

Ansonia High School announces the Top 10 students for 2020



ANSONIA - The Ansonia Board of Education announces the Top 10 Ansonia High School students as they graduate in the Class of 2020.

Please take a look at a sampling of the many accomplishments of these dedicated students.

From their academic excellence to their community involvement, we see the striving to learn and know these students have, can, and will continue.

The Valley-Voice congratulates these as they continue in their educational endeavors. Thanks goes to their teachers and administrators for showcasing them.

Jere Mae Pintacasi

Valedictorian

Daughter of Jeremy and Laksmi Pintacasi

Achievements:

- Junior Statesmen of America, President
- National Honor Society; World Language Honor Society; Art Honor Society,
- Sikorsky STEM Challenge. Human Relations Club;Future Business Leaders of America

Community and Volunteer:

- AHS chapter of the NAACP.
- Volunteer, Griffin Hospital Cancer Center 5K; Coco’s Animal Rescue, Seymour (CARES)

Future Plans: She will be majoring in Nursing at UConn in the fall.



Selena Bishara

Salutatorian

Daughter of Makram and Madlain Bishara

Achievements:

- National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society
- Student Ambassadors.
- Sikorsky STEM Challenge Team; Human Relations Club, Debate Club

Community and Volunteer:

- AHS Chapter of the NAACP
- Volunteer with the Griffin Hospital Cancer Center 5K
- Participated in the Leprechaun Leap for Literacy Volunteers and Read Across America.

Future Plans: She will be majoring in computer science at UConn. in the Fall.



Faiza Chowdhury

Rank: Third

Daughter of Kamrul Chowdhury and Nessa Musammat

Achievements:

- National Art Honor Society
- Human Relations Club, Co-President; Student Ambassadors
- Sikorsky STEM Challenge team
- Book Club, Environmental Club, Astronomy Club and Robotics Club.

Community and Volunteer:

- AHS Chapter of the NAACP
- Clerical assistance in the cardiology department in Griffin Hospital; Volunteer at Derby Neck Library.

Future Plans: She will be majoring in biomedical engineering at UConn. in the fall.



Nicholas Beaulieu

Rank: Fourth

Son of Nancy Iarusso

Achievements:

- National Honor Society
- High honors / honors throughout all four years of his AHS career
- Excellence in Mandarin
- Academic Excellence

Future Plans: He will be majoring in computer science at UConn in the fall.



Ian Gifford**Rank:** Fifth**Son of** Heath and Danielle Gifford**Achievements:**

- National Honor Society
- Summer internship, Teamsters-Sikorsky Career Pathways Union Mentoring Program
- Varsity Football team and the Basketball team

Community and Volunteer:

- Volunteered as an assistant coach for Ansonia Pop Warner Football.

Future Plans: He will be majoring in electrical engineering at Gateway Community College this fall.**Ashmal Baig****Rank:** Sixth**Daughter of** Rehan and Asma Baig**Achievements:**

- National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society; Student Ambassadors
- Human Relations Club; AHS Band; Photo Editor of Yearbook; Yale Book Award
- Sikorsky STEM Challenge team

Community and Volunteer:

- Coaching at the Pinky Silver Boxing program
- Helping to organize the Honoring Ansonia Blue event
- Volunteer at the Griffin Hospital Cancer Center 5K run

Future Plans: She will be majoring in Neuropsychology at UConn this Fall.**Tyler Cafaro,****Rank:** Seventh**Son of** Laurence and Lisa Cafaro**Achievements:**

- National Honor Society; National Society of High School Scholars; Student Ambassadors
- Captain of Varsity Football and Baseball teams
- Captain of the Titan Business Challenge team.

Community and Volunteer:

- Helped with Little League Baseball and Youth Football clinics
- Packing meals at the Salvation Army with the AHS Football team.

Future Plans: He will major in Mechanical Engineering at Union College in the fall.**Kaitlyn LaRiviere****Rank:** Eighth**Daughter of** Roland and Alisa LaRiviere**Achievements:**

- National Honor Society; Global Scholars Club
- Human Relations Club; Student Ambassador's Club
- PSAT Scholars Award

Community and Volunteer:

- Kaitlyn is a figure skater and has volunteered at a local ice rink
- Church and preschool volunteer

Future Plans: She will be majoring in Math at Eastern Connecticut State University.**Joseph Cortez****Rank:** Ninth**Son of** Francisca Fermin and Jose Cortez**Achievements:**

- National Honor Society; AHS Band
- Role model student in the 530AM Warriors Program, led by SRO Michael Barry
- Boys Varsity Soccer team, Captain

Community and Volunteer:

- United Way High School Volunteer Council
- Volunteered at Harvest House in Shelton and St. Joseph Church

Future Plans: He will be majoring in Math (Secondary Education) at Southern CT State University in the fall.**Nikola Jaworska****Rank:** Tenth**Daughter of** Leszek and Renata Jaworska**Achievements:**

- National Honor Society; National Chinese Honor Society
- Human Relations Club; AHS Band for four years, the Book Club for four years
- Junior Statesmen of America, four years, VP
- Sikorsky STEM Challenge Team

Community and Volunteer:

- NAACP chapter, treasurer

Future Plans: She will focus on a STEM-related program of study at UConn this Fall