to where you want to be in life, and I look forward to hearing all about it at our 10 year reunion, because we all have to come back and compare our lives with the surveys we filled out for Cornell, obviously.

Thank you all, and congratulations!

### **Speech from the 2019 Salutatorian Hayden Crandall**

I would first like to welcome everyone here tonight to celebrate the graduating class of 2019. For anyone who doesn't know me, my name is Hayden Crandall and I am honored to speak tonight as the salutatorian of the class. When I was announced as the salutatorian I was not only shocked, but instantly anxious about the multitude of responsibilities that came with the title. The most significant and nerve racking of these was the task of writing and delivering a speech to an auditorium full of faculty and staff, friends and family, and of course the graduating class of 2019.

Just as a senior with senioritis would do, I put it off for as long as I could. But as I sat at home, two weeks before graduation, staring at my computer, I struggled to find the right words or the perfect story that would capture the entirety of this class and define the unique journeys that each student travelled to get to this momentous day. I knew that in my speech I wanted to personally congratulate my classmates for making it to the end all celebration of high school.

Not only did we get through the first three years of high school, which were filled with the truly weird and overly energetic Mr. Gould, Ms. L's reading and writing journals, and Mr. S's current events and end of the year castle learning regents reviews, we were able to continue working hard during our senior year. We have taken our AP tests and finals, finished regents, thankfully passed Physics with Mr. Christian (hoping to never see a whiteboard again), written Mr. Fisher countless current events and have made it here to these seats on the stage. Ready to walk away from all that has been.

While most of us are thinking "I can't wait to get out of here." there are certainly parts of high school that I am sure a few of us will miss. No more Triple M, or hearing Mr. Cornell's fascinating facts from Friday's How 'Bout That. No more passing Señorita Hammond on the way to our lockers, being greeted with an 'Hola' or chatting with Ms. Hunt as we signed into the bathroom.

In all honesty, I will miss Berlin. I can't even begin to imagine where I would be today if I hadn't been surrounded by the amazing community of Berlin Middle/High School. I have met so many amazing, kind, and caring people who have all in some way influenced me. I have built relationships with friends that I know will last a lifetime and learned countless skills that will no doubt assist me as I continue my journey through college and the rest of my adventures yet to come. There are three different groups of people that had the biggest impact on my high school career and they are the reason that I am standing here tonight delivering this speech, the first being my teachers.

Teachers have continuously encouraged and inspired me to work hard and stay focused even when I wanted to give up. A few of my teachers have taken the extra step to get to know me beyond being another one of their students. They talk to me honestly and are there for me when I need that boost of confidence. They have been most influential in providing me advice and insight. I am the type of person to get stressed over the smallest assignment or one bad grade. But, no matter how overwhelmed I felt or how much I wanted to give up and go home, my teachers never lost confidence in me. This year was one of the most challenging both in and out of school. College, as we all know, is a troublesome process; writing application essays, filling out scholarships, applying for colleges and nervously waiting for a letter back, hopefully a big one with "CONGRATULATIONS" on the front.

Balancing school, extracurricular, and a personal life was a challenge that required time management skills, (which I can proudly say I am not proficient in.) As you can imagine, juggling all these tasks can lead to tremendous amounts of stress, I'm sure all of my classmates can agree. My teachers noticed the amount of stress I was under and a few of them talked to me. Not as a teacher who was telling me what to do and how to fix it, but telling me that it was okay. That what I was dealing with and what I was feeling was normal. I am so grateful for these teachers because they not only pushed me to keep going, but they told me the truth. They told me, not what I wanted to hear, but what I needed to.

My friends were the second group of people who had an impact on my journey. Similar to teachers, throughout high school, my friends have always been my outlet when I'm feeling any emotion. They are my biggest supporters, boosting me up and cheering me on, listening when I need to talk

and being there for me when I don't. They may not always have the advice adults do, but they're always there for comfort and support. This year I realized the impact of these relationships. Let's be honest, being a teenager is hard. It's even harder if you try to figure everything out on your own. By surrounding yourself with people who have your best intentions in mind and want to see you succeed it is easier to get through your journeys day by day.

The third group that impacted me has to be my family. Not to brag, but my family's pretty cool. They always held me to high expectations without pressuring me. My dad would encourage me to keep working hard, but reminded me to not get too worked up. My mom stayed up late with me when I was finishing homework, and she always offered help. My sister pushed me to work harder and set an example of how to be a dedicated, diligent, and responsible student. Most importantly they constantly told me how proud they were. They have been, and always will be, major stepping stones in my life's journey.

And now, as I look around the room, and as I turn to the class of 2019, I see stepping stones all around. We have all worked immensely hard to make it to this point. Each student's journey was different, filled with their own hardships and challenges, but what we all have in common is that we were able to push past the obstacles in our way, create our own path, and have some fun doing it. We have had supporters, we have had critics, we have shared laughs, and we have shared tears. We have used stepping stones and we have been them. And, as we leave here tonight, we are coming to a point where we decide what comes next. The decision is yours, there is no right or wrong. So, go make the most of it. Congratulations class of 2019!