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LETCHWORTH CENTRAL TOP 10 CLASS OF 2023

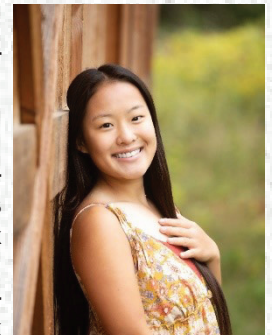
Sidney Simmons of Castile is the **Valedictorian** of the class of 2023 with a cumulative grade point average of 103.960. Sidney is the daughter of Robert and Brandi Simmons. Sidney will attend Roberts Wesleyan University in the fall to study music therapy. During her time in high school, Sidney was involved in swimming and diving, cheerleading, track and field, Student Council, SADD, Pageturners, Math Team, Model UN, Big Buddy, National Honor Society, Jazz Band, and Spectrum Chorus. Sidney is the secretary of the Class of 2023, secretary for band and SADD, as well as the treasurer of the Foreign Language Club. Sidney has received the New York State Academic Excellence Award, Roberts Wesleyan Trustee Scholarship, Roberts Wesleyan Women's Swimming and Diving Scholarship, B.T. Roberts Finalist Scholarship, and the Roberts Wesleyan Music Scholarship. In addition, Sidney has earned the Genesee Community College Advanced Studies Program Wyoming County Outstanding Scholar Award in Foreign Language.



Reagan Drumma of Perry ranks third in the class of 2023 with a cumulative grade point average of 101.642. Reagan is the daughter of Eric and Shannon Drumma. Reagan plans to attend Marietta College to study biochemistry. In high school, Reagan participated in Drama Club, Jazz Band, Spectrum Chorus, SADD, Pageturners, cheerleading, soccer, track and field, Math Team, National Honor Society, Big Buddy, and Model UN. Reagan has been the president of chorus, treasurer for SADD and the Drama Club. Reagan has earned the Marietta College Merit Scholarship and the Marietta College Music Scholarship.



Hana Gill of Silver Springs is ranked fourth in the class of 2023 with a cumulative grade point average of 101.479. Hana is the daughter of Terry and Leigh Ann Gill. After graduation, Hana plans on entering the workforce. During her time in high school, Hana has participated in soccer, basketball, track and field, Big Buddy, Student Council, Math Team, and National Honor Society. Hana has earned the New York State Academic Excellence Award.



Teah Garrison of Bliss is the **Salutatorian** of the class of 2023 with a cumulative grade point average of 103.028. Teah is the daughter of Todd and Kimberley Garrison. In the fall, Teah will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to study neuroscience. Teah has been involved in; soccer, basketball, track and field, Student Council, National Honor Society, Big Buddy, Math Team, and Model UN. Teah has been the treasurer for the Class of 2023, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Band. Teah will receive the New York State Academic Excellence Award.



Morgan Brace of Bliss is ranked fifth in the class of 2023 with a cumulative grade point average of 100.115. Morgan is the daughter of Mike Brace and Marcy Klump (Dennis Klump). Next year, Morgan plans to attend Houghton University to double major in inclusive childhood education and sports, recreation, and wellness management. During high school, Morgan has participated in volleyball, basketball, softball, Big Buddy, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Spectrum Chorus. Morgan is the President of the Student Council. Morgan has earned the Independent Health Community All-Star Award, Section V Volleyball Scholarship, Perry Rotary Scholarship, and the Arc GLOW Mary Anne Graney Memorial Scholarship.



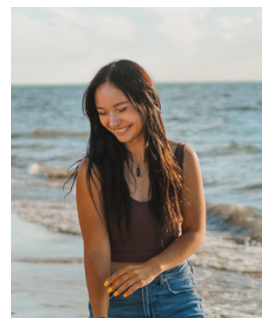
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Victoria Franklin of Bliss is ranked sixth in the class of 2023 with a cumulative grade point average of 99.633. Victoria is the daughter of Anthony and Laurie Franklin. Next year she will be attending the University at Buffalo to study Exercise Science. In high school, Victoria participated in soccer and track.



Jordan Morin of Bliss ranks seventh in the class of 2023 with a cumulative grade point average of 97.728. Jordan is the daughter of Miranda Jachimiak. Jordan plans to attend the University at Buffalo to study pre-law. In high school, Jordan has participated in soccer, track and field, National Honor Society, and Student Council. Jordan has earned the University at Buffalo Prestigious Pride of New York Scholarship.



Christopher Shearing of Gainesville ranks eighth in the class of 2023 with a cumulative grade point average of 97.179. Christopher is the son of Jimmy and Sondra Shearing. He plans to attend SUNY Cortland in the fall. In high school, Christopher has participated in football, baseball, wrestling, National Honor Society, and Student Council. He has earned the LCAA Wrestling Scholarship and the Section V Athletic Scholarship.



Caidence Hulton of Gainesville ranks ninth in the class of 2023 with a cumulative grade point average of 96.537. Caidence is the daughter of Douglas Hulton (Brandy Hulton) and Tara Bailey (Denziel Malcolm). In the fall, Caidence plans to attend Finger Lakes Community College to study general education. During high school, Caidence was an active member of the Student Council.



Katelynn Lindsey of Silver Springs is ranked tenth in the class of 2023 with a cumulative grade point average of 96.320. Katelynn is the daughter of Todd Lindsey and Cheryl Lindsey. Katelynn plans to attend Nazareth College to study psychology. In high school, Katelynn participated in cheerleading, National Honor Society, and Student Council.



COLOR RUN FUN



On June 20th we had our second annual color run. Our PE staff did a great job setting up obstacles for the kids to complete as they ran the course and were doused with color. We had a few energetic students who ran the course multiple times. Officer Ivan even joined in on the fun. Everyone had a great time.



EDGAR RENE PRESENTS RESILIENCIA

On May 11, the LCS World Language Department hosted Edgar Rene for a Spanish language concert. Students spent the weeks prior to the concert studying song lyrics, choreographing dances, and learning about the cultural components included in the music. On concert day, the Spanish IV class assisted Edgar in setting up for the concert, decorating the auditorium, and welcoming the 9 area schools that attended the event. Over 400 students danced, sang, and listened as Edgar shared his lesson on resilience and encouraged the audience to never give up on their dreams.

IF YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE CHANGES

Please call 493-3530 and let us know.

MEMORIAL DAY



During a Memorial Day ceremony the students of Lockwood Elementary honored fallen soldiers by placing flowers around a flagpole. We were privileged to have members of the American Legion participate in this ceremony with us.



KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM



This year our kindergartners celebrated the end of a successful year in true 50's fashion! Dressed in poodle skirts, rolled jeans, and leather jackets, they sang kindergarten versions of the popular oldies tunes: "Lollipop", "Calendar Girls," and "Summer Lovin". Congratulations to all of our kindergartners!

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

February

5th grade - Audrey Ayers & Cooper Bliss
6th grade - Aubrey Bonn & Bentley Mack
7th grade - Brooklyn Bush & Carter Hall
8th grade - Isabelle Akin & Chase Orcutt

March

5th Grade - Alejandra Guerrero-Mendoza & Dylan Dueppengiesser
6th Grade - Charlie Lundy & Cody Mest
7th Grade - Alison Uveino & Joseph Scott
8th Grade- Isabella Snyder & Dylan Smith

April

5th Grade - Aizlyn Salamone & Stefen Frazier
6th Grade - Maya Bellamy & Grayson Whalen
7th Grade - Cayden Shearer & Luis Avalos-Perez
8th Grade - Ariana Sheer & Maynard Fuller

May

5th grade - Kairi Pricer & Randal Bartz
6th grade - Duncan Raymond & Bentley Fraser
7th grade - Ezra Conklin & Noah Tillotson
8th grade - Charlene Gilbert & Caden Haxton



Senior Trip



Photo courtesy of Carlson Studios



June was full of many memorable activities for our Seniors which included our Sports Awards, Senior Brunch, and an outing to the Charcoal Corral.



ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS & AWARDS



Congratulations to Derek Smith, Chris Shearing and Joe Scott on their Wrestling Sectional Championship in their respective weight class.



Congratulations to Joe Scott and Chris Shearing who each finished 7th in their respective weight classes at the NYS Wrestling Tournament in Albany.

Congratulations to the following LCAA Winter Sports All-Stars:

Boys Swimming & Diving - Jack Carney
Competitive Cheer - Jenna Keller, Sidney Simmons
Girls Basketball - Morgan Brace
Wrestling - AJ Gray Jr., Gavin Kemp, Ayden Miller, Joe Scott
Christopher Shearing, Derek Smith

Congratulations to the following LCAA Exceptional Seniors:

Boys Basketball - Devin Tisdale
Competitive Cheer - Sidney Simmons
Girls Basketball - Morgan Brace, Hana Gill

Congratulations to Joe Scott who was selected to the Division II All-Greater Rochester Wrestling Team.



Congratulations to Christopher Shearing who was selected at the LCAA Sportsmanship Award Winner for the Winter Sports Season.



GIRLS' VARSITY TRACK

The Girls' Varsity Track team finished the season as LCAA Division II Champions, with a 7-0 record. This team of 32 girls were diligent in their efforts to make it to sectionals and successful at this end-of-season competition. Sarah Andrews was the Section V B3 Champion in the Discus, and the 4x400 relay team of Victoria Franklin, Naomi Yount, Talon Bramer, and Maci Weaver took a first place award as well. Many other athletes finished their season in the top 5, contributing to a 3rd place finish as a team.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

A number of students were able to participate in a local Special Olympics that took place at Perry CSD. We are proud of the courage and enthusiasm all LCS students displayed that day. You are all winners!



We would like to recognize Karen Almeter's 33 years of service to the District. As a Sodexo employee, she ran the Food Service Department here at LCS with passion. Karen was the heart and soul of the department. She was a caring and dedicated member of our Letchworth family. We wish Karen the very best in her next journey!



Thank you, Claire Smith, for 6 years of service to the LCS Board of Education.



Congratulations to Steve Aikens on his retirement. Thank you for your 24 years of service in the Maintenance Department.



Twenty-eight students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. These students are recognized for their scholarship, character, citizenship, service and leadership.



Letchworth CSD culinary students prepared all of the food for this year's Wyoming County Business Education Council's annual breakfast. The menu consisted of freshly baked quiche, muffins, biscuits-n-gravy, yogurt parfaits and a fruit platter. These students with the help of our instructors, Taylor Robb and Rachel Towsley, prepared some amazing food! Compliments were many and the students gained some valuable real world experience.

Did You Know....

The following information can be found on our web site:

- ✓ Cafeteria Menus
- ✓ School Newsletters
- ✓ Calendar of Events
- ✓ Meeting Schedule / Agenda / Minutes
- ✓ Free/Reduced Lunch Application Form
- ✓ Board of Education:
- ✓ Link to Sports Schedules

MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT CAMPBELL

Dear Letchworth community and families,

I want to personally congratulate all of our SENIORS on a terrific year. Graduation was the capstone of the year, celebrating the success of this class of quality young men and women. It was a pleasure to be part of and we wish all of them our very best in their next life adventure. This newsletter summarizes some of their many accomplishments.

It is necessary to explain to you, where LCS currently stands concerning the issue of the new education regulation of "the removal of all Indigenous emblems, mascots and logos." The District has remained somewhat silent on this issue intentionally, as we navigated ways to address the matter and have all the facts before we commented to the community. These are the facts that surround the issue and the steps the Board of Education acted on to address the regulation. I am encouraging all of you to read the attached document published by the NYS Education Department (NYSED) that may address many of your questions and concerns. Link: <https://www.nysed.gov/sites/default/files/programs/indigenous-education/indigenous-mascot-regulation-background-and-faq.pdf>

The indigenous name/logo issue is one that stirs many emotions and various opinions across generations of Letchworth alumni and current students. It has also affected other school districts in the area. The goal has always been to treat this issue with great respect, dignity and care. The intention is not to let this issue divide us or produce animosity or disrespect towards any indigenous group or people. The Letchworth Board of Education has addressed the issue with the respect it deserves.

When the District realized that the NYSED regulation was up for discussion in November of 2022 and possible approval in May of 2023, we started to gather information on the history of our Indigenous logo and the origin of the current logo. We know that there was a revamping of the logo back in 2001 and also the addition of the letter "L" with two feathers. We also uncovered that Steve Tarbell, (a long time indigenous resident of Silver Springs) helped with research and explanation of the heritage during that time. Recently, Mr. Tarbell has been a tremendous resource for us as we drafted a letter to the Seneca Nation in February of 2023 requesting permission to use our "Indians" name and logo.



The only legal exception to retain your Indigenous name/logo is; written permission from a recognized Native American Tribal Nation. Letchworth has never had such written permission and unfortunately, we were not able to establish that moving forward. A detailed letter was mailed to the Seneca Nation and all of our local government representatives for their support. Great time and effort was spent explaining our respect for the indigenous name and our heritage. No return correspondence was ever received, except a letter from Senator Borrello explaining the new regulation. You can view the LCS Board of Education letter at this link: <https://www.letchworth.k12.ny.us/Page/5682>

Please be assured that the District BOE made every attempt to secure an approval statement to retain the current name and logo, but to no avail.

Now, it is necessary for the District to move forward with a timeline and process for a new name and logo. At the BOE meeting on June 26, 2023 a resolution was passed to begin the new name/logo adoption process.

BOE resolution link: <https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/letchworth/Board.nsf/Public>

The name/logo adoption process must be completed no later than June 2025. The first step is to gather input from the community, alumni and the student body, which will begin in September of 2023. The BOE will continue to share more information about the process and timeline in the near future. We realize this is a passionate topic and at times can be something many may be confused by. However, Letchworth has always been a community of caring people working together and listening to one another, even during times of trial. The community will get through this transition. We will be sure to give the current and original name and logo its place in our Letchworth history as it deserves. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or attend a Board of Education meeting to seek answers. We are committed to serve the families of our District. We will also share information through Parentsquare and our website.

Have a safe and joyful summer.
TOGETHER...We are Letchworth,
Todd Campbell, Superintendent

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Don't wait until the last minute

Use our On Line Registration at:

[www.letchworth.k12.ny.us/Schools/Student Registration](http://www.letchworth.k12.ny.us/Schools/Student%20Registration)

You will be contacted by the Guidance Office within one business day to finalize the registration.

Register early!

NEW ADDRESS? OR NEW PHONE?

Please let us know!

If you have an address or phone change during the summer please call 493-3530. We especially need to know if you have a PO Box. The Post Office will return all mail we send you if not addressed correctly. Keeping your information up-to-date assures you will receive important school information in a timely manner.

ATTENTION: If you would like to review and comment on the ARP ESSER Plan and the ARP State Level Reserve Plans you can do so at the links below.

Webpage: <https://www.letchworth.k12.ny.us/Page/4363>

ARP Plan: <https://ny02208466.schoolwires.net/Page/4363>

ARP Survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciMg6xjO94L0Nq_uEE7aT3VBsHal90S2y2xGzw7_q_KXm-wTw/viewform?usp=sf_link