The One Hundred Ninth
Commencement
of the
Scotia-Glenville High School

Saturday Morning, June 24, 2017
9:30 o’clock

Proctor’s Theatre
Schenectady, New York

We need your help and cooperation

Scotia-Glenville is proud of each of its graduates, and we wish to accord them the honor and respect due them as they receive their diplomas.

Please refrain from shouting, cheering, applauding and/or making noise that will distract from each graduate’s walk across the stage.

We ask this in the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.

Thank you
Class of 2017 Program
Superintendent Susan M. Swartz, Presiding

Prelude ........................................... Senior High School Symphonic Band Members
Allison Atchley, Director

Proud Spirit ................................. J. Swearingen

Scotia-Glenville Pipe Band .......................... Ms. Maureen Connor, Director

Processional ........................................ Senior High School Symphonic Band Members

Pomp and Circumstance ............................ Sir Edward Elgar, arr. Ployhar

Pledge of Allegiance ................................ Natasha Cotrupi, President, Class of 2017

National Anthem ..................................... Senior High School Symphonic Band Members

Introduction and Welcome .......................... Susan M. Swartz, Superintendent of Schools

Recognition of Class Medalists
Academic Achievement and Departmental Medals .................. Peter J. Bednarek, Principal

Vocal Selections ....................................... Senior Choralaires, Jessica Crisci, Director

Three Little Birds ................................... B. Marley, arr. A. Snyder
Richard Paszkiewicz, Percussion
Kimberly DuBrey, Flute

A Parting Blessing ................................. J. Jerome Williams

Introduction of Commencement Speaker .......................... Susan M. Swartz, Superintendent of Schools

“The Climb” ........................................ Margaret Scognamiglio
(Introduced by David Langdon, Guidance)

“The ‘Perfect’ Graduation Speech” ..................... Aidan Chaffin
(Introduced by Lynn Greene, Math)

Remarks ........................................... David Bucciferro, President, Board of Education

Presentation of Diplomas ............................ David Bucciferro, President, Board of Education
Susan M. Swartz, Superintendent of Schools

Scotia-Glenville’s Alma Mater

Come now cheer for dear old Scotia,
Let your voices fill the air
Our hearts beat high with rapture,
As we see our colors fair.
In our work, and in our pleasure
For our high school we will fight.
While we cheer for dear old Scotia,
And the Crimson and the White.

We will wear our Tartan proudly,
As we battle through the game.
We will serve our Alma Mater
And protect her from all shame.
May our friendships last forever.
May our future years be bright.
Let’s remember dear old Scotia
And the Crimson and the White.

Recessional ......................................... Senior High School Symphonic Band Members

March: Celebration and Glory .......................... J. Swearingen

The audience is requested to remain seated until the Graduates have departed.
Class of 2017 Officers

President ....................................... Natasha Cotrupi
Vice President ................................. Vinicius Silva
Secretary ............................... Colin Hodge
Treasurer .......................... Rachel Storti

Class Advisor

Danielle Sawyer

“Be bold enough to use your voice, brave enough to listen to your heart, and strong enough to live the life you’ve always imagined.”

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Congratulations
Scotia–Glenville
Class of 2017!
THE CAROL ANN THOMPSON CUMMINGS SCOTIA-GLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1962 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $250 – Open to a senior who is an active member of their graduating class and is interested in pursuing a career in the healthcare field.

THE LION’S CLUB AWARD – $1,000 (2) – To members of the graduating class, “Who in the opinion of the faculty have shown concern for their fellow man and who consistently volunteer to help those in need.”

THE PHILIP T. HILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $500 – To a member of the graduating class planning for a career in accounting or a related field who has demonstrated satisfactory scholarship and a caring attitude toward others. In memory of Philip T. Hill “Class of ’68” by friends and co-workers at the Kingsway Arms Nursing Home.

THE SCOTIA FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS – $250 (2) – Given to seniors who have shown an interest in bettering the community by individual effort or by participation in a school, church, or community activity. Interest and participation in fire safety is one expression of a valid activity.

THE DAVID & ELEANOR LEWIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $500 – To a graduating senior who has participated in the ARC GIVE program for a period of at least one year.

THE SUSAN BETH EIDENS-DOEBLER SCHOLARSHIP – $1,000 – To a senior who has demonstrated sound scholastic aptitude and achievement; the qualities of integrity and outstanding citizenship; is a giver, rather than a taker; has an open mind and works well with others and has a zest for living. The recipient must be planning to devote his/her career to the field of medical sciences.

THE DR. SAMUEL J. COPPOLA MEMORIAL KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP – $250 – Open to a senior for outstanding achievement in the technology department.

THE PAT MCGIVERN MEMORIAL KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP – $1,000 – To a graduating senior who is going on to college and who has been a very active and contributing member of Key Club.

THE MIKE MORTENSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – $250 – Open to a senior who will attend a four year college and will participate in inter-collegiate athletics in at least the Division III Level and has a GPA of 85% or higher.

THE KEVIN HADDON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $300 – In memory of Kevin Haddon, a 2008 graduate of Scotia-Glenville High School. To a graduating senior who attended Votech for welding, HVAC, or electrical and has maintained an average of 85% or higher.

ALMA MCNEIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $1,000 – Open to a senior planning to attend a two year college or post-high school vocational training who has demonstrated qualities of good citizenship, friendliness, and school spirit as evidenced by involvement in extra-curricular activities. Presented by the Scotia-Glenville Teachers’ Association.

Congratulations Scotia-Glenville Class of 2017!

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LESLEY KENNEY/MISS PICARD SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – $3,000 – Open to a senior planning teaching as a career who has demonstrated leadership qualities, character, and personality suitable for the profession. Presented by the Scotia-Glenville Teachers' Association. Margaret Scognamiglio

THE CHARLES W. MARTZ AWARD – $150 – To a graduating senior who shares a sense of humor, demonstrates an intrinsic love of learning, exhibits high moral standards with regard to honesty and respect, works conscientiously and helps others of their own vision. Nathan Weaver

THE BEUKENDAAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARD – $300 (5) – Given to graduates pursuing a higher education and who have shown a desire to serve their community. Paige Bailey, Matthew Kalasinski, Collin McPhail, Lucas Terwilliger and Nathan Weaver

JOHN AND MARGARET FRANCOIS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP – $300 – To an academically qualified student who has consistently demonstrated the positive qualities of a potential educator, and who intends to pursue a degree in music education. Abigail McCann

THE GLENVILLE HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY SCHOLARSHIP – $500 – Open to residents in the Glenville Hill Fire District #6 who have demonstrated positive qualities as volunteers in the community and school, who have shown integrity, leadership qualities, concern for others, and the ability to work harmoniously with individuals. Katelin Barrera

THE VITO CORBO/JAKE BAUREL ELKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $1,000 – Awarded to family members of the Rotterdam Elks Lodge #2157 who have demonstrated solid academic achievement, leadership and volunteerism. Olivia Powhida

THE P.E.O. CHAPTER OF A.N. SCOTIA, NY AWARD – $350 – To a senior girl planning to pursue higher education beginning at a local community college who has demonstrated solid academic achievement, strong character, and extra community involvement. Paige Bailey

THE MOUNTAIN RIDGE ADVENTURE COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP – $500 – Awarded to a member of the Class of 2017 whose winning essay addressed the question, “How can society encourage more unstructured outdoor play?” Wyatt Cayer

THE PETER H. SCHRADER CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP – $500 – To a member of the graduating class with a desire to pursue a career in construction or a construction related field and who is mechanically inclined and has demonstrated a good work ethic. Nicholas Veach

THE THOMAS CORNERS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND LADIES AUXILIARY AWARD – $300 – Given to sons and daughters of Auxiliary members or active firefighters. Graciana Cox

THE SCOTIA-GLENVILLE ELKS LODGE SCHOLARSHIPS – $500 (3) – To graduating seniors who competed in state scholarship programs and exhibited exemplary academic and extra-curricular records and general work ethics. Cameron Bishop, Briana Fitzgerald and Joshua Kraines

GLENVILLE ROTARY STUDENT OF THE YEAR – $2,000 – Awarded to a member of the Class of 2017 who best exemplifies the ideas of the Rotary motto “Service Above Self” and the Rotary Four Way Test. Katelin Barrera

MORGAN BOWERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $8,000 – To a senior member of Scotia Glenville Choralaires, who is a deserving student and who exemplifies the spirit of kindness and compassion. Margaret Scognamiglio

GLENWORDEN PTA SCHOLARSHIP – $500 – Open to a senior who attended Glen-Worden School, has demonstrated good citizenship, including extracurricular activities and community service, satisfactory scholastic achievement, and who will attend a post-secondary education institution. Elizabeth Hanlon

THE GLENDALA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $250 (2) – Open to seniors who attended Glendaal School for at least one year and who have been accepted by a two or four year accredited college. The recipients must have demonstrated a solid grade point average, good citizenship, and put forth the best and most consistent effort in all endeavors. Katelin Barrera and Jacob Greski

THE JAMES CUFARI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $500 – To a graduating senior who has demonstrated academic responsibility and is planning on attending college or a post secondary training program. They must have demonstrated commitment to be a good citizen by volunteer efforts in school and home and have set goals for career and community service. Rhonda Nadeau

THE KAY STURDY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – $500 (2) – Open to senior boys and girls who attended Sacandaga School who have, during their secondary school years, demonstrated their worth as students and citizens. Kylie George and Rachel Titus

LINCOLN SCHOOL PTA SCHOLARSHIP – $400 – Open to a senior who attended Lincoln School, in consideration of outstanding personal qualities and fine scholarship, felt to be most in keeping with the ideals set forth as a teacher by Dorothy C. Burbank. Margaret Scognamiglio

THE DENISE LYN SIMMONS MEMORIAL AWARD – $1,000 – Open to members of the graduating class who attended Scotia-Glenville Middle School, demonstrated a love of music, voluntarily rendered service to the community, participated in interscholastic athletics, achieved above average scholarship, and provided leadership for their classmates through positive personal values. Margaret Scognamiglio

CAROLYN GERDIN SCHOLARSHIP – $400 – Open to a graduating senior who attended Lincoln School. The student must be focused on volunteerism and community involvement; have good scholastic achievement and plan on attending a post secondary institution. Briana Fitzgerald

THE FRANK CINGILIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $500 – To a graduating senior who has excellent moral character; has worked to the best of his/her ability and has shown consistent academic progress through high school; a person who gains satisfaction from academic achievement and community involvement, and does not seek public recognition or leadership roles. Rachel Hartman

THE SCOTIA-GLENVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS’ SCHOLARSHIP – $1,000 – To a graduating senior who has demonstrated academic merit and community service with noteworthy benefit to senior citizens. Olivia Powhida

THE GRACE SOMMERMAN/JEAN HINMAN NURSING HEALTH CARE AWARD – $500 – Open to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a caring concern for others, responsibility and service to school and community, a sense of humor, academic achievement, and an interest in a nursing health care profession. In memory of Grace R. Sommerman and Jean Hinman. Emilee Rosenberg

SOUTH COLONIE TEACHER’S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP – $1,000 – Awarded to member’s child based on academic achievement, volunteer service and an essay. Ian Fialherty

THE VILLAGE OF SCOTIA PATROLMAN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP – $250 – To a member of the graduating class who demonstrates an interest and commitment to a career in criminal justice or a related endeavor. Ian Fialherty

THE RICHARD W. FYVIE MEMORIAL AWARD – $500 – To a graduating senior who has been involved in community service and sports, is in good academic standing, and who may be considering a career in the criminal justice field. In memory of Richard W. Fyvie. Ian Fialherty

THE SCOTIA-GLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF RICHARD J. MCGUIRE – $500 (2) – Awarded to seniors who have demonstrated fine personal qualities, admirable conduct and concern for others, and are also most in keeping with the ideals of our former principal, exemplified by good scholastic achievement, good sportsmanship, good citizenship in school and community, and have participated in related activities. Taylor Cooper and Anthony DiCarlo

THE KAREN DEMARCO MEMORIAL – $400 – To a senior who attended the Scotia-Glenville School System for a minimum of two years and who is planning a career in medicine or a related field. By the Karen DeMarco Scholarship Fund. Paige Bailey

THE SCOTIA-GLENVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA SCHOLARSHIP – $400 (3) – Awarded to seniors who attended Scotia-Glenville Middle School, demonstrated academic excellence, good citizenship, and intend to pursue a post-secondary education. Aidan Chaffin, Natasha Cotrupi and Vinicius Silva
THE KAREN L. HORNICHEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $150 – Presented in memory of Ms. Karen L. Hornichek, Business Education Department Chairperson 1988-1997, to a graduating senior who has demonstrated academic achievement in the business education program, who shows high standards of conduct, is interested and involved in community and church activities, and who shares the same strong commitment to helping others as demonstrated by this devoted teacher. Paige Bailey

THE COLLIER SCHOLARSHIP – $5,000 – Awarded to a senior who demonstrates a desire to make a difference in the lives of others through their commitment to the field of education as their career choice. Margaret Scognamiglio

THE OYANGEN MERIT AWARD – $250 (2) – To members of the graduating class interested in pursuing a career in the medical or dental field. Kyle Jerrel and Olivia Powhida

THE SCOTIA-GLENVILLE SECRETARIAL ASSOCIATION AWARD – $600 – In memory of all former district secretaries to a graduating senior in the business education program who performs his or her duties in a trustworthy manner, possesses a sense of humor, and is able to get along with others. Shane Phillips

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP – $1,000 (2) – Open to seniors who best fit the Rotary motto: “Service above self, he profits most who serves best.” Katelin Barrera and Vinicius Silva

PEDRICK, PETERSON & HOLLBEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $2,000 – To a senior who best exemplifies the Rotary motto “Service above Self.” Taylor Cooper

SCOTIA ROTARY-KATHLEEN CLOTHIER-RAYMOND CLOTHIER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – $2,000 – To a graduating senior who will use the scholarship “to further his or her education at the college or university of his or her choice.” Rhonda Nadeau

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA BAND AWARD – $150 – Presented to a graduating senior band member exhibiting musical excellence and a strong commitment to the school band program. Hanna LeGere

NATIONAL SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AWARD – $150 – Presented to a graduating senior orchestra member in recognition of outstanding dedication and superior musicianship. Julianna Piccirillo

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHORAL AWARD – $150 – Awarded to a senior who has shown both exemplary talent in singing and committed service to the school choral program. Cassandra Wright

CARL M. STEUBING MUSIC AWARD – $400 – Awarded to a graduating senior planning to pursue a career in music or music education. The recipient will have demonstrated excellence in the performing arts during his/her high school career. Abigail McCann

FRIENDS OF MUSIC AWARD – $200 (3) – To the seniors who have demonstrated outstanding ability, growth in musical skill and unselfish musical service to the school and community. Kaitlyn Batson, Natasha Cotrupi and Kimberly DuBrey

SCHENECTADY COUNTY MUSIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP – $250 – To a graduating student who currently attends a Schenectady County School and demonstrates a commitment to music and will be enrolled in a college program with the interest of majoring or minoring in some form of music study. Rachel Titus

THE DOMINICK MACHERONE AWARD – $250 (2) – Awarded to graduating seniors who have excelled in art, have been an active participant in the GIVE program, have exhibited strong community/school spirit, and a deep sense of caring for others. Aidan Chaffin and Natasha Cotrupi

CARL M. STEUBING VISUAL ARTS AWARD – $400 – Offered to a graduating senior planning to pursue a career in the visual, graphic, or performing arts. The recipient will have demonstrated the pursuit of excellence, diligence, and a love for developing talents in the visual, graphic, or performing arts. Alexis Deyette

NYSATA ART AWARD – $125 (2) – Awarded to two seniors who have taken three or more credits in art and have completed the courses with the second and third highest art GPA and have achieved excellence in Art Club. Naudia Smith and Victoria Zenobio

THE DAILY GAZETTE LITERARY AWARD – $100 – To the student with the highest average in fourth year English. Elizabeth Esker

THE GLADYS GAETZ SAWYER ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP – $250 – To a graduating senior with high academic achievement who is interested in the study of English and related fields. Aidan Chaffin

VILLAGE BOOK CLUB AWARD – IN MEMORY OF CAROL WELCH – $350 – Awarded to a deserving senior girl with a love of books and reading. Zoe Ohye

SPANISH EXCELLENCE AWARD – $100 (2) – A certificate and a check to the senior in advanced Spanish with the highest cumulative average in the language. Alexis Deyette and Elizabeth Esker

GERMAN EXCELLENCE AWARD – $100 – A certificate and a check to the senior in advanced German with the highest cumulative average in the language. Noah Rejack

FRENCH EXCELLENCE AWARD – $100 – A certificate and a check to the senior with the highest cumulative average in the language. Katelin Barrera

COLLEGE OF ST. ROSE AWARD – $100 – Open to a senior exhibiting high achievement in an advanced foreign language class. Presented by the Schenectady Chapter of the College of St. Rose Alumnae Association in memory of Mother Rose of Lima, C.S.J. Aidan Chaffin

THE MR. “K” TEACHER EDUCATION AWARD – $500.00 – To a senior who graduated from Sacandaga Elementary School and intends to pursue a teaching degree in any subject area or grade level, including the arts, music, or physical education. Christian Olsen

JOANNE DAYTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $750 – To a member of the Class of 2017 who demonstrates an interest in pursuing Education studies upon graduation and has participated in academic, drama, sports or community clubs. Jay Zeman

LAURENCE DAYTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $750 – Awarded to a senior who attends Capital District BOCES career and technical school with an emphasis on construction, engineering, designing, and other subjects taught in the Industrial Arts Program. Adam Forshey

THE CRAIG B. HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $100 – To a graduating senior who has demonstrated high academic achievement, strong character, outstanding leadership by involvement in the athletic program, school clubs and activities, and by dedication to school and community through service projects. Payton Verdi

RYAN M. SALAMONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – $500 – Presented to a senior who has demonstrated an aptitude for technology and/or aesthetic design, has a contagious sense of humor and a passion for cars, art or photography. Joshua Kraines

JUNIOR TARTAN FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP – $200 – To a football player who participated in both Pop Warner and high school football. Christian Olsen

THOMAS F. EVER'S MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED BY THE SCOTIA-GLENVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE – $500 – To a member of the graduating class who has demonstrated good character, courage, and loyalty in interscholastic sports while maintaining satisfactory academic achievement. Jacob Greski

THE CRAIG HITCHCOCK AWARD – $150 – To a graduating senior who has maintained a record of high academic achievement, contributed significantly to interscholastic athletics; and by good sportsmanship, a positive attitude, and exemplary citizenship, provides leadership for all. By the Scotia-Glenville Booster Club. Jacob Greski

THE DAILY GAZETTE LEADERSHIP AWARD – $50 (2) – Open to seniors who have done the most for the school and have been outstanding in sportsmanship, loyalty, and leadership. Elizabeth Esker and Rickey Woodley

THE SCOTIA-GLENVILLE BASKETBALL PLAYERS’ CLUB SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD – $175 (2) – By the Scotia-Glenville Basketball Club to graduating seniors who have participated in varsity sports, maintained satisfactory academic achievement, and have been involved in club level athletics. Trevor Martin and Olivia Powhida

THE SCOTIA-GLENVILLE GIRLS’ SOFTBALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – $250 (2) – To graduating seniors who have played softball in the S-G league at Beekendaal. The recipients must have demonstrated scholastic ability, be of good character, be outgoing and friendly, and have been involved in civic and community projects. Emilee Rosenberg and Naudia Smith

Congratulations Scotia-Glenville Class of 2017!
Academic Attire

The academic procession preceding the entrance of the graduating seniors provides a visual representation of the degrees held by our Scotia-Glenville faculty.

**History:** During the 1100’s, men and women wore gowns and hoods as everyday clothing. The costume implies that the wearers are individuals of learning, dignity and maturity who are not affected by passing fads and changing tastes. Since the 1900’s, caps and gowns have been used in American high schools to ensure a simple, dignified look, usually in the colors representative of the school.

Our colors are crimson for men and white for women.

**Styles:** Styles worn by college graduates show whether a person holds a bachelor’s, master’s or doctor’s degree. The sleeves, tassels and hoods denote each type. Short, oval sleeves signify a bachelor’s degree; longer sleeves that are tapered and narrow signify a master’s; and wide, long tapered sleeves with three velvet stripes at the mid-arm indicate a doctor’s degree. Gold tassels indicate a doctoral degree has been earned. Hoods which slide over the head and hang down the back are from three to four feet in length, depending on the degree held by the wearer.

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Each hood is lined with silk in the colors of the institution granting the degree. The hood is edged in colored velvet to indicate the field of study. The border is between three and six inches wide depending on the degree. Below is a list of border colors and areas of study.

- **Arts and Letters** ........ White
- **Theology/Divinity** ......... Scarlet
- **Law** ......................... Purple
- **Philosophy** .................. Blue
- **Music** .................... Pink
- **Science** .................. Gold-Yellow
- **Fine Arts** ................. Brown
- **Education** ................. Light Blue
- **Library Science** ............ Lemon
- **Physical Education** ....... Sage Green
- **Humanities** ............... Crimson

Some institutions alter the color of the robe from black and the shape of the cap to further specialize the doctoral attire. A graduate with multiple degrees may select his cap and gown accordingly.

**Cord colors:** Some students today are wearing honor cords, sashes or stoles that drape around their necks and hang in front of them. The cords have a special meaning for our graduates:

- **Yellow Cords** are worn by students in the top five percent (academically) of the class;
- **Blue Cords** are worn by members of the National Business Honor Society;
- **Pink Cords** are worn by members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society;
- **Light Blue Stoles** are worn by members of the National Honor Society; and
- **Gold Stoles** are worn by the Senior Class Officers and the last graduate who accepts applause.