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## 2019 OHS Valedictorian & Salutatorian

**Hira Mirza** has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 2019. She is the daughter of Zafar Mirza and Shazia Siddiqi. Hira will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and mastery in math and science.

Hira has been a member of Interact Club (President), Student Activities Council (Secretary), Principal's Advisory Committee, Yearbook Committee, Spanish Club, varsity tennis, the New Visions Health Professions Program, and String Orchestra. She has also participated in Poetry Out Loud and helped found the school newspaper.

Her honors include National Honor Society, the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau's Youth of the Week, All-Western New York Section VI Scholar Athlete Winner, NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Award, National Merit Commended Scholar, Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award, New Visions Health Professions Outstanding Student Award, National Honor Society Scholastic Excellence Award, and JCC's Part-Time Student Dean's List.

Through Interact Club, Hira has participated in numerous community service projects such as running a bagel cart to fundraise for the Alliance of Smiles Charity, volunteering at the SPCA, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, monthly paper and bottle recycling, working at the Veteran's Day dinner, and taking out trash for community residents. She has also participated in Homeless Huskies and a can drive for the Olean Food Pantry through the Islamic Society of the Southern Tier. Hira has also been a volunteer at the Olean Public Library.

In the fall, Hira will be attending the School of Human Ecology at Cornell University as a Human Development major.

**Mary Ring** is the Salutatorian of the Class of 2019. She is the daughter of Kris and Tim Ring. Mary will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and mastery in math and science.

Throughout high school, Mary has taken courses through



*Hira Mirza*



*Mary Ring*

Jamestown Community College and received JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award. Mary has also maintained high honor roll for her entire high school career. Mary is a member of National Honor Society and has earned excellence in Math, Science, English and Music.

Mary has played school soccer since the seventh grade and played varsity soccer since tenth grade. Mary also received the scholar athlete award for soccer in her senior year. She has also played soccer for Olean Soccer Club

and Southern Tier Futbol. She has volunteered as a soccer coach for players aged four to six.

Mary volunteers annually for the Gus Macker tournament and the St. Mary's Church Festival. She has participated in six can drives for the Olean Sports Boosters, and three years for Homeless Huskies. Mary is an AmeriCorps volunteer through which she has served over 300 hours of community service including park clean ups, and aiding in community festivals such as Taste of Olean. She also teaches violin to four and five year olds for the STAR program which helps children with musical and theatrical talents. Mary was also a part of Interact Club and Reality Check, two clubs that strive to improve the community.

Mary is an active member of the OHS music department where she participates in band, orchestra, select choir and bel canto. She has participated in the annual school musical since her freshman year as well as doing two additional productions each year through the Olean Theater Workshop. Mary has attended Houghton String Festival for violin for five years and has attended All-County for saxophone, violin and vocals. In her senior year, Mary was selected to be a part of the Area-All State Mixed Choir as well as the New York State All-State Honors Treble Choir. Furthermore, she was selected along with 320 vocalists from 13 states to participate in the All-East Honors Mixed Choir.

In the fall, Mary plans to attend Colgate University to major in English.



# Class of 2019 Honor Graduates

**Hannah Aiello** is the daughter of Tina Aiello-Austin and Michael Welch. As a member of National Honor Society Hannah has participated in many service projects, such as Unified Sports Day, Gus Macker, Special Olympics, Homeless Huskies and other volunteer work for the city. Hannah is a member of National Honor Society, she has been in Spanish Club throughout high school and has participated in Model UN for the past two years. She has received the 20-40 Point Award, named to the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List and been on High Honor Roll throughout her high school career. She has participated in basketball for four years and received the Scholar Athlete Award. Hannah will be continuing her education at St. Bonaventure University and plans to major in Early Childhood and Elementary Education.

**Sophia Aiello** is the daughter of Tina Aiello-Austin and Michael Welch. She has participated in Olean sports throughout her high school career. She has played basketball and softball for four years and has received awards, such as CCAA Second Team All-Star League and Scholar Athlete. As a member of National Honor Society, Sophia has participated in service projects, including Gus Macker, Special Olympics, Unified Sports Day, Homeless Huskies and other volunteer work. Sophia's academic achievements include receiving

the 20-40 Point Award, being named to the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List and being on High Honor Roll for all quarters. Sophia will be attending SUNY Cortland in the fall to continue her academic and athletic career. She plans to major in Physical Education and play basketball.

**Cory Anastasia** is the son of Steven and Deana Anastasia. Cory played junior varsity baseball and varsity golf both for two years, also receiving the scholar athlete award. Cory is a member of National Honor Society. Cory will be attending the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and plans to major in Environmental Studies.

**Josh Bihler** is the son of Kim and Mike Bihler. Josh has participated in four years of basketball and two years of track and field. Josh has been on high honor roll throughout high school. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has been involved with many community service projects including Unified Basketball and Special Olympics. He has helped with the Gus Macker and Christmas gift wrapping at Washington West. Josh has volunteered in many different events at Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Josh has been the Vice President for the class of 2019 for four years. Josh will be attending SUNY Geneseo in the fall and plans to major in Business.

**Justine Brooks** is the daughter of Dan and Maria Brooks. Justine has been an active participant in Olean athletics throughout high school. She has participated in soccer, basketball, and softball and received several awards such as CCAA First and Second team All-Star selection in softball, CCAA Second team and Honorable Mention in basketball and CCAA Second team All-Star in soccer. She has also received sportsmanship awards and scholar athlete awards for each sport. Along with her athletic contributions, Justine is also a member of National Honor Society, named to the JCC Part-time Student Dean's List, has been on High Honor Roll her entire high school career and received the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Youth Citizenship Award. She has also participated in several community service projects and events such as the Tops Souper Bowl of Caring, Unified Sports Day, Special Olympics, Charter for Compassion, Gus Macker, Homeless Huskies and volunteer work at the local Food Pantry and Genesis House. Justine has also been active in several events through Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Justine will be attending Nazareth College to major in Communication Sciences and Disorders (Speech Pathology).

**Bailey Brushingham** is the daughter of Shawn and Stacy Brushingham. Bailey is a part of the National Honor Society and has participated in many

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different community service projects, such as the March of Dimes Walk, Suicide Prevention Walk, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, gift wrapping for children at Washington West, Unified Sports Day, and Homeless Huskies. She has participated in the school's Ski Club, French Club, and DECA Business Club. Bailey has been an active participant in Olean athletics through high school as well. Participating in volleyball, softball, and golf through her career at Olean. Being named captain for volleyball and golf her senior year. Bailey has received many awards within her career, which has included the Sportsmanship Award, Leadership Award, and Scholar Athlete winner. Bailey was also a four year member of Niagara Frontier Volleyball Club outside of high school. Bailey will pursue a degree in Business Management.

**Matthew Droney** is the son of Sheryl and Michael Droney. Matthew is the Executive Secretary of the Student Activities Council. He has been active throughout the community through his volunteer work with Unified Sports, Special Olympics, Gus Macker, The Pink Pumpkin Project, and many more. Through his two years with DECA, he participated at the state level both years and took third overall in the region. Matthew has been an active participant with Olean Athletics through his four-years at Olean. Lettered in Cross Country, Track and Field, and Basketball, he has compiled a list of athletic awards. Some of his favorites are the Far West Regional Title, All- BCANY Small School team, and the IAABO Tourna-

ment MVP, all in basketball. Matthew was an All-WNY Scholar Athlete. He was in the New Vision Health Professions Program this year and will continue in the healthcare field as a part of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Nazareth College as well as continuing his basketball career with the college.

**Jack Dwaileebe** is the son of John and Anita (Nina) Dwaileebe. Jack is a member of the National Honor Society and JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List. Jack was a tri-athlete and has participated in soccer, basketball, and baseball in all four years of high school. In basketball, he was a starter on both junior varsity and varsity, sportsmanship award winner, Adpro Scholar Athlete winter 2019, Michael Parks Team Player Award recipient, two-time sectional champion, participated in Class B State Final Four, and league honorable mention. In soccer, Jack was a four-year starter, school record holder for most shutouts, Adpro Scholar Athlete fall 2018, team MVP, and league second team. In baseball, he was a starter for all four years of junior varsity and varsity, two time sectional champion, senior captain, and league second team. In addition to Jack's involvement with athletics, he was involved in organizations such as Spanish Club and DECA. Jack has also held positions of leadership as Treasurer of the Student Council, President of Treasury for the Student Activities Council, and Treasurer and Voting Delegate for the DECA Club. Jack has also been an active volunteer in our community. He has volunteered

for Homeless Huskies, The Pink Pumpkin Project, St. Joseph's Church, St. John's Church, St. Stephen's Church, Soles for Souls, Salvation Army, Sports Boosters, Unified Sports, and Souper Bowl of Caring, in which he was an event coordinator. Jack has received the Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award based on service and leadership. He will attend St. Bonaventure University and pursue a degree in Finance.

**Brianna Dyal** is the daughter of Renald and Surujdai Dyal. Brianna is a member of the National Honor Society. She is the President of Model UN, Treasurer of SAC, and participated in DECA for two years. Brianna has been a part of the Spanish Club throughout her years in high school. She has volunteered for many different community projects, such as Unified Sports Day, Homeless Huskies, the Crohn's UC walk, and Special Olympics. Brianna will attending Canisius College to major in Finance.

**Veronica Ferry** is the daughter of Tamara and Chris Ferry. Veronica has participated in drama club, film club, and the Olean Theatre Workshop through Americorps. Veronica is also a National Honor student. During her junior and senior year Veronica has taken Audio Visual Productions at BOCES. In BOCES Veronica is a National Technical Honor Society student. Veronica will be attend Jamestown Community College in Jamestown with a major in Media Arts and an undecided minor.



# Class of 2019 Honor Graduates

**DeySeann Garey** is a member of the National Honor Society, and is also involved in sports. He played basketball, football and track for the majority of his high school career. Deyseann will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in the fall and will be majoring in Business.

**Joel Graves** is the son of Richard and Leah Graves. He will attend SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry to major in Landscape Architecture. Joel was a member of Model UN, National Honor Society, Science Club, and Film Club. He received the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award.

**Mikailyn Gronemeier** is the daughter of Ronni and Darrell Gronemeier. Mikailyn competed in varsity cross country, 9th - 12th grade and ran the Buffalo Half Marathon in 2018. Mikailyn belongs to DECA and won 1st place in the NYS DECA Financial Services Team Decision Making competition and moved on to Nationals. She also graduated from the Young Entrepreneurs Academy inaugural class and started her own business. She received the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award. Mikailyn is a member of the National Honor Society. Her community involvement includes Rebuilding Together, Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Altar Serving at St. Mary's. Her artwork has been displayed in school art shows. Mikailyn

will be attending the University of Dayton and plans to double major in Accounting and Finance.

**Emily Hamed** is the daughter of Jon and Laura Hamed. Emily has enjoyed her time as a member of National Honor Society. She has participated in her community spending her time volunteering. A few events she has enjoyed volunteering are Gus Macker, can drives, Souper Bowl of Caring, and 12 Days of Giving. Emily started her own Art club for 5th grade students to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. She enjoyed her time participating in cross-country, Treasurer of Olean's Student Activities Council, an active member of prom committee, and Spanish Club. Emily looks forward to continuing her volunteering at this year's upcoming Exceptional Track and Field Day. She was also named to JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List as well as one of Olean High School's scholar athletes. She was a high honor roll student throughout high school. Emily is excited to continue her education at Bowling Green State University. She will study in the Pre-Professional Physician Assistant program and pursue a minor in Psychology.

**Calista Heister** is the daughter of Kimberly and Mark Heister. Calista played five years of varsity soccer, was a captain for three years, and holds the school record for career goals

with 167 goals. Calista was a Big 30 All-Star, All-WNY player, and Sectional Champion in soccer. She was a Scholar Athlete each year and Scholar Athlete winner senior year. Calista is also a member and Secretary of National Honor Society. As a member of National Honor Society, Calista participated in many volunteer projects. Calista volunteered with Unified Sports Day, Special Olympics, Homeless Huskies and the Twelve Days of Giving. Calista advanced to the New York State DECA Conference, and she was also an advisor of Model UN. Calista was also a member of Spanish Club throughout high school. Calista was named a JCC Part Time Student Dean's List and was a high honor roll student all four years of high school. Calista is attending Virginia Tech University with a major in Political Science, while also playing soccer.





**Madison Henning** is the daughter of Michelle and Jeff Henning. Madison has played junior varsity softball, and three years of varsity golf, and was also a scholar athlete each year. Madison is a member of National Honor Society and has participated in community service projects, such as Unified Sports Day, Special Olympics and Homeless Huskies. Madison is a Secretary for the senior class and a member of the Prom Committee. Madison was a high honor roll student all four years of high school. She also received the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award. Madison will be attending St. Bonaventure University and plans on majoring in Marketing.

**Olivia Lang** is the daughter of Mark Lang and Terri Gilbert. Olivia played on the varsity tennis team for two years and is involved in Select Choir and Bel Canto. She has been a member of National Honor Society for two years. Olivia has also participated in Olean Area Youth Court and

Reality Check. She received the Youth Advocate of the Year Award across New York State for her work through Reality Check. Olivia plans to attend Ohio University in the fall and major in Psychology and Social Work.

**Kylie Lyons** is the daughter of Jessica Blicharz and Nicholas Lyons. Kylie is a member of the National Honor Society and has volunteered her time with numerous activities and events within the community. In addition to holding a part time job, Kylie has earned many academic achievements including Scholar Athlete, RIT Computing Award, and JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List. Kylie has participated in softball, basketball, and ski club throughout high school. She has also spent eight years playing travel softball for Synergy. Kylie is attending Medaille College this fall and will dual major in Accounting and Business Administration.

**Jackson Marsfelder** is the son of Mike and Wendi Marsfelder. He was involved in varsity golf, DECA, Homeless Huskies, and National Honor Society during his time at OHS. In the fall, Jackson will be attending SUNY Geneseo and major in Chemistry.

**Erin Martin** is the daughter of Nancy and Daniel Martin. Erin has been a part of the junior varsity and varsity basketball teams and varsity cross-country team during her high school career. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been awarded Scholar Athlete several times. Erin has volunteered for the Souper Bowl of Caring, Homeless Huskies, Gus Macker, and Special Olympics. She also volunteers at her church, Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Erin will be attending Jamestown Community College in the fall and will major in Early Childhood Education.





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**Sophia Melvin** is the daughter of Kathleen and Craig Melvin. Sophia has been a member of the varsity soccer team for three years, Southern Tier Futbol Club for eight years, and the track team for two years. She is member of the National Honor Society, Yearbook, Prom Committee, and Spanish Club. She received the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award, Accounting Award, and Outstanding Achievement in Academics Award. Sophia is a recipient of the Regents Scholarship and the RIT Innovation and Creativity Award. She has volunteered for the Souper Bowl of Caring, Bona Responds, The Pink Pumpkin Project, Unified Sports, Homeless Huskies, Gus Macker, the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, and Greater Olean. Sophia is a certified life-guard and is employed as a lifeguard at the Bartlett Country Club. Sophia will be attending St. John Fisher College and plans to dual major in Finance/Accounting.

**Makenzie Milligan** is the daughter of Melissa and Brenton Milligan. She is a part of the National Honor Society and has earned the JCC Part-Time Students Dean's List Award. Makenzie has also been a part of the music program all five years in high school. She plays clarinet in the Olean High School Concert Band, and has been a part of jazz band, full orchestra, choir, select choir, and has participated in the school musicals as both an actress and a musician. She is also part of

the TelloHScope, the Olean's school newspaper, and the McGuffin, the literary journal. Makenzie is planning on attending Virginia Tech to study Computer Science and Engineering.

**Filip Morawski** is the son of Mariusz Morawski and Dorota Morawska. Filip has been actively involved in athletics during high school, participating in soccer, swimming, and tennis. Some of his biggest athletic accomplishments include Big 30 Boys Soccer All-Star Team, Boys Soccer CCAA West 1st Team Selection, CCAA Boys Tennis Doubles Champion, and represented as a team captain for all three sports. In addition, Filip has participated in many other school functions such as band, orchestra, pit orchestra, Studio 107, Model UN, National Honor Society, and Senior Student Council. Other notable achievements include the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award and All-County Band and Orchestra selections. He also was selected to participate in the New Visions Health Professions Program, where he is able to shadow various health professionals and challenge himself with various college courses. Filip will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall as a Biology major in a pre-medicine program, with the desire to continue education into medical school.

**Keenan O'Connell** is the son of Rene and Brian O'Connell Jr. Keenan

has been a two year member of the National Honor Society where he has participated in various community activities. Keenan has participated in Homeless Huskies all four years of high school helping to raise money for a local homeless shelter and has donated food for the Venison Donation Coalition with Hunters Feeding the Hungry. He has also worked with the Ancient Order of Hibernians members at the St. Mary's Church Festival and volunteered at the Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, the Olean Little League, the NYCBL Olean Oilers Baseball Team and has helped to raise money for the Olean Sports Booster Club. Keenan has been a member of the OHS baseball team for four years where he has received Scholar Athlete Awards and the Varsity Sportsmanship Award. Keenan was named to JCC's Part-Time Dean's List and the Academic Excellence Award. Keenan recently volunteered his time for a Congressional debate and completed a 40 hour internship at a local law office. Keenan will attend St. John Fisher College for Legal Studies and History with a concentration in Irish Studies. Keenan plans to become a lawyer.

**Kayla O'Connor** is the daughter of Michael and Tricia O'Connor. Kayla has been a part of the National Honor Society both her junior and senior year and has participated in numerous com-

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munity service activities such as gift wrapping for the elementary school children, walking dogs at the SPCA, Homeless Huskies, Unified Sports Day, and the Unified Track Meet. She also has participated in chorus, Spanish Club, and is Co-Treasurer of the Senior Student Council. Kayla has also participated in Olean athletics throughout her high school career including soccer, basketball, and softball. Kayla will be attending the University at Buffalo to study Nursing to become a nurse practitioner.

**Gregory Padlo** is the son of Gregory Padlo and Carolyn Cross. He was involved in junior varsity football as well as being a part of National Honor Society. Greg also was in scouting for nine years and while doing scouts he did a lot of volunteer work and community service. While in the boy scouts, he was the Chaplain's Aide for several years. In the fall, Greg will attend Syracuse University with a major in Nutrition Science and Dietetics.

**Brianna Painter** is the daughter of Todd and Kathleen Painter. Brianna is a member of National Honor Society and a member of Spanish Club. Brianna has participated in Unified Sports Day, Homeless Huskies, and Special Olympics. Outside of school she has volunteered at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and Gus Macker. She has been completing Jamestown Community College courses since sophomore year and has made the JCC Part-Time

Student Dean's List. Brianna will be attending Fredonia in the fall with an undecided major.

**Kaitlyn Patrone** is the daughter of Douglas and Kelly Patrone. Kaitlyn is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in various community service projects such as Unified Sports Day, the Special Olympics, setting up for the Gus Macker Tournament and work days for the Olean Theater Workshop. Kaitlyn has also been involved in Liberty Partnership, select chorus, concert choir, Spanish Club and is the Secretary of Recreation for the Student Activities Council. She has received the JCC Part-Time Students Dean's List Award, High Honor Roll for New Vision Health Professions, twenty point award and the Academic Achievement Award for her high school years. Kaitlyn has been an active participant in basketball and softball for four years and has been a captain of the basketball team. She has been a scholar athlete, earned Honorable Mention for All-WNY Team in softball, a scholar-athlete All-WNY girls basketball. Kaitlyn will be attending Ithaca College and pursuing a doctoral degree in Physical Therapy.

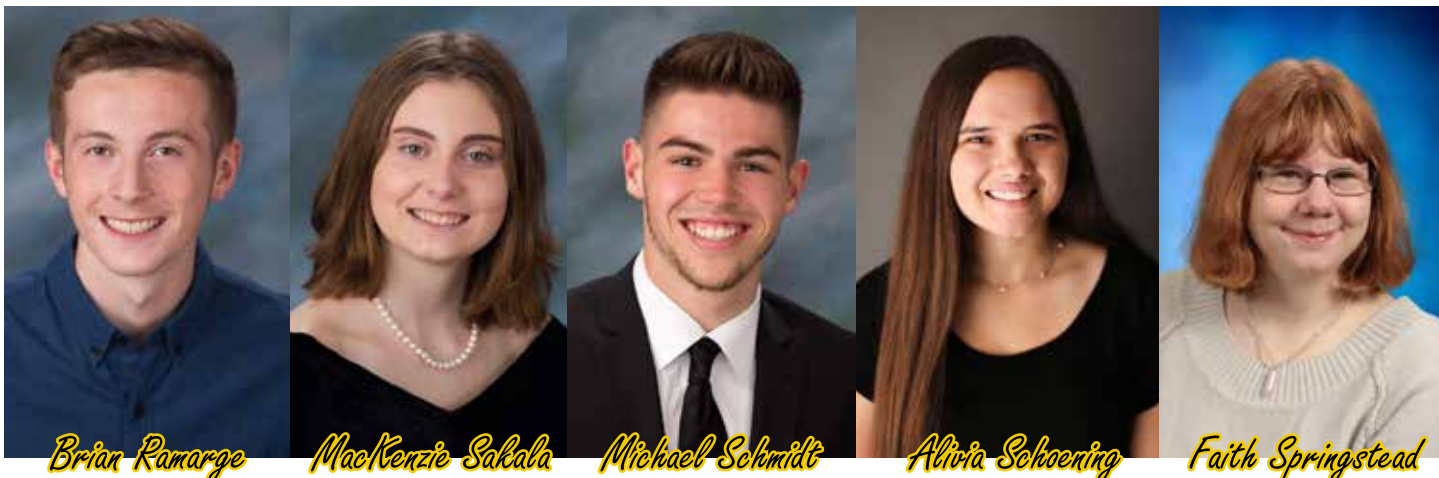
**Sara Pfeiffer** is the daughter of Ron and Sue Pfeiffer. Sara has been a varsity athlete for four years on the basketball team. She has received many awards. She was named a member of the All-WNY Scholar Athlete team and part of the All-WNY first team for basketball twice. Other

awards she has received are Big 30 Honors for player of the year – scoring champion, and first team selection. Sara has broken the all-time scoring record for career points at Olean High School and has broken the record for most career points in a game. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has volunteered in many different community projects, such as Unified Sports Day, Special Olympics, and many services outside of school with her church the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Sara plans to attend the College of St Rose on a full ride to continue her basketball career and plans to major in Criminal Justice to become a detective.

**Jarrett Prizel** is the son of Robert and Tiffany Prizel. Jarrett has played basketball, soccer, and baseball for four years at Olean High School. Jarrett was the President of Student Affairs, the President of National Honor Society, the President of DECA, the Treasurer of Model UN, and was a student representative on the OCSD Foundation Board. Throughout high school, Jarrett has been on high honor roll all four years, as well as being on the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List. In addition Jarrett was involved in numerous other clubs and activities. Outside of school he volunteers around his community. Some community service projects he has done in the past are St. Stephens Episcopal Church Thanksgiving Dinner, setting up for St. John's and St. Joe's festivals, and The Pink Pumpkin Project.

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## Class of 2019 Honor Graduates

After graduation Jarrett will be attending Bowling Green State University to major in Supply Chain Management and Business Analytics while minor-ing in International Business.

**Brian Ramarge** is the son of Michael and Kimberly Ramarge. Brian is a member of the National Honor Society and has served on the Student Council for all four years of high school holding positions of Secretary and a Vice-President. Brian was a recipient of the 20/40 award and also a scholar athlete. He has played basketball for four years and baseball three years. He was a First Team CCAA Division 1 West All-Star his junior year and named captain his senior year on the 25-1 NYS Final Four basketball team. Besides athletics and school organizations, Brian has also participated in many different community service projects such as Homeless Huskies, The Pink Pumpkin Project, Unified Sports Day, Souper Bowl of Caring, and various can drives. Brian plans to attend Gannon College with a major in Business or Sports Management.

**MacKenzie Sakala** is the daughter of Susan Mahar-Sakala and Dale Sakala. MacKenzie has been involved in music during her high school career. She has been a member of chorus, select choir, bel canto, band and jazz band. She has also played flute for the school musicals. She has been a five-year member of the Olean swim team.

During her senior year she was a co-captain and earned the coach's award her junior year. She has been involved in Reality Check since middle school. MacKenzie is a member of the National Honor Society and has earned Scholastic Achievement Awards in Spanish. She has also received the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award. MacKenzie plans to attend St. Bonaventure University to study Spanish.

**Michael Schmidt** is the son of Mark and Anita Schmidt. Mike was a four-year member of the OHS Varsity Boys' Basketball Team and 2-year captain. He is the OHS all-time leader in assists (639) and is the 9th player in school history to score 1000+ points (1107). He was named to the 1st Team All NY State for Class B and 2nd Team All Western NY for all classes in Section VI during his senior season. He represented OHS in 3 Section VI Championships, 2 Far West Regional Championships and 2 State Final 4 teams including 1 State Championship for boys' basketball with an overall 4-year team record of 94-7. He also played junior varsity basketball as well as varsity and junior varsity baseball. During his senior year, Mike served on Student Activities Council as President of Activities and Recreation and as a member of the Olean Schools Foundation Board. As an underclassman, he was Treasurer for Student Council. Mike is a member of National Honor Society, DECA and Spanish Club.

He participated in various volunteer initiatives such as Unified Olympics, Homeless Huskies, Gus Macker, and the festival at St. John's Parish. Mike will attend Alfred University and study Business and Marketing. He plans to play basketball at AU as an undergraduate, then attend graduate school as a graduate assistant coach for a Division I basketball program with the goal of becoming a college basketball coach.

**Alivia Schoening** is the daughter of Dina Olander and Jeffrey Schoening. Alivia has been involved in chorus, orchestra, Science Club, Spanish Club, Color Guard, Drama Club, Homeless Huskies, National Honor Society, Interact Club (current Vice-President and previous Treasurer) and New Visions Health Professions. Alivia volunteered at the Gus Macker tournament. She has also participated in soccer where she received the Sportsmanship Award. Alivia has received Academic Excellence Awards in Algebra II, Geometry, Algebra I, US History and Government. Alivia was also on the JCC Part-Time Dean's List and the Cattaraugus County Youth of the Week. Alivia will attend Daemen College and plans on being a Physician Assistant. She has been accepted into the Honors College.

**Faith Springstead** is the daughter of David and Lisa Springstead. Faith is in the National Honor Society, and has participated in the Salvation Army bell ringing, as well as a couple of





*Julia Stayer*



*Reagan Stitt*



*Justin Straight*



*Lauryn Washington*

dinners at St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church. She has participated in the Olean High Concert Choir since Eighth grade, and participated in two different school musicals (The Sound of Music and Oklahoma!) Faith is going to Jamestown Community College to major in Psychology and Education. She is hoping to become a guidance counselor.

**Julia Stayer** is the daughter of Colleen and Gregory Stayer. Julia was a member of the varsity soccer team and was a captain for two years, and received many honors. Some of these honors include Big 30 All-Star, CCAA First team All-Star, sectional champion, and All-WNY team honorable mention. She also ran varsity track throughout her high school career and ran at sectionals as an eighth grader. Julia is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Ski Club, Prom Committee, as well as Class Office. She received the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List, scholar athlete, and high honor roll student. Outside of school she rides horses for TMC equestrian team and was a four-time national qualifier. Julia also was involved in her community, volunteering for the Gus Macker, Special Olympics, assisting at St. Mary's Christmas dinner, 12 days of giving, and much more. Julia plans to attend Alfred University in the fall to study Exercise Science and play soccer.

**Reagan Stitt** is the daughter of Jim and Susanna Stitt. Reagan is a part of the National Honor Society and has

participated in many different community service projects, such as Unified Sports, the Special Olympics, and Rebuilding Together. She received the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award as well as the 20/40 Point Award. Reagan is also on the Student Activities Council. Along with that, she has participated in DECA and Spanish Club. Reagan has been on the varsity soccer team for five years, being a captain for three of them. She was honored by being on the Big 30 team twice, CCAA West First Team three times, and all WNY Honorable Mention her senior year. Reagan also participated in one year of varsity basketball and varsity track, receiving the NYSPHAA Scholar Athlete Award during all seasons. Outside of school, Reagan has worked with the St. Bonaventure Family Business Club. Reagan will be attending the University of Dayton and plans to major in Marketing and Entrepreneurship.

**Justin Straight** is the son of Bruce and Kimberly Straight. Justin has taken courses at Jamestown Community College since his sophomore year and has been on the Dean's List for every semester. Justin has received the "Excellence in Education Scholarship" at Alfred State College and has been accepted into the Mechanical Engineering (BS) program.

**Lauryn Washington** is the daughter of Steve and Sommer Washington. Lauryn is a member of National Honor Society, Secretary of Interact Club, and a yearbook editor. Throughout her years at Olean, Lauryn has participated in orchestra, chorus, and Studio 107. Lauryn has played soccer for Olean all four years, winning the sectional title her senior year. She has participated in many volunteer opportunities such as at the SPCA, Special Olympics, Gus Macker, and various projects for Interact Club. Lauryn will be continuing her education and soccer career at Alfred State College.



# GOOD LUCK TO OUR OHS SENIORS!



**Dezmine A. Adams** – Alfred State  
**Hannah J. Aiello** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Sophia M. Aiello** – SUNY Cortland  
**Cory M. Anastasia** – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
**Makenna J. Anastasia** – Hilbert College  
**Matthew D. Antonioli** – Geneseo  
**Richelle D. Armstrong** – Rocky Mountain School of Art & Design – Colorado  
**Seth A. Austin** – Employment  
**Charrity M. Baker** – Penn Foster  
**Joshua T. Bihler** – Geneseo  
**Joshua D. Billingsly, Jr.** – JCC  
**Jack P. Blehar** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Zoe A. Botsford** - Employment  
**Natalie J. Bradley** – Buffalo State  
**Justine N. Brooks** – Nazareth College  
**Aaliyah M. Bruner** – Alfred State  
**Matthew J. Brush** – Oswego  
**Bailey R. Brushingham** – Undecided  
**Todd E. Bullion** – JCC  
**Summer B. Bunker** – Employment  
**Makayla L. Burnett** - JCC  
**Cole D. Butterbaugh** - JCC  
**Ryan D. Butterbaugh** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Anna M. Button** – JCC  
**Brianna M. Carter-Turner** - JCC  
**Jessica L. Chastain** – High Flight Academy  
**Harry T. Coleman** - Employment  
**Megan M. Crandall** – Fredonia  
**Nicholas R. Crandall** – FLCC  
**Daniel A. Crum** – Alfred State  
**Ethan B. Dalton** – Canisius College  
**Makayla M. Davies** - Employment  
**Matthew M. Droney** – Nazareth College  
**John J. Dwaileebe** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Reece J. Dwaileebe** – Alfred State  
**Brianna Dyal** – Canisius  
**Maddison L. Everitt** – Employment  
**Veronica A. Ferry** – JCC Jamestown  
**Marcus A. R. Field** - Employment  
**Kyle J. Foster** – Keuka College  
**Samuel D. Fratarcangelo** – SUNY Cortland  
**DeySeann M. Garey** – University of Pittsburgh  
**Seairra M.R. Gayton** - JCC  
**Austin B. Geise** – JCC  
**Brielle E. George** - JCC  
**Isaiah L. George** - JCC  
**Brady M. Graham** – Alfred University  
**Joel R. Graves** – SUNY ESF  
**Mikailyn M. Gronemeier** – University of Dayton  
**Zackary N. Hall** – Employment  
**Dylan J. Hamed** – Fredonia  
**Emily I. Hamed** – Bowling Green State

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**Jacob M. Hathaway** – JCC  
**Angela T. Havens** – Employment  
**Calista D. Heister** – Virginia Tech  
**Madison R. Henning** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Kristen E. Hitchcock** – JCC  
**Avianna A. Howell** – JCC  
**Griffin A. Humbert** – University at Buffalo  
**Eithyn K. Hund** – Employment  
**Nicholas R. Ingalls** – JCC  
**Kya R. Isaman** – JCC  
**Steven L. Isenberg** – Alfred State  
**Corry L. Johnston** – Employment  
**Mickey D. Jordan** – JCC  
**Izack A. Kauh** – Employment  
**Caden L. Keim** – Alfred State  
**Korry P. Keis** – Employment  
**William L. Kenjockety** - JCC  
**Blake A. Kettle** – Alfred University  
**Cameron J. Kitchen-Perez** – Buffalo State  
**Zachary N. Kruse** – Alfred State  
**Kiana L. Kwiatkowski** – Alfred University  
**Olivia J. Lang** – Ohio University  
**Kyle J. Liguori** – Alfred State  
**Keyonna R. Link** - JCC  
**Kylie E. Lyons** – Medaille College  
**Jackson B. Marsfelder** – Geneseo  
**Erin M. Martin** – JCC  
**Kate L. Mathewson** – JCC  
**Matthew J. Maynard** – Employment  
**Jaden R. Melaro** – Jamestown Business College  
**Sophia E. Melvin** – St. John Fisher  
**Megan E. Michienzi** - Employment  
**Makenzie M. Milligan** – Virginia Tech  
**Hira Z. Mirza** – Cornell University  
**Filip Morawski** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Keenan R. O'Connell** – St. John Fisher  
**Kayla A. O'Connor** – University at Buffalo  
**Ethan F. O'Dell** – Employment  
**Gregory W. Padlo** – Syracuse University  
**Erin R. Page** – JCC  
**Brianna L. Painter** – Fredonia  
**Alex J. Pantuso** – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
**Kaitlyn M. Patrone** – Ithaca College  
**Devin M. Perkins** – Employment  
**John P. Perry** – JCC  
**Kyleigh A. Peterson** – Employment  
**Sara N. Pfeiffer** – College of St. Rose  
**Christopher J. Plaisted** – Employment  
**Megan N. Pockalny** - Employment  
**Laura E. Poortenga** – Marines  
**John R. Pounds** – JCC  
**Jarrett M. Prizel** – Bowling Green State

University  
**Brady M. Provorse** – Employment  
**Tenaya L. Ramadhan** – Edinboro  
**Brian M. Ramarge** – Gannon  
**Caleb J. Randall** - Employment  
**Gage M. Reiss** – JCC  
**Trent M. Retchless** – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
**Mary M. Ring** – Colgate University  
**Alex-Xander D. Roddey** – JCC  
**Tulli L. Rogers** – Employment  
**MacKenzie A. Sakala** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Sebastian J. Sanchirico** – Brockport  
**Cassidy A. Sawyer** – JCC  
**Michael J. Schmidt** – Alfred University  
**Alivia L. Schoening** – Daemen College  
**Conner J. K. Scott** – Employment  
**Tyler A. Shawley** – Employment  
**Icar J. Simon V** – Canisius College  
**BabyLove S. Singleteary** - Employment  
**Courtney E. Sisson** – Alfred University  
**Melissa A. Smith** – Alfred University  
**Emily M. Snyder** – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
**Coby J. Spiller** – Edinboro College  
**Faith E. Springstead** – JCC  
**Kurt D. Stadtler** – Employment  
**Julia N. Stayer** – Alfred University  
**Reagan E. Stitt** – University of Dayton  
**Torry M. Stives** – University of Northwestern Ohio  
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**Jenna G. Varah** – University at Buffalo  
**Jaime R. Vasquez** – Universidad del Azuay  
**Lauryn C. Washington** – Alfred State  
**Alexander R. Weakfall** – Alfred University  
**Michael C. Weber** – Alfred State  
**Logan R. Webster** – JCC  
**Devin T. Wesley** – JCC  
**Ayden C. White Eagle** – Corning Community College  
**Dustin J. Wilson** – Employment  
**Renee M. Wilson** – JCC  
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# Message from the Superintendent

## We had a phenomenal 2018-2019 school year at the Olean City School District!

Due to great community support, wonderful parents, and dedicated educators our district continues to achieve excellence.

Once again, we have students going to some of the best universities and colleges in the nation: Cornell, Colgate, Princeton, Brown, Duke, Northwestern, and the United States Naval Academy to name a few.

In 2018-2019, our students took 495 college courses through our Academy of Excellence, which was an increase of 131 courses taken compared to the 2017-2018 school year. Because we challenge our students, the Olean City School District continues to place students in prestigious colleges and universities.

Technical education, vocational education, and military service continue to grow in popularity with our students at the Olean CSD. We are so proud of the individuals who aspire to master a technical skill or select the military to further their education. With the cost of college, these fields are becoming more attractive and practical to many. These young adults develop very marketable skills and excel in the career of their choice. We are very proud of our students that have chosen the vocational fields or the military option.

The Olean City School music department continues to shine as one of the strongest music programs in the state. In May, students from our music program earned both silver and gold medal honors from the NYSSMA festivals. Vocal, band, and orchestra continue to grow and thrive. Olean is the only school in Cattaraugus County to provide an orchestra program. It is the district's intent to return both a full year of music and art at East View Elementary and at Washington West Elementary, which will sustain the success of the district's exceptional music program.

Our athletics program is stellar not only on the field, but also more importantly in the classroom. This year 44 out of our 46 teams received the team scholar award. One of the District's goals is to increase student participation in extracurricular athletics. We are extremely pleased to announce that we saw a 22% increase in the number of students participating in extracurricular activities this year.

The high school Business Department continues to lead our business students to win in DECA competitions on the local, state, and international levels. In the past two years, we have had students qualify and attend the international DECA competition.

The Olean City School Foundation continues to work their magic. Made up of volunteers the Foundation raises thousands of dollars annually with the goal of supporting our teachers and students' dreams. The Olean City School Foundation received the most pledges of any organization in the state on New York Gives Day. This illustrates the generosity

of our community and their dedication to our school district. The following quote in the Olean Times Herald says it all:

"It's a working class community and everybody works hard, everybody's humble," said Olean City School District Superintendent Rick Moore, "and I think when you ask everybody to pitch in ... there's a charitable and a giving in this community that you don't see elsewhere."

The elementary level has also experienced great growth in reading, writing, and arithmetic! Students at East View, OIMS, and Washington West continue to improve their reading participation and reading levels in IRLA (Independent Reading Level Assessment) a program that the district uses from the American Reading Company. Our faculty and staff are working closely with Ms. Amy Ludwig VanDerwater, renowned children's author, to ensure our students are engaged and developing their skill level as young writers. Students' fluency in math skills have been enhanced by two initiatives "Kicking It Math" and "Rocket Math". Finally, let us not forget East View had a kindergartener that earned the title "best handwriting in the country" and Washington West had a student qualify as one of the five national finalist in the Future Chef competition.

Finally, the capital-building project and special patrol officers have been a great addition to the Olean City School District. Our capital-building project is nearing the finish line. We are proud to announce the capital-building project is on schedule and within budget. Finally, our number one concern is and always will be the safety of the students. This was the first year that we have had police officers in all buildings. We want to thank everyone for working with the district to provide this added layer of safety.

Yes, 2018-2019 was a year full of great accomplishments. Those mentioned above are but a smattering, due to time and space constraints we cannot name all the wonderful achievements that took place in our district this year. As summer is upon us, please schedule lots of family time. A school is only as strong as the families in the district. We can only achieve and sustain excellence by working together. We want to thank all of our district residents and employees for your kindness and dedication to the Olean City School District. As we always say: "It takes all the Huskies to pull the sled!" Have a great and safe summer.

As Always,

Rick T. Moore



# Teacher Spotlight



The Olean Teachers' Association would like to congratulate Jeff Anastasia on his retirement. Mr. Anastasia, a physical education teacher at Washington West Elementary School for grades K-3, began his career on September 1, 1983, and has dedicated 36 years to the Olean City School District. He has been a Driver Education teacher for 34 of these years, demonstrating the patience required to help students obtain their driver's license. He may be best recognized as the OHS basketball coach for the last 32 years, winning many awards along the way. His record includes 21 league titles, 14 sectional titles, 7 Final Four tournaments, and 2 NYS championships, which has earned him the accolade of "the coach with the most wins in WNY history."

Mr. Anastasia is a graduate of Lock Haven State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. He went on to earn his Master of Science Degree in Reading from St. Bonaventure University. Congratulations and thank you to Mr. Anastasia for his dedication and service to his students, his players, and the Olean City School District.

The Olean Teachers' Association would like to congratulate Joe Batesky on his retirement. Mr. Batesky began his career with the Olean City School District in September 1988, and has taught 7th grade social studies at Olean Middle School and Olean Intermediate Middle School for 30 years. He has enjoyed working with the students as an Olean Middle School basketball coach and an Olean JV football coach. Mr. Batesky has served as a Community Schools supervisor, and a teacher for the GED program and Homework Helpers.

Mr. Batesky is a graduate of Fairmont State College in West Virginia where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, Health, Physical Education, and History. He then attended St. Bonaventure University where he received his Master of Science Degree in Reading. Congratulations to Mr. Batesky for his dedication and service to his students and the Olean City School District.



The Olean Teachers' Association would like to recognize Olean Intermediate Middle School teacher Kathy Eade Welch who is celebrating 30 years in education. Mrs. Welch started her career at Southern Tier Catholic School in 1989 teaching English in grades 6-8. She was then hired by the Olean City School District in 1991 to begin a brand new program at OHS for students in need of extra support. This program evolved over her 25 years in this position through her work on the Response to Intervention Committee, which resulted in supporting students, grades 8-12, in their reading and writing skills. Mrs. Welch also served as a class advisor, co-advisor for the After-Prom Party, and an Olean Teachers' Association high school representative. She was instrumental in supporting students as building coordinator for the Instructional Support Team and English as a Second Language students at Olean High School.

Mrs. Welch is a graduate of Olean High School, class of 1977. She then attended St. Bonaventure University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and a Master of Science Degree in Literacy K-12. She is currently serving in the role of Title I reading teacher, working with students in grades 4-7. Congratulations to Mrs. Welch for her dedication and service to her students and the Olean City School District.



The Olean Teachers' Association would like to congratulate Jean Nickel on her retirement. Mrs. Nickel began her career in 1984 as an itinerant art teacher for BOCES in both the Bolivar and Whitesville school districts. She then was hired by the Olean City School District in September, 1985. Throughout her career she was an art teacher at Boardmanville, East View, Ivers J. Norton, North Hill and Washington West elementary schools. She is currently an art teacher for grades 4-6 at Olean Intermediate Middle School where she has co-advised OIMS Student Activities Council for the last three years while filling the role as co-treasurer for two years. Mrs. Nickel also served as a "specials" representative on the OTA Rep. Council for nine years.

Mrs. Nickel is a graduate of the State University College @ Buffalo where she earned both her Bachelor and Master degrees in Art Education. She has been an integral part of the art program for the students in the Olean City School District. Congratulations and many thanks to Mrs. Nickel for her dedication and service to her students and Olean City Schools.





## Two New Hires Welcomed to the District



**Marc Friends -**  
Technology Coordinator



**Antonio Marconi-**  
Teacher Aide

### Summer Arts Program OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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DREAM IT. DO IT.  
OLEAN TIMES HERALD  
OLEAN YMCA  
COMMUNITY ACTION  
CATTARAUGUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF CATTARAUGUS COUNTY  
THE OLEAN THEATRE WORKSHOP



#### **"The STAR Program" PreK to Grade 8**

**Free Lunch at Noon everyday- get application at any school building in the Olean District or contact the Community School Office 375-8046.**

An intensive program in Performance Arts includes Mindstorms (robotics) computing coding, Video Production newspaper, writing, acting, poetry with performance in the OHS Auditorium. Students are expected to attend the program regularly. Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 12 Noon, July 8 through August 2, at Olean High School.

#### **Musical presentation of the award-winning "FROZEN JR"**

**"FROZEN JR" will be presented on August 8 at 7:00 PM at the Olean High School Auditorium**

The enchanting modern classic from Disney is ready for our Broadway Junior stars! *Frozen JR.* is based on the 2018 Broadway musical, and brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life, onstage. The show features all of the memorable songs from the animated film, with music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus five new songs written for the Broadway production.

A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, *Frozen JR.* expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, *Frozen JR.* is sure to thaw even the coldest heart! Come be part of the show!!!

## Iceland July 2021

Come explore the Geology, Biology, and Culture of Iceland

This is an educational science trip to Iceland. We will swim in geothermal lakes, hike a glacier, visit waterfalls, learn about Icelandic horses, and explore volcanic areas of the country.

**Students in 7th - 12th are invited to travel abroad**

Contact Mr. Freeman for details. Space is limited.  
[dfreeman@olean.wnyric.org](mailto:dfreeman@olean.wnyric.org)



**An amazing experience!**  
**Become a host brother/sister to a Spanish student from Hondarribia, Spain for 4 weeks this summer 2019.**

**July 15 - August 9**

- host a 13-16 yr old Spanish student in your home for 4 weeks
- Go on a full day excursion with the exchange group



Program in place since 2015.

Contact Melanie Napoleon for details  
(Olean High School Spanish/French teacher of 25 yrs.)  
[mnapoleon@olean.wnyric.org](mailto:mnapoleon@olean.wnyric.org)

# Students Proudly Represent OCSD in All-County Music Festivals

Kudos to the many students whose outstanding musical skills earned them a place in the All-County Music Festivals earlier this year. The students rehearsed for weeks and finally rehearsed with other top county student musicians to put on a concert at a very high level of performance. We are proud of OIMS Music Teacher Mrs. Stein, who guest conducted for the Junior High All-County Chorus. Also guest conducting this year were Mrs. Snyder for the Zone 15 Area All-State Orchestra, and Mr. Wada for the Allegany County 7-12 All County Orchestra. Congratulations and Bravo to all!!



## Senior High All-County Chorus:

Left to Right- Back Row: Lucas Wood, Graham Kinnaird, Mark Brown, Torry Stives, Jessica Chastain, Coby Spiller, Cait Butler. Front row: Caleb Foster, John Carlson, Grace Ventura, Nathan Gabler, Paige Smith, Jazlynn Knapp



## Elementary All-County Chorus:

Left to Right- Back Row: Levi Otero, Brandon Herbert, Alyssa Gaylor  
Front row: Gavin Champlin, Izabella Rogers, Bianca Simons, Isobella Ard



## Senior High All-County Band:

Left to Right- Makenzie Milligan, Nathaniel McClain, Ruth Scordo, Ethan Dalton



## Junior High All-County Chorus:

Left to Right- Back Row: Will Snyder, Dakota Richter, Garrett Meerdink, Braydon Mandel. Front row: Sera Casey, Shaela Gertsch, Chloe Gilliland, Ethan Peace, Grace Haynes, Matthew Kramer, Caroline Carter



## Junior High All-County Band

Left to Right: Maryam Mirza, Ruth Scordo, Madalynn Graves, Bryanne Cowles, Hailee Zawlsky



## Elementary All-County Band:

Top L-R is Spencer Greenstein, Zachary Trietley, Carmen Hasper  
Bottom L-R is Iraya Prosser, Emma Edwards, Maxim Windus



# Dancing the Night Away at Prom

The Olean Special Education Prom was started in 2002 by Maria Miller and Kathy Wenke.

The Prom was originally held in the Auxiliary gym at OHS. Once we outgrew that location we moved to the Olean American Legion. Three years ago we moved to the Allegany American Legion. This year's prom was celebrated May 3rd at the Allegany American Legion who graciously donates, prepares and serves the food. Approximately 100 students from Cuba, Olean, Allegany Limestone, Pioneer, and Ellicottville Programs participated this year. Students danced and had fun with the photo booth. Students had their pictures taken by Interstate Studios and will all receive a picture package. Special thanks to Mary Alice Buffington for her leadership this year.



## Olean Area Exceptional Track and Field Day 2019



A total of 363 exceptional student athletes were seen in friendly competition on Wednesday, May 15th at the OIMS track and field. The day was "exceptional"!

The Exceptional Track and Field Day participants were from our Olean BOCES classrooms as well as district classrooms from Cattaraugus-Little Valley, Hinsdale, Franklinville, Portville, Cuba-Rushford, Allegany-Limestone and Delavan. There were also 61 volunteers who assisted in the events from OHS and ALCS.

The Ritual Team from the Allegany American Legion Post 892, presented the colors as Megan Pockalony and Kurt Stadler sang the National Anthem. The student athletes ran through a tunnel of volunteers cheering them on to begin the events. The events included a 400, 100, 50 yard dash, Softball throw, High Jump, Long Jump, Frisbee for Distance, Frisbee for Accuracy. Other events included parachute activities and bocce ball. Wheelchair events included bowling, bean bag toss and wheelchair races. A picnic lunch was also provided for all those in attendance. Thank you to everyone who made this day "exceptional" for our kids!

# 7th Grade Trip to Washington

OIMS 7th grade Washington Club students recently took their annual trip to Washington D.C. The students visited and toured many of the area's historical locations. They toured the Naval Academy in Annapolis, saw a play at the Kennedy Center, visited monuments, museums, and Arlington National Cemetery where they saw the Changing of the Guard ceremony. The students had an opportunity to meet Representative Tom Reed (R-NY 23rd District) on the steps of the Capitol Building. Representative Reed's office arranged for the students to have a tour of the Capitol Building. The students enjoyed their trip and had many positive comments about their experiences in Washington D.C.



## 4th Grader Morgan Metcalf reads with her furry friend "Pinky".



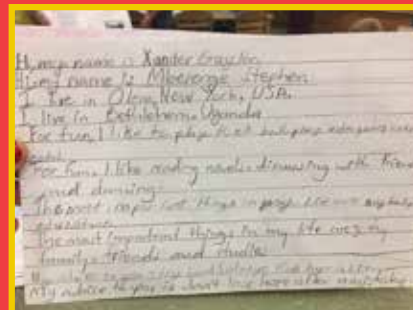
This year was our 21st district wide "Furry Friends Fundraiser". OHS, OIMS, Washington West and East View worked together to raise a grand total of \$1,500 for the animals at the shelter.

We held three special collection days this year at OIMS to raise money for the Cattaraugus County SPCA to put towards spaying and neutering the animals. The third day was an all-school Hawaiian day and also, for a small donation, the 4th and 5th graders were allowed to bring their favorite stuffed animals to school to read with during IRLA time. It proved to be a win-win situation for all involved.

It truly goes to show that when all the Huskies pull the sled, amazing things are accomplished.

## Literacy of Love

Students in Ms. Matejka's 5th grade class wrote pen pal postcard letters to children in Uganda. On the front, students illustrated half a picture. Ms. Matejka started a non-profit, Literacy of Love, to build a secondary school and orphanage in Uganda and travels there twice a year to accomplish this mission. She connects children across the globe with poetry writing, videos, and awareness of culture and normal daily life. When she traveled to Uganda at Easter, children at her recently constructed orphanage home responded to her students' letters and drew the other half of the illustrations. Kids were thrilled to communicate and learn about each other with simple questions like: "What life lesson do you think is important?" and "What's the most important thing in your life?"





# NYS 2019-20 School Year Immunization Requirements!

Children in a prekindergarten should be age-appropriately immunized. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). For grades pre-k through 11, intervals between doses of vaccine should be in accordance with the ACIP-recommended immunization schedule for persons 0 through 18 years of age. **Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below.** Intervals between doses of vaccine DO NOT need to be reviewed for grade 12 except for interval between measles vaccine doses.

Vaccines	Prekindergarten	Kindergarten & Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11	Grade 12
Diphtheria & Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine:  DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td	4 doses	5 doses *OR* 4 doses (if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older) *OR* 3 doses (if 7 years or older & the series was started at 1 year or older)	3 doses	
Tetanus& Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine & Pertussis vaccine booster:  Tdap		Not applicable	1 dose	
Polio vaccine:  IPV/OPV	3 doses	4 doses *OR* 3 doses (if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older)	4 doses *OR* 3 doses (if 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older)	3 doses
Measles, Mumps & Rubella vaccine:  MMR	1 dose	2 doses		
Hepatitis B vaccine	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses *OR* 2 doses of adult hepatitis B (Recombivax for children who received doses at least 4 months apart between ages of 11 - 15 years)	
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine:  Varivax	1 dose	2 doses		1 dose
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine:  MenACWY or MCV4		Not applicable	Grades 7, 8, & 10:  1 dose	2 doses *OR* 1 dose (if dose was received at 16 years or older)
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine:  HIB	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine:  PCV	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		

Contact your child's Primary Doctor if you are not sure if they are properly vaccinated. You can also contact your child's School Nurse to find out what they will need to start of the 2019 - 2020 school year!



Our third graders learned about fossils during a recent field trip to Allegany State Park.



Jahan made a special bow tie for Officer Dave as a gift!



Mrs. Obenrader teaches her pre-k class about following directions while drawing Chewbacca!

# East View Elementary School



At East View, we believe reading gives you power, and the more you read the better you get and the smarter you become.



Mrs. Bower's and Mrs. Rogozinski's class recently made inventions from recycled items.



The OHS orchestra recently played for our third graders as a way to generate interest in learning an instrument in fourth grade.



Third graders recently did a Break-OutEdu lesson.





May Day: Our husky pups spent May 1 traveling to homes around Washington West delivering “May Day” baskets to Olean-area residents.

WILD About Reading: Readers of all ages were welcomed to a WILD event this month, celebrating reading and having some time to get in a few steps with our reading department. Students enjoyed games, face-painting and a ROARING good time!

# Washington West Elementary School



The Adventures of Stanley: Second graders spent some time presenting on the adventures of their Flat Stanley over their April break. Some Stanley’s headed to Hershey, PA, and others to Cleveland. A group even took Stanley on an adventure around Olean, scoping out the squirrels about town.



Writers at Work: After working with Ms. Ludwig-Vanderwater, our guest author and writer, students in first grade have been hard at work writing and publishing their own books. This student composed a book titled, Touching Your Heart, dedicated to his former kindergarten teacher Mrs. Bates.

Teacher Appreciation: A special shout out to our WW PTO for putting on an “Out of this World” Experience for Teacher Appreciation. Teachers received “in-flight” snacks from our WW flight attendants, celebrating their commitment and dedication to all of our husky pups. Thank you, PTO!



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## Tenure Certificates Presented to District Teachers.



(Left to right) Caitlin Martin, Chelsea Bowker, Michelle Cortez, Superintendent Rick Moore, Board President John Bartimole, Stacie Bowen and Christa Stein.

Missing: Brandy Bennion.

## 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