

SPECIAL SENIOR EDITION!

RHS GAG AWARDS

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news editor

After weeks of anticipation, winners of the annual Senior Gag awards were announced on Monday, June 14.

The Gag Awards have been a longtime RHS tradition. The Senior Class Grade Administrator Meg Schaefer states, "They have been doing it as long as I've been here, which is 22 years, and probably longer than that." There are over 50 categories ranging from *Best Dressed* to *Most Likely to Get Kicked Out of the Library*. Other categories include *Best Personality*, *Most Likely to Get a Ticket*, and *Most Likely to Become President*.

In order to determine winners for each of the awards, members of the senior class were asked to cast a vote for one senior boy and one senior girl in each category. Ballots were submitted along with Prom seating requests.

Senior Nina Montgomery states, "It was fun filling out the sheet, on some of the categories. It will be interesting to see if any of the people I picked actually win."

Juniors, as opposed to seniors, tallied the votes in order to prevent the seniors from learning the results before they were officially released. With the exception of Prom King and Queen, winners of the Gag Awards were announced after school on June 14 during the annual senior yearbook signing party.

Alexandra Salerno states, "There was a lot of hype leading up to the announcement of the winners. Some of the results were not surprising but a lot of them were really unexpected. The categories were really creative as well, it was just a fun experience overall."

Ridgewood High School's 2010 Prom King and Queen, Rebecca Kim and Chris Given, were crowned on Friday, June 4 during Prom. Given states, "It's every little boy's dream to win Prom King."

Further information on the winners in all categories is available on pg 3.



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All Ridgewood High School students dream about their senior year, especially second semester. It is a time when everything related to college is said and done and everyone knows where they are going or what they will be doing in the fall. By June, the celebration of the end of high school intensifies.

Seniors engage in many celebratory activities throughout the school year. The senior slide show, held in November, marks the beginning of the Senior ceremonies. Friends upload pictures to the Senior Slide Show Facebook group or hand in their photos to their designated grade administrator.

Student government puts together the show, making sure to include at least one picture of every student in the grade. Senior Vivian Robbins remembers the slide show fondly; she says, "It was a good way to remember not only your own

group of friends, but also the other groups of friends and how they have grown and changed.

Towards the end of May, seniors can pick up a superlative sheet for the annual Gag Awards. Students vote for their peers in a variety of categories, from "Hidden Hot-tie" to "Tree Hugger." Seniors must vote for one girl and one guy for each of the 30+ categories. Senior Morgan Knight remarks that the superlative sheet was, "Very fun to fill out and it was fun to vote for your friends." The Senior Gag Awards occur in mid-June.

During the first week in June, the much anticipated prom is held. For the past few years it has been held at the Glenpointe Marriott in Teaneck. Girls make preparations for the dance that Friday, sometimes starting as early as mid-day. Hair salons are packed

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and nail salons have an influx of customers. Even tanning salons are buzzing the week before prom. Boys pick up their tuxedos a few days before. The tuxedo store is packed, leaving customers to wait into the night.

While many girls undergo a complete appearance overhaul, a lot simply limit themselves to getting their hair and make up done. For those who prefer to not spend one month's mortgage payment on prom, it is important to note that prom does not need to be a grandiose endeavor. Robbins says, "I just chilled out for getting ready, I didn't stress. I just got my hair done. I wanted the focus to be on having fun."

Overall, the majority of the senior class thought that prom was a fun, memorable night. Robbins and Knight agree, "Prom was so much fun. It was a lot more fun than last year."

Towards the middle of June, scholarships are awarded during the Senior Awards Ceremony. Students must apply for local scholarships in the middle of the year.

Finally, the biggest celebration of all, graduation, is held on June 23. It is advised that girls start looking for white or cream colored dresses early in the school year because they are difficult to find. Bridal stores are popular places to look. After graduation, the newly deemed alumni go to a dinner dance and then to Project Graduation at BF. Robbins, "I'm excited for project graduation. I don't think I will get too emotional because it's just another thing you have to do in life and we are doing it all together."

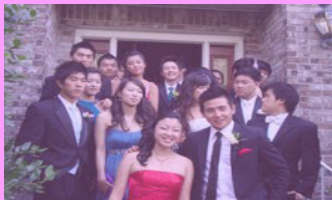
In regards to graduation and senior year as a whole, Knight remarks, "I'm excited to graduate, I'm ready to take on college. I feel a mixture of relief and excitement."

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SENIOR EDITION!

What is one of your favorite memory from your years at RHS?



Being in Celebration of the Arts every year!
~Giselle Boresta



Doing the 'It's Not My Name' dance with my friends at parties
~Blakely Donahue



Riding on a tricycle in the hallway for a day.
~Maria Galan



My favorite memory is being taught by Mr. Haas. He is the best!
~Mike Paternoster



Going to all of the school dances with my great close friends.
~Emily Garber



Prom weekend, no question.
~Tim Healy



PRAAAAMMM!
~Kelsey Halloran



I enjoyed all of the Art History field trips.
~Kevin Clough



Going on the photo field trip to a farm and playing with a baby sheep named Niblet.
~Marcy Ayres

CONGRATS CLASS OF 2010!

Senior Gag Awards

Best Eyes

Kim Lupo & Dylan Hajar

Best Dressed

Kate Lew & Kevin Reyes

Best Smile

Marykate Strahle & Cole Patterson

Easiest on the eyes

Maggie McCrudden & Matt Kusel

Best Hair

Emily Garber & Luke Cichocki

Best personalities

Marykate Strahle & Connor Moran

Best people to be stuck on a desert island with

Antine Rieger & Brendan Walsh

Most athletic

Sammy Cermack & Tony Ahn

Mr./Mrs. Ridgewood

Yoon-Ji Nam & Chris Given

Class Gossips

Jess Burnside & Jacob Levitsky

Class Clowns

Maria Galan & Malcolm Herbert

Class Artists

Diane Yoon & Arturs Pocapinski

Cradle Robbers

Annie Morris & Jared Greenhouse

Best Legs

Elisa Saxon-Lopez & Ben Smith

Least likely to survive on "Survivor"

Tory Brining & Nick Stanick

Class Musicians

Katie Ortiz & Harrison Joyce

Most likely to be millionaires

Laura Poole & Jeremy Edelberg

Most likely to be kicked out of the library

Maria Galan & Joey Mullen

Tree Huggers

Emma Follender & Dan Rother

Best Buds

Maggie McCrudden+Meryl Saunders & Rich Dudley + Alec Fenstermacher

Next Chuck Johnson

Caitlyn Daly & Bobby Franklin

Most likely to play a pro sport

Sammy Cermack & The Sommers

Life of the party

Maria Galan & Connor Moran

Best Dancers

Tory Stroker & Morgan Knight

Most likely to get a ticket

Gab Nieporant & Mike Schwartz

Next American Idols

Katie Ortiz & Ben Smith

Future Movie Stars

Kelsey Halloran & Danill Krimer

Class "nice girl" and "nice guy"

Maddie McGingly & Eddie Martinez

Most likely to be RHS teachers in the future

Hannah Jones & Sam McGaffin

Next rock stars

Katie Ortiz & Ian Kresky

Best Writers

Tess Thomas & Alec Ontiveros

Most likely to be on Broadway

Nikki Anderson & Morgan Knight

Best laugh

Kayla Isabelle & Jeremy Edelberg

Class Preps

Talia Bronfin & John Sandler

Class cutters

Emmalee Stier & Kevin Farrell

Least likely to fill this out

Alice Walters & Cole Porto

Most Creative

Kendall Smith & David Yun

Most School spirit

Danielle Porfido & Jacob Levitsky

Class Flirts

Keara Fenzel & James Albano

Most Outgoing

Marykate Strahle & Danill Krimer

Class trouble Makers

Jess Burnside & Joey Mullen

Pie-eating Champions

Izzy Marx & Jimmy Uzzalino

Diva/Divo

Tory Brining & Eric Ruta

Most likely to sleep in class

Alexx Polimni & Colin Glennon

Hidden Hotties

Tess Thomas & Peter Cho

Most likely to join the Peace Corps

Emma Wise & Brendan Walsh

Biggest Moocher

Gina Azzolini & Tony Ahn/Eric Ruta

Next President of the USA

Danielle Porfido & Merrill Anovick

Future soccer mom/dad

Danielle Porfido & Jack Simmons

Class Couple

Gab Nieporant & Cole Patterson

Most likely to appear on "Jersey Shore"

Victoria Maslak & Chris Bissetta

Most likely to win "Jeopardy"

Alex Scibetta & Billy Floyd

Next World Class Surgeon

Christie Nelson & Alex Butler

Best Advice Giver

Jen Posner & Noah Suzuki

Most Adorable

Yoon-Ji Nam & Dan Felsenstein

Most likely to procrastinate

Jamie Nudell & Neil Eckblom

Prom King and Prom Queen

Rebecca Kim & Chris Given

the *high* times features

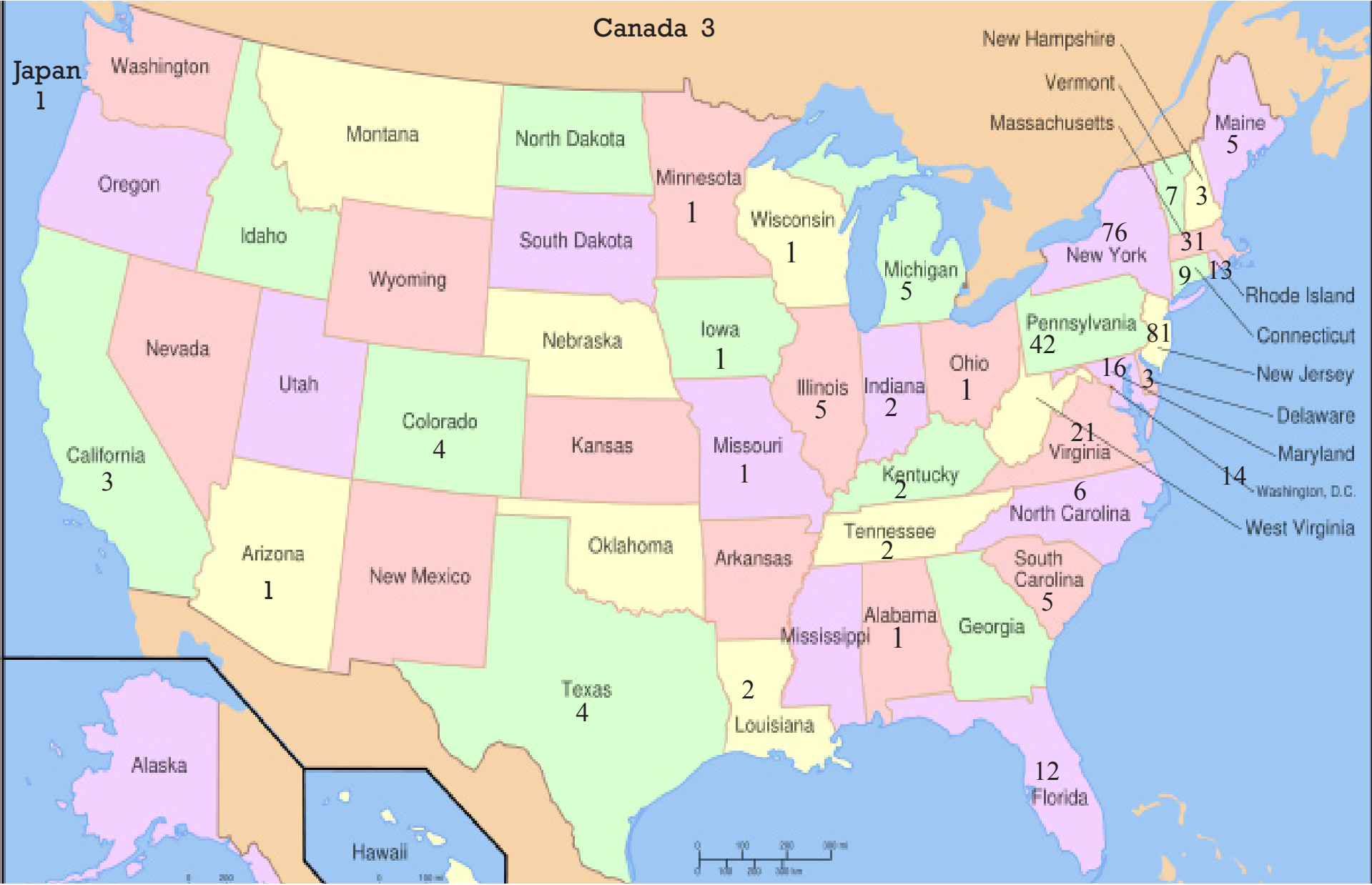
Prom 2010 Memories

After months of anticipation and planning, prom finally arrived on Friday, June 4th with much revelry. The formal evening dresses and tuxedos were donned, the hair artistically arranged, and the corsages and boutonnieres pinned on. Amidst humidity and hundreds of camera flashes, prom-goers posed for excited family and friends and so the night began! At the Glenpointe Marriott in Teaneck, attendees dined on a fine meal, had fun posing in the photo booth, and danced the night away. The evening was unquestionably an enjoyable way to commemorate the last four years and to celebrate the coming excitement of life after high school.



RHS Students' College Destinations

WHERE WILL RHS SENIORS BE NEXT YEAR?



- ALABAMA**
University of Alabama – 1
- ARIZONA**
Arizona State University – 1
- CALIFORNIA**
City College of San Francisco – 1
Academy of Art University – 1
Occidental College – 1
- CANADA**
McGill University – 2
University of Toronto – 1
- COLORADO**
United States Air Force Academy–1
University of Colorado at Boulder–3
- CONNECTICUT**
Wesleyan University – 1
Connecticut College – 4
Quinnipiac University – 1
Fairfield University – 3
- DELAWARE**
Delaware Valley College – 1
University of Delaware – 2
- FLORIDA**
University of Miami – 4
Ringling College of Arts and Design – 3
University of Tampa – 2
Lynn University – 1
Florida Gulf Coast University – 1
Full Sail University – 1
- ILLINOIS**
University of Chicago – 1
Northwestern University – 2
School of the Arts Institute of Chicago – 1
University of Illinois – 1
- INDIANA**
Indiana University at Bloomington–2
- IOWA**
Grinnell College – 1

- JAPAN**
International Christian University-1
- KENTUCKY**
University of Louisville - 2
- LOUISIANA**
Tulane University – 2
- MAINE**
Colby College – 1
Bates College – 1
Arcadia College – 1
Bowdoin College – 2
- MARYLAND**
Loyola University Maryland – 5
Johns Hopkins University – 4
Towson College – 2
United States Naval Academy – 2
University of Maryland – 2
Goucher College – 1
- MASSACHUSETTS**
Boston University – 9
Boston College – 4
Tufts University – 3
University of Massachusetts – 4
Bentley College – 1
Wheaton College – 1
Hampshire College – 1
Amherst College – 1
Brandeis University – 1
Williams College – 1
Springfield College – 1
Assumption College – 1
Sulfolk College – 1
Babson College – 1
Curry College – 1
- MICHIGAN**
University of Michigan – 4
Michigan State University – 1
- MINNESOTA**
Carleton – 1
- MISSOURI**
University of Missouri Columbia–1

- NEW HAMPSHIRE**
University of New Hampshire – 1
Dartmouth College – 2
- NEW JERSEY**
Bergen Community College – 19
Ramapo College – 11
Montclair College – 11
Rutgers University New Brunswick–9
William Paterson University – 8
The College of New Jersey – 7
Fairleigh Dickinson University – 3
Rowan University – 3
Rider University – 2
Kean College – 2
Seton Hall University – 1
Rutgers University Newark – 1
Fairleigh Dickinson University Madison – 1
Monmouth College – 1
Drew University – 1
Berkeley College – 1
- NEW YORK**
New York Institute of Technology–1
Sarah Lawrence College – 1
Barnard College – 1
St. Thomas Aquinas College – 1
Pace University – 1
SUNY Potsdam – 1
Bard College – 1
Brooklyn College – 1
LeMoyne College – 1
SUNY Buffalo – 1
Sienna College – 1
Manhattanville University – 1
Julliard School – 1
Five Towns College – 1
Wagner College – 1
New York University – 7
Cornell University – 6
Syracuse University – 6
Marist College – 4
Skidmore College – 4
Pratt Institute – 3
St. John's University – 3
Hamilton College – 3
Columbia University – 3
Union College – 2
Stony Brook College – 2

- NEWYORK continued**
Colgate University – 2
SUNY Binghamton – 2
Ithaca College – 2
Champlain College – 2
Vassar College – 1
Rochester University – 1
Fordham University – 8
- NORTH CAROLINA**
High Point University – 2
Wake Forest University – 1
University of North Carolina – 1
Guilford College – 1
Duke University – 1
- OHIO**
Oberlin College – 1
- PENNSYLVANIA**
University of Pittsburgh – 4
Pennsylvania State University – 5
St. Joseph's University – 4
Lehigh University – 3
Muhlenberg College – 3
York University – 2
Susquehanna University – 2
Scranton University – 2
Carnegie Mellon University – 2
University of Pennsylvania – 2
Bryn Mawr College – 1
Universal Technical Institute – 1
Lafayette College – 1
Villanova University – 1
Gettysburg College – 1
Bucknell University – 1
St. Francis College – 1
Eastern University – 1
Kutztown College – 1
Ursinus College – 1
Albright College – 1
Drexel University – 1
University of the Arts – 1

- RHODE ISLAND**
Johnson and Wales University – 3
Providence College – 4
Salve Regina University – 2
University of Rhode Island – 2
Brown University – 1
Rhode Island School of Design – 1
- SOUTH CAROLINA**
Clemson University – 1
University of South Carolina – 2
Coastal Carolina University – 2
- TENNESSEE**
Vanderbilt University – 1
Rhodes College – 1
- TEXAS**
University of Dallas – 1
Texas Christian University – 1
Rice University – 1
Southern Methodist University – 1
- VERMONT**
University of Vermont – 4
Middlebury College – 1
Bennington College – 1
Castleton State College – 1
- VIRGINIA**
University of Richmond – 6
Virginia Polytechnic Institute – 3
University of Virginia – 3
Roanoke College – 2
Washington and Lee University – 2
James Madison University – 2
College of William and Mary – 1
Hampden-Sydney College – 1
Virginia Commonwealth University – 1
- WASHINGTON, D.C.**
George Washington University – 5
American University – 4
Catholic University – 4
Georgetown University – 1
- WISCONSIN**
Beloit College – 1

Shout-Outs

to the Seniors



Marissa.
I love you! You are
an awesome sister.
Love, Katie Ferrito

Corinna Bertelson - Best big
sister eva! You've always been
there for me and you're such
a fun person to be with. Wish
you lots of luck at Columbia
and I'll visit! - Jun Kim

Dear Sammy C.
I am so happy you won
the championship!

**Rob Tedeschi:
I LOVE YOU**

Dear Emily "Canada"
Smith-
You are truly lovely.
All the best, Jono

Jess Burnside - Thanks so
much for taking care of me
and driving me when I really
needed you. Great times at
DECA and good luck in col-
lege! - Jun Kim

Dear Sam & Amir,
When you two get married,
who is going to wear the
dress? I think Amir looks bet-
ter in white.
From your future best man

To Sam, Amir, John, and all my valued
customers
Thank you for keeping the love pool
afloat. You guys will always get V.I.P.
treatments in the Love Pool. Awww
Yeah.

Day 2 Period 4!!!

Woojung "Jane" Song
I love you more than
Alec. -Austin Taylor-

WooJung Jane Song,
I love you more than words
can describe, you are the spirit
of my soul.
Love, Alec Ontiveros

Noah Suzuki - Good times
in DECA and student con-
gress. Favorite quote: "I'm
in dreamland level 10!"
haha - the Ice Man

**Hey Mark Maniaci!
Fun times in Jav!
-Caitlin & Kim**

Jeremy Edelberg - Great times
this year in DECA!! I hope that
I can be "the next Jeremy" in
Econ next year and just wanted
to remind you I look up to you in
a number of ways. Good luck at
Wesleyan! - Jun Kim

Milen Loren rocks!
-Jake Higgins-

Woojung Jane Song,
I love you. You are the
light of my life.
Love, Jared Greenhouse

Jacob Levitsky-
You're crazy!
-Cbone12-

Matt Sommer & Kaz Teka-
lani,
GTs driving 2 hours to the
middle of nowhere! Have fun
in college and don't forget to
keep in touch with your fav
people!

Jon Ray Almoradie,
It's been a great 17 years
little bro, but I think it's
time we finally get away
from each other.
Love you always,
Josh Almoradie

**Melissa Macias:
You are so cool, I
will miss you!
Vince**

CJ Smith-
You are so cool, I will
miss you. Don't get bul-
lied by Freshmen!

**Period 6 First Aid
You are my Hero's.**

Jackie Watson/Alexa Sie-
gel - You guys are some
of the nicest people I met
this year!! Great times
at DECA and good luck
next year! :) - Jun Kim

To Leatherwood:
HI!!!
Love, Chris

**OH HI
ESTEE!**

Keara Fenzel - Great times
in orchestra! Hope every-
thing goes well for you in
college! :) - Jun Kim

John Wisener, I heard
a rumor about you in
New York!
-Anonymous

Lauren Potter:
You are so cool; I
will miss you!
Vince

Dear Yuya,
Yer great kid, don't go a'
changin and enjoy your-
self next year in college. I
wish you all the best.
Love, your worst & best
friend, Rob

Kim Lupo-
You rock at LAX and I will
miss you a lot next year.
You da bomb. BBM me
later.
-Soeurette-

Wolfpack
'10.... GET
IT!

RHS Tennis Seniors- I love
you guys and will miss you
so much!! Next year won't
be the same... -Soeurette-

Picture Perfect Year

A look back on this year's teams and accomplishments



photo courtesy of TOMMY DEVITA

The seniors on the 2009 football team are all smiles after a victory in their annual Thanksgiving contest against rival Paramus.



photo courtesy of TOMMY DEVITA

Tommy Devita's high jump of 6 foot 8 inches ranks as the 2nd highest jump in the state and 7th in the nation this year.



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Senior James Albano led the Maroons boys' basketball team this season, earning a first team all suburban and second team all-county selection.

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photo courtesy of LIZ CERMACK

Seniors Sammy Cermack and Abbey Van Horne share a heart-felt moment after Cermack scored the golden goal to beat arch-rival IHA.



photo courtesy of MAGGIE MCCRUDDEN

Senior Maggie McCrudden and junior Haley Wodenshek teamed up to win the SRAA national rowing championship.



photo courtesy of DONNA PEDERSEN

An ecstatic girls' lacrosse team celebrates its 7-6 victory over Mendham in the state finale.

Last words as
Editors-in-Chief

Alicia Cho

Tess Thomas

During the last week of each month, room 199 becomes a place where nineteen disparate teenagers with different talents work as one to capture a sliver of history for Ridgewood High School. As a member of *The High Times*, I have toiled with margins, tinkered with Gaussian blurs, and tussled with word choice: all to meet a series of uncompromising deadlines. Procrastination was no excuse and there was no such thing as “almost.” Yet, instead of being a burden, deadlines showed us the power of collaboration. Through *High Times*, I learned how to take initiative, to speak my mind, and to yield to others when their ideas were better than my own. And so, in room 199, a small group of teenagers, through their collective efforts, transformed mere words into messages, pictures into portraits, and deadlines into opportunities to achieve more than any one person could ever achieve alone.

I want to thank all my wonderful editors for the countless hours and hard work you placed for each issue, the writers for your consistent articles, Mrs. Sabo for your never-ending support and guidance, and Tess for being the best partner I could have possibly imagined. And lastly, thank you to all the readers who pick up the issue each month! Please continue to show support next year; we leave the newspaper in very capable hands. :)

As I write my final farewell to *The High Times*, I can’t believe that this publication is still functioning after being under the reign of Alicia and me for an entire year. I can’t speak for Alicia, but for most of the year I was crippled with the fear that we would go down in RHS history as the pair who led our school’s lovely publication to collapse. But somehow the paper managed to stay afloat, and there is no doubt in my mind that it is thanks to this year’s wonderful editorial staff, Mrs. Sabo - advisor extraordinaire, and most of all my beloved co-editor-in-chief, Alicia.

And so let me begin my many and most sincere thank-you’s. To our amazing team of seventeen – you are quite possibly the greatest staff this newspaper has ever seen. Your dedication to this paper and tolerance of all my annoying texts is inspiring and I can’t thank you enough. Mrs. Sabo – thank you for keeping us grounded this whole year and being your funny, helpful, amazing self every issue. And lastly, to my dearest Alicia – I want to thank you for being the amazing friend and co-editor you have been to me everyday since that first fateful Starbucks date one year ago.

So it is with a heavy heart that I conclude my goodbye to *The High Times*, the most important, albeit time-consuming, activities of my high school career. In addition to giving me a touch of OCD, particularly with respect to caption sizes and photo borders, the newspaper has taught me so much, and, as cliché as it sounds, shaped me into the graduate I am today. It is with much remorse that I prepare to send our final publication to the printer.

But I leave our baby in the very capable hands of next year’s amazing staff of editors, who I’m sure will do an even better job than Alicia and I ever could have managed. I can’t wait to see what amazing issues you come out with - I’m expecting my dorm room to be on *The High Times*’ mailing list! So to all our readers – keep on reading, you won’t be disappointed! ☺

Congratulations to the
Class of 2010!

Thank you for your support.