# **Cal-Mum Chronicle**

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Please join the Caledonia-Mumford Central School community in congratulating the Class of 2021 Top Ten Seniors

# **Class of 2021 Valedictorian Katelyn Zehler**

Katelyn is the Class of 2021 Valedictorian. She attends the Health Academy at the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership with plans to become a Physician Assistant. Katelyn has a variety of interests in the medical field, including neurology, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology and emergency medicine.

Katelyn completed several Cal-Mum High School advanced placement courses while spending half days off campus at the Health Academy. She also took many of the Genesee Community College courses offered at CMCS and online. Her transcript includes numerous courses associated with the medical field.

Katelyn loves music and took every opportunity that she could to participate in music courses in high school and musical extra-curricular activities including holding a role in the high school musical, pep band (football games), concert band, flute ensemble, jazz band, marching band, pit band (for the musical before actually taking an acting role). This year she was a cast member in the Class of 2021 senior play. Katelyn is the vice-president of the Caledonia-Mumford High School National Honor Society.

Her involvements extend beyond the school day as well. Katelyn is involved with her church as an altar server and volunteers at CHS Mobile Integrated Health. Katelyn also works per diem as a medical technician at Northern Star Medical and part time at Milex Pharmacy.

Katelyn is the daughter of Mary and Todd Zehler.

#### **Favorite High School Course**

"In terms of atmosphere- Physics. In terms of the actual subject at hand- Band. In terms of a subject that has actually proven to be surprisingly interesting and I feel is very useful in regards to understanding how the world works- AP Macro and Micro Economics."

#### **Best High School Memory**

"Performance nights for musical, Physics parties, and Rowan Nothnagle eating my paper with no warning whatsoever in AP World History."

### Advice to the Underclassmen

"You are your own best friend and your own worst enemy; your mindset will determine whether or not you get through your workload, busy schedule, problems in life, etc. Join clubs/sports/etc. that suit both your hobbies and potential career interests. When you get really busy, do not stress

over the big picture. Instead, plan out and focus on the day's tasks- you will avoid wasting your time on things that can be postponed and you will have a game plan for what needs to be finished before you fall asleep. Also, not all advice is good advice- don't let people discourage you from something you want."

#### **Post High School Plans**

"I will be commuting to Daemen College in the fall for their accelerated Physician Assistant program. In five years, I will work towards a dual degree – a Bachelor's Degree in Health and Natural Sciences as well as a Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Science. I would love to someday work at Strong Memorial Hospital or any of the clinics affiliated with University of Rochester Medicine. Although I have always thought about neurology, I am also considering pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, immunology, and emergency medicine."

# **Class of 2021 Salutatorian Abigail Richter**

Abigail is the Class of 2021 Salutatorian. As a high school student, she took numerous advanced placement courses alongside several college level courses, which resulted in her earning an Associate Degree from Genesee Community College while still in high school through GCC's ACE (Accelerated College Enrollment). Abby graduated from GCC in May 2021 and will receive her NYS Regents diploma at commencement on June 25, 2021.

Abby is very active in school athletics and activities. She is a member of the Cal-Mum High School Outdoor Track & Field team, Indoor Track and Field team and the Soccer team. She has held a role in the cast of the high school musical every year and volunteered as a student director for the middle school play for three years. She is a member of the CM High School Student Council and National Honor Society, Debate Club and was a cast member for the Class of 2021 senior play. Outside of school, Abby is an altar server at her church a volunteer for many extracurricular activities.

Abigail is the daughter of Christopher Richter and Patricia Richter.

### **Favorite High School Course**

"AP Economics because it helps me understand how the economy works which relates to my interest in politics. This class has also taught me how to be a more educated citizen and eventually a voter."

### **Best High School Memory**

"My favorite high school memory is hanging out with my friends in Indoor Track both at practice and at meets. More specifically, I enjoyed building a snowman that resembled our coach at one practice."

### Advice to the Underclassmen

"Do the activities that you truly enjoy in high school, but don't do so many to the point where you are unable to enjoy any of them because of how busy you are."

### **Post High School Plans**

"I will be attending college at the University of Albany with a major in political science. I am hoping to work in government politics and eventually run for elected office."

# **Emma Efing**

Emma challenged herself throughout high school with a variety of advanced placement and college credit bearing courses offered at Cal-Mum High School. She also participated in just about every club and activity that there is offered at CMCS.

Emma is proudest of making Caledonia-Mumford High School's first all-inclusive club called Spectrum.

Emma says by far the activities that she most enjoyed centered on music and acting. She is a member of the band and chorus and the small ensembles within each group. She has held a role in the high school musical throughout all four years of high school. Emma is a member of the Caledonia-Mumford High School National Honor Society, a high honor student and served as class president in her sophomore and junior years.

Emma is equally as active outside of school. She has been a member of a dojo for six years and holds the rank of black belt. She often volunteers to teach classes at the dojo and in the summer months, you will see Emma volunteering at the Genesee Country Museum. Emma was selected to attend the HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) Seminar, whose mission is to develop a global community of youth volunteers. She also was chosen to attend Empire Girls State, a program sponsored by the NYS American Legion Auxiliary. Emma is the daughter of Susan Price and Vera Efing ("And my sister who acts like a mother, Sarah," Emma added).

### **Favorite High School Course**

"My favorite high school course is Band class because I love the chance to further my skills at the flute and I loved being with my flute buddies who I rarely saw outside of band. In addition, I loved being able to play alto flute in flute ensemble."

### **Best High School Memory**

My favorite memory from high school was musical, both the rehearsals and the shows themselves."

### Advice to the Underclassmen

"Enjoy the good moments, no matter how small or seemingly unimportant, to help you get through the days."

### **Post High School Plans**

"I will be attending Suny Cortland for Adolescent History Education"

# Summer Lin

Summer chose to take many rigorous courses throughout high school including several advanced placement and college creditbearing courses through Genesee Community College. What Summer is most proud of is the five levels of Spanish language classes that she took, including the advanced level four and five courses, in which she earned GCC credit. Also, Summer will graduate with a NYS Biliteracy Seal on her diploma, a recognition of achieving proficiency in a second language other than English.

Summer is actively involved in high school and is a member of the Ski Club, Spanish Club, Math Club and Chess Club. She also is a Student Council Officer, a member of the Cal-Mum National Honor Society, Brainstormers academic competition team and involved with the yearbook committee.

Summer is the daughter of Shan Bao Lin and Xiu Zhu Liu.

### **Favorite High School Course**

"My most favorite courses are definitely Spanish, Biology, and Physics. All these classes have their own challenges and were difficult, but that is what interested me because it all taught me how to overcome obstacles when I come across them. No matter what field I go into, the lessons I learn in these classes will help me wherever I go."

### **Best High School Memory**

"My favorite high school memory is when our Brainstormers team won first place and we went to McDonalds after."

### Advice to the Underclassmen

"My words of advice is that high school can be hard and stressful, but as long as you work hard you will succeed -- a little effort is better than none. At the same time be thankful for the help that the teachers provide, and take advantage of the extracurricular activities that the school offers, because you may not get the same opportunities after high school (never take anything for granted). Remember high school is not only about working hard, but also having fun at the same time."

### **Post High School Plans**

"I am attending SUNY Binghamton to major in Biology or Biochemistry."

## **Emerson Martelle**

Emerson filled his high school schedule with a variety of challenging advanced placement courses, many of them based in math, language and computer science. Emerson plans to study computer science and engineering in college.

He performs in the Cal-Mum High School band. Emerson also was a member of the JV and Varsity soccer and tennis teams throughout high school. He is President of the Cal-Mum High School National Honor Society.

For the last two years of high school Emerson has completed the stringent requirements for the NYS Biliteracy Seal, which include successful completion of Levels IV and V Spanish and a presentation in Spanish before the Biliteracy Committee members.

Outside of school, Emerson likes to write and produce his own music and play chess and video games with his friends.

Emerson is the son of Charles Martelle and DeAnna Scarfone.

### **Favorite High School Course**

"Favorite high school course was Spanish because I liked to learn (about) different cultures and a second language is a valuable skill."

### **Best High School Memory**

"Playing a song with my friends for the 2019 Seniors for Seniors event."

### Advice to the Underclassmen

"I would advise younger students to not skimp out on a challenge because the work you put in will definitely be useful in whatever you plan on doing in the future: A challenge now makes the rest of life easier later."

### **Post High School Plans**

"I am going to college at University of California in Irvine for computer science and engineering. My goal is a career in software development."



# **Matthew Dollard**

Matthew's high school transcript is well-rounded as he took challenging courses in addition to many of Project Lead the Way courses including Introduction to Engineering Design, Computer Integrated Manufacturing and Principles of Engineering. PLTW courses yield credit through Rochester Institute of Technology.

Matt played JV and Varsity tennis and soccer for all four years of high school and sang in the high school chorus for two years. This year, Matt had a role in the Class of 2021 senior play.

Outside of school, Matthew is an altar server at this church and volunteers at Foodlink. He also volunteered for the Parents as Reading Partners festival at the elementary school.

Matthew is the son of Matthew and Laurie Dollard.

### **Favorite High School Course**

"My favorite course would have to be Principles of Engineering because of how enjoyable the class was. The workload was not crazy and the free snacks made the class very nice. The things our class learned were very interesting, such as the bridges of the world."

### **Best High School Memory**

"My favorite high school memory is winning tennis sectionals with Emerson in our senior year!"

### Advice to the Underclassmen

"Underclassmen should go through the college application process as soon as possible to avoid any deadlines or stress."

### Post High School Plans

"I am attending Niagara University for sports management."

# Liviya Kiriyak

Liviya has been very busy these last couple of years in high school as she increased her coursework with the goal of graduating a year early – and she successfully did so. Liviya would have been a graduate of the Class of 2022 but because of her focused determination and work ethic, she will receive her high school diploma in June, finishing in the Class of 2021 Top Ten. After high school, Liviya would like to become a Registered Nurse specializing in neonatal care.

Liviya is involved in athletics and played on the soccer, tennis and track teams. She has been part of the high school musical each year and is a member of the ski club. This year, Liviya was a member of the Class of 2021 Senior play cast.

Outside of school, Liv is very active in her church youth group and volunteers for their vacation bible school.

Liviya is the daughter of Ivan and Inna Kiriyak.

### **Favorite High School Course**

"My favorite high school course would most likely be Algebra II with Ms. DiTucci because it made sense and there were answers for all the problems you would come across. Another class that I loved was Exercise Physiology with Mr. Henry because it was so interesting to learn how to take care of sports injuries and a super fun class that I looked forward to every day."

### **Best High School Memory**

"My favorite memory was Homecoming week because it was full of school spirit, lots of fun, and everybody was always together."

### Advice to the Underclassmen

"Don't make a big deal out of little things."

### **Post High School Plans**

"My post high school plans include going to SUNY Brockport for nursing, in hopes of becoming a neonatal nurse."





# **Carly Cohen**

Carly has successfully completed many of Cal-Mum High School's most challenging courses. She is a student in the Justice Academy at the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership. After high school, Carly has her sights set on a law career.

Carly took Spanish IV and V, which are Genesee Community College courses, and in addition to successfully completing the requirements, she has earned a NYS Biliteracy Seal on her high school diploma. This prestigious accomplishment will be very useful in her future law career.

Carly kept busy after school by being on the soccer, indoor and outdoor track and softball teams. She also participated in ski club and the high school debate club. Carly was part of the cast of the Class of 2021 senior play.

She works at Pizza Land, and she and her stepmother foster kittens through the SPCA.

Carly is the daughter of Dennis Cohen and Amanda Smith-Cohen, and Michelle Cohen.

### Favorite High School Course

"My favorite courses aren't actually "high school courses", but they were offered to me when I was in high school, they are my Justice Academy courses, specifically an introduction to paralegal studies. This is because I find it the most interesting because

# Hannah Foote

it actually pertains to a field I would like to get into and I was good at it, it also allowed me to participate in mock trials and debates which I find really fun and actually beneficial for my future career. The professor is also a fantastic teacher who has helped me

improve my skills enormously."

### **Best High School Memory**

"My best high school experience so far was going to sectionals twice with my indoor track team and placing in sectionals alongside them."

### Advice to the Underclassmen

"My advice to the underclassmen would be: If a teacher offers you special help or is

constantly on you about late work/grades, be appreciative and respectful. Teachers are not required to go out of their way for you and they just want to see you succeed. They're not nagging you; they're most likely worried about you."

### Post High School Plans

"I plan on attending University at Albany in the fall, with a major in political science and a minor in psychology. I am hoping to pursue a law career and become a lawyer in the future."

Hannah filled her high school days with a rigorous schedule of advanced placement courses and school activities. Hannah is a talented artist and so she has taken a full range of art classes offered at Cal-Mum High School. Her artwork was featured this year in the Start Here exhibit at RIT.

Hannah participated in several extracurricular activities such as Odyssey of the Mind, the high school musical and Brainstormers academic competition team. She is a member of the Cal-Mum High School Student Council and the National Honor Society.

Outside of school, Hannah enjoys doing her artwork, taking care of her pet rabbits and skateboarding.

Hannah is the daughter of Chris and Sandra Foote.

### Favorite High School Course

"My favorite course was Portfolio Art. It was the most creative course I have taken in the past four years and allowed me to focus on my art, which is what I am most passionate about."

### **Best High School Memory**

"My favorite memories happened with being part of the musical (when we still had them)."

### Advice to the Underclassmen

"Put as much effort as possible into things you are really passionate about. In the long run, the things that make you happy are far more important than the tedious courses that don't really inspire you. Be more creative and spontaneous, and most importantly take care of yourself and others. Make the world more unique and more beautiful; there are incredible things waiting for you."

### Post High School Plans

"I am attending SUNY Brockport to major in studio art. I plan to start selling my art and hope to live in a house in the woods where I own many exotic pets, and I want to travel as much of the world as I can."





# **Rowan Nothnagle**

Back in middle school Rowan chose an academic path that would earn him an Associate Degree by the end of his senior year of high school. Rowan graduated in May 2021 from the ACE (Accelerated College Enrollment) Program at Genesee Community College and received a degree in Liberal Arts and Natural Science. On June 25, 2021, at commencement, he will receive his high school diploma from Caledonia-Mumford High School.

Rowan kept himself very active in a variety of school activities including competing on the ICE Team (English competition) and Math competitions. He is a member of the high school music program, playing in the Concert and Marching bands, Jazz Ensemble and other small ensembles. He is also sang in Chorus, served as class vice-president and is a member of the Cal-Mum High School National Honor Society.

Rowan's after school involvements include studying vocal music with a private teacher and tutoring students in biology.

He is the son of Dennis and Tamara Nothnagle.

Favorite High School Course

"World history, I loved all of the different games and activities we got to do in those classes."

**Best High School Memory** "My team placing third at ICE competition in 2020."

Advice to the Underclassmen "Join and do as many things as you can in high school because you will miss the things you never got to do."

Post High School Plans

"I am going to SUNY ESF (Environmental science and forestry) for Biochemistry to hopefully going into a like field studies."





# Cal-Mum Class of 2021 Future Plans



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TIMOTHY BESSEL RIT ENGINEERING



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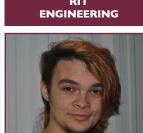
ALLYSSA BROCHU SUNY BROCKPORT NURSING



CARLY COHEN SUNY ALBANY POLITICAL SCIENCE / PRE LAW



ISAAC CRANE SUNY BROCKPORT HUMAN SERVICES



TYLER DEFISHER WORK



NOAH DEMARCO UNDECIDED



MATTHEW DOLLARD NIAGARA UNIVERSITY SPORTS MANAGEMENT



ETHAN DONAGHUE WORK - CMCS BUILDING & GROUNDS



JADEN ELLSWORTH WORK



EMMA EFING SUNY CORTLAND ADOLESCENT HISTORY EDUCATION



JARRETT FLAGLER WORK - TOWN OF RIGA



HANNAH FOOTE SUNY BROCKPORT STUDIO ART



ELYSE FULLER UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO PHYSICAL THERAPY



SETH GOMINIAK WORK/PLUMBING



GAVIN GREENE WORK - DIESEL MECHANICS



ALEXANDER HALLETT MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PHYSICAL THERAPY



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### A Message from Superintendent of Schools

### ROBERT MOLISANI

Dear Caledonia-Mumford Learning Community

I am pleased to announce that on May 18, 2021, the Caledonia-Mumford community approved the proposed 2021-2022 school budget by a vote of 579 to 201 (74.23%). Proposition #2, the purchase of one 63-passenger school bus, passed 605-174 (77.66%) as well as Proposition #3, the purchase of a Driver Education van 666-114 (85.38%).

Lastly, voters elected three board of education members: Incumbent Arnold Rychlicki (436), Jamie Fitch (430) and Michael Balonek (420). Each will serve a three-year term.

I want to thank our community for your continued support and the District will strive to provide an educational program that will continue to be a source of pride for the community.



## Four Extraordinary CM Seniors Earn the NYS Seal of Biliteracy

Four Caledonia-Mumford High School Seniors have completed the stringent requirements to earn the New York State Seal of Biliteracy.

In recognition of the increased importance of bilingualism, New York State awards the Seal of Biliteracy. The New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages, in addition to English.

Congratulations to these Class of 2021 Seniors earning the Biliteracy Seal Carly Cohen Summer Lin Emerson Martelle Sebastian Kresge

"I am very proud of the four students that will be receiving the NYS Seal of Biliteracy upon their graduation, as well as two graduates in 2020 who were the first students to achieve this recognition. This award has not been easy; students had to work very hard in a very difficult year since the majority of the process happened in the spring of 2020 at the start of the pandemic," said Mrs. Romaguera, CM High School Spanish teacher who spearheaded the development of this prestigious program.

Senior Sebastian Kresge will receive his diploma at the June 25, 2021 commencement ceremony. He says this about also having earned the Biliteracy Seal.

"I took on the extra work to earn my Bi-Literacy Seal so that when I graduate my diploma will stand out, as It will show that I am really a bilingual speaker. At home, my family speaks both Spanish and English. I normally speak to my dad, brother, and sister in English, while I speak to my mom in Spanish," Sebastian said.

The goal of the Seal of Biliteracy is to promote the advanced study of languages in high schools and to recognize that our society is diverse and multilingual. The Seal of Biliteracy celebrates the achievements of our multilingual students and prepares them with the 21st century skills that many employers and universities seek. Mrs. Romaguera adds that the program helped change the students' view of the world and the lives and issues of others, as well as the importance of learning a language.

"I'm always looking for ways to build intrinsic motivation in my learners; the concept of a Biliteracy Seal excited me. It is a great incentive for my students to continue their language study beyond the two years most students complete in high school," Mrs. Romaguera commented.

Carly Cohen will graduate from Cal-Mum High School with a NYS Regents Diploma and a Biliteracy Seal.

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"I took on the extra work because I love a challenge and I felt as though if I didn't take all of the (Spanish) courses available, then what was the point of taking them to begin with? I wanted to finish the entire Spanish path that was offered to me. Plus, Mrs. Romaguera is the most supportive teacher in the school and I love working in her classroom," explained Carly.

In addition to English, Cal-Mum High School 2021 graduate Summer Lin speaks her family's native Chinese Mandarin but says she wanted to become fluent in a third language.

"I wanted to earn my Biliteracy Seal because of the job opportunities that it brings and I enjoy learning about new languages and cultures so becoming fluent in Spanish is something I always wanted to achieve. Now I am able to speak three languages: English, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese. The topic of my culminating project is how global warming is affecting Spanish-speaking countries," Summer commented.

Mrs. Aminta Romaguera began developing the Seal of Biliteracy program here at Caledonia-Mumford in 2019. She created the projects and scoring rubric that fulfills all of the requirements outlined by the NYS Education Department. The Caledonia-Mumford Central School District Biliteracy Committee is comprised of a World Language teacher, an English Language Arts teacher, an English as a Second Language Teacher, a School Counselor and an administrator.

Caledonia-Mumford High School students interested in pursuing the NYS Biliteracy Seal must complete the following requirements: • Maintain a grade point average of 85 or higher in the courses electives Spanish IV and V. (Students must submit examples of their classwork to the Cal-Mum Seal of Biliteracy Committee for review). • Maintain a grade point average of 85 or higher in English classes II and I2 (Students must submit examples of their classwork to the Cal-Mum Seal of Biliteracy Committee for review).

• Present a culminating Spanish project to a panel comprised of CMCS teachers and administrators. Students must speak Spanish throughout their presentation. Present a culminating English project to a panel comprised of CMCS teachers and administrators. Note: Congratulations to 2020 graduates Alice Barefoot and Jada Gerber, the first two Caledonia-Mumford High School graduates to earn the NYS Biliteracy Seal.



2021 graduates who earned the New York State Seal of Biliteracy in addition to the NYS Regents Diploma.

From Left: Emerson Martelle, Summer Lin, Carly Cohen and Sebastian Kresge.

## Two Graduates Earn Dual Degrees

C ommencement represents the culmination of four years of homework, studying and tests in high school. It is one of the most important and memorable events in a teen's life. Now imagine that at the same time that you receive your high school diploma, you also graduate from college with an Associate Degree. Cal-Mum Seniors Rowan Nothnagle and Abigail Richter earned their Associate Degrees from GCC while in high school at Cal-Mum. They will receive their NYS Regents diplomas from Cal-

Mum High School at commencement on June 25, 2021.

Caledonia-Mumford Central School graduates Abigail Richter and Rowan Nothnagle both completed their college degrees from Genesee Community College while in high school. They officially graduated and received their degrees in Liberal Arts and Natural Science in May 2021, one month before they receive their NYS Regents Diploma from Cal-Mum High School.

Rowan and Abby are two of the three Cal-Mum graduates to complete the Accelerated College Enrollment or ACE program at GCC. Cal-Mum Class of 2019 graduate Brendan Gardner was the first Cal-Mum High School student to graduate the ACE program.

Rowan and Abby joined hundreds of students from surrounding schools who took a test in sixth grade to determine their eligibility for the ACE Program. The top scoring 50 students were offered entrance into the program.

Online classes started for them in seventh grade and they were also on the GCC campus at least one time per week, after their school day ended at CMCS. Once they entered their freshman year of high school, Abby and Rowan were spending for hours one night per week at GCC and then coming home to complete homework assignments from their Cal-Mum High School classes. Weekends for Rowan and Abby were spent doing homework for both their ACE and Cal-Mum classes. While other high school students were enjoying summer vacation, these students were taking college classes.

"I almost quit a few times in my middle school years of this program but I stuck with it because I saw the end. I saw myself in my senior year walking at graduation and getting my Associate Degree after six long, hard years of work," Rowan commented.

Abby said the extra workload of college classes in addition to the homework and projects from her Cal-Mum course load made it a challenging six years. Abby continued to be involved in numerous extracurricular activities and sports at Cal-Mum High School.

"This was a significantly cheaper way to earn college credit than if I were to wait until I was in college. Since I am attending the University at Albany, all of my credits will transfer and I will be able to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in two years if I want to," Abby said.

The Covid-19 pandemic forced GCC to move all of its classes online. For Abby and Rowan, this meant they would spend several hours a day online attending their high school classes over Zoom and later in the day, completing their college assignments online as well.

As their goal of earning a college degree while in high school has been achieved, both Abby and Rowan say they are proud of their accomplishment.

"I was not scoring a touchdown on Friday nights or making three-points on the court; I was working towards an Associate Degree and representing Caledonia-Mumford as a school with brilliant students. I represented Cal-Mum throughout this program with pride and I feel like I made the school proud by working hard and showing just how smart our students at Cal-Mum are," Rowan said.

# High School Citizens of the Year

Each year, the high school faculty nominate a student from each grade level to receive the Citizen of the Year Award. • The award is presented to a student who possesses the following attributes:

- Outstanding respect for family and fellow students and staff
- Is active in a variety of school and community activities
- Is a positive role model and leader in the school community

Congratulations to the 2021 Cal-Mum High School Citizens of the Year!

Freshman Max Poray Sophomore Aaliya Kocher Junior MacKenzie Guerin Senior Katelyn Zehler



## Bus Safety at Cal-Mum Central School

We want to thank the Cal-Mum Transportation Department for providing our bus safety drills throughout the school year.

## CM Alumnus Establishes Student Scholarship for Dominican Republic Trip

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The Science and Spanish Clubs would like to thank the thirty-one donors that helped Mr. Josh Ingersoll raise \$3,745 to cover the full cost for one additional student to travel to the Dominican Republic during August of 2022. Eighth grader Mya Rodger is the fortunate student who will experience the international trip free of charge.

Josh Ingersoll (Cal-Mum Class of 2014) personally pledged \$1500 to establish this scholarship fund and reached out to the community and alumni to help raise the remaining costs of the trip for at least one student. His own experience of traveling with the CM Spanish Club to Puerto Rico was his reason for establishing the scholarship.

"I remember our trip to Puerto Rico in 2013 was one of my favorite experiences of my time at CM and it really opened a ton of students' eyes to other cultures outside of just our little town. I'd love to pay it forward to the next generation of CM grads," Mr. Ingersoll said.

An alumni committee chaired by Mr. Ingersoll evaluated 14 essays submitted from students between grades 8 and 12. The topic of the essay was: Traveling abroad can be a life-changing experience. How will traveling with the Cal-Mum Spanish/Science Clubs to the Dominican Republic benefit you?

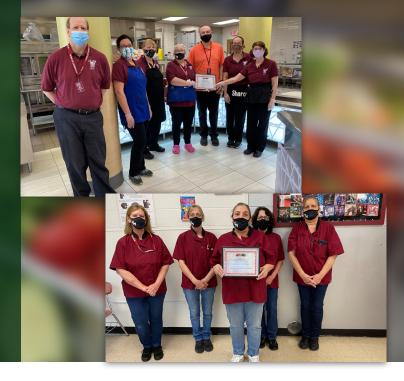
Mrs. Hatch and Mrs. Romaguera as advisors for the clubs are very excited for this amazing opportunity and would like to thank Mr. Ingersoll and the donors.



## Congratulations to the Cal-Mum Food Service Department

Caledonia-Mumford Central School District Food Service Department earned the 2020 Excellence in Student Services Award. CMCS is a component district of the Genesee Valley Boces Regional Food Service Program.

Congratulations to CMCS Food Service Director Robert Flynn and his outstanding staff at the elementary and middle/high school cafeterias! Thank you for serving nutritious meals to over 800 students and staff every day!



## **Corntiago Crew Says Ag in the Classroom Tops** Their Favorites

As the year comes to a close, Corntiago's Crew (Mrs. Cornwell and Mrs. Santiago) has enjoyed many memorable experiences, but one of the highlights of our year is definitely incubating and hatching chicken eggs. We learned all about the life cycle of a chicken and learned what was happening inside the egg from Day I - Day 21. Throughout the process, we also Zoomed with Jennifer and Bernie from Cornell Cooperative Extension. In these Zooms, we candled fertile eggs, performed experiments with infertile eggs and even took a virtual field trip to a chick hatchery. Our favorite part was when the chicks finally hatched!

Thank you so much to Jennifer and Bernie from Cornell Cooperative Extension for making this program possible for Cal-Mum Elementary School students.

Here's what the students have to say about it:

"The chicks were fun to play with!" - Grant

"I'm going to miss Cluck and Spinosaurus." - Damon

"Chicken Nugget is so cute and fluffy!" - Jaxx

"The chicks were so fluffy!" - Colby

"I like how the gray chick snuggled my hand." - Jackson

"I really liked that we got to incubate the eggs and that we got to hold the chicks, pet them and spend time with them." - Lyla

"I loved that we got to get chicks and that most of them hatched!" - Braelyn

"I liked it when we saw one of the chicks hatch and it was peeping to help the others hatch." - Alec

"I love that the chicks are so soft and that we get to spend time with them." - Harper

"I like that we got to raise the chicks from an egg and now they're so fluffy." - Bella

"I liked how Nugget was so tiny and now he's grown bigger." - Serena



# Happy Retirement

Congratulations to our retiring Raider family members.

Thank you for your years of service and best wishes on your retirement!

Pictured Top Row Left to Right: Lori Oliver, Cynthia Oltmann, Carol Coffta Pictured Middle Row Left to Right: Christine Thompson, Sheri Backus Pictured Bottom Row Left to Right: Marie MacPherson, Janet Cappotelli, Linda Snyder





## Mrs. Bell's Students Spruce Up the Garden

Winter held on this year well into spring. One day the daffodils and tulips in the courtyard were covered with snow and the following week spring arrived!

Mrs. Bell's Tech students took on caring for the garden in the courtyard. They pulled weeds, pruned the shrubs, and planted new flower seeds.

## The 44th Annual Presentation of the Robert C. Freeman Citizen Award

The presentation of the distinguished Robert C. Freeman Citizenship Award comes with great pride for the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District.

The recipient of the 2021 Robert C. Freeman Citizenship Award is Emma Efing. Congratulations Emma. Your name is among many other outstanding Red Raiders who have carried on the ideals of leadership and good citizenship in their careers and in their communities.

The award is given to a member of the Senior class who exemplifies outstanding citizenship. The award honors the late Mr. Robert C. Freeman, who spent the majority of his life here at CMCS, as an outstanding and well respected student, athlete, teacher, guidance counselor and coach, both within the walls of Cal-Mum School and in the community. He placed a great deal of emphasis on good citizenship and his leadership was an inspiration to all who worked with him, studied under him or knew him.

Mr. Freeman entered Caledonia Elementary School as a student in 1918. In high school he played Caledonia High School football from 1929 – 1932. In his sophomore year, Mr. Freeman played on the infamous and historic 1929 football team whose season record was 9-0 and whom no opponent had scored upon.

After graduation from Caledonia High School in 1932, Mr. Freeman attended and graduated from Niagara University. Mr. Freeman returned to

his beloved alma mater to teach history in the newly opened Caledonia High School building, located at 99 North Street.

His career was cut short by his three year service in the U.S. military at the start of WWII. He returned to Caledonia High School to resume

teaching history and also went on to assume the role of guidance counselor. Mr. Freeman became the head varsity football coach for the newly centralized Caledonia-Mumford Central School. He coached the team for 10 years before becoming principal of the junior-senior high school.

Students, faculty and the community held deep respect for Mr. Freeman for his firmness and fairness, realizing his motivation was the wellbeing of the students and the school. He was admired as a great man, a great coach, a great American and above all else – a truly great Red Raider.

Emma, this award is presented to you by High School Principal Dr. Rebekah Chenaille on behalf of the whole school community. Your character and commitment to citizenship have earned you a place next to so many before you who strived to make Cal-Mum great. Congratulations and thank you for your contributions to our school and community.



Dr. Rebekah Chenaille presents Senior Emma Efing with the Robert C. Freeman Citizenship Award.

## **Congratulations to our Junior and Senior Award Recipients**

SEVERAL ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO GRADUATING SENIORS AT COMMENCEMENT.

### Senior Awards

**Ross Orton Wrestling Award – Nicholas Lenhardt** For dedication and commitment to wrestling.

Livingston County American Legion Award – Ethan Donaghue This award is presented in recognition of the recipient's demonstrated citizenship and leadership qualities and their involvement in community service and school leadership.

Western NY Volunteer Fireman's Association Award – Brittany Hammond

Hoops Club Awards – Oliva Woodward, Haley Sherwood, Mason Nusbickel, Nathan Howard

### **Junior Awards**

**Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award – Andy Lin** The Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award is awarded to a junior who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement and superior intellectual promise in the field of science.

George Eastman Young Leaders Award – Taylor Mills Recognizes outstanding achievement by high school juniors in leadership and academics.

### Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award – Jacob Cappotelli

The Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award in Humanities is sponsored by the University of Rochester and is named in honor of two of Rochester's most significant pioneers of social justice. This award is presented to a junior who shows commitment to understanding and addressing social issues through study, community action, and dialogue.

### Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology – Bernie Bazzett

The Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology is presented to a junior who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement in the pursuit of innovative approaches and an appreciation for the possibilities of technology.

### RIT Innovation and Creativity Award – Bernie Bazzett and Alexzandra Whiteman

Rochester Institute of Technology has established the RIT Innovation

and Creativity Award to honor two high school juniors who represent the ideals of quality and creativity in their scholastic activities.

### **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal Award – Jacob Cappotelli** The Rensselaer Medal is the oldest award of its kind in the United States. It is awarded to one member of the junior class who demonstrates potential for academic success at Rensselaer, excels in advanced math and science, and exhibits significant interest and involvement in extracurricular activities.

### Clarkson Leadership and Achievement Award Program – Camden Reed

The awards are designed to recognize students in their junior year who demonstrate strong leadership qualities, and have a proven academic record. In addition, students must be interested in pursuing a career in Engineering or Business.

### Keuka College's George H. Ball Community Award - Lydia Johnston, Halie VanDyne, Mitchell Mattice

The Ball Award rewards students based on qualities that embody the values of Keuka College, including integrity, academic excellence, diversity, leadership, service, and social responsibility.

The Elmira College Alumni Association - Fiona Maruska

The Elmira Key merit award is bestowed to a student in the junior year of high school..

St. Bonaventure University Reilly Scholar – Kyle Wade St. Bonaventure University Bonnie's Scholar – Zachary Kuhn



## Cal-Mum Students Honored with 2021 Livingston County Teen Recognition Award

**S** ix Caledonia-Mumford High School students are recipients of the 2021 Livingston County Teen Recognition Award. Congratulations to:

Jesse Churchill, Ethan Donaghue, Hailey Morin, Abigail Richter, Halie VanDyne, Katelyn Zehler

A total of 76 teens from 17 Livingston County towns received the award this year. The teens were honored at a unique movie-style program held May 26, 2021, at the Avon Vintage Drive-in in Avon, N.Y. This special event was attended by many Livingston County officials, NYS Assemblywoman Marjorie Byrnes, Superintendent of Schools Robert Molisani, Caledonia Supervisor Daniel Pangrazio and Caledonia Recreation Chairperson and LC Youth Board member Betty McClenney.

The award is presented to teens age 15 to 18 who are committed to community improvement, demonstrate leadership or are a role model to others because they have overcome personal challenges. They are the youth in our communities who subtly go about making the world around them a little more special by their actions and attitudes. Since its inception, the Teen Recognition Award has been presented to over 1,800 teens.

January of each year by an adult from their school, community, civic organization, church or scout troop, who knows of or works with a teen who exemplifies the criteria set forth by the Livingston County Youth Board.



Photo taken at Vintage Drive-in by Livingston County Sheriff's Office drone.

# What Memorial Day Means To Me

Each year the Matthew Cleary Post 255 American Legion hosts an essay contest for Cal-Mum Juniors. Cash awards are presented to the top three essay winners. The first place essay winner is invited to read their essay at the Memorial Day ceremony. This year's first place winner is Sawyer Richardson.

### What Does Memorial Day Mean to Me?

By Sawyer Richardson

(16)

Home of the Free because of the Brave. Memorial Day has always been a bittersweet day to me; it's a day to honor those who have given their lives to a cause much bigger than themselves. I personally believe that everyday should be Memorial Day, we should always honor those whose lives have been lost to protect the freedoms this country has to offer. It is a privilege to live in such a place where I have the ability to be and do whatever I please, I have nothing but appreciation for the men and women who made that possible for me and I will forever be grateful.

Unfortunately, in such a time full of distractions many people do not observe the true meaning of Memorial Day, the idea of American Pride is becoming nothing more than a distant memory. I believe that everyone should come together and honor our heroes. I think it is truly beautiful that anyone would give their own life for others to be able to live in a safe and free country. Our 22nd President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "Those who have long enjoyed such



Matthew Cleary Post's Jake Davis congratulates Sawyer Richardson on her winning essay at the community observance of Memorial Day.

privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them". We shall never neglect honoring the men and women who have served our country. Remembering and honoring these fallen heroes is the least that we as citizens can do in order to pay back a debt that is simply never fully repaid.

As a country, we need to come together and appreciate our fallen heroes that have created the land of the free. I want to thank all those who have served and died for this country and my freedom. I will continue through life with nothing but gratitude and appreciation for the lives lost defending this country's existence; the amount of bravery and strength that these men and women have will forever be close in my heart. All I ask is that we remember why we live in a land with such freedom, Home of the Free because of the Brave.



## **Author Visits at the Elementary School**

E lementary School students in grades four and five participated in a very exciting Zoom visit with author Hena Khan. In her presentation she talked about her family history and how her parents came to the United States from Pakistan. She was born here in the states, grew up in Maryland and is a practicing Muslim. She shared with the students about the holidays she celebrates.

School Librarian Mrs. Mary Burns shared Ms. Kahn's picture book, "Under My Hijab," with the students. Students read "Amina's Voice' and Power Forward, Chasing the Dream.

Prior to Ms. Kahn's visit the students did research on Pakistan, its food, games and what a day is like for children who live there.

Author Lulu Delacre virtually visited students in kindergarten and grades 1-3. Mrs. Delacre is an author and illustrator who was raised in Puerto Rico and her first language is Spanish.

Her stories often include words and phrases in Spanish as well as sharing the culture, folklore and nature of Puerto Rico and Latin American countries. Many of her books are also published in the Spanish language.

Ms. Delacre encourages the students to write and draw in journals if they are interested in becoming authors and illustrators. Our youngest readers love her series of "Rafi and Rosi." The older students recognized their own superpowers after listening to her latest book, "Luci Soars." All the students also enjoyed her book "Olinguito, From A to Z!" about an animal recently discovered in the cloud rainforest of Ecuador.

Thank you to Elementary School Librarian Mrs. Mary Burns for making the virtual author visits possible this year.



## Mrs. Bellos' Second Grade Ecologists

The students became ecologists and explored our school habitat looking for different plants and animals. Their focus was on the habitat as a home of living things within an ecosystem.

## Newest Members of the Caledonia-Mumford HS National Honor Society

Eleven students were inducted into the Cal-Mum HS Chapter of National Honor Society on March 24, 2021, at a formal induction ceremony.

The outstanding students have met the criteria for membership, which includes character, leadership, scholarship and service.

Congratulations to the 2021 National Honor Society inductees:

Bernard Bazzett, Jacob Cappotelli, Lydia Johnston, Andy Lin, Mitchell Mattice, Taylor Mills, Camden Reed, Sawyer Richardson, Stephanie Sherman, Halie VanDyne and Alexzandra Whiteman. Miss Brittany Chapman is the NHS Advisor.

### **Newest Members of the National Technical Honor Society**

Congratulations to Jayden Thompson, Lillias Bell and Molly Ryan on their induction to the National Technical Honor Society.

The NTHS honors the achievements of the top career and technical education students, provides scholarships to encourage the pursuit of higher education, and cultivates excellence in today's highly competitive, skilled workforce.

These students each met rigorous criteria set forth by this national organization. Leadership, scholarship, skills, honesty, citizenship, service, and responsibility are seven attributes that an NTHS member must embody.

The minimum grade point average for acceptance is 3.0. Students are also selected based upon credit hours completed, attendance, volunteer service, and membership in other student organizations.





# **Teacher Appreciation Week**

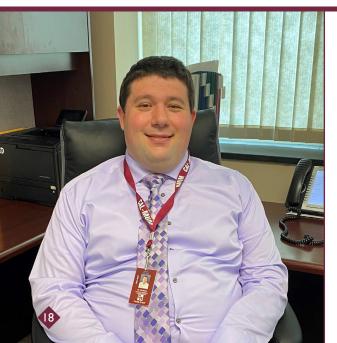
Fourth-grade teacher Mr. Kyle Leonard received the best kind of surprise for Teacher Appreciation Week. Josie, a student in his class, had her mom drive to Mr. Leonard's house so she

could place this sign in his front yard.

You earned this Mr. Leonard!

Thank you Josie and mom for your thoughtfulness.





# Welcome Jeremy Nardone

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Jeremy Nardone, Caledonia-Mumford Central School District Business Administrator.

Mr. Nardone earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from SUNY Brockport and his Master's Degree in Strategic Leadership (MSL) from Roberts Wesleyan College. He will graduate this summer from SUNY Brockport with a School District Business Leader (SBDL) certification.

Mr. Nardone's career began at the firm of Ray Wager CPA, PC as an auditor. In January of 2018, he became the Business Operations Supervisor at the Hilton CSD.

He possesses a high level of knowledge, confidence, and enthusiasm, and has established a strong work ethic supported by outstanding work habits.

Welcome to the Cal-Mum Raider family Mr. Nardone.

# **Congratulations, Fifth Graders**



We are super proud of all you have accomplished this school year. We look forward to celebrating with you on June 21st at your Moving Up ceremony.

With lots of love, Mrs. Harmon & Mrs. Mills Mrs. Stanton & Mr. Kocher Mrs. Monahan & Mrs. Nothnagle

## U.S. News & World Report Ranks Cal-Mum High School CMCSD Earns D&C Top Workplace Award

U.S. News & World Report has named Caledonia-Mumford among the Best High Schools in 2021!

U.S. News & World Report evaluated nearly 24,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia to determine the best high school throughout the country.

We are happy to report that Caledonia-Mumford High School has earned this recognition for the third year in a row.

The Democrat & Chronicle named Caledonia-Mumford CSD among its Top Workplaces for 2021!

Congratulations to our students, staff, administration, and the community. Together, we will keep up the great work!





Democrat & Chronicle



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## **Cal-Mum Staff Day of Caring**

Caledonia-Mumford CSD faculty, administration and staff participated in a Day of Caring. The teams went into various locations in the community and did service projects, which included cleaning Hamilton Park, weeding and spreading mulch at Monument Park, cleaning Spring Street and mulching at the Matthew Cleary Post American Legion.

The Day of Caring was also a fundraiser. Each staff member was asked to pay a \$30 entrance fee to participate. Together we had 70 CMCS staff members work in the community. The proceeds of the Day of Caring were donated to a local family whose child is in cancer treatment.

The staff had a really enjoyable time on their work assignments and afterward everyone gathered at Tennent Park for lunch.

Cal-Mum truly does SHINE!

# Cal-Mum CSD Mobile App

hat if CMCS could deliver information right to your mobile phone?

We can! We have been working on this for several weeks and it is finally ready. Download the new Cal-Mum CSD mobile app now and stay connected to us! Available now in the Apple & Google Play app stores.

The way parents and the community get their information has evolved and CMCS has responded to the evolution with a new mobile app to expand our communication methods. Download it today!

Visit our website for more details including a Youtube tutorial on how to set up your new Cal-Mum mobile app on your phone.

Share this post - the app is for everyone, not just parents and students.

