

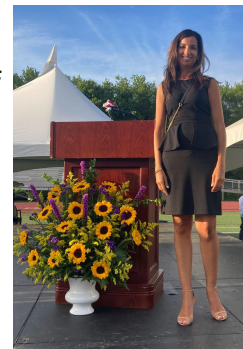
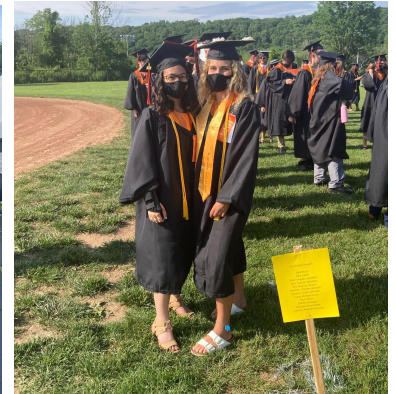


RPS News

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Congratulations, RHS Class of 2021!

The Ridgefield High School Class of 2021 commencement was a joyful, in-person celebration that showed off this group of students' creativity, intelligence, diversity, and agility. Students paraded down to Tiger Hollow Stadium capped in festive mortarboards to the welcome sound of bagpipes and strains of "Pomp and Circumstance." Student speeches (linked) by Class President [Charles DeMatteo](#), Valedictorian [Kenneth Choi](#), and Class Speaker [Ellie Carter](#) revealed thought and reflection on their pandemic year and beyond. "We are more than 15 months," Carter reminded the group. "We are our entire lives and we have a lot to look forward to." DeMatteo spoke of community and identified the touchpoints of the past four years; Choi spoke of their development as students. This was [Principal Jacob Greenwood's](#) first RHS Commencement and he took the opportunity to quote a Peloton trainer: "Don't pass your time; spend it." Superintendent Da Silva left the students with [three powerful wishes](#). RHS School President Kate Bucci joined DeMatteo to read off the [list of the graduates](#). When student Ryan Contreras pulled off an impressive backflip after receiving his diploma, he captured the ebullient spirit of the day. Parents admitted to blinking back tears at the momentous occasion of watching their students start the next stage of life and gratitude for RHS's deliberate care at this event and over the last four years. Congratulations, Class of 2021! You are loved. You will be missed.



Calendar

June 14

Early Dismissal for Students
Last Day of School

June 14 and 28

BOE Meetings

[Link to Live/Recorded](#)

[JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH](#)



Have a Great Summer, RPS! Thank You!

Adulting 101 and Internships



Collecting eggs at Millstone Farm, herding sheep at the Hickories, helping at Tiger Sports—the Ridgefield High Senior Internship Program went on this year. Students were also able to take [Life After High School or Adulting 101](#) to practice life skills (e.g. writing a thank you note, balancing a checkbook, changing a tire) that will contribute to them being valuable members of our society.

SRMS Walks for Hunger



Scotts Ridge Middle School sixth graders participated in a walkathon for the Ridgefield Food Pantry and World Central Kitchen. Students raised over \$7,000, taking one step at a time to end hunger. Remote students participated by walking at home. Even the beloved SRMS therapy dogs joined in—raising an additional \$224 for Ridgefield's ROAR and the ASPCA. Students walked in t-shirts, designed by students Abigail E. and Connor C.

Science Research Symposium



The Ridgefield High School Science Research Symposium released [a virtual show of students' research](#). Please see all the important work that these students have accomplished and are continuing to work on.

Read a Good Book!

Here are some recommendations from librarians for summer reading at every level:
 Elementary Schools: [Ridgefield Public Library Summer 2021 Reading Program](#); [Ridgefield Public Library Find a Good Book](#)
 Middle Schools: The Scotts Ridge Librarians and Counseling Department put together this [great resource for Middle School/Young Adults](#).
 Ridgefield High School: Looking for a good book for the beach this summer? Look no further than the [RHS LLC Summer Reads](#) on the [LLC website](#). Click on the book titles in each section to access our eBook and audiobook copies through our Sora app. Happy reading! Enjoy your summer break!

Tiger Talk Episode

Superintendent Da Silva joins Wes DeSantis on this week's fun [Tiger Talk Podcast](#)—the last of the year. Listen to hear student questions and Susie's path to Superintendent of Schools.

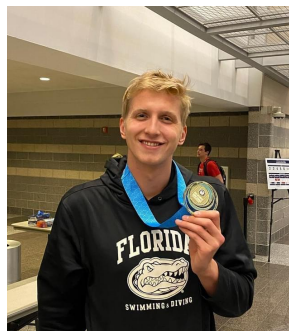
State Champions!!!



The Ridgefield High School Boys Lacrosse Team pulled off a stunning comeback victory against Fairfield Prep this weekend to bring home the State Championship. With freshman phenom Kyle C. sidelined with an emergency appendectomy, the team was on the ropes, down 5 goals to 2 at halftime. The team came through during the second half led by Kyle's brother, Ryan C. (University of Virginia commit) who scored three goals to make it an 8 to 5 final against the Catholic regional juggernaut. Kyle and Ryan's father, Coach Roy Colsey, credited the RHS community/"family" with the team's inspiration. Ryan said their "Honorary Captain," Barlow Mountain Elementary student Conner Curran, whose battle against Duchenne muscular dystrophy was their good luck charm. Way to Go, Tigers!

Kieran Smith to Tokyo

Kieran Smith, Ridgefield High School Class of 2018, clinched a spot at the Tokyo Olympics, with his first place finish in the 400 Meter Freestyle at the Olympic Swimming Time Trials. Go, Kieran! Go, USA!



RHS Athletes Playing in College



Many of the Ridgefield High School senior athletes who plan to continue their athletic careers in college got together for one last photo at Tiger Hollow (list of attendees, their colleges, and sports [here](#)). Congratulations to all the RHS student-athletes! Please send [RPS News](#) photos if you face off against other Tigers next year!

FCIAC Athletes

Congratulations to these All-FCIAC RHS athletes. [Full list here](#).

Girls Lacrosse: Riley P., Mary H., Siovhann M., Faith A., Isabella C., Aerin K.

Boys Lacrosse: Kyle C., Luke W., Ryan C., Wade S., Owen G., Kai P., Jojo M., Joe d., Brett D., Matthew S.

Girls Golf: Madeleine W., Avery S., Emma A.

Boys Golf: Chris L., Sean M., Sebastian B.

Softball: Alyssa D., Skylar A.



Corrected College List

The RHS Counseling Department released this corrected list of [Class of 2021 College and University Selections](#).

Keep up with Ridgefield Public Schools News on our website [news page](#) and [calendar](#).

We would love to hear from you, [contact us](#) with questions and feedback.

