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**Title: Honor Cords Implemented at Hopatcong High School**

Cynthia Randina, Hopatcong Superintendent of Schools, Announces -

Just in time for the commencement ceremony for the class of 2016, Hopatcong High School will implement the use of a variety of honor cords for eligible seniors. Previously, only students inducted into the National Honor Society received gold sashes for the ceremony in recognition for their commitment to academics and service. Now, the class valedictorian will wear a gold cord representing the highest honor, *summa cum laude*. This year's valedictorian is Carly Hattrich. Students earning a final GPA of 4.5 and above – *magna cum laude* – will be wearing green and white cords. Distinguished students receiving this honor include: Wallis Guo, Melissa Vilaro, Dana Bibeault, Breea Boylan, Khai Schooler, Daniel Young, Rebekah Ramnarine, Anton Pezzano, Ariana Ferraro and Cassandra Koets. Students earning a final GPA of 4.0-4.49 – *cum laude* – will be wearing black and white cords. Students receiving this honor include Andrew Nee, Ryan McManus, Rebecca Scanlon, Peter Rodick, Matthew Manlapig, Roseann Cid, Megan Donnelly and Jessica Jones. As in previous years, the seniors with the top 10 highest GPAs will earn medals of honor as well. This year, HHS began the Tri-M Music Honor Society; three seniors inducted into this honor society will be donning pink honor cords. Senior Tri-M honor students include Ryan Taesler, Crystal Vizueta and Maria Schwarz. Lastly, senior members of the Hopatcong High School's first graduating class to participate in the Future Teachers Academy will be represented with blue and green honor cords. The recipients are RJ Barrows, John McCloskey, Samantha Nielsen, Sarah Gregor, Amber Mercado and Megan Kelly. All of these students will be recognized in the commencement ceremony held on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Hopatcong High School. Congratulations to all graduates!

