



Valedictorian Rachel George



Salutatorian Stevie Skvarek

NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL NAMES CLASS OF 2021 TOP SCHOLARS



Newark High School has announced its Class of 2021 valedictorian and salutatorian.

Rachel George, whose current grade point average (GPA) is 98.68 and is the daughter of Korrine George and the late Russell George is Valedictorian.

Stevie Skvarek, whose GPA is 95.86 and is the son of Stephen and Tracy Skvarek, is the Salutatorian.

Both George and Skvarek plan to attend Nazareth College in the fall.

She will major in music therapy and French horn performance and will minor in psychology. His major is undeclared at this point.

While at NHS, George, who is senior class president and a Student Council member, and who also plays piano, has been involved in Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band and the Brass Quartet as well as Choir and Vocal Jazz. A Drama Club member, she's also been involved in both musical and dramatic productions; Unified Basketball and Unified Bowling.

Skvarek, who plays various percussion instruments, piano, saxophone and bass guitar, has been involved in Percussion Quartet, Parade Band, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Downbeat and, as a Drama Club member, in musicals.

In terms of honors and awards, both George and Skvarek are members of NHS' Chapter of the National Honor Society.

An accomplished and award-winning French horn player, George has performed in All-County, All-State and NYSSMA Conference All-State; Skvarek in All-County on percussion.

Outside of NHS, George has participated in the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra; Newark Summer Park Band and Seneca Falls Community Band.

Skvarek takes piano lessons at Hochstein School of Music and has participated in Newark Summer Park Band.

He is actively involved at Cross Creek Church in various capacities including being a teacher assistant and a member of the worship band. He has volunteered twice for United Way's Day of Caring and the Newark United Methodist Church Red Bird Missions trips; and once for Cross Creek's "Tim Tebow Night To Shine."