



### Upcoming Events

- 18 No School - Professional Development
- 18-21 No School - Presidents' Day Weekend
- 25 NJAIS Meetings 1PM dismissal
- 26 Super 50/50 Drawing
- Mar 1 Women's History Month begins
- 2 Ash Wednesday, Lenten kickoff
- 4 Spring Fling 9th-10th



## The Doctor is In!

**Dr. Jon-Mark Grussenmeyer** joined the OLMA faculty this school year and has been an invaluable addition to our English and History departments. With a Ph.D. in Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Dr. Grussenmeyer teaches literature (sophomores) and AP U.S. History 2. He also teaches/has taught British History, Western Civilization and U.S. History at Rowan University. Dr. Grussenmeyer is in the process of having his first book published by Cambridge University Press, a serious coup in the world of history teachers/professors!

Dr. Grussenmeyer is thrilled with his teaching position here at OLMA. "I am impressed by the level of engagement of my students as well as the quality of discussions in the classroom," he said. Well done, Villagers!

When Dr. Grussenmeyer is not teaching or rehabbing his "new" historic home with his wife Grace, he can be seen at historic reenactments. This photo was taken at a reenactment in Britain.

**Welcome to OLMA, Dr. Grussenmeyer!**



### National Merit Commendation

Amanda Hastings was honored as a Commended Student in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. Her high achievement of ranking among the top 50,000 students nationwide who entered the 2022 National Merit Program by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT & National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test earned her this distinguished honor and recognition for exceptional academic promise. Congratulations, Amanda!



## A WOMAN WITH A CUBE

Profile of Rubik's Cube master Kate Smith

OLMA Junior Katie Smith is a wiz at the Rubik's Cube. She has taken this hobby to a pretty impressive level ... she competes regularly, solving the cube in record times!

Here's a quick Q&A with our resident Rubik's Cube expert:

**Q: How did you get started with this hobby?**

KS: I started this hobby freshman year at my old school. It all started because a boy in my grade told me I couldn't do it. By the end of that year, I could beat him.

**Q: Why do you enjoy it?**

KS: There are many reasons I enjoy solving Rubik's cubes. With every new personal record I set, I am further proving the boy wrong. Another reason is that I like figuring out how to solve things like puzzles, both pictures and cubes.

**Q: What have been the most exciting competitions for you personally? Why?**

KS: The most exciting competition for me has to be my first competition. I was scared at first, but I realized that the community I had joined was not like ones in the past. Everyone was nice and congratulated you on your times no matter how high they were. I also met someone I sort of look up to, she makes YouTube videos on cubing and made me realize that it wasn't a boy-dominant community.

**Q: What is your fastest time for solving a Rubik's cube?**

KS: For the 3x3 cube, my fastest time is 17 seconds, and for the 2x2 cube, my fastest time is 3.57 seconds.



### An OLMA Senior Heads to West Point

Lindsey Serafine recently signed her National Letter of Intent to play goalie for the lacrosse team at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Lindsey was named 1st Team Cape Atlantic League goalie as a Junior. Army was her dream college with the intent of serving her country and playing lacrosse. The Black Knights will give her that opportunity. Lindsey's drive, competitiveness, compassion, and concern for others

are just some of the characteristics that will make her a perfect fit at the Academy. She is supported by her family and the Sisterhood! Before heading to West Point, Lindsey will represent OLMA by attending the National Girls and Women in Sports Day on February 2nd. Congratulations, Lindsey!

### Now Accepting Applications for The Class of 2026 and Transfer Students!

OLMA student Ambassador, Lexi Stefano, delivers acceptance to one of our newest Villagers!



## Celebrated Student Athletes

This fall, the following students were recognized by the Cape Atlantic League for excelling in their respective sports.

**Congratulations to our celebrated student athletes!**

### CAPE ATLANTIC LEAGUE ALL-STARS

Maya Lee	1st Team Field Hockey	Nina Ceccanecchio	1st Team Cross Country
Jackie Carey	1st Team Tennis	Riane Regucera	1st Team Volleyball
Bella Martinez	1st Team Tennis	Drew Coyle	HM Soccer
Amani Malickel	Doubles	Jessica Haddad	HM Tennis
Annalise Visalli	1st Team Tennis	Ava Barrasso	HM Volleyball
Ava Valecce	Doubles	Ivy Jaep	HM Volleyball

## From the Development Office

Thank you to our parent volunteers during our Fall Semester. From our OLMA Palooza to Powder Puff Game to Green and Gold Tapas and Tastings event to our Staff/Faculty Holiday Party to selling Parent Society Super 50/50 tickets, volunteers had important roles in all of these endeavors and honestly, these events would not have occurred without our volunteers' involvement. OLMA volunteers are truly priceless - thank you.

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This December, OLMA's year-end campaign asked the question "What word would you use to describe OLMA?" So many words were mailed back with generous donations. Thanks to our generous supporters, the campaign raised \$64,000. A wonderful show of support for OLMA, thank you.

### Alumnae "Leading a World of Change"

University of Delaware has recognized **Maria Pia Difranco** for an academic accomplishment during Fall 2021

Seton Hall University has recognized **Jenna Ryan** for earning a spot on the Dean's List during Fall 2021

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