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Meyers & Mirza Top Seniors for 2017

Connor Meyers has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 2017, ranking 1st out of 148 students. He is the son of Daniel and Tanya Meyers. Connor will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

Connor took courses from Jamestown Community College since his junior year and from Rochester Institute of Technology through the Project Lead the Way program since his freshman year.

His extracurricular activities include Chess Club and Marathon to the Sky, a Science Club. Connor is a member at the International Hosinsul Federation, a school of martial arts, currently holding the rank of 3rd degree black belt Senior Instructor.

Connor's academic honors include membership in the National Honor Society and Jamestown Community College Part-Time Student Dean's List (2015-2017). He received "Associate Instructor of the Year" award from the United States Martial Artist Association (2015).

He has participated in many community service projects such as Bona Responds, Dream It Do It, and Homeless Huskies.

Connor will attend St. Bonaventure University, double majoring in Mathematics and Computer Science, with a minor in Spanish.

Saad Mirza has been named Salutatorian of the Class of 2017, ranking 2nd out of 148 students. He is the son of Zafar Mirza and Shazia Siddiqi. Saad will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

After finishing much of the curriculum offered at OHS, Saad took over 82 dual-enrollment credits since sophomore year through Jamestown Community College, St. Bonaventure University, Syracuse University Project Advance, Cornell University Summer College, and Advanced Placement exams. He is a 2017 graduate of Jamestown Community College (Associate's in Liberal Math and Sciences with Highest Honors) with a 4.00 GPA.

Saad served as president of the OHS Science Club (Marathon to the Sky), Interact Club, and National Honor Society, as well as regional president of New York DECA Region 11-13. He



Connor Meyers



Saad Mirza

was a member of the Boys' Varsity Golf Team for four years, and ran Varsity Cross Country for a short stint senior year. Saad was a four-year member of Orchestra, sang in Select Choir and Bel Canto, competed at NYSSMA solo festivals, and participating in school productions of "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Sound of Music". He was a 2-year Area All-State and 3-year All-County Musician.

Saad interned for Mayor Bill Aiello, participated in Model United Nations, was on the 2014 winning Math-

letes team, was a 2-year captain of Scholastic Challenge, and interviewed local WWII veterans for National History Day as one of eight WWII Student Ambassadors in the nation.

Saad has received numerous honors, including the NHS James Doyle Scholarship, NHS Scholastic Excellence Award, Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, AP Scholar Award, National Merit Commended Scholar, NYS Scholarships for Academic Excellence and was the only junior to simultaneously earn the 20, 40, and 60 Point Awards. He has won several times at both regional and state levels for DECA, and been an alternate for the ICDC international competition.

Saad achieved a perfect score on the ACT and SAT Subject Exams, helping him become a US Presidential Scholar Semifinalist, which represents 722, or 0.02%, of the top seniors in the nation. He also represented Olean as a Calvin Coolidge Presidential Senator in Washington D.C., placing in the top 40 of 12,000 registered for a prestigious scholarship. He received the Billy Michal Student Leadership Award given annually to one student from each state and the District of Columbia who demonstrates the American Spirit in his or her community. He was nominated for All-WNY Scholar Athlete and Big 30 Academic Scholarship, and received OHS varsity letters and scholar athlete awards.

Saad will attend Princeton University with a concentration in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and a certificate in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He hopes to give back to his community by founding an aerospace corporation like SpaceX.



Noelle Anzivine

Julie Ash

Bryan Bizzaro

Sarah Blazejewski

Kaylie Clabeaux

Class of 2017 Honor Graduates

Noelle Anzivine is the daughter of Lenny and Kay Anzivine. Noelle has taken part in JV Soccer, JV and Varsity Basketball, JV and Varsity Softball, and Varsity Volleyball and Cross Country during her years at Olean High. During her time as an OHS athlete, Noelle was named CCAA Second Team All-Star for both Softball and Cross Country. She was awarded the MVP and Good Spirit Award of her Cross Country team. She has also been awarded the Scholar-Athlete Award, The Harold Dutton Spotlight Award and the 20-point Award. Noelle was Class President in 10th grade and is an active member of the National Honor Society. She was voted homecoming attendant her Junior year. Noelle has volunteered for the Souper Bowl of Caring, Homeless Huskies, Special Olympics, Unified Sports Day, the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center, St. Jude's Hospital, and is a board member of The Pink Pumpkin Project. Noelle plans to continue her education at Coastal Carolina University and major in business with a concentration in marketing.

Julie Ash is the daughter of Robert and Caroline Ash. Julie has participated in JV and Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Cheerleading. During her Volleyball career at Olean High School, she served as a captain of the Varsity team and was named Most Valuable Player her senior year. She also received Section VI Honorable Mention for Volleyball. Julie has been awarded the Scholar Athlete Award for her senior year in both Cheerleading and Volleyball.

Julie will be attending the University at Buffalo in the fall and will major in Occupational Therapy.

Bryan Bizzaro is the son of William Bizzaro and Angela Nelson. Bryan has taken part in National Honor Society, JV and Varsity Baseball and JV Football during his years at Olean High School. He volunteered with the Special Olympics, Gus Macker, Homeless Huskies, Unified Sports, Salvation Army, Olean Girls Softball League and Little League Baseball. Bryan will be attending Finger Lakes Community College to play baseball and major in Physical Education and Exercise Science.

Sarah Blazejewski is the daughter of Brian and Bethany Blazejewski. Sarah has been member of National Honor Society, Chorus, JV Track and Field, and is an active volunteer in the community. She has volunteered at the Olean Senior Center, SPCA, local churches, and for Special Olympics. Sarah has also participated in Homeless Huskies during her time at OHS. She has taken advanced classes to earn college credits while still in high school and has received the Global History and Geography, English and JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List Awards. Sarah will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall to major in Early Childhood Education.

Kaylie Clabeaux is the daughter of Joshua Clabeaux and Danielle Kendall. Throughout the last two years of high school, Kaylie took college courses

that will help with her major in college.

Kaylie worked at Crosby's during her eleventh grade year and Good Times of Olean during her senior year. Kaylie will attend St. Bonaventure University in the fall where she will major in Accounting. Kaylie plans to get her masters in Accounting through the 4 plus 1 program at St. Bonaventure.

Kaitlyn Clark is the daughter of Michael and Cheryl Clark. Throughout her four years at Olean High, she participated in several clubs and other extracurricular activities including Z-Club serving as Vice-President, DECA, Science Club, French Club serving as Treasurer, Spanish Club, and a World With Water Club serving as Co-Secretary. She has participated in Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Basketball Cheerleading, Varsity Track and Field, and Varsity Golf. She received All Western New York Section VI Scholar Athlete Honorable Mention for her senior fall and winter seasons. Kaitlyn also received the school's 20-40-60 Point Award for student involvement. This past year, she was the Senior Class Secretary for Student Government. Kaitlyn was a member of Select Choir for three years, and had a lead role in Olean High's production of "The Sound of Music". Kaitlyn has also been involved in community service throughout high school, participating in Homeless Huskies, Revitalizing Olean, and Southern Tier Healthcare Child Advocacy Center Princess Party. Kaitlyn has enrolled in

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Kaitlyn Clark

Victoria Certo

Brianna Curtin

Dylan Dyal

Rebecca Fox

the Nursing Program at Daemen College and will attend this fall. After earning her bachelor's degree, she plans to continue her studies in the medical field through Daemen's graduate Nurse Practitioner Program.

Victoria Certo is the daughter of Hank and Shayne Certo. She has participated in Volleyball, Softball, Basketball, and was a member of the first OHS girls Golf team. She was named an All Western NY Scholar Athlete for Volleyball and Softball by the Buffalo News and an East Division Volleyball All Star by the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association. She received the OHS Sportsmanship award for girls Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball during her athletic career. Simultaneous to her involvement in OHS athletics, she was involved with JAVA and Octane travel volleyball teams where she was MVP of various tournaments. She is a member of the National Honor Society, was the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Youth of the Week in March, and a member of the OHS 20/40 point club. She also made the Dean's list for part-time students at Jamestown Community College and St. Bonaventure University. At school, she volunteered for the Souper Bowl of Car-ing, Sports Boosters, Homeless Huskies, and the Special Olympics/Unified Sports Day. She participated in student government as class President, Model UN, Odyssey of the Mind, Television Studio, and was very active in supporting her peers at athletic events. In the community, she has volunteered for the Chamber of Commerce, Gus Macker Basketball Tourna-

ment, Rally in the Valley, St. John's Italian Festival, and the City of Olean. She has been accepted into the Smeal College of Business at Penn State University to study accounting and tax law.

Brianna Curtin is the daughter of Kris and Rich Curtin. Brianna has participated in JV Basketball, Varsity Swimming, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and she has been a dancer at Dance Arts throughout her high school career. For her senior year, Brianna was selected to participate in the New Vision-Health Professions Program at BOCES. Through dual-enrollment classes with Jamestown Community College, Brianna was selected to be on the Part-Time Student Dean's List. Outside of school, Brianna has volunteered at Eden Heights, The Pines, The Warming House, and Olean General Hospital. Through Christ United Methodist Church, Brianna had the opportunity to participate in two mission trips while in high school, one with Won by One to Jamaica and another with Habitat for Humanity in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. After graduation Brianna will be attending the University of Akron enrolled in the Honors College and will major in Biology with a focus of Pre-Medicine.

Dylan Dyal is the son of Renald & Sukie Dyal. Dylan participated in many rigorous courses throughout his high school career with many of them being dual enrollment courses through Jamestown Community College. Dylan plans on attending St. Bonaventure and majoring in BioChemistry.

Rebecca Fox is the daughter of Bill

and Sue Fox. She served as Treasurer for the World With Water Club, participated in the Homeless Huskies for 5 years, and was a member of the Student Activity Council, serving as the Secretary of Public and Media Relations. Rebecca has been a TOP Soccer volunteer, helping youth with disabilities participate in the sport. She worked on a local fundraiser for Soccer for the Future, raising money for a soccer camp for kids recovering from cancer. Rebecca volunteered at Olean's Gus Macker, as well as for the youth wrestling program. This spring Rebecca had the opportunity to participate in the Trooper M. Riley Memorial Torch Run for Special Olympics and Unified Basketball. During high school, Rebecca participated as a captain of the Varsity Soccer team. She was twice named as a Second-Team All-Star and was recognized as All Western New York Section VI Scholar Athlete Honorable Mention. She took part in Varsity Track and Field for three years, and served as Varsity Wrestling's manager and photographer for two years. A member of the National Honor Society, Rebecca has maintained high honor roll grades throughout high school and has been named to the Dean's List at Jamestown Community College for her part-time studies. Rebecca received a 20-Point Award for her extracurricular activities and received the Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award. Following graduation Rebecca will attend Cedar Crest College, where she will major in Genetic Engineering.

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Emily Gayton

Brooke Gronemeier

Victoria Gulnac

Andrea Harris

Jesse Hamed

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Emily Gayton is the daughter of Harry and Rose Gayton. She was a member of National Honor Society, Junior Class President and Student Activities Council President of Public & Media Relations. Emily is also the founder and President of the Olean Thirst Project, a club that raised nearly \$20,000 to build wells in third world nations and increase awareness for the global water crisis. Emily participated in Varsity Swimming for 6 years and Sectional swimmer for 5 years (1 year captain), Varsity Cheerleading for 4 years (2 year captain) and Track. In her athletic career Emily received the Scholar Athlete Award for all 6 seasons of swimming and the All Western New York Scholar Athlete Honorable Mention for both senior seasons. Emily has received the 20/40/60 Point Award, the Independent Health/Business First Community All-Star Award, the Cattaraugus County Youth of the Week Award, and the NYS "Triple C" Award from the Attorney General – honoring someone with character, courage and commitment. Emily participates in various community activities such as Revitalizing Olean, the Unified Sports Program, Southern Tier Health Care System Princess Party, Gus Macker volunteer, Homeless Huskies and is an active American Red Cross blood donor. Emily is the recipient of the Zonta Club Scholarship and the Ohio University Ann Lee Hancock Konneker Cutler Scholarship Award. She will be attending Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, majoring in Journalism with a focus in Photojournalism. She intends to work in a non-profit organization in the future as a member of their media team and

continue to raise awareness for the global water crisis.

Brooke Gronemeier is the daughter of Darrell and Ronni Gronemeier. Brooke's education has included Project Lead the Way engineering courses offered through Rochester Institute of Technology, as well as Jamestown Community College courses. She has been an active participant in Dream it Do it Western New York events throughout the community, including an internship in her senior year. Brooke is a member of the National Honor Society. Brooke has participated in Concert and Select Choir as well as Bel Canto. She has been in concert band and was first chair flute for two years, marching band, and was first chair alto-saxophone for three years in jazz band. In addition, she was a part of the philharmonic orchestra in her junior year. She has also been to multiple All-Counties for both voice and flute. Brooke is an active volunteer around the community volunteering as the Youth Ambassador for the Southern Tier Symphony, and has participated in Rebuilding Together and the Salvation Army Kettle Drive. Brooke is also an active member in her parish, the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels, where she has been an altar server, cantor, and volunteer. She has also danced with Dance Arts during her high school career. In the fall, Brooke will be attending the University of Dayton where she has been accepted into their Honors Program and will be studying Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Victoria Gulnac is the daughter of Patricia Gulnac. Victoria has been a part of National Honor Society and Interact Club,

as well as other clubs, during her years at Olean High. Victoria has participated in many volunteer projects and events such as being a volunteer coach for Genesee Valley Swim team, Unified Sports Day, The Special Olympics, and Homeless Huskies. Victoria has also been involved with theater at Olean High. She has performed in "Bye Bye Birdie", "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Secret Garden". Victoria has been an asset to Olean High's athletic success, with five years on Varsity Swimming and Diving, serving as a Co-Captain her senior year. She also took part in Varsity Track and Field for 3 years. Victoria has been a Scholar-Athlete for seven seasons. She has been honored six times for the Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award and won 2016 Outstanding Art Student. Victoria's art has been published in the 2016 New York English Journal. She has also been involved in Select Choir for three years, helping them win Gold with Distinction at the 2016 NYS-SMA Majors. Victoria has been a member of the All-County choir twice. She also completed SLAPSHOT 2017, a leadership training conference with Rotary International in Ontario, Canada. In addition to her studies, sports and extracurricular activities, Victoria has worked at the Bartlett Country Club for three years. Victoria will be attending California University of Pennsylvania where she will dual major in Fine Arts and Sports Management and minor in Business Administration. Victoria will also be swimming on their Division II swim team.

Andrea Harris is the Daughter of
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Aaron Hill

Ty Johnson

Peyton Kunselman

Emily Ludden

JT Magro

Daniel and Paula Harris. She has done theatre with the Olean Theatre Workshop, Ray Evans Seneca Theatre, and Olean Community Theatre. She has been in all of the High School Musicals as well, and this year was Eulalie Shinn in “Music Man.” Some of her other shows include: “West Side Story”, “Into the Woods”, “The Sound of Music”, and “Anne of Green Gables”. She has participated in Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Select choir, and Bel Canto. This year, Andie made NYSSMA All-State for mixed choir. She has also made Area All-State for choir for the past two years. She has participated in Ski Club, Homeless Huskies, National Honor Society, Varsity Tennis, and Varsity Golf. She has volunteered at the S.P.C.A. and Unified Sports Day, and has sung at the Pines and Eden Heights with Bel Canto. This year, Andie has been awarded the Cattaraugus County Music Teachers’ Association runner up scholarship, along with the Presidents’ Award Scholarship from Fredonia. She has been accepted into the Honors Program at SUNY Fredonia in the fall, majoring in Music Education.

Jesse Hamed is the son of Steve and Leah Hamed. Jesse has participated in Varsity Golf, Ski Club, DECA, and National Honor Society. Throughout high school he has done a lot of community service, such as Homeless Huskies, and has given back to his community in many different ways. Jesse plans on attending University at Buffalo’s School of Pharmacy in the fall.

Aaron Hill is the son of Aaron and Charmaine Hill. Aaron has been involved in the National Honor Society, and he received a National Honor Society Award for participation. He participates and is a member of organizations such as the French Club, Interact Club, OHS Sci-

ence Club, and a World With Water Club. He has also been a proud member of the Olean High School Orchestra since ninth grade and has played the violin and viola, and has been in the pit orchestra, NYS-SMA Majors, St. Mary’s Church of the Angels Concert, and Solofest of 2015. His other accomplishments include receiving the Harold Dutton Student of the Month, Excellence in Global History 2, the Outstanding Geometry Student and the Recognition of Excellent Academic Achievement. His community service includes participating in Homeless Huskies, Souper Bowl of Caring, OHS Food Drive, St. Joseph’s dinner night, Community Thanksgiving Dinner at OHS for two years and Salvation Army Bell Ringing. He participated in Junior Varsity Track and Field. Aaron is a member of the Olean Revival Baptist Church. After graduation, Aaron plans to attend the University of Buffalo and will be majoring in Biotechnology.

Ty Johnson is the son of Jerry and Kristin Johnson. Ty was a member of the tennis team his sophomore year. Ty served as class treasurer and participated in DECA, Film Club and Homeless Huskies. Ty also volunteered with Revitalizing Olean. Ty will attend the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences at Rochester Institute of Technology and major in Advertising Photography.

Peyton Kunselman is the son of Robert and Nanette Kunselman. Peyton has participated in many extracurricular activities in his high school tenure. Peyton has participated in Varsity Golf, Student Government as the Secretary of the class for two years and as Vice President the senior year, National Honor Society serving as the Treasurer, Principal’s Advisory

Committee, Science Club, Marathon to the Sky, Drama Club, Scholastic Challenge, Chess Club, Model United Nations, Prom Committee, Bel Canto and many other extracurricular activities. Along with these extracurricular activities, Peyton has been an active member at the Olean Theatre Workshop performing in over a dozen performances. Peyton has also done many things for his community as he has participated in Homeless Huskies for three out of his four years in high school. Peyton has also volunteered for the Genesis House, for the Dresser-Rand Christmas Party and for the Donald J. Trump campaign. Peyton will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall to Major in Chemistry.

Emily Ludden is the daughter of Andy and Tracy Ludden. Emily was a member of National Honor Society and participated in Homeless Huskies for four years. She played JV and Varsity Volleyball. She was awarded the Sportsmanship Award twice along with the Scholar Athlete Award her senior year. She has volunteered at the Challenger Learning Center, Gus Macker and various events through her church. She has taken tap dance at Dance Arts since she was five years old. Emily has been accepted into the Honors Program at SUNY Fredonia for the fall. She will be majoring in Childhood Education.

JT Magro is the son of Dave and Mary Magro. He has participated in Varsity Soccer, Varsity Swimming and Varsity Golf, and is a member of National Honor Society. JT has been part of four league championships between soccer, swim, basketball, and golf. He served as Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team and Co-Captain of the Varsity Golf Team. During his golf career at OHS, JT took two trips to the

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TJ Magro

Ben Martel

Jordan McLaughlin

Shannon McNamee

Ryan Mikolajczyk

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Section VI Golf Tournament and received First Team All-Star for Golf two times. During his four-year Varsity Soccer career he was selected for the Big 30 All-Star team, CCAA First Team All-Star, CCAA Second Team All-Star, and was selected to participate in the Exceptional Senior Game in Buffalo, NY. He was also a member of the team that won the Olean Soccer Tournament for the first time in 17 years, and was awarded the Most Valuable Player for the game. JT was also selected to participate as a member of the New York team for the first annual NY vs. PA Collegiate Showcase. Along with playing sports, JT has volunteered for many different local efforts including Homeless Huskies, Gus Macker, Unified Sports, Special Olympics, the Pink Pumpkin Project, Soles for Souls, and various volunteer projects at St. Johns Parish. JT will attend the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, where he will be a member of the UPB Men's Soccer Team and will study Radiological Science.

TJ Magro is the son of Dave and Mary Magro. He has participated in Varsity Soccer, Varsity Swim, Varsity Golf, National Honor Society, and TV Studio. TJ has been part of four league championships between soccer, swim, and golf. During his athletic career at OHS, he served as Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team and Co-Captain of the Varsity Golf Team. During his four year Varsity Soccer career, he was named Offensive Player of the Year, became a Big 30 All-Star, was selected to the CCAA Second Team All-Star, CCAA First Team All-Star twice, and was selected to participate in the Exceptional Senior Game in Buffalo, NY.

He was also a member of the team that won the Olean Soccer Tournament for the first time in 17 years. TJ was also selected to participate as a member of the New York team for the first annual NY vs. PA Collegiate Showcase. Along with playing sports, TJ has volunteered for many different local efforts including Homeless Huskies, Gus Macker, Unified Sports, Special Olympics, the Pink Pumpkin Project, Soles for Souls, and various volunteer projects at St. Johns Parish. TJ will attend the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, where he will be a member of the UPB Men's Soccer Team and will study Radiological Science.

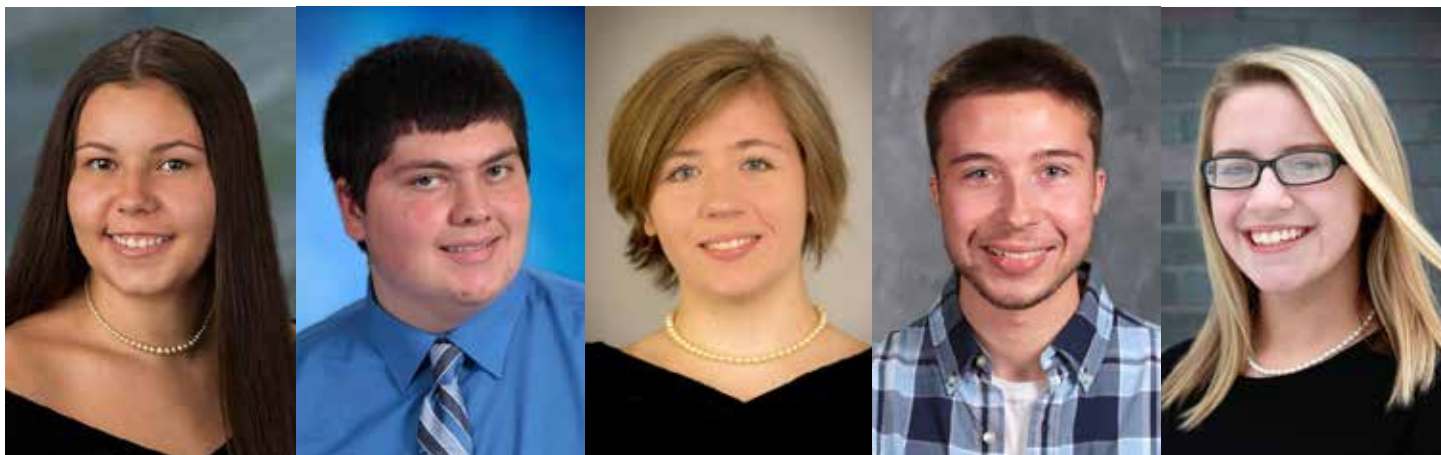
Ben Martel is the son of Michael and Kathleen Martel. Since elementary school, he has been active in his school's music programs. Such programs include the Concert Band and Orchestra. He has also participated in the annual Spring String Festival for the past 8 years. He participated in All County for Band for 2 years, and has performed for solofest for 2 years for Orchestra. For the past 2 years, he has been involved in Studio 107, a group of Orchestra chamber players who volunteer to play at public events and locations. He has volunteered his time in other ways as well, including Homeless Huskies, annual spaghetti dinners, and the St. Mary's Festival. In the fall, Ben will attend SUNY Alfred State, and major in Cyber Security along with a minor in Business Administration.

Jordan McLaughlin is the son of Todd and Andrea McLaughlin. Jordan participated in rigorous courses throughout his high school career including many dual

enrollment courses through Jamestown Community College. In addition to his academic achievements, Jordan took part in Varsity Football, Wrestling and Golf. He was Co-Captain 2 years for Football and 3 years for Wrestling. Highlights include being named to the Big 30 Football Team, Big 30 Wrestling Team, as well as placing 3rd at States for Wrestling. Jordan participated in Select Choir, National Honor Society, Project Lead the Way, Model UN, TV Studio and Student Activities Council. He has served as the NHS Secretary and the Executive Secretary for SAC. Jordan has won numerous awards for both his academic as well as his athletic achievements. Some of these include the Olean High School Winter Athlete of the Season, a two-time WNY Scholar Athlete Team member, Bob Kalsu Memorial Scholarship, Ilio DiPaolo Scholarship Award and numerous others. Jordan has volunteered for Special Olympics, Unified Sports, Rebuilding Together and the Salvation Army. He also was a volunteer Youth Wrestling Coach and an Academic Tutor. Jordan will be attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, studying Engineering.

Shannon McNamee is the daughter of Sean and Rosemary McNamee. Throughout her high school career, Shannon was a contributing member of Varsity Swimming all five years of high school, Track and Field for four years, and Golf her senior year. Shannon was also involved in Spanish Club, World With Water Club, National Honor Society, and the OHS Science Department Galápagos Islands Trip.

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Allison Monroe

Adam Moses

Gabriel Perkins

Gerald Padlo

Mackenzie Pfeffer

During senior year, Shannon participated in the Giant Step program, being dually enrolled at Olean High School and St. Bonaventure University. She has been on high honor roll and received the 20-Point Award, Coaches Award for Varsity Swimming, and numerous scholar athlete awards. She has participated as a volunteer at Gus Macker events, the S.P.C.A., with the Audubon Society, and is a member of the Buffalo Ornithological Society. In the fall, Shannon will attend St. Lawrence University where she will major in Biology and minor in Spanish.

Ryan Mikolajczyk is the son of Rick and Rose Mikolajczyk. Ryan has taken part in Homeless Huskies, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Golf, Portville Trap Shooting, Band, Jazz Band, and National Honor Society in high school. He works as a technician at Meyers Custom Electronics and does many other technological things at home as well. He bought his own 3D printer that he uses all the time after teaching himself how it works and how to use it. He also made his own computer so he had one with the performance it takes to run the printer. Combining the computer and the printer, he modeled, 3D printed, and assembled his own drone. Over the summer he plans to educate younger kids about 3D printing through a program JCC offers. He plans to go to Alfred State College to study Mechanical Engineering and hopes to start his own drone racing club on campus.

Allison Monroe is the daughter of Amanda Monroe McVinney and Craig Harrington. She has participated and excelled in a number of civic activities, clubs and extra-curricular activities, including DECA, Homeless Huskies, and the Science Club. Her academics and community

involvement have earned her a place in the National Honor Society, having been inducted her Junior Year. Allison has traveled and performed as a member of the local Storm Athletics Cheerleading. As a volunteer, she has worked as a participant helping many national and local organizations such as the Special Olympics, and several events over the last 6 years for the American Cancer Society. She has volunteered at the Washington West Christmas Gift Wrapping, the Souper Bowl of Caring, and has helped her community with the Olean City Street Cleaning. Academically, she has won the Excellence in Mathematics award twice, once for Geometry and once for Trigonometry and also scored a perfect 100% on the Regents examination in Geometry. She is also a one-time award recipient of the Excellence in Science award for Earth Science, which she will use as a stepping stone towards her anticipated college major, Biochemistry. Allison is planning to earn her Bachelor's Degree from St. Bonaventure University, and intends to continue on to graduate school, studying Microbiology.

Adam Moses is the son of George and Christine Moses. Adam has been involved in National Honor Society (Vice President), Model United Nations (President), Class Office (Treasurer), Marathon to the Sky and Science Club (Vice President), Film Club, Interact Club, as well as having participated in events such as the JCC/Pitt Brad Math Competition, wherein OHS won first overall, Scholastic Challenge, Homeless Huskies, and the SBU Regional Science fair, winning honorable mention on behalf of Marathon to the Sky. Adam was an active community volunteer and volunteered at the Challenger Center as an intern, the Gus Macker, as well as other

church events. Adam will be attending Vassar College in the fall and intends on double majoring in Physics and Astronomy.

Gabriel Perkins is the daughter of Jim Perkins and Teresa Perkins. She has volunteered at the SPCA and Mt. Zion Church. Gabriel has also participated in Homeless Huskies throughout her high school career. She has taken advanced high school classes and has earned many college credits. Gabriel will be attending Alfred State in the fall to major in Veterinary Technology.

Gerald Padlo is the son of Gregory Padlo and Carolyn Cross. He was involved in DECA as the Vice-President for two consecutive years and Principals Advisory. He also volunteered in Homeless Huskies and DECA's Christmas time gift-wrapping volunteer service for children attending Washington West. In the fall, Gerald will attend Geneseo with a major in Business Administration.

Mackenzie Pfeffer is the daughter of Jeremy and Florence Pfeffer. Mackenzie has participated in JV Basketball and JV and Varsity Softball. She was involved in several leadership positions such as class Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer and President of DECA. Along with these positions, Mackenzie was also involved in a World With Water Club and National Honor Society. During her high school years, Mackenzie participated in many service and volunteer projects such as Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure, Special Olympics, Homeless Huskies, and volunteers at her church. Mackenzie has been accepted into SUNY Geneseo and plans to attend in the fall to major in Business Administration.

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Gabrielle Pfeiffer

Luciano Rogers

Anna-Elisabeth Ross

Mariah Sakala

Abigail Schwartz

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Gabrielle Pfeiffer is the daughter of Ron and Sue Pfeiffer. Gabby has participated in JV and Varsity Basketball, JV and Varsity Softball, Student Government serving as Class Vice President her Sophomore and Junior year, and Homeless Huskies. She is a member of National Honor Society and has been awarded the 20/40 point award, the Spanish Award, the Physical Education Award, and Computer Applications Award. Gabby has also won the Harold Dutton Award. During her Varsity Basketball career, she was Captain her senior year, and named Honorable Mention for both Scholar Athlete and Section 6 CCAA West I. She was also a part of the Varsity Basketball Team when they won a sectional championship. At school she has volunteered for the Special Olympics as well as Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure. She is also very proud of supporting her classmates and peers at their sporting events. In the community, she has volunteered at Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, Rally in the Valley Festival, and St. Mary's of the Angels Festival as well as volunteering to help out around St. Mary's. In the fall, Gabby will attend W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University and major in Accounting.

Luciano Rogers is the son of Dominic and Jennifer Rogers. Luke was involved in many leadership positions such as Student Activities Council President, DECA President as a junior, Varsity Basketball Team Captain and student coordinator for Homeless Huskies. Along with these

positions, Luke was involved in National Honor Society, Olean City School District Foundation Board, and Select Choir and Bel Canto choir at Olean High School. He has been awarded with the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Citizen of the Week, and he was an Exchange Club Youth of the Year Nominee. Luke was also a volunteer for Unified Sports Day and Souper Bowl of Caring. Luke participated in Varsity Golf for five years and Boys Basketball for four years. He was awarded with the Michael Parks Team Player award for basketball as a junior and he earned the 20/40 Point Award. Luke was also a member of the New York State Class B State Championship Boys Basketball Team in 2016. In addition, Luke will graduate with 30 college credit hours from Jamestown Community College. Luciano will attend St. Bonaventure University enrolled in the Honors Program and he will double major in Accounting and Finance.

Anna-Elisabeth Ross is the daughter of Michelle Givan and Darryl Ross. Anna-Elisabeth has taken part in National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Select Choir, Bel Canto, Area All-State, All County Choir, Varsity Swimming, JV and Varsity Softball, Drama Club, and DECA. For DECA, Anna-Elisabeth placed 3rd in the regional competition in 2015, and was a State Representative at the State Competition for DECA. She has also participated in several volunteer projects such as Homeless Huskies, Special Olympics, singing at Roswell Park Cancer

Institute, The Pines Nursing Home, Eden Heights Nursing Home, and for "Toys for Tots", and a disaster drill volunteer at Olean General Hospital. Anna-Elisabeth has been awarded Scholastic Achievement for Excellence in Trigonometry, Scholar-Athlete Award, 20 Point award, and 40 Point award. During her senior year, Anna-Elisabeth was selected to participate in the New Vision-Health Professions Program. Anna-Elisabeth will be attending Wingate University in North Carolina to study Pre-Physician Assistant Studies while majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry.

Mariah Sakala is the daughter of Susan Mahar-Sakala and Dale Sakala. During her high school career she participated in Homeless Huskies, Varsity Swimming and Cheerleading. She was a member of the National Technical Honor Society in both her junior and senior year. She received the Entrepreneurship Award from Jamestown Business College and plans on studying Marketing and Management.

Abigail Schwartz is the daughter of Dave and Dawn Schwartz. She is currently the Senior Class President. While at Olean High School she participated in many activities. She swam on the Girls' Varsity Swimming and Diving Team since the 7th grade and was elected team Captain her senior year. She was also a 6-time Sectional Qualifier and was selected to be on the CCAA All-Star Team. She was also involved in many clubs such as A World

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Taylor Shearer

Marcus Snyder

Dylan Spencer

Hannah Stayer

Cory Walker

With Water, Studio 107 Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. She also was selected to attend the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference her sophomore year. Her senior year she was chosen to participate in the New Visions Pre-Health Professions Program. She volunteers at her church, she is a Special Olympic Swim Coach, Revitalizing Olean, and the SPCA. In the fall, Abby will attend Hartwick College and major in Biology/ Pre-Medicine and will also be part of the Swim Team

Taylor Shearer is the daughter of Melissa Shearer. Taylor has participated in Varsity Swimming and Diving, Varsity Track and Field, National Honor Society, Reality Check, Z-Club, Principal Advisory Committee and Bel Canto during her four years at Olean High School. During her athletic career at OHS she was a sectional participant for diving for three years. She has also received Scholar Athlete Award and Honorable Mention. Taylor is a Giant Step student, meaning she is dually enrolled at Olean High School and St. Bonaventure. She has participated in several volunteer projects such as Unified Sports, Special Olympics, and projects with the AmeriCorps. In the fall, Taylor will attend Kent State University and major in Biology with Pre-Med.

Marcus Snyder is the son of Amy and Jason Snyder. Marcus has participated in a multitude of theater and choral activities as well as joining exclusive groups such as the National Honor Society and the Bel Canto Musical Group. During Marcus's senior year he began to dedicate most of

his study halls to helping students in the Special Education room as community service. Taking part in and having named roles in plays at the Olean High School such as Herr Zeller in "The Sound of Music", Ben Weatherstaff in "The Secret Garden", and Olin Britt in "The Music Man". Marcus was part of the Select Choir when they were able to win a gold in distinction which is still displayed in the chorus room. Marcus will be attending Alfred University and majoring in Law Enforcement as well as searching other musical and theatrical opportunities.

Dylan Spencer is the son of Wes Spencer Jr. and Gretchen Spencer. During his years at OHS, Dylan has participated in JV and Varsity Basketball and Baseball, National Honor Society and Homeless Huskies. He has also volunteered with Unified Sports, Gus Macker, Soles for Souls and community cleanup with St. John's Church. Dylan currently works for the City of Olean's after school Recreation Program at St. John's school. In the fall, Dylan will attend St. Bonaventure University where he will major in Business.

Hannah Stayer is the daughter of Colleen and Gregory Stayer. Hannah has been a member of Drama Club, Select Choir, Bel-Canto, Ski Club, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Liberty Partnership, and Student Activities Council throughout her time at Olean High School. She has received the Harold Dutton Student of the Month award, the Triple "C" Award and the Twenty-Point Award. In the community, Hannah is a member of the Olean Theatre Workshop, Interscholastic Equestrian Association, and 4-H.

Hannah volunteers in the community through AmeriCorps, and has completed many projects including I Love my Park Day, helping at the Olean Theatre workshop weekly, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Mass. Hannah has also volunteered through the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels on numerous projects as well as volunteering her time at a local horse camp, the Special Olympics and has caroled at Toys for Tots, nursing homes, and Roswell Cancer Institute. Hannah will be attending Binghamton University and will major in Psychology and minor in Music.

Cory Walker is the son of Randall and Laura Walker. Throughout his years at Olean High School, Cory has been involved in volunteer projects and sports teams. He has ran Varsity Cross Country for 4 years and played Varsity Baseball for 2 years, plus 2 more at the JV level. Cory has been a part of National Honor Society, Homeless Huskies, Student Government, Impact Club, and others. Cory will be attending John Carroll University in the fall and will be dual majoring in Supply Chain Management as well as Marketing.

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Aubrianna Weber

Maegan Windus

Grace Wroblewski

Haleigh Youll

Natalie Young

Class of 2017 Honor Graduates

Aubrianna Weber is the daughter of Crystal Weber, Shawn Woodward, and Crystal Woodward. She has participated in Band, National Honor Society, Reality Check, Z-Club, and Marathon to the Sky. Aubrianna was a 2-year winner of the Youth Advocate of the Year Award for the Western Region. As part of National Honor Society, she took part in Unified Sports Day and Special Olympics. Aubrianna has participated in Varsity Cheerleading and Tennis, and received Scholar Athlete as well as Honorable Mention honors. She also received the Harold Dutton Award twice. Aubrianna volunteered at the SPCA, painted murals at the Challenger Center, and has helped out with missions. She will attend JCC in Olean to study Psychology.

Maegan Windus is the daughter of Amy and Tom Windus. Maegan was a member of National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Homeless Huskies, Spanish Club, and Ski Club. She participated in Varsity Tennis and Golf, and JV Basketball Softball. During sophomore and junior years, she served as Class Treasurer and is President of the senior class. Maegan was a member of Select Chorus and Bel Canto. She performed in two school musicals and attended Conference All State junior and senior years. She was selected to participate senior year in the New Visions - Health Professions program. She has volunteered at various local events, including Revitalizing Olean to clean and fix up the Manufacturer Hannover building, and also caroled at elder care facilities. Maegan was named 2016 Most Improved Singer of Select Chorus, and Most Valuable Player for Varsity

Tennis. She has been awarded the WNY Section VI Scholar Athlete Award, Sportsmanship Award, 20 and 40 Point Awards, and several excellence awards in various school subjects. Maegan will attend Mount Holyoke College to major in Biology before continuing to medical school.

Grace Wroblewski is the daughter of Mr. James Wroblewski and Dr. René and Mr. Joe Hauser. She has participated in Homeless Huskies for 5 years, raising over \$2,500. She also volunteered for Revitalizing Olean and Unified Sports. Grace was President of Z Club and Secretary of Olean's Thirst Project which raised almost \$20,000 to build wells in third world countries. She was a member of DECA for three years and a state competitor senior year, placing third at regionals. She was junior class president and SAC president of activities and recreation. Grace has participated at the Varsity level in Swimming and Diving, Cheerleading, and Golf. She received the Section VI All-WNY Scholar Athlete Honorable Mention for cheerleading and golf senior year, and the Sportsmanship Award during the winter season. Grace took several JCC and St. Bonaventure University courses. She was a member of National Honor Society, receiving the Distinguished Service Award. Grace earned the Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award all four years, and the 20, 40, and 60 Point Awards. She has been accepted into the Honors Program at St. Bonaventure University where she will major in Political Science with a Law and Society minor. Her goal is to attend law school to become a civil rights attorney.

Haleigh Youll is the daughter of Melissa Johnson and the late Daniel Youll.

She has participated in Homeless Huskies, the Thirst Project, Band and Jazz Band. Haleigh has been actively showing horses and competed at the 2016 Quarter Horse Congress. She works at Dance Arts where she also has been participating in classes since the age of six. Haleigh will attend Alfred University in the fall with a dual major in Early Childhood/Childhood Education. She will also be a member of the college Equestrian team and hopes to take part in the school's music programs.

Natalie Young is the daughter of Mike Young and Theresa Raftis. Natalie has participated at the Varsity level in Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Track and Field, and Basketball, and in Student Government serving as Class Secretary, National Honor Society, Model UN, Spanish Club, and Homeless Huskies. Natalie was a part of one sectional championship with the Varsity Girls' Basketball team, and qualified for sectionals in Track. She was named a CCAA Varsity Soccer First Team-All Star, was on the All-Tournament Team for the Olean Girls' Soccer Tournament, and received the Sportsmanship Award for basketball. Natalie has been earned Section VI Scholar Athlete Honorable mention, the 20/40 point award, and Math Excellence in Algebra II Award. She was named to the JCC part-time student Dean's List. She has played in and volunteered with the Unified Sports Day, helped with Special Olympics and Toys for Tots, was a Student Coordinator for Souper Bowl of Caring, and participated in the Top Soccer Program. Natalie attended the career exploration program at Cornell University. She plans to attend Syracuse University and major in Education.

Best Wishes to Our OHS Seniors!

Boston G. Abdo – Fredonia
Alexandria A. Adusei – Alfred State
Kaleigh L. Anastasia – JCC
Tyler R. Anastasia – Niagara Comm. College
Noelle A. Anzivine – Coastal Carolina Univ.
Julie C. Ash – University of Buffalo
Brian M. Austin – JCC
Brooke A. Baker – Employment
Jacob E. Bartlett – Utica College
Lyanness A. Batista-Bennett – Daemen College
Corben J. Becelia – JCC
Antonio V. Belvees – JCC
Thomas R. Benjamin – Marine Corps
Jared M. Bertch – Air Force
Brett J. Bizzaro – Hilbert College
Bryan J. Bizzaro – Finger Lakes Community College
Taylor L. Blackmon – JCC
Sarah E. Blazejewski – St. Bonaventure Univ.
Alyssa D. Blossom – Employment
Garrett R. Boldt – Campbell University
Nathan D. Bradley II – University of Albany
Ryan D. Brown – Alfred University
Andrew C. Budinger – Employment
Andrew M. Burczynski – JCC
Jacob W. Burton – Employment
Dell D. Butler – Niagara Community College
Jessie L. Carlson – St. Bonaventure University
Gabrielle N. Carpenter – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Victoria F. Certo – Penn State University
Skyla M. Chapman – University of Akron
Kaylie A. Clabeaux – St. Bonaventure Univ.
Kaitlyn R. Clark – Daemen College
Alexi R. Clemons – JCC
Diamond M. Clemons – JCC
Ashley M. Corcoran – JCC
Dustin L. Cornell – Employment
Logan M. Cross – St. Bonaventure University
Taylor A. Crosson – JCC
Brianna N. Curtin – University of Akron
Zachary C. Dalton – JCC
Derek J. Dandrea – JCC
Bryan D. DaRosa Jr. – Central Georgia Technical College
Micah L. Dominique – Oregon State University
Derek S. Douthit – Alfred State
Dawson D. Dwaileebe – JCC
Dylan Dyal – St. Bonaventure University
Derek M. Eaton – JCC
Brittney L. Fisher – Air Force
Rebecca A. Fox – Cedar Crest College
Travis D. Franclemont – Alfred State
Whitney A. Fye – Midlands Technical College
Emily E. Gayton – Ohio University
Cole D. Geise – Employment

Taylor A. George – Employment
Alexis B. Gergel – Employment
Alexander R. Germack – JCC
Jazmynn N. Griffin – Tallahassee Community College
Brooke A. Gronemeier – University of Dayton
Victoria M. Gulnac – California University of PA
Jesse L. Hamed – University of Buffalo
Andrea L. Harris – Fredonia
Brenda L. Hendryx – Employment
Aaron J. Hill – JCC
Christopher G. Hughes – Employment
Keynan M. Hund – Employment
Taureece B. Jackson – Alfred State
Joseph E. Jedrosko – JCC
Lauryn H. Jodush – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Amie J. Johnson – JCC
Ty E. Johnson – Rochester Institute of Tech.
Cameron J. Kane – St. Bonaventure University
Kayleah R. Keis – JCC
Brooke A. Kenyon – JCC
Ryleigh N. Kenyon – East Carolina University
Kay'Leigh M. Kenyon (McDade) – Long Island University
Logan A. Ketchner – JCC
Marissa C. Ketchner – JCC
Cayla M. Kramer – JCC
Peyton D. Kunselman – Rochester Institute of Technology
Kimberly A. Lewis – Employment
Kyle G. Livingston – JCC
Emily A. Ludden – Fredonia
Jonathon T. Magro – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Timothy J. Magro – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Jesse L. Maleski-Niver – JCC
Kaylee M. Marsfelder – JCC
Benjamin R. Martel – Alfred State
Hunter C. Martin – JCC
Korryn L. Martin – Employment
Jordan D. McLaughlin – U.S. Naval Academy
Shannon M. McNamee – St. Lawrence Univ.
Kasie L. McStraw – JCC
Tanner M. Meyer – Employment
Connor W. Meyers – St. Bonaventure Univ.
Kaylynn A. Michienzi – Employment
Ryan P. Mikolajczyk – Alfred State
Brock J. Minard – Villa Maria College
Saad Z. Mirza – Princeton University
Allison N. Monroe – St. Bonaventure Univ.
Haley M. Morgan – JCC
Adam G. Moses – Vassar College
Emilee K. Murphy – JCC
Jonathan T.M. Murphy – JCC

Kiley J. Murphy – JCC
Christina E. Nelson – Continental School of Beauty
Samantha R. Ouderkirk – BOCES Dental Assistant Program
Nathan A. Paar – JCC
Gerald X. Padlo – Geneseo
Kiana M. Parks – JCC
Gabriel L. Perkins – Alfred State
Jerry J. Peters, Jr. – Employment
Tiana N. Peterson – Monroe Community College
Joseph E. Peterson-Volz – Fredonia
Mackenzie C. Pfeffer – Geneseo
Gabrielle E. Pfeiffer – Arizona State University
Corri E. Proctor – St. Bonaventure University
Asialyn N. Quigley – JCC
Justin M. Retchless – Finger Lakes Community College
Dylan G. Rhodes – JCC
Darrin M. Rios – JCC
KeShaun M. Rivera – Mohawk Valley Community College
Kristina M. Rivera-Querns – JCC
Luciano N. Rogers – St. Bonaventure Univ.
Anna-Elizabeth G. Ross – Wingate University
Christopher J. Russell – JCC
Mariah L. Sakala – Jamestown Business College
Martina Scattu – Exchange Student from Italy
Abigail J. Schwartz – Hartwick College
Taylor E. Shearer – Kent State University
Montgomery C. Shoemaker – Cayuga Community College
Michael C. Simon – Employment
Chantel N. Singleton – Alfred University
Bartholomew D. Snyder – SUNY Brockport
Marcus J. Snyder – Alfred State
Tristen L. Snyder – Edinboro
Serena Sosa – Coastal Carolina
Dylan T. Spencer – St. Bonaventure University
Hannah E. Stayer – Binghamton University
Ann M. Tarbox – Employment
Yve V. Tejera – University of Northwestern Ohio
Sullivan I. Tellado – JCC
Owen N. Trudeau – Fredonia
Cory M. Walker – John Carroll University
Aubrianna N. Weber – JCC
Joshua Q. Wheeler – JCC
Kennedy P. Willard – OCC
Darius A. Williams – Alfred University
Maegan E. Windus – Mount Holyoke College
Grace J. Wroblewski – St. Bonaventure Univ.
Olivia K. Wyant – Alfred University
Haleigh J. Youll – Alfred University
Natalie C. Young – Syracuse University
Joseph S. Zamites – Houghton College



New Employees Join the District



Anna Argot
Teacher Aide

Amanda Carleton
Teacher Aide



Rhea Holland
Teacher Aide

Maria Vergara
Food Service Helper



Amy Webster
Teacher Aide

Sara Williams
Keyboard Specialist

Message from the Superintendent

Thank You for the Privilege of Being Your Superintendent

By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent

Closing out nine fantastic years as the leader of such a wonderful school district is a very bitter sweet feeling. To say “farewell” or “so long for now” seems cliché, yet fitting. Farewell to the position of superintendent and farewell to my incredible colleagues that I have worked alongside over the years. The realization that I will no longer have day-to-day contact with the amazing youth of our community is by far that hardest part of retiring. They are the ones who bring such promise to our future and they are the ones who brought such joy to me on a daily basis. To them, I say – “BEST OF EVERYTHING!”

My journey as your superintendent has been one of the best journeys of my professional career. I have learned the true meaning of Husky pride and I have experienced firsthand how the Husky family brings to life the motto – “It takes all the Huskies to pull the sled.”

I am so very proud to have been your superintendent and I plan to continue to support the school district and community at large into retirement. I have learned over the years that I live in a giving and caring community that gives of itself and strives to improve for its citizens. My sincere appreciation is extended to the families, businesses and community members who have offered so much support and guidance over the years.

As I close out, I will say “so long for now” but I am not saying “goodbye.” As stated by Winnie the Pooh, “How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

Thank you for the privilege of being the superintendent of such a remarkable school district.



Parade of Graduates Instills Pride

The 2017 Parade of Graduates took place on May 25, when the Class of 2017 marched through the halls of Olean’s elementary schools, Olean Intermediate Middle School and the high school to inspire the younger students to work hard so they, too, may one day walk across the stage and receive their diplomas. These youngsters at Washington West Elementary School demonstrated their Husky Pride and enthusiasm for the upcoming graduates.

Musicians Excel at All-County Festivals

Olean was well represented at the CCMTA All-County Music Festivals which took place in March. Congratulations to our fine musicians who worked hard and produced spectacular concert performances! Go Husky Harmony!



Junior High All-County Chorus: (back, l-r) Quinn Forrest, Iann Matthews, Damani Crolle, Mark Perry, Jared Burton; and (front, l-r) Maxwell Wolfe, Andrew Sherburne, Nathan Gabler, Graham Kinnaird



Junior High All-County Chorus: (back, l-r) Cait Butler, Makayla Folts; and (front, l-r) Sarah Liu, Tanvi Patro, Paige Smith



All-County Junior High Band: (l-r) Nathan Gabler, Makayla Folts, Isabelle Crosson, Elisa Martel, Mackenzie Windus



All-County Senior High Chorus: (back, l-r) Gabriel Williams, Olivia Lang, Brooke Gronemeier, Andrea Harris, Tori Gulnac, Jessica Chastain, Tenaya Ramadhan, Veronica Ferry; and (front, l-r) Taylor Shearer, Courtney Sisson, Mackenzie Sakala, Mary Ring



Senior High All-County Band: (l-r) Makenzie Milligan, Brooke Gronemeier, Andrea Harris



All-County Senior High Chorus: (l-r) Torry Stives, Coby Spiller, Darrin Rios, Peyton Kunselman, Austin Ring, Zachary Greenstein, Ethan Dalton, Dylan Rhodes



Visit the DECA Store for Your S-P-I-R-I-T Gear

The DECA Store currently has for sale the following merchandise:

- ★ Husky Paw T-Shirts - \$12
- ★ Red and Yellow Neck Coolers - \$10
- ★ Clear & Spirit-Designed Water Bottles - \$5
- ★ OHS Husky Lanyard - \$3

If interested in any of these products, please see a DECA member or your business education teachers: Sue Frentz and Christine Stavish.

Come with us next spring 2018!

Interested travelers should email Mrs. Napoleon (mnapoleon@olean.wnyric.org)

Travel far enough, you meet yourself"

David Mitchell, Cloud Atlas



London

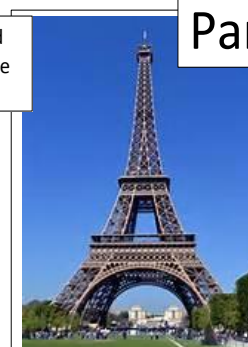
Take the Chunnel (crossing the English Channel) by Eurostar train to London, and see the beautiful Tower of London, Trafalgar Square, Leicester Square, Covent Garden and much more.



Loire Valley

Travel to the French countryside and explore the magnificent castles that were called the "playground of Kings"

Meet the most well-known city in the world (nicknamed "the City of Lights". We will visit the Eiffel Tower, see the Mona Lisa eat crêpes and experience haute-couture.



Paris

Experience the beaches of Normandy and give honor to our troops at Caen Memorial.



Normandy

McLaughlin Wins Ilio DiPaolo Scholarship Award

Congratulations to OHS Senior Jordan McLaughlin who received the Ilio DiPaolo Scholarship Award at a banquet held in Buffalo. Pictured with Jordan is Buffalo Bills Head Coach Sean McDermott (right) and Bills Head Athletic Trainer Bud Carpenter (left).





OCSD Physical Education News

The physical education department held its annual **Jump Rope for Heart** event during physical education classes in March.

East View raised \$1,004.50. Acacia Steffenhagen was the top fundraiser, raising \$120. She is in third grade, Mrs. Caya's class.

Washington West raised \$1,307.73. Chloe Stitt and Seamus Leslie were the top fundraisers, raising \$205 each.

OIMS raised \$2,136.14. Grace Haynes raised \$177, Autumn Milks raised \$165, and Aaron Samuel raised \$130.

OHS students have the chance to **spin their way to fitness** during physical education classes. The spin bikes were purchased through PEP grant funds. Archery was the adventure activity at OHS for the month of March. Students were given the opportunity to participate in this after school activity thanks to the funds of the PEP grant. A special thanks to Ms. Morse and Mr. Finch for running this activity.

As the **PEP grant** comes to a close, the grants final big purchase will be 40 kayaks. The kayaks will be used this summer for the 3rd Annual Summer Adventure Camp.

Adventure camp will be offered for two separate weeks this summer - the week of June 26 and the week of July 31 for students entering 4th grade and above. This FREE activity is sponsored by the PEP grant which can accommodate 20 Olean students. Activities such as kayaking, high and low ropes course, archery, tennis and lazer tag will be offered throughout the week. The camp will run Monday-Friday from 9-3 pm. For more information, contact Mrs. Brooks at Olean High school at (716) 375-3909.



The PEP grant also sponsored open **family swim nights** on Fridays during April and May. This activity was meant to compliment the 3rd grade swim program for Washington West and East View. Many students and family members joined in on this opportunity. A special thanks to Mrs. VanScoy for helping to run this activity.



French Classes Celebrate Mardi Gras

French students at OHS were able to get jazzed up in Mardi Gras garb for this year's celebration. The holiday of Mardi Gras (in French known as Fat Tuesday) is celebrated in Southern Louisiana and in many parts of the world.

In New Orleans, celebrations are concentrated for about two weeks before and through Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. Generally there is one major parade each day; and many days have several large parades. The largest and most elaborate parades take place the last five days of the Mardi Gras season.

French students at the high school celebrated by bringing in traditional King's cake and dressing in the Mardi Gras colors of green (faith), gold (power) and purple (justice). Students also enjoyed a "doubloon" treat (chocolate in the shape of a coin).



Students Enjoy Dancing Fun at Special Education Prom

On May 5, the Olean area Special Education Prom was held at the Allegany American Legion with 80 students from 10 different classrooms attending. The theme for the prom was Demin and Diamonds. Students participated in a Cuba Cheese Fundraiser to pay for the event. Some students had their hair done by volunteers at Jason Clemons Salon. A loan closet was available for anyone needing dresses and suits. Staff decorated the night before as a surprise for attendees. Interstate Studios was also there to take photos and students will all receive a photo package. Parents were invited to come for pictures and then it was time for dancing. DJ Ed, again this year, donated his equipment and time. Students used a photo booth set up for pictures. Lunch was donated and provided by the American Legion Auxilary. The dance floor was full the entire time with students and adults dancing and having fun. All students received a small cooler with Prom 2017 on the front. A big thank you to everyone who made this day possible!!



Students Attend Youth Summit & Meet Mrs. Cuomo

Four Olean High School students, members of the Fredonia Liberty Partnerships Program, attended the Empire Promise Youth Summit at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany on April 27 through 29.

At the conference students were addressed by Matilda Cuomo, wife of former governor Mario Cuomo and mother of present governor Andrew Cuomo. Mrs. Cuomo was presented with the Liberty Partnerships Lifetime Achievement Award for her advocacy for youth programming and for the role she played in the founding of the Liberty Partnerships Program. In attendance, to honor and add her congratulations to Mrs. Cuomo, was MaryEllen Elia, New York State Commissioner of Education and President of the University of the State of New York.

The theme of the three day event was the Power of Knowledge. The weekend was full of educational and fun filled activities. Students from across the state attended workshops to learn about college and career readiness, leadership skills and goal setting. Our students also learned about New York State history with an off- site tour of the Capitol and the New York State Museum.

OHS students attending the conference were Whitney Fye, Meere Kataotao, Rhiannon Peck and Kevin Sands.



Pictured (front, l-r) Lesley Patrone, OHS Site Coordinator for Fredonia Liberty Partnerships; Matilda Cuomo, wife of former NYS Gov. Mario Cuomo; MaryEllen Elia, NYS Commissioner of Education; and (back, l-r) Whitney Fye, Rhiannon Peck, Kevin Sands, Meere Kataotao.



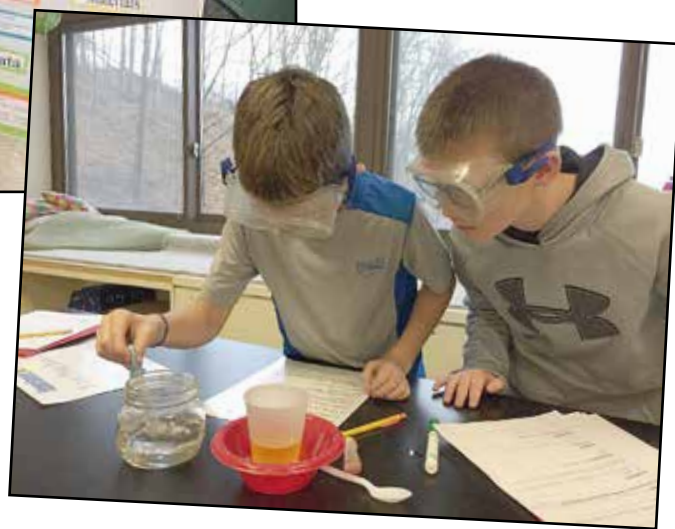
LET THE CULTURE BEGIN!

All sixth graders had the opportunity last month to try out their fancy French and Spanish skills as they participated in a presentation on the importance of learning a foreign language. It is all part of an initiative to educate our students about the foreign language options offered at Olean High School. As seventh graders, students will begin their course of study in French or Spanish, which is a NYS requirement for graduation. In addition to meeting this NYS graduation requirement, students can also earn up to six college credits in either language (if not both if they so choose). This experience affords our students the opportunity to gain a high functional level of communication by the time they graduate. Having high functional language skills puts our Olean students in a great position of awareness and sensitivity towards our global society; which by today's standards, is a key ingredient for their future success.



SCIENCE FAIR PREPARES STUDENTS FOR STATE EXAMS

After studying properties of matter and the scientific method, students completed autonomous Science Fair projects and competed against each other for 1st Place, Most Creative, and Most Useful categories. Then, since students are loving their literature study of Harry Potter, students then went on to study science at Hogwarts where they learned about fluids, viscosity, heat transfer and density. They followed ancient recipes to make their own potions: Fluid Fortitude and Creativity Elixir. They used the elixir to write personal narratives and fluid fortitude to ace the state exams.





Bookmark Contest Winners - Several East View students attended an award ceremony at the Olean Public Library. The students participated in their annual design a bookmark contest.



Scooting Around in PE
- Now that the weather is nicer, Mr. Folland and Ms. Morey, our PE teachers, have added a new fast and idea to our morning program. The students have been riding Razor Scooters, purchased with PEP grant funds, and navigating Mr. Folland's custom designed course!

Want to check out East View's latest Reading Video? Go to <https://tinyurl.com/evreads>



Jumping for Joy - East View was jumping for joy over the tremendous reading accomplishments of our students. Almost everyone in the entire school is well over 400 reading steps for the year (1 step = 15 minutes of reading). Each class got to spend 30 minutes playing on the YMCA inflatable as a reward for all their hard work. For more pictures, follow us on Twitter. We are @OleanEastView.

East View Elementary School



Sounds of Spring Music - East View held its Spring Concerts this May. Students sang all Beatles songs to a thrilled audience.



Classroom Make Over - Reading Teachers Mrs. Swetland and Ms. Havens remade their classroom overnight to surprise their students in the morning. The students have been reading and learning about Oceans and were thrilled to see their new under water reading space. Some students even made connections to the Beatles song, Underneath the Ocean, that they sang in music class.



Muffins with Mom - On May 12, Mrs. Varner's K-1-2 students hosted a one hour "spa" day in honor of their mothers. During this special Mother's Day celebration, their guests were treated and pampered by their children in true spa style! They had their nails painted, hands rubbed with a home-made "lotion," and ate delicious muffins. Together, they planted flowers donated by Miller's Farm Market, and each received a hand-made greeting card. A great time was had by all! Coming soon ... Donuts with Dad!



Parade of Graduates - From our house to yours, the staff and students of Washington West would like to congratulate the OHS Senior Class of 2017 for their example of perseverance! We're very proud of you! The district's new tradition of having a "Parade of Graduates" through our schools brought much excitement and enthusiasm!



Challenger Center Visit - The 2nd graders have been learning a lot about space. As a culminating activity, they took a great trip to the Challenger Center. Our students participated in many fun science-based stations, learning activities, and were even able to take a ride to space!

Washington West Elementary School



Support for our Soldiers - Approximately 10 deployment care packages will be sent from the students and staff at Washington West Elementary to the same number of U.S. Airmen about to be deployed from Ouffutt Airforce base in Nebraska over the Memorial Day weekend. Students and staff filled the boxes with at least 20 items, from toothpaste to word search booklets! Students also enclosed personal notes, class letters of thanks and pictures that they colored to show their appreciation to the men and women who serve. This project was originated in Lori Varner's class with the first care package being sent from her class in February to Ouffutt AFB.



Honoring our Military - The 2nd grade students worked together to create a Memorial Day project to honor the men and women in the military. Each student received stars to write the names of family members who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces.

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District Prepares for Re-Unification Drill

For the past few months, teachers, staff, and administrators from across the District have been working with local and county officials to plan for a live re-unification drill at Washington West. In the event of an emergency in which a building required evacuation, students would need to be re-united with their parents/guardians. On May 23, a group of Washington West staff participated in a "Table Top Drill" led by Cattaraugus County Director of Emergency Preparedness Chris Baker, and Emergency Preparedness Specialist Bobby Kuhn. Staff divided into two teams and were presented with the situation of evacuating the building, along with a map of the site where they would relocate. The teams talked through moving students to the other site and what the responsibilities would be for staff, keeping the safety of students as their first priority. Many questions came to the surface as the staff stepped through the drill. Mr. Baker and Mr. Kuhn threw in scenarios or unforeseen problems that could arise during an actual evacuation and adjustments were made to better improve the process. Everyone left with a better understanding of what needs to happen in the event of an actual evacuation. The District plans to continue refining plans over the summer in anticipation of carrying out a live drill of evacuating and re-unifying families sometime in the fall.

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