

Roselle Catholic High School

Graduates to Greatness Honorees



November 2020



Richard Sweeney • 1966

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Nominated by:
Robert Reed • 1966

Dick Sweeney is, in addition to his other successes and accomplishments, a man of character, kindness and personal integrity.



**Dr. Kelly Bidle (Robinson)
• 1987**

Rider University
Dean of the College of Liberal
Arts and Sciences
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Nominated by:
Donna Thurston • Former Teacher

Dr. Kelly Bidle was appointed Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Rider University in July of 2019. Prior to her appointment Dr. Bidle was a recipient of the Frank N. Elliott award for Distinguished Service and the Nancy Gray Award for Campus Leadership and Service. Dr. Bidle's research as a molecular biologist has been recognized by numerous grants from the National Science Foundation.

September 2020



Joanna dos Santos • 2000

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Nominated by:
Monica Backiel • 2000

Joanna is currently a Licensed Counselor at BN Counseling. She received her Bachelor's in Psychology and then went on to receive her Master's in Counseling Psychology from FDU. Joanna has advanced training in Imago couples therapy, trauma/PTSD and Reiki.

Joanna is also in the process of opening up her own practice and will be stepping out on her own as a Licensed Counselor later this year. She will make a big mark in the mental health field and all her patients are very lucky to have such a caring therapist in their lives.

Joanna has continued to provide therapy and assistance to her patients during this pandemic, which is much needed in the mental health community during this difficult time. Joanna is an amazing therapist, who works non-stop for her patients daily.

I met Joanna when we were freshmen at Roselle Catholic and we have remained close friends throughout the years. I am lucky to have my own personal therapist in her, and I believe RC was the stepping stone for where she has come today.

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August 2020



Toni Bryce • 2018

Toni Bryanne
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Influencer*

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Nominated by:
Shondelle Wills-Bryce

Toni is a rising Junior at Loyola University Maryland where she studies Digital Media and Entrepreneurship. Toni was selected as an RA during her Sophomore year through a competitive interview process after demonstrating leadership skills and a strong ability to build relationships with fellow students. Toni was elected to be an Assembly Member of Loyola MD's student government. Toni devoted school hours as a volunteer where she read to refugee children in at a local Baltimore public school.

In addition, Toni was approved to begin her study abroad semester in Madrid Spain for Spring 2021. While we are unsure if this will continue in the midst of COVID-19, I wanted to highlight this achievement because students are interviewed and academically screened for approval. Toni is currently on the Dean's list and excels in all areas of her studies.

In addition, Toni runs a highly sought after YouTube Channel where she focuses on beauty, fashion and discovery. On this channel, Toni has positively influenced her approximately 7000 subscribers to believe in themselves and speak their truth. This has been a place where Toni has chronicled her experience from high school to college and thoughts about unsolved cases that impact the black community. Toni has secured sponsorship deals with a number of companies and earns an income through her channel.

Toni is a millennial woman who rocks and should be recognized as an example of excellence at a young age.

Besides the fact that Toni is my daughter, I honestly believe she is a positive, motivating force for young women. As a personal development coach, I work exclusively with millennial women to help them build the personal and professional life of their dreams. In doing so, I help them tell their story of hope, dreams and lessons learned thus far in life. These women are beyond amazing, take a look at a few of the blog posts on my site (skitinspires.wordpress.com/2020/05/). I think RC would do well to celebrate one of their own in this way. This has been a place where Toni has chronicled her experience from high school to college and thoughts about unsolved

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Michael Cerra • 1987

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Executive Director

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Nominated by:
John Cerra • 1978

Michael was appointed the Executive Director of the NJ State League of Municipalities effective July 1st. It is the chief executive position.



Karen Kretiz • 1992

Karen A. Kretiz M.Ed.,
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Licensed Psychotherapist

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Nominated by:
Donna Herran • 1967

A graduate of the class of '92, Karen went to Union County College for her Associates in Secondary Education and Montclair State University for her Bachelors in Psychology. She received two Masters degrees from Rutgers University in Education and Social Work.

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She began her career in non-profit community mental health where she has been employed for over 19 years. She currently works as a Program Coordinator for a homeless veteran transitional housing program providing mental health and substance abuse services.

Proudly serving the local community, she also owns a successful private psychotherapy practice in Cranford, NJ.

I feel that Karen has helped quite a few people deal with mental health issues and has given them a better outlook on life in general. Even before the pandemic she been a positive in people's lives.



Kathleen (Katie) Schlichting • 1972

University of North Carolina
Associate Professor

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Nominated by:
Charlie Julg • 1972

Associate Professor UNC, Instructor/Professor/Department Chair Dowling College, Executive Director Crossroads of NC, Teacher/Director Wrightsboro Elementary Wilmington NC, Registered Nurse New Hanover Memorial Hospital Wilmington NC, Distinguished Author & Presenter in Field of Education



Julie Fernandez • 2002
Northwell Medical
Internal Medicine Physician

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Nominated by:
Roselyn Fuentes • 2002

Dr. Fernandez graduated from Mt. Sinai school of medicine in 2012 and completed her residency in internal medicine in 2015 from Mt. Sinai. She is currently an Assistant Professor for the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell and has been busy the past few months on the front lines against COVID in New York City.