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EGCSD Class of 2010 Valedictorian & Salutatorian



The honor of Valedictorian of the East Greenbush Central School District's Columbia High School's Class of 2010 has been earned by Megan Smead (pictured left) who resides in East Greenbush with her parents Deb and Greg Smead. Upon graduation, Megan will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where she will major in Biomedical Engineering.

Her activities, while at Columbia High School, included: Science Olympiad, Varsity Soccer, Math League, Rensselaer Medal, University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Science Award, and National Merit Scholarship recipient.

When asked to state the most important thing she learned or experienced while at Columbia High School, she said, "Hard work is the key to success; but, it's hard to enjoy that success unless you have time to relax and have fun."

Roslyn Brandes (pictured right) earned the honor of Salutatorian of her class. She is the daughter of Mina and Jonathan Brandes. She resides in East Greenbush with her parents.

Throughout Roslyn's four years at Columbia High School she participated in Science Olympiad, Once Upon A Stage Pit Orchestra Director, Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award, Harvard Book Award, Math League, and Columbia Pit Orchestra for: Fiddler on the Roof, My Fair Lady, Once Upon A Stage, Beauty and the Beast, and Aida.

She will be attending The Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam. She will be majoring in Music Education.

Roslyn stated that her most valued life-lesson she learned at Columbia High School was, "You don't get anywhere in life without trying. Set high goals for yourself and don't give up until you meet them. If you really set your heart on the goal, though, anything is possible."

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