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2018 OHS Valedictorian & Salutatorian

August Brainerd-Brunelle has been named the Valedictorian of the Class of 2018, ranking 1st out of 154 students. He is the son of Eric Brunelle and Gabrielle Brainerd. August will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

In addition to his regular high school course load, he also took college courses through Jamestown Community College since his sophomore year, receiving JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award recognition in each semester of his junior year.

August has been a member of Select Choir, Band, Spanish Club, and both the junior varsity and varsity baseball teams. He has also played for the PAC Baseball team out of Rochester.

August has received honors including Excellence in Accounting I, National Honor Society, and inclusion in the Presidential Scholars Program. He also has received a varsity letter and scholar athlete award through his participation with the baseball team.

August has participated in numerous community service projects, including the Pink Pumpkin Project, Sports Boosters Can Drives, the Genesis House, Salvation Army, and Rebuilding Together. He has also volunteered at the Cuba Cultural Center.

August will be attending Cornell University in the fall. He will be majoring in Business at the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management.

Sachita Barua is the Salutatorian of the Class of 2018. She is the daughter of Subir and Arunima Barua. Sachita will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

Sachita is President of the Student Activities Council and served as President of the Class of 2018 in seventh through eleventh grades. She has enjoyed coordinating community service projects including Homeless Huskies, Days of Giving, and Souper Bowl of Caring. She has served on the Superintendent Selection Committee,



*August
Brainerd-Brunelle*



Sachita Barua

Principal's Advisory Board, and School Dance Committee and has been a member of Concert Band, Pep Band, Marching Band, Solo Festival, and varsity tennis. She has enthusiastically participated in Class Competitions, Special Olympics, Unified Sports Day, and TV Studio. As Secretary of Zonta Club, Model United Nations, and Interact Club, she finds satisfaction through teamwork while working towards a common goal. Sponsored by Zonta Club and in collaboration with Verizon HopeLine, she spearheaded a cellphone

collection drive to aid victims of domestic violence.

Sachita has received many honors including: 2018 Buffalo Business First Community All Star for dedication to community engagement; 2018 Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship Award; Prudential Foundation Scholarship Award; National Honor Society; National Technical Honor Society; University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award; 20/40/60 Point Award for outstanding school involvement; and Harold Dutton Spotlight Award for outstanding behavior.

While taking challenging college-level courses through the New Visions Health Profession Program at JCC, Sachita has been recognized for her academic excellence by receiving the St. Bonaventure University STEM Research Scholarship Award for exemplary achievement in bioinformatics research, JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List, Rochester Institute of Technology Presidential Scholarship Award, RIT Computing Medal Award, and Academic Excellence Awards in Advanced English, Advanced Global, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Trigonometry.

Sachita will attend the dual-degree (BA/DO) program at Clark University in Worcester, MA with a guaranteed acceptance at the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Bradenton, FLA. She will be concentrating in Public Health. As a "Clarkie" she is ready to "Challenge Convention. Change our World."



Madison Bonafede

Jesse Both

Courtney Brisky

Meagan Bruso

Lucas Chapman

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Madison Bonafede is the daughter of Tonia Sibilio and Darren Bonafede. Madison played junior varsity soccer in 10th grade and was involved in chorus for two years. Madison is a member of National Honor Society and volunteered at Unified Sports day and Special Olympics. Outside of school she volunteered at Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and the Olean Soccer Club. Madison will attend Fredonia College this fall and major in Social Work.

Jesse Both is the son of Tom and Dawn Both. Jesse has been a four year Varsity Alpine Ski Team member. Jesse attended State Competition at White Face Mountain and Bristol Mountain three years in a row. He was also a winner in the Buffalo News Scholar Athletes this past April. Jesse was a four year member of the Holiday Valley ski team and spent one year with the Holiday Valley Rangers. Jesse is an active participant in the Crohnscolitisfoundation.org Take Steps Walk in Rochester NY along with volunteering time to be their photographer at both the Rochester and Buffalo walks. He helped develop and co-coordinates the Olean Cares Crohn's & UC Walk to create awareness of Crohn's Disease and raises funds to find a cure. Jesse also volunteers his time with Feed-

ing Grace Meal Train deliveries when needed. Jesse has been completing online classes at Jamestown Community College since the summer of his sophomore year. Jesse will be attending the University at Buffalo to major in Computer Engineering.

Courtney Brisky is the daughter of Mark and Danielle Brisky. Courtney is in the Media Communications class at the Olean Career & Technical Education Center. She plans on going to Alfred State and studying Digital Media and Animation with a minor in Graphic Design. Her hope is to become an animator for an animation company like Disney.

Meagan Bruso is the daughter of Rebecca and Robert Bruso. Meagan has been a part of Orchestra, Studio 107, Jazz Band and Band since eighth grade. Meagan is in the Audio Visual Productions class at the Olean Career & Technical Education Center. Meagan plans on attending Roberts Wesleyan College, and is considering majoring in Pre-Med, with a minor in Communications and Music.

Lucas Chapman is the son of Roger and Wendy Chapman. Lucas is a part of the National Honor Society and has participated in many differ-

ent community service projects, such as Unified Sports Day and Special Olympics. Along with being a member of the National Honor Society, Lucas has been a member of the Select Choir and Spanish Club throughout high school. He received the JCC Part-Time Student Deans List Award. Lucas has been an active participant in Olean Athletics throughout high school as well. He has participated in football, basketball, and baseball for four years while receiving many awards. His senior year he was named a captain in all three sports. Lucas was named a member of the All Western New York Academic Team for both football and basketball. Other awards received by Lucas are the Randy Stebins Memorial Award, Bryon Norton Team Player Award, Scholar Athlete winner, and a Connelly Cup nomination. Lucas will be attending St. John Fisher College and plans to major in Accounting.

Zayba Chauhdry is the daughter of Dr. Tahir Chauhdry and Mrs. Shabana Chauhdry. She is the President of the Class of 2018 and has had several leadership roles within different school activities. She has participated in the school's TV Studio Club, Science Club, Zonta Club, Prom Committee,
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Zayba Chauhdry

Joseph Copella

*Jasmine
Franclemont-Frost*

Alexys Freeman

Kelsey Gengo

Chorus, Select Chorus, Orchestra, Bel Canto, Robert Lax project, DECA, Student Government, and Principal's Advisory Council. She has also participated in Poetry Out Loud for three years; she qualified for regionals all three years and made it to the State championship last year. Zayba has been a member of National Honor Society and is acting as the Treasurer this year. In addition, she is Co-President of Model United Nations, and Secretary for the Spanish Club. Zayba has played tennis for five years, this year she was undefeated placing first in her league, third in the CCAA and qualified for Sectionals. Zayba has been a part of several community service projects in Olean and Buffalo. She has volunteered at the Genesis House, Eden Heights, Crohn's Disease Walk, local soup kitchen, Special Olympics, raised money for refugees located in Buffalo, and made care packages for the victims after the earthquake in Haiti. Zayba cares about the global community as well, and traveled to Amman, Jordan this past April to help aid Syrian refugees fleeing the horrific civil war in Syria. Zayba has received the Scholar Athlete Award, 20/40/60 Award, Cattaraugus County Youth of the Week Award, Cattaraugus County National Honor Society Distinguished Service Award, and the Provost Scholarship. Zayba will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall of 2018 and will be majoring in Biology.

Joseph Copella is the son of Scott and Gretchen Copella. Joe has participated in Homeless Huskies, Spanish Club and served as Treasurer of DECA. He competed at both the New York State DECA competition and the DECA International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA. He was captain of the varsity soccer team and participated in varsity track along with JV and varsity football. He is a member of National Honor Society and has received multiple academic awards. These awards include JCC's Part-Time Students Dean's List and NYSPHAA Scholar Athlete Honorable Mention. He will be graduating with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Science. Joe will be attending SUNY Geneseo where he plans to major in Accounting and Economics.

Jasmine Franclemont-Frost is the daughter of Nancy Franclemont and Richard Frost. She has been a Girl Scout since she was in first grade. In Girl Scouts she earned her bronze and silver award, she is working towards getting her gold award. She has been a member of the Southern Tier Junior Bass Masters since 2007. She is currently president but in previous years she held other positions including secretary and treasurer. She has been involved in volleyball and track and field. She did an internship with the school nurse in her senior year and

learned a lot which made her more excited to become a nurse. Jasmine will be attending Alfred State and plans to major in Nursing.

Alexys Freeman is the daughter of Dan and Janell Freeman. She has been part of the Thirst Project, Z-Club, and Homeless Huskies. She has been a member of National Honor Society and has received awards including the Harold Dutton Award and 20 Point Award. She has been involved in many sports such as soccer, track, and was the Captain of the swim team. Alexys will be attending JCC then transferring to Fredonia for a major in Early-Childhood Education.

Kelsey Gengo is the daughter of John and Carol Gengo. She has been a volunteer for Toys for Tots, Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure University, Exceptional Track and Field Day at OIMS and a participant in the Turkey Trot. She was a ski instructor at Holiday Valley, is a certified lifeguard, and teaches young children how to swim. She is on the high honor roll and the JCC Part-Time Dean's List. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and the New Visions Health Professions Program. Kelsey has received Academic Excellence Awards in Biology, Spanish, Mathematics, History, and English. She has received
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Zachary Greenstein

Eli Hendrix

Meghan Hovey

Zachary Huff

Madison Jaspersen

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Honorable Mention Scholar Athlete Award and the 20 Point Award and the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Youth Citizenship Award. Kelsey has swam as a varsity athlete since seventh grade. She has been a member of the varsity track team as well and managed the boys' swim team. Kelsey was named captain of the swim team, a member of the All-Star CCAA Swim Team and a sectional swimming qualifier for six years. She plans to attend SUNY Geneseo and study Biology.

Zachary Greenstein is the son of Kristie Greenstein and Andrew Greenstein and step dad Kosta Aratzis. He has been involved in Bel Canto, Select Choir, Band, Orchestra, and musicals throughout high school. He has also been a member of varsity soccer and track. Zach is going to Western State Colorado University to major in Recreation and Outdoor Education.

Eli Hendrix is the son of Mike and Kelly Hendrix. Eli was a student in the New Visions Health Professions Program his senior year. He was involved in varsity soccer (Captain), varsity swimming, Student Activities Council, Principal's Advisory Board, Spanish Club (Treasurer), French Club, Orchestra, Studio 107, Jazz Band, Select

Chorus, Bel Canto, and Drama Club. He participated in musicals at OHS as well as Olean Theater Workshop. Eli received the 20, 40, and 60 Point Awards, Exchange Club Youth of the Year, induction into the National Honor Society (Vice-President) as well as National Technical Honor Society, and JCC Part-Time Dean's List. He was named the CCAA Soccer Defensive Player of the Year and CCAA Soccer Attacking Player of the Year his junior and senior years. He was also selected for the Olean Times Herald Big 30 All Star Team, and NYSPHSAA All WNY Soccer All Star Team. Eli has performed vocal solos for NYSSMA solo fest and was invited to perform with NYSSMA Conference All-State Mixed Chorus his senior year. He has volunteered in several service groups such as Christ United Methodist Church, Olean Warming House, Canticle Farm, Homeless Huskies, Gus Macker, and St. Steven's Episcopal Church. During his junior year, he worked with Habitat for Humanity in Louisiana rebuilding houses for flood victims. He travelled to Buffalo many days per week for five years to play for Empire United Soccer Academy where he competed at the state, regional, and national level. He received the Ann Lee Hancock Konneker-Mannasseh Cutler Scholarship for Ohio University where he will

major in Biological Sciences.

Meghan Hovey is the daughter of Joe and Kristin Hovey. Meghan was a part of the girls varsity basketball team her junior and senior Year. She was a member of Spanish Club for a few years. She was awarded the JCC Part-Time Dean's List Award. She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her academics. She plans on attending Geneseo to begin her pursuit of a degree in Childhood Education.

Zachary Huff is the son of Larry and Linda Huff. Zach is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in Homeless Huskies, Project Lead The Way, Interact Club, Spanish Club, DECA, and Principal's Advisory Council. He has participated in various community service projects. Zach played high school hockey for the Olean Eagles, being named assistant captain his senior year. Zach will be attending Mercyhurst University in the fall where he will major in Intelligence Studies.

Madison Jaspersen is the daughter of Jeannie Ruszkowski and Daniel Jaspersen. Madison has been a part of Drama Club, Choir, varsity basketball, *(continued on next page)*



Alexander Jodush

George Kivari

Thomas Klein

Zach Linderman

Alanna Martin

varsity volleyball, and church youth group. She has participated in Homeless Huskies as well as a volunteer mission trip to Ghana, Africa. She is an active member and is a Class Officer (Secretary). Madison has received multiple academic and honorary awards. Some of these include: Excellence in Creative Writing Award, Excellence in Geometry, second place in 2017 Friends of the Library Poetry contest, Employee of the Month, Scholar Athlete Award, and placement in the 2015 and 2018 St. Bonaventure High School Juried Art Exhibition. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her and her accomplishments thus far. Madison plans to further her education at Jamestown Community College to pursue a degree in Nursing or Graphic Design.

Alexander Jodush is the son of Stephen and Katherine Jodush. Alexander is a member of National Honor Society and has volunteered at the Warming House, the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and for various youth athletic programs. He has participated in cross country, track and field and basketball. Alexander is the recipient of sportsmanship awards from Olean and CCAA. Alexander is also a recipient of many Academic Excellence Awards including History, Math and Science Awards. He is also an All WNY Honorable Mention Scholar Athlete. Alexander will attend

St. Bonaventure University to study History and Economics.

George Kivari is the son of Anne and James Kivari. George is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in Project Lead the Way, Homeless Huskies, Ski Club, Gus Macker and the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. He also earned varsity letters in both soccer and track. George will be attending SUNY Syracuse School of Environmental Science and Forestry to major in Renewable Energy Engineering.

Thomas Klein is the son of Roger and Antoinette Klein. He has been in Boy Scouts for six years and obtained the rank of Eagle Scout earlier this year. During his time at Scouts he has been a part of multiple community service projects, including Lighting of Luminaries for Genesis House and Scouting for Food. He also volunteered for the Special Olympics and participated in Homeless Huskies. Thomas is a member of National Honor Society. He has received many Academic Excellence Awards including Excellence in Chemistry and Scholar Athlete Honorable Mention. He has been involved throughout high school in basketball and tennis. Thomas plans on continuing his education at JCC to study Engineering or Medicine.

Zach Linderman is the son of

Kris and Rachel Linderman. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Select Chorus and Student Activities Council. He has received multiple academic awards, including the JCC Part-Time Dean's List, the Harold Dutton Award and Excellence in French, Chemistry, Trigonometry, Biology and Physical Education. He has participated in Homeless Huskies, TOPSoccer, the Turkey Trot Run, Unified Basketball and club soccer with the Olean Soccer Club. He has been involved in various scholastic sports, including varsity soccer, where he received CCAA first team junior and senior year, captain his senior year, and was both CCAA West Co-Defensive Player of the year and a Big 30 All-Star senior year. He was part of the varsity football team as well and was second team All-League Junior and Senior year and a Big 30 All-Star Game Selection and he currently holds the record for Career PATs. He also played varsity tennis and was Rookie of the Year his junior year. Zach will attend Alfred State College where he will get an Associates in Engineering Science and will play soccer and plans to transfer to Syracuse University to get a bachelors in Civil Engineering.

Alanna Martin is the daughter of Daniel and Nancy Martin. She is a member of National Honor Society. Alanna has been a volunteer at
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Riley Mikolajczyk

Joshua Miles

Mariah Moses

Taryn Nasuta

Emily Puller

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Homeless Huskies, the local SPCA, Gus Macker, and Unified Sports Day. Throughout her high school career, she has been involved with Volleyball, basketball, and softball. Alanna will be attending JCC Olean in the fall to pursue Individual Studies.

Riley Mikolajczyk is the son of Rick and Rose Mikolajczyk. Riley is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in Project Lead the Way Engineering and the New Visions Health Professional Program. He was class Treasurer, and a member of the Spanish Club, soccer team, and track and field. He received the Scholar Athlete Award and the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Youth Citizenship Award. He volunteered for Homeless Huskies and TOPSoccer, where he worked with children with disabilities. He also volunteers his time at his church for festivals, the All Souls Walk, and as an altar server. Riley will attend the University at Buffalo as a member of the Honors College majoring in Biomedical Science with plans to become an orthopedic surgeon.

Joshua Miles is the son of Christine Calbi and Jeff Miles. He has been involved in baseball for all four years of high school, including three years

at the varsity level. He has played travel baseball during the summer for three years. In addition to his athletic interests, he has also been a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and Select Choir. Josh received the JCC Part-Time Dean's List Award and has remained on high honor roll through high school. He also did volunteer work in the community including the Pink Pumpkin Project, and the Olean Special Olympics. Josh will be attending St. John Fisher College and plans to major in Business Management.

Mariah Moses is the daughter of Christine and George Moses. She has been involved in Model United Nations, Robert Lax Club, Spanish Club (Vice President), National Honor Society, Prom Committee, TV Studio, Yearbook Committee, Homeless Huskies, Special Olympics, Unified Sports Day, and Gus Macker volunteer. Mariah was also selected for the 20, 40, and 60 Point Awards, JCC Part-Time Dean's List Award. In addition to her academics, Mariah participated in volleyball and softball. During her junior year of volleyball, she was second team CCAA League All-Star. For softball, she was chosen for the Big 30 All-Star team and nominated for scholar athlete. Mariah will attend

St. John Fisher College in the fall and plans to major in Nursing.

Taryn Nasuta is the daughter of Jennifer and George Nasuta. She is a Class Officer of 2018 (Secretary), Drama club (Treasurer), Model United Nations, LAX Club, TV Studio, Principals Advisory, Homeless Huskies, Bel Canto, Select Choir, Poetry Out Loud, girls' varsity tennis, and the high school musicals. Taryn was proudly inducted into National Honor Society as a junior and was awarded the JCC Part-time Dean's List Award. She has volunteered at the Michelle Foss Bartholomew softball tournament since 2012. Taryn will be continuing her education by attending Jamestown Community College to pursue a career in Screenwriting.

Emily Puller is the daughter of Linda Cavalier and Scott Puller. Emily is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Club. She has participated in many events such as Homeless Huskies, the Pink Pumpkin Project, Unified Sports Day, Special Olympics, Gus Macker volunteer, Olean Volleyball, and club volleyball. She has received the awards of All Tournament Team, Most Valuable Player, Second Team CCAA, and
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Zoya Rafi

Julia Rakas

Alyssa Ramarge

Austin Ring

Mia Rogers

Scholar Athlete for Varsity Volleyball. Emily plans to attend SUNY Geneseo in the fall of 2018 to major in Biology with the hope of becoming an orthodontist.

Zoya Rafi is the daughter of Amber Rafi and Sheikh Iqbal. Zoya is the President of National Honor Society and the President of Treasury of Student Activities Council. She also has participated in many clubs such as Model United Nations, Spanish Club, TV Studio, Principal's Advisory Council and has received multiple awards. These awards include Outstanding Student Award, 20-40 Point Award, and Superior Awards for Model United Nations. She has also volunteered for the Genesis House as well as Unified Sports Day and Special Olympics and participated in Homeless Huskies. Zoya plans to further her education at St. Bonaventure University and will be majoring in Finance.

Julia Rakas is the daughter of Marie and David Rakus. Julia has served as Class of 2018 Secretary in 8th–11th grades and Executive Secretary of Student Activities Council her senior year. She is a member of National Honor Society (Secretary). Julia has been involved for 12 years with Olean Theatre Workshop in performances including “Anne of Green Gables”, “Sweeney Todd”, “Godspell”, and “I Never Saw Another Butterfly”. She

also took part in OHS Drama Club. She is a member of Principal's Advisory Council, Model United Nations, TV Studio, Robert Lax Project, Select Choir, and Bel Canto. She has performed at NYSSMA Solo Festival, Junior High and Senior High Area All State. She volunteers at Olean Theatre Workshop with theater classes, Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels Festival, Souper Bowl of Caring, and Community Schools Advisory Board. Julia is also an AmeriCorps member. She received the City of Olean Service to Youth Award and DAR Citizenship Award. Julia is a cantor at Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and a student leader at the summer STAR program. Julia will be attending Binghamton University next year majoring in Theatre with a focus on acting and musical theatre.

Alyssa Ramarge is the daughter of Mike and Kim Ramarge. Alyssa is a member of the National Honor Society, has been a scholar athlete and named to the JCC Part-time Dean's List Award. She has participated in Homeless Huskies, Yearbook, varsity softball, varsity basketball and has been a Gus Macker and Unified Sports volunteer. She received First Team All-Star All WNY, Buffalo News First Team All-Star, CCAA First Team All Star, CCAA Pitcher of the Year, CCAA Player of the Year, Big 30 First Team All Star, Big 30 Player of the Year, and

was also one of the captains for varsity softball her senior year. Alyssa will be attending St. Bonaventure University where she will play softball and major in Elementary/Early Childhood Education.

Austin Ring is the son of Timothy and Kristine Ring. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Reality Check of WNY, the National Society of High School Scholars, Bel Canto, Band, Orchestra, Select Choir, and Chess Club. Austin has been a member of varsity soccer, swimming, and track all four years of high school. He participated in Homeless Huskies and Scouting for Food, as well as volunteered at Rally in The Valley, Gus Macker, Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels Festival, Unified Sports Day, and Special Olympic Games. Austin received the 20, 40, and 60 Point Awards, Honorable Mention for the Scholar Athlete Award, NHS Scholastic Achievement Award, and the National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation. This March, he achieved Eagle Scout Rank. He will attend Oberlin College in the fall as a Biochemistry/Pre-Med major as he works toward a degree in medicine.

Mia Rogers is the daughter of Dominic and Jennifer Rogers. Mia is a member of National Honor Society and has received the 20/40 Point

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Grace Sherburne

Natalie Sova

Alison Stadtler

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Award and Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Citizenship Award. Mia has held many leadership positions including President of Media & Public Relations for Student Activities Council, as well as sitting on the Olean City Foundation Board and being a Principal Advisory Council member. Mia has been involved in OHS's Drama Club for four years and has participated in many of the high school musicals. She has been a member of Bel Canto Choir and Select Choir and she has attended Area All State and Solo Fest. Mia has also been an active member of the Olean Theatre Workshop and enjoys participating in community service activities, including Homeless Huskies, Rebuilding Together, Soles for Souls and The Pink Pumpkin Project. Mia will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall and pursuing a degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education.

Grace Sherburne is the daughter of Bob and Amy Sherburne. Grace has been involved in Interact Club (Secretary), Studio 107, Orchestra, Yearbook, Class Office (Treasurer), and Homeless Huskies. Grace has also attended the Houghton String Festival. She has volunteered at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels Christmas and Thanksgiving spaghetti dinners, as

well as the Veterans spaghetti dinner, and participates in Rebuilding Together. She has also taken dance classes at Dance Arts Studio for 13 years. Grace has received multiple Academic Excellence Awards including the Global Award, and the JCC Part-time Dean's List Award. Grace will be attending the University at Albany where she will major in Environmental Science.

Natalie Sova is the daughter of Joy and Wayne Sova. Natalie has been actively involved in Student Government (Class President), Interact Club (President), Model United Nations (President), Z-Club (Vice President), National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, New Visions Health Professions Program, Principal's Advisory Board, Homeless Huskies, Science Club and TV Studio. She served as DECA president her senior year, was a two-year DECA state competitor and a member of the New York State DECA Honor Society. She participated in volleyball, track and field and tennis. In addition, Natalie was involved in Band, Orchestra, Select Chorus and school musicals. She participated in Area-All State for singing and the Houghton Spring String Festival for cello. Natalie served on the Olean Area Youth Court and Olean Area Federal Credit Union Youth

Advisory Board. She was selected to represent Olean at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference and Rotary District 7090's SLAPSHOT leadership conference. This past summer, Natalie attended the Kelley School of Business Young Women's Institute. She has done much to help the community such as volunteering for the SPCA, Remote Area Medical, Special Olympics, Souper Bowl of Caring, and founded "Pack the Rack" coat drive. Natalie has received various awards such as JCC College Connections Student of the Year, Exchange Club Youth of the Month, RIT Innovation and Creativity Award, George Eastman Young Leaders Award, Model United Nations Best Delegate Award, Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau's Youth of the Week, 20/40/60 Point Award, Sports and Entertainment Marketing Award, English Excellence Award, Excellence in Biology Award, and Sportsmanship Award. Natalie will be attending Ohio University's Honors Tutorial College and will be majoring in Health Services Administration.

Alison Stadtler is the daughter of Paul and Marlene Stadtler. She has been involved in Yearbook and French Club. She participated in varsity swimming for four years. Alison has

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Destiny Treptau

Joshua Tsujimoto

Alecia Volz

Karino Wada

received Academic Excellence Awards in Art, History, and Math. She also received JCC Part-time Student Dean's List Award. She would like to thank her family and friends for always pushing her to do her best. Alison will be attending JCC where she will major in Accounting.

Destiny Treptau is the daughter of Philip Treptau and Alicia Bethell. Destiny has participated in the Interact Club, National Honor Society, Band, many high school musicals, and often volunteers at the Olean Theatre Workshop. She has received Academic Excellence Awards in Art, English, Global History, and Biology as well the JCC Part-Time Dean's List Award. After graduation, Destiny will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology to major in Game Design and Development.

Joshua Tsujimoto is the son of Sandra and Paul Tsujimoto. During his time at Olean High School, he has been involved in Orchestra, Studio 107, Jazz Band and musicals. He has also been involved in All County, Area All State, baseball, football and swimming in the past, as well as community theatre productions and musical events. After graduation, Joshua plans to attend Berklee College of Music to pursue a degree in Music Industry and Business.

Alecia Volz is the daughter of Tina Peterson-Volz and Dennis Volz. She participated in varsity soccer, varsity basketball, varsity track, Yearbook and Homeless Huskies. She received CCAA Girls first and second team All-Star her junior and senior years playing soccer. Alecia is planning to further her education at JCC where she plans to study Psychology.

Karino Wada is the daughter of Ritsuko and Rintaro Wada. She started violin and piano lessons under her parents at age 2-1/2, and learned under Irene Rissi, Lee Wilkins, Ainur Zabenova, Maureen Yuen, David Rose, Keiko Tokunaga, Boris Zapesochny, David Leung, Rebecca Harris, Steven Copes, Janet Milnes, Lynn Blakeslee from the Eastman School of Music, Wilfredo Deglans from the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, and currently with Shannon Nance, also from the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Karino received eight Young Artist Concert Series Awards including three Judges Choice Awards at the Young Artists Concert Series by the Chamber Music Society of Olean, Inc., was a recipient of the Webber Scholarship, and the Delores L. Lewis Scholarship from the Eastman community Music School. In 2011, she was selected to perform in the master class of Mr. David Kim, Concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and in 2013, she was selected to perform in the master

class of the Attacca Quartet of the Juilliard School of Music at Vivace String Camp. Karino performs the violin at local nursing homes, home parties, weddings, in the Olean Community Orchestra Academy, and the Olean High School Orchestra. She has also performed the violin as a professional for the MostArts Summer Music Festival Orchestra in Alfred since 2014. She was accepted as the youngest student of the four-week summer camp, the NYS Summer School of the Arts Orchestra Study in August 2014. She was also accepted to the 2015 camp and received the Dean L. Harrington Memorial Scholarship at the camp. Karino performed as the concertmaster of the NYSSMA Zone 1 (Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Niagara, Erie counties) Junior High School Area All-State Festival String Orchestra in 2014 as the principal second violinist (2015), and assistant concertmaster (2016) at the Senior High School Area All-State Festival in November. Karino was selected as the alternate member of the NYSSMA Conference All-State Orchestra (2016). Karino studied at the Young Artist Summer Program 2016 at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, PA. She is currently concert mistress of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra, and will be performing as a soloist with the orchestra in 2018. In summer of 2017, she attended the Meadowmount School of Music

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Jordyn Washington

Burke Whitcomb

Gabriel Williams

Brittany Willmart

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and studied under Sally Thomas, Violin professor from the Juilliard School of Music. In the summer of 2018, she will be attending Meadowmount again to study under Gerardo Ribeiro, violin professor at Northwestern University. In school, she has participated in the Interact Club and National Honor Society and has been an active member of volunteer work. Karino will be double majoring in English and Violin Performance at Northwestern University.

Jordyn Washington is the daughter of Steven and Sommer Washington. Jordyn is a member of National Honor Society, Interact Club, Orchestra, Studio 107, the yearbook committee, and Senior class officer as a Treasurer. She has volunteered for the SPCA, the Salvation Army, Unified Sports Day, Olean Oilers Kids' Day, Gus Macker, Homeless Huskies, and the Olean Soccer Club as a coach in the winter and summer seasons. She has received various Academic Excellence Awards including French, Biology, and Chemistry, the JCC Part-time Dean's List Award, the Bausch and Lomb Award, and the Harold Dutton Award. Jordyn will be attending St. Bonaventure University where she will major in Health Sciences.

Burke Whitcomb is the son of Maura Carucci and Timothy Whitcomb. Burke has maintained honor roll for all of his high school years. He has also been a member in multiple sports teams as well as the Explorers Club, Whale Watch Club, and Spanish Club. Burke has done community service through St. John's parish including a Soles for Souls walk and garbage cleanups. Burke also has done community service for the Zonta Club and has been an active member in can drives for his athletic teams. He received Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau's Youth of the Week. Burke intends on taking all he has learned in high school and putting it towards furthering his education at SUNY Geneseo where he will be majoring in Biology. His end goal is to become a Doctor of Anesthesiology.

Gabriel Williams is the daughter of Diana Williams. She has been involved in Bel Canto, Select Choir, Band, Orchestra, Studio 107, multiple high school musicals, Reality Check, National Honor Society, and Varsity Tennis. She has also been an active member of the Olean Theatre Workshop. Gabriel has also qualified for All County in Choir and Orchestra and Area All-State for Choir. She has also received the Harold Dutton Award

three times in her high school career. Gabriel plans on pursuing a future in music education at the Greatbatch School of Music at Houghton College.

Brittany Willmart is the daughter of Teresa and Albert Willmart. Brittany is a member of National Honor Society, Reality Check, DECA, Impact Club, and Select Chorus. She has participated in FFA (treasurer) and placed in multiple competitions for FFA including tractor driving, horse judging, wildlife ID, tree ID, livestock judging, and horse judging. She participated in the performance at the Foreigner Concert with select chorus and Poetry Out Loud. She has played soccer, track, softball, and tennis. She has also received many awards such as Student of the Month, JCC Part-Time Dean's List Award, Sportsmanship Award, Coaches Award, Most Improved Award, and National Service Award. She volunteers at the SPCA and at the Olean Vet Clinic. She was also a volunteer junior firefighter. In addition, she has helped the Olean Theatre Workshop with stage, props, sets, lighting, and sound in Sweeney Todd, the Odd Couple, and the Secret Garden. Brittany will be attending Medaille College, to pursue a double major in Vet Tech and Biology, and will be part of their Honors Program.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR OHS SENIORS!



Thomas C. Ackerman – Alfred State
Daija D. Adams – Employment
Caleb M. Austin – Hobart and William Smith College
Jordan M. Babb – RIT
Thomas B. Baker – JCC - Jamestown
Logan E. Barber – Employment
Sachita S. Barua – Clark University
Keegan M. Belleisle – JCC
Madison M. Bonafede – Fredonia
Jesse T. Both – University of Buffalo
Aubree L. Bowen – JCC
August L. Brainard-Brunelle – Cornell Univ.
Courtney R. Brisky – Alfred State
Meagan R. Bruso – Roberts Wesleyan College
Shane M. Burke - JCC
Latrell R. Butler – D'Youville College
Darryn A. Capito – Fredonia
Andrea P. Certo III – Alfred State
Lucas M. Chapman – St. John Fisher
Zayba N. Chauhdry – St. Bonaventure Univ.
Sierra L. Churakos – Employment
Haeven E. Clark – JCC
Anjoillie G. Cole – JCC
Zachary J. Cook – Undecided
Joseph F. Copella – Geneseo
Taylor P. Cramer – Employment
Jacquelyn M. Crandall – JCC
Christopher M. Crino – St. Bonaventure Univ.
Jaydon A. DeAngelo – Undecided
Nicholas J. DeCerbo – St. Bonaventure Univ.
Robert T. Donahey – JCC
Mallory L. Doxey – Fredonia
Brianna L. Erway – Marines
Grant W. Fox – Winthrop University
Jasmine A. Franclemont-Frost – Alfred State
Alexys I. Freeman – JCC
Jaelynn M. Friel – Jamestown Business College
Mourece D.M. Gayton – Undecided
Gage P. Geise – Army
Kelsey M. Gengo – Geneseo
Thomas S. George, Jr. – Employment
Emily N. Giardini – Employment
Jacob N. Gibbons – Alfred State
Tyren W. Ginnery – Employment
Austin R. Gould - Employment
Zachary A. Greenstein – Northern State Colorado University
Serena M. Grosserhode – Air Force
Brooklynn C. Halsey – JCC
Jaeden D. Harris – JCC
Patrick J. Harris – JCC
Elijah M. Hendrix – Ohio University
Carter A. Hoard – Alfred University

Zachery T. Hopkins – JCC
Meghan T. Hovey – Geneseo
Zachery R. Huff – Mercyhurst University
Joseph G. Hughes – Marines
Madeline E. Hughey – Niagara County Community College
Phoenix A. Humbert – JCC
Keynan M. Hund – Jan grad
Kayla A Hurd – Washington and Jefferson College
Olivia C. Ingalls – JCC
Tyler J. Irvin – JCC
Kyla E. Jackson – JCC
Madison E. Jaspersen – JCC
Taylor D. Jerge – Jamestown Business College
Tiffany L. Jerge - JCC
Daunte M. Jeter – Alfred University
Alexander J. Jodush – St. Bonaventure Univ.
Tori L. Johnston – St. Bonaventure University
Kamrin E. Jordan – JCC
Nicholas J. Karl-Lebrenz – JCC
Michael E. Kasper – JCC
Nicholas Z. Kasperski – JCC
Aaron J. Ketchner – University of Buffalo
George P. Kivari – SUNY Syracuse ESF
Thomas M. Klein – JCC
Matthew C. Kwiatkowski – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Hayley N. Laraway – JCC
Ethan T. Lauser – Paul Smith College
Katlyn M. Lewis – Navy
Zackary L. Linderman – Alfred State
Shawn M. Machen – Employment
Gabrielle J. Malone – Genesee Community College
Alanna R. Martin – JCC
Dottie L. Maynard – JCC
Zackary A. McMillen – Employment
Mark A. Miketish, Jr. – Alfred State
Riley J. Mikolajczyk – University of Buffalo
Joshua H. Miles – St. John Fisher
Joshua M. Miller – Employment
Camaya N. Moorefield – JCC
Maxwell T. Morton – JCC
Mariah C. Moses – St. John Fisher
Briana L. Munday – Employment
Taryn C. Nasuta – JCC
Kayla A. Oakes – Morrisville State College
Zachary S. Parr – Houghton College
Anastasia M. Peck – JCC
Evan T. Pilon – Alfred State
Teri A. Poortenga – Army
Alexis M. Provorse – Employment
Emily A. Puller – Geneseo

Domenic T. Quinn – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Zoya N. Rafi – St. Bonaventure University
Julia C. Rakus – Binghamton University
Alyssa M. Ramarge – St. Bonaventure Univ.
Zachary P. Ramsey – Employment
Alexander M.H. Reed – Lansing Community College
Zackarey R. Reiss – Employment
Dillon M. Reynolds – JCC
Malik K. Reynolds-Wiggins – Army
Austin W. Ring – Oberlin
Anthony M. Rivera – Alfred State
Joshua M. Rivera – Employment
Aric L. Rockefeller – Army
Mia L. Rogers – St. Bonaventure University
Cameron J. Ross – Navy
Lily Y. Schnell – St. Bonaventure University
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Matthew T. Youkers – Alfred State

Message from the Superintendent

Thank You for Restoring My Passion for Education

By **Rick T. Moore,**
Superintendent

I can honestly say I do not want this year to end. It has been an outstanding year and one I will always remember as the year my passion for education returned. In Olean, humble and hardworking people make our school and community a dynamic place in which to work and reside. I want to personally thank everyone for the dedication, passion, and commitment they have displayed throughout the school year. We are a family that embraces both our successes and challenges. Each individual and group plays an important role whether you are a student, parent, community member, teacher, staff, administrator, or Board of Education member.

All of you have renewed my joy for education this year. Often it was watching one of our amazing students achieve above the level they thought possible or one of our excellent faculty or staff go beyond expectation. Everyone's dedication to this great district makes every trial and tribulation worth the effort.

To me, graduation is a melancholy time. On one hand, I must let go of the seniors that have brought so much joy and friendship my way. Nevertheless, as every parent knows, we must let go. There is also joy in seeing how much they have all grown physically, mentally, and in character. Regardless, graduation day will be an emotional day for all of us.

Remember back in the fall when we walked every senior

down to JCC and helped each apply to JCC and St. Bonaventure? Rest assured we did everything in our power to position these awesome students for the next stage of life. As result of everyone's effort, every senior has been offered a place to go next year. We opened every door. Now it is up to them to walk across the stage and into their future.

This is also a great time to reflect on the work we all did this year. The great luxury of working in the education profession is that we are afforded the opportunity to reinvent ourselves, our classrooms, our schools, and even our community each year. While the memories of the year are still fresh, I encourage everyone to reflect on what was truly successful and where each of us could improve. Do this not because you are supposed to, but because you want to.

As a teacher, I use to show the movie "The Endless Summer" to invite my students back each fall. At the time of its release, it was the seminal surf movie. It documented two surfers traveling the world in search of the perfect wave. I am not sure they ever found that perfect wave, but they definitely had a purpose and it led them to find great happiness. The summer is a time to reconnect with what really matters: family, friends, and some much needed down time. Take this time to rekindle the flame of hope, purpose, and to recommit ourselves to serve each other in a way that makes us all better as a school and community.

Enjoy your summer!

Seven New Hires Welcomed to the District

Katelynn Andera was hired in April as a Science teacher. In December 2017, she received her Master of Science from St. Bonaventure University and her Bachelor of Science from Alfred State SUNY in May 2016. Ms. Andera completed her student teaching at Bradford (PA) Area High School and Salamanca High School.

Brandy Blanchard joined the district as a Special Education teacher in February. In May 2011, Ms. Blanchard received her Bachelor of Science from St. Bonaventure and her Master of Science from NYIT in December 2017. She has worked for the district since 2015 as a one-on-one teacher aide.

Karen Fox was hired in February as a School Library Media Specialist. In 2010, Ms. Fox received her Master of Science from Syracuse University and her BA from St. John Fisher College in 2007. Prior to joining the district, she worked for Bolivar-Richburg Central School since 2011.

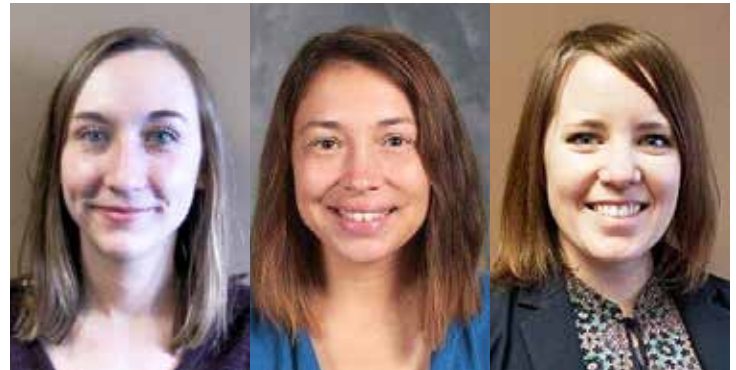
Other new employees include:

Teri Kahle – Teacher Aide

D'Yvonne Portlow – Teacher Aide

Kristin Smith – Teacher Aide

Tracy Trunko – Keyboard Specialist



Katelynn Andera

Brandy Blanchard

Karen Fox



Teri Kahle

D'Yvonne Portlow

Kristin Smith

Tracy Trunko



A Day to Remember

The Olean French Club had an amazing traveling experience to the beautiful cities of Paris, London and the Normandy Coast of France this past April. While the cities and castles were magnificent to see, our most appreciated day was at the beaches of Normandy. Students were able to see firsthand the terrain and obstacles that our American soldiers (some only 17 yrs. old) faced on D-Day. Our group also went to the American Cemetery and paid homage to a memorial of one of our own local American soldiers (Richard V. Weber) who was a Staff Sergeant in the Army Air Force and was in the 849th Bomber Squadron and 490th Bomber Group (Heavy) and died on September 1, 1944. We were invited to participate in a ceremony of taking the Omaha Beach sand and packing it into the engraved letters of the white cross memorial. When this was completed, Richard's name sparkled like gold in the sunlight. It was quite a moving and magical moment.

French Club is setting its sights on a 2020 trip to the former French Colony of Vietnam and the countries of Thailand and Cambodia. Interested students, adults and history enthusiasts should contact Mrs. Napoleon for details at mnapoleon@olean.wnyric.org. Special deals for early sign-ups.

Economics Class Creates 'Squirrel Tank' Competition



Students in Mrs. Wolfgang's senior Economics classes at OHS recently participated in "Squirrel Tank" – a business plan competition modeled after the popular TV show "Shark Tank". With the help of Mr. Larry Sorokes at Olean Business Development (OBD), students created a local business that they believed would positively impact the greater Olean area. Students used the actual planning guide that Mr. Sorokes gives to potential entrepreneurs when developing their ideas. The top three finalists then presented their proposals to a panel of judges including: Mr. Keith Kranick from JCC, Mr. Adam Jester from Cutco and Mr. Chris Michel from OBD, who offered feedback and real-world advice. Third place was awarded to "Roam Fitness" created by Grant Fox, Madison Bonafede and Dylan Vincent. Second place went to "BBQ Unlimited" created by Aubree Bowen and Kayla Oakes. The Grand Prize winner was Dillon Reynolds who created "Game Time," a video game pawn shop and center for virtual gaming competitions. Congratulations to all the students and a huge thank you to OBD and Mr. Larry Sorokes!

Washington Club on the Move



The OIMS Washington Club recently spent three days touring the Washington, DC area. Forty-nine 7th graders participated in a variety of activities around our nation's capital. Students viewed many iconic landmarks and monuments, as well as visited three Smithsonian Museums. The busy itinerary included a show at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, a moonlit ghost tour in Alexandria and a historical boat cruise on the Baltimore Inner Harbor. They also toured the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

One highlight of the trip was a visit to Arlington National Cemetery. Students learned about local hero, Scott McGreevy,

who graduated from Portville Central School. Lieutenant McGreevy was a Naval Academy graduate and Navy Seal who was killed during a rescue attempt in Afghanistan in 2005. The movie "Lone Survivor" was based on this heroic mission. Lieutenant McGreevy received a Bronze Star Medal for his valor. Students found McGreevy's headstone at Arlington and each one placed a small pebble from home upon it, which is a customary way to show support and honor the deceased.

Washington Club has been an OIMS tradition for 7th graders since 1986. Students in grades 5-7 are welcome to join and begin fundraising.

Students Honored at Catt. County NHS Dinner

Several students from Olean High School were recognized for their achievements at the annual Cattaraugus County National Honor Society Banquet this year. Austin Ring received the "Scholastic Excellence" award, Zoya Rafi was voted "Most Outstanding Member", Zayba Chauhdry was recognized for "Outstanding Service" and Julia Rakus won the NHS Scholarship based upon an essay competition that she participated in prior to the event. Congratulations to all the award winners! We are so proud of you!



2018 OHS Prom Court

The OHS Prom was held May 19th at Good Times with the theme "Arabian Nights." Selected for the court were: (back, l-r) Thomas Klein – Senior 1st Escort; Madison Jasperson – Senior 1st Attendant; Shemar Turner – Prom King; Gabrielle Malone – Prom Queen; Mia Rogers – Senior 2nd Attendant; Josh Miles – Senior 2nd Escort; and (front, l-r) Mary Ring – Prom Princess; Filip Morawski – Prom Prince; Tenaya Ramadhan – Junior Attendant; and Gage Reiss – Junior Escort.

OIMS Challenging Young Readers

As a reading teacher in the Olean school district, at the high school for 25 years and now at OIMS for two years, I often hear grumbles and complaints when students are asked to read a book for school. It then becomes difficult to turn them on to finding their own book that interests them so they can create a lifelong reading habit. I decided a few months ago to address this issue by enticing my 6th and 7th grade students with a book club experience. I chose the IRLA novel *Gossamer* by Lois Lowry because it not only has challenging concepts and vocabulary, but it is also insightful into the experiences of the dream world and how dreams can help anyone to explore their feelings and heal past events.

With themes such as fear, love, healing, and inevitable change, this book lent itself to interesting questions from the students and very meaningful conversations as a class. Students were required to answer questions on each chapter which required them to think about the main characters and how/why they all changed throughout the story. They had to infer, predict, foreshadow, discuss different perspectives, and recognize the forces of good and evil. I like to tell them they must “connect the dots” while reading to gain a deeper understanding.



Pictured are: (front, l-r) Renee Kintner, Breanne Wetherby, Katie DeGross; and (back, l-r) Josh Tobola, Cal Vogtli, Jacob Spencer, Karsten Stadtler, Marlanna Wilson, Makayla Reeve.

When the book was completed, my students rated it based on 1-5 stars and wrote a brief reflection on two prompts of their choosing. We then explored all the themes above, and each student completed a writing piece about one theme with evidence of support. To my excitement, most stu-

dents rated this book with 4 or 5 stars, and some have even investigated other books by this same author to read on their own. I consider this endeavor very successful and hope that my students will continue to choose books that make them think about themselves and their own challenges.



Working Together to Clean Up Oak Hill Park

Students from the JOBS program, 9th grade Advanced English, and 9th grade Advanced Global came together to clean Oak Hill Park on May 2, 2018. The students cooperatively worked together to fill three dump trucks with leaves and sticks. The students appreciated the beautiful new steps where they had their picture taken and they loved the pizza provided by the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation. The event was an enjoyable and worthy project that helped students come together and beautify our park.



Physical Education Update

The annual Jump Rope for Heart event was held throughout the district in physical education classes during the month of March. Washington West raised a total of \$2,594.00 and the top fund-raisers were Seamus Leslie and Dresden Comstock. East View raised \$3,585.86 and their top fundraiser was Lina Chauhdry.

The 3rd graders at Washington West and East View had the opportunity during physical education class to go swimming at the OIMS pool. The students really enjoyed swimming.

In addition to the swim program, family swim nights were held on Friday during the month of May at the OIMS pool from 6:00-7:30.

The adventure activity for the month of March was bowling at Good Times of Olean and April's high school activity was archery. These events were free and open to any student in grades 8-12. We look forward to continuing these activities next school year.

The annual 4th and 5th grade track meet was held on June 6th at the OIMS track.

The Annual Adventure Camp will be held again this summer for students going into grades 4 and up. Flyers are available in each school. This free camp is limited to 25 students for each session.



Whale Watch 2018: 'Thar She Blows!'



The month of May was an exciting one for 13 OIMS 7th graders. After fundraising and anticipating for three years, these students spent three days in Boston, Mass. sightseeing and whale watching.

Besides the open ocean cruise to see whales (over 40 sightings) in their natural habitat, the students also toured historic Faneuil Hall, the historic city of Salem, Fenway Park, and other sights of Boston on an amphibious Duck Boat. These students were able to see many of the locations that they have only read about in their Social Studies and Science classes.

We are looking forward to another exciting trip in May 2019!





Creating Beautiful Art for St. Jude Children's Hospital

Noah Blair, Jacksen Kahm, Ashlyn Ball, Bella Ard, Vailon Scott, Olivia Stephan, Jayden Harrington, James Burrows, Hannah McAdam, Eli Orcutt, Maddax King, Amia Winn, Hannah Cheney, Chase Vogtli, Kwalik Warmley, Phillip Dixon and Darren Fuller are learning how to create zentangles in an after school art class. Emily Hamed designed the class with the help of her art teacher Ms. O'Brien. The families of these fantastic fifth graders donated over \$100 to be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Art Club met for the first time on Wednesday, April 25th.

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OCSD Foundation Approves Grants for 2017-2018 School Year!

- OIMS Outfitters Grant
- OIMS Ukelele Therapy
- "Wrinkle In Time" Grant
- Poetry Out Loud Grant
- STEAM Pi Day Competition Grant
- Film Class Drone Purchase
- East View Elementary Yoga Class Enrichment



(NEW Grant Applications Found on OCSD Foundation Website July 2018!)

Our Sincere Thanks For Your Support for our 2017-2018 Fundraisers!

*2nd Annual Spring Fundraiser at the Pulaski Club was a great success!
Save the Date for Next Year's Event – May 3, 2019*

*Red and Gold Golf Scramble and Golf Ball Raffle
Save the Date for Next Year's Event – June 15, 2019*

**The Opening of the OHS Commemorative Walkway
was held on June 14, 2018**

Congratulations to the 2018 Wall of Honor Inductees!

JOSEPH DISORBO, OHS 1987
MARK H. GREENE, MD, OHS 1962
KEVIN A. KEENAN, OHS 1978
HOWARD VAN SCOTER, OHS Physics Teacher 1970-2001



Seventh Graders Visit Manufacturing & STEM Fair

Dakota Lewis, Liberty Oberry and Zander Lekas were among the 7th graders who went to the annual Manufacturing & STEM Fair at Portville Central School on Friday, April 20th. Students had the opportunity to learn about local businesses and careers, engage in hands-on and high tech activities, meet with local engineers and technicians, observe manufacturing equipment, and learn about education opportunities in the area. Pictured above are students from the 7th grade class engaging in conversations with the local engineers and technicians.



Mr. Dan Spring of Pleasant Valley Greenhouse worked with second graders as they learned about plants and prepared a school pumpkin patch. We are grateful for his time.

East View Elementary School



Third graders were learning how to program Little Bits in Mrs. McIntosh's class (left). The STEM activity focuses on problem solving, sequencing and critical thinking. It's fun too! Several students showed their creations and inventions to our Principal, Mr. Crawford.

All second graders (below) attended STEM learning at the Challenger Learning Center.



Pre-K students (left) were treated to a violin lesson from Mr. Wada. We are fortunate to have such a strong and exceptional music program in our district!



Our third grade had several students compete at St. Bonaventure's Challenge 24 math competition. Lokesh Anumalasetty, pictured front and center, took first for his grade level out of the entire county. Congratulations Lokesh, we are so proud of you!



Look who has been walking the halls of Washington West. Charlie the Tortoise made a special visit to our school this month and joined our students as they made their way through the hallways. Students learned that Charlie is 20 years old. He also eats one whole watermelon, three heads of lettuce, four tomatoes, one apple, and most recently 100 dandelions in one single day! Thanks to Mr. Morton and Sundance Kids Farm for bringing in Charlie!



Second grade students have been working on mastering their understanding of geometry. Through the study of two- and three-dimensional shapes, the students have learned about the names of various polygons, and have explored the numbers of sides and angles in these shapes. Recently, they worked on building three-dimensional shapes of marshmallows and toothpicks. Great work, second grade!



Washington West Elementary School



Our Pets and PJs Family Literacy was a HUGE success. Thanks to all that joined us to celebrate reading and remind our students about the power of a good book. A special thank you to our special guests, Ms. Frizzle and Smores, two guinea pigs, who made a guest appearance to read with our students. Remember boys and girls: reading is PAW-some!

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OCSD EMPLOYEE NEWS

At the February Board of Education meeting, Mr. Charlie Warren, Science teacher, was presented a plaque in appreciation of his many years of service to the students of the Olean City School District. Mr. Warren retired at the end of February. He is pictured (left) with Assistant High School Principal Mike Martel.



Ira Katzenstein, Board of Education President, presented tenure certificates to: Suzanne Linderman (left) – Math teacher; Jeff Andreano (middle) – High School Principal; and Mike Martel (right) – High School Assistant Principal.

Olean City School District Mission/Vision

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

Guiding Principles

A commitment to fostering:

A respectful, safe, and welcoming environment

Embracing diversity

Continuous improvement

Academic excellence and lifelong learning

Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability

Student potential and achievement