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SENIORS**

## 2022 OHS Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Alexis Trietley has been named the Valedictorian of the Class of 2022, ranking 1st out of 138 students. Alexis is the daughter of Gerald and Tracie Trietley. She has maintained her standing on the high honor roll for 16 consecutive quarters, while also taking numerous college level courses, and participating in the New Visions Medical Program.

Alexis has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years and has participated on the varsity swim team for seven years in which she served as a manager in 6th grade and a competitor 7th through 12th grade. She was captain of the Olean swim team for her Junior and Senior years. While swimming for Olean, she has broken over 50 pool and school records throughout Western New York and won the 100-yard freestyle at the New York State Swimming Championship in 2021. Despite not having a 2020 championship season due to COVID-19, Alexis qualified for States five times and won Sectionals seven times throughout her career. Alexis is an automatic All American Swimmer as she is ranked in the top 100 fastest times in the country for the 50-yard freestyle and is currently being considered for the All American in the 100-yard freestyle. In addition, Alexis is also a Scholastic All American through USA Swimming. She won the Sportsmanship award for Section 6 at the New York State Swimming Championship and All-Western New York Scholar Athlete. Alexis received the Most Valuable Swimmer Award 3 times and the High Point Award 2 times while swimming for Olean. She was named Athlete of the Season for the Fall of 2019 and 2021 and was recognized by Section 6 as being the Most Outstanding Performer in 2018 and 2021. Alexis has received 22 of 24 eligible Class B patches, 12 of them being for first place. She also swam year-round for the Bradford YMCA swim team where she was an athlete representative for the Niagara Swim League.

Within the community, Alexis has been involved in the Olean Sports Boosters Can Drive, Toys for Tots, the Olean Food Pantry, the Olean Genesis House, the Olean Warming House, Rebuilding Together, the Olean Little League, the Child Advocacy Center, the Olean Lion's Club, and Saint John's church. She was a student representative for the Community Schools Advisory Board and the Academy of Excellence Advisory Board. Additionally, Alexis has lifeguarded at the Olean YMCA and Bartlett Country Club, taught swim lessons, coached swimming, pool served, and waitressed at Bartlett, and tested COVID patients remotely as a COVID-19 Testing Supervisor through VAULT healthcare.

Alexis has accepted an offer to swim division I at Colorado State University in the Fall and plans to earn a Biomedical Science degree, while exploring coursework in Finance. She is looking forward to furthering her education while passionately competing in the sport she loves.



*Alexis Trietley*



*Sara Thomas*

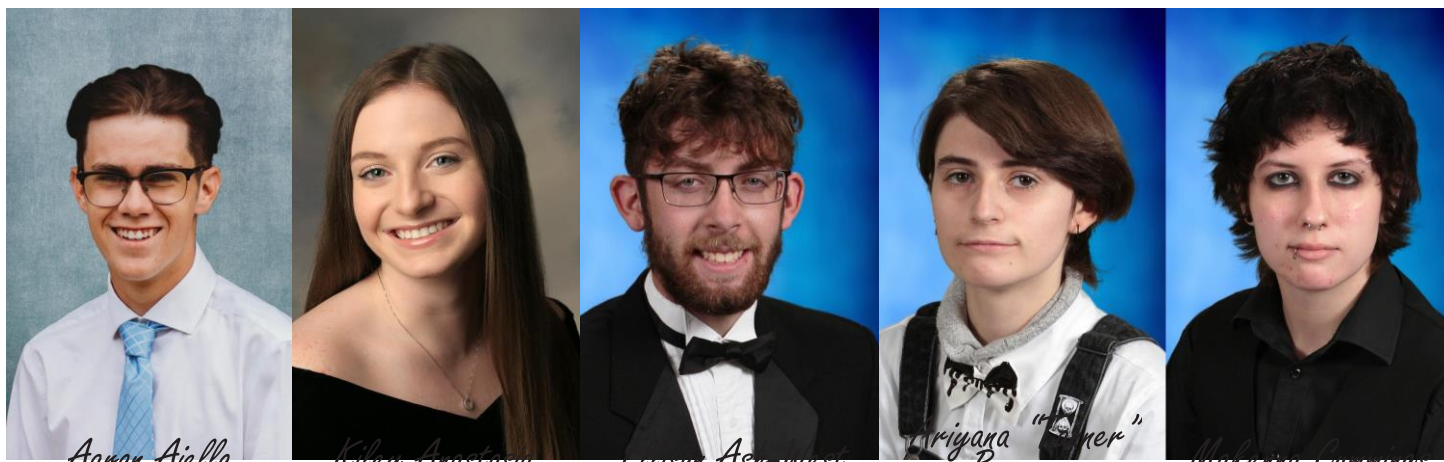
Sara Thomas has been named Salutatorian for the Class of 2022. She is the daughter of Duane and Monica Thomas. Sara has maintained high honor roll throughout her academic career while taking several college courses and participating in the New Visions Health Professions Program. Sara will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors.

Sara has been an active member of many clubs. She was the President of Student Council in 9th and 11th grade and Treasurer in 10th grade. This year, Sara is the President of Student Activities Council. She has helped organize many student dances and fundraisers as part of her leadership role in Student Government. Sara was also a member of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) in 10th and 11th grade. In 11th grade, Sara advanced to the state competition where she medaled in three categories. In addition, Sara has been a member of the Olean National Honor Society and Science Club. As a junior, Sara won the Olean Public Library poetry contest and received the 20-40 Point Extra Curricular Award.

Sara has participated in five varsity sports, earning 15 varsity letters, and a Scholar Athlete Award for each season. As a six-year varsity swimmer, and Team Captain, Sara has received the Most Improved Award, Coaches Award twice, Dual Sport Athlete Award twice, and the Athlete of the Season Award. She qualified for sectionals five times and helped lead multiple relays to become CCAA and Class B champions. Sara was part of a record breaking 200 freestyle relay that qualified for states. As a junior, Sara joined the Varsity Cross Country team. Over the past two years, she has been awarded Rookie of the Year, Dual Sport Athlete Award and Athlete of the Season twice, along with Most Valuable Runner. She also received the CCAA Sportsmanship Award and was named CCAA Second Team twice. Sara is in her fourth year on the Varsity Track and Field team and has won the Rookie of the Year Award and CCAA Sportsmanship Award. Sara played on the JV basketball team for two seasons where she was a Team Captain, followed by two seasons on the varsity team.

Within the community, Sara has been involved with the Oak Hill Park Clean-Up, St. Bonaventure Cemetery Clean-Up, Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, SouperBowl of Caring, Olean Warming House, Homeless Huskies, Olean Genesis House, and St. John's Parish. She has also worked full time as a lifeguard at Allegany State Park for the past two summers.

Sara has committed to Saint Leo University where she will pursue a dual degree in Business and Biology with a concentration in Biomedical and Health Sciences on a Pre-Physical Therapy track. She will also be continuing her athletic career running Cross Country and Track at the Division II level.



# Class of 2022 Honor Graduates

**Aaron Aiello** is the son of Tina Aiello-Austin and step-son of Casey Austin. Aaron was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Activities Council. He has played soccer since the age of 10 including modified, JV and Varsity levels. He was named to the CCIAC Honorable Mention Soccer team for the 2021 season, he also received Most Improved Player Award in 2021. Aaron is a member of the Varsity Tennis Team, being named Rookie of the Year Spring 2021. Aaron has actively participated in Homeless Huskies, Oak Hill Park Clean-Up, Star Program, and many other school events. He was member of DECA and the Spanish Club. Aaron has helped to create many of this year's SAC events and enjoyed attending as many sporting events as possible to support the Huskies. He has worked for the City of Olean Recreation Department since the age of 16 and spends a lot of time volunteering for the GOACC events throughout the year like Gus Macker. Aaron will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall majoring in Adolescent Education with a concentration in History.

**Kiley Anastasia** is the daughter of Steve and Deana Anastasia. Kiley has played softball for six years and volleyball for six years. Kiley was a member of the National Honor Society. She has participated in Homeless

Huskies, Oak Hill Park Clean-Up, World with Water Club and the Olean Sports Booster Can Drive. She has won a sectional title in softball and three in volleyball. In 2019 Kiley was CCAA East 1 All-Star, in 2021 she was CCAA West 1 1st team All-Star, All Western New York Honorable Mention, Big 30 All-Star, Team Defensive MVP, in 2022. She was CCAA West 1 Pitcher of the Year, All Western New York, All-State, Big 30 All-Star, OHS Athlete of the season, Team Defensive MVP, and Grand Slam All-Tournament Team. Kiley will be attending University at Buffalo to major in Occupational Therapy.

**Ellison Ash-West** is the son of Maria Ash and Michael West. Ellison has played Varsity Soccer for six years, on the Boys Swim Team for four years, bowled for one year, and played Varsity Tennis for three years. Ellison was a member of Student Council, French Club, World with Water Club and National Honor Society. He has played the violin for eight years and has earned outstanding solo festival scores with level 6 music. Ellison has also participated in Studio 107 for three years, where he has performed at the Allegany State Park, Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, and the Olean High School lobby in the mornings during the winter season. He also performed in the Pit Orchestra for the school plays "Fiddler on the Roof",

and "Les Misérables." Ellison was a student in the Automotive Technology program at the BOCES Career and Technical Education Center in Olean and received honors of being inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Ellison plans to attend Rochester Institute of Technology to major in Mechanical Engineering Technology.

**Ariyana "Tanner" Burrows** is the son of Danielle Zawatski and Timothy Burrows. Earlier in high school he participated in Art Club. Tanner was a student of the Media Communications Technology course at the Olean Career and Technical Education. He has been on multiple honor rolls for Media Communications Technology and has been certified in Adobe Photoshop. Outside of school, he enjoys writing poetry and creating both physical and digital art. He hopes to one day pursue education in the field of photography.

**Makenna Cummings** is the daughter of Bridgette Cummings. She was a member of National Honor Society, a member of Interact Club and was President of the Film Club her senior year. She was in the pit for "Little Women," Science Club, received the Harold Dutton Award, Studio 107, All County and Solo Fest. She participated in the Oak Hill Park Clean-Up and was the Concert Master.





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**Madison Davenport** is the daughter of Caitlin and Jason Davenport. Madison has been dancing for twelve years and has been instructing for three years at Step Up Dance Academy. Additionally, she has been competitively dancing for seven years and has won numerous awards at the regional, national, and world level. Madison was a member of National Honor Society, and she was a member of French Club, Project Lead the Way, and the JV Volleyball team. Madison participated in Pi Day, Homeless Huskies, Oak Hill Park Clean-Up, the Souper Bowl of Caring, and setting up for the Gus Macker. She will attend St. Bonaventure University in the fall to major in Business.

**Morgan Dowdell** is the daughter of Nicol Stier-Dowdell and Jeffrey Dowdell. She was a student in the New Visions Health Professions Program and a member of the National Honor Society. She participated in Souper Bowl of Caring, SPCA fundraiser, World with Water Club, and played Varsity Golf. Outside of school she enjoys playing the piano and practices Archery. She will be attending Jamestown Community College to major in Chemistry. After her Associate's Degree, she will transfer to University at Buffalo for a 2 + 4 Pharmacy Program.

**Adele Dwaileebe** is the daughter of Charmaine and Jimmy Dwaileebe. Adele has played Volleyball for six years and participated on varsity for four years. She was selected for the Buffalo News Team and First Team All-Star her senior year. She also holds three sectional titles along with a record for career kills at 856. Adele was a member of National Honor Society and French Club. She also participated in Pi Day, Homeless Huskies, Oak Hill Park Clean-Up, and volunteering for the Gus Macker. Adele will attend John Carroll University in the fall to major in Finance.

**Madison Ferry** is the daughter of Christopher and Tamara Ferry. Madison has participated in World with Water Club and the Souper Bowl of Caring. Madison was a member of National Honor Society. She will attend Jamestown Community College at the Olean Campus majoring in Business.

**Jolyn Gibbons** is the daughter of Greg and Kathleen Gibbons. Jolyn has been a member of National Honor Society and is Co-Senior Class President. She has been an active member of St. John's Church. Jolyn has participated in Homeless Huskies, Pink Pumpkin Project, Souper Bowl of Caring, Gus Macker, and Sports Boosters Can Drives. Jolyn has been a scholar athlete, received sportsmanship awards,

been on high honor roll throughout high school, and has been a 20 Point and 40 Point Award recipient. Jolyn has competed in many athletic teams. Tennis, one year, earning a spot on the CCAA 1st team. Volleyball, two years. Basketball, four years, earning league honorable mention. Softball, six years, starting all four years on varsity. She has been named 1 West 1st team All-Star, 1 West Player of the Year, Big 30 1st Team All-Star and All Western NY Small School 1st team. Outside of School, Jolyn has played travel softball for 12 years. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Jolyn plans to attend Niagara University this fall to study Business/Finance. She will also join the Purple Eagles on a Division 1 Softball Scholarship.





*Stella Gonzalez*

*Olivia Graham*

*Madalynn Graves*

*Arissa Hamed*

*Dominik Henzel*

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**Stella Gonzalez** is the daughter of Nichole and Paul Gonzalez. She was a student in the New Visions Health Professions program and a member of the National Honor Society. Stella participated in Girls' Varsity Cross Country for four years and Girls' Varsity Track and Field for two years. Stella was the co-director for this year's Souper Bowl of Caring canned food drive. Stella will attend Susquehanna University in the fall, majoring in Biomedical Sciences.

**Olivia Graham** is the daughter of Scott and Karen Graham. Olivia was a member of the National Honor Society and has also been a member of the Spanish Club. Olivia has been dancing at Neighborhood School of Dance for 15 years and has been a competition dancer for two years. In addition, she served as a teacher's assistant for four years. Olivia has served and helped at Basilica of St Mary of the Angels for their church festivals, dinners, and altar server. She has also been a member of chorus. Olivia has received the Harold Dutton Spotlight Student Award. Olivia will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall, majoring in Early Childhood Education with Adolescent Education and Special Education.

**Madalynn Graves** is the daughter of Richard and Leah Graves. She was a member of National Honor Society and Culinary Arts, a course at the Olean Career and Technical Education. She was in several art and music classes, she has a basic skill level in bonjo, mandolin, piano, watercolors and charcoal art as well as a moderate skill level in clarinet, vocals as an alto and tenor as well as artistic character and environmental design. She is more proud of these artistic/technical accomplishments than her 90% average.

**Arissa Hamed** is the daughter of Steve and Leah Hamed. Arissa started dance training at the age of three and started competitive dance in high school, dancing for Dance Arts and Step Up Dance Academy and has participated in Track and Field. She was class Vice President her junior year and was a part of Prom Committee and Yearbook Club. She was a member of the National Honor Society and volunteered for service opportunities in the community including Oak Hill Park Clean-Up, Homeless Huskies, Toys For Tots, Cattaraugus County SPCA and volunteer speaker at the Superintendent Search Committee Forum. Arissa is attending SUNY Brockport in the fall, majoring in Nursing and hopes to be an Oncology Nurse in the future.

**Dominik Henzel** is the son of Kyle and Amy Henzel. Dom has played basketball and baseball for six years. He received 2nd All Section Team for Varsity Baseball. Dom was a member of National Honor Society while participating in many community service opportunities including Oak-Hill Park Clean-Up, Olean Sports Booster Can Drive, and volunteering for Unified day at St. Bonaventure. Dom also completed an internship through the Erick Laine CEO Award Program. Dominik will be attending Xavier University in the fall to major in Finance.







*Stephen Hoffman*

*Kenya Jackson*

*Safia Javed*

*Madison Jones*

*Chloe Kimball*

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**Stephen Hoffman** is the son of Mike and Ellie Hoffman. Stephen was a member of the National Honor Society and has been involved in community volunteering throughout high school. Stephen has competed in Olean soccer and basketball all four years and was a Captain in each sport. In his time outside of school Stephen enjoys golf, basketball games, watching football, and cheering for the Clemson Tigers and the Buffalo Bills. Stephen will be attending DePaul University in the fall to pursue a double major in Finance and Accounting.

**Kenya Jackson** is the daughter of Lorie and Ebraaheema Jackson. Kenya has been a cheerleader for 13 years and has cheered for football, basketball, and competitively. She attended the STEM program in Philadelphia and was a member of the National Honor Society. Kenya also participated in the Oak Hill Park Clean-Up. She will attend one of three colleges for an undeclared major.

**Safia Javed** is the daughter of Lynn Sweitzer and Muhammed Javed. Safia was a member of National Honor Society, was involved in student class office, and in her senior year she was a part of the Senior Advisory Council as Executive Secretary. Safia ran Cross Country and Track for six years. Safia was also a participant of Yearbook

Club, Spanish Club, and Homeless Huskies. Safia also worked the summer STAR program with Liberty Partnership for two years and worked at the YMCA in childcare for over a year. Safia is attending Penn State, University Park and majoring in Political Science.

**Madison Jones** is the daughter of Christopher and JoAnne Jones. Maddie has been a member of the girls' soccer program for the past six years and was a Captain of the Varsity team this past fall season. She has been named CCAA West First Team All-Star for three consecutive years since joining the varsity team her sophomore year. Maddie was a member of the National Honor Society and has been a part of the Souper Bowl of Caring since 10th grade. Maddie was a student in the New Visions Health Professions Program this past year at the Olean Career and Technical Center and hopes to pursue a career in the medical field. Maddie will be attending the University of Connecticut majoring in Biomedical Engineering on a Pre-Med track.

**Chloe Kimball** is the daughter of Michael and Lora Kimball. Chloe was a student in the Animal Science Program at the Olean Career and Technical Education. She has been on high honor roll throughout high school.

Outside of school Chloe likes to listen to music and hang out with friends. Chloe will be attending SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry to major in Wildlife Science.





# *Lillie Malone   Albert Martin   Carson Martinelli   Kamdyn McClain   Anna Mest*

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**Lillie Malone** is the daughter of Jessica and Ty Malone. Lillie was a member of the National Honor Society and received the JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Award. She has received various awards for excellence in Math and History throughout her academic career. In 2020, Lillie helped establish a local nonprofit, V.I.B.E aimed at empowering black voices in the community and holds a Youth Advisory Position on the Board of Directors. Lillie has also donated her time helping create outreach materials for the recruitment of volunteers to assist area residents that can't afford an attorney. Lillie will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa in the fall with a double major in Sociology and Korean.

**Albert Martin** is the son of Daniel and Nancy Martin. He was a member of National Honor Society. He played baseball and basketball and received the Sportsmanship Award for basketball. He participated in Oak Hill Park Clean-Up and Sports Booster Can Drives. He will be attending JCC to major in Business.

**Carson Martinelli** is the son of Thomas and Kim Martinelli. He was a member of National Honor Society, Chess Club, Homeless Huskies. He helped with Immanuel Lutheran Church Clean-Up. Outside of school

he enjoys listening to music and hanging out with friends. He will be attending JCC to a major in Adolescence Education.

**Kamdyn McClain** is the son of Billy McClain and Betsy Bathurst. Kamdyn has been a member of the Varsity Golf and Varsity Basketball teams for three and six years, respectively. He has also been member of National Honor Society and a 4-year Sectional Scholar Athlete. Kamdyn participated in the Erick Laine CEO Program, multiple Sports Booster Club Can Drives, and Salvation Army fundraisers. Kamdyn was always looking to improve his school, going so far as to set up a de facto golf league to bounce ideas off the superintendent. Kamdyn will be attending the College of William and Mary in the fall, planning to pursue a double major in Finance and Economics.

**Anna Mest** is the daughter of Steve and Angela Mest. She was a member of National Honor Society, TV studio, Drama Club, Select Choir, and Bel Canto. She has also participated in Special Olympics Unified Sports. She has been a football cheerleader for three years and a Senior Captain. Anna has been in four drama club productions at Olean including, "Little Women," "Les Misérables," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Oklahoma." She

has also been doing community theater most of her life. Anna was a member of the Student Activities Council as the Event Creation and Coordination Specialist. Anna will be attending Belmont University in the fall and will be majoring in Business and Musical Theater, in hopes to continue her passion for music in Nashville.







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**Maryam Mirza** is the daughter of Dr. Zafar Mirza and Dr. Shazia Siddiqi. Maryam will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science. Maryam was an All-Western NY Section VI Scholar Athlete Winner for Cross Country and Track and Field and a NYSPHAA eight-time scholar athlete. Maryam's musical prowess included being a choir member, an alto saxophone player, Concert Band and Jazz Section Leader, and a member of local honor ensembles as a soloist in school festivals. She received the "most improved" award in Band and delegated for Model United Nations.

Maryam's high school career stands out not just for her own accolades, but for her commitment to serving the greater Olean community. As President and Treasurer of the Interact Club, she coordinated and engaged in volunteering events regularly including being the coordinator of the 2022 Souper Bowl of Caring food drive. Maryam is a member of the Olean Area Youth Court, where she guided troubled juveniles through legal court trials, giving them the opportunity to correct their behavior without having a permanent record. She also worked at the Olean YMCA in the Child Watch program in high school.

Maryam was class Vice President in 11th grade and class Secretary her senior year. She received the JCC Part-Time Students Dean's List award

for four years. Additionally, Maryam received the 20-40-60 Point Award. Maryam was also honored as the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau's Youth of the Week. Maryam received the Class of 1961 Scholarship for the highest female math and science average in addition to several other awards for academic excellence.

Maryam was a member of the National Honor Society, received the University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award and been acclaimed as a Commended National Merit Scholar for her outstanding PSAT score. Maryam was also a member of the New Visions Health Professions Program taking rigorous college coursework. Maryam will be receiving her healthcare studies certificate from Jamestown Community College in June of 2022 along with certification in multiple health-aid courses.

Maryam will be attending the University of Rochester for her freshman year and then Cornell University for her remaining college career. She hopes to major in Human Biology, Health, and Society on the premedical track.

**Delaynie Moore** is the daughter of Danny and Tallena Kallenbach. Delaynie has played Varsity Soccer for five years at Olean High School. She has earned Honorable Mention, First and Second Team Award for Western New York. She was also a member

of National Honor Society and a returning volunteer at the Olean Food Pantry. Delaynie plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford to study Physical Therapy and continue her years of playing soccer.

**Hannah Nelson** is the daughter of Thomas and Angela Nelson. She participated in softball for six years, tennis for two, and volleyball for four. She was in National Honor Society, Prom Committee, and Spanish Club. She was the Senior Class President for the years 2020-2022. She volunteered for Olean Girls Softball League, Toys For Tots, Homeless Huskies, and Souper Bowl of Caring. She plans on attending Daemen University to major in Pre-Veterinary Medicine.

**Aoife Ní Shé** is the daughter of Jessica Kubiak. She transferred to Olean High School in the middle of her freshman year. At this school, she has been involved in Interact Club. Outside of school, she has been a member of the Tri-County Arts Council, participated in student activist activities relating to school issues, has been an active member of the Olean Area Youth Court, and participated in community service. Aoife graduated a full year early from OHS, and will be attending the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in Sociology.





*Makenna O'Connell*

*Makenna Pancio*

*Tanvi Patro*

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**Makenna O'Connell** is the daughter of Rene and Brian O'Connell Jr. Makenna has received academic awards for Excellence in Earth Science, Biology, Biotechnology, Statistics, Economics, English and Health. She was a member of National Honor Society, Ski Club, Homeless Huskies and was named to the JCC Part-Time Dean's List for five semesters. Makenna has volunteered for the Souper Bowl of Caring, Olean Food Pantry, Oak Hill Park Clean-Up and the World with Water Club. Makenna also served as a member of the Smart Schools and Academy of Excellence Committees. Makenna was a competitive gymnast for eight years with the Flames Gymnastics Team and was named 2X Gymnast of the Year, a NYS Gymnastics State Champion, a Western PA State Gymnastics Champion and a National Gymnastics Champion. Makenna is a 5X Varsity letter winner for OHS Diving and broke the OHS School Diving record for 6 and 11 dives, the OHS Pool record for 11 dives and the Allegany-Limestone Pool Diving record for 11 dives. Makenna is a 4X CCAA Diving All Star, 5X Section 6 qualifier, NYSPHSAA shield winner and NYS Girls Federation diving state qualifier. Makenna has earned an advanced Regents diploma with honors and will attend the University at Buffalo in the fall to pursue a Pre-Medical program as a Biological Sciences major.

**Makenna Pancio** is the daughter of Jeremy and Kristen Pancio. She has participated in Volleyball and Softball. She was a four-year starter for the Varsity Softball team. She was selected for the All-Star 2nd team her freshman year and All-Star 1st team her junior year. She was named Offensive MVP her junior year. Along with her commitment to Olean High School softball she was also involved with Synergy travel softball teams for 8 years. In Volleyball, she was named All WNY 2nd team, All-Star 2nd team and Big Play award her senior year. She also played with the Octane travel volleyball team for several years. She was a Varsity Scholar athlete, a member of National Honor Society and has maintained high honors for all four years. She has taken many Advanced Dual enrollment courses through Jamestown Community College and St. Bonaventure University. She volunteered for Oak Hill Park Clean-Up, Homeless Huskies, Souper Bowl of Caring, Sports Booster, Gus Macker, Women in Sports and Academy of Excellence. In the community she is a member of Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and volunteered for Salvation Army. Makenna received the 20-40 Point Award for her achievements. Makenna has worked at Ried's Food Barn. Makenna will be attending the University at Buffalo. Makenna is enrolled in the School of Pharmacy and

Pharmaceutical Sciences Doctor of Pharmacy degree through Early Assurance program. Makenna was selected for the Pride of New York Scholarship for her academic excellence by the University at Buffalo.

**Tanvi Patro** is the daughter of Deepak and Sunitha Patro. She has donated much of her time to volunteer service in her community. Tanvi has participated in the Homeless Huskies program for three years, raising money and awareness for the homeless through the Genesis House. She has also been a member of the Hindu Society of Olean and Allegany for ten years, volunteering as a performer at the local India Festival. Tanvi has participated in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY), a program designed to help students recognize their full leadership potential. She is the co-founder and leader of Dear Asian Youth Catt County, a youth-led non-profit organization that strives to uplift and empower Asian youth in the local community. Additionally, Tanvi has participated in the Olean Area Youth Court for two years, offering an alternative to the Juvenile system for first time offenders. Tanvi has also been highly involved in school activities, winning the 20-40-60 Point Award. Tanvi has been a member of the Student Council for three years and has participated in





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Model United Nations for five years, winning the best delegation and best resolution awards. Tanvi has also been an active musician during her high school career. Tanvi has been playing piano for 13 years. She has performed in many talent shows and recitals, winning several young artists awards. Tanvi has also been a member of the Olean Bel Canto. Tanvi's future plans are to attend the University at Buffalo with a Neuroscience major on a Pre-Med track.

**Ruth Scordo** is the daughter of Holly and Antonio Scordo. She has participated in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program and has been an active member of the National Honor Society. She has been the recipient of the Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award and the President's Volunteer Service Award. Ruth has also taken an active role in her school community and has been a member of the Band and Select Chorus through all four years of high school. She has taken leadership roles in the World with Water Club and has served as Vice President of the Class of 2022. Ruth will attend Ohio University, majoring in Business Administration through the Honors Tutorial College.

**Byron Ring** is the son of Timothy and Kristine Ring. He was a member of National Honor Society and was the

Treasurer for Student Activities Council. He participated in tennis, swimming, cross country and did Homeless Huskies. He will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology to major in Mechanical Engineering Technology.

**Llian Shoup** is the daughter of Loreen and Thomas Shoup. She was a leader in her Environmental Action Committee and helped lead the student run recycling program up until she had to move away from Houston. She stayed active with helping in the environment and will return to Houston to study Environmental Science. She had a love for art and was active in Art Club and was the only student in the Independent Art class. She was also the Vice President of the Class of 2022 along with her friend Ruth Scordo. She was a member of the National Honor Society with a focus on service. In Houston, she hopes to find a way to follow all her love of the environment, art, and volunteering and will be attending University of Houston to major in Environmental Science.

**Jayde Smith** is the daughter of Angela Oberst and Michael and Jessica Smith. She was a member of National Honor Society. She was in Orchestra for five years, Band for four years and Select Choir. She has participated in the musicals, "Oklahoma" and "Fiddler on the Roof." She went to All

County for chorus and to the Spring String Festival for violin. Outside of school she enjoys playing her guitar, singing, skiing, and hanging out with her friends and family. After high school she will attend Jamestown Community College for Accounting.

**Ethan Smucinski-O'Brien** is the son of Kathleen Smucinski and T.J. O'Brien. Ethan has played baseball for six years and football for one. Ethan was a member of Ski club and Spanish Club. Ethan was a member of National Honor Society. Ethan plans to attend St. Bonaventure University to study Business and Finance.





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**Hannah Vanderhoef** is the daughter of Danielle and Jesse Minges. Hannah has been a member of National Honor Society for the past two years. She has been on the Varsity Diving team since 8th grade and did Track for two years. She has participated in Homeless Huskies, Oak Hill Park Clean-Up, Pi Day, and the Olean Sports Boosters can drive. She has worked at Twist n Shake for the past two years. Hannah enjoys listening to music and going for walks. This fall she is attending the University at Buffalo.

**Katherine Weber** is the daughter of Daniel and Caroline Weber. Katherine was a member of National Honor Society and the Advertising Coordinator on the Student Activities Council. She was also a member of the Principal Advisory Council, Spanish Club, and TV Studio. Katherine has participated

in Homeless Huskies, the Souper Bowl of Caring, and the Oak Hill Park Clean-Up. After graduation, Katherine will be attending SUNY Geneseo with a major in Early Childhood/Childhood Education.

**Eliana Whitford** is the daughter of Laura and Langford Whitford. She was a member of National Honor Society and participated in Homeless Huskies. She was an SPCA volunteer, played volleyball, did Oak Hill Park Clean-Up and was named to the JCC Part-Time Dean's List. Eliana will be attending Florida Atlantic University to major in Marketing.

**Jacob Williams** is the son of Dean Springstead and Casey Williams. Jacob has participated in Project Lead the Way for two years. He was also a member of National Honor Society.

Outside of school he enjoys playing video games and cooking. He will attend Jamestown Business College to obtain a degree in Accounting and Business.

**Maxwell Wolfe** is the son of Carrie and Aaron Wolfe. Max has played soccer for five years and played Tennis in a top 7 position for two years. Max has been a member of Student Council throughout high school and was a part of the Student Activities Council during his senior year. Max has played violin since he was three and has been a part of the Orchestra since middle school. Max was a member of National Honor Society and has maintained a high honor roll status throughout high school. Max is attending St. Bonaventure University to start his pursuit of attending and graduating law school.

*Honor graduates have earned an accumulative grade point average (GPA) of 90 or higher throughout high school.*





# Good Luck To Our OHS Seniors!

**Aaron J. Aiello** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Kiley M. Anastasia** – University at Buffalo  
**Ellison M. Ash-West** – Rochester Institute of Technology  
**Xaiver D. Attwell** – Alfred State College  
**Gavin S. Bagliere** – JCC  
**Braelyn R. Barber** – Employment  
**Christian R. Barta** – JCC  
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**Maxwell A. Bee** – JCC

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**Renee N. Brown** – JCC  
**Jeffrey G. Brush** – JCC  
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**Ethan J. Burdick** – JCC  
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**Christopher J. Cassford** – St. Bonaventure University  
**James L. Chastain** – Employment  
**Julius A. Childs** – Erie Community College  
**Savannah N. Coker** – Employment  
**Erin M. Cortez** – University of Nevada  
**Makenna L. Cummings** – Employment  
**Joshua C. Dalton** – Alfred University  
**Madison R. Davenport** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Desmond E. Davis** – Real Estate License  
**Lily M. Deemer** – JCC  
**Giovanni N. DiCerbo** – West Virginia University  
**Morgan B. Dowdell** – JCC  
**Ashley A. Doxey** – SUNY Fredonia  
**Adele E. Dwailebe** – John Carrol University  
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**Steven J. Field** – Alfred State College  
**Hunter M. Flake** – Employment  
**Prince J. Foster** – Villa Maria College  
**Maria J. Fox** – Employment  
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**Stella S. Gonzalez** – Susquehanna University  
**David A. Goodsell** – Employment  
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**Olivia L. Graham** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Madalynn J. Graves** – Employment  
**Myka C. Grayson** – United States Navy  
**Christopher R.L. Halsey** – University at Buffalo  
**Arisa M. Hamed** – SUNY Brockport  
**Nicholas P. Harrington** – Employment  
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**Stephen M. Hoffman** – DePaul University  
**Quintin A. Humbert** – Employment  
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**Nahzion G. James** – Florida A&M University  
**Safia E. Javed** – Penn State University  
**Madison T. Jones** – University of Connecticut  
**Ryli-Alexa J. Jordan** – Hilbert College  
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**Brynn A. Kasperski** – Employment  
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**Ethan T. Kayes** – SUNY Brockport  
**Kaylynn N. Keesler** – JCC  
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**Collin N. Lyons** – JCC  
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**Braydon A. Mandel** – JCC  
**Albert D. Martin** – JCC  
**Carson S. Martinelli** – JCC  
**Nya L. Martinelli** – Roberts Wesleyan College  
**Kamdyn O.B. McClain** – William and Mary  
**Anna M. Mest** – Belmont University  
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**Maryam Z. Mirza** – University of Rochester  
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## Message from the Superintendent



It's the time of year for celebrations in the Olean City School District! Commencement, grade advancement, senior nights for athletics, banquets, concerts and so much are happening throughout our school community. This newsletter provides merely a slice of life in our schools, and I am proud to report there is an abundance of reasons to celebrate.

We are grateful to have received strong support for our 2022-2023 school budget. Not only do we have a fiscally responsible spending plan that accounts for an increase to student programs and services, but we have a responsible district reserve plan and have accounted for continuing some services after federal funding disappears.

Administrators and instructional coaches have been assisting with the implementation of resources aligned to the next generation learning standards, and our students will be prepared for the new assessments as they come online. Common curricular pathways throughout our elementary and intermediate programs are to be expected with increased academic achievement for each student. Olean High School is developing a credit recovery program, which is a robust emergency room-style approach to intervene quickly when a student starts falling behind. A Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) is being identified throughout the district, which will help staff, parents, and students understand the strategies and services we will apply in every grade and course.

This is also a good time for each of us to reflect on our past year. Staff review their professional performance and think about goals for the upcoming year. Students at every level can think of study habits they found successful and identify clubs or activities to join in the coming year. We are assessing our progress as we emerge from the pandemic, and making changes to address our greatest needs.

Your OCSD Board of Education has been at work updating the OCSD Policy Manual and searching for your permanent Superintendent of Schools, who is employed to oversee and carry out the policies. These are the two main functions of a board of education. Many hours have been devoted at the sacrifice of family and personal time for this volunteer position, as they research, read, listen, and learn before making final decisions.

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure serving as your Interim Superintendent of Schools. The past few months have flown by. Together we have tackled some pressing issues and made some adjustments to operations for improvement. I am confident that the talented faculty and staff of OCSD will remain on a trajectory of profound improvement for the terrific students we serve. Thank you for the opportunity to learn with you.

Enjoy your summer and be well!

Dr. Karen Geelan  
Interim Superintendent of Schools

## Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Music for Youth Concert Series

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performed in the Olean High School Auditorium during the school day on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 as part of the Music for Youth Concert Series. Elementary students from several area school districts attended for either a morning or afternoon session with the beloved philharmonic. The BPO is proud to present educational programming accessible to all students through live concerts, in-school programs, and digital resources. Each year they work to ensure their programs introduce students to the best orchestral repertoire, focus on music learning concepts being taught in the school classroom, and encourage active participation through interactive program elements. The presentation links music with other core disciplines, as well as learning standards to show how music education is intertwined with all areas of study, and provides an engaging and memorable experience through the magic of a live orchestra performance. What makes a successful performance at the BPO? The people! Students explore how each person has an important role in the BPO community, including the musicians, conductor, composers, and especially the audience! They learn how the instruments work together and investigate the roles of the conductor and the composer. This program encourages active listening skills that will show that a musical community succeeds when everyone works together.





# Welcome New Hires!

## Support Staff:



*Joselyn-K M Colon-Sierra –  
Teacher Aide*



*Joseph Clemons –  
Teacher Aide*



*David Marshall –  
HVAC Specialist*

## Teacher



**Angela Cottone** is the district's new Speech Language Pathologist. Mrs. Cottone received her Masters of Arts in Speech Language Pathology from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She also received her Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Services from Edinboro. Prior to joining the Olean City School District, Angela worked for Salamanca City School District and BOCES.

## Administrator:



**Mrs. Laura Hodara** is the Olean High School's new Assistant Principal. Mrs. Hodara graduated from SUNY Cortland in 2003 and then earned her Master's in Education from Grand Canyon University in 2011. She attended St. Bonaventure University for the advanced certificate in Educational Leadership. Mrs. Hodara has 13 years of experience in the classroom and has a lot to offer our Huskies in her new role as Assistant Principal. She believes that all students, teachers, staff, and families need to feel safe in the school setting -- safe to explore, think outside the box, grow, and have honest discussions about the academic, social, and emotional growth of our students. Mrs. Hodara looks forward to serving the OHS Community, to provide support and great opportunities for great success.



**Maureen DiCerbo** was recently appointed to the position of Olean Intermediate Middle School Assistant Principal. Mrs. DiCerbo received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and Master's in Educational Leadership from St. Bonaventure University. In addition, she received a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from University at Buffalo.

Maureen has been teaching in the OCSD for the past twenty-one years, fourteen years as a 4th grade teacher and seven years as the Instructional Coach for OIMS. She looks forward to ensuring that the academic bar is raised, while also catering to the social-emotional well-being of all our students.



## Thomas Signs with Saint Leo University

Sara Thomas will be attending Saint Leo University in the fall, as part of the Lions Cross Country and Track team. Sara plans to major in Economics and Public Health while at Saint Leo, which is located in Saint Leo, FL.

Pictured from left to right:

Front row: Monica Thomas (mother), Sara Thomas, Duane Thomas (father)

Back row: Ben Wright (OHS Swim Coach), Mike Ksionzyk (OHS Cross Country coach), Dan Brown (OHS Head Swim Coach)

# News From OHS



## A Cultural Day at St. Bonaventure

Our upper level World Language students at Olean High School had an opportunity to partake in a Frida Kahlo cultural day at St. Bonaventure. Students were given a tour of the art museum along with a drawing activity lead by Evelyn Pennman. Students then attended a concert by Cuarteto Latinoamericano. The quartet presented a concert focusing on the paintings from the time of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. The concert featured projections and commentary about the connections between painting, music, and history. Students had a marvelous lunch, and then visited the Frida Kahlo exhibition that featured her botanical imagery and reverence for nature.

Kahlo is considered one of the most significant artists of the 20th century. Her body of work, consisting of some 250 paintings and drawings, is intensely personal and universal in scope, and relies heavily on the natural world.

Students finished out the day by creating their own <nicho> or memory box decorated with personal photos, art work and dried flowers. This activity was lead by Sean Conklin. A big GRACIAS goes out to Miss MacWilliams for organizing this event. It was muy fantástico!



## Envirothon Team Takes 3rd Place

We would like to congratulate Olean's Envirothon Team for placing 3rd in the NYS Cattaraugus County Envirothon Competition. Envirothon is the largest conservation education program in North America, and has been held in Cattaraugus County since 1992. This program is an outdoor, hands-on event that emphasizes teamwork and tests students' knowledge of various natural resource related topics, such as wildlife, forestry, soils, aquatics, and a current issue topic which varies from year-to-year. Student-led teams complete exams at five different stations that address these topics. Scores for the five exams are totaled, and the team/school with the highest cumulative score wins the completion.

This year is Olean's first year participating in the program, which was held at Camp Allegany in Allegany State Park. Olean had one team, with a total of five students participating, including Heartly Phipps (Team Leader & Current Issues), Grace Ring (Forestry), Rose Scordo (Wildlife), Payton Reynolds (Soils), and Simon Clark (Aquatics) along with Mr. Woleben (Advisor). CONGRATULATIONS, TEAM!



## Olean High School Prom

Saturday, May 21st Olean High School students spent "A Night on the Hollywood Red Carpet" for the 2022 Junior/Senior Prom! Students arrived at Good Times of Olean at 8:00 and enjoyed a night of food, dancing, and entertainment. At 10:00 the Prom Court was announced, and the following students were voted in by their peers, Junior first attendants: Lily Schena and Talan Stitt, Junior Prom Royalty: Luke Carlson and Will Synder, Senior second attendants: Alexis Trietley and Max Wolfe, Senior first attendants: Anna Mest and Christian Barta, Senior Prom Royalty: Katie Weber and Codie Tidd. A special thanks to all the parents, chaperones, and school administration for making this fun night possible for our students!





## Modeling in Science

In Mrs. Hendricks' 8th grade science, we have used modeling to demonstrate what we know about many topics: Waves, Planets in our Solar System, Molecules, and Elements. Students were able to use their knowledge of science, their artistic ability, and their creative ideas to work on these hands-on projects.

## SBU Fill the Pack

On Wednesday, April 27, 2022 members of the St. Bonaventure University National Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) Education Honor Society organization delivered over 400 school supply items to the Olean City School District as part of their "Fill the Pack" community service project.

The National Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society promotes efforts to support local educators, schools and community agencies serving students of all ages. Five Seniors of the local KDP worked collaboratively to identify "Fill the Pack" as their community service project; Victoria Cleary, Lauren Sparacio, Grace Weber, Dyllon Gartley and Brigid Insley. The team established collection boxes on St. Bonaventure University's campus as well as at Tops Friendly Markets and the Paper Factory. The team also worked with Amazon to create an Amazon wishlist to collect donations that way as well.



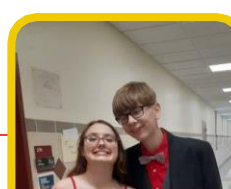
*From left to right, Jenny Bilotta, Lauren Sparacio, Dyllon Gartley, Grace Weber, Victoria Cleary, and Dr. Karen Geelan*

Victoria Cleary, President of the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society expressed her appreciation by stating that, "We are thrilled with the community response to "Fill the Pack" and wish to extend a special thank you to local donors and merchants who served as collection sites. We would also like to acknowledge the support we received from SBU Athletics as they allowed us to host a donation night at the men's basketball game against Rhode Island."

Cleary went on to further say that, "over 400 school supply items were collected and donated to the Olean City School District. We are so excited to give back to the Olean Teachers who have invited SBU students into their classrooms." Interim Superintendent, Dr. Karen Geelan stated, "on behalf of the entire Olean City School District Faculty and Staff, we would like to express our gratitude to the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society and commend them for their efforts regarding the "Fill the Pack" Community Service Project.

## Peace, Love and Prom

High school students in Mrs. Scordo and Mrs. Bennion's classes had a wonderful time  
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at the regional prom held at the Allegany American Legion. The Legion Auxiliary generously donated their time to prepare food. Students dressed in their most formal attire and danced all day. This year's theme was "Peace, Love and Prom." This annual event, hosted by CA BOCES, gives students an opportunity to celebrate the successful conclusion of another school year.



# News From OIMS



## BINGO!

Mrs. Woodring's 6th grade science class was reviewing and made it into a fun Bingo game!



## Therapy Dog

Due to Covid, OIMS unfortunately had to stop our therapy dog school visits. This month we were excited to welcome back Zena and her owner, Jean. Zena visited many classrooms and brought a calming, and caring environment to every room she visited.



## OIMS Washington Club

The OIMS Washington Club had 33 seventh grade student travelers go to Washington, DC in May. Some of the itinerary included stopping at Mt. Vernon, a ghost tour in Alexandria Virginia, monument sight-seeing, the Smithsonian, America History Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, and a tour of Annapolis. Our dinner-dance cruise proved to be a big hit. We concluded our trip by stopping by the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pa. A good time was had by all.



## Guitar Lessons

Our 7th Graders have been working on guitars for the last couple of weeks in Music class with Mr. Knapp. The students were taught how to read chord charts and follow along to lyrics in songs of their choice. This unit is a student-led unit in which the students teach themselves all the chords in their songs and help each other learn how to perform the songs.



## World Language Class

¿Qué te gusta hacer? Qu'est-ce que tu aimes faire? What do you like to do? - Some of Mrs. Wilton's World Language students displaying their Spanish or French verb posters!!





## May the 4th Be With You

“May the 4th Be With You” OIMS Student Activity Council made sure the students were involved with the “Star Wars Day.” Upon the student’s arrival to school, they were greeted by Darth Vader. During their lunch time they could sign Storm Trooper signs that were hung on the SAC tree and play trivia during lunch.



## 7th grade Top 15 OIMS Academic Wall of Fame

Front row (l-r): Natalie Snyder, Emma Adamski, Theodore McClellan, and Jonas Easley  
 Middle row: Ethan Woodring, Simran Chahal, Lina Chauhdry, Audrey Hoffman, Raine Maynard  
 Back row: Mia Bean, Lokesh Anumalasetty, Addison Crosson, Emma Anderson, Diyanah Manar, and Angelina Qiu



## 6th grade Top 15 OIMS Academic Wall of Fame

Front row (l-r): Zynah Rafi, Rachael Dulmus, Velocity Menichino, Liam Austin  
 Middle row: Layla VanDamme, Vena DiCerbo, Kaylee VanDamme, Haylie Bednarski, Gehrig Perry  
 Back row: May Eaton, Madison Morehouse, Colby Booth, Guruvar Prasad, Nicole Yang, and Ariana Finch



## Tower of Books

Mrs. Griffin’s 5th grade class has read over 100 books so far this year! For each book read, they create a mini book to add to their “Tower of Books”



## Circle Time

Circle Fun with Mrs. Smith’s class.



# Washington West Elementary School



## Singing in Spring

Our 2nd and 3rd grade students took it back to the 1950s with their Spring Concert, performing for their family and friends at Washington West. They rocked around the clock and took it to the hop as they put on a phenomenal performance!



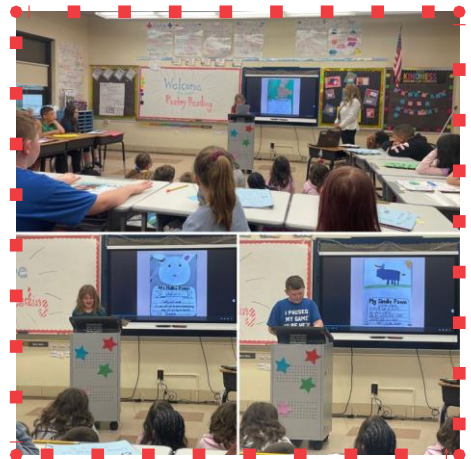
## "Dump" Rope For Heart

Our husky pups were offered a challenge to raise money for the American Heart Association through the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. They certainly rose to the challenge, and those having raised \$100 or more got to dump ice buckets on our own Mr. P's head! Altogether, our students raised \$2,609.87! Thank you to all who donated and for making a difference to such an important organization.



## Fun in the Sun

There is nothing better than playground time! Our husky pups love to get outside and enjoy the sunshine!



## Poetry Showcase

Acrostics, Haiku, Simile and MORE! These husky pups spent time showcasing some of their poems to their peers and parents in a Poetry Showcase! Great work, and great writing!



## Thank you, Faculty + Staff

We celebrated our faculty and staff with a Friends-themed week of fun! We value our WW team and appreciate them each and every day! This crew was singing it loud and proud, "We'll be there for you, husky pups!"

Follow your Husky Pups on Twitter @OleanWW



# East View Elementary School



## Challenger Learning Center

Our first and second graders visited the Challenger Learning Center and had a great time with hands on learning. For most students, it was their first field trip, which added to the excitement.



## Spring Break Reading Party

Mrs. Knight's class is all decked out for our Spring Break Reading Party.



## May the Fourth

Mrs. Caya and her class celebrated Star Wars Day on May 4... May the Fourth be With You!



## Hatching Baby Chicks

Mrs. Waugh's class had a chick hatch!



## Spring Concerts

Last month our second and third graders performed their Spring Concerts. We were thrilled to have the concerts in person for our family audience. Links to the performances are posted on parent square.

Follow our school on twitter @OleanEastView



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## The New Farm to School Program

Greetings! My name is Michael Nelson. I am serving as the new Farm to School Educator for Olean City School District.

In 2020, OCSD received a \$48,325 Farm to School Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture. I have been contracted by the district through the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County to help implement a Farm to School program with the grant.

Farm to School programs enrich student nutrition and learning by bringing local food to the lunchroom, facilitating school gardens, organizing farm field trips, and applying evidence based lessons about agriculture and food systems.

I am a Western New York transplant who fell in love with the region while studying at St. Bonaventure University where I graduated with a B.A. in journalism, minoring in environmental studies. My interest in nutrition advocacy and policy led me to pursue a master's degree in applied nutrition at Canisius College, which I will complete later this year.

I have also earned personal training certification through the National Academy of Sports Medicine and train at the Olean YMCA.

My educational choices reflect my beliefs about wellness: there are many components of wellness and the health of each component depends on the health of the others. I also simply love food—growing food, making food, eating food. I believe all foods fit within a healthy diet. One of my primary career goals is to help others find peace with food by encouraging meaningful connection to food through nutrition education and advocacy— which is inherent to the Farm to School mission.

I am thrilled to be a member of the OCSD community and grateful for the opportunity to make a difference in a place I love.



*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