

Hoosic Valley Class of 2018 Academic Top Ten



Katherine Rice is Valedictorian for the Class of 2018 at Hoosic Valley Jr./Sr. High School. Katherine is a member of the Odyssey of the Mind team, Varsity Track & Cross Country, plays for the pit band in the annual musical, and is a member of National Honor Society. She has been the recipient of numerous academic awards throughout high school including Teacher's Choice Awards in Spanish, SUPA US and Algebra 2, Outstanding Student Awards in History, English, Geometry, Pre-Calc, Chemistry and Physics. Her freshman year she received Rookie Of The Year for Senior Band, and the Spirit and Leaderships awards at the 2017 Music Awards.

Katherine will most likely be attending Iona College where she is the recipient of the Iona College Presidential Scholarship. She plans on majoring in Adolescent Education Mathematics and becoming a high school math teacher. Katherine is the daughter of Margaret and Scott Rice of Schaghticoke, NY.



Matthew Rose is the Salutatorian for the Class of 2018 at Hoosic Valley Jr./Sr High School. Matthew is a member of both the Cross Country and Track teams. He is a member of the senior band, the pit band for school musicals and a member of the RPI Symphonic Band. Matthew has participated in the UAlbany Science Research curriculum since his freshman year. He is currently working on his final project in a lab at Albany Medical College. He plans on attending Clarkson or WPI for Aerospace Engineering with a Computer Science minor. Eventually Matthew would like to work for NASA or SpaceX. Matthew is the son of Mel & Jeannine Rose of Melrose, NY.



Emily O'Brien is ranked third in the Class of 2018 at Hoosic Valley Jr./Sr. High School. She is a member of National Honor Society, Odyssey of the Mind, Band, Chorus and the Drama Club. Emily was nominated the Distinguished Performer award by Schenectady Light Opera Company for her role as "Belle" in the Hoosic Valley production of Beauty and the Beast. Emily wrote a One-Act Play - "The End of a Chapter" that was selected by Capital Rep's Next Act! New Voices Event. The play was read at Capital Rep for the event. Emily plans on attending SUNY Oswego where she is the recipient of the SUNY Oswego Presidential Scholarship. She will major in Creative Writing, with a career track of becoming a publisher/editor and a published author and playwright. Emily is the daughter of Jennifer and Eric O'Brien of Schaghticoke, NY.



Benjamin Corey is ranked fourth in the Class of 2018 at Hoosic Valley Jr./Sr. High School. Ben is a member of Cross Country, Indoor & Outdoor Track, and Ski Club. He is also a member of National Honor Society. In his spare time Ben enjoys making short films. Ben would like to finish a marathon and triathlon before graduation. As a junior Ben was awarded the Clarkson Leadership Scholarship. Ben has been accepted at Clarkson, RPI, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Buffalo State but is undecided at this time. He plans on majoring in Computer Engineering and maybe get a job at Google someday. Ben is the son of Connie and Clay Corey of Johnsonville, NY.



Jared Martin is ranked fifth in the Class of 2018 at Hoosic Valley Jr./Sr. High School. Jared is an avid bowler and has a passion for speedcubing. He is the President of the National Honor Society and tutors Algebra 2/Trig. His most important work is during the summer at Double H Ranch, a camp for children with chronic and life threatening diseases. Jared has applied to nine colleges and is most proud of being accepted at both Boston University and Cornell. He has not made a final college decision yet but he likes economics and computers. Deep down Jared has no real idea what he wants to do with his life. Jared would like to thank his family for their endless love and support, Mrs. Suite for teaching him so much more than just Calculus, Gabe Mollica for being a role model and his five best friends for everything. Jared is the son of Wayne and Sherry Martin of Schaghticoke, NY.



Savannah Champagne is ranked sixth in the Class of 2018 at Hoosic Valley Jr./Sr. High School. For her senior year Savannah attended the highly competitive New Visions STEM Program located on the RPI campus. She is a member of Odyssey of the Mind, Varsity Softball, plays in the Pit Band for the school musicals and in Senior Band. Savannah has received the award for Percussion Section Leader in 9th, 10th & 11th grades and the Outstanding Student Award in Spanish 4 in 11th grade. As a Junior she was awarded the Clarkson University High School Achievement Award. Savannah plans on attending either Clarkson, RIT or SUNY Binghamton to study Mechanical Engineering. Savannah is the daughter of Lisa Meehan of Johnsonville, NY and Tracey Champagne of Mechanicville, NY.



Nichole Schaeffer is ranked seventh in the Class of 2018 at Hoosic Valley Jr./Sr. High School. Nichole is a member of Varsity Volleyball, and team Captain, Varsity Indoor Track and SAVB Club Volleyball. She is also a member of National Honor Society. As a junior she received the LeMoyne Heights Award. Nichole has been accepted to her two top choices for college - Clarkson and WPI and plans on studying Mechanical Engineering. She is the daughter Dawn Schaeffer and Tom Heaney of Melrose, NY.



Lauren Paul is ranked eighth in the Class of 2018 at Hoosic Valley Jr./Sr. High School. Lauren is a member of Varsity Soccer team, and team Co-Captain, Varsity Basketball team, and team Captain, and participates in AAU Basketball and Indoor Soccer. She has received four NYS Scholar Athlete Awards and HV Girls Basketball Scholar Athlete Award. Lauren is a member of Student Council and National Honor Society. She is certified by the American Heart Association for both CPR and First Aid and by American Red Cross as a Lifeguard. As a junior Lauren was awarded the University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award. She will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the pursuit of studying Mechanical Engineering with a potential focus in biomechanics. Lauren is the daughter of Kathy and David Paul of Schaghticoke, NY.



Kaitlyn Suschinski is ranked ninth in the Class of 2018 at Hoosic Valley Jr./Sr. High School. She is a member of the Varsity Softball team and a Scholar Athlete. Kaitlyn also played on two travel softball teams. As a Junior she was awarded the Trustee Excellence Award from Sage Colleges. Kaitlyn has been accepted at and will attend Russell Sage College in Troy, NY. She plans on majoring in Psychology and then getting a Masters in Occupational Therapy. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Kristin Suschinski of Schaghticoke and Christopher Suschinski of Melrose, NY.



Jessica Natter is ranked tenth in the Class of 2018 at Hoosic Valley Jr./Sr. High School. She is a member of the Varsity Soccer team, and team Co-Captain, Indoor & Outdoor Track, and Cohoes Soccer Club. Jessica is the Treasurer for Student Council, Attendance Officer for the Class of 2018, Secretary for Art Club and a member of National Honor Society. She has been on High Honor Roll consistently for her entire academic career at Hoosic Valley, received academic awards on Spanish, English & History, Art Awards in DPI, DP11, Portfolio and Studio Art and a NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete. As a junior Jessica was awarded Wells College 21st Century Leadership Scholarship. Jessica will be attending Schenectady County Community College for Culinary Arts with a concentration in baking, and then taking advantage of a partnership program SCCC has with SUNY Delhi to complete her Bachelor's degree. Jessica is the daughter of Caryn & Dave Natter of Schaghticoke, NY.