

## Around the Community

# Northwestern University Offers Scheck Hillel's Valedictorian College-Sponsored National Merit Scholarship

Scheck Hillel Community School's 2018 valedictorian, Nathalie Fuhrman, has been offered a National Merit Northwestern University Scholarship, announced this month by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Officials of each college sponsor selected scholarship winners from among Finalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. Nathalie will attend Northwestern University in the fall.

"It is an honor to be named a recipient of a National Merit Scholarship. This award speaks to Nathalie's hard work and sums up her educational accomplishments," said Dr. Ezra Levy, Scheck Hillel's Head of School. "May she continue to excel, guided by her passion for lifelong learning and her strong Jewish identity and values."

Nathalie, Class 2018 valedictorian, is a Jaime and Raquel Gilinski Hillel Amba-

sador. As a student, she was a member of the National Honor Society and Co-President of the Books Across Borders Club; she played the alto saxophone in Scheck Hillel's band. She is a lifeguard, water safety instructor and involved in the MAR-JCC Bamachol Dance Program, as both a dancer and a teacher. Nathalie's community service with Chai Lifeline rounds out her impressive work.

Fellow graduates Keith Bonwitt, Roy Glazer and Max Peicher were named 2018 National Merit Commended Students, placing among the top scorers of more than 1.6 million students who entered the competition by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). All four seniors were also recognized by the College Board as 2017 AP Scholars with Distinction.

Scheck Hillel is honored to have graduated a roster of students recognized by



the National Merit Scholarship Program and to carry on the tradition in 2018. Most recently, Jordana Zackon, Class of 2017 valedictorian, was named a 2017 National

Merit Commended Student; she now attends Washington University in St. Louis. Scheck Hillel's 2016 salutatorian, Ariel Gelrud, was a 2016 National Merit Scholar and attends the University of Pennsylvania.

This year, 178 higher education institutions are underwriting Merit Scholarship awards through the National Merit Scholarship Program. College-sponsored Merit Scholarship winners announced this month are a part of the distinguished group of about 7,500 high school seniors who will receive National Merit Scholarships for college undergraduate study worth over \$31 million.

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## We Came, We Heard, We Will Conquer!

*The Winning Edge 2018 Was Met With Waves Of Positive Feedback.*

On Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, executives, entrepreneurs, and key business celebrities flocked to Montclair State University to spend the day learning strategies and tactics toward business growth.

Celebrated business expert and sought-after keynote speaker, Jeffrey Hazlett, ushered in the day with an electrifying lecture on the art of being relentless, radical transparency, and key methods for overcoming the fear that stands in the way of success. With fascinating anecdotes and deep insights from his years of experience as CMO of Kodak, Hazlett addressed the necessity for business owners to define their core reason for existence and embrace customer behavior in order to drive change.



"Kodak's mistake is that they weren't in the business of film. They were in the business of memories," he shared.

The next portion of the day brought an engaging and interactive series of breakout sessions which addressed everything



from financial, health, and legal matters, to leadership and marketing hacks. Presenters included Saul and Simeon Friedman of Saul N. Friedman and Co.; Michael Macintyre of HSBC; Bradley Nash and Solomon Klein of Schlam Stone & Dolan LLP; Dr. Firzouz Daneshgari, founder of Bow-Tie Medical; Eli Rowe, CEO of World Medical Bank; Moishe Katz; founder of United Refuah HealthShare; Michael Langer, founder and CEO of Gulliver's Gate; Allen Fagin, Executive Vice President of the Orthodox Union; and Yitzchok Saftlas, founder and CEO of Bottom Line Marketing Group.

"At the end of the day, a leader must be the one to make a decision in every situation." Allen Fagin shared, reminding us of Harry S. Truman's famous mantra that "the buck stops here!"

A trailblazer in the field of healthcare management, Eli Rowe, shared that leaders must know their weaknesses, step back, and surround themselves with teams

of talent. He reminded attendees that even innovators like Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, and Mark Zuckerberg never finished college and are still extremely successful executives.

The day culminated with a riveting Brass Tacks panel followed by an engaging closing keynote address from "Innovation Instigator" and business advisor, Stephen Shapiro. In his signature, captivating style, Shapiro provoked the audience out of their comfort zones and into new ways of thinking about change.

The overwhelming positive responses and still-palpable excitement following the conference are testimony to the great success of the Winning Edge 2018.

Attendee, Joel Whitehouse, President of Empire Benefits Solutions shared: "The diverse personalities, ideas, and opinions were so unique. I am excited to hit my desk this morning and start putting their advice into motion!"

Winning Edge 2019, here we come!

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