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**Two New Paltz Seniors Named National Hispanic Scholars**

**NEW PALTZ**—New Paltz High School seniors Marcel Duvivier and Keira Coulard-Smith have been named 2018-2019 National Hispanic Scholars by the College Board’s National Hispanic Recognition Program.

Marcel and Keira qualified to apply for this prestigious honor by scoring in the top 2.5 percent among the Hispanic and Latino test-takers in the region who took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). To be designated as scholars, Marcel and Keira also had to achieve a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

Keira, the daughter of Teri Coulard and Lance Smith of Gardiner, is a member of the New Paltz swim team, the track and field team (for which she pole vaults), and the Pride Alliance. A musician, she plays the flute and piccolo in the school band. She plans to study engineering in college, possibly at Worcester Polytechnic Institute or Roger Williams University.

Marcel is the son of Eric Duvivier and Cathy Sanchez of New Paltz. A Boy Scout, he is also a member of Youth for Unity and Mathletes. He is looking forward to pursuing his interest in math and engineering in college. At this point, his first choices for college are Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Union College, and Washington University in St. Louis.

New Paltz High School Principal Barbara Clinton is proud of these students’ accomplishments both inside and outside of the classroom. “Marcel and Keira are valuable members of our diverse New Paltz school community, and I’m sure they will continue to do well as they continue their educational journeys in college,” she said.

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