



New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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Scholarship and Award Winners

Board of Regents Meeting
June 8, 2020

Chancellor Joseph McGovern Scholarship

Winner: Michael Minehan

Michael is the son of Tina Minehan who works in the P-12 Office of Special Education in Albany.

Michael is graduating from Averill Park High School.

In the fall, Michael will be attending Siena College with a major in Biology.



Chancellor Joseph McGovern Scholarship

Winner: D’Nauticah Serman

D’Nauticah is the granddaughter of Virginia Serman who works in the P-12 Office of Career and Technical Education in Albany.

D’Nauticah is graduating from Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School.

In the fall, D’Nauticah will be attending Siena College with a major in Business.



Margaret Snow Vander Veer Scholarship with additional support from Commissioner MaryEllen Elia

Winner: McKayla Kardas

McKayla is the daughter of Deborah Jean Kardas who works in the Office of Professional Discipline in Rochester.

McKayla is graduating from Webster Thomas High School.

In the fall, McKayla will be attending Quinnipiac University with a major in Criminal Psychology or Social Work.



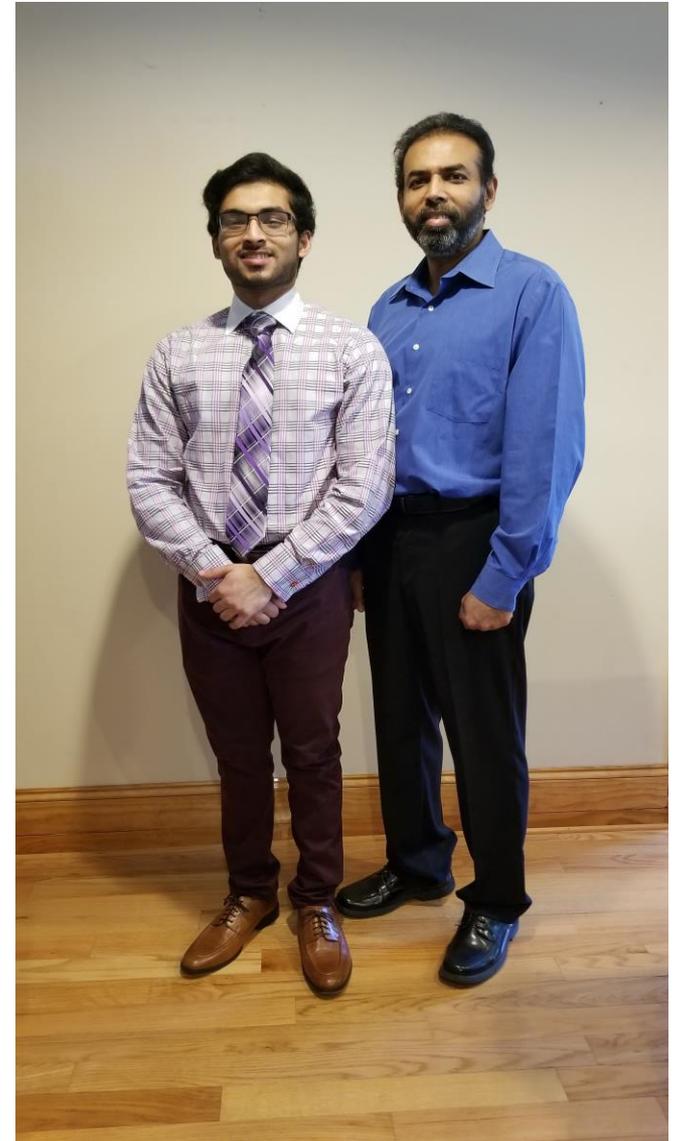
Regent Emeritus Emlyn Griffith Scholarship

Winner: Bryan Joseph

Bryan is the son of Shibu Joseph who works in the P-12 Office of Accountability in Brooklyn.

Bryan is graduating from Sewanhaka High School.

In the fall, Bryan will be attending Hofstra University with a major in Electrical Engineering.



2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars has selected the 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars from among a pool of extremely qualified candidates.

Finalist: Grant GianGrasso

Clarence Central High School

Nominated by the New York State Education Department

Grant will be attending the University of Virginia as a Jefferson Scholar.



Two other students from New York State were semifinalists nominated by the New York State Education Department:

- Stephanie Fortune, Tupper Lake Middle-High School
- Richard Sasson, Yeshiva of Flatbush Joel Braverman High School, Brooklyn

2020 Superintendent of the Year

Awarded by the NYS Council of School Superintendents

Dr. Michael P. Nagler

Mineola Public Schools Superintendent

Dr. Nagler has been with Mineola Public Schools for 21 years and served as the high school principal and deputy superintendent before becoming superintendent in 2009. He earned his doctorate in education from Columbia University.



Regent Emeritus Louis E. Yavner Award

Winner: Megan Wright

Outstanding Contributions to teaching about the Holocaust and Human Rights

Ms. Wright has taught 11th and 12th grade at Alexander Central School for more than 12 years.

Ms. Wright has organized multiple Holocaust survivor events at Alexander Central School. She also promotes Holocaust education and awareness to high school students by creating and teaching two English electives:

- World War II/Holocaust Literature
- Post World War II Literature

