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UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

CLASS OF 2017

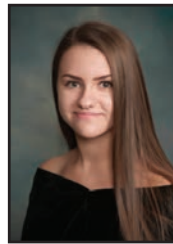
High Honor Graduates



Rachel Siegel
Valedictorian



Christina Malinowski
Salutatorian



Kseniya Avrusevich



Claudia Spost



Class of 2017

Nicholas Acee
Kseniya Avrusevich
Kellie Beasock
Brenden Boucher
Samantha Briggs
Tyler Bullen
Christopher Cirusuolo
Taylor Collins
Colin Deery
Katelyn DiViccaro
Kenneth Egan
Hunter Foster

Danielle Froio
Selena Ganim
Aubrey Geigel
Tara Gonzales
Zachariah Hassan
Robert Kinville
Haley Kistner

Marissa Kulesa
Christina Malinowski
Kira Manzer
Joseph Marchese
Michaela Marrero
Elizabeth McAllister
Janlynn McCoy

Justin Mikalajunas
Anthony Mitchell
John Mitchell
Samantha Nessia
Emily Pawlikowski
Kim Robson
Danyel Savage

Krystin Savage
Shayla Schmelcher
Brianna Sharp
Ryan Sharpe
Rachel Siegel
Cody Simmons
Haley Simon
Cameron Soja
Claudia Spost
Jacob Vennaro
Brendon Welch



Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents & School Community Members,

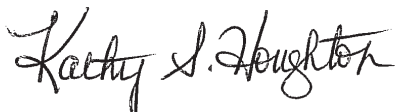
I am pleased to share with you our annual New York Mills UFSD "Awards Winning" Newsletter 2017! The July issue of the district newsletter celebrates the many awards and honors earned by our K-12 students; particularly those that were presented at our Elementary "Success Is Sweet" and 6th Grade Promotion ceremonies, as well as the Junior and Senior Academic Awards, and New York Mills Class of 2017 Graduation ceremonies. I know that you will enjoy this special edition of our newsletter; we can all share our pride in these students' fine work during the 2016-17 school year.

This is my final "From the Superintendent" message, as I am retiring on July 31. It has been my honor to serve the New York Mills Union Free School District in a variety of positions throughout my career as a school and district leader. I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to become an honorary Marauder and I will continue to wear the Orange & the Blue with pride! As most of you already know, I love this little district as if I was born and raised here, and I will always remember my years at NYM with gratitude and appreciation.

It is my belief that with continued teamwork and collaboration, the New York Mills Union Free School District will realize our vision: "...to create the best K-12 school district in New York State that is highly regarded for its academic excellence, pride and its contribution to actively serve and improve the community in which it operates." and achieve our mission: "...through combined efforts of students, staff, parents and other community members... to provide the confidence, knowledge, thinking skills, character and hope to foster a positive work ethic; to create an environment that harbors tolerance and respect for each other; and to ignite an attitude of inquiry and enthusiasm for learning that will enable students to become productive responsible citizens and confident builders of their future."

Best wishes to the District's students and parents; including your dedicated parent groups, faculty and staff, Board of Education and Principals; as well as your new Superintendent of Schools. I am confident that together, you will thoughtfully maintain our tradition of excellence as you enhance our program to provide students with 21st century skills for success. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank everyone for the many wonderful memories I will take with me into retirement. I will continue to follow your progress and applaud your successes; and I wish the entire school community a positive and productive 2017-18 school year.

Sincerely,


Kathy S. Houghton
Superintendent of Schools

Class Of 2023 Sixth Grade Graduates

Mrs. Babula's Class

Kole Bates
Jayla Bennett
Nathan Bristol
Joshua Cook
Hailey Cornish
Antonio DiOrio
Cira Guarno
Mia Gyore
Thomas Malinowski
Adrian Matthews
Noah Moore
Mason Palmer
Rajan Patel
Julie Roberts
Davion Slaughter
Jadin Staring
Kamryn Williams
Cindy Wu
Tammy Wu

BOCES: Julian Ford

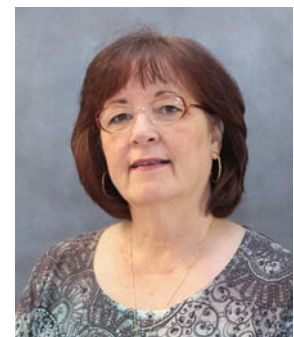
Mr. Kuhn's Class

Ty Albright
Nathan Alford
Emily Angell
Benjamin Boccardo
Joseph Cirusuolo
Lily Comenale
Carlos Delacruz-Benta
Jaydon Dietz
Mya Hagenbuch
Kiarra Jones
Gavin LaPaglia
Timothy Lavier
Darren Lin
Luke Paparella
Emily Pollock
Maya Robinson
Isaiah Sobolewski
Sophia VanDusen
Danni Williams
Kyler Yozzo

 *Best Wishes for a* 
Happy Retirement! 
 



Kathy Houghton



Cheryl Radomski





Junior Class Awards



Nicholas Briggs-Ellenberger has been awarded the **George H. Ball Community Achievement Award**. This award is given to students in the junior class that demonstrate a strong academic record and exhibit leadership qualities through school and community activities. This award grants qualifying students a \$10,000 award or a \$40,000 scholarship over four years of study at Keuka College. Nicholas has also been awarded the **George Eastman Young Leaders Award** for strong leadership, high grades, challenging courses, and extensive extracurricular activities.

Katrina Briody has been awarded the **LeMoyne College Heights Award**. This award goes to a student that reaches for heights in the classroom and in various school and community activities. Katrina will receive an annual scholarship award of \$12,500 per year to LeMoyne College. Katrina also received the **George H. Ball Community Achievement Award** worth at least \$40,000 over four years of study at Keuka College.

Kailey Brown has been awarded the **Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award**, which is given in recognition of academics and contributions made as a student and leader through school and community activities. She is guaranteed a scholarship of \$40,000 for four years of study at Wells College. Kailey has also earned the **Student Sage Recognition Award** and is eligible for a scholarship ranging from \$10,000 for each year of study or a total of \$40,000 for four years should she attend Sage Colleges.

Chloe Cattadoris has been awarded the **Clarkson University Leadership Award**, for which she has earned a scholarship of \$60,000 over four years upon acceptance to Clarkson University. This is the highest honor at the University. Chloe also received the **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal**, which recognizes the achievements of an outstanding science and mathematics student in the junior class. Chloe is eligible for minimum \$25,000 scholarship should she pursue study in architecture, engineering, management, science or the arts at RPI. In addition, Chloe has also received the **Rochester Institute of Technology Award**, which qualifies her for an RIT Computing Scholarship worth \$7,000 per year or \$28,000 over four years.

Shaun Crist has received the **Clarkson Achievement Award**, which earns him a scholarship of \$12,000 per year and a total of \$48,000 over four years upon acceptance to Clarkson University. Shaun also received the **Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award** for demonstrating excellence in science.

Zachary Radziewicz has earned the **Xerox Innovation and Information Technology Award** for his strong interest in innovation or innovation and technology and for his high level of achievement in this area.

Grace Reilly has been awarded the **Elmira College Key Award**, which goes to a junior that demonstrates outstanding school and community leadership. Grace is eligible for a \$20,000 scholarship over a four-year period upon enrolling in Elmira College and meeting additional requirements. Also, Grace earned second place in the **New York Mills Optimist Club Essay Contest**.

Kaliana Sobolewski has been awarded the **Student Sage Recognition Award** for embodying the motto, "To Be, To Know, To Do." The award was created to recognize the characteristics of academic excellence, student leadership and community involvement. Kaliana is eligible for a scholarship ranging from \$10,000 for each year of study or a total of \$40,000 for four years should she attend Sage Colleges. She also received the **George H. Ball Community Achievement Award** worth at least a \$40,000 over four years of study at Keuka College.

Makenna Taylor-Warren has been awarded the **Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award**. This award goes to a junior that demonstrates leadership, commitment to understanding social issues, and has strong grades and rigorous courses taken in the humanities and social sciences.



Student Awards



Senior Class Awards



These members of the senior class received the following awards:

Brenden Boucher

Utica College Fieldwork Program Award

Christopher Cirusuolo

The Roma Viel Memorial Scholarship
MVCC Foundation Scholarship

Katelyn DiViccario

Burrstone Basset Award (first runner-up)
Thread of Life Community Service Award
Harry J. Snyder Memorial Scholarship
Utica College Fieldwork Program Award
Marauder Athletic Booster Club Scholarship
Nicholas T. Radomski Memorial Scholarship
Sheriff Robert M. Maciol Scholarship
The NYM Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship
U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award
March Optimist Youth of the Month

Kenneth Egan

New York State Education Department for Academic Excellence
Unsung Hero Sports Participation Scholarship
February Optimist Youth of the Month

Hunter Foster

Thelma E. Russ Achievement Scholarship
John P. Emmett Scholarship

Selena Ganim

School Resource Officers Coalition Scholarship

Tara Gonzales

U.S. Figure Skating Silver Level Graduating Seniors Award
Burrstone Basset Award (winner)

Marissa Kulesa

November Optimist Youth of the Month
The Daniel Everson-Student Council Scholarship
“Big Moose Open” Scholarship/Casper Chiropractic
Southeastern Regions Scholar Award

Christina Malinowski

Miga Mentoring Award-Tutor of the Year
September Youth Optimist of the Month

New York State Education Department for Academic Excellence
North Utica-Whitestown Rotary Club Jackie Lawler Health Care Award
Etude Music Club Scholarship Award
Marauder Athletic Booster Club Scholarship
Nicholas T. Radomski Memorial Scholarship
The New York Mills Optimist Scholarship

Kira Manzer

Utica College Fieldwork Program Award
BOCES CTEC Honor Society

Michaela Marrero

Etude Music Club Scholarship Award
“Big Moose Open” Scholarship/Casper Chiropractic

Elizabeth McAllister

Utica Music League Recognition

Janlynn McCoy

NYM Stage & Theatre Award
Mayor John Pietryka Memorial Award
Myrna Black Scholarship
The Sacred Heart of Jesus - Holy Cross PNCC Scholarship Award

Justin Mikalajunas

BOCES/Outstanding Lab Performance Award
David Beck Auto Body Award
NYSOPBA (NYS Corrections Officers & Police Benevolent Association)

Anthony Mitchell

Marauder Athletic Booster Club Scholarship
St. Louis Gonzaga Church (MYO) Scholarship
April Optimist Youth of the Month

John Mitchell

CNY Chapter of the College Football Foundation and Hall of Fame
June Optimist Youth of the Month
New York Mills Pop Warner Award
Marauder Athletic Booster Club Scholarship
U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award

New York Mills Graduating Class of 2017



Student Awards

Senior Class Awards

These members of the senior class received the following awards:

Emily Pawlikowski

Maynard Roman Memorial Scholarship

Shayla Schmelcher

CSEA Local 1000 Award

Rachel Siegel

December Optimist Youth of the Month
New York State Education Department for Academic Excellence
NYM Stage & Theatre Award
The Glimmerglass Festival 2017 Student Award
The Kathleen A. Clements Scholarship
The Daniel Everson-Student Council Scholarship
The NYM Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship
Burrstone Basset Award (2nd runner-up)

Cody Simmons

School Resource Officers Coalition Scholarship

Haley Simon

Walter Miga Memorial Award
Unsung Hero Sports Participation Scholarship
January Optimist Youth of the Month

Cameron Soja

CSEA Local 1000 Award

Claudia Spost

Whitestown Post 1113 American Legion Scholarship
Thread of Life Community Service Award
Utica Music League Recognition
The Joseph Schmidt Memorial Scholarship
The NYM Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship
October Optimist Youth of the Month
New York Mills Optimist Club Essay Winner

Jacob Vennaro

May Optimist Youth of the Month

Class of 2017 Honor Graduates

High Honor Graduates (95% - 100%)

Valedictorian - Rachel Siegel

Salutatorian - Christina Malinowski

Kseniya Avrusevich

Claudia Spost

Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

Katelyn DiViccaro

Kenneth Egan*

Christina Malinowski*

Elizabeth McAllister

Janlynn McCoy*

John Mitchell

Shayla Schmelcher

Rachel Siegel *

Claudia Spost*

*w/ Honors

Honor Graduates (90% - 94%)

Katelyn DiViccaro

Kenneth Egan

Janlynn McCoy

Shayla Schmelcher

Regents Diploma with Honors

Kseniya Avrusevich

Danyel Savage



Optimist Essay Winners

Claudia Spost, a senior at NY Mills, recently won the Optimist Club of NY Mills' essay contest based on a theme of "Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges." Second place this year was Grace Reilly, a junior. Both received medals from the local club for their winning efforts.

In addition, Claudia's essay will be sent to the district level of Optimist International to be judged along with winners from other Optimist Clubs in the district. A Scholarship of \$2500 is available to the district winner. The result is announced this spring.

Career and Technical Honor Society Inductees

Senior Kira Manzer and Juniors Katrina Briody and Grace Reilly were inducted into the Career and Technical Honor Society in a ceremony at the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Learning Center on May 17. Congratulations Kira, Katrina, and Grace!

New York Mills Graduating Class of 2017



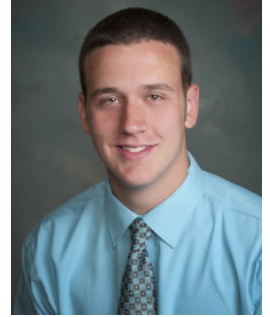
Optimist Youth of the Month

Kenneth Egan, a member of the New York Mills Junior/Senior High School Class of 2017, was named the New York Mills Optimist Youth of the Month for February. Ken is the son of Kenneth and Catherine Egan of New Hartford.

Ken is a high honor roll student who has been inducted into our chapters of the Junior and High School National Honor Societies, and currently serves as the president of the latter of the two. He has also been recognized as Student of the Month every year since seventh grade and as a junior was awarded scholarships from Clarkson University and the University of Rochester.

Ken has been elected Class Treasurer every year since 7th grade and through Student Council has taken part in many charitable activities to benefit both the school and local communities. A percussion player since elementary school, he has played in our concert, spirit and marching bands. He is also a two-year member of our prom committee. A talented athlete, Ken played on our modified football team, our State Finalist basketball team since 9th grade and our golf team. In addition, Ken led each of these teams as captain at one point during his high school athletic career. His scholarship as well as athleticism resulted in him being named a CSC scholar athlete. Outside of school, Ken has participated in Brody's Buddy Ride, as well as held various part-time jobs.

Ken plans to pursue a career in Business at the University of Tampa. We are proud to be able to count Ken among our student body and are sure that in the future we will be proud to be able to count him as one of our alumni.



Kenneth Egan

The Optimist Club of New York Mills has named Anthony Mitchell as Youth of the Month for April. Anthony is the son of Anthony and Brenda Mitchell of New York Mills and is a member of the New York Mills Class of 2017.

Anthony's involvement in activities has been vast and far-reaching. For three years he held the role of Class President and participated in many student council activities, including the annual fall community clean-up. He was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in 8th grade, has been a member of the prom committee, volunteered for the varsity and sports boosters clubs and was a two-year member of our chorus. Anthony played on our junior varsity basketball team for two years, during the latter of which he was named captain, and had many roles with our varsity basketball team including manager, student director of basketball operations and head manager and even won the Brian Adey Memorial Award for his dedication to the team. Anthony also played varsity football for one year and has been on the varsity golf team since 9th grade, also winning the Most Improved Player award that year. Every other day, he broadcasts our morning announcements, a task he shares with another senior. Anthony is an active member of the Maronite Youth Group and current serves as co-president for the organization. He has also volunteered many hours to the Boilermaker Road Race, America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk, Relay for Life and the American Red Cross Blood Drive.



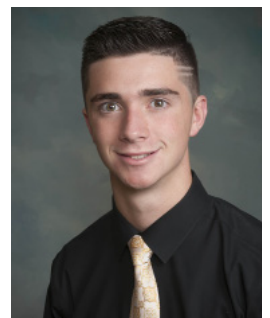
Anthony Mitchell

Anthony wishes to pursue a career as a sports broadcaster. To that end, he has interned under the Sports Director at WUTR twice and at SUNY Polytechnic Institute under the Sports Information Director through both the Regional Program for Excellence and the School and Business Alliance. Anthony plans to attend St. Bonaventure University in the fall. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him on television or hearing him on the radio.

Jacob Vennaro, a member of the New York Mills Junior/Senior High School Class of 2017, was named the New York Mills Optimist Youth of the Month for May. Jacob is the son of James and Kelly Vennaro of New Hartford.

Jacob has appeared on honor roll and was inducted into National Junior Honor Society in 8th grade. He has been selected as Student of the Month each year since 9th grade. Jake has been the pitcher on our varsity baseball team since 9th grade and, this year, was selected as captain of the team. He also played on our junior varsity basketball team as a freshman and was also chosen as captain for that team. Since his sophomore year, he has been a member of our varsity basketball team and this year again served as captain. Jacob has been an active member of his church, has volunteered at Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen and holds a part-time job.

Jacob's career goal is to become a statistician for professional sports organizations. He will attend Mercyhurst University in the fall where he plans to major in math and play baseball. We wish him luck in his future endeavors and are excited about the future that lies ahead of him.



Jacob Vennaro



Optimist Youth of the Month

The Optimist Club of New York Mills has named John Mitchell as Youth of the Month for June. John is the son of John Sr. and Monja Mitchell of Yorkville and is a member of the New York Mills Jr. & Sr. High School Class of 2017.

John has been named to High Honor Roll consistently throughout high school and has been recognized as Student of the Month. He was inducted into our National Junior Honor Society in 8th grade and our National Honor Society in 11th grade. This year, he was selected as our Executive Student Council Treasurer and through this role he also sat on our Rotary Youth Services Committee. As a freshman he played junior varsity basketball and as a sophomore began his three-year run on our varsity basketball team. In addition, John played varsity football during grades 9-11, the latter in which he served as captain. John also participated on our varsity track and field team and in our yearbook club, each for one year. He has been an active member of his church where he has taught religious education classes to middle school students for the past two years. His other activities have included AAU basketball, the Walk a Mile in My Shoes Mission Walk and holding a part-time job.



John Mitchell

John intends to become an accountant. He plans to complete the first two years of postsecondary education at MVCC and then transfer to SUNY Oswego to complete his degree. Our best wishes go to John as he follows his dreams.

School News

Senior Awarded OHM BOCES Kathleen Clements Scholarship

New York Mills Jr./Sr. High School senior Rachel Siegel was awarded the ninth annual Kathleen A. Clements Scholarship from the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES School and Business Alliance (SABA) on May 24.

The \$500 award was given to Siegel based on her hard work, participation in the School and Business Alliance program, commitment to learning, letter of recommendation and an ongoing desire to be of help to the community.

Siegel participated in five different SABA activities, which she credits with shaping her career decisions. Siegel was sure she wanted to be a veterinarian until a job shadowing experience her junior year proved the job was not for her. Another job shadowing experience at Masonic Medical Research cleared up her future career path.

“I realized that medical research combined with my interest in science and the desire to help people was the right path for me,” said Siegel, who will begin to major biochemistry and creative writing at St. Lawrence University in the fall of 2017.

Siegel has achieved a 98 percent grade point average and ranks in the top of her graduating class. She takes AP and college-level course work. She is the president of the Student Council. She also has been involved with the National Honor Society, Cheerleading, Drama Club, Band, Chorus and the Newspaper Club.

The Kathleen A. Clements Scholarship was founded in 2008 to honor the memory of Kay Clements, former School and Business Alliance director at the OHM BOCES. Clements served in this position from 1991 through 2008 and dedicated herself to two concepts: showing students they could go further than they originally thought they could, and demonstrating that school and business partnerships are the most effective way to ensure the Mohawk Valley has a talented pool of qualified professionals.

Pictured from left to right: Gail Siegel, Rachel Siegel's mother; Rachel Siegel, New York Mills senior and Clements Scholarship Winner; Elizabeth Fortino, SABA board member and associate attorney at Mental Hygiene Legal Services; Philip Williams, SABA board member; and Kathy Houghton, Superintendent of New York Mills Union Free School District.



Students of the Month



The students selected as "Students of the Month" will continue to be recognized this year. A vote will take place each month and there will be one winner for each grade level (7-11). Students will be judged on the following:

1. Academic effort
2. Positive attitude
3. Respectful behavior
4. School involvement
5. Community involvement

May 2017



Kailey Brown
Grade 11



Matthew Cornish
Grade 10



Amanda Costello
Grade 9



Maria Maloney
Grade 8



Ariellah Bova
Grade 7

June 2017



Alyssa Fuccillo
Grade 11



Gillian Biel
Grade 10



Madison Majka
Grade 9



Bianca Lo Galbo
Grade 8



Olivia Liccardo
Grade 7

Kids of Character Awards

The following 3-6 students were selected as Kids of Character at New York Mills Elementary School. This award is given for following *The Marauder Way* on a regular basis.

APRIL Kids of Character Awards

- Grade 3 – Kathryn Matyjas and Kylie Vincent
- Grade 4 – Landon Cheung and Siena Lorraine
- Grade 5 – Ayden Murphy and Conner Scharbach
- Grade 6 – Carlos Delacruz-Benta and Rajan Patel

MAY Kids of Character Awards

- Grade 3 – Noah Beckwith, Athena Benta, and Lily Marchese
- Grade 4 – Julianna Dreidel and Mia Roberts
- Grade 5 – Siddalee Daniels and Talan Marchese
- Grade 6 – Danni Williams and Tammy Wu

JUNE Kids of Character Awards

- Grade 3 – Madison Dobson and Abrial Lubey
- Grade 4 – Alex Muniz and Abigail Pavlus
- Grade 5 – Dominic Cordero and Katherine Eliason
- Grade 6 – Cira Guarno and Sophia Van Dusen

Sixth Grade Special Recognitions

National Physical Fitness Award

- Hailey Cornish
- Antonio DiOrio
- Cira Guarno
- Rajan Patel
- Davion Slaughter
- Luke Paparella
- Danni Williams
- Kiarra Jones
- Kamryn Williams
- Lily Comenale
- Jaydon Dietz
- Mya Hagenbuch
- Timothy Lavier

Top Five High Academic Achievers

- Lily Comenale
- Darren Lin
- Kole Bates
- Thomas Malinowski
- Emily Pollock

PTSO Citizenship Award

- Noah Moore
- Isaiah Sobolewski

State of New York Office of the State Comptroller

- Mason Palmer
- Darren Lin

New York State Triple "C" Award

- Thomas Malinowski
- Danni Williams

Perfect Attendance

- Rajan Patel
- Cindy Wu
- Noah Moore



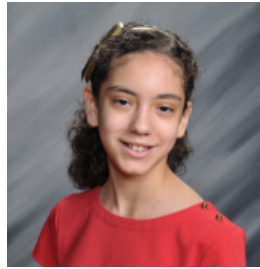
School News

7th and 8th Grade Building Leaders of Tomorrow

Six students from 7th grade and five students from 8th grade were selected by their teachers as Building Leaders of Tomorrow (BLT) Award Winners. This program was started by our Building Leadership Team (BLT) several years ago to recognize top students at the junior high level. Students were nominated based on academics, effort, attendance and citizenship. Winners were treated to a pizza party sponsored by the PTSO. Congratulations to the following students:



7th Grade



Francesca Borrometi



Ariellah Bova



Logan Copperwheat

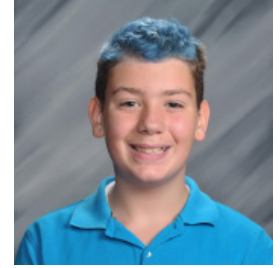
7th Grade



Isabella Cornish



Noah Diskin



Ethan Hurst

8th Grade



Kristen Despina



Maria Maloney



Heather Roberts



Steven Siriano



Lesya Voloshchuk

Varsity Softball

The Varsity Softball team overcame the bad weather and light schedule to finish a successful 2017 spring season. Highlights included several trips to the Accelerate Sports Complex for indoor training, a huge win over league rival Hamilton and the celebration of Cancer Awareness by hosting a "Pink Out" game in order to raise funds for cancer research.

This was indeed a special group of student athletes that worked hard everyday and improved greatly throughout a trying season cut short game-wise. With just two seniors, Claudia Spost and Krystin Savage graduating, the future looks bright for Mills softball.



National Honor Society Induction

On March 27, the New York Mills chapter of the National Honor Society had the pleasure of inducting seven new junior students into its ranks along with re-inducting eight senior students. These students proved that they were worthy of membership by showing their accomplishments not only in scholarship but also in their ability to provide leadership, to show exemplary character and to be of service to others. More than 120 people (parents, family members, faculty, administrators and honored guests) attended the induction banquet held at Hart's Hill Inn.

Each year, the students are honored against the backdrop of a different theme chosen by the second year members who work very hard to make the banquet such an astounding and memorable event. This year's theme was taken from a song of the musical Pippin- "Finding My Corner of the Sky." The movie "Up" is a current film that also inspired the theme choice this year because the protagonist of the film, an old balloon salesman proved that he was never too old to achieve his life-long dream. Attaching his house to a large number of balloons, the animated tale tells of his adventures in the sky and willingness to pursue his dreams.

Each of the second year members gave impressive speeches about the characteristics that the National Honor Society holds as standards and also offered a short clip from a current film to illustrate main points. The second year students also highlighted the accomplishments of the new inductees and compared them with important people throughout history who had found "their corner of the sky". It was an impressive banquet because those gathered realized the importance of achievement and hard work and how these attributes can really define an entire lifetime.

And added bonus to the evening included the speeches of two main guests of honor- Dr. Maryrose Eannace, Vice-President of Instruction at MVCC and Dr. Shawn Ciecko, a NYM graduate from the class of '96.

Dr. Eannace eloquently spoke about how important collaboration is in the world, and how so many "minor role players" help us to become the "star" on the stages of our lives. Her speech was inspiring and outlined the challenges ahead of these students who will soon be off to college or in the process of applying to college shortly. Dr. Eannace gave some great life lessons about how cognizant and grateful we should be to so many others who have shaped our existence.

Dr Ciecko was a special highlight for the evening. He is a humble, gracious, hardworking man who has achieved international fame in his profession. In addition to being a highly recognized otolaryngologist with an outstanding reputation, Dr. Ciecko is also the founder of an International Surgical Missions Team that visits underprivileged countries annually in order to perform free diagnoses, surgeries and provide medical care for impoverished children and adults. His travels have benefitted poor people in Ecuador, Guatemala and the Philippines. Dr. Ciecko talked humbly about his work and was very engaged with our students throughout the entire evening. He was certainly an inspiration for them and for all who gathered that evening- not only because of his great accomplishments but also because he is so humble, unassuming and gracious. Dr. Ciecko is a good example of the very best that NYM offers and it was certainly an honor for

our school to welcome him back into this community for this special evening. Dr. Ciecko was awarded the annual Alum of the Year award in recognition of his outstanding service and contributions. We are extremely proud of the trajectory of his life and the life giving decisions he has made that benefit so many people.

Other awards presented during the evening included the Miga Tutoring award which was given to Christina Malinowski and the Walter Miga Memorial Award which was given to Haley Simon. Both students exemplified the qualities of service and hard work that are required for these awards. These two awards were presented by Mr. Wesley Miga in memory of his parents Doris and Walter Miga who were major benefactors of the NYM chapter of the NHS.

This great induction ceremony ended with a rendition of the song "Corner of the Sky" offered by Janlynn McCoy, Ms. Kathy Houghton, Mr. Mike Eramo, and Mr. Peter Elacqua. Ms. Houghton was also recognized for her outstanding support of our NHS chapter for so many years.

This is a wonderful event that our school offers annually- an event that highlights not only student accomplishments but also the importance of our school, our students, our parents, our faculty and administrators and the entire community of NY Mills. We are certainly thankful for the support and recognition our students receive from this experience and from the community and we encourage everyone to become familiar with Dr. Ciecko's outstanding work. (<http://ismission.org/ent-team>) Our NHS chapter is searching for ways to provide support to Dr. Ciecko and his wonderful team of surgeons.

The first year members inducted this year were Nicholas Briggs-Ellenberger, Katrina Briody, Kailey Brown, Chloe Cattadoris, Shaun Crist, Grace Reilly and Kaliana Sobolewski. The Second Year Members inducted were Kseniya Avrusevich, Katelyn DiViccaro, Kenneth Egan, Christina Malinowski, Janlynn McCoy, John Mitchell, Rachel Siegel and Claudia Spost. We are all certainly very proud of these students. The chapter is moderated by faculty members- Mr. Michael Eramo and Mr. Peter Elacqua.



National Honor Society first and second-year members.



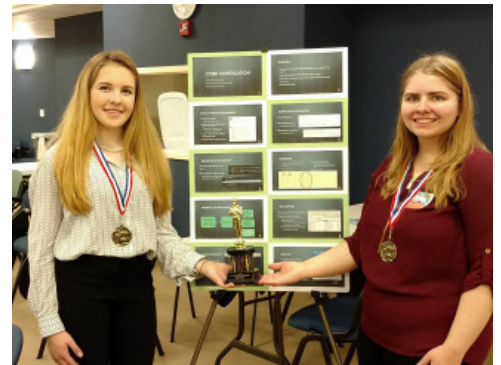


Mr. Eramo Selected as Outstanding Educator

Mr. Michael Eramo was presented the Rotary Club of Utica's Outstanding Educator Award at an awards ceremony on May 5. This award is presented annually to educators from eight local school districts to recognize educators who exemplify the characteristics of the Rotary's credo: Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all concerned? Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will it be Beneficial to all concerned? and by doing so provide students with opportunities to learn and grow. Mr. Eramo teaches 8th grade science and Physics and was selected by the senior Youth Services Committee members. Of Mr. Eramo, these students said, "He genuinely wants all of us to be the best we can be-whether it is inside or outside of the classroom. Mr. Eramo recognizes the importance of creating students who are not simply good at learning or memorizing facts. Instead, he wants us to truly understand what we are learning and how it applies to the real world." Congratulations to Mr. Eramo!

Students Place Third in AFRL Competition

Over this past spring break, seniors Rachel Siegel and Christina Malinowski attended The Ninth Annual Air Force Research Laboratory Engineering Competition at the Griffiss Institute in Rome, New York. Accompanied by Mr. Eramo, the students worked all week alongside engineers, PhD students, and the top students from districts around the area. Our students investigated the potential theft of digital information from a banking website, while learning about the topics of website security, steganography, ethical hacking, and Linux computing. Rachel and Christina gathered their evidence and formally presented their findings to a board of engineers at Griffiss, as well as a poster session open to the public. The students placed third overall in the competition, and each won a paid summer internship at the Griffiss Institute. We are very proud of Rachel and Christina, and we are excited to see where their education takes them in the future.



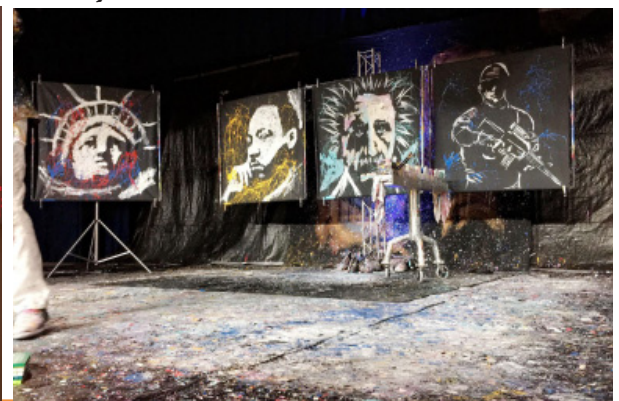
Reading Fair

On June 15, the Elementary held their first ever Reading Fair as part of the PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) program. PARP coordinator Megan Jarosz chooses the theme each year, and this year added the reading fair as a bonus.

To all the teachers, staff, and volunteers that helped -- thank you for your dedication and for your love of reading.



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*The Class of 2017 seniors had their first and last lunch in the new cafeteria on the last day of school.
Good luck and best wishes!*

3rd Annual Marauder Golf Open

New York Mills Athletic Booster Club is hosting their 3rd Annual Marauder Golf Open on Saturday, August 5, beginning at 9 a.m. at Twin Ponds. Cost is \$80 per golfer, teams of 4. The day includes lunch on the turn and dinner with a silent auction of gift baskets. To sign up your team, email: athleticboosters@newyorkmills.com, or call Denise Crist at 315-723-1753.

We would like to thank 10th grader Mary Patterson for designing the winning poster for this year's golf outing in Mrs. Chambrone's class.

Be on the look out for the new Football/Track Scoreboard!