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Clifton High School Class of 2020 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Andrea Dubbels and Michael Schwiederek are Clifton High School's Class of 2020 valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

While she was primarily involved in cross country and indoor track, orchestra, and student council in high school, Dubbels was also a member of the Asian club, the National Science Honor Society and the National Honor Society, and NJ Girls State.

Looking back at her experiences in Clifton, Dubbels' fondest memories are running track and cross country, particularly the Meet of Champions and winning the Sprint Medley in New Balance Outdoor Nationals.

Dubbels credits her family, friends, teachers, and coaches for her success at CHS, stating, "They helped me be the person that I am today and taught me the most important lessons of discipline, hard work, knowledge, love, and fun. "

Dubbels plans to double major in Astronomy and Creative Writing at Columbia University in the Fall and will run cross country for the Lions.

Taking advantage of the many college options programs that Clifton offers, Michael Schwiederek was a part of the Early College program at Bergen County Community College, where he earned an Associate degree while in high school. He also was nominated for the American Legion's Boys State program for the June 2019 session.

Schwiederek considered himself lucky to have experienced the diversity that Clifton Public Schools offers its students, stating, "There are not many districts as both large and diverse of Clifton, and that is what made it a great experience for me."

When asked about his accomplishments throughout his education, Schwiederek attributed his success to his parents and teachers stating, "I couldn't have done it without the support and guidance from them."

Schwiederek plans to major in Business Administration at Rutgers Business School in New Brunswick.

Dr. Danny Robertozzi, Superintendent of Clifton Public Schools, said, "Through their participation and involvement in the extraordinary extracurricular and academic programs that Clifton offers, Andrea and Michael exemplify what it means to be a Mustang. We are so proud of their accomplishments throughout their education and wish them all the best."

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