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## *OHS Valedictorian & Salutatorian*

**Chance Padlo** has been named Valedictorian of Olean High's Class of 2023. He is the son of Tracy and James Padlo and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science. He has made high honor roll for 16 consecutive quarters from 9th to 12th grade, while taking numerous academically rigorous courses.

Chance has been highly motivated and involved in the school's community. He served as President of the Treasury for the Student Activities Council, and a class officer for a total of five years, in which he helped coordinate student events and proudly represented the student body. Throughout his high school career, Chance has also been a member of French Club, Science Club, National Honor Society, the Olean Area Youth Court, Model UN, and DECA. During his involvement with Model UN, Chance attended numerous conferences hosted by St. Bonaventure University, Canisius College, and Williamsville High School, in which he received many best delegate awards in grades 10-12.

One of Chance's biggest commitments has been DECA, a CTE business organization. As a junior, he took first place at regionals and competed in the state competition, where he was elected to a New York DECA State officer position. Serving with a team of two other state officers, Chance represented and served over 6,000 DECA members across New York State during his senior year. Also in his senior year, Chance competed at DECA's International Conference in Orlando, Florida, where he ran for a national office position seeking to represent more than 220,000 DECA members. Although he was not elected, he was grateful for both the opportunity and the experience.

This Fall, Chance will be attending the University of Pennsylvania to study at the Wharton School of Business. He will be majoring in economics and plans to concentrate in finance and entrepreneurship.



*Chance Padlo*



*Michelle Droney*

**Michelle Droney** has been named Salutatorian of the Class of 2023 for Olean High School. She is the daughter of Michael and Sheryl Droney. Michelle will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science. She has maintained her standing on the high honor roll throughout her high school career. She took a difficult course load including the New Visions Health Professions program through the Olean BOCES

CTE Center and has earned numerous college credits.

Michelle is the advertising coordinator of the Olean Student Activities Council and has participated in student council for many years. She is the president of the Science Club, secretary of French Club, and an honored senior member of National Honor Society. Michelle is both the Olean chapter President and Regional President of Regions 11 & 13 for DECA and placed third place overall in the Regional DECA conference. She was a part of the founding team of the Internatus Business Club and served as the Chief Marketing Director.

She did not only reign in her academic clubs, but Michelle was also named the Most Valuable Player in her senior season of girls' varsity volleyball and earned Most Improved, the Sportsmanship Award, and the Coaches Award in the past. She helped lead her team in their victorious run during the 2021 season where they won the Section VI Class B title. Michelle scored a career high of 18 kills in one game. Since then, Michelle has scored in the top ten volleyball players in Olean's history for overall career kills. She also plays volleyball for Octane.

Michelle will attend SUNY Binghamton University in the fall with a major in integrative neuroscience on the pre-health track. She will advance her volleyball career and play club volleyball at Binghamton. She plans to go to medical school and become a doctor in the future.



## Class of 2023 Honor Graduates

**Emma Anastasia** is the daughter of Shawn and Christina Anastasia. Emma has been an active member of the Olean High Music Program, participating in the Select Chorus, where she was selected as soprano section leader, and the Olean High Bel Canto Chorus. She was also a member of the Olean High Band as lead French horn. Emma attended NYSSMA Solo Fest and All-County Chorus. She was also a member of the Drama Club. Along with being part of the music program, Emma was also a member of the National Honor Society and a participant in Model United Nations. Emma's biggest achievement throughout her high school career was the creation of Olean High Schools' first mental health club, Mending Minds. In the fall, Emma plans to attend SUNY Cortland and hopes to double major in political science and criminology.

**Thomas Bates** is the son of Michael and Kristine Bates. Thomas has been a member of the National Honor Society, a scholar-athlete, and competed on many athletic teams. He played varsity tennis for two years and was a state qualifier in doubles as an eighth grader. Thomas played varsity soccer for three years, earning CCAA League Honors; varsity basketball for two years, earning CCAA League Honors as well as being named captain his senior year; and varsity football for one year, earning CCAA League Honors. Thomas also played varsity baseball for three years, receiving CCAA League Honors, All-Western New York Honors, Big 30 Honors, and was captain for two years. Thomas has volunteered and participated in the Unified Sports

Program, Special Olympics, Winter Carnival, Pink Pumpkin Project, Gus Macker, Salvation Army, and the Olean Food Pantry. Thomas has also helped the youth of Olean by speaking to sports teams about sportsmanship and teamwork. Outside of school, Thomas has worked for the City of Olean as a Recreation Leader and has played on several travel sports teams which have taught him important life lessons that he hopes to pay forward. Thomas plans to attend John Carroll University this fall to study sports leadership and to play baseball for the Blue Streaks.

**Sophia Burt** is the daughter of Jennifer and Jason Burt. Sophia has been a part of the girls' basketball team for four years and participated in girls' soccer for one year. Sophia was also a member of National Honor Society and Spanish Club. Sophia participated in Homeless Huskies, Unified Basketball, and Gus Macker throughout her years at Olean High School. Sophia plans to attend SUNY Brockport in the fall to study criminology with a minor in business.

**Maximilian Kolbe Butler** is the son of Ryan and Naomi Butler. Max has played the trumpet since fifth grade. In sixth grade Max joined the school band as a musician and he will continue to do so in college. Max joined the TV Studio in eighth grade until his senior year, when he transferred to the Yearbook Club. Max was accepted into the National Honor Society in his senior year. He also participated in mixed chorus until tenth grade when he was accepted into Select Chorus. Max enjoys traveling and

working out, as well as kayaking and fishing. Max plans to attend Jamestown Community College to study business. He plans to transfer after completing his associate degree to earn his master's degree in international trade business.

**Luke Carlson** is the son of John and Emma Carlson. Luke has been an active member of the Olean High Concert Band and has been playing trumpet since 5th grade. His love for music only grew as he joined the Select Choir and Bel Canto singing groups his junior and senior years. He was also nominated for and attended All-County Band in his 7th grade year, as well as Senior High All-County Band and Chorus. Luke has participated in Drama Club where he ran fly master for the production of "Little Women" and took on the role of Chip Tolentino in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Luke furthered his theatrical career by joining the Olean Theatre Workshop and the Theatre group for the STAR Program. Luke has been a part of the tennis team since freshman year and participated in the county double's tournament his senior year. He also played for the Olean Soccer Club since age 5. Luke loves listening to music, playing instruments, and recording and editing videos. He also enjoys skateboarding, playing video games, and spending time with family and friends. Luke was a member of National Honor Society and plans to further his education in music and film at SUNY Geneseo.







*Mercedes Colbert*

*Bryanne Cowles*

*Laci Deemer*

*Jack DeRose*

*Dylan DiRosa*

## *Class of 2023 Honor Graduates*

**Mercedes Colbert** is the daughter of Amber Finch and Timothy James. Mercedes has been a high honor roll student. She participated in the girls' volleyball team for the past five years and had the opportunity to compete in sectionals. She earned several awards during the time that she played. Mercedes earned scholar athlete awards, the rookie of the year award, the sportsmanship award, and was also chosen to be a captain of the girls' volleyball team during her sophomore year. Mercedes participated in the Yearbook Club during her sophomore and junior years and showed great leadership and work ethic to her peers. She also participated in the girls' softball team in her sophomore year and Olean Soccer Club from the ages 6-13. Mercedes loves to spend time with friends, listen to music, read, and go on adventures. Mercedes will be attending Buffalo State University where she will major in interior design and minor in business. Her dream is to become an amazing interior designer.

**Bryanne Cowles** is the daughter of Joseph and Michelle Cowles. Bryanne was a member of National Honor Society. She was a student at the BOCES CTE center in the Medical Assisting program and a member of the National Technical Honor Society. She participated in the Skills USA states competition, serving as secretary for the Cattaraugus County BOCES Chapter during her junior and senior years. Bryanne was on the varsity tennis team for the past four years and varsity bowling team for five years. In bowling she was part of the First Team All-Stars for two years and Second Team All-Stars for three years. She

played first chair flute and piccolo in the band. She played at the All-County Music Festival multiple times with other schools in the county. Between her junior and senior year, she experienced an amazing science trip to Iceland. She was able to climb a glacier and walk on lava. Outside of school she enjoyed volunteering at The Warming House and spending time with her friends. Bryanne was also a member of a Saturday Youth Bowling League in Bradford where she has gone to many tournaments including states. She will be attending Alfred State College, majoring in nursing, hoping to become a labor and delivery nurse.

**Laci Deemer** is the daughter of Katie Schessl and Eric Deemer. Laci was a member of Spanish Club and was a member of the National Honor Society. Laci plans to attend Duquesne University to be part of the pre-medical program while majoring in health sciences. Laci plans on becoming a pediatrician who specializes in emergency care.

**Jack DeRose** is the son of Mike and Melissa DeRose. Jack was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Activity Council. Jack was also involved in many clubs at Olean High including Model United Nations, DECA, Student Council, and Poetry Out Loud. Jack also participated in many sports including football, track, golf, cross country, tennis, basketball where he was the leading scorer and a First-Team League All-Star in both his junior and senior seasons. Jack participated in many community service activities including Unified Basketball and Homeless Huskies. Jack also helped

student athletes with special needs on the cross-country team, volunteered at the local turkey trot, and helped at his local church. Jack will be attending Saint Bonaventure University, majoring in finance.

**Dylan DiRosa** is the son of Erin Langworthy and Gene DiRosa, and the stepson of Jason Langworthy. Dylan attended BOCES for Criminal Justice, placing top of his class and being inducted into National Technical Honor Society. Dylan also served as Criminal Justice's Student Delegate at BOCES. Dylan was inducted into the National Honor Society and was involved in many extracurriculars including, Model United Nations, Concert and Jazz Band, DECA, Theater, Ski Club, and the Board Game Club. Dylan participated in student government and served as Secretary of the Treasury for the Student Activities Council, Chapter Secretary for DECA, and Chapter Parliamentarian for SkillsUSA. In both DECA and SkillsUSA, Dylan was a competitor. Dylan placed 3rd in States for DECA advancing to international competitions. For SkillsUSA, Dylan placed 3rd for his first year, his second year he placed 1st, advancing to the national competition. Dylan was active in his community, taking part in a variety of community service projects, including a continuous service as a member of the Olean Area Youth Court. Dylan enjoys gaming, camping, snowboarding, and airsoft. Dylan has committed himself to the service of his country and community, as he has proudly enlisted into the United States Airforce, like many others in his family.



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**Emma Dwaileebe** is the daughter of John and Anita (Nina) Dwaileebe. Emma was a member of the National Honor Society, Bel Canto, Select Chorus, and Z-Club. During her time at Olean High School, she served as class president, class secretary and Event Coordinator for Student Activities Council. Emma was chosen to participate in the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Program, and she was enrolled in the New Visions Education program. She has helped others through Homeless Huskies and the Souper Bowl of Caring. She has worked as a group leader in the summer Star Program. She performed in high school productions of "Les Misérables" and "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Emma volunteered for the Pink Pumpkin Project and has been employed at Hi Ho Drive Inn since she was 14 and Jim's Park and Shop for over two years. Emma enjoys singing and acting. She has been performing since the age of three and has worked with Olean Theatre Workshop, Olean Community Theater, Cattaraugus County Living Arts Association (Ray Evans Theater) and the Bradford Little Theater throughout her high school career. She will be attending Lafayette College majoring in philosophy, with plans to pursue a career in education policy.

**Jezerae Fayson** is the daughter of Julie Roulo and Ronald Fayson. During high school, she was highly engaged in extracurricular activities. She played at the varsity level for soccer, basketball, and track. Playing sports was her main motivator through high school, pushing her to excel academically as well.

She was a member of National Honor Society and consistently on honor roll or high honor roll. She received many scholar athlete awards while playing sports. She achieved competition awards as well. While she loved playing sports, she also participated in clubs including Spanish Club and Z-Club. Jezerae was a member OHS Student Activities Council. She was the President of Student Affairs where she planned many great events and fundraisers. She learned to be a great voice for the school which created many opportunities. One of her main goals was to keep the Husky spirit alive and she did that very well. Jezerae plans to attend St. Bonaventure University with an undecided major. She has many goals that she would like to achieve.

**Randall Hall II** is the son of Randall and Lisa Hall. Randy has participated on the varsity swim team for the past five years as well as the tennis team throughout high school. Randy was a member of the National Honor Society. He also received the Harold Dutton Spotlight Student Award. Randy enjoys dirt car racing and jet skiing at Cuba Lake. Randy plans to attend Jamestown Community College in Olean with a major in business. He then plans to transfer to St. Bonaventure University to complete his bachelor's and master's degree in business.

**Naomi Hill** is the daughter of Aaron and Charmaine Hill. Naomi has been a member of the varsity football cheerleading team for three years and the varsity competitive cheerleading team for one year. She was a dancer

at Dance Arts throughout her time at Olean High School. Naomi was active in the Olean Area Youth Court since her sophomore year. She was the secretary of the French Club, as well as secretary for her 12th-grade class. Naomi has been an active member of the World with Water Club and Mending Minds Club. She also participated in Model United Nations and the Principal Student Advisory Council. Naomi was an active participant in the Souper Bowl of Caring throughout high school and became the coordinator her senior year. She was also a member of the National Honor Society. Naomi volunteered for the Special Olympics, the Winter Carnival, and the Warming House. She was involved in music program including band, orchestra, choir, and Drama Club. She also participated in the New Visions Health Professions her senior year. Naomi will attend Mount Holyoke College in the fall and will be majoring in biochemistry.

**Wils Jay-Edwards** is the child of Sadie Jay-Edwards. Wils is a member of the National Honor Society, President of the GSA, and is involved in the Z-Club, Art Club, and the Creative Writing Club. Wils has been an active member of Mixed Chorus, Select Chorus and Bel Canto. They excelled in Solo Fest, All-County, and All-State, through both Hinsdale and Olean schools. Wils played varsity soccer at Hinsdale and was honored as the most improved member on the varsity swim team at Olean. Wils has been ardently involved with their school play productions, a long-time student of the Theatre Workshop, as well as part of Olean Community Theatre.





*Mackenzie Malloy*

*Jared Morgan*

*Lily Schena*

*Lena Smith*

*William Snyder*

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Wils was involved in many productions including “Clue” with Hinsdale Central School; “High School Musical” with the Olean Community Theater; “The Mousetrap and Cheaper by the Dozen” at Theater Workshop; and a principle in the musicals “Little Women” and “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” with Olean High School. They will continue to participate in plays, musicals, and theatre work on stage in the future. Wils plans to attend the Olean Campus of Jamestown Community College with an undeclared major.

**Mackenzie Malloy** is the daughter of Kelly and Amy Malloy. Mackenzie has made high honor roll and was a member of National Honor Society. Mackenzie has played on the girls’ basketball team for the past four years and has participated in track as well. She has been a scholar athlete for all four years of her high school career. She was a member of DECA for both her junior and senior years. Mackenzie plans to attend St. Bonaventure University in the fall with a major in accounting. In the future, she hopes to become a Certified Public Accountant.

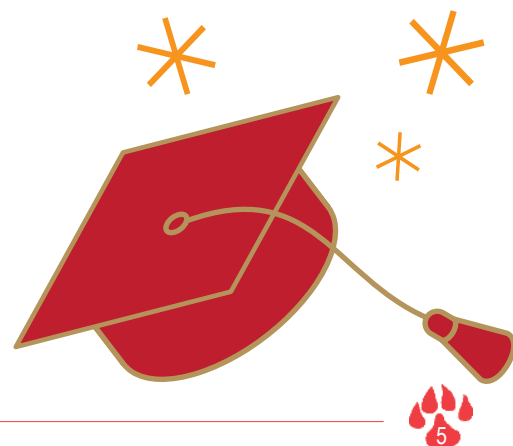
**Jared Morgan** is the son of Jason and Paula Morgan. Jared was a member of the National Honor Society. He has participated in junior varsity and varsity soccer and was awarded the rookie of the year during his junior varsity season. Jared played varsity tennis during his junior and senior years and was recognized as a scholar athlete. Jared was a two-time recipient of the Harold Dutton Award which recognizes students of good character. He has

volunteered at the SPCA, Salvation Army, and the Gus Macker Tournament. Jared attended BOCES for two years with a technical endorsement in the field of Animal Science. Jared will attend St. Bonaventure in the fall where he will pursue a dual degree in biology and education.

**Lily Schena** is the daughter of Philip Schena and Mary Hirsch-Schena. Lily was a member of National Honor Society and Vice President of the Student Council. She was very involved in the music program and participated in the school musicals. She took part in orchestra, band, Select Choir and Bel Canto. She has attended numerous All-Counties, All-States, and Solo Fests. Lily has been a member of varsity soccer for four years, competitive cheerleading for three years, varsity track and field for three years, and participated in basketball as well. Lily was a member of Yearbook Club, competed in Poetry Out Loud, was a member of the Student Advisory Council, a student representative for the Strategic Planning Committee and participated in Homeless Huskies. Lily has been a member of the Olean Theatre Workshop for many years, and a member of the Olean Soccer Club where she has been a player and a volunteer U6 coach. She also enjoys skiing and snowboarding. Lily plans to attend Alfred University in the fall where she will major in sociology and political science with a minor in social justice. She will also be playing soccer at Alfred University.

**Lena Smith** is the daughter of Nate and Theresa Smith. She was a student in the New Vision Health Professions Program at the Olean Career and Technical Center during her senior year. She was a member of the Spanish Club and National Honor Society. She was also a member of the Olean Area Youth Court. Lena danced for fourteen years at the Neighborhood School of Dance, Dance Arts, and Dancer’s Loft. Lena was also a skier at Holiday Valley and has played the piano for many years. Lena will attend Duquesne University in the fall and will start on the pre-med track.

**William Snyder** is the son of Amy and Dave Snyder. William was a member of band, Select Choir, and Bel Canto. He performed in the school musical every year. He co-founded the Board Game Club with Mr. Kruse and was president of the club. William was on the tennis team every year, as well as swimming for one season, and bowling for two seasons. He was a member of National Honor Society and participated in Homeless Huskies. William will attend SUNY Cortland in the fall, majoring in chemistry.





## *Class of 2023 Honor Graduates*

**Connor Valenti** is the son of Brian Valenti and Jessica Blatchley. Connor was a member of the National Honor Society. He was on the varsity track team for three years and was awarded the CCAA and Olean HS Sportsmanship Award during his junior year. Connor was the manager of the varsity basketball team. He participated in Homeless Huskies and many other school events to support the huskies. During his senior year, he boosted school spirit by wearing the Husky mascot suit for all sports functions. Connor was a member of DECA, Model United Nations, Spanish Club, Student Council, and Unified Olympic Basketball. He was a violinist for the orchestra and a baritone singer. Connor volunteered to help people in need, and he volunteered for the South Wedge Food Pantry supplying resources and delivering food to families across Rochester. He has also volunteered for the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels numerous times. Connor plans to attend the University at Buffalo to study management with a concentration in marketing and accounting.

**Alexander Vogel** is the son of Kevin and Stephanie Vogel. Alex was a member of Model United Nations. He also participated in the OHS E-Sports Club. Alex attended a National School Leadership Conference at American University where he participated in activities focused on political action and public policy. Outside of school, Alex has helped with the flowers in downtown Olean. Alex plans to attend Mercyhurst University to study history and political science.

**Kyra Vroman** is the daughter of Elvin Vroman and Sherri Armison. Kyra has been a member of National Honor Society. She has been a Reality Check member since seventh grade, which is an organization that raises awareness of the dangers of teen smoking. She participated in local activities to promote the Great American Smoke Out. Kyra attended the Reality Check conference in Albany where she worked with students from several schools to create plans to battle youth-targeted flavored tobacco products. She has devoted her time to community clean ups to help make Walkable Olean truly walkable. She also participated in the play "Les Misérables." When she was not in school, she dedicated her time to her job in a local grocery store. Kyra plans to attend Alfred State College where she will major in accounting. Kyra credits Olean High School with challenging her and helping her to believe that through hard work, she could achieve anything.

**Andrea Walker** is the daughter of Blake and Juliet Walker. She was a distinguished student at Olean High School and a member of the National Honor Society since her transfer from Friendship Central School in 11th grade. During her time at Olean High, Andrea joined the World with Water Club, and is the Vice President. She was a member of Science Club and Art Club. She volunteered for various community service projects such as collecting supplies for the SPCA drive; distributing water bottles and motivation to those who ran in the city's Corporate Challenge; and volunteering to provide

a fun and safe environment for children with special needs at Ellicottville's Winter Carnival. Andrea demonstrated her theatrical talent in the drama club's play "Little Women" as the legendary Lead Troll. Andrea was accepted into the New Visions Health Professions program at BOCES where she observed healthcare professionals and learned important life lessons that she will carry on into her college life. She will be attending Pace University in Fall 2023, majoring in psychology with the end goal of owning a marital counseling facility. Andrea's numerous achievements showcase her dedication to academic and extracurricular pursuits, as well as her commitment to community service, performing arts, and healthcare.

**Emma Washington** is the daughter of Michele Harrington and Drew Washington. Emma was a member of National Honor Society and was the editor/treasurer of yearbook. She also has been a member of Select Choir, Bel Canto, Ski Club, Homeless Huskies, and the school musicals "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Les Misérables". Emma has participated in modified, junior varsity, and varsity soccer during her four years of high school and participated in varsity cheerleading for one year. Emma was involved in Unified Basketball her 8th grade year and Exceptional Track and field day her junior and senior years. Emma enjoys traveling, playing soccer, reading, and taking pictures. Emma was a coach for the Olean Soccer Club U6 team for one year and rang the bell for the Salvation Army for four years. Emma enjoyed working on the yearbook





*Gavin Weseman*

*Hailee Zalwsky*

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and went to almost every sporting event, special event, assembly, and school dance to take pictures for the school yearbook. Emma will attend SUNY Oneonta in the fall, majoring in media studies.

**Gavin Weseman** is the son of Brian and Rychelle Weseman. Gavin was active in student government and was Class President in his sophomore and junior years of high school along with being a member of Student Activities Council as Media (Visual) Production his senior year. Gavin was a member of National Honor Society his junior and senior year, orchestra for four and a half years, girls varsity swimming and diving team manager his senior year, junior varsity and varsity football for two years, varsity tennis for five years, and varsity swimming and diving for five years. While on the swimming and diving team, Gavin was awarded the Coaches Award twice, the High Point Award, a CCAA All-Star his senior year, and was a sectional qualifier three times. Gavin has received High Honor Roll all 16 quarters of high school, the 20/40/60 Point Award, the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award three times, and was a NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete all 12 sports seasons. Gavin will be attending SUNY Oneonta, pursuing his interest in science while majoring in adolescence education with a concentration in earth science.

**Hailee Zalwsky** is the daughter of James and Debbie Zalwsky. Hailee has participated in many activities throughout high school including Drama Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, band, orchestra, Select Choir, bowling, tennis, track, and golf. Hailee has been the percussion section leader in the band for the past two years. Hailee has also excelled in her bowling career throughout high school, winning league MVP for three straight years. Hailee has gone on to become a Sectional Champion and advance on to the NYSPHAA 2023 Bowling State championships where she brought home gold for the Section VI team. In college, Hailee will be continuing her bowling career at the NCAA division two level. She is not only bowling in college, but she will also be continuing her track career at the NCAA division two level as well.

Hailee will be attending Roberts Wesleyan University in the fall majoring in graphic design and

business marketing. She will also be minoring in music and global studies.



# Good Luck To Our OHS Seniors!

<b>Abreea T. Acevedo</b> – JCC	<b>Shaun P. Harrington</b> – Lineman School	<b>Madelyn E. Sakala</b> – JCC
<b>Quintin I. Allen</b> – Buffalo State College	<b>Shayla M. Harrington</b> – SUNY Fredonia	<b>Lily M. Schena</b> – Alfred University
<b>Cade W. Anastasia</b> – St. Bonaventure University	<b>Dylan H. Harvey</b> – Employment	<b>George A. Schreiber</b> – Employment
<b>Emma R. Anastasia</b> – SUNY Cortland	<b>Janelle-Ryan E. Havers</b> – University of Pittsburgh @ Bradford	<b>Kaiden M. Scott</b> – Employment
<b>Logan F. Baer</b> – Houghton University	<b>Jaedyn E. Hennard</b> – JCC	<b>Allie M. Shoup</b> – JCC
<b>Brooke E. Baker</b> – St. Bonaventure University	<b>Nicholas M. Hensel</b> – Alfred State College	<b>Jestene D. Shugars</b> – Employment
<b>Christopher A. Bargy</b> – Alfred State College	<b>Madison A. Herner</b> – Buffalo State College	<b>Kasey K. J. Simon</b> – JCC
<b>Thomas J. Bates</b> – John Carroll University	<b>Wyatt J. Hewitt</b> – Alfred State College	<b>Kristen V. Slaughaupt</b> – Employment
<b>Emily M. Bhe</b> – Employment	<b>Naomi K. Hill</b> – Mount Holyoke College	<b>Lena T. Smith</b> – Duquesne University
<b>Jenna M. Blanchard</b> – JCC in Jamestown	<b>Jacob E. Hurlburt</b> – Employment	<b>Siena M. Smith</b> – Employment
<b>Jadon M. Blazejewski</b> – Alfred State College	<b>Wilhelmina M. Jay-Edwards</b> – JCC	<b>William K. Snyder</b> – SUNY Cortland
<b>Ava E. Bordonaro</b> – JCC	<b>Damien N. Johnson</b> – Employment	<b>James T. Stitt</b> – St. Bonaventure University
<b>Drew J. Brokaw</b> – Alfred University	<b>Drew T. Johnson</b> – Jamestown Business College	<b>Keyshawn V. Sullivan</b> – JCC
<b>Lucas J. Brushingham</b> – University of Dayton	<b>Trevor D. Johnston</b> – St. Bonaventure University	<b>Dylan A. Tanyi</b> – Employment
<b>Sophia A. Burt</b> – SUNY Brockport	<b>Keanna S.C. King-Rogers</b> – Employment	<b>Mason J. Tanyi</b> – Employment
<b>Maximilian K. Butler</b> – JCC	<b>Joshua P. Knight</b> – Finger Lakes Community College	<b>Eva C. Tice</b> – JCC
<b>Brooke A. Capito</b> – St. Bonaventure University	<b>Olivia R. Kratts</b> – Alfred State College	<b>Landon V. Tilly</b> – Employment
<b>Luke A. Carlson</b> – SUNY Geneseo	<b>Chelsea E. Lemmer</b> – Keuka College	<b>Connor D. Valenti</b> – University of Buffalo
<b>Zachary M. Clayson</b> – JCC	<b>Ariel E. Maine</b> – Alfred State College	<b>Alexander C. Vogel</b> – Mercyhurst University
<b>Madisyn M. G. Cleveland</b> – University of Pittsburgh @ Bradford	<b>Mackenzie E. Malloy</b> – St. Bonaventure University	<b>Kyra D. Vroman</b> – Alfred State College
<b>Ava R. Clute</b> – Employment	<b>Nathaniel J. Martinelli</b> – Chatham University	<b>Andrea JB Walker</b> – Pace University
<b>Mercedes N. Colbert</b> – Buffalo State College	<b>Kayden M. Matthews</b> – Employment	<b>Emma N. Washington</b> – SUNY Oneonta
<b>Bryanne K. Cowles</b> – Alfred State College	<b>Lillian P. May</b> – Employment	<b>Gavin L. Weseman</b> – SUNY Oneonta
<b>Kaylee R. Dann</b> – Employment	<b>A'marie P. McKenney</b> – University of Pittsburgh @ Bradford	<b>Megan R. West</b> – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
<b>Laci A. Deemer</b> – Duquesne University	<b>Garrett S. Meerdink</b> – JCC	<b>Breanne A. Wetherby</b> – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
<b>Jack R. DeRose</b> – St. Bonaventure University	<b>Angelina C. Mesiarik</b> – Niagara University	<b>Dakota L. Wilber</b> – JCC
<b>Hudson J. Dibble</b> – Employment	<b>Jared A. Morgan</b> – St. Bonaventure University	<b>Jacob M. Wilkins</b> – JCC in Jamestown
<b>Taylor A. DiLorenzo</b> – JCC	<b>Taya S. Oyer</b> – Alfred State College	<b>Gabriel A. Williams</b> – Gwinett Technical College
<b>Dylan M. DiRosa</b> – Air Force	<b>Chance S. P. Padlo</b> – University of Pennsylvania	<b>Jacob A. Williams</b> – JCC
<b>Aiden W. Dobson</b> – Air Force	<b>Abigail G. Pease</b> – Employment	<b>Leah R. Williams</b> – Finger Lakes Community College
<b>Michelle R. Droney</b> – Binghamton University	<b>John P. Perkins</b> – Employment	<b>Thomas J. Witzigman</b> – JCC
<b>Emily N. Duncan</b> – St. Bonaventure University	<b>Andreius' M. Phillips</b> – Employment	<b>Hannah M. Woodard</b> – Cleveland State University
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<b>Alyvia J. Ehman</b> – Internship	<b>Cassandra R. Pratt</b> – Penn West Edinboro University	
<b>Jemini M. Fayson</b> – University of Pittsburgh @ Bradford	<b>Connor M. Proctor</b> – Employment	
<b>Jezerae M. Fayson</b> – St. Bonaventure University	<b>Dakoda S. Puccinelli</b> – Employment	
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<b>Kaiden K. Franklin</b> – Alfred State College	<b>Ishana Y. Ramlall</b> – University of Buffalo	
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<b>Randall S. Hall, II</b> – JCC		



# Message from the Superintendent

## Celebrating Success and Looking Forward to Graduation!



Dear Olean City School Community,

I am delighted to reach out to you today with exciting news and heartfelt gratitude. We have much to celebrate as our community has once again come together to support our schools and ensure a bright future for our students. The recent budget vote was a resounding success, and I would like to extend my

sincerest appreciation to each of you who participated and made your voices heard. Your support is a testament to our shared commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for our children.

Thanks to the overwhelming approval of the budget, we can now move forward with confidence, knowing that we have the necessary resources to continue offering an outstanding education to all our students. Our dedicated faculty and staff will be able to enhance their instructional practices, maintain a safe and nurturing learning environment, and provide the necessary tools and resources to foster the success of our students.

As we approach the conclusion of this school year, I cannot help but reflect on the remarkable progress we have made together. Our students have demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and a true spirit of collaboration. It is a testament to their character and the unwavering support they receive from their families, teachers, and the entire community.

I am thrilled to announce our hard work and dedication yielded another exciting milestone. The renovation of our iconic Olean High School auditorium, a project long in the

making, is finally complete. This beautifully updated space will be the backdrop for our upcoming graduation ceremony. The significance of this moment is not lost on us as we prepare to bid farewell to our graduating seniors, who have been integral to our school community for the past four years. The new auditorium represents a symbol of progress and a testament to our unwavering commitment to providing the best possible educational experience for our students.

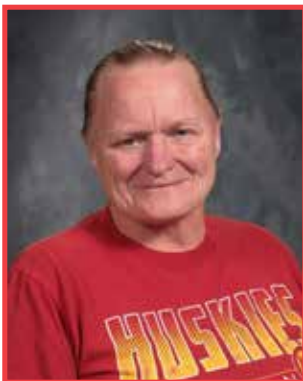
With graduation just around the corner, I invite you all to join us in celebrating the accomplishments of our remarkable seniors. Their journey through our school system has been filled with triumphs and challenges, and their resilience and determination have been nothing short of inspiring. The graduation ceremony will be a joyous occasion, beginning a new chapter in their lives. I am confident that the knowledge, skills, and values they have acquired in our schools will serve them well as they navigate the future with confidence and purpose.

My deepest gratitude to our entire community for your unwavering support. The successful budget vote and the completion of the auditorium renovation are shining examples of what we can achieve when we work together toward a common goal.

I wish you all a wonderful conclusion to this school year filled with achievements, growth, and joy. I am looking forward to celebrating our students' accomplishments at Graduation in our beautiful new auditorium in the High School. I look forward to witnessing the bright futures that lie ahead for every one of our Huskies.

With warmest regards,  
Dr. Genelle Morris  
Superintendent, Olean City Schools

## 15 Year Milestone

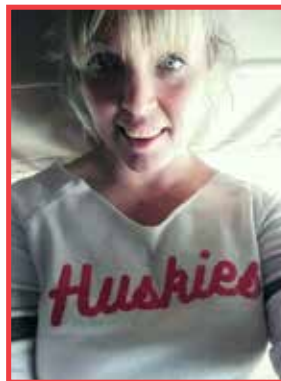


Edna Ewing  
Washington West  
Elementary School  
Food Service Department

Edna began her career with the Olean City School district on January 23, 2008 in the food service department, where she still works today. She currently works at Washington West Elementary, where she hopes to finish her career. Edna enjoys working with

the staff, but her greatest memories are of the students she serves. Edna has also been a bus monitor on the Olean buses for 11 years. In addition, she assists with the summer lunch program in the park. Outside of school, her hobbies include reading, scrapbooking, hunting and facetimeing with her grandchildren in Maryland.

## 10 Year Milestone



Amy Buckner  
Individual Aide  
Special Education Department

Amy has worked as an Individual Aide in the special education department at the Olean City School District for the past ten years. Her greatest pleasure is working with the children and helping them to grow and succeed. Amy is married and is

the mother of four boys. In her spare time, she enjoys singing and listening to music. Amy plans to return to college and pursue studies in psychology. She hopes to be a bereavement counselor in the future.

# News From OHS



## INTERNATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE DECA

Chance Padlo, Dylan DiRosa and Tyler Camp attended the DECA ICDC event in Orlando, Florida in April. This conference was attended by 22,000 students coming from all over the world. These students competed and won in their competitive event categories to earn a spot at this prestigious competition.



### Family Engagement

Hello Huskies! My name is Cindi Rhoades, and I am the new Family Engagement Counselor for the Olean City School District. I am very excited to join the district and bring over 30 years of experience working with students and their families. I have a wealth of resources to share with the district and the community as a whole. I look forward to the fun and excitement as well as the challenges that come with this new position. My primary function will be to enhance our family engagement at each grade level. One thing I will work strongly on is to make sure every family and staff member in our district has accurate and timely information on every exciting activity and resource we have available for our students and families. We will also be adding a Family Engagement section to our school website soon so stay tuned! Enjoy the Summer and reach out to me anytime. I can be reached at (716) 375-8031.





## Teachers vs Cops Basketball Game

The Senior Class, along with their advisors, Chelsea Bowker and Brandy Bennion, organized a successful fundraising event this past March. The Teachers vs Cops basketball game was well attended by students, teachers, and community members. The event raised over \$2,000 and all proceeds were used to help fund the Senior Class trip to Cedar Point. In what was an exciting and entertaining game, the Cops ultimately pulled out the victory. The Senior Class would like to thank all who participated and attended!



### LOOKING BACK...

2022/23 Grants  
Over \$30,000 Awarded

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Night at the Races 5/5/23  
Red & Gold Scramble 6/17/23

Contact John Irving  
for Tickets  
or Sponsorship to  
Night at the Races  
(716) 372-4402

## Good News from Olean Schools Foundation

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." -Pele

### GRANT SPOTLIGHT

In January of 2023, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher, Kathleen Coulter, and SAC Co-Advisor, Charmaine Dwaalebe submitted a grant for a nation-wide initiative, No One Eats Alone. Students, invited community members, and school personnel joined to share lunch with each other. No One Eats Alone Day teaches students how to make friends and create a culture of belonging. OSF is thrilled to provide the funds needed to enhance the success of the event. Thank you Kathleen, Charmaine and the SAC!



Olean Schools Foundation is a 501-c3, comprised of an all-volunteer board. Our mission is to fund new and innovative programs implemented by Olean City School district teachers to enhance the education of our students

To learn more, visit our page on the district's website: [OleanSchools.org](http://OleanSchools.org)



# News From OIMS



## 2022-2023 6th Grade Top 15 Academic Wall of Fame

Front Row (L-R) Christina Qui, Gabriella VonStein, Riley Sudbrook, Jack Hirliman, Amelia Jones, Orianna Gayton, Alia Lynch, Tiffany Chen  
Back Row (L-R) Nora Boutillette, Jahan Chahal, Tiana Maine, Lila Crawford, Dylan Varga, Evelyn Kinnaird  
Missing- Dominic DiCerbo



## 2022-2023 7th Grade Top 15 Academic Wall of Fame

Front Row (L-R) Liam Austin, Noah Anderson, Cara Barry, Rachael Dulmus, Velocity Menichino, Mae Eaton  
Back Row (L-R) Gehrig Perry, Kaylee VanDamme, Layla VanDamme, Nicole Yang, Kya Maine, Ariana Finch, Elizabeth Bailey, Courtney Obergfell  
Missing- Sophia LaBorde, Madison Morehouse



## Washington Club Trip

On May 8th through May 10th, twenty-six, 7th grade students along with their advisors, took a guided tour of Washington D.C. Students visited Mt. Vernon, museums, monuments, the Capital building as well as the White House. The students also went to a play and the Kennedy Center. On the trip home, there was a stop to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pa. We want to thank the Olean Foundation and the Olean American Legion Post 530 for their support.







## Finishing the Ceiling!

Second semester 7th graders in Ms. Cawley's art room have finished working on their ceiling tile paintings! Students get the opportunity to leave their mark on OIMS before heading off to the high school in the fall. This group of students helped finish the ceiling in Ms. Cawley's room!



## Unified Basketball Tournament

Athletes from OIMS and OHS once again participated in the Special Olympics Unified Basketball Tournament at St. Bonaventure University. Wearing shirts donated by the Olean Schools Foundation, athletes competed against teams from Allegany-Limestone, Salamanca and Franklinville. Students from OIMS, led by Donovan Miller sang the National Anthem as part of the Opening Ceremonies. Unified Sports pairs students with and without disabilities on the same team encouraging everyone to not only Play Unified, but Live Unified!



# Washington West Elementary School



## The GREATEST Staff on Earth:

As we wrap up the 2022-23 school year, we say THANK YOU to the greatest staff on Earth! We celebrated our teachers under the BIG TOP in the halls of WW and extended our thanks to these ring leaders for all they do - every day!



## Do-Re-Mi:

These husky pups were singing the sound of music and a spoonful of sugar as they showcased their musical talents at our K + 1 spring concerts. They did a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious job!

## An Animal Adventure:

Our husky pups went off on a grand adventure to Hidden Valley! It was an experience of a lifetime and our students enjoyed feeding animals and learning all about them and their unique attributes.



## Onward + Upward:

Just as our third graders will soon spread their wings and fly to the intermediate middle school, their butterflies have spread their wings, too! These third-grade husky pups learned about life cycles and watched as their butterflies developed over time. Fly onward and upward, butterflies - and third graders, too!



## D is for DINO:

These husky pups are wrapping up their school year and reviewing all the letters of the alphabet. What better way to learn about D than to go DIGGING for dinosaurs. Our PK pals uncovered some creatures as they acted as archeologists on a big dig.



Follow your Husky Pups on Twitter @OleanWW



# East View Elementary School

## Celebrating Good Character Traits



### Challenger Learning

The Power of Hands-on Inquiry-Based Science -- Science education is an essential part of your child's academic journey, and we firmly believe in the power of hands-on, inquiry-based learning. By engaging in science experiments and investigations as well as taking trips to our local Challenger Learning Center, our students develop critical thinking skills, problem-solving abilities, and a deep understanding of the scientific method. Through exploration and discovery, they learn to ask questions, make predictions, and draw conclusions, building a strong foundation for future scientific endeavors.



### Super Leaders

We can't emphasize enough the importance of positively recognizing and encouraging good character traits in our students. At our school, we firmly believe in fostering a safe, responsible, respectful, and kind environment for every child. By acknowledging and appreciating these qualities, we not only nurture positive behavior but also help our students develop into compassionate and empathetic individuals. Let's continue to celebrate and reinforce these character traits, both at school and at home, to create a positive and supportive community for our children. Here is a photo of our most recent Super Leaders.



### Animal Guy, Seeds, Chick Hatch, State Park

Exploring the Wonders of Nature -- Nature is an extraordinary teacher, and it is our responsibility to help our children understand and appreciate its wonders. Learning about nature not only instills a sense of curiosity and awe but also develops important skills such as observation, critical thinking, and environmental stewardship. By exposing our students to the beauty and complexity of the natural world, we can inspire a love for the environment that lasts a lifetime. Whether it's through field trips, outdoor activities, or incorporating nature into our curriculum, at East View embrace the importance of learning about nature and provide our children with opportunities to explore and connect with the world around them.

**Follow our school on twitter @OleanEastView**

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# More East View Fun



## Community clean up -

Engaging in Meaningful Community Service - At East View, we believe in the power of giving back and instilling a sense of responsibility and empathy in our students. Community service not only benefits those in need but also helps our children develop essential life skills and values. By engaging in meaningful service projects, our students learn the importance of compassion, teamwork, and making a positive impact on the world around them.

We are proud to announce that our third graders for doing several community clean up days. These projects will provide opportunities for our students to actively contribute to the betterment of our local community.

## Bike -- Encouraging Physical Activity for Young Kids

Physical activity plays a crucial role in the overall development and well-being of young children. Engaging in regular physical exercise not only promotes healthy growth and development but also enhances cognitive function, improves concentration, and reduces stress. It is our goal to foster a love for physical activity in our students by providing a variety of opportunities



for movement and play. Whether it's through physical education classes, recess, or extracurricular activities, we encourage our students to be active and embrace an active lifestyle. Mr. Folland recently biked with students after school at it was a huge success!

## Olean City School District Mission/Vision

*The Olean City School District is a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute, and innovate.*

### Guiding Principles

**A commitment to fostering:**

A respectful, safe, and welcoming environment

Embracing diversity

Continuous improvement

Academic excellence and lifelong learning

Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability

Student potential and achievement