CALL TO ORDER 9:05 PM
MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:05 PM
Watching RHSA’s Hallywood Video!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:09 PM

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NRHH 9:14 PM
NRRH’s Induction and Graduation Ceremony happened yesterday and here's all the things happen!

Inductees:
Jackson Krugman, Benjy Shoenfeld, Samantha Hale, Autumn Wilson
Honorary Members:
Angelique Burgos and Meg Devlin O'Sullivan

Graduating Members:
Audrey Terwilliger, Meryl Stromberg, Mike Hebert, Dayamara Cruz, Megan Bailey, Alana Slatky, Molly Poniatowski, Sarah Moran, Meryl Stromberg, Nicole DeRobertis, Kristen Kelley, Samantha Liu, Tina Lloyd, Raine Nel, Ashley Cummins

Next Year's NRHH E-Board:
Breanne Casucci – President
Marcelle Katri – Treasurer
Theresa Imbriolo – Secretary
Catherine Callan – NCC
Melyssa Arguello – Service Chair

Outstanding Leadership & Service Pin Recipients:
Audrey Terwilliger and Alicia McGowan

Bronze Pin Recipients:
Nicole DeRobertis and Sam Boahen

ABCD (Above & Beyond the Call of Duty) Award:
#ChooseYou

YOGA (Young Outstanding Graduate Award)
Jordan Pappas, Mike Hebert, Meryl Stromberg, Nicole DeRobertis

STAR Award (Students That Are Remarkable)
Dan Brogan

DNA Award (Distinguished NRHH Alumni)
Paige Olscamp

SENATE 9:19 PM
Nothing to Report; She Yields.
OLD BUSINESS 9:19 PM

Motion to Open: bouton
Second: deyo

BBQ
It happened yesterday and it was a lot of fun! Thanks all for coming!

BUZZ KARAOKE
It happened on Friday and it was awesome! Thanks to all who came and sang out the semester with us!

NCC
Nothing to report; He Yields

HISTORIAN
The yearbook committee worked super hard on the yearbooks that you have on your table. Please let me know if you are missing one but they are yours to keep for memories of this year!

Motion to Close: Lenape
Second: Ridgeview

NEW BUSINESS 9:21 PM

Motion to Open: Scudder
Second: Collango

AWARDS

Participation awards
Andrea: Bouton Hall for being the best Vegan Tigers out there
Lenape Hall for being One of Us #NotACult
Breanne: Deyo Hall for making Benjy the Bachelor because it was really funny
Brandon: Lefevre Hall for helping the bees beat extinction
Ridgeview Hall for rushing into our hearts like Rhinos
Elee: Collango Hall for completing the ancient prophecy to bring two halls together to form the perfect band
Katie: Bliss Hall for Blessing us with their presence
Esopus Hall for stomping their way into our hearts
Rui Crispell Hall for Clawing their way to the top
Angelique: Gage Hall for en-gage-ing us throughout the year
Seudder Hall for proving that sharks can be lovable
Catherine: Capen hall for Capen it funky and fresh
Dubois Hall for being aducked to submitting Hall Gov. Member of the Month awards

E board choice awards
Each semester, the eight of us each select one hall government member who we think has gone above and beyond what is required of them. They are active within their hall governments, they’re present at RHSA meetings and events, and they’re always looking to do more to improve the community around them. I would like to invite Andrea to the podium to give out the first E-board choice award of the night.

ANDREA:

This is someone I have had the pleasure of being one of the first faces they saw when they first got to New Paltz. Our relationship has grown from the beginning from the jokes with Nuggets to the sleepover I probably shouldn’t have had with you.. It’s been a pleasure to have been a part of your life this year. This person is easily in the top 6 (which you know means they’re number 6) funniest people I have ever met and I mean I have been hunched over in laughter because of this one. Whether it be her stories of putting deodorant on the back of her knee pits for countless years, her foot thumbs up or her endless love for camp- Sarah Wylie you have impacted my life greatly just by being yourself. You are wholly, authentically and truly yourself and you honestly are a ray of sunshine- even if you did ruin that my program during SLC made it to top 7. As an Orientation Leader one of the best things that end up happening is having your students turn into your friends so I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for making that happen. Sarah Wylie, my favorite hot mess, I hope you feel fulfilled and loved in Messiah College next year and I will miss you endlessly. Never forget you will always have a place in my heart and Sweet Home Alabama BAMA BAMA BAMA! Please get your booty up to this podium and receive this award.

BREANNE:

I met my e-board choice in my sophomore year, in Bouton Hall, in an environment totally unrelated to student leadership. And although I didn’t really know much about her, all I could think was, “Wow, this girl is quirky and unique and I am insanely fascinated by her.” The following year, when she became an AC rep for Lefevre Hall, I was so excited to hopefully watch her grow, and become a student leader nerd. Rachel, you have done exactly that, become a student leader nerd. Seriously though, it has been a pleasure seeing you grow from your first meeting, having not a strong grip on what was going on, to now, seeing you make motions and participate in elections and other official business. And now, you’re going to be an RA for Capen,
and I have never felt happier for you! Capen Hall and Res Life as a whole is so lucky to have you on the staff next year. You are going to add a unique aspect to res life that will make it even better. Never stop being your weird quirky self, because as you already know that is one of the best parts about you. And although you are going to be doing big things as an RA, never forget to come back to AC meetings with me and be sad that we can’t make motions to open old business. Believe me, it seems fake but you’re going to want to be sitting at that table as an AC rep. I can’t wait for another year of matching outfits and talking about American Literature with you!

BRANDON:

I’m not going to lie, it was really, really hard trying to think of just one person to give my E-Board Choice Award to. There are so many people that have put their all into everything that they set their minds to this year. There is one person, whoever, who I cannot overlook. Everytime I see this person, they not only have a smile on their face, but they also ask me how they can help out in upcoming program or event. Anytime that there is an opportunity to volunteer on campus, I see this person happily helping out. During the Spring Leadership Conference, all this person wanted to do was show off the SUNY New Paltz Campus in the best light possible, and incorporate every incoming delegate from the institutions in attendance into the New Paltz Community. During the SUNY New Paltz Dance Marathon, even though you were not part of any of the committees, you volunteered within the event from the start of setup to the end of clean up. It’s truly inspiring to see someone that is willing to use their time in order to support others at absolutely every given opportunity. Every time I see you walking across campus, you always have a place to be, but you always have a smile on your face. You are truly deserving of recognition for everything that you do, and I can’t wait to see your continued success next year. Philip Kwong, please come up and accept your award.

ELEE:

My E-Board Choice is someone who is incredibly deserving, and yet, seems to be generally unrecognized. I have been lucky enough to watch this individual grow. When I first met this person, I didn’t really try to get to know them. Little did I know then that I had met someone who really embodies the values of this organization. Community is something essential to RHSA’s mission. Community means inclusion and kindness. This individual is always inclusive of others, personally they have always made me feel welcomed. They are kind to those around them and have a warm presence. This person is a
friendly face at our monday night AC meetings. In fact, now in their second year as a part of the RHSA world, they have been an AC rep, really embracing the organization. They have been present at nearly every single event we’ve had this year. They also are world renowned for having a very funny twitter account.

All in all, this person is pretty great. As I’ve told them numerous times, in fact, I hinted that I would be giving this to her, but I’m pretty sure she didn’t pick up on it. So Paige Golembeski, here is your award for how much I love you, R O C K, i got you this rock.

**KATIE:**

I had a hard time picking someone for my E-Board choice this semester and it wasn’t until about a week ago when this person came running into the SUB snapchatting himself telling me and Emily Harter how good the S'Mores Frap from Starbucks was that I knew who I was giving this award to (I’d like to add that he was so excited that he fell off the chair he was perched on and the three of us spent the next five minutes engaged in loud obnoxious laughter... in the middle of the SUB). I don’t know why it took so long for us to finally start becoming friends, but now that we got the ball rolling I never want it to stop. Since the moment he stepped foot on campus, he has thrown himself into every leadership opportunity that has come his way. From giving tours to prospective students as a member of CREW, to dancing at every RHSA event, to tying a purple tablecloth around his neck and turning into Super Relay Man, he always have a smile on his face. This person has a way of lighting up any room he walks into and he has the uncanny ability to make people feel special everyday. He always so full of pure joy and I’ve never had an interaction with him where he isn’t laughing. He has one of the biggest hearts I have ever seen and lately I have been looking forward to hearing him read bedtime stories to all his fans via Facebook Live. Shawn Minter I can confidently say that you have touched the lives of everyone in this room at some point during this year and it gives me great pleasure to present you with your E-Board Choice award.

**RUI:**

I have to say even though this is my fourth eboard choice award that I am giving out it is still difficult to choose out of so many incredible people who truly deserve this award. This being
my last one, I think I really hit the mark on choosing someone who deserves this award. This is someone who is full of energy and spirit and their love of hall gov’t is undeniable. This is a person who always has a smile on their face is always there to cheer people up. What really makes me relate this person though is that we are both science majors. From experience I can tell you that meeting a science major that is not involved with science based clubs is incredibly rare. Yet not only has this person been actively involved with their hall gov’t, They are also attending the upcoming NACURH Conference. These are all incredible achievements and what makes them truly shine is they are still doing this even with an injured foot. That is why it with great pleasure to present my e-board choice to Hailee Edwards!!!!

ANGELIQUE:

My e-board choice is going to someone that you literally always see jumping around. Like literally. This person has been an active part of his hall government and RHSA for a year. I can tell that he found a place within RHSA because him and his close friends are always seen at RHSA events and meetings. Even when they are not all AC Reps. Every time I see him he puts a smile on my face and he is not afraid to dance and scream my name. At retreat he had an unending amount of energy, and he never seemed to stop. When Brandon impersonated James in Psychiatrist, I almost peed my pants, because that was you, jumping in place. Being able to work with you for SLC was also a treat. Once I needed help you immediately did what was required of you but you also went beyond. While I requested y’all only work Saturday, you worked the whole day Friday, and from what I saw, you never took that volunteer shirt off. Even though you could not be there with us Saturday, I am still thankful for everything you did to help make that conference successful. I am incredibly jealous of your ability to always be going, and that you can do that Russian dance effortlessly, while I would rip my pants. Yesterday during the Hasbrouck BBQ, James was literally there the whole time. Like no joke. The e-board was stuck there until the truck left, and that was around 9PM, and you were there the whole time. You helped us clean up after the event ended, and was still filled with energy. You mentioned that you were planning on running for e-board next year. And that was your goal, to hear that you were already planning on that was amazing. I thank you for staying within this organization and for helping in anyway that you can. Thank you for being a part of hall government this year, and for always being a smiling face. Stay involved next year, and spread that happiness everywhere. Without further ado, I would like to present my e-board choice award to James Weaver.
CATHERINE:

My e-board choice has a very special place in RHSA, and they hold a very special place in my heart. They were very quiet during their first semester, and I thought it was because they were extremely disinterested in RHSA. However, as this person knows, first impressions can be deceiving.

My first interaction with them happened during their Dance Marathon Committee meeting last semester. I was on the PR committee, and they were on the Miracle Care Committee. We were filming different committee members, asking them to answer the question “Why do you dance for Dance Marathon?” for a promo video we were making. At that point, I had heard a lot of the same answers, and I was worried that our video was going to be repetitive and redundant. I asked this person “Why do you dance?”, started recording on my phone, and was waiting for the classic answer: “I dance for the kids”. However, in less than 3 seconds, this individual was able to shock, amaze, and inspire me with the very unique answer of: “Because this is what love is.” It was then that I knew that this person was someone to look out for.

As the year went on, they started getting more and more involved with RHSA, coming to office hours, hanging out at programs, and volunteering at events. If I had to sum up who this person is in one story, it would be the time we needed someone to help direct people from the Rt. 32 parking lot to the Lecture Center during the Spring Leadership Conference. We called this person at like, 7 in the morning on a Saturday and asked if they’d be down to help, and they responded with: “I mean, I have nothing better to do right now, so sure.”. Narelys, you’re funny, you’re kind, you’re genuine, and you’re going to do great things as an RA and Hall Gov Liaison next year. I’m excited to go to NACURH with you later this month, and I can’t wait to see what you do for New Paltz during your time here. Please come up to the podium to receive your award!

Awards for Color Wars
Third Place: Purple Team, Scudder, Collango, Bouton
Second Place: Green Team, Dubois, Crispell, Deyo
First Place: Blue Team, Bliss, Ridgeview, Gage, Capen

Awards for Hollywood
Audience Choice
Third Place: Scudder
Second Place: Bliss
First Place: Lefevre

E-Board Choice
Third Place: Lenape
Second Place: Scudder
First Place: Lefevre

RA Liaison Of the Semester
RA Liaison of the Semester is an award we give out to a Hall Gov Liaison who has gone above and beyond what is required of them. They show a clear interest in RHSA and Hall Government, and they are dedicated to helping their Hall Government reach their full potential.

It’s rare to see an RA Liaison with no prior Hall Gov experience be as involved and dedicated to RHSA and their Hall Government as this one. Being the Liaison of the Hall Government that won Hall of the Year last year could be intimidating to some, but this individual took the challenge head on, with a desire to earn that title again this year. Coming to every AC meeting and RHSA program over the past year in support of his hall, it became obvious to the eight of us how much he cares about his Hall Gov and how much he wants them to succeed.

In a hall full of transfer students and as a transfer student himself, he worked really hard to engage both transfer and returning students in the community of Dubois Hall. Well, as you can tell from looking at Dubois’ table, it worked. He really cares about the members of his Hall Gov, and he is literally always emailing RHSA nominating them for Hall Gov Member of the Month.

He’s made a really big impact on everyone around him in a really short amount of time, and it is an absolute honor to present this semester’s award to Abbas.

Hall of the Semester
Breanne: Never stop doing what you are doing. Programming is so important to help build community in your halls, help people make friends and help bring people together. Over the semester ya’ll got 4,384 GFPs; that’s amazing. I love you all.

Third Place: Collango 358 GFPs
Second Place: Crispell 569 GFPs
First Place: Dubois 892 GFP's

Senior Cords
In recognition of their service and commitment to RHSA, we would like to present all those who served on the RHSA E-board in the past who are graduating this year with cords. If I call your name, please come up to the podium to receive your graduation cords.
As President, I want to thank all of you for everything you’ve done for our organization and for the positions you served in. RHSA is a better organization because of all of you, and your impact on this campus will be long-lasting.

As Catherine... I wanna say something too: I love all of you so much, and I am incredibly sad to see all of you go. However, I know that you’re all gonna go out in the world and do the most incredible things. I feel so lucky to have gotten to know each and every one of you on the level that I have, and you all hold such a special place in my heart. There are a lot of things I want to say to each of you, but tonight is already emotional enough for me, so those words will come at a later date. Like I said before, RHSA is a better organization because you were a part of it, and I am a better person because I have known all of you. Thank you again, let’s give a huge round of applause to our graduating seniors!!!!!

**Bronze Pin**  
SAM

The Bronze Pin is the highest honor achievable to a student living on a college campus. Bronze pins are awarded to students by either the NRHH or RHSA president, in NACURH affiliated schools and cannot exceed the number 8, representative of the 8 NACURH regions. To be one of the students chosen for a Bronze Pin is not only an honor on your college campus, but internationally. Bronze pin recipients are the students that go above and beyond what they are required to and are truly amazing individuals. Recipients of a Bronze Pin are leaders who are dedicated to their organizations and their causes, scholars who aim to achieve in all their endeavors, and they are committed to creating an inclusive and respectful atmosphere for their peers. These people have truly worked their hardest and dedicated their time and effort to
making their campuses a better place for all, and it shows. They are leaders, mentors, role
models, and some of the best people our school has to offer. If you have ever been awarded a
bronze pin, please stand now.

I would like to invite NRHH President Meryl Stromberg up to the podium to help me
give out the first bronze pin of the night.

Our first bronze pin recipient is someone that many of us have come to know over our
time here at New Paltz. His leadership skills first developed as a member of the First Year
Initiative program, based out of Esopus Hall. He started as a member of Esopus Hall
Government, where he became known as the Soap Fairy in their Hallywood video. His love and
dedication to New Paltz, and specifically RHSA, grew immensely over the next four years.

At the end of his first year, he was elected to be the Public Relations officer for RHSA.
Within this position, he was able to reach out to a wide range of students, encouraging them to
get involved as well. As PR, he became dedicated to RHSA and residence life as a whole. At
events, he would often approach others to introduce himself. This is a friendly quality that he
still possess today. We became acquainted during my first year when we both lived in Esopus. I
was a very quiet AC rep who wanted to get more involved, and he was the very outgoing RHSA
PR who encouraged me to apply for secretary of RHSA the following year. Without him, who
knows if I’d be standing up here giving this speech.

I first met this person first semester our sophomore year. I can’t quite pin how I met
him, but I can say that we will both always remember that I saved your longboard after you left
in Professor Hereth’s class. After this first encounter, our paths crossed again when you were
assigned to be Bevier’s hall gov buddy in the second semester. You became an integral part of
our Hallywood video when you made the flan that turned everybody into zombies.

Our paths crossed yet again when I was hired to be an RA in Scudder. You were the only
person I knew on the staff, and I quickly learned the ins and outs of the position, thanks to you
and our fellow staff members. His dedication to his position as an RA has always been
admirable. He takes the time to get to know his residents as well as other residents in the
building. He takes the time to get to know them personally. His dedication to Scudder can also
be seen in his role as the RA Liaison for hall government, where he strives to help his hall
government members be the best they can be while helping them to become strong student
leaders, similar to himself.

His dedication does not end in residence life. When it comes to his academics, he works
hard in all of his classes as a double major in Psychology and Sociology. He focuses on his
academics as he works towards his goal of becoming a school psychologist. He is often seen working on an assignment or heading to a professor’s office hours so he can do the best he can.

Sam, as you receive your RHSA cords tonight and prepare to graduate in two weeks, you have touched the lives of so many students along the way. As you continue on the path to becoming a school psychologist, I have no doubt that the dedication you have had for residence life and your focus on your academics will help you to be successful. Please come up to the podium to receive your bronze pin!

DAYAMARA
A lot of the time, when thinking about who to give a bronze pin to, our minds wander to people who are always in the spotlight: E-board members, RA’s, OL’s, student ambassadors, and so on. But what about the people who work behind the scenes, pouring 110% of themselves into what they do? Programs, events, and organizations can’t be successful without those people working behind the scenes.

Starting where many people do, their Hall Government during their first year, this individual quickly grew within RHSA, NRHH, and NEACURH. During her sophomore year, she applied for NRHH, was accepted, and ran for Treasurer almost immediately. With a love for NRHH, New Paltz, service, and recognition, she was re-elected to the e-board for the following year, this time as secretary. In addition, she also served as the recognition chair, dedicating so much of her time to recognizing others. She put a lot of emphasis on OTMs, which are ways to recognize people for the hard work they do. She encouraged everyone in chapter to write them, and she worked hard to engage and educate the rest of the campus community on what OTMs are.

This year, she is the PR for NRHH, and she was also the Secretary of the PR Committee for Dance Marathon, which was a very small committee of 3. Without her leadership, guidance, and ability to keep a very distracted committee on task, there is truly no way we could’ve raised almost $13,000 this year. Together, we spent hours on canva.com, days in the library, weeks on making promo videos, and the entire year fighting over fonts and making memes. She led us through programs, push days, Miracle Mondays, Team Tuesdays, and about a million other things. She poured every ounce of herself into making the SUNY New Paltz Dance Marathon a success.

Dayamara Cruz, you spend so much of your time recognizing others and making sure others feel appreciated, I think it’s about time we all recognize you. Please come to the podium to receive
your well-deserved bronze pin.

BREANNE

My final bronze pin is going to somebody who does so much for others and asks for nothing in return. They quickly established themselves as a force to be reckoned with when, during their first year as the Vice President of their Hall Government, they were underwhelmed with the leadership of their President. In response, after Spirit Weekend, this individual slipped a paper under their Presidents’ door with only one word on it: “Resign”. They did, and this person became the new President of College/Shango Hall Government. That was about three years ago, and a lot has happened since then.

Eager to become more involved in RHSA, this person became an Associate Council representative for Bouton Hall Gov her Sophomore year. Her interest in RHSA was evident, and she was elected to be the Campus Communications Coordinator for the 2016-2017 academic year.

One of my goals as President this year was to have at least one new program each semester. Last semester, that program was the Self Care Fair. Passionate about the mission of this program, this individual very quickly volunteered to chair the committee for the event. Because of her and her committee’s hard work, RHSA was able to hold the most successful first-time program I’ve seen in my time here. This individual dedicated months of her time recruiting committee members, meeting with them, reaching out to other clubs and organizations, and doing countless other things to ensure the success of this program.

If you attended the most recent AC retreat, you participated in a values auction. This activity is designed to give participants a chance to reflect on themselves and really think about which values are the most important to them. Very similar to the Self Care Fair, this person jumped at the opportunity to create and facilitate this activity at retreat. In the weeks leading up to retreat, I saw how much time and energy she was putting into this activity to ensure that it was something that was actually meaningful to anyone who participated. Everything she does, she does for other people, and she is always thinking about the bigger picture.

RHSA isn’t where her involvement stops. In addition, she teaches Hip Hop Cardio at the gym, hosts her own radio show, is the traffic manager at the radio station, is a Resident Assistant in Gage Hall, is the future station manager of the radio station, and is the future President of NRHH. Breanne Casucci, you astonish me every day. You balance professionalism and humor with ease, and you’re by far the most thoughtful and caring person I know. You always take time
out of your day to check on others and you always make sure everyone feels appreciated. I can’t wait to see what you do as NRHH President, and I am thrilled to give you my last bronze pin.

Motion to Close: Ridgeview
Second: Esopus

HALL CONCERNS 10:18 PM
Collango: The screws in the bathroom are still a problem

STUDENT CONCERNS 10:18 PM
NRHH: The handicapped button in front of the Old Main entrance is ripped out of the wall
Ridgeview: There was no water at Has today but there was no notification about it.
Meryl: Outside the Res Halls they put the large industrial dumpsters for people cleaning out their rooms but there is nowhere for us to recycle when they show up so if recycle bins could still be available that’d be great.
Collango: The projection screen in Old Library is still broken.

OPEN FLOOR 10:20 PM
Ridgeview: UPC is having a study breakfast Thursday at 8pm
Dayamara: The members of the Dance Marathon committees wanted to recognize Megan and Alana for all the hard work and dedication they put into making Dance Marathon happening; We got you medals and pins that show that you make miracles happen everyday.
Sammi: Come to Dubois tomorrow at 7pm for fresh baked Chocolate Chip Cookies and for storyline with Professor Goding
Tim: Just want to give a special shoutout to Jared for being the most dedicated off campus owl and for coming to events and banquets even though he graduated two years ago.
Ridgeview: We just wanted to say thank you again to the RHSA E-Board for all you have done this past year and being so open and welcoming. You have touched all of our lives and you’re amazing.
Rui: I want to wish everyone good luck on finals and I hope you have an amazing summer! Thank you for letting me serve you for the past two years its been an honor.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:27 PM
Crispell had Molly, gave her a bandana and gave her to Gage.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:28 PM
“It’s the start of something new.” -Troy and Gabriella

SPECIAL RECOGNITION 10:28 PM
Emily and Kyleen: You have been the biggest support system for the eight of us, and you’ve managed to keep us sane throughout this very unpredictable year, which is certainly not an easy task. I feel very comfortable going to both of you when I mess up, because I know that you’ll listen to me without judgment and help me fix whatever the issue is, and I’m sure everyone else on the e-board feels the same way. I know that you have changed all of our lives this year, and there’s no way we would be as successful as we were this year without you two. Over the summer, when I got the email that our advisors would be two of the new RD’s, I had no idea what to expect. I think I expected two people who wouldn’t care, because they were forced
to advise us. I never would have expected that you would be the two most incredible women in my life. You mean so much to the 8 of us, and we can never thank you for all you do.

Next, my e-board. It doesn’t feel real that this is the last time we’re all going to be on this e-board together. This moment in time, saying goodbye to all of you and this experience, has always felt like a very distant dream, and it’s mind-boggling how fast this year has gone. Not to sound like a cliche, but it feels like yesterday we were all sitting together in the office at our summer meeting, planning out how we wanted this year to go. I remember being SO nervous, just reading directly off of my notes as you all listened to me mumble a bunch of nonsense about t-shirts and no bias and NEACURH not NEACUD. However, within virtually no time at all, all of my nerves quickly faded away, listening to all of you bounce ideas off of each other and share your opinions and dreams and hopes and fears about the year ahead. You have all helped me grow in some way or another this year, and I am so thankful for that. I look up to each and every one of you, and there’s no one else I would’ve wanted to spend this year with.

**Andrea**

- You are so full of love and passion and inspiration and I am SO glad I got to spend this year with you. You always push yourself to be better than you were the day before, and you always push others to be the best versions of themselves. Your favorite quote is “I myself am made entirely of flaws, stitched together with good intentions”, and I think that speaks a lot to your character. You don’t apologize for who you are, because you know your worth. You are going to do incredible things as the Vice President of RHSA, as the Executive Vice President of the Student Association, as the SRA of College/Shango, but most importantly, as just Andrea. Thank you for being you, thank you for trusting in me, and thank you for sharing your authentic self with me and the rest of the world. *pig sticker arms* I love you!

**Breanne**

- You *always* make me feel like what I’m doing is worthwhile, whether it be through a Finsta post or through an incredibly thoughtful card. I never could have predicted how close we would become through this experience, but I’m so glad that we did. Thank you for being a friend through some of my toughest moments. When it felt like no one was on my side, I knew that you always were. I can’t wait to work, learn, and grow even more
with you next year in NRHH. You’re perfect, I love you, and I couldn’t have asked for a better Cutie Cutie Cutie.

**Brandon**

- I always have trouble writing speeches about you, because there’s so much I want to say and I never know how to string together the perfect sentence to convey all of my feelings and emotions. During the values auction at retreat, the first value that was read off was “Honor”, and the definition was “being upright in character and having personal integrity”. I turned to the person I was sitting next to and said “If Brandon Knowles doesn’t get this one, I don’t know what I’m gonna do.” If someone outbid you, I was ready to give you some of my RHSA money to make sure you won it. That definition of honor were the words I’ve been looking for all year to describe you. You are by FAR, the most selfless person I know. No task is too big for you, and you never complain about literally anything. You and Audrey have done amazing things as NCC’s, and I am so thankful that I know you. You’re going to be the BEST RA in the entire world next year, and I am incredibly jealous of everyone who gets to be your resident. I love you so much, and I’m excited to see what next year has in store for you.

**Elee**

- There is so much more to you than meets the eye, and I’m glad I got to know that side of you this year. You persevere through everything life throws your way, and I admire your strength and tenacity. Through it all, you always have a pep in your step and a smile on your face. I know you’re bad with remembering names and faces so there’s a chance you won’t remember this, but the first time we hung out was last year on the day I was going home for Winter break. We both finished our respective Spanish finals (mine was Elementary 2 and yours was something way more advanced) at the same time, and we went to the Roost together and talked for hours before I remembered I had to go back to my room and pack. I had always known you as the bubbly girl from Lenape who wasn’t an AC rep, but after that lunch, I saw that there was more to you, and I’m glad I got to see that side this year. I am SO HAPPY you’re going to be an OL this summer, and I know everyone’s gonna love you as much as I do. Thank you for being a friend to me and everyone you meet, and I know that RHSA is going to grow so much next year with you at the helm.

**Katie**
• I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to watch you grow in this position. When you were elected as Secretary and you were coming to my office hours for training last year, I wanted to tell you how much this experience would mean to you, but I didn’t know how; I couldn’t put it into words. Seeing you go through this year and talking to you about this position now, I know that you get it, and I know that you can’t put it into words either. Whenever I see you, my bad days immediately do a 180. I could have a rough day, and a week later you’ll still be checking up on me making sure I’m doing OK. You remember the little details about everyone you know, and you have a genuine interest in the lives of everyone you meet. You have the brightest, most open, genuine personality, and you’re going to be the best OL. I spilled coffee all over myself when you told me you got it, so you know it’s real. I can’t wait to hear all about it. I love you so much, and thank you for being you.

Rui

• Rui, you’ve been by my side literally since the first day of class during our first year, and it’s really hard imagining my life next year without working with you every day. You bring joy and laughter to my worst days, and you make my best days even better. You’re a friend to everyone you meet, and you make everyone feel at home with every conversation you have. I don’t want to spoil anything, but I read your transitional speech for Dariana and had a full on breakdown in the office at 3 in the morning. I’ve gone through a lot of change in the 3 years I’ve been here, but your friendship has always been a constant. You’re true to yourself, and you don’t compromise on your beliefs. I love you so much, and I’m so thankful to have gone through this wild journey with you.

Angelique

• As I started writing this speech, I was sitting across from you in the library and looked up at you and almost started crying. It’s no secret that this has been a hard year for me, but you’ve been by my side through everything thrown my way, and you’ve somehow stayed by my side through everything I’ve thrown your way. I definitely don’t say thank you as much as I should. I’m really happy for you that you’re graduating and moving onto bigger and better things, but I’m also heartbroken watching you leave. You’re my best friend, and there’s no way I’d be standing up here, somehow ending my term as President (?????????) had it not been for your endless support the past two years. We’ve come a long way from gossiping until 2am in Lenape during our first summer meeting almost two years ago, and it’s crazy to think that I haven’t known you my entire life. I
don’t have an eloquent way to end this speech, but thank you, for literally everything. I love you.

To thank all of you for your hard work and dedication throughout this semester, I got you some presentz. First, a picture frame that’s not in there because I ran out of print quota printing a different thing for all of you, so you’ll get that later this week. My bad. Next, a stuffed animal representing where you’ve been or where you’re going to go. No bias. Lastly, I made each of you a very homemade version of “Oh, The Places You’ll Go!” by Dr. Seuss, intertwined with my own thoughts and unsolicited advice. I hope it inspires you like you’ve inspired me.

Being your President has been the honor of a lifetime, but being your friend has meant even more to me than I can put into words. So to all 7 of you, for one last time, thank you. Thank you for all that you do, thank you for everything you are, and thank you for being a part of my life.

With that, for one last time, Historian Andrea.

**TRANSITIONALS 10:48 PM**

**ANDREA:**

Emily Harter, iSpy with my little eye a girlie who is absolutely so much fun and truly amazing. From the moment I met you at orientation I knew that I was going to be-friend you once the polo came off. Your personality just beams joy, acceptance and great intentions. I value that you go out of your way to make people feel more comfortable and trust me others see that. Your hard work and empathy do not go unnoticed. With great pride, I say that it has been a pleasure to see you get involved your first year here at New Paltz from volunteering at Spring Leadership Conference to dancing your hair off at Dance Marathon. I can’t wait for you to fall even more in love with RHSA when you go to NACURH this month. With every whip, stressed out look and “I’m ugly ass hecccckk” you make people feel included; you are a strong personality and the things that you are going to be able to do for this campus are endless. After orientation you left me a note saying that I inspire you to be an orientation leader one day and when our staff went around the room after that session your note was my high. You remind me why I do all the things I do and I appreciate that. Your attitude and take on life after your trials and tribulations
has truly made me a better person and I can’t wait to spend another year with you. Emily, I would not want to pass down this camera to anybody else.

**BREANNE:**

Jennifer, the first time I had a conversation with you, we were sitting on the couch of the Bliss Hall RA office, and you were like, “I think I’m going to run for CCC!” And to be quite honest, for a second, I was like, this girl is NOT going to end up running for e-board. She has her sorority, possibly RA, possibly OL, NRHH, academics on top of all that. And then I took a step back and said, hey... that’s me. And I really don’t hope you take offense to that. Jennifer, I see a lot of myself in you, which is why I don’t see anyone else taking over the Cutie Cutie Cutie legacy but you. Your extreme organization and having your whole life together is amazing, inspiring, and makes me wish I had your persistence. You are going to be an amazing CCC. You are going to offer an extremely unique aspect to RHSA, keep showing your letters with pride, because you earned a voice in both res life and greek life. Keep bringing in new ideas and aspects to this org. I am really looking forward to watching you grow as a GFP girl. And on top of that, I am looking forward to becoming better friends with you. I am so happy you were forced to come train at my office hours, because in so, we are able to grow a stronger bond by gossiping until the end of time. I hope we sign up for tabling at the same hours so we can gossip even more. You are always a smiling friendly face. Even when we weren’t that close, I felt comfortable talking and sharing laughs with you. I can’t wait to continue that. And, as a friendship offering (I’m kidding), I got you these cute filing folders and paper clips. I know it’s so practical, but it’s something I really wish I had this year. Jennifer, although it’s sad that I’m leaving the eboard, I am relieved knowing it is you who is about to come up and take my seat. So come here and hug me and be the next Cutie Cutie Cutie!!!

**BRANDON:**

There is so much that I wish I could say about the experiences that I had as one of your National Communications Coordinators. I loved working with my Co-NCC, Audrey Terwilliger in representing SUNY New Paltz in the best possible light on the Regional and NACURH Level. Everything really was amazing, but I am looking forward to seeing what next year’s RHSA NCC, Mario Cortes-Mendoza, will do for this organization, and for this campus. When I first saw Mario last semester, I had a feeling that he was going to do really big things on this campus. He
tried to get involved in as many organizations that he could, and tested himself to see what he could do, and how far he could go. Mario is, quite literally, the COOLEST person that anyone will ever meet. Everytime I talk to Mario, we are always able to find something to smile about. He is always the first person to offer help to people, and is someone who is supportive of absolutely everyone he comes across. He is a part of many organizations here on campus, and has taken leadership roles in his first-year on campus. Every time someone speaks about Mario, it is nothing but positive words that are spoken. Mario’s influence and success reach out to more than just the SUNY New Paltz campus. During his first experience as a conference delegate, he was able to receive multiple awards on the Regional Level. As an NCC In-Training and a First Time Delegate, the recognition that he received is simply incredible. Throughout Mario’s training for next year, he has always come with great questions, even for some situations that I never would have thought of. I know that you and Catherine will make amazing NCCs, and I can't wait to see what the both of you accomplish next year. I’m proud to call you the next National Communications Coordinator of RHSA in the next academic year. I know your term is going to be dope.

ELEE:
Being the Public Relations Officer has taught me a lot, but most of all it’s taught me to look at the details and find the beauty in everything. It’s allowed me to better see the potential and special qualities in people, too. And I am so excited to tell you all about what I see in our next Public Relations officer.

He makes people happy, always looking to tell a joke or give a compliment, he makes everyone around him more comfortable. He is hardworking, he literally went through and made replicas and new versions of posters I have made this year just to see if he could prove himself. He cares, about people, about his work, and it’s all just really impressive. He has so much potential, I can’t wait to see the leader he becomes and the amazing impact he is going to make on this campus. Although... he is missing a few tools... I mean, he only has one planner.... I want him to be the real deal, so he should have a second one.

Anyway, I am so excited to work with him next year and hopefully become really good friends. He is gonna wow us all. He is beauty, he is grace, he is ms. united states, he is... Sam Halligan
KATIE:
I want to start this speech off by addressing the new members of the E-Board. You have all grown so much over this past year and it has been a blessing being able to watch you all blossom the way that you have. You all have so much love, passion, and joy for this organization and I have no doubt in my mind that you all are going to do amazing things next year. I want you all to know that you can always come to me next year if you need anything; ya'll better not be tired of me because I don’t plan on going anywhere next year. You all have something special that you bring to this E-Board and I can’t wait to see what you do.

Jules; stunning, strong, unbreakable Jules. Getting to know you over the past few months has been wonderful and you have brought so much light into my life. This semester was not an easy one for me, but when I thought of you, my day always got a little brighter. I’ll never forget how ecstatic I felt when I found out you wanted to run for Secretary. It was after a meeting we had for the Self-Care Fair. I had been having sort of a rough day and after the meeting you scooted over to me and said “So, what’s it like being Secretary?” and you looked up at me like this *Imitates gesture*. My mood took a 180 and I just started spewing out everything I did as Secretary. I probably sounded nuts the way I was talking but it made me so happy to have someone to talk secretary with.

To welcome you to this E-Board, I got you some gifts and since I’m extra, let me explain them. If you aren’t already, you are going to become very friendly with your laptop. It will become an extension of yourself, your life support, your best friend. So to help make it feel special, I got you some laptop stickers to make it all fancy looking. Taking minutes can get lonely sometimes, so to keep you company, I got you some animal friends. A Hammerhead Shark which fun fact I thought this was smaller when I ordered so I was very happy to see his full form and a Wolf stress entity for when meetings run long and your hands start to cramp up. I also made you this painting for your room and it says “What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven’t happened yet”; I thought you would like it, I don’t know just thought it sounded nice. So the last two things are more personal and this is where the tears might start so I’m sorry in advance. Secretary is one of those positions that doesn’t really need a binder because we work entirely online. However, I love all things office supplies like and I wanted to make you something helpful anyway. So this binder is full of quotes and advice I have for you as you start this journey, because we all need a little pick me up when things get tough and I hope this binder
can be that pick me up for you. In the back I also included some printouts of blank agenda templates and minute templates for ya. The last thing I have for you, is this flash drive. On this flash drive are some files I think will be helpful for you. But there is also a playlist that I made for you. And it won’t make sense unless I read the songs out loud, so here ya go *Read songs*

Jules you have inspired me so much in the time that I have known you and I know you will continue to inspire those around you and be a positive light in the lives of all the students who are involved with RHSA next year. I’m so happy to see that you have found your way to this E-Board; I see a lot of growth, love, friendship, and happiness in your future. I hope you know that I’ll here for you. I may not be at all the meetings and I may miss some events, but I’m always rooting for you and I’m always going to be there if you need me. Jules I am so proud of all you have accomplished and it gives me great honor to welcome you to your new E-Board. I hope you are ready for an adventure of a lifetime.

RUI:
Well here we are at the RHSA Banquet the last event for RHSA. This event is always emotional night as for some it’s the end of an adventure while for others it is the beginning of a new one. I have met so many people, learn so many lessons and I had a lot of fun over the years. Being on the RHSA e-board two years in a row, to go through this journey twice has been a life changing experience and through it all there was never a moment where I regretted it. Last year I was honor to transition one of my closest friend Elee Wolf-Sonkin to be PR last year and now I once again have that honor and great privilege to transition another wonderful human being named Dariana Almeyda. Dariana I am so happy that I got the chance to know you during this process and have the opportunity to train you. I know for the last month now I have been training you on how to be a treasurer and on how to be an eboard member but there is one more piece advice I wish to give you. You don’t need your notebook for this but I hope the words I say will be kept close to your heart and resonate with you. The last piece of advice I have to say to you from my two years on being on eboard is this, cherish the memories that you will have next year. When you reflect upon those memories there will be so much you will have experience you can not even fathom them. Cherish the memories you will make with your new eboard, as they will always be there for you on your good days and your bad ones. They’ll be there to hear your hopes, inspirations, your dreams but they’ll also be there to listen your fears and your doubts. Before you know it they will be more than just an eboard to you, they will be a family. Cherish
the memories of your friends asking how you can do all of this and still have a smile on your face. Cherish the many people you will meet such as first years and be ready to be an inspiration to them. Even if you don’t believe me, when they first meet and see you, you already become someone they can look up to, someone they can trust, you essentially become their role model. Be ready to cherish the memory of one random day for someone to come up and thank you for just being you, because with your bright and energetic personality I have no doubt that you will inspire change in people to push on and achieve their goals. I wanted to end this speech by saying “I can’t wait to see all the amazing things you are going to accomplish” but the truth is I don’t have to wait; you already accomplish so many great and marvelous things all within your first year here at New Paltz. It is with great honor and even greater joy that I leave the RHSA treasurer position to you. Everyone in this room, please join me in giving a standing ovation to the next Treasurer of RHSA, DARIANA ALMEYDA!!!!!!!

ANGELIQUE:
I have on question to ask you Andrea, “Do you smell what the Rock is cooking?”. And now to the serious part, I have gotten to know you over the past year, and I am glad I have someone who can handle many things as once to be the next VP. Many people do not know this but VP is a very time consuming position, and you literally are always on call. This year you have been handling many things at once, so I hope those time management skills you learned help you out this year. I am glad we were able to bond over the stupidest things sometimes, I can not even remember what they were, but it was when we turned to each other wide eyed while screaming the same thing. Bumping butts at literally event has been fun as well. Your confidence for what you do and who are you is a trait i wish I had. You do not apologize for being you at all, and you let people know that. The passion you have for your personal identity is a great thing, because sometimes people do not embrace who they are, and you take it and use it to your advantage. You have many ideas, and I feel like your head sometimes is a flurry of ideas and thoughts. Throughout the year I have learned who you are, and why you do what you do, Your outfits are always on point, and you take risks with your look and hair. Your hair is perfect, and while i know curls can be a pain in the neck, you have embraced them and it fits your personality. You have recently started the colored eyeliner and i am living for it. That is def a risk I will never ever take. WHich is why I have done the same black eyeliner for the past 4 years of my life. Thank you for being unapologetically you, and for taking on the task for Vice President. Have fun in SAUS and running around to get forms signed and meeting with 5 different people in one day.
Vice President may seem like all you do is meetings, and getting rooms, but think of us this, without Vice President, we would not be in this room, we would not have retreat, and we wouldn't be shopping at the Palisades Mall in December. Have fun with it.

CATHERINE:
Before I officially hand off my gavel, I wanted to take a quick moment to share something with everyone here. One of the very first things we do as an e-board is write letters to our future selves, and then we read them at our very last e-board meeting, which the new e-board is always invited to. In mine, I wrote the following: “As you read this and look around the room at the new e-board, I hope you’re happy with who they are and that you’re confident that they’re going to make RHSA even better than you could.” I just wanted to let you all know that I couldn’t be happier right now. Although I don’t know all of you extremely well yet, I do know that you’re all incredibly talented, passionate student leaders, and I CANNOT wait to see everything you do next year.

Way back at our very first AC meeting, I was in charge of picking the quote of the week for that week, and I just google searched “quotes about beginnings” because that’s what you do when it’s your turn to pick the quote of the week. I found a quote that I really, really liked and thought it would be perfect to share with everyone today. “And suddenly you know: It’s time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.” This year flew by in the blink of an eye, and it’s so surreal to be giving my last speech as President. I’ll miss being on this e-board so much, but I know that it’s time for something new. For me, for RHSA, and for all of you. When I was making my knock-off version of “Oh, The Places You’ll Go!”, I realized that a lot of what I was saying applied not only to everyone leaving the e-board, but also to everyone coming onto this e-board. I made a copy for all of you up here too, and you can expect a letter from me in your soon-to-be RHSA mailbox within the week. Tonight is the beginning of one of the most incredible journeys of your life. RHSA can and will change your life, and I am incredibly excited to see all of you embark on this journey. I’d wish you all luck, but I know you don’t need it.

Writing this speech was incredibly difficult for me, so I looked back at past speeches to get inspiration for mine, and I decided to start this speech the same way it’s started since my first banquet.
When Kristina Virgil looked around the room during her summer meeting and tried to pick out who the next President of RHSA was going to be, she couldn’t tell at the time. When Ariana Carbonaro looked around the room during her summer meeting and tried to pick out who the next President of RHSA was going to be, she thought it was gonna be Angelique or Mike. Awkward. When I looked around the room during MY summer meeting and tried to pick out who the next President of RHSA was going to be, there wasn’t a doubt in my mind that it was going to be Elee. You were interested, you had a lot of new ideas, and you cared about what we were doing.

About a month ago, Elee, Brandon, and I were tabling for Accepted Students Day/Open House. I walked into our office that morning tired, hungry, and just super uninterested in spending the day tabling. In true Catherine fashion, I was late and the last of us to show up that day. I walked into the office super grumpy, and Elee was standing there, holding the coffee I forgot I Tapingo’d, with a huge smile on her face.

“Good morning Cath! Let’s get to the MPR and start setting up.” she said, still smiling. I didn’t know how anyone could be excited to table. As the day started and people began walking around, I saw Elee spring into action. She drew people into our table and sparked an interest for RHSA in a lot of the people she talked to. Watching you talk about RHSA was very inspiring to me, and it reminded me a lot about why I wanted to get involved.

Seeing you plan out what you want to do as President and listening to you talk about how much you love your e-board and how much you’re going to do together, is very heartwarming. It’s obvious to me and to so many others how much you love this organization, and I hope you’re able to learn and grow in this position as much as I was able to. I want you to remember that no matter what happens, I am always here for you. If you need advice, if you need to vent, if you need a study buddy or if you need a place to nap. Never be afraid to ask for help when you need it.

Elee, you care about people, you care about RHSA, and you’re going to be a fantastic President. I know that I’m leaving this e-board in the best possible hands it could be in. I would now like to invite President Elee Wolf-Sonkin to the podium to adjourn this meeting.
Thanks for a great year!!