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## **Seven NRHS Students Named to National Honor Society**

**NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (November 6, 2018)** – Seven New Rochelle High School students joined the school's chapter of the National Honor Society recently, when they were celebrated for academic excellence, character and civic responsibility.

The new members are: Tyler Greene, Jasmine Lopez, Deontray McGill, Owen McKinney, Jack Rieger, Ayda Tuku and Andrea Velez-Davis. They were inducted by Interim Principal Joseph Starvaggi in the Linda E. Kelly Theater at New Rochelle High School.

"Acceptance into the National Honor Society reflects a student's dedication to the four pillars of scholarship, leadership, service and character," said teacher Deborah Minchin, a faculty advisor of the chapter. "For many students, the most valuable aspect of the National Honor Society is that it encourages and enables them to become involved in our community in ways that they otherwise might not have pursued."

The chapter's officers, elected by their peers in this year's opening meeting, were also installed Monday. They are: Jenna Landy - President; Isabella Vianna - Vice President: Membership; Jalen Miranda and Doni Blakaj - Vice Presidents: Service; Edward Jones - Vice President: Communications; Sophie Goldman - Treasurer; Lily Conroy - Secretary; and Alexis Fred - Public Relations Officer.

In the ceremony last week, candles were lit to represent the four pillars, which have characterized membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.

Starvaggi, Interim Superintendent Dr. Magda Parvey and Board of Education member Julia Muggia Ochs congratulated the students.

"You bring such pride and hope to New Rochelle, our state, and nation," Ochs told them. "We are grateful to you. You are a source of inspiration."

CUTLINE: From left, in back, Faculty advisor Deborah Minchin; Edward Jones, Vice President: Communications; Doni Blakaj, Vice President: Service; Lily Conroy, Secretary; Jenna Landy, President; Sophie Goldman, Treasurer; Jalen Miranda, Vice President: Service; and Mered Kopstein, faculty advisor. Front row, from left, Isabella Vianna, Vice President: Membership; and Alexis Fred, Public Relations Officer.

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