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2021 OHS Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Nathan-Michael W. Gabler has been named the Valedictorian of the Class of 2021, ranking 1st out of 149 students. He is the son of Jeffrey and Christine Gabler. Nathan has maintained his standing on the high honor roll for 16 consecutive quarters, while also taking numerous college level courses, participating in the Project Lead the Way Engineering Program and the New Visions Medical Professions Program. He will graduate Olean with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

Nathan is the Co-President of the Olean National Honor Society, member of French Club, and the Interact Club. He is honored to have received the John Flynn Engineering Award, the 20-40-60 Point Extra Curricular Award, the 100 Club (Earth Science), New Visions Medical Professions Student of the Quarter. He did Peer Tutoring, was a Dream It Do It Champion and now an Assistant Coach and was part of Oak Hill Park clean-up for 2 years.

Nathan has participated in six varsity sports, earning 16 varsity letters, 17 scholar athlete awards, and was named as All Western New York Scholar Athlete for Soccer and Diving. He decided to join the Olean Soccer Team where he earned a Game Captain, Most Improved Award and scored a defensive goal. He then left the field to enter the pool- another unfamiliar place for Nathan. During swimming/diving season, Nathan joined the diving squad where he took 3rd place at sectionals. He was a Sectional Qualifier for the three years on the varsity cross country team. Nathan also has been part of the varsity football team for the past two years. Track and field particularly Pole Vaulting is another sporting passion of Nathan's. He has been a member of the varsity track team for four years. Wrestling has been his long time passion, though. Nathan has been on the varsity wrestling team for six years-earning himself 2-3rd place Class Tournament finishes, 2-6th place Sectionals finishes, and an Invitation to NYS Journeyman Championship Tournament. He was a two-time Take Down Award Winner, NYSPHAA Century Team Member, STWOA All-Academic Team, and only Father/Son duo on the Century Team from Olean.

Spending time in the athletic arena is only equaled by his love for music and theater. Nathan has been in the Band and Section Leader for four years. He has also been a member of the Orchestra for three years and participated in Houghton String Fest numerous times. Singing is Nathan's forte and has been fortunate to have been a member of the Select Choir and a member of the Bel Canto for three of his years. He was selected to go to Area-All State Tenor for three years and was delighted to participate virtually in the NYSSMA-All State Vocal Competition this year. Olean introduced Nathan to the world of theater by casting him as Gavroche in "Les Misérables"



Nathan-Michael W. Gabler



Paxton Retchless

while he was in 4th grade. Nathan was hooked and performed in numerous productions both with Olean and with Olean Theater Workshop. It was ironic that his last performance at OHS would bring him back to his beginning and he was cast as Jean Valjean in "Les Misérables." Nathan has performed at the Taste of Olean, Theater in the Park and various venues for the National Anthem.

Nathan is also active in his community, offering many hours to work on projects both close to home and on the National Scale. In Olean, Nathan has served on the Olean Youth Court for the past three years, an assistant coach for DIDI 500, and volunteered for the Olean STAR program, JCC Kids College Summer Program, umpire for memorial baseball tournaments in Cuba, and continues to give back as an assistant coach for the Olean Wrestling Club. Nathan loves to travel and is extremely proud of the USA. For six years, Nathan has traveled to Washington, DC in the spring to serve as an ambassador for the National Cherry Blossom Festival. He also goes to Washington, DC every other year as a Western New York Ambassador in the National Science & Engineering Festival.

Nathan has accepted an offer to attend West Virginia University in the fall. He will be joining the Honors College and looks forward to pursuing a dual degree in both Bio-Medical Engineering and Neuroscience Research. He is looking forward to the excellent academics, sporting, and arts opportunities on the West Virginia University campus.

Paxton Retchless has been named Salutatorian of the Class of 2021. She is the daughter of Tim and Lindsay Retchless. Paxton will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

Throughout high school, Paxton has been a member of Student Government (Vice President), French Club, Interact Club, National Honor Society, girls' varsity soccer (Captain), and varsity track and field.

Within the community, Paxton has been involved in Homeless Huskies, the Olean Sports Boosters Can Drive, Toys for Tots, Oak Hill Park clean-up, and a Roswell affiliated student-led fundraiser for cancer research. Additionally, Paxton has been a youth soccer referee for the Olean Soccer Club and a cashier at BJ's Wholesale Club.

Paxton has received honors including the 20-point award, JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award, CCAA Girls Soccer 1st Team, Varsity Girls Soccer Coach's Award, All-Western New York Scholar Athlete, and was nominated for the New York State Academic Excellence Award.

Paxton will attend the University of Pittsburgh in the fall, majoring in Pharmacy with a guaranteed acceptance into the PharmD program.



Class of 2021 Honor Graduates

Brynn Ackerman is the daughter of Michael and Kimberly Ackerman. Brynn has played volleyball for six years and has participated in track as well. Brynn was a member of Student Council and French Club. Brynn was also a member of National Honor Society and Treasurer of Senior Advisory Council. Brynn plans to attend West Virginia University to study Psychology with a minor in Business.

Olivia Bean is the daughter of James and Andrea Bean. Olivia was a member of the National Honor Society and was involved in the Student Advisory Council. She has been a member of the Select Choir, Ski Club and Spanish Club. Olivia has participated in the girls' varsity tennis team for the past four years, and has had the opportunity to compete in the All-County Tennis competition. She has also participated in Pi Day, Homeless Huskies, Oak Hill Park clean-up, and the Olean Sports Booster Can Drive. Outside of school, Olivia enjoys skiing and playing the guitar. Olivia will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology to major in Astrophysics.

Lydia Brant is the daughter of Emily Brant and Melissa Carr. Lydia was a student in the New Visions Education Program at the Olean Career and Technical Center. She was the President of the OHS Film

Club, and has participated in Art Club, the GSA, Chorus, Student Council, and was a member of the Olean Theater Workshop and National Honor Society. Lydia will attend Keuka College this fall and major in Occupational Therapy. She hopes to become a pediatric Occupational Therapist at a school.

Kaura Chahal is the daughter of Dr. Puneet and Colleen Chahal. She has participated in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program and the Society of Women Engineers Summer Program, completed all three years of Project Lead the Way, and was a member of National Honor Society. Kaura has been dancing with Neighborhood School of Dance since age 3 and has earned multiple awards as a competition dancer. She has been a dance teacher's assistant for six years and served as the Ballet 1 teacher for the 2020-2021 season. Kaura has been an active member of Band throughout high school, serving as Drum Major and head of Percussion for the past two years. As a registered Girl Scout, Kaura attended Camp 7 Hills for twelve summers, completing the CIT program in 2019. This summer she has been hired as a Junior Counselor at camp. Kaura will attend Clarkson University in the fall, majoring in Aeronautical Engineering

Zoey Clayson is the daughter of Brian and Tracie Clayson. Zoey has played the violin since fourth grade. In eighth grade, she joined the Olean High School Color Guard Team and joined Thirst Project in tenth. Zoey was a member of the National Honor Society and was Co-Student Director of "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Les Miserable." Outside of school, she is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Zoey enjoys hanging out with friends and going for bike rides in the summer. She will attend St. Bonaventure University this fall and will have an undeclared major.





Jason Copella



Kaden Cruz



Keon Cruz



Sara Cutler



Caroline DeRose

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Jason Copella is the son of Scott and Gretchen Copella. He was a Captain of the Varsity Football Team and participated in varsity track and field. Jason was a member of the National Honor Society and has received multiple academic awards. These awards include JCC's Part-Time Students Dean's List Award and NYSPHAA Scholar-Athlete. He also participated in Ski Club and Model United Nations. Jason has competed in multiple Model United Nations conferences and has won awards including Best Delegation. Jason will be attending the University at Buffalo and plans to major in Communications and Business.

Kaden Cruz is the son of Amethyst Shaffer and Jermaine Cruz. He has participated in the Interact Club, which he joined toward the end of his sophomore year. He assisted in concessions at games and recycling. Kaden has participated in volunteer activities as a member of National Honor Society and helped Oak Hill Park clean-up with Mrs. Brown. Kaden did volunteer work outside of school for the Eldred Fire Department. Kaden has been an active participant in football and hopes to keep playing. Kaden will be attending University of Buffalo with many opportunities ahead.

Keon Cruz is the son of Amethyst Shaffer and Jermaine Cruz. He participated in many volunteer

activities, he helped clean Oak Hill Park. He was a member the National Honor Society. He volunteered at the Eldred Fire Department with his grandfather. He participated in a sport every year while in high school, and he participated in a trip to Cornell University to experience the living of college students and experience the type of classes available there. Keon will attend Jamestown Community College with the goal to major in Math.

Sara Cutler is the daughter of Jessica Cutler. She was in the GSA Club, Art Club, Reality Check Club, and a few others. Her future goal is to be a Comic/Design Artist. She plans to attend Jamestown Community College and major in Art.

Caroline DeRose is the daughter of Mike and Melissa DeRose. She was the Student Activities Council President and was previously the President of the Class of 2021 from 2017-2020. Caroline was a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in many community service projects such as Golf to Fight Cancer Tournament, Fall in Love with Science Day, and Souper Bowl of Caring. Caroline founded Making Sisters Smile, a project aimed to help sisters at the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse and raise awareness for Mental Health among the isolated during the pandemic. She was awarded the George Eastman Young

Leaders Award, the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, the 20-40-60 Point Award, the Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award, and was selected as a WNY Section VI Scholar-Athlete. Caroline has been an Alpine ski instructor at Holiday Valley Ski Resort for three years and teaches young children how to ski. Caroline has participated in sports all throughout high school, playing varsity tennis for four years and varsity golf for three years. Caroline has been on the Principal Advisory Committee for four years, a HOBY Leadership Ambassador for three years, and an Olean General Hospital volunteer for two years. Caroline will be attending Villanova University and plans to major in Math with a Pre-Medical track to further her knowledge in rural medicine.





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Hayleigh Federowicz is the daughter of Justin Federowicz and stepmom Bianca Federowicz and the daughter of Michelle Whitcomb and stepdad Tim Whitcomb. Hayleigh's accomplishments include being a four-year member of the Olean High School softball and basketball teams. Hayleigh also played soccer for one year. Hayleigh was a member of the National Honor Society, DECA and Vice President of Student Activities Council. For the past four years, Hayleigh has been on the high honor roll. Hayleigh created a Buffalo Bills rap video this season that received 100,000 views on both Facebook and Twitter, and over ten thousand views on Instagram and Tiktok. She was recognized by the Bills organization as well as several players. Her video was featured on both Buffalo news stations. She will be attending the University at Buffalo and plans to major in Business with a focus in Finance.

Marina Heister is the daughter of Mark and Kim Heister. Marina has been an active member of Student Council throughout high school. This year Marina was the Treasurer of both Student Council and Student Activities Council. She has also participated in the DECA business competition throughout high school, and this year she was the winner of the Regional Competition, she placed third at the New York State competition in the Sports and Entertainment Division and competed at the DECA International

Career Development Conference. Marina was a member of National Honor Society, DECA Honor Society, has received the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award, and the Cattaraugus County Youth of the Week Award. Marina has played on the girls' varsity golf team throughout high school and has competed at Sectionals multiple times. Marina will attend Niagara University to play Division I Golf and major in Finance.

Sydney Kellogg is the daughter of Heather Drayton and Thomas Ellis. Sydney is a class officer and she was in Student Activities Council at Olean High School. She plans on going to Alfred State for Nursing and obtain her Associates and Bachelor's degree. Her hope is to become a traveling nurse, to explore different parts of the world and help people in need.

Kiran Khettry is the son of Moira and Manoj Khettry. He participated in Ski Club, Interact Club and Student Activities Council Secretary. He was a member of National Honor Society and varsity soccer and track. He will be attending Dayton University.

Lauren Kielar is the daughter of Steve Kielar and Danielle Kielar. She was a part of the New Vision-Health Profession program at Olean BOCES. Lauren is the Vice President of the Class of 2021, Vice President of Interact Club, a member of Prom Committee, member of Liberty Partnerships and a member of National

Honor Society. She received the Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award and has been on high honor roll throughout high school and has received the JCC's Part-Time Student Dean's List Award. She has participated in Homeless Huskies, concessions at sporting events, had a role in the school's production of "The Music Man," and was a member of Chorus for three years. She has volunteered with Toys for Tots, the Genesis House, TopSoccer, SPCA, East Coast Paws Transport Group, and Catholic Charities. She plans to go to Binghamton University and major in Integrative Neuroscience on a Pre-Health track to become a PA.





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Justin Lin is the son of Xiang Xian (Jerry) Lin and Xiu Fang Lin. He has participated in Interact Club starting his sophomore year, assisting in school recycling and occasionally helping with the pasta dinner for Veterans on Election Day, hosted by the Olean Rotary Club. Justin has been an active member in the Science Club for the past two years, which recently combined with the STEM Club to become STEAM Club. He has also participated in Youth Court for two years helping young offenders correct their paths, Oak Hill Park clean-up with Mrs. Brown and other volunteer activities as a member of National Honor Society. Justin will attend Stony Brook University with his major undecided.

Joseph Magro is the son of David and Mary Magro. Joe was a member of National Honor Society and has participated in many different community service projects, such as The Souper Bowl of Caring and the Souls for Souls walk. Joe has been a member of Recycling Club and Ski Club throughout high school. Joe has participated in athletics all throughout

his high school career. He has participated in varsity soccer all four years of high school while receiving many awards. He was Captain of the soccer team junior and senior year. Joe has also been awarded CCAA West 2nd Team, CCAA West 1st team twice, MVP of the team, Rookie of the Year, and Scholar athlete winner. Joe will be attending the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford to play soccer and plans to major in Exercise Science.

Christine Martin is the daughter of Dan and Nancy Martin. Christine was a member of the National Honor Society and has contributed to multiple community service projects, such as the Oak Hill Park clean-up, and Unified Basketball. Christine has also been an active participant in Olean Athletics throughout high school. She has participated in soccer and basketball for four years and softball for two years. Christine was named a Big 30 All-Star for Soccer, and was also selected to the CCAA West First Team. Christine has been named a Scholar Athlete for each sport. She has received the 20-40 Point Award as well. Christine will

be attending Jamestown Community College with her major undecided.

Isabella Martinelli is the daughter of Molly Van Dixon and Dennis Martinelli. She was a member of National Honor Society, as well as World with Water. Isabella played second singles for the girls' varsity tennis team in the 2020-2021 school year and has been a part of the team for three years. She plans on attending Jamestown Community College in the fall and is majoring in English.

Maggie McClelland is the daughter of Tracie and Karl McClelland. Maggie has been a two-year varsity and four year junior varsity volleyball player. She was a member of National Honor Society and has been on high honor roll each year. Maggie is planning on attending Jamestown Community College to major in Childhood Education, then plans to transfer to Fredonia to finish her college education. Maggie hopes to impact children by teaching them in fun and creative ways!



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Claire Meyers is the daughter of Daniel and Tanya Meyers. Claire was a member of National Honor Society, and was a member of the World with Water Club from eighth grade to her junior year. She has consistently been on high honor roll throughout her high school career, and was awarded the Bausch + Lomb Honorary Science Award in her junior year. Outside of school, Claire has had a part-time job at Old Navy since her sophomore year. Claire will be attending St. Bonaventure University and plans to go into the 4+1 MBA in Professional Accountancy Program, which will allow her to first earn a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) with a major in Accounting and then a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree.

Bret Miles is the son of Christine Calbi and Jeffrey Miles, II. He has

played baseball during high school and has been on honor roll and high honor roll throughout his high school career. Bret will be attending Alfred University and plan on majoring in Athletic Training. He hopes to become a trainer for a professional sports team.

Christian Myers is the son of William and Rosetta Myers. Christian participated in soccer through Olean Soccer Club over the summer for many years. He will be attending St. Bonaventure University and is thinking about studying Early Childhood Education. He hopes to become an elementary school teacher.

Aodhán Ó Sé is the son of Jessica Kubiak and Seán Ó Sé. Aodhán transferred to Olean High School from Archbishop Walsh in November of 2019. Aodhán will be going to

live at the Jamestown Community College campus in Jamestown this fall, and plans to transfer to a four year school after his time at Jamestown Community College. Aodhán hopes to one day become an Assistant Anesthesiologist.

Alyssa Otero is the daughter of Gigi Miller and Miguel Otero. Alyssa was a member of National Honor Society. She has been a part of Drama Club, World With Water, and Impact Club throughout high school. Alyssa plans to attend Jamestown Business College for a degree in Business Administration. After receiving her business degree, she plans on furthering a degree in Interior Design and a Real Estate License. Alyssa's goal is to one day own her own interior design business.

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Lucas Perry is the son of Jennifer Perry. Lucas was involved in Select Choir, National Honor Society, basketball, soccer, and other clubs. Some of his best achievements in his high school career include winning gold at Select Choir competition, and getting 90% or higher for every marking period. He plans on attending Alfred State to pursue a career as a nurse.

Adrian Ross is the son of Timothy and Joanne Ross. He was a member of National Honor Society and has volunteered for the YMCA's Annual Campaign for 2021. He was in the Culinary Arts class at Olean's Career and Technical Education Center. He was in Chorus for three years, was Co-President of Film Club and President of Art Club for a year. He has been accepted into the Culinary Institute of America at Hyde Park, N.Y. and will be attending in the fall.

Lucas Sakala is the son of Susan and Dale Sakala. Lucas has been a member of the track and soccer team

since eighth grade and is a member of various clubs including Interact Club and Chess Club. Lucas plans on attending Jamestown Community College to study Business and Entrepreneurship in hopes to one day create a successful business.

Rebecca Schneider is the daughter of Robin Hagenbuch and Michael Schneider. Rebecca has played school soccer since the seventh grade, was involved in Chorus for three years and is a member of the Souper Bowl of Caring. Rebecca has made the honor roll every semester and was a member of the National Honor Society. Rebecca also received the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award. Rebecca will be attending Niagara University to major in Communications and Media Studies.

Andrew Sherburne is the son of Robert and Amy Sherburne. Andrew has held positions within the Olean High School Student Council, as well as Student Activities Council. He was a member of National Honor

Society, and has participated in Film Club, Model United Nations, Select Choir and Bel Canto Choir. He has received the 20-Point Award, the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award, and the JCC College Connections Student of the Year Award for the 2019-2020 academic year. Andrew has performed in many school and local community theatre productions, has won a TANYS Achievement in Performance Award, and has also contributed behind the scenes in fields such as costume design, tech-crew, and rehearsal assisting. He has spent time volunteering for organizations such as Rebuilding Together and Souper Bowl of Caring, has participated in Olean High School's yearly Oak Hill Park clean-up, as well as Homeless Huskies. This fall, Andrew will be heading to New York City to study Fashion Design at the Fashion Institute of Technology.





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Adam Spencer is the son of Gretchen Spencer and Wesley Spencer. Adam's accomplishments include staying on high honor and honor roll through his four years of high school. He was a member of National Honor Society. He has also been a junior varsity baseball player for one year and a varsity baseball player for three years. Adam will attend St. Bonaventure and major in Business.

Collette Trudeau is the daughter of Shawn and Shawna Trudeau. Collette has been involved in Interact Club, National Honor Society, varsity tennis, French Club, Orchestra, and Studio 107. Outside of school, Collette has been involved in Homeless Huskies, Oak Hill Park clean-ups, Toys for Tots, and the Olean Sports Booster Can Drive. Collette spent the summer of 2019 volunteering at the Cattaraugus County Health Department. Collette also organized a week long fundraiser for Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, in February of 2020. Collette received the 20-40 Point Award and has received the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award. Collette received the Ann Lee Hancock Konneker Cutler Scholarship through Ohio University. Collette will be attending Ohio University in the fall, majoring in Biological Sciences on a Pre-Medicine track.

Kailyn Vanderhoef is the daughter of Danielle and Jesse Minges. Kailyn's accomplishments include being a member of National Honor Society, a member of the varsity girls' golf team, and Kailyn has made honor roll all through her high school career. Kailyn will attend JCC+SBU program and she is majoring in Early Childhood/Childhood Education.

Grace Ventura is the daughter of Louis and Sally Ventura. Grace participated in many activities throughout her high school career. She was a member of Select Choir since ninth grade and a member of Bel Canto since eleventh grade. She served as the National Honor Society Co-President as a senior after having been inducted into the organization during her junior year. Grace has been involved with Community Theatre groups since she was four years old and she participated in Drama Club throughout high school. She has also been a member of the Spanish Club and Model UN and has played varsity tennis in her junior and senior years. In her sophomore year, Grace was accepted into the New York State Summer School of the Arts for a four-week intensive study of Theatre. Grace has been involved in many community organizations including being a guest writer for the Olean Times Herald.

She plans to attend Niagara University in the fall to pursue a BFA in Performance Arts on a Pre-Law track

Yuki Wada is the son of Rintaro and Ritsuko Wada. Yuki was a member of National Honor Society and maintains high honor roll. Yuki is an accomplished musician. He has been 2nd violin principle at the NYSSMA All-State Conference. He is a Concertmaster at Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra in Rochester and is currently preparing for the David Hochstein Recital Competition. He also assists in his father's business, Wada Bow Grip. Yuki is a leader. He founded the Cattaraugus County Dear Asian Youth Chapter. He has been President of the Interact Club where he delivered letters of support to frontline workers and initiated a fundraiser to help youth with Cleft Palate Syndrome. He has been a two year member of Olean Area Youth Court. He has received medals at DECA business competitions and has been the recipient of the Cattaraugus County Citizenship Award. Yuki played soccer for the Huskies for three years. Yuki will attend Binghamton University and he plans to play violin in the University Orchestra and study Business and Law.

Good Luck To Our OHS Seniors!

Brynn E. Ackerman – West Virginia University
Anthony J. Addotta – Erie Community College
Zane M. Anderson – Employment
Kellen C. Baker – Employment
Laurrel A. Balcom – Employment
Anthony M. Bardo-Mendoza - Employment
Olivia R. Bean – Rochester Institute of Technology
Kayden J. Belleisle – Linemen School
Ammiel A. Benedict – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Mary L. Bergevin - Employment
Maddie R. Borden - JCC
McKenzie L. Boysha - JCC
Lydia R. Brant – Keuka College
Jason M. Brooks – St. Bonaventure University
Mark A. Brown – Alfred University
Aiden W. T. Butler – Rochester Institute of Technology
Mary J. Carll - Jamestown Business College
Zachary T. Cavana - JCC
Kaura M. Chahal – Clarkson University
Conner T. Childs - Employment
Zoey A. Clayson – St. Bonaventure University
Jason T. Copella – University of Buffalo
Jaykob J. Cornell - JCC
Logan W. Cowles – Army National Guard
Jazmine R. Crivelli – Alfred State
Kaden M. Cruz – University of Buffalo
Keon A. Cruz – JCC
Sara M. Cutler - JCC
Hannah E. DeArmitt – Finger Lakes Community College
Caroline R. DeRose – Villanova University
Austin J. Dibble - Employment
Verrssai R. Donovan – Canisius College
Adam M. Dougherty – SUNY Fredonia
Cody M. Doxey – Alfred State College
Alice J. Dwaileebe – SUNY Fredonia
Baine L. Dwaileebe – BYU – Idaho University
Andrew C. Emerton - Employment
Hayleigh G. Federowicz – University of Buffalo
Caleb M. Foster - JCC
Nicole K. Foster – SUNY Fredonia
Chance D. Frame - Alfred State
Evan L. Fusco – Linemen Institute of the North East
Nathan-Michael W. Gabler – West Virginia University
Camontae N. Gayton - Employment
Katie C. Geise – Employment
Alexis R. Gibbons – East Tennessee State University
Caleb R. Gill - JCC
Patrick J. Green - JCC
Tyler T. Greene - Employment

Levi N. Grey – Employment
Lilly C. Guenther - JCC
Rylie E. Gumtow – St. Bonaventure University
Caroline E. Hall - JCC
Jamie S. Hall - Employment
Joseph C.M. Halsey – United States Air Force
Ja'Asia S. Ham – Employment
Caleb A. Hamed – SUNY Fredonia
Michael S. Hamed - JCC
Steven T. Hammond – Employment
Eric M. Havens – Mercyhurst College
Marina E. Heister – Niagara University
Taytem L. Heitzinger - Employment
Bryce R. Hensel – Linemen Trade School
Joshua D. Hill – JCC
Breanna C. Hogle - Employment
Noah C.W. Howard – United States Army
Olivia J. Jodush – Alfred State College
Gavin E. Johnson – Stony Brook University
Trevon M. Johnson – Employment
Anthony M. Jones, Jr. – JCC
Ryan A. Kasperski - Employment
Sydney I. Kellogg – Alfred State College
Kiran J. Khettry – Dayton University
Lauren C. Kielar – Binghamton University
Dakota A. King – Employment
Christian M. Kinnaird - Employment
Chase B. Kratts – Alfred State College
Mikaylah R. Kriner - JCC
Nathan C. Kwiatkowski – Mercyhurst University
Jade C. Lambert – St. Bonaventure University
Justin B. Lin – Stony Brook University
Joseph T. Magro – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Isaiah J. Maine – JCC
Tanea L. Malone - BOCES
Christine A. Martin - JCC
Isabella C. Martinelli - JCC
Delaney J. Mazza – St. Bonaventure University
Jill G. Mazza – St. Bonaventure University
Joseph R. Mazza – Lineman Institute of the North East
William E. Mazza - Employment
Maggie N. McClelland - JCC
Khrystal C. McNeil – Employment
Jonah E. Menter – United States Army
Claire E. Meyers – St. Bonaventure University
John S. Michienzi – JCC
Hannah N. Miko - Employment
Bret M. Miles – Alfred University
Thomas A. Mineo, V. - JCC
Jade A. Mooney - Employment
Ryan P. Murphy – United States Army
Christian T. Myers – St. Bonaventure University

Aiden J. Nenno – Buffalo State
Hannah L. Newark - Employment
Aodhán Ó Sé - Jamestown Community College (Jamestown)
Alyssa M. Otero – Jamestown Business College
Nicholas A. Pantuso - JCC
Ajhani M. Parks-Barker - Employment
Grace E. Parr – Houghton College
Lucas T. Perry – Alfred State College
Kassandra M. Persson – Penn State Behrend
Molli M. Pettit - JCC
Kyle J. Pockalny – United States Army
Josiah L. Price - JCC
Kaleb F. Ramadhan – Erie Community College
Kendall E. Ramlall – United States Army
Pamela J. Reagle - JCC
Anna M. Reiller – Employment
Paxton L. Retchless – University of Pittsburgh
Alayna L. Rhodes - Employment
Mason N. Riehle - Employment
Skylar M. Rivera - JCC
Nathaniel P. Robinson - Employment
Adrian M. Ross - Culinary Institute of America of Hyde Park
Cameryn J. Roulo - Employment
Lucas J. Sakala - JCC
Rebecca K. Schneider – Niagara University
Brianna M. Schwindler - Employment
Andrew J. Sherburne – Fashion Institute of Technology
Kaleb M. Siler - Employment
Ava L. Skiver - Employment
Alexandor L. Smith – Hyles-Anderson College
Paige E. Smith - JCC
Zane N. Smith – JCC
Adam M. Spencer – St. Bonaventure University
Gabriel M. Springstead - Employment
Norah G. Sweitzer – SUNY Fredonia
Leandra A. Tascone - Employment
Liam M. Taylor – Alfred State College
Nathaniel M. Z. Thompson - Employment
Collette M. Trudeau – Ohio University
Timothy J. Tucker – Employment
Hailey M. Tuttle – Employment
Kailyn M. Vanderhoef – JCC and SBU
Grace F. Ventura – Niagara University
Connor D. Vroman – National Guard
Yuki Wada – Binghamton University
Alexander J. Weinbach – St. Bonaventure University
Ryan S. Weseman – Oswego State University
Kaidyn M. West – Wright State University
Bruce J. Wetherby - Employment
Micheyla E. Williams – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Andrew M. Zaleski – Employment

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Huskies:

What a year! Parents, students, faculty, staff, Board of Education, administration, etc. deserve a huge thank you. It was not always pretty, but we made it.

It is easy to focus on the negatives, but we all became very nimble and capable of adapting to an ever changing world. We learned we do not and cannot control everything. Our ability to work with technology was forced to improve and we will be remembered as the Zoom generation or you are muted.

Forgiveness became common place and the ability to move on was a necessity. Not so simple traits, but very important to navigate our ever changing world. Learning loss is a new concept being thrown around, people learned, but not the usual content or in the traditional manner.

Students will be fine.

I recently chaperoned the prom and never have I been in the company of so many well-mannered wonderful students in my almost 50 years working with young adults. The Avenue of Graduates was introduced during the pandemic as a way to celebrate our graduates. It was such a success and will become a permanent Husky tradition to hang each graduates' banner along our beloved Union Street. The parade starts at 7 pm on Sunday, June 20th Fathers' Day. Graduation will return to an age-old traditional venue, Bradner Stadium at 11 am on Saturday, June 26th.

We plan to offer a wide arrange of summer programs both for remediation and for enrichment. You will be notified by ParentSquare and information will be posted on the district website.

Once again, thank you all with your tolerance and fortitude in helping us to defeat Covid-19.

Sincerely,



Rick Moore

American Soapbox Derby

On Saturday, June 5, OIMS and OHS participated in the American Soapbox Derby in Jamestown, NY. OIMS did very well in the Stock Car STEM race, with Lokesh Anumalasetty placing 2nd and Liam Austin placing 3rd. Lokesh also won for best Stock Car decoration. OHS Super Stock cars had some tough competition with experienced drivers (look out next year!!)

Thank you to Dream It. Do It. WNY, Bob Sherburne, and Christine Gabler as well as the many supportive parents who helped make this happen. We are looking forward to the Downhill Dragster in August!



News From OHS

A Special Prom

On May 14, 2021, 20 students attended “SPRING FLING 2021” at the Allegany American Legion. Students from Ms. Bowker’s and Mrs. Bennion’s classes enjoyed dressing up, dancing outside in the pavilion, seeing friends from other schools and eating amazing food and cupcakes. We thank CABOCES and Mrs. Deb Golley for including us in this fun event! Thank you Kay and Ms. Amy for joining us too!



Model United Nations Team Competes in Spring Virtual Conferences

Model United Nations (MUN) is an extracurricular activity that mimics the functions of the United Nations (UN). Participants independently research, write, and debate while interacting within the framework of UN Rules of Procedure. Students compete against students from other schools as they make informed arguments and collaborate with others to draft resolutions on current international issues.

This year’s OHS senior team members are Grace Ventura, Jason Copella, Nate Kwiatkowski, and Aiden Butler. These students have participated in MUN for a number of years and have also served as role models and mentors to students new to the team.

Braydon Mandel, Kaylynn Keesler, and Tanvi Patro are juniors who returned to participate this year. Sophomore members of the team are Nate Martinelli, Chance Padlo, Naomi Hill, and Lily Schena. David Ruszkowski, Heartly Phipps, and Riti Anumalasetty are freshmen who joined the team this year.

Results of the Williamsville North Conference:

Jason Copella and Nate Kwiatkowski - Outstanding Delegate honors
Heartly Phipps - Best Delegate honors
Chance Padlo and Tanvi Patro - Best Resolution award
Aiden Butler - Honorable Mention recognition



Results of the St. Bonaventure University Conference:

Nate Kwiatkowski - Excellent Delegate honors
Chance Padlo - Superior Delegate honors



OLEAN HIGH SCHOOL 2021 JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

A “Midsummer Night’s Dream” was the theme of our OHS Prom on May 22nd. The prom was held at the Bartlett Country Club and was well attended. Masks could not hide the smiles on our students’ faces as they enjoyed this elegant evening.

Events throughout the night included dining, dancing, dessert, and door prizes. It was a perfect spring night for this event. Students enjoyed appetizers, mocktails, and chocolate-covered strawberries. The sunset and scenery of the patio provided a unique space for outdoor dancing. The evening ended with the announcement of the royal court. Our court included: Ethan Burdick, Junior Class Prince; Chloe Hirt, Princess; Kaleb Ramadhan, Senior Escort; and Kailyn Vanderhoef, Attendant. The King and the Queen of the Prom were Andrew Sherburne and Isabella Martinelli.

Thank you to all students who attended the 2021 Junior/Senior Prom, their families, OHS staff, and Bartlett staff (which included some of our very own graduates). We would like to extend a very special thanks to our prom committee for all their time and hard work—we couldn’t have done it without you!



The JCC 2510/2520 French students have just completed their second **Talk Abroad**. What is Talk Abroad you ask??? It is an online platform for World Language learners that helps students to increase their language proficiency through video chat of 30 minutes with a native speaker. This platform was adopted into the JCC language curriculum about 3 years ago when the design and output of material was reformed.

The JCC World Language curriculum is presently taught using authentic resources (such as videos, interviews, podcasts, surveys, articles etc.) that discuss current and complex topics such as the influence of media in how we see the world; or if one person can truly make a difference. French students were able to choose partners from France, Belgium, Togo, Canada and Tunisia; then they discussed the aforementioned topics. The goal of the conversation is to practice introductions, gather information about their partner, and to make a cultural comparison in order to gain a different perspective.

The Talk Abroad experience is the ultimate opportunity for students to feel validated about reaching an intermediate proficiency level in French. Intermediate proficiency defines someone who is able to handle a variety communicative tasks and social situations, with solid phrases and good transitional words. In addition to navigating language, our JCC French students also gain competency with their creativity, flexible thinking, tolerance and acceptance of those things that are different, and learn to view uncomfortable situations as a challenge with the goal of self-improvement. Students in the World Language programs in Olean are encouraged to continue with their World Language practice well past the Level One graduation requirement. Students continuing onto JCC 2510/2520 French could earn a total of 6 JCC college credits and a marvelous skill set, giving our local students a cutting edge in our competitive global world.

News From OIMS

Leaving Our Mark at OIMS

Ms. Cawley's 7th Grade Art students have been working on creating paintings for the ceiling tiles in the classroom. Students have been creating designs that somehow represent who they are to leave their mark on OIMS.



Awesome Donation

Brittnee Wagner (student at OIMS) and her mother, Penny Bellamy, donated an AmTryke adaptive tricycle to be used for students in special education classrooms. This adaptive tricycle will give students who cannot ride a typical bike an opportunity to learn to ride a bike. Pictured with Erin Smith, physical therapist.



Peculiar Pet Winners

The 5th graders of Miss Burrows' and Mrs. Hamed's rooms participated in a writing contest through the publishing company Young Writer's called "Peculiar Pets" where the students wrote poems about a fantasy pet. The students in the picture were selected to publish in the final contest book.



Husky Nation Cereal Drive

The district recently held a "Husky Nation Cereal Drive". Olean Intermediate Middle School (OIMS) Student Activities Council spearheaded this effort in order to support the Olean Food Pantry. The district coordinated with Cutco who agreed to match the number of cereal boxes donated.

This was an overwhelming success in the district! The district schools and local community contributed over 1,800 boxes of cereal! OIMS led this effort by collecting over 900 boxes!

To raise the level of competition, each school created a challenge to see which grade could collect the most cereal boxes. The winning grades will celebrate with either a pizza or ice cream party. A special thanks to Mrs. Char Dwaileebe for all of her hard work coordinating this effort between the district schools, Cutco, and community.

This was a resounding success for not only our community food pantry, but also to see so many students contribute to this effort. We saw many huskies help pull the sled during this cereal drive!



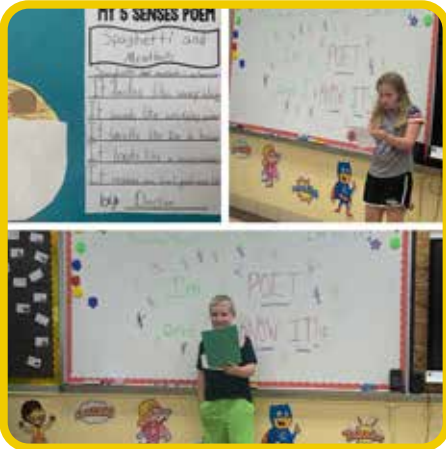
Photo: OIMS 6th Grade Students:
Lina Chauhdry, Mia Bean, Emma Anderson

May the 4th Be With You

Miss Burrows' class celebrating Star Wars day for May 4th.



Washington West Elementary School



I'm a Poet and I Know It

Third graders completed a poetry unit, reading aloud their chosen works to one another in a Poetry Presentation. Their acrostics, limericks, and haikus were true works of wonder, and we commend them for their creativity.



Thank You SPOs

A super shoutout to our Safety Patrol Officers, especially our own Officer Dave!



Thank You WW Faculty & Staff

We've searched under the stars and over the moon and CAMP find a better staff than those at Washington West. Thank you to our WW family for making this year one of our best yet!



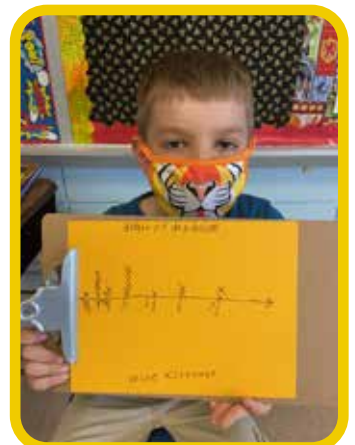
We're BACK!

Our husky pups were thrilled to be back together as one class to close out the 2020-21 school year! Thank you to the whole of the Washington West faculty, staff, and community for making this year one to remember.



Happy Huskey Pups

These husky pups were welcomed to school by the BIG DOG himself! What a great year it's been!



East View Elementary School



Beautiful Story Telling

Lennox, from Mrs. Knight's class, stopped by the office to share some of her wonderful writing.



New Baby Chicks

Students in Mrs. Sakala's class recently hatched baby chicks.



We Appreciate You

Nurse Jennings was honored for School Nurses day with a parade and carnations. We are very appreciative for everything all our school nurses do each day for our children, families and staff.



Sprouting Up

Hunter is really sprouting up in Mrs. Stephens' Kindergarten class.

Enjoying Lunch Outside

Mrs. Hughes' class is having their lunch outside on a warm Spring day.



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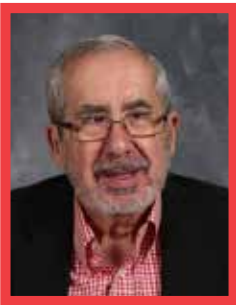
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*for your years of dedicated service
to the staff and students.
You will be missed!*



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Congratulations!
to the following
retirees. You will be
missed!



Sally Gildner –
Teacher Aide



Sandra Padgett –
Teacher Aide



Susan Sorokes -
Teacher



Debbie Weatherell –
School Counselor



Kathryn Welch -
Teacher

Welcome New Hire!

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