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## Broadbent, Mulryan Lead Class of 2015

**Geoffrey Broadbent** has been named the Valedictorian of the Class of 2015, ranking 1<sup>st</sup> out of 151 students. He is the son of George and Suzy Broadbent. He was a student in the New Visions Medical Program senior year. Geoffrey will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

Geoffrey has participated in three varsity sports: soccer, swimming, and tennis. In soccer, he was named a CCAA All Star Honorable Mention his junior year. His senior year, he was named a CCAA All Star 1<sup>st</sup> Team member, Big 30 All Star, and WNY Best Teammate Award all while being a captain of the team. In tennis, he has been a member of four CCAA championship teams and has qualified for the county tournament three times and moved on to the sectional tournament twice, and finished sectional runner up in doubles to qualify for the NYSPHSAA Tennis Tournament. Swimming, however, has been the main focus for Geoffrey. A member of the varsity team since 7<sup>th</sup> grade, he has represented Olean all six years at the sectional meet. He captained the team in his junior and senior campaigns and was the team's Most Valuable Swimmer three times. Senior year, he won Section VI Class B titles in four events and was selected Outstanding Performer of the Meet, moving on to the NYSPHSAA swim meet. He is an Olean High School record holder in five events.

Geoffrey has also been an active member of a number of clubs and organizations at the high school such as Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership, Model United Nations (President), Student Government (Vice President), Student Activities Council (Vice President), National Honor Society (President), National Technical Honor Society, Interact Club (President), Principal's Advisory Board, Knowledge Masters, Scholastic Challenge, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, and Drama Club performing in *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Sound of Music*.

Geoffrey has received many honors including National Merit Finalist, Business First All Western New York Academic Team, All Western New York Section 6 Scholar Athlete for Soccer and Swimming, Cattaraugus County Youth of the Week, Exchange Club Youth of the Year, the Olean Times Herald Big 30 Academic All-Star and the Olean Times Herald Big 30 Athletic All Star.



*Geoffrey Broadbent*



*Julie Mulryan*

Geoffrey has participated in several community service projects, including Homeless Huskies and the Souper Bowl of Caring. Also, he has volunteered at the Gus Macker, Taste of Olean, Rally in the Valley, St. Mary's Festival, St. Mary's Christmas Dinner, and the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center 5k. He also volunteers regularly as a peer tutor.

He plans to attend St. Bonaventure University to major in Biology and minor in Spanish as part of the BS/MD program with the George Washington School of Medicine.

**Julie Mulryan** has been named the Salutatorian of the Class of 2015, ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 151 students. She is the daughter of John and Laurie Mulryan. Julie will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diplomas with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

Julie has taken classes through JCC since her sophomore year, and this year she was selected as JCC's College Connections Student of the Year for Olean High School.

Julie has been a member of Student Government (President), Interact Club (President), Principal's Advisory Board, Knowledge Masters, Scholastic Challenge, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, and Drama Club. She has participated in musicals at Olean High School and at the Olean Theatre Workshop.

Julie has received honors including 20, 40, and 60 point awards, induction into National Honor Society, and a National Merit Letter of Commendation. Julie has performed vocal solos for NYSSMA Solofest all throughout high school, and she was invited to perform with NYSSMA All-State Choirs her junior and senior years. In addition, Julie was accepted into the NAFME All-Eastern Honors Festival Mixed Chorus, in which she performed in April.

Julie has participated in several community service projects, including Homeless Huskies and the Souper Bowl of Caring. She also volunteers regularly with the Olean Christ United Methodist Church youth group, playing the keyboard every week and volunteering at the warming house.

Julie will be attending Alfred University in the fall. She has been accepted into the Honors Program, and she will be studying Engineering.





*Lindsey Babb*

*Jorden Barr*

*Kahlee Bowen*

*Michaela Byrne*

*Dominique Crolle*

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**Lindsey Babb** is the daughter of Jody and Meggin Babb. She has played for the local softball team for twelve years and has taken piano lessons for a year but now teaches herself. Lindsey participated in Homeless Huskies her Junior year and has been volunteering at Living Waters Church for six years. At Living Waters Church, Lindsey is also a big part of Ignite Youth Group and plays piano for their worship team. Lindsey Babb will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall of 2015 and will major in Mathematics.

**Jorden Barr** is the son of Daniel Barr Jr. and Shannon Barr. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a member of Project Lead the Way for four years. Jorden has participated in JV and Varsity Football and Track all throughout his high school career. He received the 2015 Walter L. Reisner Award for Football and the scholar athlete award for 4 years in both sports. Jorden has volunteered at Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure, the Salvation Army and is a frequent volunteer at the Olean Genesis House. He will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology this fall and major in Chemical Engineering.

**Kahlee Bowen** is the daughter of Brian and Katie Bowen. She was a student in the New Visions Medical Program her senior year. Kahlee is a member of both the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society. She was elected as President of the Class of 2015 her Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior years. In addition, she served as President of

the Student Activities Council her Senior year. Kahlee has been an active volunteer in the community by volunteering at the annual Taste of Olean, Gus Macker, Rally in the Valley, and Special Olympics. She has also participated in Homeless Huskies for four years. Throughout high school, Kahlee's school activities included Model UN, Spanish Club, Orchestra, Principal's Advisory Council, and Interact Club. Kahlee has played Varsity Soccer for four years and was a team captain for two years. During her Senior year, she was chosen as a CCAA First Team All-Star and was named CCAA Defensive Player of the Year. She was a Big 30 All-Star, 2014 Olean Soccer Tournament MVP, and Olean High School Athlete of the Fall Season. She participated in JV and Varsity Basketball. She was the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award and was selected as an All Western New York Scholar Athlete winner. Kahlee was also on the Varsity Track team for two years. Kahlee will be attending the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford where she will play Soccer and major in Athletic Training.

**Michaela Byrne** is the daughter of Chris Byrne and Sherry Foster. Michaela is a member of National Honor Society and has been an active member in her community by volunteering at Unified Sports Day, Special Education Prom, Gus Macker, and Rally in the Valley. Michaela was elected as Secretary for Student Activities Council her Senior year, and was Secretary of her class from Freshman to Junior year. She has participated in Homeless Huskies for four years. Michaela has played Varsity Soccer since her freshman

year and was voted captain during her Junior and Senior year. She was also nominated to the CCAA first team all-league soccer team senior year. Along with soccer, she played JV Softball for two years and received the Sportsmanship Award and Varsity Softball for one year. Michaela has also managed the Varsity Girls Basketball team for two years. Michaela will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall and major in Finance.

**Dominique Crolle** is the daughter of Melanie Sexton and Kelvin Chapman. Dominique played Girl's JV Basketball her freshman year then switched to girls Varsity Swimming and Diving for her last three years. She also threw shot put and discus on the girls Varsity Track and Field team for two years. Dominique is a student of the New Vision Medical Program and is also a member of the National Honor Society. She has participated in Unified Sports Day and Homeless Huskies. Dominique will be attending Alfred State College and plans to major in Nursing.

**Jeffrey Evans** is the son of Pamela and Jeffrey Evans.

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*Jeffrey Evans*



*Kaitlin Field*

*Haley Freeman*

*Samantha Harris*

*Ciara Heister*

*Kyler Johnson*

ans. He played Varsity Football and Track and Field as well as managed the Varsity Basketball team. He has been awarded the Harold Dutton Award, the sportsmanship award for Football, Scholar Athlete and JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List. Jeffrey has been active in the community by participating in can drives, Souper Bowl of Caring and an Eagle Scout Project which included building a fence. He also participated in DECA is senior year. Jeffrey will attend Alfred State this fall and major in Electrical Engineering.

**Kaitlin Field** is the daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Field. She is a member of National Honor Society and has participated in Unified Sports Day. She was the Vice President of Zonta Club for two years and does several service projects with them including collecting books for third world countries and volunteering for exceptional track and field. She is a member of Select Choir and Bel Canto. She participated in Varsity Girls Tennis for one year and received the Scholar Athlete Award. She also participates in Olean Theater Workshop and is an AmeriCorps member. Some out of school activities include The No One Way Support and Community Service Group, and several service projects for Creekside Chapel. Kaitlin will be attending Buffalo State College, and plans to study Dietetics.

**Haley Freeman** is the daughter of Dan and Janell Freeman. Haley is a member of National Honor Society, Junior Zonta Club, Principal's Advisory Council, and Marathon to the Sky Club. Haley has been a member of Select Choir since her freshman year. She has volunteered at Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure University and Z Club Breast Cancer Bingo. She has

also participated in Homeless Huskies for four years. Haley will attend Jamestown Community College this fall and then transfer to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania to major in Forensic Chemistry.

**Samantha Harris** is the daughter of Dan and Paula Harris. Samantha is a member of National Honor Society and has volunteered at Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure. She has also participated in Homeless Huskies and is a member of Junior Zonta Club and Marathon to the Sky. Samantha has volunteered her time to fundraise for Breast Cancer and also participated in Operation Christmas Child. Samantha will be attending Jamestown Community College this fall and then transferring to SUNY Fredonia to major in Early Childhood/ Childhood Education.

**Ciara Heister** is the daughter of Mark and Kim Heister. She is a student of the New Visions Medical Program. Ciara is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society. She has volunteered at the Olean Public Library for the past three years. Additionally, she has volunteered her time for Backpacks for Education, Unified Basketball Special Olympics, the Alzheimer's Fundraiser Dance, and Feed My Starving Children through Bona Responds. Ciara also participated in Homeless Huskies for three years. She has participated in the French Club for 4 years, and is currently Co-President. Ciara took ballet through Dance Arts for 12 years. She will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall with a major in Biology and future plans to study medicine.

**Kyler Johnson** is the son of Jerry and Kris Johnson. Kyler participated in the

National Young Leaders State Conference. Kyler played on the Golf team during his senior year at OHS. He participated in Homeless Huskies and volunteered for The Wounded Warriors Project. Kyler has played hockey throughout his high school years with the Buffalo Stars and Syracuse Stars Junior teams. For the past two years Kyler has attended Bishop Grimes High School in Syracuse while playing for the Syracuse Stars Junior A Hockey Team. He will be returning to Syracuse in the fall, advancing his level of hockey to play for their USPHL Premier Team. When Kyler attends college, he plans to study in the field of Engineering.

**Ethan Kelley** is the son of Mary Freeman and Michael Kelley. He is a member of the National Honor Society, recipient of the Olean High School 20, 40 and 60-point Awards and the Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award, and is a distance runner on the Cross Country and Track Teams. He is an Eagle Scout, affiliated with Olean Boy Scout Troop 621, and serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster. His Eagle Scout project was a Historic Olean Walking Tour brochure, available through the Olean Area Chamber of Commerce. Ethan is a Brotherhood Member of Scout-



*Ethan Kelley*

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*Maija Klute*

*Dylan Kranock*

*Sarah Lang*

*Kathryn Ludden*

*Brianna Magro*

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ing's Order of the Arrow, and served as Scribe for the BSA, Allegheny Highlands Council, Troop that attended the Inaugural National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. He is a recipient of the Ad Altare Dei Catholic Religious Medal, and has served as an altar server at St. John the Evangelist Church since the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Ethan was a Cattaraugus County delegate to the American Legion New York Boys State, and has been named the 2015 New York State Scout of the Year by the NYS Veterans of Foreign Wars. Academically, he has been recognized for Excellence in Global History, Excellence in U.S. History, Excellence in Participation in Government, and Excellence in English. He received the Cattaraugus County National Honor Society Distinguished Service Award for Olean High School. He is the recipient of the Coaches Award for Cross Country and Track, the Most Improved Award for Cross Country and Track, was a Super 8 and Sectional Qualifier for Track, a Sectional Qualifier for Cross Country, and a CCAA 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Star for Track and Field. He received honorable mention in the Buffalo News WNY Scholar Athlete Team for Cross Country, and has been a recipient of the New York State Scholar Athlete Award for Cross Country and Track. Ethan has participated in Project Lead the Way; Dream It, Do It; Homeless Huskies; the Genesis House Luminaria Night; Chess Club; French Club; and Orchestra, and is a Houghton College Spring String Festival Five-Year Award recipient. Ethan will attend the Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University, majoring in International Relations,

with a concentration in International Politics, and minoring in French and Political Science.

**Maija Klute** is the daughter of Darrell Klute and Elaine Snyder. She has participated in band, orchestra, and Select Chorus throughout her high school career and has gone to Solofest every year as well. She has participated in Bel Canto for the past two years and has also participated in as many advanced classes as she could fit in her schedule. She has attended Area All-State for the past four years and Conference All-State for the past two years. She plans to attend JCC for a year and then transfer elsewhere to obtain a Musical Theatre Degree.

**Dylan Kranock** is the son of Christopher and Heather Kranock. He is a student in the New Visions Health Professions at BOCES. He has been very active in extracurricular activities, including Concert Chorus, Select Chorus, French Club, Football and Track and Field. He is a member of the Olean chapter of the National Honor Society, the National Technical Honor Society, and the National Society of High School Scholars. Dylan has participated in many community service projects that benefit Olean High School, and has aided with several Eagle Scout projects. Dylan will attend the University of North Carolina at Asheville, where he has been accepted into the Chemistry Scholars and the AVID for Higher Education Scholars programs. He plans to major in Chemistry with a concentration in Biochemistry.

**Sarah Lang** is the daughter of Mark

Lang and Terri Gilbert. She is a member of National Honor Society and has participated in girls Varsity Swimming and Diving her Junior and Senior year. Sarah is an active member in her family's church, Rock of Revelation. Through National Honor Society she has participated in unified sports day at St. Bonaventure University, homeless huskies and bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Sarah will be attending JCC this fall and will major in Business.

**Kathryn Ludden** is the daughter of Tracy and Andy Ludden. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been involved in Project Lead the Way for four years. Katie has participated in JV and Varsity Volleyball and Track. She was captain of the volleyball team for three years and received the Sportsmanship Award, Scholar Athlete all four years, and All Western New York Section VI Scholar Athlete Individual Award her senior year. She has taken dance classes at Dance Arts for the past 10 years. Katie has volunteered at the Challenger Learning Center, Youth Volleyball Camp, Homeless Huskies, Gus Macker, Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure and the St. Mary's Church Festival. She received the Ann Lee Hancock Konneker Scholarship for Ohio University. Katie will attend Ohio University this fall and major in Mechanical Engineering.

**Brianna Magro** is the daughter of Mary and David Magro. She took Advanced Courses which include Spanish IV, Advanced Global I and II, and an independent art study. Throughout her high school

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*Nicholas Martel*

*Charles Martin*

*Jared McLaughlin*

*Monica Moses*

*Kristin Murphy*

years, Brianna swam on the varsity swim team and did lights for two school plays. She was in one school play and her senior year she was the student director of "The Sound of Music." She was a member of National Honor Society and was the President of Video Game Club. Brianna will attend Jamestown Community College of Olean in the fall of 2015 and she received the (USA) Scholarship. She plans to major in Psychology and study as many different subjects as possible. Brianna wants to learn as much as she possibly can while in college.

**Nicholas Martel** is the son of Michael and Kathleen Martel. He is a member of the National Honor Society and a President of the Interact Club. Nick is the winner of the Angelo Melaro writing competition two years running as well as the winner of the "Friends of the Library" poetry competition during his junior year. He participates in the Band and the Orchestra, playing the saxophone and violin respectively, and participates in several other musical groups including the pit orchestra at school musicals, the Olean Area Community Orchestra, "Studio 107" Chamber Orchestra, and the Alfred University Community Orchestra. He has also played the piano for ten years. Nick is an active member of his local youth group and he also volunteers his time at JCC Olean and St. Mary of the Angels Church. In the fall, Nick plans to attend St. Bonaventure University, studying Physics, Education, and Mass Communications.

**Charles Martin** is the son of Daniel and Nancy Martin. Charles is a member of National Honor Society. Through National Honor Society Charles has volunteered time at Unified Sports Day at St. Bo-

naventure University, as well as setting up for the Olean Gus Macker and the Red and Gold Rumble. Charles has played JV and Varsity Football, Basketball, and Baseball for four years at Olean High. His accomplishments include receiving the IAABO Scholarship in 2015, The Kevin Whitehead Memorial Award for Football, Team Most Valuable Offensive Player in 2014 for Football, Olean-Bradford Game MVP in 2014 for Football, First Team All-League in 2015 for Basketball, being a part of Section VI Championships in 2013, 2014, and 2015 for Basketball, and being part of the 2014 NYS Runner-up for Basketball. Charles will be attending Jamestown Community College as an undeclared major.

**Jared McLaughlin** is the son of Todd and Andrea McLaughlin. Jared is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the National Technical Honor Society. Jared is a student in the New Vision Health Professions Program at CA BOCES. Throughout high school, Jared has participated in Select Choir, Soccer, Wrestling, Track and Field as well as serving as the Boys Varsity Basketball Statistician. His accomplishments include Scholar Athlete Team Awards for Boys Soccer and Track and Field as well as Scholar-Athlete All Western NY Honorable Mention. Jared has been an active part of his community by volunteering his time for the Salvation Army, Rebuilding Together, Rushford Lake Food Pantry, Souper Bowl of Caring and Unified Sports. Jared will be attending Gannon University and will study Pre-Medicine.

**Monica Moses** is the daughter of Christine and George Moses. She has been the secretary of the Student Activi-

ties Council as well as class officer for three years. Monica has participated in events such as Homeless Huskies, Special Education Track and Field Day, Unified Sports Day, Special Education Prom, and the Souper Bowl of Caring. Monica has been a member of National Honor Society, Model United Nations, Principal's Advisory Board, Prom Committee, Concert Band, Marching Band, Math Competition team, and JV and Varsity Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball. Through Varsity Softball, Monica has won awards including Pitcher of the Year, Big 30 Player of the Year, 1st team CCAA, All WNY MVP team, Most Valuable Player of two tournaments, Super 7 Athlete of the Week, and 3rd team All State. Other academic achievements are the Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass award, 20-40-60 point award, All WNY scholar athlete twice, Youth of the Week, and first place at the JCC/Pitt math competition. Monica plans on attending St. John Fisher and studying chemistry, where she will continue onto pharmacy at the Wegman's School of Pharmacy. She plans on playing softball for the Cardinals.

**Kristin Murphy** is the daughter of Thomas and Bethany Murphy. Kristin is a member of National Honor Society. She has participated in Homeless Huskies. Kristin participated in Unified Sports through NHS. She also volunteered outside of school for her church. She participated in the chorus for Bye Bye Birdie and she participated in stage crew for Beauty and the Beast. Kristin will attend JCC in the fall.

**Rachel Painter** is the daughter of Todd and Kathy Painter. Rachel is a member of National Honor Society and a participant

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*Rachel Painter*

*Nicholas Patrone*

*Mary Pezzimenti*

*Connor Prizel*

*Lauren Puller*

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in varsity sports. Through National Honor Society she has been an active member in her community by volunteering at Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure, Homeless Huskies, Gus Macker and the Red and Gold Rumble. Rachel has played Softball for four years. Throughout her high school softball career, Rachel was selected as a CCAA First Team All-Star twice and was nominated for the big 30 All-Star team three times. Along with softball, Rachel played Varsity Basketball for four years and was part of two sectional winning teams. She won the Louis Ensworth Scholarship for basketball during her junior year. Rachel will be attending Fredonia State University with plans to study Business.

**Nicholas Patrone** is the son of Douglas and Kelly Patrone. Nicholas is an active member of the National Honor Society and has participated in Track and Field for all 4 years of high school. He is involved in numerous community service projects with the Southern Tier AmeriCorps Resource Team where he works the S.T.A.R. program, helps clean up Oak Hill Park, volunteers for the Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure University and various other projects throughout the year. Nick is also a volunteer at the Warming House through his Youth Group each month. Nick has received an active community service award through AmeriCorps for all his volunteer work. Nick has a passion for music and is a member of the Bel Canto choir and the school's select chorus. He is a regular cast member and has held lead roles in the high school's musicals and with the Olean Theatre Workshop. Nick

will be attending Alfred University and plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.

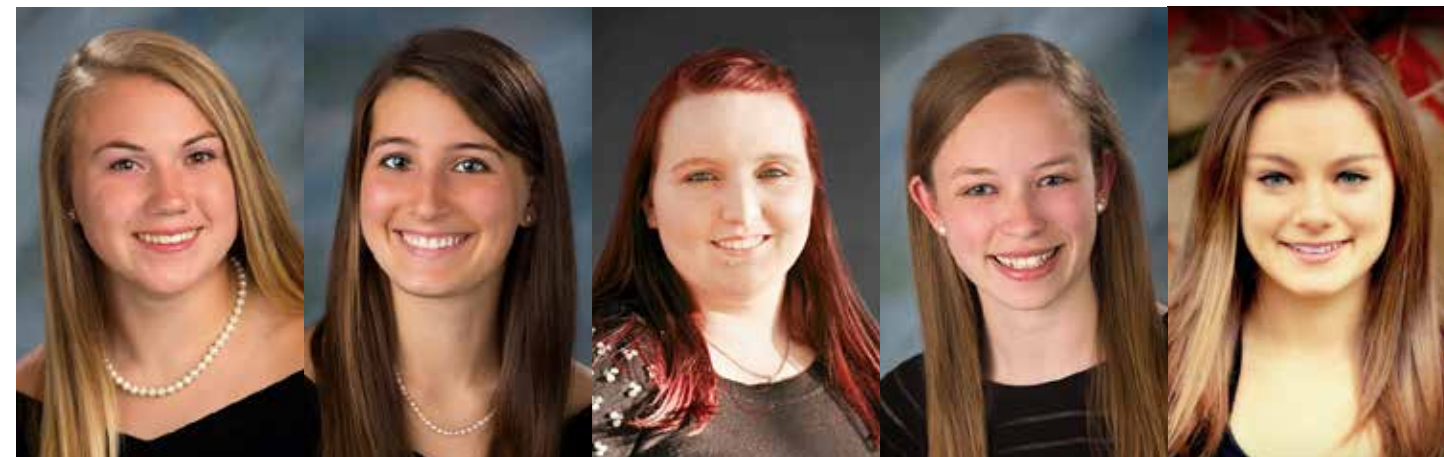
**Mary Pezzimenti** is the daughter of Dennis and Pamela Pezzimenti. Mary is an extremely giving volunteer in the Olean community. She can be found working at the annual St. John's Italian Festival and Olean General Hospital Strawberry Festival. She has been a volunteer at The Warming House for two years and participated in the Souls for Soles project. Mary is a four year veteran of the Homeless Huskies program, the Pink Pumpkin Project and the Souper Bowl of Caring. Mary has been the treasurer for her class for three years. She is a member of the Student Activity Council and serves as it treasurer. She volunteered her time working on the school yearbook and is a member of the TV Studio, DECA, and Spanish Club. Mary played Varsity Tennis for three years and has received the Coach's Award. She was a member of the Softball team for two years. She played Basketball for four years and received the Sportsmanship Award and the All-Western New York Honorable Mention Scholar Athlete for Basketball and Tennis. A high honor roll student throughout high school, Mary is a member of the National Honor Society. Mary will be attending John Carroll University in the fall.

**Connor Prizel** is the son of Robert and Tiffany Prizel. Connor is a member of the National Honor Society and also the class secretary. Connor is very active in school activities and clubs. He has played Basketball all four years of high school and was selected as a varsity co-captain in his

senior year. During those four years he has won the sportsmanship award, CCAA Byron Norton Dedicated Team Player Award, CCAA Honorable Mention Team and four time All WNY Academic Honorable Mention. Connor has also run three years of Varsity Cross Country where he was selected for the CCAA Honorable Mention Team in his senior year. He also plays for the Varsity Golf team. Connor is also involved in several clubs at Olean High School. He is president of the DECA Club, Secretary of the Spanish Club, and is also in TV Studio. Connor has volunteered his time in helping the Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure, the Olean Soup Kitchen, setting up for the St. Johns Italian Festival, Homeless Huskies, keeping score at the Olean Gus Macker 3 on 3 basketball tournament, St. Stephen's Thanksgiving Dinner and in High School Orientation. In the upcoming fall Connor will be double majoring in International Business and Supply Chain Management at Bowling Green State University.

**Lauren Puller** is the daughter of Linda and Scott Puller. Lauren is a Senior Class President, National Honor Society Secretary, French Club President, and Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Vice President. She was chosen to attend the DECA State Conference in Rochester both her junior and senior years. She has been the Student Coordinator for the Souper Bowl of Caring for three years. Lauren has participated in both JV and Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Track. Her accomplishments include the Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award, Most

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*Alexandra Rakus*

*Katherine Skudlarek*

*Aileen Snow*

*Clare Sorokes*

*Alexis Sova*

Improved Player for Volleyball, Coach's Award for Volleyball, T.E.A.M. Award for Volleyball, Scholar Athlete Award, Section VI Honorable Mention for Volleyball, and was selected to be on the All-Sportsmanship Team. She participated in the Angelo Melaro Writing Competition her freshman year and in the 100<sup>th</sup> Recitation of the Gettysburg Address. She has been a member of both Concert Choir and Select Choir. She has volunteered for multiple events including Homeless Huskies, Unified Sports Day, Can Drives, and Gus Macker. Lauren plans to attend Jamestown Community College in Olean and SUNY Geneseo to major in Business Administration and Psychology.

**Alexandra Rakus** is the daughter of Marie and Dave Rakus. Ally was elected to be the Class of 2015 Treasurer as a freshman and continued in that position until her senior year when she was elected the Student Activity Council Treasurer. She is a member of National Honor Society and is the Society's Treasurer. Ally has been a member of the JV and varsity basketball, tennis, and softball teams. She was the varsity basketball and tennis team captain. In tennis, she was a county representative in singles, a county and sectional representative in doubles, won the sportsmanship award, and her senior year, won the most valuable player award. Ally was a Fall WNY Scholar-Athlete Nominee and a Winter Scholar-Athlete winner. She has participated in Homeless Huskies, the Souper Bowl of Caring, Special Education Prom, Unified Sports Day, Special Olympics, and Prom Committee. Ally was an active member of Model UN, winning the Best Delegation Award at the St. Bonaventure Conference. She has volunteered at many community events such as multiple

church festivals, the OGH Strawberry Festival, the Taste of Olean, Rally in the Valley, and Gus Macker. In the fall, Ally is attending Towson University, in the Honors College, to study Political Science, with plans of attending law school after college graduation.

**Katherine Skudlarek** is the daughter of Nick and Carol Skudlarek. She is a member of National Honor Society. She has been active in Model UN, Spanish Club and is Vice President of SAC. Katie has participated in Homeless Huskies for four years. She has been a chaperone for the Special Education Prom and has volunteered at Unified Sports Day. Katie has played Varsity Soccer for three years and was selected for the CCAA first team her senior year. She played Varsity Basketball for two years and was selected for the IAABO All Tourney team and the CCAA second team her senior year. She also played Varsity Softball for three years. Katie has also been active in the community and has volunteered at the St. Mary of the Angels Church Festival as well as their spaghetti dinner, Gus Macker, Taste of Olean, Rally in the Valley, and as a Salvation Army bell ringer. Katie plans to attend the University at Buffalo and will major in Physical Therapy.

**Aileen Snow** is the daughter of Morgan and Matthew Leese. Throughout high school she has taken French levels II-V, Advanced English, and Advanced History all for college credits. She plans to attend Alfred State College in the fall to peruse Forensic Science Technology. At Alfred Aileen will be a member of the track team as a thrower. During high school she participated in Football Cheerleading, Basketball Cheerleading, and Track.

She has received the 20, 40 and 60-Point Award and has been active in French Club, Homeless Huskies, Sports Booster Can Drives, and the Gus Macker Tournaments. She has been involved with many school musicals playing Ms. Potts in "Beauty and the Beast", the Mayor's Wife in "Bye Bye Birdie" and Sister Berthe in "The Sound of Music" as well as Select Choir, and Bel Canto. During her Junior year she traveled to Spain and France and urges underclassmen to take the chance to travel in order to appreciate everything you already have.

**Clare Sorokes** is the daughter of Ann and Jay Sorokes. She is a student in the New Visions Program. Clare has participated in Varsity Cross Country, JV and Varsity Basketball, and Varsity Track & Field throughout high school. She has served as the Vice President for National Honor Society, and the Class of 2015 President for three years until serving as Student Activities Council President her senior year. Clare has been a part of the OHS Band, Spanish Club, and Model United Nations throughout her high school career. She has volunteered at St. John's Festa Italiana, Unified Sports Day, the Special Olympics, and participated in Homeless Huskies. Clare has been awarded the Twenty Point Award, Forty Point Award, Sportsmanship Award for JV Basketball, Excellence in Geometry, All WNY Scholar Athlete Honorable Mention, All WNY Scholar Athlete Winner, and the Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award. Clare will attend SUNY Geneseo in the fall to study Mathematics.

**Alexis Sova** is the daughter of Joy and Wayne Sova. She is a student in the New Visions Medical Program at BOCES and

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has been a member of the National Honors Society, National Technical Honors Society, and president of the Interact Club. Through the Interact Club, she was able to attend Rotary District 7090 Slapshot Leadership Forum, where she received the Governor's Citation. She has become involved in Unified Sports Day, Homeless Huskies, and Gus Macker, as well as volunteering her time at the Olean General Hospital. She has also been a member of the JV girls' soccer team, varsity cross country, and track and field during her high school career. Alexis will be majoring in Biological Sciences through the Honors Tutorial College at Ohio University this fall.

**Adam Stark** is the son of Bethany Stark Blazejewski, and the step-son of Brian Blazejewski. Adam has been a member of National Honor Society for his junior and senior years, and participated in Varsity Track & Field as a sophomore and junior as part of the throwing team. Through National Honor Society Adam has played an active part in the community by volunteering at Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure University, helping with Red and Gold Rumble at OHS, and volunteering at the Olean Public Library. Adam received the Academic Excellence Award from National Honor Society for receiving the highest SAT score in any one sitting of the test. Adam will be attending Alfred University under the Presidential Scholarship this coming fall, and plans to major in Ceramic Engineering, while minoring in Physics and Astronomy.



*Adam Stark*

*Alex Woodworth*

*John Zamites*

**Alex Woodworth** is the daughter of Melinda Stadtler and David Woodworth. She is a student in the New Visions Program, where she has upheld high academic achievement throughout the year. Alex has also been an active member of the National Honor Society and the Technical National Honor Society. She has given back to the community by volunteering at the SPCA, the Unified Special Olympics at Saint Bonaventure and by participating in Homeless Huskies. She received the Triple "C" Award for her character, courage and commitment. Alex also works a part time job at Worth W Smith as a cashier. She will be attending Jamestown Community College this fall following her acceptance into the Nursing Program.

**John Zamites** is the son of Jeri Brook-Zamites. He is a student of the New Visions Medical Program and a member

of National Honor Society, as well as a four year member of First Priority Club. Through National Honor Society, he has been an active member in his community by volunteering at Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure. He also serves his community through church, acting as a youth representative, as well as volunteering with the Warming House, Toys for Tots, and Operation Christmas Child. He also participated in Homeless Huskies as a freshman. John has played Varsity Baseball for three years and Varsity Basketball for two seasons. In his junior season John received all-league honors and won the OHS Spring Athlete of the Season for Baseball. John received the sportsmanship award from the CCIA as a senior for Basketball. John will be attending Houghton College and is still undecided on a major but will pursue a degree in the fields of Math or Science.

## Talented Performances at District Piano Recital

On Monday, May 18th, the 1<sup>st</sup> annual OCS D Piano Recital was held in the HS auditorium, and was a great success for the students, families and the Music Department!

Pictured are: Alina Giermek and Sugghosh Kondor (EV, Gr. 3), Naomi Hill (Gr. 4), Tanvi Patro, Sarah Liu (Gr. 5), Joshua Hill, Yuki Wada (Gr. 6), Kerian McDade (Gr. 8), Karino Wada (Gr. 9), Maija Klute, Nicholas Martel, Julie Mulryan (Gr. 12).

Congratulations!!

## Good Luck to All of Our Seniors!

Tristan M. Abdo – Employment  
Tyler J. Allen – Alfred State College  
Morgan L. Anastasia – JCC  
Olivia M. Anzivine – Kent State Univ.  
Lindsey N. Babb – St. Bonaventure Univ.  
Amanda J. Bacher – Harford Community College  
Jordan D. Barr – Rochester Institute of Technology  
Kyle T. Barr – JCC  
Patricia P. Billyard – Employment  
Nicholas M. Blovsky – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
Kahlee L. Bowen – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
Meghan S. Brenneman – JCC  
Richard G. Brisky – SUNY Cobleskill  
Geoffrey P. Broadbent – St. Bonaventure University/George Washington 4+4  
Jamel R. Burney – JCC  
Emily L. Button – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
Michaela C. Byrne – St. Bonaventure University  
Chynna N. Calloway – Monroe Community College  
Dante J. Carucci – JCC  
Jake R. Cihak – University at Buffalo  
Aleeya R. Clemons – Lake Erie College  
Patrick J. Connelly – Alfred University  
Ashley N. Cook – JCC  
Shane E. Corkey – Manhattan Community College  
Blake A. Covert – JCC  
Jordan A. Creed – Houghton College  
Thomas C. Crino – St. Bonaventure Univ.  
Dominique A. Crolle – Alfred State College  
Brendan N. Cross – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
Colby L. Cummings – Univ. of Buffalo  
Taneasha L. Currie – JCC  
Tyler J. Daniels – Bethel College  
Marilyn N. Davis – Employment  
Tristan S. Davis – Hilbert College  
Colden J. Dwailebe – St. Bonaventure University  
Ryan M. Elderkin – Employment  
Quentin P. E. Ellis – Navy  
Dylan M. Ensell – Mercyhurst University  
Jeffrey M. Evans, Jr. – Alfred State College  
Derek M. Farnham – Savannah College of Art & Design  
Robert Jason L. A. Farr – JCC  
Shawn P. Farrington – JCC  
Kaitlin G. Field – Buffalo State  
Sara A. Fox – Continental School of Beauty  
Haley E. Freeman – JCC  
Jada R. Geary – JCC

Blayre R. George – Employment  
Steven J. Gerhard – Marines  
Robert J. Giardini – Army  
Angel Gillespie – Employment  
Jordan B. Graham – JCC  
Larnell D. Graham – JCC  
Madelyn V. Hamed – University of North Georgia  
Tori Hamilton – Erie Community College  
Jenna R. Hansen – Employment  
Samantha J. Harris – JCC  
Derek M. Heath – Air Force  
Jeffrey T. Heba – JCC  
Ciara M. Heister – St Bonaventure Univ.  
William M. Jakubac – Employment  
Mona M. Jamil – Auburn University at Montgomery  
Kyler J. Johnson – play on hockey USPHL premier team  
Presttyn M. D. Jordan – Employment  
Ethan F. Kelley – George Washington University  
Scottie L. Kemp – JCC  
Maija K. Klute – JCC  
Casey J. Knowlton – JCC  
Dylan C. Kranock – University of North Carolina Asheville  
Alexander S. Kruse – JCC  
Zachary M. Ladue-Williams – JCC  
Sarah A. Lang – JCC  
David E. Lee – Erie Community College  
Bryan E. Lewis – Army  
Mary C. Lewis – Hartford Community College  
Isaiah M. Link – JCC  
Kathryn M. Ludden – Ohio University  
Kyle D. Ludden – JCC  
Brianna N. Magro – JCC  
Annette J. Marcellin – JCC  
Hannah R. Marcellin – St. Bonaventure University  
Nicole L. Marsfelder – Employment  
Nicholas M. Martel – St. Bonaventure University  
Charles D. Martin – JCC  
Martin M. McCall II – JCC  
Jenna-Marie T. McDade – Liberty Univ.  
Jared C. McLaughlin – Gannon Univ.  
Abraham C. Meyers – JCC  
Courtney M. Michienzi – St. Bonaventure University  
Brandon A. Middaugh – Employment  
Anthony M. Morgan – Erie Community College  
Sabrina E. Moricca – JCC  
Monica M. Moses – St. John Fisher  
Julie L. Mulryan – Alfred University  
Austin M. Munday – JCC  
Kristin A. Murphy – JCC  
Andrew R. Nasuta – Monroe Community College

Cory A. Nedell – JCC  
Eric J. Nottingham – Univ. at Buffalo  
Rachel A. Painter – SUNY Fredonia  
Kody T. Parker – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
Taha E. Pascucci – Continental School of Beauty  
Nicholas A. Patrone II – Alfred University  
Mark A. Peoples – Employment  
Wyeth J. Peterson – University of Maine  
Mary F. Pezzimenti – John Carroll Univ.  
Jaryd S. Plaud – Employment  
Destiney P. Portlow – JCC  
Connor K. Prizel – Bowling Green State University  
Nicholas E. Provorse – Employment  
Lauren M. Puller – JCC  
Ashley M. Putt – St Bonaventure Univ.  
Alexandra J. Rakus – Towson University  
Justine E. Ramadhan – JCC  
Jordan E. Reiss – JCC  
Luke J. Rickey – Navy  
Aaliyah M. Robinson – Arizona State University  
Julian M. Roulo – Alfred University  
Amanda R. Sader – Monroe Community College  
Ashley M. Sage – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
Brittany E. Scanlon – JCC  
Alexa J. Schultz – JCC  
Destiny R. Shlagel – Marines  
Megan S. Shumway – Gannon University  
Katelyn R. Sisson – JCC  
Katherine E. Skudlarek – Univ. at Buffalo  
Aileen J. Snow – Alfred State College  
Clare R. Sorokes – Geneseo  
Alexis T. Sova – Ohio University  
Adam T. Stark – Alfred University  
Kyle J. Steiner – Alfred State College  
Austin C. Struble – Employment  
McKenzie J. Tascone – JCC  
Jasmine M. C. Taylor – Pittsburgh Technical Institute  
Taft R. Taylor – JCC  
Kendall R. Ullman – SUNY Cortland  
Jaquveus Ulmer – JCC  
Megan L. VanArsdale – JCC  
Brene M. Van Cleaf – JCC  
Emaleigh E. VanHoutte – Medaille College  
KayLee M. Vaughn – JCC  
Amanda L. Walker – Employment  
Abram Z. B. Webster – Army  
Javyn N. Welka – JCC  
David R. Whitehorn – Employment  
Kathryn L. Williams – Marines  
Keefer O. Williams – Gannon University  
Alexandra L. Woodworth – JCC  
Claudia J. V. Wyant – JCC  
John M. Zamites – Houghton College





## SCARVES FOR EDEN HEIGHTS

Olean Intermediate Middle School students in Mrs. Mest's class and Mrs. Skrobacz's class teamed up to create beautiful scarves which were delivered to the residents at Eden Heights (pictured above and below) on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Using a grant from the City of Olean Youth Board, teachers purchased the necessary materials such as fleece and yarn. The students learned how to do finger knitting and no-sew fleece scarves. All of the students worked together creating beautiful scarves in the traditional Husky red and gold and St. Bonaventure University's brown and white colors.

Students walked from OIMS to Eden Heights and visited with Eden Heights' residents when presenting the gifts. Another highlight of the visit was Reyna Reisner and Megan Pockalny serenading everyone with their songs. This is an ongoing lesson for OIMS staff and students.



## 'VALUE OF EDUCATION' ESSAY CONTEST

We read the nonfiction novel *Three Cups of Tea*, the article *Malala wins the Nobel Peace Prize* and Grolier article *Human Rights* in addition to reading the children's book and short biographies *Malala and Iqbal* and *Listen to the Wind*. We discussed themes such as poverty, discrimination, literacy, terrorism, and ignorance. To top it off, we studied education statistics from Nation-Master.com where we compared the literacy rate in two countries. We even discussed data from Cattaraugus Community Action to see how employment, education and gender played a role in poverty.

Students wrote a comprehensive essay about the **value of education**. We acknowledged how human rights are not protected all over the world as they are in America – such as the basic right to an equal education for all children. Poverty, child labor, discrimination and slavery are just a few violations which deter children from going to school elsewhere. We studied about several children in war-torn Pakistan, and I told stories of my experience working with orphans in Africa. Education is a privilege because it gives people opportunities and choices. Essays include these points as well as their own goals in life with advice from trusted adults such as parents!

We sent formal invitations home to invite parents to attend, and students read their essays aloud at the podium at the 2015 Essay Conference. Four essays were chosen to be submitted to an essay contest. Two essays will be published in the Olean Times Herald.



## DOING AS THE ROMANS DO

When in Rome, do as the Romans Do! That was the motto for the Red Team's culminating activity on Ancient Rome. Mrs. Bean's sixth grade social studies classes took a trip to Rome by having a mock Roman banquet, where students feasted on authentic Roman dishes and dressed in togas (see photo at right). There was even a surprise appearance from a gladiator.



## AWESOME ART STUDENTS

Congratulations to Mrs. Nickel and Ms. Stanford's 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Art students. Their artwork was chosen from over 200 entries to be exhibited in the annual Middle School Juried Exhibition held at The Regina A. Quick Center of the Arts at St. Bonaventure University. A panel of judges determined that their artwork deserved to hang in the Quick Center alongside some of the best artwork produced in our region. Their artwork was on display January 28 through March 1, 2015. Congratulations! Pictured (back, l-r) Justin Lin, Jeffrey Rossman, Sydney Kellogg, Marissa Gayton, Gabi Schulze, Isabella Carucci; and (front, l-r) Courtney Perkins, Kailyn West, Ireland Abdo, Kayla Knight, Hailey Whatley, Destiny Custer. Absent from the photo were: Jared Burton, Christian Meyers, and Emma Valentin.

## OLEAN LIBRARY RECOGNIZES WRITING WINNERS

Some 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Olean Intermediate Middle School participated in the annual Friends of the Library short story writing contest. Out of the students whose works were submitted, one student took first place and two tied for second, receiving gift certificates for the excellence in writing. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who participated. Pictured at right are the winners: Chrissy Martin, Rylie Guntow and missing Jazlynn Knapp.







## Remembering Local Veterans

Seventh grader Jillian Stevens (shown above) puts the final touches on her handprint for local veterans. Students were challenged by Dr. Taggerty, OCSD Superintendent, to create a handprint on contact paper, think about reasons why students are grateful to our soldiers, and then write those on the handprint. Dr. Taggerty delivered to the handprints to the American Legion on Memorial Day weekend.

### Message from the Superintendent

## Success a Collaborative Effort with Community Partners

By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent

With focus and diligence, the Olean City School District strives to assure the best learning environment possible for your child(ren). During the 2014-15 school year we saw our students develop intellectually as well as socially. Awards achieved in the areas of academics; athletics; arts; music; character traits; and clubs show that our students, your child(ren), are learning the skills necessary to become college and career ready as well as community minded.

As the Superintendent, I have firsthand knowledge of the efforts students put forth to ensure their own success. Napoleon Hill once stated: *"Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe; it can achieve."* The Olean City School District students are living proof of this statement. They believe in themselves and they push themselves to achieve beyond what is expected. In doing so, they leave our school with college credits and accepted into institutions of higher learning or with job offers or with military acceptance. Regardless of their chosen path, they leave prepared for their future. I am so very proud of them ALL!

The Olean City School District is focused on, and diligent about, teaching and learning. However, we cannot ensure student success without the continued support we receive from our families and community. We are genuinely indebted to all of our external partners who reach out in a collaborative nature to assist us along the way. Thank you for being there for our school district, but more importantly, our students!



## OIMS Students Enjoy Olean Oilers Game

On Thursday, June 4, 2015, Olean Intermediate Middle School students and staff attended the Olean Oilers School Day Baseball Game. Pictured is OIMS principal (grades 6 & 7), Jerry Trietley, who threw the opening pitch.



Patrick Connelly

Thomas Crino

Ethan Kelley



Alex Kruse

Kyle Ludden

Cory Nedell

## OHS Eagle Scouts

To become an Eagle Scout, one must be active in a troop for at least six months after achieving the rank of Life Scout. Eagle Scouts must demonstrate they live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily life and earn a total of 21 merit badges. In addition, each Scout must complete a service project. As you can see, it takes a huge commitment to become an Eagle Scout and OHS is proud to have seven Eagle Scouts in this year's graduating class! Congratulations Patrick Connelly, Thomas Crino, Ethan Kelley, Alex Kruse, Kyle Ludden, Cory Nedell and Wyeth Peterson!!



Wyeth Peterson

## Substitutes Needed for 2015-16 School Year

Are you interested in being a substitute for the 2015-2016 School Year? The District has increased the pay rates for substitutes!

The District is in need of substitutes in all areas:

- Long-Term Sub Teacher: \$110/day
- Certified Sub Teacher: \$90/day
- Sub Teacher w/Bachelors: \$81/day
- Non-Certified Sub Teacher: \$75/day
- Sub Nurse: \$15/hour
- Sub Teacher Aide/Cleaner/Food Service: \$9.15/hour

Applications for all substitute positions are available in the Human Resource Dept., 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean and on the District's website, [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org). If you have questions, please contact Ms. Mia O'Brien, Director of Human Resources, at 716-375-8097.

## Harold Dutton Student of the Month Winners

Congratulations to the May recipients of the Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award.

They are: Victoria Gulnac, Patricia Billyard, Austin Struble, Garrett Crandall, Ann Tarbox, Ricky Brisky, Javyn Welka, Michaela Byrne, Kayleah Keis, Zachary Dalton, John Pounds, Andrew Nasuta, Thomas Baker, Matthew Brush, Cole Butterbaugh, and Angela Havens.







## Students Glowing at Special Education Prom

On Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Olean American Legion graciously donated their facilities and their time preparing the food for our Special Education Prom. The theme was Glow Party with fluorescent decorations. Students from Mrs. Wilber's, Mrs. Scivo's, Mrs. Schneider's, Mrs. Mason-Varner's, Mrs. Scordo's, Mrs. Slawiak's, and Mrs. Prentice's classrooms attended. There was a DJ, dancing, food, and a photo booth.. Jason Clemons Salon donated their time to style hair for the young ladies. Pictures were taken by Inter-State Studio. All the students received a wristband and commemorative mug. It was a great time and memorable for all.

## Math Department Holds 'Pi Day' Competition

On March 13, 2015 the Math department held an annual Pi Day competition in the auditorium. Students formed teams of their choice and competed for the top prize (their very own pie)! Each team participated in a tournament style competition by answering estimation questions as we celebrated "almost pi day." Students had five seconds to estimate a calculation and write it down without using any electronic devices. The winners of the tournament (Seniors) were each rewarded with a whole pie of their choice. Students of all ages (8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades) participated in the competition and were able to enjoy mini pies of their own while watching the other teams compete.



## OHS Team Goes on Marathon to the Sky

On April 12, 2015 Marathon to the Sky launched a 4000 gram latex balloon over sixteen miles up into near-space. Our camera captured stunning pictures of the blackness of space and the curvature of the Earth. On a crystal clear Saturday morning, the Marathon to the Sky team members went to the Olean Intermediate Middle School track to help set up the launch area. A few firefighters came to keep an eye on everything and were there just in case the hydrogen-filled balloon combusted.

The members of Marathon to the Sky waited a while until they began the chase for the payload. The members and a couple of parents drove a few hours until they got about 25 miles north of Wellsboro, PA. A few of the members located the most accurate landing coordinates with Ham radio. Saad Mirza and Aubrianna Weber put the coordinates in a hiking GPS where the group then followed the coordinates to the location of the payload. It was about a mile from where they had parked. The Marathon to the Sky team members walked to the spot where the payload landed. They were all thrilled to see that the payload wasn't in a tree. After taking a few pictures, the team headed back to Olean High School.

Thanks to our sponsors!!!! OCSD Foundation, Airgas of Olean, Dresser Rand, E & M Engineering, DBP Reality, DIMICA Cameras, and the Hojnowski's.



## Alumna Returns to Share Biology Knowledge with Class

Abby Stavish, a junior at Fredonia State and an OHS alumni Class of 2012, recently visited Mrs. Samuelson's Living Environment class. The students were presented information about a career in Medical Technology. Miss Stavish guided the students through a case study in which clinical laboratory skills are used to help diagnose a patient's illness. The lesson not only reinforced biology concepts previously learned, it exposed the high school sophomores to a possible career path in science.

Pictured are (l-r): Shannon McNamee, Abby Stavish, Rebecca Fox, and Emily Gayton.

## Grants Help Create Outdoor Adventure Camp This Summer

The Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) provides grants to local educational agencies, school districts and community-based organizations to initiate, expand, or enhance physical education programs that help students in Kindergarten through 12th grade meet their state standards for physical education.

Portville Central School and Cattaraugus-Little Valley School were awarded the PEP grant in 2012. Olean City Schools and Hinsdale Central School were awarded the PEP grant in 2014.

These schools are working together to bring you this exciting opportunity for our students to participate in a four day outdoor education. The camp will be held July 27-30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 3 pm.

This camp is free of charge for all students in these districts and is limited to 50 students total.

For more information about the camp, contact:

Maria Brooks

PEP Grant Coordinator -Olean

Work: 716-375-8010, ext 3909

Email: mbrooks@olean.wnyric.org

## News from the OIMS Guidance Department

### HOW ARE 6<sup>th</sup> AND 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE TEAMS MADE?

Though we do not accept request from parents for a particular team or teacher, we do appreciate obtaining information from you that will help us build a successful schedule for your child. If you wish to provide us with information, you can call the guidance office at 375-8064 or email your child's guidance counselor. We ask that this information reach us ASAP.

All teams are made as evenly as possible by ability level and gender. Each year, for all grade levels, we have a designated team that works with the Resource Room teacher and the other team works with our Special Education Inclusion teachers. Guidance will take into consideration any specific information given to them by their current teachers or parents and make a determination of what team your student will be the most successful with. We do not change teams for any reason once that determination has been made.

### SIXTH GRADE ORIENTATION

For planning purposes, the tentative date for the Sixth Grade Orientation is August 25<sup>th</sup>. A letter will be sent home towards the end of July with more information.

## High School Equivalency Classes Offered

Olean Community Schools will continue to offer high school equivalency classes (formally called GED) during the summer at the One-Stop and the County Building. For more detailed information, call Linda Edstrom at Olean High School - 375-8033 or Paula Bernstein at 244-0605.



## 'Evening at the Oscars' Theme of OHS Prom

Olean High School's Junior-Senior Prom was held on May 16 at the Premier Banquet Center. The theme was "An Evening at the Oscars." Seniors Dominique Crolle and David Lee were voted Queen and King. Tori Hamilton and Jaquveus Ulmer were the 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Attendant and 1<sup>st</sup> Escort. 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Attendant and 2<sup>nd</sup> Escort were Emaleigh VanHoutte and Eric Nottingham. Juniors Taylor Euston and Jared Slavin were Prom Princess and Prom Prince. Olivia MacWilliams and Logan O'Connell were 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Attendant and 1<sup>st</sup> Escort.



## Maj. Miller Highlights Patriotism at Washington West

On Friday, June 12, 2015 Washington West continued a Flag Day celebration that started back at IJN with Principal Jon Baker. Students, parents, staff and west end neighbors joined together to watch the raising of the flag, listening to patriotic songs and enjoyed various presentation by different classrooms. The five military branches were represented by hats or clothing worn by students showing their assigned branch.

Our Patriotic celebration continued. On Monday, June 15, 2015, a host of "super heroes" descended upon Washington West Elementary School at 9 A.M. culminating discussions of everyday heroes that had been taking place in the library classes and in classrooms. Those superheroes assembled in the school's library, joining students for a ceremony honoring these special guests, which included Major and Mrs. Patrick Miller, Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Ms. Julie Schmidt, representing Senator Catharine Young's office, City of Olean Mayor William J. Aielio, Robert P. Bell, Fire Chief of the City of Olean, Olean Police Chief Jeff Rowley, and Linda Notting-

ham, Washington West Principal. Major Miller was presented with a letter from Senator Young and also Mayor Aielio. Each of these "super heroes" was discussed for their major role in our everyday lives. Major Miller read a story to the students in the library and then the students presented Major Miller with a superhero cape and Mrs. Miller with a nurse's superhero cape for always taking care of Major Miller. All of the "super heroes" had books dedicated to them, which will be placed in the Washington West Library in appreciation for what they do each and every day.

The Millers then continued on to Mrs. Larsen-Deibler's classroom to read to her class and then to the preschool classrooms



to visit the students. Everyone appreciated these "super heroes" and all of the super heroes we talked about ... our families, pets, teachers, nurses, doctors, principals, firemen, policemen, rescue workers, etc. It was concluded this was a fun learning activity by all!

## An Exceptional Day for Track & Field



The Olean Area Exceptional Track and Field Day was held Friday, May 15, 2015, at the Olean Intermediate Middle School. It was an "exceptional" day. The weather was beautiful for our 285 teachers, staff and participants. We had 35 student volunteers and close to 300 OIMS students came out to cheer our participants on during parts of the day. We had close to 200 visitors including district staff, parents and families. Special Education students from area BO-CES classrooms, Olean, Allegany-Limestone, Hinsdale, Franklinville and Portville attended. The event began with the opening ceremony, with the colors presented by the Allegany American Legion Post 892 Color Guard and the signing of the National Anthem by Megan Pockalny and Jazlynn Knapp. Students then ran through a volunteer line high fiving and ready to begin the events. Volunteers were from Olean

High School, Allegany-Limestone High School as well as several members of the community. The participants participated in many track and field events including 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 400 meter dash, long jump, high jump, softball throws, frisbee throws, parachute activities as well as wheelchair events. The students, volunteers, staff and visitors enjoyed a picnic lunch. We were very fortunate to welcome the band FLAME to our event this year. FLAME is a group of exceptional people with a wide variety of disabilities, who shared the musical abilities with all of us throughout the day. It was a great day for our students. Thank you to Olean City School District for hosting our event this year!







# East View Elementary School

**East View Hosts STEM Day:** (upper and middle left) On May 12th East View hosted the Buffalo Museum of Science. Every student from PreK - 3 visited four stations for hands on experiments and demonstrations.

**Hands On Math Lesson:** (lower left) Spencer, from Mrs. Schreiber's class shows off his creation from a hands on math lesson.

**May Day Baskets:** (lower right) Mrs. Stephens' class created May Day baskets that were delivered to some of our neighbors near our school.

**Follow us on Twitter:** For more updates on events and happenings from East View please follow us on Twitter. We are @OleanEastView.

**Olean Police Making a Difference:** Students in Mrs. Lewicki's class wrote about someone in the community who helps others. 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, Bianca, wrote about Officer James (J.J.) Kolkowski. Bianca wrote that: "Officer J.J. is a police officer. He saves people from danger. We love Officer J.J.!" Bianca drew a wonderful picture of Officer J.J. standing next to his police car and surrounded her paper with Hershey Kisses. **A BIG THANKS** to Officer J.J. and all the members of the Olean Police Department. We appreciate you taking time every day to stop by and walk through our schools making sure that each and every one of us feels safe.



**50 Years of Foster Grandparents:** Washington West Elementary students get an extra dose of special attention from these Foster Grandparent Program workers. Each day, the lovely ladies pictured come into our classrooms and work diligently with students. We wish to thank them for their dedication and commitment to our students and staff. Congratulations to the Foster Grandparent Program for reaching the milestone of 50 years of dedicated service to the schools in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties! Our Foster Grandmothers are Pat Chwala, Sannie Adams, Romaine Greene, Marge York, Bev Hogan, and retired Grandma Judy Stark (not pictured).



**Oh We've Got That Spirit!** Most schools have a Spirit week in preparation for the Big Homecoming Game! Well this year Third Grade at Washington West decided to have a Spirit week in preparation for the NYS ELA and Math tests! We know we've been working the students hard, so we decided they deserved an extra special treat!! The students and the TEACHERS engaged in Camo Day, Tie Dye Day, Crazy Hair Day and Formal Day! It was a huge success and took some pressure of the adults and the students. The kids loved it!



**The Joy of Music:** The BOCES Pre-K programs were treated to a special music experience this year. Thanks to the generosity of the Derwick family, Rachel Bell brought her Crab Apple Jam music class to Washington West once a month for 6 months. The children participated in many sing-alongs and finger plays, as well as learned about rhythm by using tambourines, triangles and shaker eggs. There was much language, laughter and learning.

# Washington West Elementary School



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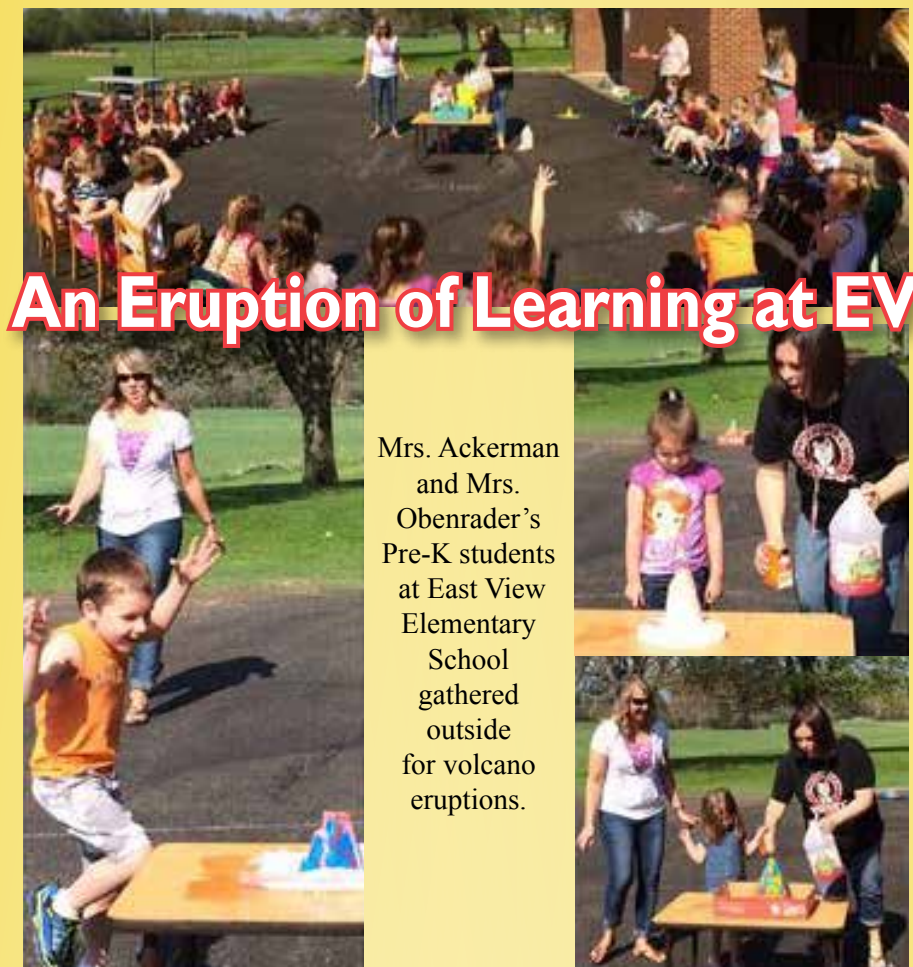
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## **An Eruption of Learning at EV**

Mrs. Ackerman and Mrs. Obenrader's Pre-K students at East View Elementary School gathered outside for volcano eruptions.

## **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

An acceptance of diversity

Continuous improvement

Academic excellence and lifelong learning

Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability

Student potential and achievement