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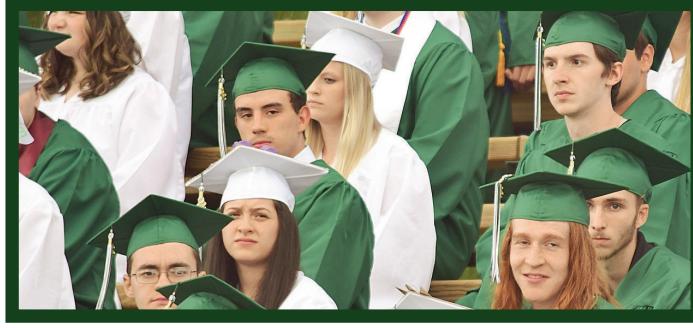
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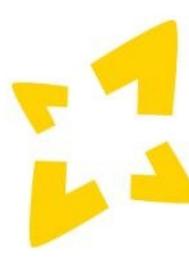
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Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School

39 graduates cross the stage



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Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School in Adams held its graduation ceremony in the school's gymnasium June 4.

By GILLIAN JONES
The Berkshire Eagle

District: Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter Public School

Graduation location: School gymnasium

Graduating seniors: 39

Valedictorian: NA

Salutatorian: NA

Memorable moment: Students recognized faculty who made an impact in their lives by presenting them with flowers and hugs during graduation exercises.



BART CLASS OF 2022

Ty Aubin, Michaela Berry, Luciano Bertelli, Hunter Bishop, Benjamin Bonsu, Noah Bourassa, Conroy Casey, Atticus Clark, George Crane, Andrew Cunha, Isabelle Daignault, Jordan DeGrenier, Reggie Delphia, Ian Dunn, William Edgerton, Kymani Ferguson, Samuel Gallick, Nathaniel Gillman, Cole Hunt, Naomie Iffetayo, Wylie Jones, John Kozak, Audrey Krzanik, Olivia Leasure, Hope Lemaire, Brianna Martinez, Lyndon Morehouse, Cheyenne Newton, Madison Ostrowski, Nicole Pelton, Shasta Racela, Keya Robertson, Kevin Santana-Menendez, Abigail Scholl, Jarryd Valentine, Abigail Webster, Asa Webster, Jessie Wiles, Melvin Wright

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Mount Everett High School

46 grads celebrate at Tanglewood



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The 46 seniors of Mount Everett Regional High School's Class of 2022 graduated on June 4 at Tanglewood. Families and friends gathered with the Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee and staff to send off the graduating Eagles.

By MEG BRITTON-MEHLISCH
The Berkshire Eagle

District: Southern Berkshire Regional School District

Graduation location: Tanglewood

Graduating seniors: 46

Valedictorian: Nadia Makuc

Salutatorian: Grace Makuc

Memorable moment: As the graduating seniors shook hands with Mount Everett Regional High School Principal Jesse Carpenter and received their diplomas, several students presented him with miniature die. After the last senior crossed the stage, Carpenter let the families and friends in the audience in on what was going on.

"If anybody was wondering why the handshakes were so awkward — you'd think after two years of not being able to shake anybody's hand we could have just done it normally but they've given me these little die which are microscopic," Carpenter. "I had no idea what it was for the first three or four."

From the back a senior yelled "Carpenter, you can always count on us!"



MOUNT EVERETT CLASS OF 2022

Ashton Aloisi, Alexandria Anderson, Alexis Atwood, Blake Bachetti, Armando Bautista-Cruz, Conner Boardman, Mariah Broderick, Riley Davis-Gagnon, Hunter DeGrenier, Elaina Donsbough, Brianna Dunn, Tyler Duquette, Anthony Emerling, Madeline Fife, Justin Foster, Jazmine French, Victoria Gilmore, Stacey Hallock, Jason Hamm, Ariyana Jackson, Marina Karampasis, Micah Ketchen, Alexia LaValla, Grace Makuc,

Nadia Makuc, Vaughn Marchione, Kaila Martel, Travis McLoughlin, Elizabeth McMeekin, Benjamin Monteleone, Reece Mullen, Catherine Nagy, Isaiah Neski, Hudah Ngoy Nkulu, Mikel Nourse, Anthony Rahilly, Logan Reynolds, Kota Rinaldi, Benjamin Shannon, Tyler Smith, Emma Stewart, Colin Thorp, Alexandria Tomascak, Justin Wald, Wil Worth, Rochele Worth



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Drury High School



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77 Blue Devils get diplomas



By SCOTT STAFFORD
The Berkshire Eagle

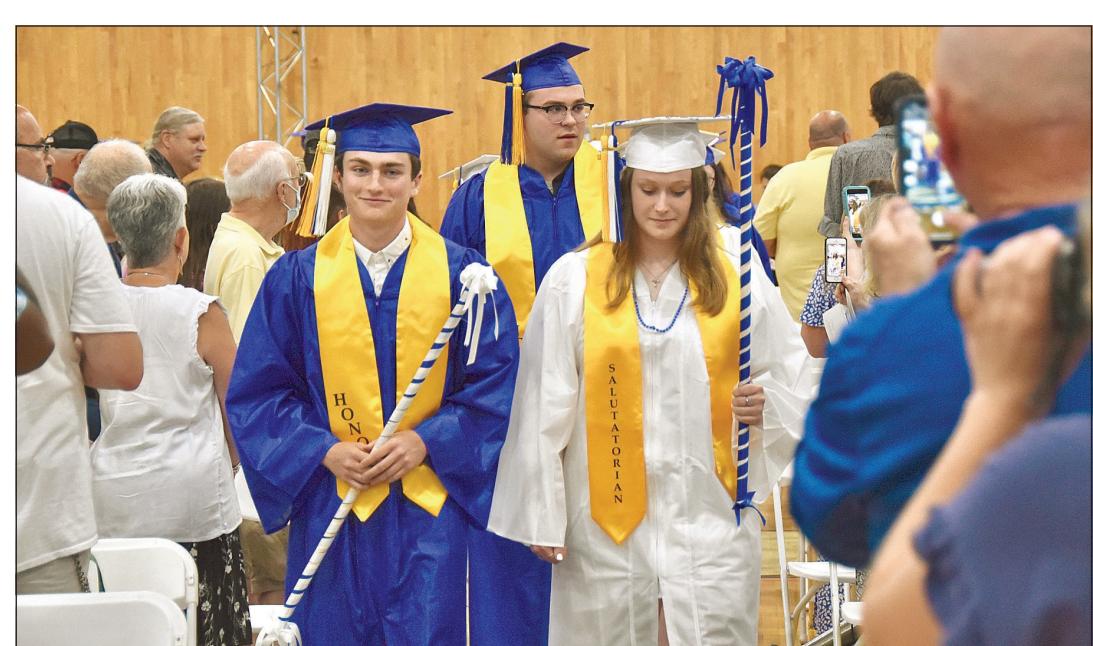
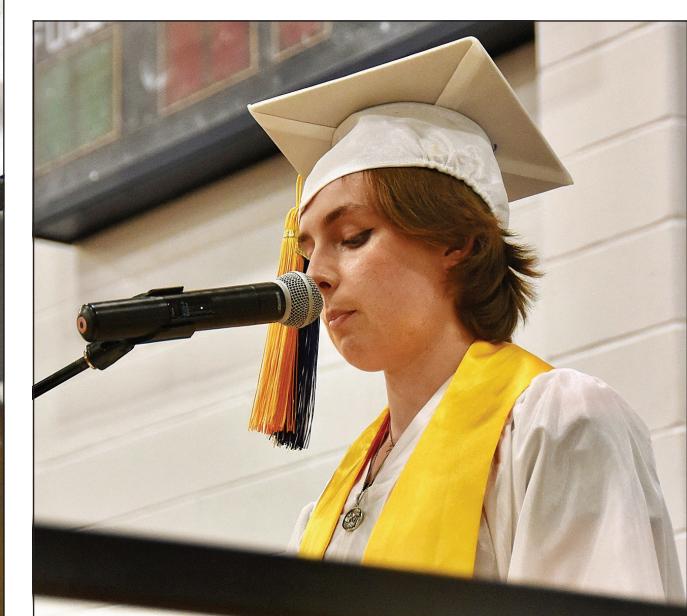
District: North Adams Public Schools
Graduation location: Drury High School gymnasium

Graduating seniors: 77

Valedictorian: Elli Miles

Salutatorian: Madeline Nesbit

Memorable moment: North Adams Mayor Jennifer Macksey and Superintendent Barbara Malkas scored lots of hugs from graduating seniors while presenting diplomas.



DRURY CLASS OF 2022

Julia Albright*, Darrin Appleton, Shawn Aubin, Trinity Baran, Joaquin Barnes, Aiden Barrett, Batista Bartlett, Damien Brackett, Timothy Brazeau, Madilynn Brothers+, Madison Buck+, Cyleigh Caron, Michael Caron, Christian Cataldo, Faith Christian+, Braden Collins+, Jack Cooper-Cheesbro, Amber Coulter, Henasie Crisp, Emanuel Cruzado, Zachary Davignon+, Alahna David, Logan Davis, Alexis Dewey, Jayden Dimambro, Steven Dix, Paige Fachini, Brooke Farnam, Cheyenne Gagnon,

Joshua Gardner, Chaz Gerrish, Danielle Harnick*, Ryan Herold, Kylie Hyde, Samantha Kogut*, Aidan Lambert, Sara Landry, Emma Lear, Justine Lee, Leah Lefebvre, Jordan Liebenow, Elizabeth Lonas, Lily Marceau, Heaven Mazza+, Abigail McAllister*, Kayla McGrath+, Madison McHugh+, Umaiza Merchant+, Elli Miles+, Chandra-Elise Miller*, Noah Miller, John Moore, Christopher Moorhead, Kelsey Mott, Benjamin Moulton*, Madeline Nesbit+, Norah Newlands, Rachel Newton, Amber Ostrander,

Thomas Peterson Jr.+, Anthony Pettengill-Montanye, Lindsey Piantoni*, Nathaniel Poette, Samantha Ranzoni, Tiffany Richard, Skylar Richards, Victoria Rubin, Meghan Sherman*, Hadley Sprague*, Jenna Sullivan-Bol, Takia Tatro, Hayden Therrien*, Havaanna Thompson, Caileen Varza*, Janayah Williams, Devin Willor, Brock Winters, Starlynn Wood, Isabelle Wright, Lillianne Wright

* Honors

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McCann Technical School 105 diplomas and 1 backflip



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McCann Technical School graduates shoot off confetti on June 2 after getting their diplomas during commencement exercises on the football field.



BY GILLIAN JONES
The Berkshire Eagle

District: Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District

Graduation location: Football field

Graduating seniors: 105

Valedictorian: Tyler P. Petit

Salutatorian: Ethan H. Rudin

Memorable moment: After receiving his diploma, Jason Knapp did a backflip.



Valedictorian Tyler P. Petit delivers an address at McCann Technical School during graduation exercises on the football field.

MCCANN CLASS OF 2022

Colin Bain, Emily Belanger, Arianna Bennett, Madison Berger, Nathan Biagini, Zachary Bladek, Cole Boisvert, Seneca Bolte, Victoria Bolte, Haley Bourdon, Ethan Bowman, Dominic Briggs, Jeramia Bushika, Michael Cellana, Landon Champney, Justin Chen, Elizabeth Clark, Madison Clark, Austin Cooper, Emily Cooper, Jonathan Cornell, McKenzie Decelles, Brandon Demers, Ella Donovan, Paige Dufur, Caitlyn Dupee, Makayla Duquette, Reed Fachini, Seth Farnsworth, Olivia Flynn, Lily Fortin, Rylie Fortini, Carter Foucher, Owen Gagne, Kyrsten Gazaille-Adams, Maria Girard, Marcus Green, Jackson Harnick, Michael Harris, Eric Harrison, Avery Huffstater, Logan King, Jason Knapp, Ty Kohler, Allyson Krzanik, Isabella LaCasse, Anthony LaDouceur, Nadya LaPlante-Berezowskyj, Jacob Lavalette, Jacob Lavarriere, Jaise Lavoie, Patrick LeBeau, Natayn Lemieux, Branden Lincoln, Khilie Luczynski, Kiara Luczynski, Kyle Manzolini, Cecilia Marszalek, Zowie Martin-Levesque, Nicholas Meehan, Andrew Mendel, Andi Miner, Serenity Moon, Ethan Morgan, Garrett Morin, Mason Morin, Lucas Morrison, Emma Moser, Madison Moser, Anthony Mulder, Abriana Parker, Brady Patenaude, McKenzie Perras, Tyler Pettit, Evan Piekos, Joshua Pierce, Chester Poulen Jr., Savannah Reynolds, Austin Richardson, Hannah Richardson, Amelia Roberts, Bryan Rondeau, William Rudd, Ethan Rudin, Carli Sacco, Emily Scalise, Tiberius Shafer, Amber Siciliano, Caleb Stanley, Austin Stojda, Damien Tarjick, Alexis Taylor, Tessa Thibert, Demetrie Thompson, Kobe Todd, Chase VanderWoude, Owen Vareschi, Amaya Vince, Gabriel Wandrei, Keiden Will, Parker Williams, Cheyenne Wimpenny, Jakob Wood, Sarinna Zaleski

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Lee High School



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Lee High School sent off 57 graduates on June 4 at Tanglewood.

By CAROLINE BONNIVIER-SNYDER
The Berkshire Eagle

District: Lee Public School District

Graduation location: Tanglewood

Graduating seniors: 57

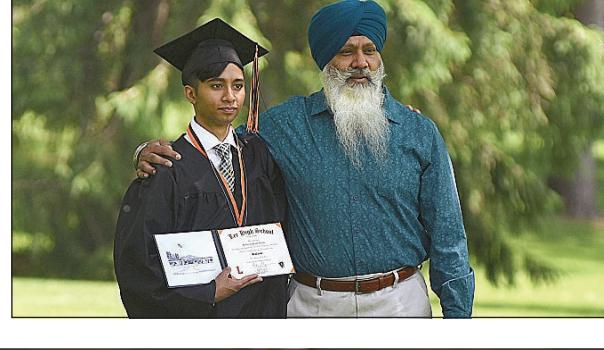
Valedictorian: Emma N. Puleri

Salutatorian: Emma S. Puntin

Memorable moment: As Owen Ivas walked up the procession line to his spot, he high-fived all of his classmates.

After valedictorian Emma Puleri referred to her and her classmates as The Looney Tunes, "total goofballs, in our own ways" she closed with "That's all folks!"

Class speaker Carter Geoghan reminded his classmates that money doesn't buy happiness, and encouraged them to "love life, not just live it" and focus on those things that make us whole and what we enjoy most, one of so many things he referenced being learned during the pandemic.



LEE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Grace Baczek*+, Balkaran Banga, Brandon Bartkus, Kyle Benzie, Timothy Besaw, Aiden Blackledge Hawley, Hannah Briggs, Tyler Brock*, Carina Brown*, Elizabeth Brown*, Emma Condron*, Mason Daigneault, Donnalee D'Ambrosi, Jack Donovan, Jadziah Drozd, Wilder Dunaj, Dylan Ely, Aiden Fennelly, Heidi Fosty, Cameron Freeman, Carter Geoghan, Ariana Hall*, Joshua

Hartman, Caleb Haywood, Stephen Hearn, Rider Hubbard, Tyler Hurley, Owen Ivas, Kylie Joyce, Brianna Kelly*, Matthew Kinney*, Maya Kollmer, Madison LaRock*, Madison LePrevost, Caroline Maloney*, Mason Mihlek, Kyle Morandi, Joshua Perrier, Luke Pires, Paige Plankey, Emma Puleri*+, Emma Puntin*+, Emilie Resca, Juliana Rodriguez+, Dylan Shepard, Hayden Siok*,

Alejandro Smith, Tanner Smith, Thomas Somerville, Zoe Stevens, Joseph Tart, Evan Trombley*, Cameron Tyer, Gabriel Utter, Lucy Vuolo, Rachel Wendling, Elliot Winston*+

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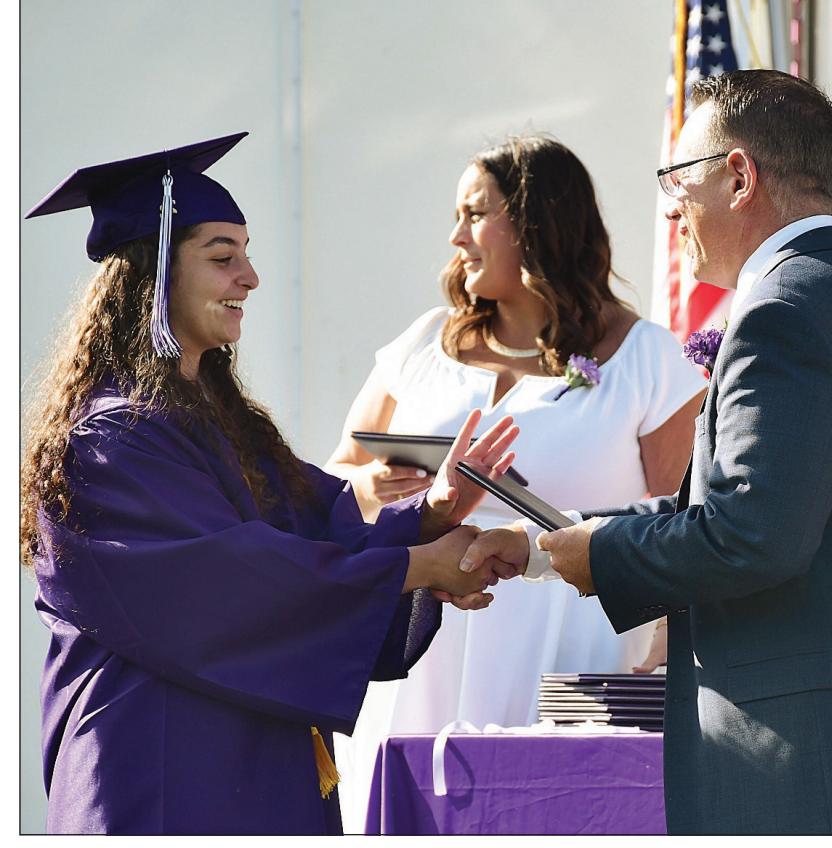
Pittsfield High School

Nearly 200

get diplomas

Pittsfield High School held its graduation exercises on school grounds on June 5.

PHOTOS BY GILLIAN JONES — THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE



By GILLIAN JONES
The Berkshire Eagle

District: Pittsfield Public Schools

Graduation location: School grounds

Graduating seniors: 192

Memorable moment: Speaking different languages, 11 students gave greetings saying, "We would like to welcome you to our 2022 Pittsfield High School graduation." The languages included Spanish, Fante, Portuguese, French, Twi, Italian, Nzema, Hebrew, Greek, ASL and English.



PITTSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Marlon Alcin, Mia Alfonso, Isabella Ameen*+, Nick Apprey, John Archey+, Delmonte Asiljoe, Phoebe Bailey, Kimberly Barahona, Jake Bassi, Julia Baumann, Jordynn Bazinet, Antonia Bedard Torres, Lucas Benoit+, Vivian Berard, Isabelle Berkel+, Natalya Bigelow, Benedicta Bonsu, Isaiah Boone, Emily Bradford*+, Peter Breitmaier*, Maggie Burke*+, Ethan Callahan, Dylan Campoli, Bashee Canada, Andre Carty, Megan Castro, Liam Chalfonte++, Blake Chandler, Dale Christiana, Antonio Cimini, Cody Clemons, Mackenzie Collins, Charlotte Coco*+, Carson Connolly, Jason Constanza, Arianna Coppola*+, Kieran Coscia*, Madison Court+, Madalyne Cramer*+, Lauren Crocker, John Crockwell, Michael Cronin, Madison Crouse*+, Isabella D'Aniello+, Justice Daniels, Kaylease Demary, Tyler Demary, Samantha Depson, Kayleigh Dewey, Jonathan Douhan*+,

Justin Doyle, Sean Duffy, Lucian Dupont-Leblanc, Nehemiah Ezan, Sydney Ferris*+, Jeremiah Fields, Shyah Figueroa, Elandro Garzone Ellsworth, Milton Gasson, Tyler Gaudette, Tobias Gaulden-Wheeler, Elsiauna Germann, Anthony Giardina, Clara Giroux*, Deondre Goines, Gabriela Gonzalez Hernandez, Genevieve Gordon, Michael Grady*+, Kaden Griffin, Vanessa Hall, Alex Henner*, Aidan Hillard, Alexa Hiltz+, Ashley Hoisington*, Bailey Hyatt, Kenneth Jackson, Malaysia Jackson, Prince Kaku, Kaylee Kearns, Genevieve Keeler, Aidan Kennedy-Mutz*, Monique King, Ryder King+, Peter Kirian, Noah Kramer, Kira Krzysztof, Pariss LaForest, Jessica Lamoureaux*++, Jossalynn Leggette, Brooklynn Lewis, Calvin Lewis, Kira Litchfield, Lauryn Little+, Kayden Lovallo*+, Brady Loveday, Abriana Lummus*+, Aidan Mack, August Mack, Avery Mackie,

Gianna Maddalena*+, Deborah Maison*, Jazmyne Majors, Madelyn Malumphy*+, Patrick Manning, Brigitte Marci*+, Cameron Martin, Hannah Masiero+, Ryan Massey, Brandon Mazzeo*, Tess McCluskey*+, Luke Mele*+, Jonathan Mestre, Amber Middlebrook+, Donald Miller, Amy Montero, Christabel Morkeh, Brennan Muller, Ryan Murray, Lucien Nash, Kiera Nicholls, Sophia Nguyen, Isaac Nicola, Lucas North, Dilynn Oberholtzer, Jonathan Ofori, Adam Outbrou, Abbie Paoli, Leila Paredes++, Amelia Pecon+, Bella Penna+, Alyssa Petell, James Petell, Makenzie Peterson, Anthony Posey, Caleb Potts, Alyssa Potvin*+, Damario Powell, Mia Powers, Zachary Pupo*, Derek Quintero, Chase Racine, Bethany Renaud, Mackenzi Ressler, Louis Rhodes, Elisabeth Richman+, Patrick Rindfuss*+, Gloria Rodrigues De Souza*, Carlos Rodrigues Ribeiro,

Diego Rodriguez, Isha Rosario, Hope Ross, Sophia Santos*, Sarah Savoury, Jenna Schwartz, Gwendolyn Scorpia*, Jonathan Seddon, Diya Shah*, Jacob Shaw, Hannah Sherman*, Molly Sherman*++, Julian Shuster, Brandon Silvano, Ashley Smith*, Emanuel Sola, Davon Solomon, Carmello Southard-Crump, Austin Sovereign-Thomas, Quintin St. John, Zande St. Leger, Hayden Stimpson, Haley Stone+, Zachary Sullivan, Hailee Talarico, Anthony Telladira++, Elodie Theriault*, Musa Thompson, Isolena Ungewitter*+, Ashley Victoriano, Taylor Vidoli, Paige Webster++, Joseph Weinberg*, Collin Wellman*, Isabella Witherell, Anthony Valerio

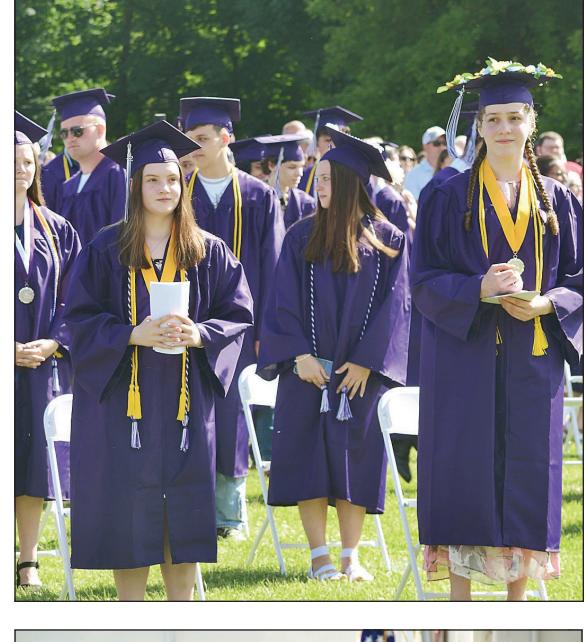
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++ Student Council



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T Taconic High School 180-member Class of 2022 graduates



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Ryan Mack held his 3-month-old daughter, Hazae, throughout the Taconic High School graduation June 5.



By BEN GARVER
The Berkshire Eagle

District: Pittsfield Public Schools

Graduation location: Taconic High School grounds

Graduating seniors: 180

Valedictorian: William David Garrity Jr.

Salutatorian: Connor Ryan Sultaire

Memorable moments: Graduating senior Alizehia Marie Pimentel-Rosa sang "Ave Maria" to the cheers of her classmates.

Ryan Mack held his 3 month-old daughter, Hazae, throughout graduation.

Graduating senior Alizehia Marie Pimentel-Rosa sang "Ave Maria" to the cheers of her classmates.



TACONIC CLASS OF 2022

Maria Adams**, Emily Adler*, Raelyn Alfonso Came, Haley Avanzato Mullen, Kaylana Balardini, Joseph Batho**, Alyson Behan*, Cyrus Bellefeuille, Cameron Bencivenga*, Cate Bennett*, Hannah Benoit, Nathan Bentz*, Anastasiya Boilotova*, Anna Bongini*, Owen Bonney*, Kendall Boos, Frank Boua, Benjamin Bradway*, Bo Bramer*, Michael Brassard, Michael Britten, Dominique Brown, Amina Brown, Laynie Burke, Alexander Burnham, Patricia Buyack*, Noah Camacho, Makayla Canino*, Dayton Card, Patrick Carriere, Annalisa Chilcoat**, Kaden Codey**, Neve Coe*, Abigail Cole, Zy'Aira Cooper*,

John Crawford, Madelyn Croce*+, Faith Cross**, Carina Cruz, Michael Cummings*+, David Curtis**, Akira Derr, Mya Desautels, Natalie Devitt, Alexander DiGrigoli, Brady Donald, Maddison Donovan, Jacklyn Drozd*+, Kaivian Duchaine, Pyper Dus, Hallie Eastwood*, Haywood Eurquhart, Leander Falwell, Isayah Feliciano, Jessica Figueroa Martinez*+, Brittany Filiault, Marlie Fitch*, Hailey Flood, Michelle Foley*+, Madison Gage*+, Ebony Gardner**, Matthew Garrity*+, William Garrity, Jr. *+, Hayleigh Gavin*, Courtney Gero, Brooklyn Gleason, Marcus Goines, Nayelis Goines, Olivia Goines**, Zoey Gold, Nathalia Gomez,

Brynn Goodno*+, Michael Gratton Jr.**, Felicia Graves-Deane, Matejah Guelce, Jenna Gustafson*+, Alexander Hall, Simira Hanger, Jazmine Harford, Sean Harrigan, Brett Harrison**, Rhiannon Heath, Jahiem Hill, Travis Hoose*, Jayla Iddah, Serayah Jackson, Jared Jansen, Anya Jaquez**, JaJuan Jones-Chappelle, James Kastrinakis**, Cassidy Kenney, Michael Kerwood*+, Paris Kodjo, Nerline Koffi*, Kaleigh Krzysztof*, Greta Lacey*, Lexus LaFont, Jaedyn LaForest*, Joseph LaFreniere**, Connor Lawler, Adam Lazits, Patrick Ligocki-Cotton*, Elise Lincoln, Nicholas Lopenzina*, Chad Lorenz**, Kylee Lovallo*,

Kaleigh Lovato, Anya Lyford*, Emma Lyman*+, Ryan Mack, Bella Magner, Arysa Maloney**, Autumn Marauszowski, Ashland Markham*, Keishon Martin, Sonya Martin*+, Chelsea Mathes, Emily McClay*, Onella McCoy*+, Sincere McGirt, Cameron McInerney, Alexis McInnis, Charlotte McKnight*+, Jayden McLaughlin**, Ryan McNeil, Nathaniel Melendez, Steven Mendez Bravo**, Dezequiel Merced Cibelli**, Simeon Mercier*, Diandra Middleton, Reagan Miller*+, Nevaeh Monson, Caden Monterosso*+, Dazyear Moore, Serynity Moorer, Nathan Murphy**, Dillan Norton*, Mikayla O'Neil Shaw, Alexandra Ortiz*+, Caedin Ostellino, Joshua Pagan, Justin Pagan, Bella Magner, Arysa Maloney**, Autumn Marauszowski, Ashland Markham*, Keishon Martin, Sonya Martin*+, Chelsea Mathes, Emily McClay*, Onella McCoy*+, Sincere McGirt, Cameron McInerney, Alexis McInnis, Charlotte McKnight*+, Jayden McLaughlin**, Ryan McNeil, Nathaniel Melendez, Steven Mendez Bravo**, Dezequiel Merced Cibelli**, Simeon Mercier*, Diandra Middleton, Reagan Miller*+, Nevaeh Monson, Caden Monterosso*+, Dazyear Moore, Serynity Moorer, Nathan Murphy**, Dillan Norton*, Mikayla O'Neil Shaw, Alexandra Ortiz*+, Caedin Ostellino, Joshua Pagan, Justin Pagan, Bella Magner, Arysa Maloney**, Autumn Marauszowski, Ashland Markham*, Keishon Martin, Sonya Martin*+, Chelsea Mathes, Emily McClay*, Onella McCoy*+, Sincere McGirt, Cameron McInerney, Alexis McInnis, Charlotte McKnight*+, Jayden McLaughlin**, Ryan McNeil, Nathaniel Melendez, Steven Mendez Bravo**, Dezequiel Merced Cibelli**, Simeon Mercier*, Diandra Middleton, Reagan Miller*+, Nevaeh Monson, Caden Monterosso*+, Dazyear Moore, Serynity Moorer, Nathan Murphy**, Dillan Norton*, Mikayla O'Neil Shaw, Alexandra

Clarise Seguin**, Ethan Shaw, Samuel Sherman**, Nevaeh Smith*, Kayla Snyder, Saraya Stein, Connor Sultaire*, Nicholas Sumner, Myrana Sweener, Nahriyah Thompson, Ryan Timm, Cordelia Toomey-Arnold*+, Christopher Underhill Jr. **, Leah Verchot, Dylan Welch, Chloe Wending**+, Keilyn Wicker, Madilyn Wilcox**, Brielle Winters, Kyjae Wright, Tyler Wright, Sonya Wroblewski, Luis Xicotencatl Castaneda*, Steven Zuccalo*+

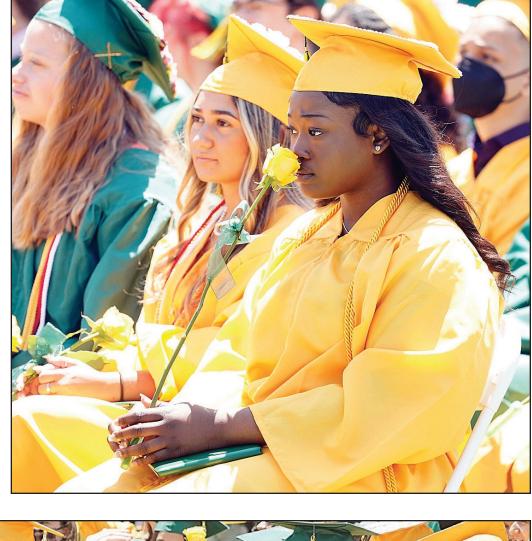
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H Hoosac Valley High School

At Hoosac, calls to savor the moment



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A graduate is all smiles on June 3 during Hoosac Valley High School's commencement.



By BEN GARVER
The Berkshire Eagle

District: Hoosac Valley

Graduation location: Hoosac Valley Middle and High School gym

Graduating seniors: 62

Valedictorian: Brodie T. Lanoue

Salutatorian: Lillian R. Boudreau

Memorable moment: Valedictorian Brodie Lanoue encouraged his classmates to savor their success.



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Illustrations of two boys in graduation attire (red gowns and caps) and pom-poms, standing on either side of the text.



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HOOSAC VALLEY CLASS OF 2022

Olivia Abbott**, Jeremy Andrews, Joseph Bentz, Abby Bird***+, Aliyah Bohannon, Hayden Boucher, Lillian Boudreau***+, Hailey Boulger, Rian Brassard*, Aaron Bush***+, Karyssa Charon***+, Bryanna Costine***+, Ryan Czupryna*, Ashlee Davis***+, Joseph Davis, Lainna Dexheimer, Mace Donahue, Lucas Ellsworth, Christopher Fortier***+, Alyssa Garabedian***+, John Georgantas, Caleb Harrington*, Isaac Herrmann*+, Shaun Kastner Jr.**, Chelsea Krutiak***+, Alexis

LaDouceur, Brodie Lanoue***+, Jacob Lapinski**, Mackenzie Le-snick, Justin Levesque***+, Cory-Lynn Levesque, John Liebenow III*, Zackary Lillie, Mitchell Malloy, Averie McGrath***+, Derek McGregor*, Carson Meczywor***+, Zachary Morin***+, Jacob Mucci*, Tyler Norcross***+, Leona Olver, Rommel Page, Jenna Pizani***+, Natalie Pompi***+, Jennifer Prokopowicz***+, Alena Rehill***+, Sydney Roberts**, Tyler Rohlfs, Frankie Scialabba***+, Savanna Stubbs,

Matthew Tassone***+, Sidney Tovar***+, Blake Trumble, Kobe Valois, Nicholas Walsh**, Lucas Waterman, Joshua Weslowski*, Michael White, Tyler Whitney*, Rylynn Witek, Francesco Zanollo**, Rosemary Ziarnik***+

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*Monument Mountain
Regional High School*

Grads celebrate after **'CHASING NORMAL'**



PHOTOS BY HEATHER BELLOW — THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE

Monument Mountain Regional High School held its graduation June 5 at Tanglewood.

By HEATHER BELLOW
The Berkshire Eagle

across the stage after receiving his diploma.

Valedictorian Maya Velasco said that before the pandemic, she already knew about "chasing normal" — she had suffered with a chronic illness that upended her school and social life, and she was "left trying to put all the pieces back together again."

"Luckily, a year later a global pandemic hit and really helped bring normalcy back into my life," she said, to a wave of laughter.

Arthur Labrie did a little dance



MONUMENT MOUNTAIN CLASS OF 2022

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Kiera O'Rourke*, Alice Pajeski+*, Justin Pantoja*, Autumn Parker*, Gwendolyn Payne, Ella Pechalonis, Liam Pigott*, Jackson Potoski+*, Raeha Rama*, Anna Rawson+*, Quinn Redpath, Julia Rhind*, Cayenne Riiska*, Alex Rodriguez-Benjamin, Enrique Rosas, Olivia Ruggiero+*, Diego Salinetti*, Gabriel Santamarina, Gavin Santos+*, Dana Sarmiento, Ariana Shaw-Pas*, Diego Smeraldo, Ruby Smith*, Wesley Smith*, Ryan Sonsini, Emma Soule+*^, William St. John*, Trinity Stevens, Carly Sturgis*, Christopher Supacela, Grace Swartout*, Kayla Sweet, Paige Szymanski*, Damari Taliba-Taylor, Anika Thiemann+*^, Daniella Unda*, Henry Van Schaick+*, Maya Velasco+*, Trinity Vinclette*, Amelia Wade*, Annika Wainwright*, Mirabel Webber+*, Sarah Wohl*, Dahn Yook+*^, Nicholas Zanin, Megan Zeik+*, Cole Zucco

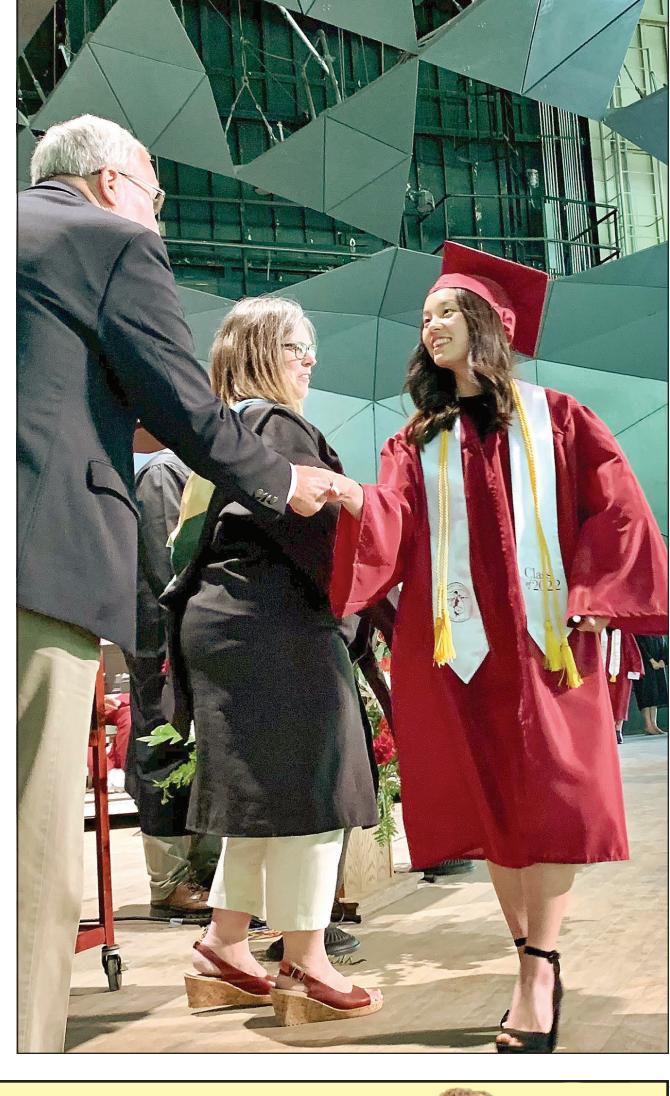
+ National Honor Society

* Graduated with Honors

^ State Seal of Bilingual



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Lenox Memorial High School



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Lenox Memorial High School graduates move their tassels from right to left following graduation exercises at Tanglewood in Lenox on June 12.

66 graduate at Tanglewood with an original song, poem

By GILLIAN JONES
The Berkshire Eagle

District: Lenox Public Schools

Graduates: 66

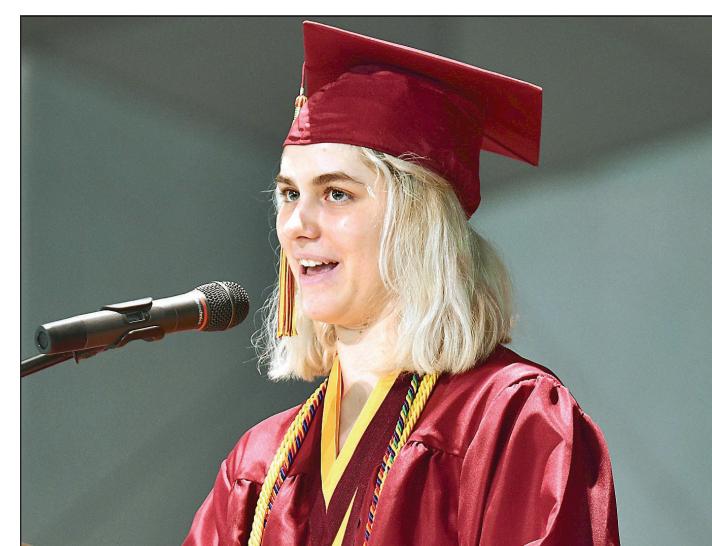
Location: The Shed at Tanglewood

Valedictorian: Piper Maxymillian

Salutatorian: Fiona Mathews

Memorable moment: "Good Bye" an original song performed by graduating senior "Sabrina" Rovech Lewis, and an original poem read by graduating senior Mary Elliot.

Piper Maxymillian gives the valedictory address during graduation exercises at Tanglewood in Lenox.



Salutatorian
Fiona
Mathews
speaks
to her
classmates.

LENOX CLASS OF 2022

Kayla Allen, Courtney Allen, Madeleine Alsdorf, Hailey Ano, Ryan Appel, Brianna Arsenneau, Brandon Barde, Darby Bayne, Owen Bayne, Aidan Burns, Emma Casucci,

Carolina Chassi, Isabelle Cooney, James D'Alton, Halle Davies, Maxwell DiGrigoli, Chloe Doyle, Paul Duma, Grace Elliot, Mary Elliot, Jamison Fairfield, Teagan Far, Lucy Fusini,

Mihiraan Gangisetty, Mia Giardina, Tobias Goodman, Charles Guyer, Benjamin Haddad, Anadelia Hart, Julianne Harwood, Brendan Hayden, Benjamin Heim, Solia Hern-

don-Schmid, Madison Hynes, Chloe Inholder, William Jakacky, Ronan King, Cecilia Kittross, Molly Knight, Rovech Lewis, Saidi Loftus, Diya Loftus, Fiona Mathews, Piper Maxy-

millian, Otto Miesmer, Danielle Miller, Leah Murphy, Camryn O'Dell, Tabor Paul, Mia Pignatelli, Bailey Rogers, Taylor Saunders, Chloe Schilling, Elise Schilling, Lily Schnopp, Sam

Schnopp, Kailyn Sorrentino, Sara Stevens, Harry Touloukian, Luca Traversa, Ella Tyler, Nicholas Vaber, Renzo Vargas, Michael Ward, Steven Winters, Samira Zabian

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Wahconah Regional High School



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113 grads reflect on **MEMORABLE MOMENTS**

By CAROLINE
BONNIVIER-SNYDER
The Berkshire Eagle

District: Central Berkshire Regional School District

Graduation location: School gymnasium

Graduating seniors: 113

Valedictorian: Quinn Walton

Salutatorian: Juliane Keiper

Memorable moment: Principal Aaron Robb's tear-jerking speech where he had both graduates and parents close their eyes and imagine memorable past moments together.



WAHCONAH CLASS OF 2022

Owen Alfonso, Brennan Andersen, Owen Baker, Errol Bates, Kendall Benlien, Karen Betit, Maxwell Boland, Zackary Bondini, Samuel Broderick, Gralyn Brophy, Nathan Brown, Joshua Burrows, Philip Bushee, Blake Casella, John Cebula, Ashley Chaffee, Ethan Clark, Darrin Cloran, Hannah Connelly, James Connors, Salome Luna, Joshua Dagenais, Chad Daniels, Luke DiCicco, Jason Dion, Joseph Diver, Cody Doyle, Scott Duma, Leah Duquette, Ellis Eberwein, Eva Eberwein, Grace Elliott, Kevin Esko, Piper Filiault, Emily Fontaine, Aryanna Garceau, Britney Gaudette, Wyatt George, Bailey Goodrich, Sophie Gordon, Devyn Haley, Alexander Harrington, Sharlyse Henshaw, Lillian Himes, Arlynn Keefner, Juliane Keiper, Noah Kelly, Arianna Kendall, Riley Kiernan, Katelyn Kmon, Elizabeth Kruck, Colton LaCross, Jack Lander, Cameron Lee, Priscilla Lee, Quinn Lennon, Angelique Levesque, Cameron Lewis,

Patrick Lorenz, Hayley Lorette, Kiara Lytle, Nicholas Marshall, Joseph Massaro, Kara McCaul, Matthew McCormack, Jillian Menard, Maria Meneses, Tyler Miller, Claire Naef, Brynn Neal, Dylan Newton, Caleb Nhim, Shealyn Nopper, Benjamin Noyes, Bradley Noyes, William O'Neill, Logan Osorio, Caden Padelford, Lilly Patton, Cole Pierce, Natalie Pollard, Bryanna Portieri, Collin Quintero, Ella Quinto, Logan Renderer, Madeline Riechers, Lily Robb, Colin Rosier, Nicolas Salinetti, Logan Sargent, Dominic Scalise, Ryan Scott, Tristen Sheldon, Molly Shippee, Dylan Smith, Janelle Smith, Jonah Smith, Gavin Sommers, Jocelyn Sommers, Conner Stetz, David Striebel, Makensi Taylor, Max Tobler, Makayla Torrey, Quinn Walton, Jayden Warner, Brett Wasuk, Peyton Webb, Olivia Wehner, Drew Wending, Aiden Wesley, Benjamin West, Marshall Williams



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Mount Greylock Regional School



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The Mount Greylock Regional High School graduation ceremony is held at the school in Williamstown on June 11.

75 graduates receive diplomas



Eleanor McPartland celebrates as she receives her diploma.

MOUNT GREYLOCK CLASS OF 2022

Zoe Armet*, Henry Art*, Alexander Axt, Aidan Barnes, Jordyn Beaulieu, Timothy Beliveau, Adriel Benko, Saku Bergendahl, Bryant Bouchard, Edward Brannan*, William Broadwell*, Jillian Bump*, John Cangelosi, Jack Catelot-

ti*, Cayden Conry*, Takiera Darrow*, Christian Doucette, Maisie Dufour*, Diego Gálvez*, Samantha Garzone, Caroline Gillette, Ryan Goss*, Jonah Hane*+, Conor Harrison, Luca Hirsch*, Landen Jamula, Matthew Johnson, Simon

Jennings-Klompus, Mia La Frazia, Rosario Larios-Sontay*, Felicia LaRoche, Julianne Lawson, Tessa Leveque, Cyera Lindsey, Madison MacHaffie, Thomas Martin, Preston Maruk, Catherine McAllister*, Karissa McInerney, Elea-

nor McPartland, Jamie-Lee Meintjes, Isaiah Mejias, Sophia Mele*, Troy Michalak, Livia Morales*, Teague Murphy, Maya Niemeyer, Derek Paris*, Tej Patel, Sarah Reynolds, Jamie Rhinemiller, Lily Rorke, Osmin Rubio-Andrade, Sarah

Sample, Emma Sandstrom*, Piper Schulman, Alayna Schwarzer*, Aireanna Shaw, Mackenzie Sheehy*, Samantha Slick, Josephine Smith, Christian Sullivan*, Katherine Swann*, Jesse Tague, David Tatro, Camden Taylor, Alexis

Toomey*, Cameron Turner, Lauren Voorhies, Rona Wang*, Anthony Welch*, Parker Winters, Malina Woodbury*

* National Honor Society

+ Latin National Honor Society



Class President Henry Art speaks to the audience and his fellow graduates.



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Massachusetts
College of Liberal Arts



‘You
persevered,
you are
courageous’

335 graduates receive degrees

By AMANDA BURKE
The Berkshire Eagle

NORTH ADAMS — On May 14, a crop of students walked the graduation stage at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, a rite of passage that punctuated a wholly abnormal college experience.

“To have been a student during the last few years during a global pandemic was quite difficult,” said MCLA president James F. Birge in his opening remarks. “You persevered, you are courageous, you are strong, you are innovative, thoughtful, caring, you are persistent.”

Birge guided a packed auditorium at the Amsler Campus Center Gymnasium through the institution’s 123rd commencement exercises, marking the capstone achievement for the Class of 2022.

He presented doctorates to three people; former mayor Thomas Bernard, now the president and CEO of Berkshire United Way in Pittsfield, outgoing MCLA trustee and community member Susan Gold as well as Carlos Santiago, the state’s Commissioner of Higher Education, who also delivered the keynote commencement address.

Addressing 335 robed students who graduated from a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs, Santiago drew parallels between the events of today and those of the time when he was a college student, in the early 1970s.

At that time, the nation was in the midst of an unpopular war. Society was polarized. A president, Richard Nixon, participated in illegal activities and the civil rights movement was underway.

Likewise, he said to applause from the audience, the women’s movement celebrated the



A bagpiper leads members of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Class of 2022 up the steps from the quad prior to commencement.

Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*, which “ruled that the Constitution of the United States protects a pregnant woman’s liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction.”

Unlike the 1970s, today’s war is not “our war,” but rather a conflict between an authoritarian country, Russia, and its neighbor, Ukraine, Santiago said.

Also unlike that era decades ago, there was no pandemic that claimed the lives of millions of people across the world.

Focusing his address on the present day, Santiago said the state ranks number one in the nation in terms of post-secondary degree and certificate attainment, but there remains “huge disparities across racial and

ethnic lines in Massachusetts,” which he said the state is working to address through a 10-year strategic plan aimed at increasing equity in higher education.

Through the strife of old, and of new, Santiago said he remained resolute.

“As I related what I experienced as an undergraduate in 1970 to ‘73, one thing I didn’t tell you is, I was supremely optimistic,” he said. “The joy of being young, I thought we were going to change the world. And we did that. We created some messes along the way that a lot of you have now inherited. But as I look out, and as I talk to students, you share the optimism that many of us, we have as students. You share it, and that gives me a real sense of hope.”



Graduates fan themselves as they wait in the seats.



Kaylea Nocher of Adams is all smiles as she receives her bachelor’s degree in education.



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Berkshire Community College



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Classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022 *welcomed onstage*



BY STEPHANIE ZOLLSHAN
The Berkshire Eagle

Graduation location:
Tanglewood, Lenox

Degrees awarded: 186 associate degrees and 92 certificates awarded to 246 students in 41 programs of study

Valedictorian 2020: Denise Foss

Valedictorian 2022: Ethan Trautman

Memorable moment: For the first time in the school's history, students from multiple graduating classes; 2020, 2021 and 2022, walked across the Tanglewood stage to receive their diplomas. The valedictorians from both the 2020 and 2022 classes spoke to their families, friends and fellow graduates during the ceremony.



Ethan Trautman, the 2022 valedictorian and youngest valedictorian in the school's history, speaks to his fellow graduates.



Berkshire Community College President Ellen Kennedy congratulates the graduates from the 2020, 2021 and 2022 classes as they participate in the college's 62nd commencement ceremony at Tanglewood in Lenox, the first to be held in-person since 2019, on June 3.



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BCC CLASS OF 2022

The Berkshire Eagle

PITTSFIELD — Berkshire Community College held its 62nd commencement ceremony on June 3, at Tanglewood. The ceremony, the first to be held in person since 2019 due to the pandemic, honored graduates of the classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022.

During the ceremony, the College awarded 186 associate degrees and 92 certificates to 246 students in 41 programs of study. Twenty-four students received more than one degree or certificate. Graduates range in age from 18 to 74, with an average age of 32. While the majority of graduates reside in Massachusetts, others hail from Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, New York, and Vermont.

BCC President Ellen Kennedy welcomed attendees and provided inspiring remarks for the institution's graduates. Kierstyn Hunter, vice president for academic affairs/chief academic officer, introduced 2020 valedictorian Diane Foss and 2022 valedictorian Ethan Trautman. Members of the Berkshire Highlanders provided the music for the processional and recessional, and Gaia Roots Drum and Dance Ensemble also joined in the recessional. The National Anthem was sung by BCC student Joseph Sicotte.

The 2022 graduates, listed by degree or certificate awarded, include the following:

Associate in Arts, Business Administration:

Mark Brazeau, Ethan Coe, Colleen Garrity, Pamela Hawley, Nicole Kotsos, Evan Mayotte, Francis McKeon, Melinda Moon, Danielle Perry, Zackery Robinette, Carlos Vizcardo-Benites, Peyton Williams

Associate in Science, Business Careers: Faith Angell, Corey Cameron, Tahneera Dickerson, Kurtis Gero, Geraldine Lalli, Kimberly Murray, Eliza Ormsbee-Oates, Randi Robbins, Alejandro Romero, Christopher Rose, Joseph Tracy

Certificate in Entrepreneurship: Faith Angell, Kurtis Gero

Associate in Science, Fire Science: Morgan Goodell

Certificate in Culinary Arts: Nolan Christen

Associate in Science, Hospitality Administration: Zachary Senecal

Certificate in Cannabis Industry: Marcus Anoh, Kyle Brigley, Carissa Calderwood, Sharon Ernest, John Kubica, Barbara Laureyns, John Murphy, Leigh Nilsen, Riana Piccirillo, Colin Sykes, Cullen Taylor, Julie Wojcik

Associate in Science, Computer Information Systems: Jonathan Daly, Ryan Zurrin

Certificate in Computer Information Systems Programming: Kokouvi Afanukooe, Jonathan Daly, Branden Favre, Matthew Robitaille, Corey Scarfone

Associate in Science, Criminal Justice: Madison Daverin, Darren Derby, Madison Gilmore, Michael Gingras, Makayla Hopkins, Christopher Shand, Maleah Speers-Brown, Kipp Steinman

Certificate in Law Enforcement: Kaitlyn Barry, Madison Gilmore, Makayla Hopkins, Christopher Shand, Maleah Speers-Brown, Casey Voight

Judith McNutt, LaSheika Moody, Stephanie Orestil, Marisela Pascual-Polanco, Lisa Polidoro, Nicholas Simonds

Certificate in Addiction Recovery Assistant: Theresa Atwood, Kenyarda Dickerson, Robert Donnelly, Loretta Francoeur, Stephen Manzella, Nicholas Simonds

Certificate in Human Services: Ayishetu Braimah, Patricia Fortier, Stephen Manzella, Marisela Pascual-Polanco, Nicholas Simonds, Alexander Conklin, Julia Kalinowsky, Darcie Lampiasi, Lisa Polidoro

Certificate in Mental Health Worker: Kenyarda Dickerson, Stephen Manzella, Marisela Pascual-Polanco, Lisa Polidoro, Cansas Scutt, Nicholas Simonds

Associate in Arts, Liberal Arts: Alejandro Franco Leguizamon, Norah Beauregard, Hunter Bonn-Wilcox, Chris Bradley, Rebecca Caropreso, Lauren Diamond, Elena Dichiara, Alison Ponder, Martha Escobar, Philip Evans, Camry Francoeur, Rachel Gillette, Caitlyn Gleicher, Emily Grady, Arianna Gregory, Thomas Gwinnell, Rain Hajjar, Mark Hayden, Kassie Heck, Justin Hsiao, Amy Hughes, Dylan Klose, Stephanie Laconto-Doherty, Amber MacNeil, Coral Marine, Ryleigh McGovern, Judith McNutt, Alexander Miller, Jackson Mooney, Ian Phair, Ashley Pollard, Marcy Preston, Finley Root, Clemente Sajiqui-Ramirez, Zenani Santos, Lucy Schwartz, Mackenzie Soto, Sean Stanton, Erin Strek, Epiphany Sweener, Ethan Trautman, Gavin Trautman, Zachary Turner, Bakari Walker, Emma Wheeler, Kristal Wilson, Wenying Yi

Associate in Science, Nursing: Barbara Addy-Ocran, Caleb Appleton, Emily Boino, Cassidy Brewer, Irma Brouillard, Kristin Burke, Brittany Condon, Heather Corcoran, Cassidy Crawford, Lindsay Curry, Emily Deming, Kyle DeSantis, Allina DiNicola, Alyssa Dunham, Stacey Ellery, George Fiadjoe, James Fuller Jr., Katelyn Furlon, Erynn Gleason, Hannah Gold, Sarah Goodrich, Rhianna Graham, Shameka Hackman, Kaitlyn Huffen, Brittany Isabelle, Meagan Jones, Brittany Kergaravat, Wendy Koomson, Kathy Languirand, Diana Leibinger, Mikki Lennon, Amber Lesure, Heather Marsh, Bridget McCarty, Samantha Miller, Katherine Morton, Maryblessing Nnodim, Theresa Quagliano, Genavieve Quetti, Natalia Riva, Bethani Rodriguez, Kylie Ruane, Ernestina Sackey, Ronald Sage, Xiomara Serrano-Guzman, Meagan Sheridan, Whitney Stengi, Kelsey Stimpson, Deborah Stokes, Jacqueline Tessier, Amanda Wass, Craig Williams, Melissa Williams, Jessica Zerbato

Certificate in Practical Nurse: Ariana Baribeault, Colleen Campbell, Jana Cushman, Samantha Dellaghelfa, Chastity Gigliotti, Clarinda Gillyard, Elorm Kevin, Sashaya Lewis, Shaina Petell, Walter Randall, Ashley Ring, Maria Toledo

Associate in Science, Physical Therapist Assistant: Nichole Bliss, Katherine Bruneau, Kristina Chilson, Megan Kane, Owen Maroney, Austin Martinka, David Oehl, Madison Vadnais, Joseph Wehle



Associate in Science, Early Childhood Education: Cheyenne Crennan, Paige Elliott, Ella Formel, Judy Sabri, Amanda Shea, Kayla Smith

Certificate in Early Childhood Education, Intermediate: Heather Digrigoli, Paige Elliott, Ella Formel, Kayla Smith, Kimberly Wells

Certificate in Early Childhood Education, Introductory: Arielle Betti, Monica Carpenter, Heather Digrigoli, Paige Elliott, Ella Formel, Rosaliz Hernandez, Hayleigh LaDouceur, Cora Lyons, Amanda Mclelithan, Samantha Sadlowski, Hilary Solomon, Erin Strek, Kimberly Wells

Certificate in Health Information Management: Kim Clark

Certificate in Medical Coding Technical Skills: Kaylee Bishop, Alyssa Boleng, Amy Fiske, Dona Fresia, Melodie Hoskeer, Holly Ramsey, Jona- than Saldo

Associate in Science, Engineering: Carlos Cam- poverde, James Dolle, Chase Klemansky, Gabriel

Kotski, Benjamin McColgan, Braydon Peterson

Associate in Science, Engineering Technology: Devine Lebeau

Associate in Science, Environmental Science: Alex Green, Jason Hall Jr., Madisyn Manzella, Ethan Milette, Lisa Soucy

Associate in Arts, Fine Arts: Monica Bliss, Matthew Brinton, Alexis Mazzeo, Judith McNutt, Rachel Olds, Kaytlyn Samuels

Certificate in Studio Art: Susan Aldam, Matthew Brinton, Rachel Olds, Dana Willette

Certificate in Music Production: Paul Barnett III, Bryan Brophy, Andrew Pearson

Associate in Science, Health Science: Stephanie Ahearn, Ashley Morin, Randi Corbett, Jennifer Donovan, Noelle Kronick, Tammy Risley, Marissa Rivard, Namasaran Samassi-Fofana

Associate in Science, Human Services: Ayishetu Braimah, Patricia Fortier, Julia Kalinowsky,

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Williams College



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Graduates listen during commencement at Williams College in Williamstown on June 5

Over 500 grads

told to think for themselves, find hope in history

BY SCOTT STAFFORD
The Berkshire Eagle

WILLIAMSTOWN—Before awarding 37 Master's degrees and about 515 Bachelor's degrees on June 5, Williams College President Maud Mandel awarded several honorary degrees, including an honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Biddy Martin, president of Williams College's arch-rival, Amherst College.

Mandel noted that she and Martin had become friends, having shared the experience of steering a college through a pandemic. Martin accepted the degree, looked as if she was headed back to her seat until Mandel noted there was another piece of business.

Now that Martin had joined the community of the Williams College Ephs, Mandel said, "it's only appropriate

that we issue a formal pardon, which we have."

She held up a scroll for all to see. Then she explained why a pardon is in order.

Mandel explained that in 1821, Amherst was founded by a "rogue Williams College president," who was rumored to have "absconded" with 650 books from the college library, along with several professors and students.

She said that some of Williams College's best minds calculated that late fees since then, at 12 cents per book, per week, and adjusted for inflation, "Amherst owes us \$39,058,890."

"Instead, [Martin] can take this pardon back home with her to study," Mandel said.

Martin, chuckling, started heading off stage, calling out to the audience that none of it is true.

Several thousand friends and family gathered on the lawn outside the college library for the Class of 2022 commencement under a sunny sky.

Another recipient of an honorary Doctor of Letters degree, Jon Meacham was also there. Meacham is an American author of several books, a historian and presidential biographer. He has served as executive editor and executive vice president at Random House, he is a contributing writer to The New York Times Book Review, a contributing editor to Time magazine and a former editor-in-chief of Newsweek. He won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Biography or Autobiography for "American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House."

During his remarks to the

gathering, Meacham said the class of 2022 has experienced a great deal of crucial historical events in America, including the election of Barack Obama, the first Black president. Other historical events include the pandemic, and the first time a sitting president, Donald Trump, "sought to steal an election."

And he noted there will be more to come.

"We are living in American democracy's hour of maximum danger," he said. "Ours is an age of declining trust and growing extremism; the spread of lies and the erosion of truth; the primacy of an impulse for brute power and a deadly dearth of compassion and of neighborliness. This isn't hyperbole. It's the raw, discernible, undeniable fact of the matter. You are graduating into an America of



Williams College President Maud Mandel addresses graduates.

great peril."

He also noted that in the past, "From Seneca Falls to Selma to Stonewall, we have moved the world toward liberty rather than tyranny."

Meacham said that in the history of those battles for progress there is hope.

"So here's my advice for you, and it's at once historically-based and heartfelt, from my advancing middle age to your youth: Please, please, please don't let any single cable network or any single

Twitter feed tell you what to think. Do that for yourself. I promise you'll be delighted with the results," he said.

His final remarks were these: "Above all, remember, in hours of joy and of darkness, that Williams has taught you that the test of the ages is not whether you lead the good life, but a good life. Godspeed to you all."

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McCann Technical School Postsecondary Education



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A graduation cap features an inspiring message during McCann Technical School's graduation exercises for its postsecondary programs. McCann Technical School held graduation exercises for 15 women in their postsecondary programs outside at the school on June 6.

15 graduates feted



MCCANN POSTSECONDARY CLASS OF 2022

Cosmetology: Kim Critelli, Adams; Alana Justice Dubie, North Adams; Kristin Miller, Lenox Dale; Taylor-Elise Pecor, Stamford, Vt.; Ariela Tartakovsky, North Adams; Allison Therrien, North Adams; Kayla Therrien, North Adams

Dental assisting: Serena Bondini, Windsor; Carina Caporale, Dalton; Breanna Shurtleff, Adams; Daniella Ureste, Pittsfield

Medical assisting: Ashlyn Belisle, Stamford; Krista Lee-LaFogg Ricchi, Becket; Sierra Tatro, Stamford

Surgical technology: Marissa Rivard, Associate's Degree in Surgical Technology, North Adams



By GILLIAN JONES
The Berkshire Eagle

District: Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District

Graduates: 15

Location: Outside on school grounds

