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## Weber and Sanders Top Class of 2016

**Jacob Weber** has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 2016, ranking 1<sup>st</sup> out of 158 students. He is the son of Daniel and Caroline Weber. Jacob will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors.

While working on his regular high school course load, he also took college courses at Jamestown Community College since his junior year, receiving JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Awards every semester. He has also taken Chemistry through Syracuse University and participated in New Visions through Cattaraugus County BOCES throughout his senior year.

Jacob has been a member of Student Government (Secretary Sophomore and Junior years), SAC President of Student Affairs, Olean Eagles Varsity Hockey Team (Assistant Captain), Olean Arrows Youth Hockey (Captain), Buffalo Stars Hockey, Boys' Varsity Soccer Team, and Prom Committee.

Jacob has received honors including induction into National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Big 30 All Academic Student, Bausch and Lomb Science Award, Elmira Key Award, and Nellis Hockey Award. He has also received a varsity letter and the Western NY Scholar Athlete Award for his participation in varsity soccer.

Jacob has participated in numerous community service projects, including Homeless Huskies, Sports Boosters Can Drive, Olean Community Center, and Olean Area Youth Hockey. He is also a member and volunteer at St. Mary of the Angels Church where he was a member of their youth group.

Jacob will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall. He will be majoring in Biology with a minor in Accounting in order to attend medical school upon graduation.



*Jacob Weber*



*Nicholas Sanders*

**Nicholas Sanders** has been named the Salutatorian of the Class of 2016, ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 158 students. He is the son of Brian Sanders and Beth Sanders and Vickie Pezzimenti. Nicholas will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

In concurrence with his high school courses, Nicholas also took college courses at Jamestown Community College since his junior year. He also took part in the Syracuse University

Project Advance taking Chemistry his senior year. Nicholas spent his senior year in the New Visions Health Professions program at the Cattaraugus County BOCES.

Nicholas was the secretary of his senior class at Olean High, as well as participating in Spanish Club and the Principal's Advisory Board. He was a member of the Boys' Varsity Swim Team, and was captain of the team his senior year. He attended NYS Section VI Championships for swimming as an alternate his senior year and received the Section VI Winter Scholar Athlete Award. Nicholas also managed the Girls' Varsity Swim Team and played on the Boys' Varsity Tennis Team his senior year.

Nicholas has received honors including the 20 and 40 Point Awards, induction into National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. He has received varsity letters and scholar athlete awards during his participation in OHS Athletics.

He was named a Buffalo Business First Community All-Star and has been very active in the community. Nicholas regularly donates blood and has contributed to the Relay for Life throughout his high school career. He also participated in Homeless Huskies for three years and Rebuilding Together of Olean.

Nicholas will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall. He will be majoring in Biology, minoring in Spanish, and studying to become a doctor.



*Kylea Andreano*

*Mallory Bliss*

*Noah Carlson*

*Jake Cavana*

*Collin Charles*

## Class of 2016 Honor Graduates

The following students of the Olean High School Class of 2016 have excelled in their studies, citizenship and extra-curricular activities, maintaining a 90 or above average throughout their high school career. Listed alphabetically are:

**Kylea Andreano** is the daughter of Jeff and Kelly Andreano. Kylea has participated in Varsity Soccer, Varsity Golf, JV and Varsity Basketball, Student Government serving as Class President, National Honor Society, DECA, Principal's Advisory Committee, Ski Club as well as Homeless Huskies during her four years at Olean High School. During her athletic career at OHS she served as Captain of the Varsity Girls Soccer and Basketball teams. During her four year Varsity Soccer career, she was named a CCAA Second Team All-Star as well as receiving Honorable Mention. She has been awarded the Scholar Athlete Award, Sports and Entertainment Marketing Award, United States History and Government Award and the 20/40/60 Point Awards. Kylea was named Cattaraugus County Youth of the Week in October. Kylea is a Giant Step student, meaning she is dually enrolled at Olean High School as well as St. Bonaventure. In addition, she has coached for the Special Olympics/ Unified Sports Program for three years. She serves on the Olean Area Federal Credit Union Youth Advisory Board and the City of Olean Youth and Recreation Board. Kylea attended the annual Sports Medicine Workshop and Talent Identification Program at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. She

also works in the St. Bonaventure Marketing and Promotions Office as well as the Sports Medicine Office in order to gain experience for future endeavors. Kylea will attend Virginia Tech enrolled in the Honors College and will major in Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise with a specialty in sports medicine research and a minor in Biomechanics.

**Mallory Bliss** is the daughter of Peter and Andrea Bliss. She was involved in many leadership positions such as class president, Executive Secretary of Student Activities Council, tennis team captain, Treasurer of French Club, and Student Coordinator of Souper Bowl of Caring. Along with these positions, she was involved in Model United Nations, Homeless Huskies, National Honor Society, and National Technical Honor Society. Her senior year she was selected to participate in the New Visions Pre-Health Professions Program. She volunteers at Olean General Hospital and her church, and won the NHS Service Award. Mallory has received the Twenty Point Award, Fall Athlete of the Season, Section VI Student-Athlete Award, and New Vision-Health Professions Outstanding Student Award. In the fall, Mallory will attend Rollins College and major in Biochemistry within a pre-med program with a minor in French.

**Noah Carlson** is the son of Dr. Stephen Carlson and Mrs. Susan Carlson. Noah has participated in hockey and golf in all four years of high school. As a part of the OHS golf team, Noah received honors such as

Section VI -1st and 2nd team All-Star, Lowest Scoring Average, and two trips to the Section VI Sectional Tournament. Noah is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and the OAFUC Youth Advisory Board. He volunteered at Homeless Huskies, the SPCA, and the "Learn How to Play Hockey" event. Noah has been accepted into St. Bonaventure's University's dual acceptance program with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and will enter as a Biology major with a minor in Business.

**Jake Cavana** is the son of Mike Cavana and Justine Cavana. Jake has taken part in National Honor Society and JV and Varsity Baseball and Basketball during his years at Olean High School. He has participated in many volunteer projects such as The Red and Gold Rumble, The Special Olympics, Gus Mackers, and Unified Sports. He has been part of much of the athletic success here at Olean. Jake was part of 4 sectional championships between Baseball and Basketball. He also was a part of the Basketball team that won the State Championship. Jake has received a variety of honors for athletics. He was part of both the All-WNY and All-State teams for Basketball and Baseball. Jake will be attending Niagara County Community College to play baseball and major in Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**Collin Charles** is the son of Robin and Jim Charles. While playing on the Varsity

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*Lyndsey Churakos*

*Nathan Durham*

*Luke Earl*

*Madison Forrest*

*Bethany Fratercangelo*

Soccer team for the last four years, he has earned the Scholar Athlete Award, and during his Senior year was an All-Western NY Scholar Athlete Honorable Mention. As a senior, Collin served as Captain of the Soccer team and was named a CCAA Second Team All-Star. Collin has also been a member of the track team for the last four years. He has been an active member of both Select Choir and Bel Canto. He also participated for the last two years in All-County Choir. Collin had the role of Dickon in this year's musical, The Secret Garden. He is a member of the National Honor Society and received the 40-point award. His senior year he participated in Homeless Huskies. Collin will attend JCC in Olean for the next two years, and hopes to later continue his studies at SUNY Fredonia.

**Lyndsey Churakos** is the daughter of Tom Churakos and Tina Chadwick and step daughter of Melanie Easton and Collin Chadwick. Lyndsey has taken part in National Honor Society, JV and Varsity Softball and Volleyball during her four years at Olean High School. She has been awarded with the Scholar Athlete Award during her senior year volleyball season. She also participated in many volunteer activities such as The Special Olympics and Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure University. Lyndsey will be attending Erie Community College in the fall and plans to enroll in the Radiation Therapy program.

**Nathan Durham** is the son of Megan

C. Mancuso. During his high school career, he has been an active part of both Select Choir and Bel Canto. He is also a member of National Honor Society. Nathan Held the position of Co-Senior Class President and participated in all of the school musicals during his high school career. He was a member of SAFETeen Coalition, and also volunteers at his church. Nathan has participated in chess club, Spanish Club, A World with Water, the talent show and Project Lead the Way. He will be attending RIT and plans on earning a dual BS/MS degree in Electrical Engineering.

**Luke Earl** is the son of Richard and Pamela Earl. He has participated in Homeless Huskies, Ski Club, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Tennis, and has been an active volunteer around the community. He has been a part of three league champion Tennis seasons, taken two trips to compete at the sectional level, was rookie of the year, MVP, and named a scholar athlete. Luke is a member of the National Honor Society and has also received the Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship and Xerox Award. Luke will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall and will be pursuing degrees in Accounting and Finance.

**Madison Forrest** is the daughter of John and Danae Forrest. She is a student in the New Vision-Health Professions program her senior year. Madison was a zoo teen leader at the Seneca Park Zoo where she trained in conservation efforts and

animal handling and ran education tables. She volunteered as a WAVE participant and tested NYS water sources for macro-invertebrate levels to identify at-risk water sources. Madison has received honors including the 20 point award and induction into the National Honor Society. Madison has participated in musicals at Olean High School and the Olean Theatre Workshop. She is a member of Bel Canto and was selected to participate in the NYSSMA 2014 Conference All-State Women's Chorus. She has also played Varsity Golf for 5 years. Madison received the Ann Lee Hancock Konneker Scholarship for Ohio University. She will attend Ohio University this fall and major in Chemistry.

**Bethany Fratercangelo** is the daughter of Anthony and Lisa Fratercangelo. During her four years at Olean High School, she has participated in Softball and Soccer. She has been recognized in Softball as a CCAA 1st team All-Star, a 2015 Big 30 All-Star and in 2015 she received the team Coach's Award. In Soccer, Bethany was recognized as a CCAA 2nd team All-Star. Bethany has also participated in Homeless Huskies. In the community, Bethany has volunteered for such events as Gus Macker, Top Soccer, Olean Community Thanksgiving Dinner, East View Elementary Carnival and BOCES Track and Field Day. In the fall, Bethany will attend the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford with an undeclared major. She will be a member of the Panthers Softball team.

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*Ashley Gengo*



*Bridget Havens*



*Nicholas Jodush*



*Emily Lasky*



*David Latorre*

## Class of 2016 Honor Graduates

**Ashley Gengo** is the daughter of Dr. John Gengo and Mrs. Carol Gengo. During her high school career she has participated in Varsity Swimming, Track, and Cross Country receiving the Scholar Athlete Award and the Sportsmanship Award. Ashley is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society. During her senior year Ashley was in the New Vision Health Professions program. She participated in the HOBY Youth Leadership seminar her sophomore year and returned her junior year as a volunteer, earning the George Eastman Leadership Award and the Harold Dutton Award. Ashley plans on attending St. Bonaventure University to study Biology and eventually pursue a medical degree.

**Bridget Havens** is the daughter of Lance and Rae Havens. She has studied ballet, tap, jazz, and hip hop at Neighborhood School of Dance for 10 years. Bridget has participated in the New York State National American Miss and Miss Teen New York pageants. She is a National Honor Society member and has volunteered with HomeCare & Hospice, Total Senior Care, The Genesis House, and The Salvation Army. She also spends her time working with Balloon Lady Designs. Bridget will be attending Mercyhurst University with a major in Fashion Merchandising and plans on finishing her studies at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City.

**Nicholas Jodush** is the son of Stephen and Katherine Jodush. While attending Olean High School he participated in Varsity Golf and Cross Country. Additionally,

Nicholas is a member of National Honor Society. As a member of National Honor Society, he won the Scholastic Excellence Award. He also volunteered through Homeless Huskies. Nicholas plans to attend St. Bonaventure University to study Biology.

**Emily Lasky** is the daughter of David and Pam Lasky. She has participated in soccer all four years and also played for Enchanted Mountain Soccer Club. She has volunteered at the Gus Macker, Taste of Olean, and Unified Sports Olympics. Emily will be attending Gannon University in the fall.

**David Latorre** is the son of Patricia and Joe Fratarcangelo. Originally from Chile, David moved to The United States in 2010. He lived three years in the state of Maryland before moving to Olean. During his high school career, he has participated in Varsity Tennis, Homeless Huskies, Festival of Languages and Cultures at St. Bonaventure, and has been awarded the Harold Dutton Award. Over the spring break in March, as a Spanish Club member, he traveled to Greece, Italy and Spain. David plans to attend JCC and later continue his studies at St. Bonaventure University to pursue a degree in Business Administration.

**Olivia MacWilliams** is the daughter of Thomas and Carol MacWilliams. During her high school career, she has danced at Dance Arts and played Varsity Tennis. She has volunteered in many service projects such as Homeless Huskies, the Special Olympics Track and Field Day, and was

a support staff for the Capes and Crowns 5K run. Olivia is a member of the National Honor Society, Class Officers, Principal's Advisory, Spanish Club, and Interact Club. Olivia will be attending Fredonia University in the fall.



*Olivia MacWilliams*

**Courtney Martin** is the daughter of Daniel and Nancy Martin. She has participated in JV and Varsity Soccer, JV and Varsity Basketball, and JV Softball. She is a member of National Honor Society. She has been awarded with the Scholar Athlete Award and the Betty Pappas Award. She also participated in many volunteer activities such as Top Soccer,



*Courtney Martin*  
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*Michaela McCall*

*Lucas Mehmel*

*Ryan McClelland*

*Olivia Mucke*

*Christina Nuzzo*

the Special Olympics, the Genesis House Gala, and the 2015 Capes and Crowns 5k Fun Run. Courtney will attend Jamestown Community College in Olean, NY and will major in Nursing.

**Michaela McCall** is the daughter of Martin and Sonya McCall. She has participated in Varsity Soccer since 9th grade. She has received CCAA 1st Team All-Star and CCAA 2nd Team All-Star Award, as well as Big 30 Athlete Award in Soccer. Michaela is a member of National Honor Society. She is a soccer coach for special education children for a program called Top Soccer and the ambassador of SAFeteen Coalition. Michaela plans to attend SUNY Brockport University to undergo the field of Social Work.

**Lucas Mehmel** is the son of Thomas and Emma Mehmel. He has been involved in Football, Track, and National Honor Society during his time at Olean High School. Lucas has been awarded the Scholar Athlete for all four years, Coaches Award, Rookie of the Year, and the 41-42 Football Club Francis W. "Hookey" Frey Award. He has volunteered for the local food pantry, St. Mary's of the Angels, St. Joseph's Maronite Church, St. Mary's Byzantine, the Genesis House, and the Gus Macker. Lucas is also an Eagle Scout. He will be attending Canisius College to study Criminal Justice.

**Ryan McClelland** is the son of Karl and Tracie McClelland. Ryan has taken part in National Honor Society, Model UN, Class Vice President, Student Activities Council, HOBY Leadership, and Homeless Huskies during his four years at Olean High School. He has participated in Varsity Soccer, Swimming and Div-

ing, and Track and Field for the last four years. In addition, he has participated in a variety of volunteer activities such as Special Education Prom, Eucharistic ministering at St. John's Church, coaching little league, and AmeriCorps projects. Ryan has gained athletic achievements as a team, as well as an all-star for soccer, rookie of the year for diving, and sectional qualifiers for diving and pole-vault. Ryan will be attending JCC to major in Childhood Education.

**Olivia Mucke** is the daughter of John and Gina Mucke. Olivia has participated in High School and club Volleyball, cheerleading and equestrian competitions. She received honorable mention as a scholar athlete for both Volleyball and Cheerleading. She has also received numerous awards and certificates for her art work. She is a member of the National Honor Society and she has volunteered for several years for Toys for Tots. Olivia will be attending St. Bonaventure University where she plans to obtain her MBA and ultimately to become a Certified Public Accountant.

**Christina Nuzzo** is the daughter of Lou and Barb Nuzzo. During her high school career she participated in the National Honor Society and the soccer team. Through the National Honor Society she has completed many service projects, including Homeless Huskies, SAFeteen Coalition, Unified Sports Day and Special Olympics. Christina will attend the State University of New York at Brockport with a childhood inclusive intent.

**Logan O'Connell** is the son of Brian and Rene O'Connell. Logan has been class Vice-President for three years and

is currently Student Activities Council President of Activities and Recreation. Logan has played on JV and Varsity Baseball since his freshman year. Logan has received the scholar-athlete award, NYSSPHA Shield Award for baseball and along with his team, won the Section VI, Class A2 Championship. Logan was also a winner of the 2016 NYSPHSAA Section VI Scholar-Athlete All-Western New York Boys Baseball Team. He was inducted to the National Honor Society in his junior year and has participated in Ski Club, Homeless Huskies, Unified Sports, and Model United Nations where he serves as President. Logan has volunteered in a variety of capacities including Olean Health Awareness Day, the Souper Bowl of Car-ing, St. Mary's Festival, Genesis House, the NYCBL Olean Oilers Baseball team, Special Olympics and the Gus Macker Basketball tournament. He has received the OHS 60 Point Award, Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award, Model United Nations Superior Delegate Award, and academic awards including Excellence in Calculus I and II. Logan will attend the University of Rochester in the fall where he plans to play baseball and double major in Physics and Political Science.



*Logan O'Connell*

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*Noah Patrick*

*Bilawal Rafi-Iqbal*

*Peighton Ray*

*Phoenix Reisner*

*Zachary Ryan*

## Class of 2016 Honor Graduates

**Noah Patrick** is the son of Rev. Steve and Sandi Patrick. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Treasurer for the Student Activities Committee. He also served as class treasurer for three years. Noah is a six-year member of the Varsity Golf team, a five-time NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete, a two-time 2nd team league all-star in golf, and a recipient of the OHS All-Sportsmanship team award. In addition, he is a two-time tournament winner in the Penn-York Junior Golf league and a recipient of Penn-York's Kevin Forrest Memorial Trophy. Noah's other school activities include ski club and annual participation in Homeless Huskies. Outside of school, Noah is an active member at Mt Zion Christian Assembly where he plays drums every Sunday in the church worship band, participates in youth group, and teaches regularly in children's church. Noah will be attending Baylor University pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business and a post-graduate degree in Law.

**Bilawal Rafi-Iqbal** is the son of Amber Rafi and Sheikh Zafar Iqbal. He was the Student Activity Council's President of Media and Student Relations. He is a member of National Honor Society. He has participated in many service projects through the school including Homeless Huskies, Exceptional Track and Field Day, Special Education Prom, and many more. He also ran Olean High School's social media pages. Bilawal was selected to be in

the New Visions program which allowed him to study medicine as well as complete clinical rotations at Olean General Hospital. He has earned numerous awards including the 20 and 40 Point Awards. Bilawal will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall and will be majoring in Biology as well as minoring in Business.

**Peighton Ray** is the daughter of Dan and Jessica Barr. During her high school career at Olean, she participated in athletics as a member of the girls Varsity Tennis team and manager of the girls Varsity Basketball team. Peighton has also dedicated much time to student life as a class officer and member of prom committee. In addition to these committees, she is a member of National Honor Society, Model UN and yearly participant in Homeless Huskies. Peighton will be attending Stony Brook University in the fall as a double major in History and Political Science.

**Phoenix Reisner** is the daughter of Anna and Todd Reisner, is a graduating senior of Olean High School. Phoenix has volunteered her time to help people of all ages. A 12-year old veteran of tap and jazz dancing, Phoenix has been an assistant dance instructor with 4-5 year old children in creative movement class. She is also involved with many church activities. Phoenix served as an assistant religious education teacher for the third grade, and volunteers for functions and

festivals at St. Mary of the Angels Church. Phoenix is a member and current President of the Olean chapter of the National Honor Society, and is an officer for the Olean High Spanish Club. Phoenix played Varsity Tennis in fall 2015, and Varsity Softball in spring 2016. Phoenix participates in clinical rotations at Olean General Hospital through the New Visions Program, and has completed three engineering courses offered at OHS through RIT. She attended The National Youth Leadership Forum: Medicine at Hofstra University in summer 2015. Phoenix plans to further her education at Binghamton University, double majoring in Neuroscience and Biomedical Engineering.

**Zachary Ryan** is the son of James Ryan Jr. and Laurie Ryan. Zack has taken part in National Honor Society, Junior Varsity and Varsity Baseball, Basketball as a freshman and a senior. He has also participated in Ski Club and homeless huskies. Zack has also volunteered at the Gus Macker, Red and Gold Rumble, Unified Sports Day, Special Olympics Track and Field day. While playing basketball his senior year, Zack was part of a New York State Championship team. Zack was also a part of a Sectional Title winning baseball team. Some personal achievements are All WNY Scholar Athlete Honorable Mention and League Sportsmanship Recognition in Basketball while winning the defensive MVP and being awarded league honorable mention in Baseball. He also was on

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*Miranda Sakala*

*Derek Schmidt*

*Yuvraj Singh*

*Amon Spencer*

*Tyler Straight*

High Honor Roll every semester of his high school career and received a 20 point award. In the fall, Zack plans to attend St. John Fisher to further his education and baseball career. He has not officially decided his major yet.

**Miranda Sakala** is the daughter of Susan Mahar-Sakala and Dale Sakala. She has participated in student government holding the office of both Co-President of the Junior class and Co-Vice President of the senior class. She has been a member of National Honor Society for two years. Participation in sports has been an important part of her high school career. She has played JV Basketball and Softball and Varsity Tennis and Softball. She was awarded the Coaches Award and MVP Award for tennis. She has volunteered as a basketball coach and a softball coach for Olean Recreational Leagues for many years. She has also supported many charities with her time and fundraising including The Pink Pumpkin Project and Homeless Huskies. Miranda will be attending Alfred University in the fall and will major in English.

**Derek Schmidt** is the son of Mark and Anita Schmidt. Derek has taken part in many extracurricular activities and clubs such as, National Honor Society, DECA, JV and Varsity Basketball, golf, and Ski-Club during his four years at Olean High School. He also participated in several volunteer activities such as the Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure. While playing two seasons of Varsity Basketball, Derek has won two League Titles, two

Sectional Titles, a trip to the NYS State Final Four, a NYS Championship where he was named MVP of the state tournament, and a trip to the NYS Federation Tournament. Derek will be attending Alfred University where he will play basketball and major in Biology.

**Yuvraj Singh** is the son of Deochand Singh and Jasmattee Singh. Starting his sophomore year, Yuvraj has participated in Track and Field and he later became a member of the National Honor Society. During the summer of 2015, Yuvraj had volunteered to become a Turn-Key trainer to help teachers understand how to use the NAO Robots. Yuvraj will attend Rochester Institute of Technology and plans to major in Cognitive and Augmented Reality.

**Amon Spencer** is the son of Jessica Benedict and the grandson of Carol Spencer and Peter Deeb. During his four years of high school he has taken a huge interest in music and participated in Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Brass Quartet. He also was in the Allegany Alumni and Friends Band which young high school students do not usually partake in. He has also played Boys' Varsity Tennis for four years and Boys' Varsity Soccer for two. Throughout his entire school career he has received the Scholar Athlete award and has been in the top 10% of his class. Amon will be attending JCC Olean for a year getting his Associates in Science and then will be attending Nuke School in the Navy to get his Masters in Nuclear Engineering.

**Tyler Straight** is the son of Bruce and

Kimberly Straight. Tyler has been very active in country kids on the fly mentoring youth in the art of fly tying. He has also held the office of Vice President for four years for the club Country Kids on the Fly. He has volunteered his time with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Tyler was awarded Student of the Year Award from JCC in 2015. Tyler will be attending the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford majoring in Environmental Studies this fall.

**Taryne Tracey** is the daughter of Tyrone Malone and Wendy Tracey. Taryne has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years and participates in community service projects including Capes & Crowns 5k/1k, Special Olympics, Homeless Huskies, and is an active member of her church. She is a member of the Zonta Club, Interact Club and Olean's Varsity Girls Tennis team. She earned a spot on the part-time student Dean's list at Jamestown Community College and enjoys working at the Olean Public Library. Taryne's internship at Vic Vena Pharmacy helped influence her decision to continue her education at



*Taryne Tracey*

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*Evan Threehouse*

*Brinee Torrey*

*Jordanne Volz*

*Jacob Volz*

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JCC and major in Biotechnology.

**Evan Threehouse** is the son of Matt and Janean Threehouse. He participated in football, baseball, and basketball throughout his high school career. He is an active member of National Honor Society and has participated in many volunteer activities associated with Olean High School athletics. Evan was a member of the Section VI A2 championship Baseball team. He was also named as a 2015 1st Team All-Western New York All Star, 2nd team All New York State All-Star, and the 2015 CCAA West Pitcher of the Year. Evan has received a baseball scholarship to attend Radford University in Virginia where he will be majoring in Accounting.

**Brinee Torrey** is the daughter of Amy Wolfe and father William Torrey, and step-father Steven Wolfe. Brinee has taken part in National Honor Society, JV and Varsity Volleyball, Softball, Homeless Huskies, and high honor roll during her first four years at Olean High School. While playing Varsity Softball for three years, Brinee was chosen to be a NCAA 1st team All-star, NCAA 2nd team All-Star, Scholar Athlete, and a Big 30 All-Star member. While playing Varsity Volleyball, Brinee was chosen to be a NCAA 2nd team All-Star, NCAA Honorable Mention Team member, and nominated to be on the WNY Scholar Athlete Team. Brinee will attend the State University of New York at Brockport in the fall and will be majoring in Nursing.

**Jordanne Volz** is the daughter of Dennis Volz and Tina Peterson-Volz. Throughout her high school career she has played

JV Soccer for three years and JV Softball for two years. She was one of the captains for both sports. She was a Varsity Basketball Cheerleader her junior and senior year. Also during her senior year she was a Varsity Football Cheerleader. She was on the Yearbook Committee during her senior year, and she volunteered with Unified Basketball Cheerleading. During her sophomore and senior year she participated in Homeless Huskies. She plans to attend JCC for two years and then transfer to a different college.

**Jacob Volz** is the son of Mary and Jerry Volz. During his high school career, Jacob was class officer for 3 years and

Co-Treasurer of SAC his senior year. He is a member of the National Honor Society. Jake has participated in Homeless Huskies, class competitions, Varsity Basketball his junior year and played on the Varsity Tennis Team for 6 years. During his high school tennis career, Jake received the Rookie of the Year Award, 2 Coaches Awards, Doubles Award and MVP Award. In 2015 he represented Olean in NYSPHAA Boys Tennis Championships (Doubles) in New York City. Jake has received scholar athlete recognition in each of his high school years. Jake will attend Jamestown Community College in the fall where he will pursue a degree in Computer Science.



## Tenure Certificates Awarded

Dylan Shaw, Lacey Hill, Jamie Philips, Jennifer Gilman and Loran Fox were presented tenure certificates by Board President, Michiko McElfresh. Missing from photo is Rose Gayton.



# Best Wishes to Our OHS Seniors!

**Kylea J. Andreano** – Virginia Tech  
**Richard J. Baer** – Alfred State  
**Gabrielle C. Bailey** – Fredonia  
**Tyrell J. Battle** – St. Bonaventure  
**Callista R. Bendinelli** – JCC  
**Charles T. Bennett** – Employment  
**Shanice A. Bennett** – Alfred State  
**Sandra K. Blade** – JCC  
**Micah L. Blanchard** – Employment  
**Alexander P. Blazejewski** – JCC  
**Ribeka L. Blinn** – Alfred State  
**Mallory J. Bliss** – Rollins College  
**Jackson P. Bright** – Canisius  
**Leah M. Bush** – Brockport State University  
**Christopher M. Byrne II** – Employment  
**Alexandra S. Caputi** – Canisius  
**Noah P. Carlson** – St. Bonaventure  
**Samuel D. Carson** – Erie Community College  
**Domenic J. Carucci** – Purchase College  
**Jacob A. Cavana** – Niagara County Community College  
**Austen M. Chamberlain-Frost** – Employment  
**Collin R. Charles** – JCC  
**Jaelle T. Charleston** – Employment  
**Kayana Charleston** – Alfred University  
**Miranda L. Chastain** – JCC  
**Anisah N. Chauhdry** – St. Bonaventure  
**Jordan A. Childs** – Employment  
**Nicholas R. Chizewick** – Alfred State  
**Lyndsey C. Churakos** – Erie Community College  
**Keith D. Clemons, Jr.** – Employment  
**Shane E. Corkery** – Corning Community College  
**Garrett T. Crandall** – Monroe Community College  
**Justine M. Crandall** – JCC  
**Jerry A. Crum** – Employment  
**Brandon M. Dailey** – JCC  
**Maria K. DeCerbo** – Penn State University  
**Nathan L. Durham** – RIT  
**Luke R. Earl** – St. Bonaventure  
**Taylor A. Euston** – JCC  
**Halle A. Farwell** – Fredonia State University  
**Terrance J. Farwell** – Employment  
**Autumn L. Flederbach** – Edinboro University  
**Madison N. Forrest** – Ohio University  
**Robert N. Frank** – Employment  
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**Kayla Y. Johnson** – Employment  
**Kiera M. Johnson** – JCC  
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**Sarah E. Johnson** – JCC  
**Shanieka M. Johnson** – JCC  
**Alexis M. Jonak** – Edinboro University  
**Kylie M. Koch** – JCC  
**Zachary M. Ladue-Williams** – JCC  
**JonBenet Lamper** – Alfred State  
**Emily J. Lasky** – Gannon University  
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**Courtney E. Martin** – JCC  
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## FIVE STAR BANK WINNERS

Congratulations to our latest Five Star Bank Movie Star Award Winners:

2nd Marking Period (above) - Logan Fitzpatrick Baer from Mrs. Hamed's 5th Grade Class  
3rd Marking Period (below) - Hunter Stoops a 6th Grader



## PLAY UNIFIED, LIVE

Students from OIMS and OHS participated in Special Olympic Unified Basketball Tournament at St. Bonaventure in April. This is the fourth year that Olean has participated in unified sports, growing from 30 athletes the first year to over 100 this year. In addition to OCS D athletes, athletes from Portville, Franklinville and Allegany – Limestone competed in the tournament. This year's event included both basketball players and cheerleaders who practiced 1 - 2 times a week in preparation for the tournament. Unified sports provide youth with and without intellectual disabilities the opportunity to train and play together as teammates.



## WHALE WATCH CL

This year the students toured the state capital building in Albany on the first day of our trip. At right was taken on the second day of our trip before the students boarded the boat. This year we had the opportunity of watching one whale come to the surface of the water. After the whale watch, the students had the opportunity to explore the city and play at Jay-Gee's fun center. On our last day in Boston, we took a tour of the city and prepped for the afternoon game. We then took a ride on the American Idol tour. Some of the students were lucky enough to even drive the Duck boat. The students of the students fundraised for three years to raise money to go on the trip. They enjoyed themselves and made some memories that they can keep for a lifetime.





## UNIFIED



## UB 2016

On our way to Boston. The picture shown  
 boarded the boat to look for whales. This  
 ce of the ocean multiple times around our  
 re Quincy Market, eat at Fire and Ice and  
 r of Fenway Park and watched the field be  
 flag themed Duck boat through the city.  
 in the water on the Charles River! Some  
 trip. The students seemed to really enjoy  
 e!



## PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Hailey Federowicz, Nathan Gabler and Alex Smith delivered superb speeches at the Siemen's (Dresser-Rand) public speaking event at the Bartlett Country Club on March 10, 2016. Hailey placed first, Nathan placed second, and Alex was an honorable mention. Well done! OIMS is proud of you!



Whale Watch Club members include: (back, l-r) Chase Kratts, Norah Sweitzer, Cody Doxey, Grace Ventura, Mark Brown, Caroline DeRose, Sydney Kellogg, Paige Smith, Zoey Clayson, Hannah DeArmitt, Keon Cruz; and (front, l-r) Adam Dougherty, Jonah Menter, Nathan Gabler, John Stoops and Tim Tucker.







Sean Finch

Amber Aderman



Constance Alexander William Taggerty



Caitlin Williams

## New Employees Join the District

Sean Finch joins the District as a Physical Education Teacher. Mr. Finch received a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, with a concentration on Adapted PE, from SUNY Brockport in December 2015. Prior to joining the District, Sean was a substitute teacher for Franklinville Central School.

Amber Aderman – Account Clerk Typist

Constance Alexander – Food Service Helper

William Taggerty - Receiving & Inventory Clerk

Caitlin Williams – Teacher Aide

## Message from the Superintendent District Honored by Our Community's Amazing Support

By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent

As I walk the halls of our schools, I am reminded of how much each learner counts on our collective support. Without our talented staff, our students would not have the variety of learning opportunities available to them nor a clean and safe environment in which to learn. Without a supportive community, many extra-curricular events would not be possible. With a collective focus on the importance of building on the academic strengths and talents of all learners, each continues to have a pathway to reach his or her potential.

The 2015-16 school year has been a year of distinction for our students, our staff and our District. Our students have won academic, athletic, musical and art honors that pale to none. These honors would not have been earned without the mentoring of their teachers, paraprofessionals, coaches, and family members. Nor would the honors have been earned without the hard work and dedication of our extraordinary students.

To our community, I say **"Thank You!"** The Olean City School District has won the honor of your support as evidenced through the passing of the capital project and the 2016-17 school budget. I am truly appreciative of all that you do with and for our learners and our entire school district program offerings. You are amazing!



## Pillow Palooza benefits Genesis House

The 8th Grade H.O.O.T Club completed their Pillow Palooza service project in which they collected approximately 30 new pillows and 20 sets of bedsheets. These were donated to The Genesis House of Olean. This was the last community service project for the group this year and the final one for their advisor, Mrs. Carrie Samuelson, who will be retiring from teaching after 31 years. Pictured: Mrs. Carrie Samuelson (advisor), and students Arielle Vaughn, Ellie Orcutt, Joe Terhune, and Carter Winsor



# Students Ponder ... French or Spanish?

All 6th grade classes were recently visited by high school LOTE teacher Mrs. Napoleon. The purpose was to give them an experience of functioning in French or Spanish; and to understand the importance of why we learn foreign languages. With this information, students can make an informed decision about which language they would like to pursue.

Both languages provide students with the basic skill set to use efficiently the language they choose, along with the ability to continue and learn other more difficult languages. French and Spanish are great language choices for our area because they are the languages of our Canadian neighbors to the north and Mexican neighbors to the south; not to mention our sharing of the same alphabet.

Mrs. Napoleon's biggest message was why learning a foreign language was so important. There are roughly 7,000 languages that exist in the world and each is attached to a different culture. Different cultures represent different ways people



view the world. When our students do their part and learn a foreign language, they are helping to combat the hatred and violence that exists in our world due

in part to a lack of understanding one another.

*"The limits of my language are the limits of my world." - Ludwig Wittgenstein*



## Cultural Learning at Festival of Languages

Our upper level French and Spanish classes had the opportunity to attend The Festival of Languages at St. Bonaventure University this past April. As one of the many surrounding schools participating, all students enjoyed a full day of cultural activities. The foreign language department at St. Bonaventure University along with their student body, set up interactive and informative stations on campus; such as let's learn Arabic and arts/crafts from around the world.

French students Lauren Snow and Gabriel Williams took second place in the singing competition with their song choice from Mozart L'Opera Rock beautifully sung in French. Karino Wada and Natalie Sova took the first and second place spot for the poster competition which revolved around the theme of *One Voice Many Languages*. Overall students felt that the day was a great learning experience.





## High School Equivalency Courses Offered

We know that going back to school can be a challenge for many adults and out-of-school youth. That's why Olean City School District's Adult Education program offers open enrollment, and two convenient locations. Getting your high school equivalency diploma (HSE- formally called GED) is not as difficult as you may think.

Classes will run through the summer at the One-Stop and the County Building.

Call Linda Edstrom at 375-8033 for detailed information.

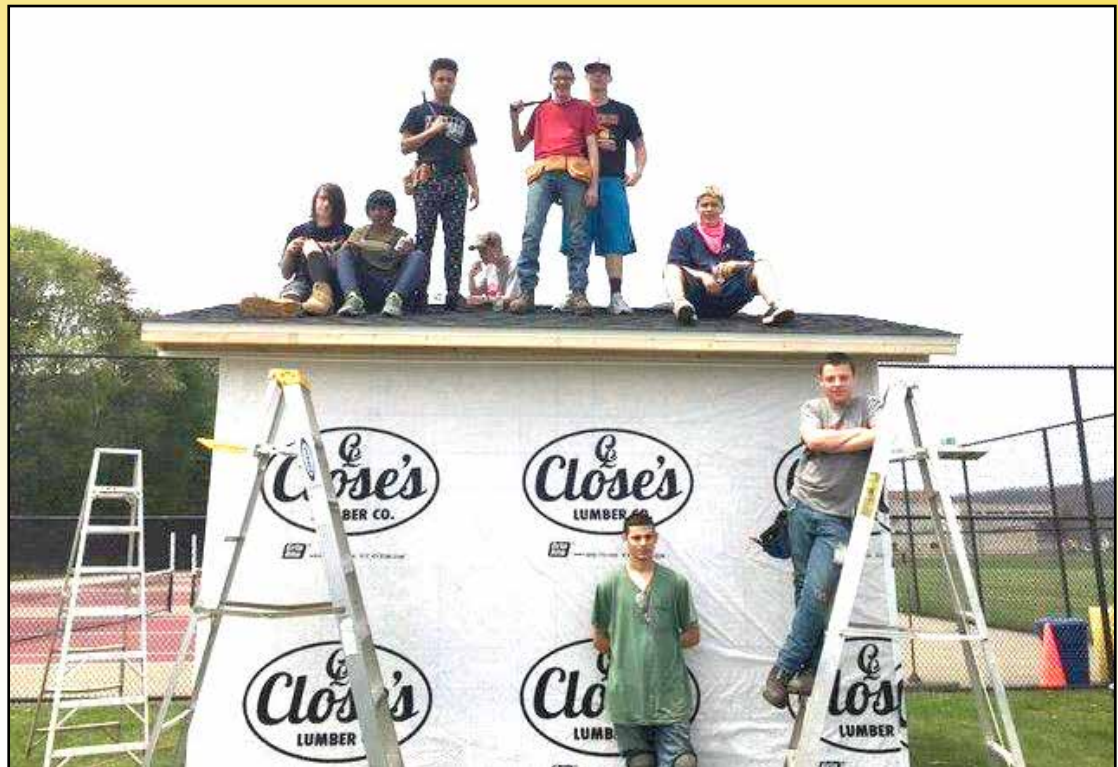


## Celebrating Earth Day

Earth Day activities at Olean High School involved a beautification project on the Third Street side of the school. Student Activities Council (SAC) members (from left) Noah Patrick, Jacob Volz, Ryan McClelland and Mallory Bliss are shown with Mr. Matthew Perry, history teacher and SAC co-advisor. The students filled in and graded an unsightly culvert near the foundation and basement windows and planted several varieties of perennials. The organization extends a thank you to Duggan & Duggan for donation of the dirt.

## Class Puts Learning in Action

Students from John Zambanini's class constructed an 8 x 12 storage shed near the tennis courts. Materials were donated by the Sports Boosters.





# 'Born This Way' Star Gives Inspirational Talk

As the young woman began her presentation, you could have heard a pin drop. Megan Bomgaars, star of Arts & Entertainment's reality series, "Born This Way" recently addressed the Olean City School District's students in grades four through twelve.

Her message was simple: "Don't Limit Me!" And to the students present, especially, "Don't limit yourselves." Twenty-four-year-old Megan was born with Down Syndrome, a genetic disorder, caused when abnormal cell division results in extra genetic material from chromosome 21. Megan and her mother, Kris, have worked hard since Megan was a baby to help Megan reach her full potential.

An international entrepreneur who sells her "iced dyed" products on her website called, "Megology," Megan is also a motivational speaker who pays taxes, is attending college, and saving money to purchase her own home.

Throughout her presentation, Megan challenged the students and staff to be proud of themselves and not to limit their expectations in the classroom. "DREAM BIG!" Megan reminded those in attendance. "Follow your dreams, not someone else's dreams. Let your teachers help you realize your dreams."

Throughout Megan's presentations to both the intermediate - middle schoolers and high schoolers, she was interrupted by applause. The students and staff believed in Megan's messages. "You have the ability to change people's lives," Megan said with enthusiasm. "By not limiting yourself and surrounding yourself with people who will make you stronger," Megan encouraged the students and staff to "focus on what you CAN DO because each and everyone present has a purpose in life."

By not limiting yourself, Megan informed the audience members that they would be able to teach their community to "accept us, learn from us, and be better for everyone." Looking forward and "always thinking about the next step in your life," Megan informed the audience that "their parents, teachers, and community are the people who will help make the possibilities in their lives a reality."

Megan wanted to leave everyone with a powerful idea: by working together, "Everyone can become powerful, purposeful, passionate, and independent adults."

Following the applause from the audi-



ence, Megan and her Mom addressed the questions from students.

"What is it like starring in a reality tv show?" asked a middle schooler.

"It's real! Truly real," responded Megan.

"I have a younger brother with a learning disability; do you have any advice for me?" a student inquired.

"Don't limit him or yourself! Have him follow his dreams," Megan told the student.

"Were you ever bullied?" one youngster asked Megan.

"Yes, I was bullied. I ignored them!" she replied with a big smile.

"How difficult is it for you to fulfill your dreams?" Megan was asked.

"I have big dreams and I follow them! I have this woman here (Megan pointed to her Mom!) to help me," said Megan as she smiled at her Mom.

"It is hard to leave my family, but we meet so many incredible people who inspire us," Kris responded.

"When I was in high school, I told my Mom I wanted to help pay some bills. I graduated from high school and now I attend college," Megan stated.

"It was overwhelming at times," Kris said. "It's gotten to the point where Megan has hired three employees to help with her business."

At the end of her presentation, the applause was loud! Students and staff stood and cheered to show Megan they truly un-

derstood her message. OHS Principal Jeff Andreano reminded the students before they left the auditorium, "The next time you encounter a hurdle in your life, put your heart into overcoming it in the same manner in which Megan has put her heart into everything she has done!"

Through the generosity of Directions in Independent Living, Megan's and her Mom's visit was possible. The Hampton Inn of Olean provided accommodations for three nights; Dave Carucci's Primo Limo Company offered round trip limo service to and from the Buffalo International Airport, and Robyn's & Ravyn's Restaurant hosted a "Meet and Greet" for Megan, her Mom, and OIMS Unified Basketball Team members, and their families, as well as other community members who wanted the opportunity to meet the Bomgaars. Mayor Bill Aiello stopped by to welcome Megan and her Mom to Olean!

Due to the diligence, perseverance, and determination of OCSD teachers Angela Mest (OIMS) and Chelsea Bowker (OHS), Megan and her Mom came to Olean. Without their vision, their willingness to work, work, work, and their cooperation, OCSD would not have been afforded the opportunity to have Megan Bomgaars and her Mom visit. The students and staff were fortunate to have Megan inspire them, motivate them, and most importantly, to remind them to not limit themselves.

# Adventures in Science Club at OHS

*"In the spirit of science, there really is no such thing as a 'failed experiment.' Any test that yields valid data is a valid test."*  
- Adam Savage

During the past school year, we have had a very productive and fun season. Presently, the club draws roughly ten people each meeting. We started with close to thirty people in early October, when the club opened to new members. Over the month of October, we planned for our upcoming events.

The first was the Rochester Mini Maker Faire on November 21. We have attended the Maker Fair two years in a row. At Maker Faire, we presented our programmable robot, Huskie. We were able to program Huskie to do various dances. We physically moved the robot and recorded it. We had varying degrees of success at programming him correctly. For example, on multiple occasions, Huskie fell over mid-dance.

The second project was creating and launching model rockets. We ordered model rockets and motors. Over the month of December, we each built a rocket. On a wet, warm, December afternoon, we launched our rockets. Most of them were successful, although some failed due to wet motors, mid-air explosions, or human error.

In January of this year, we started planning for our next project, another balloon launch. This year, we are going to launch a rockoon, a rocket, balloon hybrid. A rockoon is a weather balloon with a rocket and launcher attached to the payload. When it reaches a certain altitude, the rocket launches off the payload to even higher altitudes. We are in the process of ordering and building the payload, rocket, and balloon.

The rocket is going to be a G-160 motor. The motor is the maximum legal model rocket, any bigger, and the rocket is not considered a model. The tracker, called Peach, has the programming power to launch the rocket when it senses it is at a certain altitude. The payload is also going to be equipped with 3 cameras, a Mobius to watch the rocket, and two 808-16 spy cameras, one in the rocket, the other also on the payload.

Our first launch is going to test the rocket at high, but not record altitudes, it will also test the tracker, and the cameras. If our test launch is successful, we will launch the rockoon to even higher



airspace. Our goal is to have the rockoon reach a height of 26.3 miles, roughly that of a marathon. If we succeed, we will be the first high school to do anything like it.

The first step is to overcome financial issues. We need to pay for the rocket, cameras, and tracker, among other things. Eaton, Napoleon Engineering, Cutco and

the Dream It Do It of Western New York were generous enough to donate \$1,000. The school has agreed to match that, and any other donations made. We presently have around \$2,000. We are in the process of collecting these donations and ordering our materials. The next step is the aforementioned test. If the test is successful, we will launch the main balloon. If that is successful we will move on to even grander projects.

Our Science Club has been extremely successful in the past. We have had three successful launches in previous years. When our next two launches are successful, then we will go on to even more adventurous projects and daring stunts.

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## Parents:

All kids entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade must have the **meningococcal vaccine**.

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### About the Vaccine:

- It's not a new vaccine. It's been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- What's new is that the vaccine will be **required** for school entry as of Sept. 1, 2016.

### About Meningococcal Disease:

- It causes **bacterial meningitis** and other serious diseases.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk.
- It comes on quickly and without warning.
- Its symptoms are similar to the flu.
- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

**Check with your doctor. Even kids who have had a shot before may need a booster to start school.**

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# OCSD Students Excel at Music Festivals



**Junior High All-County Chorus (l-r):** Grace Ventura, Courtney Sisson, Mackenzie Sakala, Jazlynn Knapp, Jerimiah Billingsly, Coby Spiller, Jessica Chastain, Graham Kinnaird, Jared Burton, Tenaya Ramadhan

**Senior High All-County Chorus Men (clockwise from left):** Dillon Reynolds, Saad Mirza, Nathan Durham, Samuel Carson, Marcus Snyder, Austin Ring, Tyler Richmond, Peyton Kunselman, Collin Charles, Elijah Hendrix



**Senior High All-County Chorus Women (l-r):** Brittany Willmart, Brooke Gronemeier, Taylor Shearer, Anna-Elisabeth Ross, Madeline Hughey, Maegan Windus, Hannah Stayer, Andrea Harris



# Physical Education Keeping Students on the Move

## **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

The annual Jump Rope for Heart event was held during the month of March. Washington West raised a total of \$1,357.56. The top fund-raiser was Manoah Miketish. He raised a total of \$201. East View raised \$2,161. The top fundraiser was Miley Crawford who raised \$155.

The Intermediate Middle School raised \$3,278. The top fundraisers were Logan Baer \$174, Conner Valenti \$330, Grace Haynes \$307, Shemus Baer \$174 and Zach Hogle \$301.

Free smoothies were offered by nutritionist Candy Works.

## **PEP GRANT ACTIVITY - ARCHERY**

The archery adventure activity for high school students held on May 10th was sponsored by the PEP grant. The equipment was partially funded through the Olean City School District Foundation.

## **BADMINTON TOURNAMENT**

A badminton tournament was held at the High School on May 16. The winning doubles team was Jake Volz and Noah Patrick. A special thanks to all who participated and to Coach Kolasinski and Mr. Finch for running the tournament.

## **SWIM CLASSES & FAMILY SWIM**

In the month of May, third graders at Washington West and East View had the opportunity to go swimming at the OIMS pool during Physical Education class. This is the first time this program has been offered and the students really enjoyed swimming.

In addition to this swim program, the PEP grant also sponsored family swim nights the month of May.





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## ‘Beatlemania!’ Comes to WW

When students began asking about an Abbey Road poster in the Washington West music room, and nobody knew who the Beatles were, Mr. Hughey knew that problem needed to be rectified! “Everyone needs to know who the most famous rock band in history was,” stated Mr. Hughey.

Thus, preparation for spring Beatles’ concerts was put into motion. Both concerts were a success. All students in the school performed Beatles songs with grades two and three performing May 5th and kindergarten and first grades performing May 19th. The faculty also put together a Beatles band which performed two numbers for the show.

Not only were the performances well received by parents, grandparents and friends, but the Washington West students also had a memorable concert experience that brought together generations in its preparation. Students, parents and grandparents watched Beatles videos together, sang songs and studied Beatles history leading up to the concert. Community feedback has been positive and the kids will not soon forget their first real exposure to “Beatlemania!”



## Conferencing with Students Reinforces Module Learning

Conferencing with students regarding their learning is an integral part of teaching at Washington West Elementary School.

When asked, “What do you like about the ELA Modules, in particular Module 3B?” Mrs. Faulkner’s student, replied, “I loved learning facts about wolves from the internet, books, magazines, pictures and the wolf skull that was lent to our class. Then we were able to write our narrative report using everything we learned about.”

These sentiments were echoed by other students in Mrs. Faulkner’s class as well. Mrs. Faulkner commented that the modules are challenging, but are worth the hard work the students put into each unit.





## Art Happenings at Olean High



Olean High School art students in Mr. Brown's Drawing and Painting class began adding some artistic flair to the halls and wall at OHS. Hard Edge style paintings, Abstract Expressionist paints and Micrography drawings have been on display in the back hallway of the school.

Another big change this year was having the art show on the same day as music concerts. The response from concert attendees was extremely positive. A number of the students arrived early and were available to share their knowledge about how they created their work.

Students have been working very diligently in the Drawing and Painting class creating wall murals and instillation murals. By the end of the school year, there will be at least five new murals placed in various locations in the High School.



## Third Grade Fun at East View

What's better than reading? Reading to a baby chick! Third graders in Mrs. Vaughn's class teamed up with their recently hatched baby chicks and read their stories to them.

Third graders in Mrs. McIntosh's class were working on a Science project and creating ways to clean up oil spills. At East View we believe that instead of asking children what they want to be when they grow up, we should be asking what problems do you want to solve.





# East View Elementary School

**Coding** - This month some of our third graders have started to learn the basics of computer coding (upper right) with Scratch. They are working on creating their own video games.



**Cutco** - In April, Mrs. Bowser and Mrs. Rogozinski's class performed at the Cutco Retirement Luncheon (middle right). We want to thank our partners at Cutco for making our school a better place!

**Reading Relay** - To celebrate reading for 300 steps (75 hours) our students participated in relay races (lower right)! They had a ball and as a prize each child received a glow in the dark bouncy ball....that's a big deal if you are under the age of 9.



**STEM** - Some great STEM learning (pun intended) was happening in Mrs. Bushnell and Mrs. Keller's classroom (photo below).

*For more please follow us on twitter:  
@OleanEastView or check out our website.*







**We've got Spirit....Yes we do!!** This month, the WW Spirit Committee led the way in organizing a 'color war' day, where grade levels were challenged to show their team spirit by wearing their assigned color. As you can see...our beautiful rainbow shows that we are a spirit filled bunch! Thanks, Ms. Cheryl Moore, for leading the charge! Thanks, also, to the committee members: Barb Bailey, Kathleen Gibbons, and Char Dwaileebe.



# Washington West Elementary School

**Wonderland Collage** - Students in Ms. Frederick's class read the book *Alice in Wonderland* due to the new Disney movie coming out. They created a beautiful collage (middle photo) of Wonderland and wrote Wonderland Narratives.

**A Rewarding Partnership – Foster Grandparents** - These dedicated ladies (bottom photo) have been part of our Washington West team all year! We thank them for their long standing commitment to our students and staff. Thank you! Pictured are Romaine Greene, Sannie Adams, Pat Chwala, Beverly Hogan. Not pictured: Barb Neporadny, Marge York

**OHS Senior Walk** - The graduating class of 2016 took their final Senior Walk through the halls of Washington West! Our WW Husky Pups certainly look up to these fine young ladies and gentlemen! Congratulations!



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## **Sen. Young Honors Basketball Team**

Senator Catharine Young is shown (left) honoring the OHS Boys' Basketball Team on their successful season. It was a very nice tribute. Congratulations go out to a wonderful group of young men and their coaches!

## **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