



# RPS NEWS

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## Students Commended for Scholarship, Service, Character

RPS congratulates the students recently recognized for their outstanding scholarship, service, and leadership.

The top ten RHS scholars are Stephen C., Katherine L., Emma L., Joyce L., Julia L., Nicholas M., Questin M. (Valedictorian, photo right), Henry M., Aurora M., and Chiara S.

[List of RHS Senior Awards and Scholarships.](#)

Superintendent Susie Da Silva, BOE Chair Margaret Stamatis, and the middle school principals delivered the CABE (CT Association of Boards of Education) and CAPSS (CT Association of School Superintendents) Awards to students. CABE awards triumph student achievement and potential. CAPSS awards are based on three criteria: community service, academic prowess (relative to ability), and leadership service to the school community.

This year's CABE award recipients are Allyson O. and Charles S. from East Ridge Middle; Ava M. and Casey O. from Scotts Ridge Middle; and Ella L. and Keenan B. from Ridgefield High School.

This year's CAPSS award recipients are Millicent A. and Marko K. from East Ridge Middle; Alexa K. and Madelaine B. from Scotts Ridge Middle; and Clodagh R. and Matthew S. from Ridgefield High School.

Congratulations to all our students!



## Calendar

### June 17

Early Dismissal  
Last Day of School

### June 22

BOE Meeting (7 pm)  
[BOE website for information](#)

### June is LGBTQ Pride Month

LGBTQ students and their parents and allies can access support and information about LGBTQ pride events, by sending an email to:

[supportgroup@ridgefieldctpride.com](mailto:supportgroup@ridgefieldctpride.com)



### We Need to

Talk About Racism

[Watch Superintendent Da Silva's 6/5/20 Video Message Regarding the Role of Schools and Community in Addressing Racial Injustice](#)

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

## RHS Virtual Art Festival



Ridgefield High School, you've got talent! The [RHS Virtual Arts Festival](#) opens today, showcasing the passion, hard work, creativity, and talent of our art, music, and theater students. RHS senior, Will H. designed the Festival website as part of his senior project after his internship was canceled. Will credits RHS Music Teacher Kevin Haines with the idea to blend music and art in one place via slideshows that could be watched from home. Will's multimedia [slideshows](#) include art from every RHS student enrolled in an art class set to music performed by students. Hana G., class of 2020, created the Festival's visual announcement (below), based on a photo by RHS junior, Corinne L.



The Festival website also includes [AP Studio Art and Design portfolios](#), [photos of theater productions](#), [photography](#), [3-D work](#), and so much more to reflect the breadth of artistic endeavors and creative talent at RHS.



[Visit the Virtual Arts Festival 2020](#)

## Believe in Brooke!

We love you, Brooke! RPS is devastated by the death of SRMS sixth grader Brooke B. after a heroic battle with Dipg, a rare form of cancer. We are inspired by Brooke's strength, humor, beauty, and love.



## Musical Rescuers

Musical Rescuers, an SRMS student group, started by Aarkarsh P., was the only middle school group to earn the Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award from the Connecticut Association of Schools. Musical Rescuers raise money for animal rescue by playing their instruments for donations; they also recruit musicians who share their passion for animal rescue.



## A Trail of Hearts

Farmingville Elementary fifth graders Adelle and Aidan R. don't live on a main street but that didn't stop them from jumping into the Hearts Across Ridgefield initiative, started by RPS elementary art teachers to spread unity and peace. The girls painted hearts on rocks and placed them on trails and in parks all over town.



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