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Congratulations on your success, *Class of 2014*

“Class of 2014, you have worked hard and completed the requirements to be graduates of Twinsburg High School. I am confident that your years as students in our school district have prepared you for what lies ahead. You have mastered the curriculum and have participated in many co-curricular, extra-curricular and athletic opportunities. You have contributed to our community and you have touched the lives of so many people through the hundreds of service hours you’ve donated. You’ve proudly worn the blue and white and demonstrated that you have integrity, pride and immense talent in classroom studies, in athletics and in the arts.”

– Kathryn M. Powers, Superintendent

Twinsburg City Schools celebrated the graduation of three-hundred and forty-eight seniors at Commencement Ceremonies on Sunday, June 1st, 2014 at E. J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall in Akron. Family, friends, and staff joined with the Twinsburg High School graduates to celebrate their exceptional achievements. They looked back at their thirteen year journey citing the challenges they faced along the way, and proudly recognizing their successes.

The commencement ceremony began with the ‘Top Ten Students’ taking their seats on stage along with members of the Twinsburg Board of Education, District Administration, Twinsburg High School Principal and Assistant Principals, Guidance Department staff, and building principals and assistant principals from Wilcox, Samuel Bissell, George G. Dodge, and R.B. Chamberlin. The graduates entered E.J. Thomas to the traditional processional of *Pomp and*

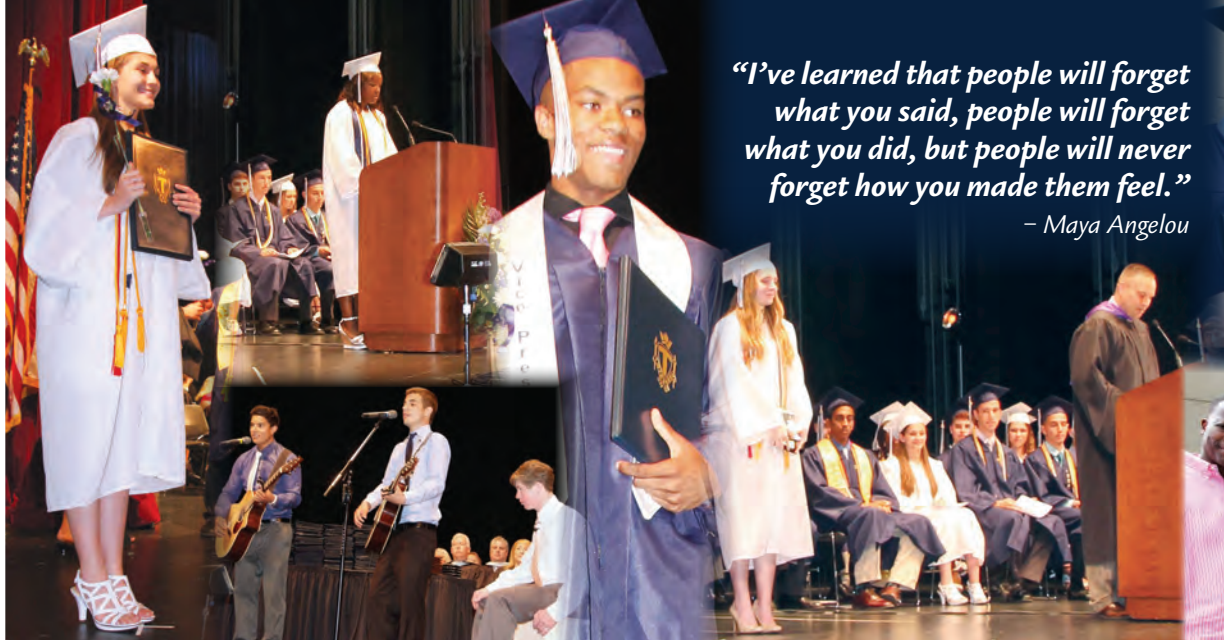
Circumstance, No. 1 played by the Twinsburg High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Ryan Bonitz.

The audience was sincerely welcomed by Quentin McCorvey, 2014 Vice-President. He asked that all in attendance take a moment to remember those who were not in attendance, for loved ones who had passed and couldn’t share in the day. Immediately following the moment of silence, the Twinsburg High School Band played the *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

Kourtney Paul, 2014 Class Treasurer introduced and acknowledged the special guests in attendance which included the Twinsburg City School District teaching staff, Twinsburg Board of Education, District Administration, building principals, assistant principals, and interns – *and last but not least - our parents.*

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"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

- Maya Angelou

Class of 2014

Class Officers

Albert Joseph Giammaria III
President

Quentin Leon McCorvey, Jr.
Vice President

Benjamin Micah Baker
Secretary

Kourtney Alexa Paul
Treasurer

Class Motto

"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do."

- Walter Baeghot

Colors

Blue and White

Flower

Tiger Lily

Total Amount of Scholarships Awarded
\$8,765,490

Ohio High School Academic Diplomas with Honors
117 students



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The ceremony continued with Justin Roth performing a special vocal musical performance of *Corner of the Sky*. The song lyrics 'Eagles belong where they can fly...I've got to be where my spirit can run free...Got to find my corner of the sky' moved the graduates and challenged them to recognize that the future is theirs. The graduates responded to Justin's wonderful performance with a warm round of applause.

Mackenzie Harrison delivered a speech entitled 'Puzzles'...asking the graduates to look back and reflect on the multiple pieces of the puzzle...first as they entered Twinsburg High School as freshmen. Mackenzie began by asking the graduates to reflect on how small they were in such a big place. "Sometimes we tried to put the pieces of the puzzle together and it didn't always work. As sophomores we were asked, 'What do you want to do with rest of your life?' Moving on to our junior year, we often asked, 'Did you take your ACT tests? What college will you attend?' and finally 'What will you do after high school?' with only a few pieces of the puzzle remaining. Our senior year, the best for last, early release and late arrivals, and only one piece of the puzzle left, Graduation! We finished the puzzle. Share your accomplishments with your parents. Thank your family for their support

and appreciate the teachers who helped us get here this evening."

The celebration continued with an original vocal and musical performance by Michael Berthold, Jacob Nees, and Austin Trachsel. The original piece entitled *Anchor* was accompanied by guitar and the Cajon drum. The song lyrics were about moving forward... *setting sail...clear blue skies...stormy seas...Wherever I go my anchor is always at home*. The graduates and audience responded to the exceptional performance with a rousing round of applause and cheers.

Superintendent Kathryn Powers delivered a speech that included a message of celebration and a new start with endless possibilities. Powers cited the many technological advances that have taken place during the students' years in school and the impact technology will have on them in the future. She reflected on smart phones and iPhones, film strip projectors and LED projectors, the impact and use of social media, and the internet as the key source for news. She noted the Class of 2014 was the first class to use the District website for "Blizzard Bags" to make up for the many snow days experienced this past school year. Powers reflected on the impact of STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering



*“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail.”
– Ralph Waldo Emerson*

and Math along with the creation and expansion of jobs in each of the fields, and challenged the graduates to take what they have learned, to consider the choices and to step into the future. Powers shared excerpts from several graduates' local scholarship applications and acknowledged the depth of excellence that makes the graduates truly a remarkable group of young women and men. She then shared advice from Facebook COO, Sheryl Sandberg, including: listen to your inner voice, learn to accept uncertainty, lean on your peers, proceed and be bold as you commence from high school, decide on your life path, and keep a balance. Powers then reminded the graduates ... “Don't forget to call home and to check on your parents!” In conclusion Superintendent Powers stated, “You have worked hard to complete the graduation requirements, live to never look back with regret, be the best you can be, live well, and remember once a Tiger always a Tiger.”

The presentation of the “Top Ten Students” followed with Michael Silverthorn, Twinsburg High School Assistant Principal providing the introductions. The students were

recognized for their exemplary academic accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, athletic achievements, community involvement, special areas of interest, and the college or university which they would be attending.

Ben Baker, 2014 Secretary proudly shared the significant accomplishments of the Class of 2014. The recognition included individual sports team achievements, the award of nearly \$9 million in scholarships, 31,730 hours of community service – which represented an increase of 2,977 hours from the prior year, and the 117 graduates receiving an Honors Diploma.

Twinsburg High School Principal, Louise Teringo took the stage, immediately engaging the graduates...this is how we roll...with reference to the song by Florida Georgia Line, “*This Is How We Roll.*” Teringo recognized the accomplishments of the golf team, cross country team, track and field team, volleyball team, the Lady Tigers Soccer team, the competitive cheer squad competition, the senior class members of the drama club, the class officers and the volunteers who helped at Akron Children's Hospital, student council's Anti-Bullying Campaign, and

the Tiger Orchestra's trip to Disney World that was impacted by the ice storm. Teringo concluded with, “You helped make our Tiger Nation a better place.”

And then it was time for the certification and presentation of the diplomas to the Class of 2014 recognizing that each student had met or exceeded the requirements set forth by the State of Ohio and the Twinsburg Board of Education. The diplomas were presented by Ronald Stuver, Twinsburg Board of Education President, Kate Cain-Criswell, Twinsburg Board of Education Vice-President, Tina Davis, Member, Robert Felber, Member, Kathy Turle-Waldron, Member, Kathryn Powers, and Louise Teringo.

After the last graduate received a diploma, it was time for the “Turning of the Tassel Ceremony” led by 2014 Class President AJ Giammaria. The graduates eagerly moved their tassels from right to left, signifying that they were now officially graduates and alumni of Twinsburg High School. The celebration concluded with the graduates exiting E. J. Thomas to meet family and friends to *Fanfare and Recessional* played by the Twinsburg High School Band.

Points of *Pride*

Top 10 Graduates *Class of 2014*

1. Pavan Peketi
2. Nirmal Krishnan
3. Mariya Kazachkova
4. Sean Doherty
5. Megan Craig (Tie)
5. Pouya Jouharian (Tie)
6. Matias Grioni
7. Gwendolyn Richner
8. Ajay Bhola
9. Preetham Yarlagadda

Akron Beacon Journal's Top 25 Star Student

Pavan Peketi

Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Art Winner

Samantha Wagner

Cleveland Clinic Summer Research

Nirmal Krishnan
Pavan Peketi

National Merit Finalists

Nicholas Brown
Megan Craig

National Merit Commended Scholars

Genevieve Askins
Ajay Bhola
Sean Doherty
Nicholas Elrad
Nirmal Krishnan
Phillip Shvartsman

News Channel 5 Best of the Class

Nirmal Krishnan
Pavan Peketi

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Award

Kalyn Osborne

Perfect Attendance

Darion Eiland
Shaunell Johnson
Mariya Kazachkova
Victoria Lomaka
Pavan Peketi
Brianna Rotolo
Samanthan Serio
Brianna Whittaker
Jasmine Williams

Scholastic Art Awards – Regional Winners

Kaylee Via
Ronald Randolph

Taste of Twinsburg Logo Winner

Marissa Jones

National Honor Society

Linda Ackley
Victoria Alexander
Matthew Andrews
Genevieve Askins
Maria Atala
Amelia Bell
Ellen Benak
Kayla Bencie
Michael Berthold
Ajay Bhola
Nicholas Brown

Meghan Burgess
Mikala Catalano
Alec Chenkus
Sarah Childs
Sarah Cook
Elizabeth Coy
Megan Craig
Chloe Criswell
Amanda D'Agostino
Rachel Davis
Camille DeVille

Sean Doherty
Leandrea Dudley
Nicholas Elrad
Austin Evans
Nicolette Fisher
Aj Giammaria
Karanvir Grewal
Matias Grioni
Maya Hami
Leah Hansler
Pouya Jouharian

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2014 Recognition

Business Careers/Legal Technology

Keanna Cayson

National Technical Honor Society

Cosmetology

Tranae' Conard

State Cosmetology Competition
2nd Place

Culinary Arts & Food Services

Nicolette Fisher

National Technical Honor Society

Dental Assisting

Ellie Blake

2-Year Perfect Attendance &
National Technical Honor Society

Health Careers

Gurleen Kang

National Technical Honor Society &
Regent's Award Scholarship

Media Technology

Samuel McBroom

Outstanding Student

Public Health and Safety

David Justus

National Technical Honor Society,
Outstanding Student, Principal's
Scholarship & Skills USA

Sales and Service

Brian Chance

Brandon Hill

DECA Diamonds Award

National Honor Society

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Alina Karapandzich
Michael Katrine
Mariya Kazachkova
Sophie Keith
Allison Korman
Nicole Krejci
Nirmal Krishnan
Mark Labib
Ashley Lesko
Jenna Link
Samantha Liotta
James Mangan

Daniel McMullen
Eleni Menas
Chidera Mgbudem
Jared Midlik
Lauren Montana
Kelly Mueller
Joshua Oleksiak
Shannon O'Loughlin
Andrew Orris
Kalyn Osborne
Kourtney Paul
Pavan Peketi

Leigh-Ann Popik
Kyla Prendergast
Thomas Radtke
Baleigh Reid
Gwendolyn Richner
Mary Riley
Ramanjoat Sandhu
Nick Schank
Mallory Schwartz
Caitlin Sheehan
Austin Shinhearl
Sierra Shood

Mariam Talbort
Natalie Talentino
Scott Talentino
Alyssa Ursem
Brianna Vinas
Samantha Wagner
Alexandra Wendl
Brianna Whittaker
Corrine Woodmansee
Preetham Yarlagadda
Emily Yates

Athletic Awards & Recognition

Academic All Ohio

Matthew Andrews – Cross Country
Michael Berthold – Baseball
Nicholas Brown – Boys' Soccer
Alec Chenkus – Boys' Soccer
Austin Evans - Baseball
Daniel McMullen – Baseball
Jared Midlik – Boys' Soccer
Thomas Radtke – Boys' Soccer
Kyle Rosselot – Boys' Soccer
Nicholas Schank – Cross Country

NOC All Conference

Matthew Andrews – Cross Country
Genevieve Askins – Girls' Soccer
Chase Betenson – Boys' Soccer
Mikala Catalano – Swimming & Diving
Mary Claire Chester – Swimming & Diving
Garrett Crichlow – Track and Field
Sean Doherty – Boys' Tennis
Colin Duffy – Swimming & Diving
Austin Evans – Baseball
Devin Farmiloe – Swimming & Diving
Mackenzie Harrison - Volleyball
Tailin Johnson – Football & Boys' Basketball
Pouya Jouharian – Boys' Tennis
Alina Karapandzich – Girls' Tennis
Jacob Krieger – Boys' Soccer
Hannah McKenzie – Swimming & Diving
Daniel McMullen – Baseball
Alexander Molinari – Boys' Soccer

Drew Orris – Boys' Golf
Kyla Prendergast - Softball
Baleigh Reid – Girls' Basketball
Adam Ruhe – Swimming & Diving
Nicholas Schank – Cross Country,
Track and Field
Neha Sharma – Girls' Tennis
Austin Shinhearl – Boys' Tennis
Phillip Shvartsman – Swimming & Diving
Julie Tompkins – Swimming & Diving
Jacob Turay – Football
Corrine Woodmansee – Girls' Golf

All Ohio

Garrett Crichlow – Cross Country
Nicole Krejci – Girls' Soccer
Baleigh Reid – Girls' Basketball

All State 1st Team

Kourtney Paul – Softball

GCHSHL All League

Braden Susnik – Ice Hockey

GCHSHL All Division

Michael Peelman – Ice Hockey

GCHSHL All Academic Honor

Dylan Aoki – Ice Hockey

McDonalds All-American Nominee

Baleigh Reid – Girls' Basketball

Midwest Cross Country Champion

Garrett Crichlow – Cross Country

NOC Player of the Year

Jumal Afzal – Diving
Garrett Crichlow – Cross Country
Nicole Krejci – Girls' Softball
Kourtney Paul – Softball
Matthew McAdoo – Boys' Golf

NSCAA All-Region

Chase Betenson – Boys' Soccer
Nicole Krejci – Girls' Soccer

Player of the Year Tri-County

Baleigh Reid – Girls' Basketball

Player of the Year Northeast Inland District

Baleigh Reid – Girls' Basketball



A special *thank you...*

To the following organizations for their generous support in providing scholarships to the Class of 2014:



Organizations	Scholarship Winners
Nancy Church Scholarship	Chad Kovitz
David A. Ciborek Scholarship for the Language Arts	Lauren Montana
Carolyn W. Crouse Art Scholarship	Mallory Schwartz
Daughters of the American Revolution Award	Kelly Mueller
Faculty Choice Scholarship	Nirmal Krishnan and Brianna Vinas
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Austin Trachsel
Holy Name Society Scholarship	Brianna Vinas
Judith A. Hyde Memorial Scholarships	Kyle Conner and Stephanie Mach
Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Award	Malikk Johnson
Ellen Mackey Palmer Scholarship	Justin Roth
Debby and Steve Marlow Scholarship	Shaunell Johnson
Jo-Ann McFearin Scholarship	Mary Claire Chester
The Officer Joshua T. Miktarian Memorial Scholarship	Braden Susnik
J.D. Miller Memorial Scholarship	Ryan Pleau
Mada O. Nichols Scholarship	Kayla Bencie
Phi Beta Kappa Award	Nirmal Krishnan
Saints Cosmas and Damian Women's Group Scholarship	Brianna Vinas
Solon Italian Club Foundation Scholarship	Mikala Catalano, AJ Giammaria
Summit Lodge #213 Scholarship	Braden Susnik
Twins Days Festival Scholarship	Mary Claire Chester, Meghan Ulisse
Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award	Matthew Andrews, Rebecca Cain, Samantha Monachino, Shannon O'Loughlin, Andrew Orris, Kourtney Paul, Braden Susnik
Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award	Genevieve Askins and Nicholas Schank
Joseph J. Stumpf Jr. Award	
Twinsburg AYSO Soccer Scholarship	Shannon O'Loughlin, Kelly Mueller
Twinsburg Baseball League Scholarship	Michael Berthold, Alexander Molinari, Kourtney Paul
Twinsburg Board of Education Scholarship	Mikala Catalano
Twinsburg Education Association	Kayla Bencie
William S. Mercer Memorial Scholarship	
Twinsburg Firefighters Association Scholarship	Samantha Capps
Twinsburg Garden Club Scholarship	Michael Katrine
Twinsburg Historical Society	Alina Karapandzich
Robert Culhan Memorial Scholarship	
The Mayor Katherine A. Procop Scholarship	Eleni Menas
Twinsburg PTA Scholarship	Matthew Andrews, Genevieve Askins, Kayla Bencie, Rebecca Cain, Amanda D'Agostino, Leah Hansler, Austin Hopson, Morgan Loeffler, David McDermott, Alexander Molinari, Nicholas Schank, and Natalie Talentino
Twinsburg Brick-by-Brick Leadership Scholarship	Kelly Mueller, Pavan Peketi
Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League Award	Michael Berthold, Colin Duffy, Austin Evans, Marisa Howard, Alexander Molinari, Andrew Orris, Kourtney Paul, Mikayla Jones
Twinsburg Rotary Club Scholarship	Genevieve Askins, Mikala Catalano, and Leandra Dudley
Twinsburg Vocal Music Boosters Scholarship	Trevon Barnes, Abigail Hilton, and Monaé Smith
Twinsburg Wrestling Club Scholarship	Alex Netzband
Twinsburg Youth Softball League Scholastic Award	Savanna Backo, Kyla Prendergast, Amy Thompson
Franklin B. Walters Award	Nirmal Krishnan
Westfield Award	Megan Craig
Cleveland Technical Societies Council	Nicholas Brown

Twinsburg City School District

Board of Education

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President

Kate Cain-Criswell
Vice President

Tina Davis
Member

Robert Felber
Member

Kathy Turle-Waldron
Member

The Board of Education meets in regular session the first and third Wednesday of each month except for June and September, which are the first and fourth Wednesday of the month. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Twinsburg Government Center.

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Michael Lenzo
Assistant Superintendent

Jennifer Farthing
Director of Curriculum

Denise Traphagen
Director of Pupil Services

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High School Principal

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Assistant Principal

Michael Silverthorn
Assistant Principal

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Assistant Principal

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