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## Orange High School Senior Awards Night

Assistant Principal Carrie Halstead hosted the June 16 Senior Awards Night that acknowledged Honor Roll, High Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance Award recipients, along with scholarship awards, presentation of the valedictorian, salutatorian, Beta Club, National Honor Society and the customary transition from the current Student Council officers to the newly elected 2017-2018 governing body.

Students were called individually to receive certificates or medals congratulating their achievement during the various presentations. Proud parents snapped photos and applauded the accomplishments for the soon to be graduates. Ms. Gail Velox and the trustees of the Orange Education Foundation and Mr. and Mrs. Badlani awarded two scholarships in memory of their son.



**Pictured (left to right): Ms. Halstead and Mr. Belton; Student being congratulated; High Honor Role student; Perfect Attendance recipient.**

Scholarship recipients were named, as follows:

Orange Education Foundation	Congressman Donald M. Payne Jr. – Certificate of Excellence Award Scholarship	Nikhil Badlani Foundation Scholarship (In memory of an 11 year old killed in a car accident)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medi Assumani Wasalamba</li> <li>• Franca Estimable</li> <li>• Deborah Frimpong</li> <li>• Jaida Idiong</li> <li>• Efe Igbudu</li> <li>• Imani May</li> <li>• Niageria May Ricks</li> <li>• Debbie Mendez</li> <li>• Najee Quashie</li> <li>• Shanelle Whyte</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Najee Quashie</li> <li>• Stephanie Hernandez</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Danae Green</li> <li>• Trevina Kerr</li> </ul>
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**Pictured: ( left to right): Ms. Gail Velox, President of the OEF; members of the OEF congratulate scholarship recipients.**



**Pictured: ( left to right): Mr. and Mrs. Badlani presenting their scholarship; Recipients of the Donald Payne award and the Class of 1965 Scholarship; Special award recipient with Mr. Ronald C. Lee and the OEF.**



**Pictured: ( left to right): Parent of valedictorian receiving her gift in her absence; Graduating culinary arts students receiving gift; Student Council Advisor Naheela Irving.**



**Pictured (left to right): Student government members; Dr. Paula E. Howard, Dr. Kalisha Morgan; Principal Belton and Assistant Principal M. Abdelazziz with N. Badruddin.**

At the event, a special scholarship in the amount of \$2,555 was awarded to an exceptional Orange High School junior, Ami Phillips, in honor of Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee. Ami had won an entrepreneurial contest last summer at Rutgers University, Newark, and was invited to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum: Business Innovations at St. John's University from July 6-13, 2017. The award made her attendance possible. Ami is pursuing her business plan to market shoes for women with removable heels. Superintendent Lee was present for the award and spoke, congratulating Ami for her drive and thanking the Orange Education Foundation for naming the award in his honor.



**Pictured: (left to right): '16-'17 Student Council; '17-'18 Student Council; Presentation of flowers by Mr. Belton and Assistant Principal Abdelazziz.**

The celebration included gifts from Principal Belton for Assistant Principal Carrie Halstead and acknowledgement for club advisors working with the Beta Club, Student Council, the National Honor Society and individuals who assisted with the program. Also, at closing, former Co-Principal Dr. Kalisha Morgan was honored to return and address the students who were graduating and receiving much deserved recognition. Dr. Morgan received a warm, jubilant reception. Dinner was served by the culinary arts students, led by Ms. Nazi Badruddin. Ms. Badruddin was in attendance and received thank you flowers, as well.

## **Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy Spring Concert**

The combined Orange High School (OHS) and Orange Preparatory Academy instrumental and vocal music performance began with the “Star Spangled Banner,” sung by OHS senior Abigail Charles, followed by “Lift Every Voice and Sing” sung by eighth grader Cassandra Dawson. Both students possess strong voices and made for a robust opening for the June 15 concert.



**Pictured: (left to right): Orange Prep Chorus and Concert Band led by Mr. Clerie and Mr. Abazia, respectively.**



**Pictured: (left to right): Orange Prep Concert Band led by Mr. Abazia and the String Ensemble led by Mr. Thornhill.**

The Orange Prep Chorus performed “Sinner Man,” “Flashlight” and “Do-Re-Mi,” led by Mr. Jonathan Clerie. The Concert Band, directed by Mr. Peter Abazia, followed the singers. They played four pieces, beginning with Brahms’ “Finale from Symphony #1, arranged by James Curnow, “Lydian Lullaby” by Robert Sheldon, “Sword of Kings” by Robert Smith and a contemporary hit, “Locked out of Heaven,” by Bruno Mars, arranged by Mr. Abazia.

Mr. Terrence Thornhill brought to the stage his String Ensemble, playing “Palladio,” by Karl Jenkins, “Heathens” by 21 Pilots, featuring soloists Gabbi Bonneau, Jussely Pimentel, Jose Mogollon and Andrew Moiette, and “Dragonhunter” by Richard Meyer.



**Pictured: (left to right): Orange High School Symphonic Band with student conductor and Dr. Reeves.**

The OHS Symphonic Band, directed by Dr. Steven Reeves, performed three numbers: “Contredanse” by Larry Clark, “Childhood Hymn” by David Holsinger and “Riverbend Rhapsody” by David Shaffer, conducted by student Dueella Devalon.

The award winning Legato Ladies, featuring Abigale Charles sang “All the Things You Are,” arranged by Kirby Shaw and Penny Lane, featuring Louri Foster and arranged by Audrey Snyder. Voices in Harmony closed out the evening with a Darmon Meader’s arrangement of “For All We Know,” featuring Andrew Coates and Tyra Crespo. Zamar Lake was the featured singer for “Over the Rainbow,” arranged by Andy Beck.

The performances were enjoyable, with a team spirit exhibited between the various music departments. The audience applauded the wonderful concerts.

## **A Look Back – Orange High School Toast Off and the 2017 Prom, as Reported on NJ.com**

A little rain didn’t stop the prom goers at the 2017 Prom Toast Off at Orange High School. Prom goers gathered in the gymnasium for well wishes from admiring staff, students and community members, before going to the event later that evening at Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park.



**Pictured: Orange High School prom goes at the 2017 Toast Off.**



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Orange High School was one of the featured school proms in the nj.com series this school year. Below is the article, as it appeared on-line:

### **Orange High School prom 2017 (PHOTOS)**

By Jessica Mazzola  
 NJ Advance Media for NJ.com



Gallery: Orange High School prom 2017

FLORHAM PARK -- Orange High School seniors celebrated their prom night in style. Hundreds of students packed the Brooklake Country Club on May 25, donning snazzy tuxedos and full-length gowns, as friends and family members gathered outside to snap photos that would capture the event. Teachers and other school staff members waited inside for kids to arrive, where they were greeted with a photo booth, portrait photographers, a fancy dinner, and of course, lots of dancing.

Check out the gallery above to see moments from the Orange High School Class of 2017's prom. And, see where and when other seniors from Essex County high schools will be celebrating here.

For the article, with photos, see the following link:

[http://www.nj.com/essex/index.ssf/2017/05/orange\\_high\\_school\\_prom\\_2017\\_photos.html](http://www.nj.com/essex/index.ssf/2017/05/orange_high_school_prom_2017_photos.html).

## FYI

There will be two culminating events for summer programs being held at Rosa Parks Community School, as follows.

- Thursday, July 27:** Robotics Competition – The finale of the four week Robotics Summer Camp, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Friday, July 28:** Cirque Oranj "Summer Circus" - Performances by students, 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. This is part of the district's 21st Century Afterschool Summer Program, conducted in collaboration with Valley Arts/PACarts and Luna Stage. The first 25 attendees will be awarded a Barnes & Nobles gift card (one per family). See flyer below.

# July 2017

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21ST CENTURY IN COLLABORATION WITH VALLEY ARTS/PACARTS AND LUNA ARTS  
PRESENTS...

**COME ONE, COME ALL!**

First 25 parents to attend will receive a Barnes and Nobles Gift Card!  
\*One per family

# CIRQUE ORANJ!



Students will be performing a variety of circus acts and skills such as; stilt walking, juggling, unicycles many other circus related crafts.

July 28, 2017  
4pm-5:15pm

Rosa Parks Community School  
369 Main Street, Orange, NJ 07050

