



SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEF

Dr. Genelle Morris

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Message from Dr. Morris:

As I finish my third month as Superintendent of the Olean City Schools, I would like to thank you for welcoming me and making me feel at home. I have had the opportunity to meet some of you, and I very much look forward to meeting many more of you over the course of the school year.



I wanted to share some of the things that are guiding my first 100 days. I have been working to gather information about the district and school communities; establish a strong community presence early on; assess the district's strengths; identify critical issues; address areas of immediate concern; build upon staff strengths and create a network of contacts and resources that will assist me in my work. One very exciting thing we will share this year is sharing the highlight of all of our seniors in the Superintendent's Brief. Our focus will be to celebrate every one of our hard-working scholars as they prepare to move on to college or careers at the end of the year. We are certainly husky proud of them all!

After our first 100 days, we will develop a multi-year strategic plan for our District. This will be an opportunity for input from Olean City Schools' students, staff, families, and community members to focus on future system-wide improvements to improve outcomes for students. Our Strategic Plan is intended to be a working document. The plan will be established to begin in the 2022-2023 school year and will be revisited each year to update district priorities, monitoring our progress regularly throughout the school year. Our Strategic Plan will serve as a guide map to assist us in prioritizing and aligning our efforts and resources to fulfill the district's mission and vision — providing a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute, and innovate.

I look forward to embarking on this work with all of you, partnering with the community as we work to make our school district and community the best it can be.





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Welcoming Students Back:

We were excited to welcome all of our Huskies back to school on Tuesday, September 6th. The day went without any major hiccups and we are happy to have our Huskies back in school.



Welcome Back!



Guest Speaker, Mr. Charles Clark:



Mr. Charles Clark, a Motivational Speaker, provided two student engagement opportunities on the first day of school this year. Olean High School students were provided the opportunity to attend an exclusive "Lunch & Learn" to discuss leadership and civic involvement within the school district.

In addition, all High Schoolers attended an afternoon assembly to hear Mr. Clark talk about ownership and showing up for yourself.

He also taught students how to use adversity to build greater strength, success, and fulfillment. Students left the assembly encouraged to embrace this school year and to strive for their best.

Charles Clark is a motivational speaker and the creator of the Thrive Planner. Before becoming an International speaker, Charles was one of the fastest men in the world. He is a 3x NCAA National Championship and USA Track and Field Championships silver medalist. Now, as a mindset expert, Charles shows athletes, entrepreneurs, companies, and students how to win in life!





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Senior Spotlights:

Every issue of my Superintendent's Briefs will introduce and celebrate all of our hard-working Senior scholars in their last year before they prepare to move on to college or careers at the end of the year. We are certainly husky proud of them all! Our first set of our Seniors scholars are highlighted below. All Seniors will be featured so check back for more highlights!



Name: Michelle Droney

Highlight of HS career: This years homecoming assembly

Plans after HS: Continue through college and then medical school and become a physician

Advice to underclassmen: Ask questions in class!

Senior Shout Out: Thank you to Mrs. Ventura for teaching me how to write a good essay.



Name: Jacob Williams

Highlight of HS career: Getting a 90 in advanced history & math last year

Plans after HS: College for either business or history

Advice to underclassmen: If you don't like or don't get to enjoy school, I suggest you try really hard to pass it because the moment you stop caring is the moment you probably guaranteed you are either repeating the class or adding more work for next year.

Senior Shout Out: Alex Vogel



Name: Gavin Weseman

Highlight of HS career: Being able to join many sports teams and being in student government

Plans after HS: Attend college for education in earth science

Advice to underclassmen: You need to utilize your time to get your work done because that will reach you responsibility and perseverance which is well needed in 11th and 12th grades.

Senior Shout Out: Shout out to my family, coaches and friends for being there at my lows and highs and pushing me to be the best person I possibly can be. Thank you Mom, Dad, Coach Brown, Coach Wright, Will Snyder, Michelle Droney, Dominic Brenton and the class of 2023.



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Name: Alexander Vogel

Highlight of HS career: Moving up to the high school from the BOCES 6:1:1 in 2019

Plans after HS: College

Advice to underclassmen: Just be nice and respectful to all authority figures



Name: Adrianna Riehle

Highlight of HS career: Getting senior privileges

Plans after HS: College at JCC and then transfer to another college

Advice to underclassmen: Hang in there. It'll eventually be worth it.

Senior Shout Out: Jaedyn



Name: Jaedyn Riehle

Highlight of HS career: Starting BOCES

Plans after HS: Go to JCC and go to college for something in the education field

Advice to underclassmen: Do your homework, and try not to fall behind

Senior Shout Out: Addy



Name: Andrea Walker

Highlight of HS career: I challenged a girl in track to a race, we took off our shoes and I went surfing

Plans after HS: I plan on getting the remaining JCC credits I need before going to a four year college

Advice to underclassmen: Take advantage of the resources that are there for you. It won't be wasted time

Senior Shout Out: Thank you Mrs. & Mr. Ventura for the writing lab!



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Welcoming Back OCSD Faculty & Staff:

The Olean City School District Faculty and Staff celebrated the start of the New School Year on Wednesday, August 31st. There was much laughter as the Husky Pack reconnected with colleagues and friends. Staff were invited to show their Husky Pride by wearing Olean's school colors. A photo booth was also part of the morning festivities. In celebration of new beginnings, Mary Hirsch-Schena, OCSD Board of Education Interim President, introduced Dr. Genelle Morris to the Olean City School District. During Dr. Morris' Keynote Address, the Husky Pack was able to get to know their new Superintendent and learn why she chose Olean Schools to begin her Superintendency career. The morning ended with the introduction of newly hired staff, as well as current staff that moved to different positions within the District. The Husky Pack is glad to be back and ready to have a fantastic school year!



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