



“Home, School and Community Educating for Life”

2024

OHS Valedictorian & Salutatorian



Aila Shoup

Aila Shoup has been named the Valedictorian of the Olean High School Class of 2024. She is the daughter of Thomas and Loreen Shoup and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Aila has made high honor roll for sixteen consecutive quarters from while taking advanced and college credit courses.

Aila has been involved in school activities throughout her time at OHS. She has played volleyball since her sophomore year at the junior varsity, varsity, and club levels, and participated in indoor track and golf. Outside of athletics, Aila participated in Reality Check, a club supporting anti-tobacco and anti-vape initiatives. Through this program, Aila traveled to Washington, D.C. to protest at the annual shareholders meeting of the Altria Group, which owns several tobacco companies. Additionally, Aila was an accomplished ceramics student and had a piece displayed in the 2023 High School Juried Art Exhibition at St. Bonaventure University.

Aila placed a special focus on her schoolwork and received several awards for her academic achievements. She was named the JCC College Connections Student of the Year for 2022-2023 and earned the College Board's National Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award. During her senior year, Aila was accepted into the University at Buffalo's Honors College, and earned the institution's Presidential Scholarship. She received the New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence and was nominated to be a part of the Big 30 Academic Team. Aila was inducted into the National Honor Society her junior year.

In the fall, Aila will attend the University at Buffalo where she will study computer science. She hopes to participate in the research and internship opportunities the institution has to offer.



Riti Anumalasetty

Riti Anumalasetty has been named the Salutatorian of the Olean High School Class of 2024. She is the daughter of Venkata and Anuradha Anumalasetty. Riti has maintained high honor roll throughout her academic career while taking numerous college courses and participating in the New Visions Health Professions Program. She will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science. Simultaneously, she is working towards an associate degree in liberal arts math and science from JCC and will be graduating in summer 2024.

Riti has been a member of Student Government (vice president & treasurer), Zonta Club (treasurer), Interact Club (secretary), Science Club (vice president), DECA (top 10 in regionals, state competitor), Model United Nations (best delegate), Poetry Out Loud (regional participant), Envirothon, Principal's Advisory Committee, Spanish Club, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, orchestra, band, varsity swimming, varsity tennis (received Sportsmanship Award and Coaches' Award), and varsity track & field. She has competed at NYSSMA solo festivals and participated in Area All-State and All-County festivals as a musician and singer.

Riti has received many honors including, National Honor Society, DECA Honor Society, Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, RPI Medal Award, 20/40/60 Point Award, the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award, National Society of High School Scholars, St. Bonaventure University STEM Research Scholarship Award, JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List, All Western New York Scholar Athlete, Dream It Do It intern, Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award, and many academic excellence awards in Biology, Earth Science, Chemistry, Biotechnology, Algebra I & 2, Spanish 1 & 3, English and Global Advanced, Introduction to Engineering and Design, Civil Engineering and Architecture, Principles of Engineering, College Keyboarding, Chorus, Band and Orchestra. In addition to academic and extracurricular activities, Riti also has numerous community service hours. She has become one of the first female Eagle Scouts in Cattaraugus County. Riti has received the President's Volunteer Service Award from HOBY Youth Leadership Program. She has also volunteered her time for the Olean Area Youth Court, Homeless Huskies, Souper Bowl of Caring, and the Warming House.

Riti plans to attend the dual degree program majoring in biology at St. Bonaventure University with a provisional acceptance at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Norra Anastasia

Kashtian App

Sophie Bartman

Lexi Benjamin

Tyler Camp

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Norra Anastasia is the daughter of Shawn and Christina Anastasia. She was an active member of Zonta Club from her sophomore to senior year and a member of the National Honor Society. Norra will attend SUNY New Paltz in the fall majoring in environmental science.

Kashtian App is the son of Sabrina Miller. He was a member of the National Honor Society and achieved high honor roll. Kashtian was also a member of Zonta Club, Reality Check, and Literacy of Love throughout his high school experience. He participated in many volunteer activities including the SPCA, Volley Bash, and Homeless Huskies. Kashtian took many elective courses and is still finalizing his post-graduation plans.

Sophie Bartman is the daughter of Amanda Stock and Ryan Bartman. Sophie has made high honor roll for four years and has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years. She has taken dual enrollment college courses in her last two years of high school. Sophie played varsity golf for six years, received two MVP awards, earned five scholar athlete awards, and made three sectional appearances. Sophie has been a part of Olean's modified, junior varsity, and varsity volleyball programs along with her travel team, Octane Volleyball Club, for six years. For her success, she was recognized as a CCAA West 1st Team All-Star, scholar athlete, AI-WNY Scholar

Athlete, offensive MVP, starter, and team captain. Sophie received the Cattaraugus Youth of the Week Award and the 2024 Independent Health Wellness All-Star Award. Sophie participated in Reality Check, Souper Bowl of Caring, Art Club, and Winter Carnival. Sophie has worked part-time at Ried's Food Barn for almost two years. Sophie plans to attend Honors College at SUNY Brockport for the 3+2 Master of Science in Athletic Training Program with a concentration in exercise science. Sophie will also be participating in club volleyball.

Lexi Benjamin is the daughter of Robert and Sara Benjamin. She was a member of the soccer team and basketball team for six years and participated in track and field. Lexi has been a scholar athlete all four years of her high school career. She was treasurer of her class during her junior year, a member of Zonta Club, participated in Homeless Huskies and was also a member of the Principal's Advisory Committee for two years. Lexi has volunteered for the Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, Unified Basketball, and Winter Carnival. She was also a member of the Olean Soccer Club for thirteen years and helped coach U6. She attended BOCES for two years in the cosmetology program and was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Lexi was an active member of SKILLS USA and participated in regional competitions

during both years. During her senior year, she served as SKILLS USA president and president of the National Technical Honor Society. Lexi plans to attend Mercyhurst University in the fall majoring in fashion merchandising.

Tyler Camp is the son of Brad and Katie Camp. Tyler was a member of the National Honor Society, treasurer of the Student Activities Council, and the class of 2024. As a member of DECA for three years, he was the local and regional president and treasurer. Tyler attended DECA's International Conference in Orlando, as a voting delegate for New York State. He was a member of Model UN for three years, along with the Principal's Advisory Committee. He was also a student representative for the Olean Schools Foundation during his senior year. Tyler played soccer and golf throughout his high school career and was recognized as a scholar athlete each season. Tyler volunteered with Unified Basketball, Exceptional Track and Field Day, Souper Bowl of Caring, Homeless Huskies, Salvation Army bell ringing, and as a volunteer U6 soccer coach. Tyler earned the Senator George M. Borrello Youth Leadership Award, Daughters of the Revolution Good Citizens Award, RIT Business and Leadership Award, and Clarkson University High School Leadership Award. He traveled abroad to Australia and New Zealand last summer. Tyler will attend Bowling Green State



Caroline Carter

Ruby Chahal

Ethan Chen

Hailey Covert

Aubrey Cowles

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University's Honors Program majoring in economics with a minor in politics, philosophy, economics, and law. He hopes to become a corporate attorney.

Caroline Carter is the daughter of Greg Carter and Danielle Evingham. Caroline has been on high honor roll throughout high school career and was a member of the National Honor Society. She received the Harold Dutton Award for good character. Caroline joined the varsity soccer team in eighth grade. Throughout her five years at the varsity level she was a Scholar Athlete, received the Coaches' Award, the Sportsmanship Award, and made CCAA Second Team All-Stars. She also participated in the school's Select Choir serving as a section leader for two years. Select Choir provided her with the opportunity to attend Solo Festivals and All-Counties. Halfway through her sophomore year, Caroline was given the opportunity to join Bel Canto, an after-school choir for select juniors and seniors. She was also a member of school clubs such as Principal's Advisory Committee, Zonta Club, and Mending Minds. Outside of school, Caroline belongs to Old Time Baptist Church where she has participated in a live nativity. Other community service projects include Gus Macker, Toys 4 Tots, and Winter Carnival. Caroline will attend St. Bonaventure University where she will study business and marketing. She plans to be a real estate agent.

Ruby Chahal is the daughter of Dr. Puneet and Colleen Chahal. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Model United Nations, served as media manager for Zonta Club, and has volunteered with the Souper Bowl of Caring, Homeless Huskies, and numerous projects centered around empowering women and girls. Ruby competed at eight Model UN conferences, including the Ivy League Model UN Conference and Cornell's High School Model UN Conference. Ruby has been a member of the varsity golf team for the past two years and was on the varsity competitive cheerleading team her senior year. Ruby has been dancing with Neighborhood School of Dance since age 3 and served as a dance teacher's assistant for six years. As a registered Girl Scout, Ruby attended Camp 7 Hills for twelve summers, and worked as a counselor for the past three seasons. She also works at Reid's Food Barn and enjoys interacting with customers in her role as a cashier. Ruby will be majoring in history at Slippery Rock University in the fall, where she has been accepted into the Honors Program.

Ethan Chen is the son of Zhong Quan and Feng Jin Chen. He has been a member of the National Honor Society since his junior year. He plans to attend the Rochester Institute of Technology earning an accelerated bachelor's and master's degrees in computer engineering.

Hailey Covert is the daughter of Jennifer and Christopher Sisson. Hailey was an active member of the National Honor Society. She participated in Homeless Huskies and the Winter Carnival. She volunteered at the SPCA and the Tri-County Arts Council. Hailey has maintained high honor roll throughout high school. She was also a part of the orchestra, playing the violin since fourth grade. Hailey will attend Nazareth University in the fall majoring in physical therapy.

Aubrey Cowles is the daughter of Danielle Cowles and Don Brockel. Aubrey made high honor roll throughout high school and was a member of the National Honor Society. She has participated in Homeless Huskies every year she has been in high school. She has volunteered for various groups including the SPCA, East View Elementary School, Olean High School, and the soup kitchen. Aubrey has received the Harold Dutton Award for displaying good character. She took dual enrollment college courses throughout her last two years of high school. Aubrey plans to attend Chatham University in the fall with a major in nursing. She hopes to become a labor and delivery nurse.





William Crosson Draven Cummings Emma Dodge Andre Fratercangelo Emily Gibbons

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William Crosson is the son of Sean and Carrie Crosson. Will has made high honor roll every quarter and was a member of the National Honor Society. Will played soccer for all four years and ran track for three years. Will was a member of student government serving as vice president during his senior year. He participated in community service activities including Homeless Huskies. William plans to attend SUNY Fredonia in the fall majoring in forensic psychology.

Draven Cummings is the daughter of Bridgette and Josh Cummings. Draven was a member of the National Honor Society and was a high honor roll student. She participated in many acts of community service including volunteering at the SPCA. She also participated in school related service activities including Homeless Huskies and the Winter Carnival. She was a member of chorus for two years, and was a member of Mending Minds, Zonta Club, and the literary journal. Draven attended an introductory program through Southern Tier Health Care called Step into Healthcare to further her knowledge in the medical field. She plans to take Emergency Medical Technician courses in July. Draven will attend Jamestown Community College in the fall where she will major in nursing. After completing her associate's degree, she will transfer to the University of Pittsburgh to become a labor and delivery nurse.

Emma Dodge is the daughter of Luke and Jena Dodge. Emma has been an active member of the local community as well as Olean High School. She has participated in Homeless Huskies and Principal's Advisory Committee throughout high school. Emma has volunteered her time at the Winter Carnival and Exceptional Track and Field Day. She was a member of the volleyball team for five years, having the chance to compete in sectionals and be a team captain her sophomore year. Emma also participated in club volleyball. She volunteered and fundraised for Literacy of Love and will be going to Uganda this summer to volunteer at a local orphanage. Emma holds down a part-time job at the public library and enjoys shopping and traveling in her spare time. She will be attending the University of Chester in England to study international tourism management.

Andre Fratercangelo is the son of Lisa and Anthony Fratercangelo. Andre was a member of the National Honor Society and has remained on high honor-roll throughout his four years of high school. His athletic career has included varsity soccer for four years, varsity baseball for three years, and varsity track his senior year. He was a captain for the varsity soccer team his senior year and was named a Big-30 All-Star. Andre was heavily involved in school activities and community service. He has volunteered his time at Homeless Huskies, Winter Carnival, Exceptional Track and Field

Day, Souper Bowl of Caring, Unified Basketball, and walked dogs at the SPCA. Andre will attend the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford in the fall where he will study communications and play soccer.

Emily Gibbons is the daughter of Sabrina Gibbons. Emily has made high honor roll throughout her high school career and was a member of the National Honor Society. Emily played on the varsity soccer team for five years and was team captain in her senior year. She has been a scholar athlete for all five years. Emily plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford in the fall where she will major in exercise science and play soccer. She hopes to become an athletic trainer.





Lydia Hammer

Grace Haynes

Sarah Jordan

Lilli Khettry

Alex Linderman

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Lydia Hammer is the child of Michael Hammer and Kaele Saal. Lydia was a member of the National Honor Society. They participated in many musical activities, including the Olean Theater Workshop productions of “Seussical,” “Sweeney Todd,” and “Godspell,” and they hope to continue to be involved in musical theater in college. They played both school and club volleyball, and won a Sportsmanship Award, as well as the title of Scholar Athlete. In addition to volleyball, Lydia has participated in other sports over the years, including skiing, snowboarding, and whitewater kayaking. They are a member of the orchestra and played violin in two Solofests. They also play piano and enjoy writing music compositions. Lydia intends to attend the Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall, with a double-major in English and journalism, as well as a minor in music and technology. In the future, they hope to become a journalist.

Grace Haynes is the daughter of Dave and Joan Haynes. Grace was a member of band, Select Choir, and Bel Canto. She was a part of “Little Women the Musical,” “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”, and “Elf the Musical.” She also worked with local theaters and their productions. Grace will attend Houghton University in the fall and will participate in the London Honors Program.

Sarah Jordan is the daughter of Tim and Becky Jordan. Sarah has been a high honor roll student throughout her high school career and was a member of the National Honor Society. She was a cheerleader for four years on the fall cheer team and two years on the competitive cheer team. Sarah was captain of the cheer team her senior year. She also participated in the music program, as a member of the Select Choir and Bel Canto. Sarah was a member of the Yearbook Club for two years. She has danced for nine years and has spent the past three years dancing at Step Up Dance Academy. Sarah is attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall majoring in early childhood education. She hopes to be an elementary teacher.

Lilli Khettry is the daughter of Moira and Manoj Khettry. Lilli was a member of the National Honor Society and achieved either high honor roll or honor roll every quarter since her sophomore year. She participated in varsity tennis for three years, received the doubles award her senior year, and was recognized as a scholar athlete all three years. Lilli has been a member of Zonta Club, earning the positions of treasurer and vice president. She participated in Model United Nations and DECA. She went to states for DECA. She was on the Student Council serving as secretary for two years. Lilli participated in Homeless Huskies and the Souper Bowl of Caring as well as volunteering outside of school at the SPCA. Lilli is leaning

towards attending the University of Pittsburgh with an Undecided major.

Alex Linderman is the son of Kris and Rachel Linderman. Alex was a member of the National Honor Society and received the George Eastman Leadership Award. He played soccer, football, and tennis all four years of high school. Alex was a captain on the varsity soccer team during his junior and senior years and was recognized as a scholar athlete. He was also recognized as the Fall Athlete of the season during his senior year. Alex was a member of the Student Activities Council giving him the opportunity to organize school events. He was also a member of the Principal’s Advisory Committee where he was involved in positive changes made at the high school for all students. Alex was an active part of the community as well. He volunteered for Unified Basketball, the Souper Bowl of Caring, and the Olean Area Exceptional Track and Field Day. Alex was also a youth summer soccer coach. He plans to attend SUNY Brockport in the fall where he will study geology and play soccer.





Makayla Magro

Dawson Mallery

Jalethyn Miller

Isaac Moses

Ethan Peace

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Makayla Magro is the daughter of David and Mary Magro. Makayla was president of the class of 2024 and was a member of the National Honor Society. Makayla was very dedicated to her academics, being in the top 10% of her class and receiving awards such as Excellence in Math and Science. Makayla participated in chorus, Spanish Club, Zonta Club and Ski Club. She was also an active member of varsity soccer for four years and was a captain in her senior year. In her senior season of soccer, Makayla organized a fundraiser to help raise money for an OCSD student. Makayla was highly active in a variety of school activities including Class Competitions, Halloween Bash, Dance Committee, Gus Macker, Homeless Huskies, Winter Carnival, and Special Olympics. She is also an active volunteer in other community activities outside of school. Magro Speech Therapy, her sister's speech therapy practice, hosts two annual events for children with disabilities and special needs, and Makayla serves on the committee for these events. Being involved with Magro Speech Therapy is where Makayla got her inspiration to become an Occupational Therapist. Makayla plans to attend St. Bonaventure University where she will major in health science.

Dawson Mallery is the son of Jodi and Don Mallery III. Dawson was a

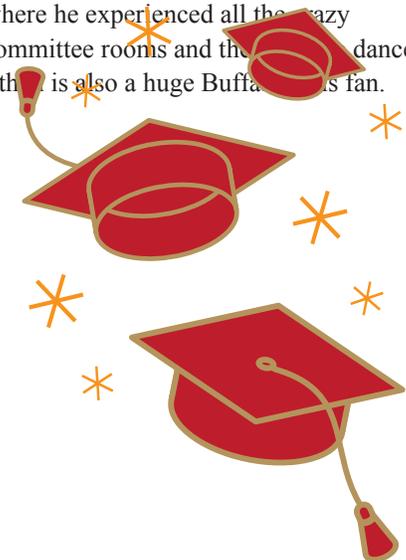
member of the National Honor Society and participated in many events including volunteering at the SPCA, Gus Macker Tournaments, and Winter Carnival. He was involved with sports including varsity soccer for two years, varsity swimming for six years and varsity tennis for six years. Dawson was a scholar athlete for all those years and earned the Harold Dutton Award, the Coaches' Award, and the Sportsmanship Award. He also participated in band throughout his middle school and high school career and was chosen to represent his school at NYSSMA majors during his junior year. Dawson plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford where he will major in civil engineering and be a member of the swim team.

Jalethyn Miller is the son of Lonnie Miller and Maria Welka. His parents were his greatest source of motivation and helped him achieve success throughout his journey. At Olean High School, Jalethyn participated in many activities such as Select Chorus, Bel Canto, honors classes, and volunteered to help others in events such as Pi-Day and Homeless Huskies. Jay has been interested in computers for years and plans to pursue a career in computer science.

Isaac Moses is the son of Chris and George Moses. Isaac has made high honor roll every quarter, was a member of the National Honor Society, participated in Homeless Huskies, and

was a co-coordinator for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Isaac has played on the varsity tennis team for six years and qualified for the state tournament with his doubles partner Cavan Boutillette. He has been a scholar athlete for all six years. Isaac plans to attend Vassar in the fall majoring in computer science.

Ethan Peace is the son of Brad Murphy and Rea Peace, with a loving stepmother Tiffany Murphy. He had a wonderful high school experience from shenanigans at school dances to late nights with friends. Along his journey, he played soccer and tennis. Ethan was involved in clubs, such as theater, Model United Nations, DECA, and an after-school choir group Bel Canto. During his time in theater, he played a minor role but still had an amazing time with all his peers. One of his favorite trips was to Philadelphia where he experienced all the crazy committee rooms and the dance. Ethan is also a huge Buffalo Bills fan.





Adelina Peer Lucas Peterson-Volz Heartly Phipps Jon Przybyla Payton Reynolds

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Adelina Peer is the daughter of Audrey Watson and Jesse Watson. She was a member of the National Honor Society and design specialist of the Student Activities Council. Adelina was a part of the varsity soccer team for four years and received the Coaches' Award her junior year. Adelina was the co-president of Zonta Club which focuses on service and advocacy for women and children. During her time as Zonta Club president, Adelina led fundraisers to help a local elementary school teacher fighting cancer and helped to run a district-wide Christmas toy drive for the Buffalo Children's Hospital. She was also part of the Principal Advisory Committee participated in the Super Bowl of Caring, Homeless Huskies, and Prom Committee. Adelina had a love for creative endeavors, such as ceramics, where a tea set, she made was displayed at the St. Bonaventure University Quick Center. Adelina will be attending Binghamton University in the fall majoring in psychology.

Lucas Peterson-Volz is the son of Tina Peterson-Volz and Dennis Volz. Lucas was a member of the National Honor Society, the National Technical Honor Society, and vice president of Student Council. He participated in two musicals during his high school career. Lucas was a member of the varsity cross country team for four years, varsity swimming for five years,

varsity indoor track and field for two years, and varsity track and field for four years. Lucas was a member of Principal's Advisory Committee and Kendama Club. He also participated in Homeless Huskies, Unified Basketball, and was a student chaperone and lifeguard for Camp Husky. Lucas plans to attend SUNY Fredonia in the fall where he will major in criminal justice and minor in athletic coaching. He will also join the cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field teams.

Heartly Phipps is the daughter of Charity Phipps and late James Gildersleeve. Heartly was the Student Activities Council president, Board of Education Student board member, Principal's Advisory Committee member, and an OCS Foundation member. In addition, Heartly was the co-president of Zonta Club which focuses on service and advocacy for women and children. She was a two-time state medal winner at DECA and a ten-time medal winner at Model United Nations. Heartly was a five-year member of band, chorus, Select Chorus, and Bel Canto. Notably, she has attended numerous Solo Festivals, All-Counties, and Area All-States. Heartly has played many seasons of sports including modified soccer, basketball, and softball, junior varsity soccer and softball, and varsity tennis. She was a scholar athlete all throughout her high school career. She completed the Project Lead the Way program and received an

award for excellence in engineering. Heartly participated in many school events including Homeless Huskies and Class Competitions. She also received the Susan B. Anthony award from the University of Rochester for her dedication to service and advocacy. Heartly plans to attend Ohio State University this fall to major in fashion merchandising and trumpet performance.

Jon Przybyla is the son of Mary and Joseph Przybyla. Jon transferred to Olean High School in his senior year from Archbishop Walsh Academy. Jon made high honor roll and was a member of the National Honor Society. Jon participated in two years of varsity soccer and basketball, and a year of varsity baseball. Jon plans to join the workforce and further his education.

Payton Reynolds is the son of Tricia and David Reynolds. Payton was a member of the National Honor Society and was a high honor roll student. Payton was also involved in public services, including Homeless Huskies, for which he was the top fundraiser. He furthered his knowledge in public health by taking classes provided by Southern Tier Health Care and plans to take Emergency Medical Technician-B classes this summer. Payton plans to attend Jamestown Community College and the University of Pittsburgh to become a nurse practitioner.





Grace Ring Helaina Rucinski David (DJ) Ruskowski Faith Schreiber Rose Scordo

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Grace Ring is the daughter of Kris and Tim Ring. She plans to attend SUNY Oneonta in the fall to pursue a career in early childhood education with a minor in geology. Grace has participated in various clubs such as Student Council, Z-Club, Drama Club, Reality Check, and more. One of Grace’s proudest moments was when she ran and hosted a Talent Show her sophomore year. Grace was a member of the National Honor Society and has been on high honor roll throughout her high school career. Grace was in the band, orchestra, Select Choir, and Bel Canto which fed her love for music. She also volunteered at the SPCA and worked as an intern at the Challenger Center and Dream It Do It. Grace cannot wait for the next step of her life and is so excited to see what it brings.

Helaina Rucinski is the daughter of Scott and Sarah Rucinski. Helaina was a member of the National Honor Society and remained on high honor roll for the entirety of her high school career. Helaina was executive secretary of Student Activities Council and a member of the Principal’s Advisory Committee. Helaina was a member of Zonta Club, Mending Minds, Ski Club, and E-Sports. She participated in Homeless Huskies, the Souper Bowl of Caring, Winter Carnival, Unified Basketball, Track and Field Day, and spent time at the SPCA. In her free

time, Helaina enjoys traveling, watching football, and skiing. Helaina will be attending Cleveland State University in the fall where she will be majoring in psychology.

David (DJ) Ruskowski is the son of David and Sarah Ruskowski. He was a member of many school clubs and organizations. He was highly involved in Model United Nations, Envirothon, National Honor Society, band, and orchestra. He also participated in tennis, swimming, and cross country. DJ took many different courses during his time at OHS out of pure academic curiosity, but not only did his commitments lie in the school they also were prevalent in the community. He is a member of the Dream It Do It staff where he teaches and maintains 3D printers. DJ is an Eagle Scout of Troop 621, and Vigil member of Order of the Arrow Lodge 165. He is well known in the scouting community for his many accomplishments. DJ was a member of the last Elk Lick Scout Reserve staff in Smethport and is a member of the current Camp Merz staff in Mayville. During his time in scouting, DJ started a business that is still expanding today. He plans to continue his involvement in scouting, Model United Nations, and Dream It Do It in the future. DJ will be attending the University at Buffalo in the fall majoring in environmental engineering.

Faith Schreiber is the daughter of

George and Rachael Schreiber. She was a member of the National Honor Society,

Spanish Club, and Z-Club. Faith also participated in varsity tennis for four years. She has been a scholar athlete and has maintained high honor roll for all four years of her high school career. Faith has also been a recipient of the Harold Dutton Award which recognizes students of good character. Faith plans to attend Kent State University in the fall majoring in speech pathology and audiology.

Rose Scordo is the daughter of Antonio and Holly Scordo. Rose was a member of the National Honor Society and event coordinator for the Student Activities Council (SAC). She has been involved in many school clubs including Model United Nations, DECA, and Zonta Club. She was treasurer for Zonta Club her sophomore year, and co-president her junior and senior years. She was also involved in athletics, particularly playing on the girls’ varsity tennis team and managing the boys’ varsity tennis team. Outside of school she participated in dance through Dance Arts Studio and was a co-chair for Maker Faire Rochester. Rose was also a two-time finalist for Poetry Out Loud and attended the Poetry Out Loud state finals two years in a row. Rose has helped plan numerous school events as a member of SAC including school dances and Homeless Huskies. Rose attended BOCES in the New Visions Health Professions program. Rose



Allie Stayer

Lily Todd

Aaron Vincent

Ashley Zewe

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plans to attend Daemen University in an accelerated dual degree physician assistant program in the fall.

Allie Stayer is the daughter of Colleen and the late Gregory Stayer. Allie was a member of the National Honor Society and was on high honor roll for all four years of her high school career. She was on Student Council serving as vice president of her class her junior year and president her senior year. Allie played on the varsity soccer team for four years and was named a scholar athlete for all four years as well. Allie was a part of Student Advisory Council, participated in Homeless Huskies, and took part in the Souper Bowl of Caring and Zonta Club her junior year. Horses have been a big part of Allie's life as she has competed on the MJ Show String Equestrian Team for the past five years. She also enjoys skiing and snowboarding in the winter months. Allie is planning to attend St. John Fisher University in the fall where she will major in biology on a pre-med track.

Lily Todd is the daughter of Becky and Daniel Todd. She was an active student and was inducted into the National Honor Society. She was heavily involved in the music program and participated in band, orchestra, Select Chorus, and Bel Canto. She participated in multiple All-County and Area All-State festivals. Lily also participated in two of the school's annual musicals. For all four years of her high school career, Lily swam on the swimming and diving team. She also participated

in Homeless Huskies. She attended and volunteered at Hillside Wesleyan Church and was a member of the Mount Hillside Youth Group. Lily plans to attend Indiana Wesleyan University in the fall.

Aaron Vincent is the son of Troy and Tara Vincent. Aaron was a member of the National Honor Society and consistently on the high honor roll. He enjoyed volunteering and helping with the Souper Bowl of Caring, Unified Basketball, Winter Carnival, Toys for Tots, and Exceptional Track and Field Day. Aaron was a member of the varsity baseball team for four years and received the Silver Slugger Award for two years. He was a member of the varsity football team for two years serving as captain his senior year and earning the MVP Award. He was also on the Western New York All-Academic Team for football and received the Walt L. Reisner Football Award and scholarship. Aaron participated in varsity wrestling and golf his senior year. He was recognized as a Scholar Athlete all four years of high school. Aaron plans to finish his associate's degree in business administration at Jamestown Community College while working at Cedarwood Financial Partners and preparing to take his securities tests to become a financial advisor.

Ashley Zewe is the daughter of Nicole Marker-Zewe and Jeff Zewe. Ashley has made high honor roll throughout her high school career and was a member

of the National Honor Society. Ashley participated in Principal's Advisory Committee and several community service events including Homeless Huskies, Winter Carnival, Unified Basketball, and volunteering at the SPCA. Ashley has played on the volleyball team since seventh grade and the Octane travel volleyball team since the eighth grade. She has also participated in beach volleyball for Olean and Portville for two seasons and will play in the national beach volleyball tournament in July. Ashley will attend Penn State Behrend in the fall. She will be majoring in medical sciences and playing volleyball.



Good Luck To Our OHS Seniors!

Norra J. Anastasia – SUNY New Paltz
Riti Anumalasetty – St. Bonaventure University/LECOM
Kashtian J. App – Undecided
Shamus C. Baer – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Kyra J. Balcerzak – Employment
Sophie L. Bartman – SUNY Brockport
Adonijah A. Benedict – JCC/Air National Guard
Lexi K. Benjamin – Mercyhurst University
Justus M. Bentley – JCC
Caydin L. Berkhouse – Employment
Matthew S. Blazejewski – JCC
Taylor M. Blue – Employment
Makenna A. Britt – Monroe Community College
Kai A. Bundgaard – Employment
Austin S. Burdick – Employment
Brennen M. Burroughs – Alfred State College
Zackary M. Button – Alfred State College
Tyler B. Camp – Bowling Green State University
Amy L. Campbell – Alfred State College
Caroline L. Carter – St. Bonaventure University
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Xavier E. Cook – Employment
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Autumn V. Milks – JCC
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Alexander T. Misenheimer – JCC
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Isaac G. Moses – Vassar College
Dwayne T. Motley – JCC
Layla L.L. Nelson – Employment
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Emma E.R. Oliphant – Employment
Ryan S. Osborne – SUNY Fredonia
Jacob A. Ours – Employment
Camden E. Pancio – Employment
Ethan I. Peace – Undecided
Adelina M. Peer – Binghamton University
Chase V. Pellett – Employment
Kollin D. Pellett – Employment
Lucas S. Peterson-Volz – SUNY Fredonia
Ethan M. Pfeffer – Employment
Heartly A. Phipps – Ohio State University
Tiernan A. Powley – Employment
Jon Q. Przybyla – Employment
Alexandria N. Puccinelli – JCC in Jamestown
Avianna R. Rauber – Employment
Payton M. Reynolds – JCC
Brysen N. Riehle – Army
Grace A. Ring – SUNY Oneonta
Oliver T. Robbins-Martinelli – Monroe Community College
Helaina G. Rucinski – Cleveland State University
David J. Ruskowski – University at Buffalo
Faith A. Schreiber – Kent State University
Hayden R. Schwindler – Alfred State College
Rose M. Scordo – Daemen University
Amyra R. Shaffer – Employment
Robert D. Shorter – Employment
Aila M. Shoup – University of Buffalo
Joshua A. Sisson – SUNY Fredonia
Ava B. Smith – Robert Morris University
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Message from the Superintendent

Celebrating Success and Looking Forward to Graduation!



Dear Olean City School Community,

I am thrilled with the news of our recent budget vote, which is a testament to our community's unwavering support for our schools. Your participation and voice have made a significant difference, ensuring a bright future for our students. This success clearly reflects our shared commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for our children.

Thanks to the overwhelming approval of the budget, we can now move forward with confidence. This means we have the necessary resources to continue offering an outstanding education to all our students. Our dedicated faculty and staff will be able to enhance their instructional practices, maintain a safe and nurturing learning environment, and provide the necessary tools and resources to foster our students' success. This budget approval is a significant step towards our shared goal of providing the best education possible.

As we approach the conclusion of this school year, I cannot help but reflect on the remarkable progress we have made together. Our students have demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and a true spirit of collaboration. It is a testament to their character and the unwavering support they receive from their families, teachers, and the entire community.

With the graduation ceremony just around the corner, I am eagerly awaiting the opportunity to celebrate our seniors' remarkable achievements. Their journey, marked by triumphs and challenges, is a testament to their resilience and determination. This ceremony will not only mark the end of their high school years but also the beginning of a new chapter in their lives. I am confident in the knowledge, skills, and values they will carry forward, and I am excited to see what the future holds for them.

I am deeply grateful to our entire community for your unwavering support. The successful budget vote is a shining example of what we can achieve when we work together toward a common goal.

I wish you all an excellent conclusion to this school year filled with achievements, growth, and joy. I am looking forward to celebrating our students' accomplishments at Graduation and witnessing the bright futures that lie ahead for every one of them.

With warmest regards,
Dr. Genelle Morris
Superintendent, Olean City Schools

Welcome to Olean City School District!



Welcome Timothy Margo!

We are delighted to introduce our new Physical Education teacher, Timothy Magro, who brings a wealth of enthusiasm to our school community. Mr. Magro's transition to physical education is fueled by a passion for promoting holistic wellness, combining physical activity with the essential principles of health and well-being. We are excited to welcome Timothy Magro, "TJ" to the High School and look forward to the innovative and energetic contributions he will bring to our Physical Education program.

Support Staff:

Food Service Helpers:



Annette Scott



Corrine Kilian



Samina Naz



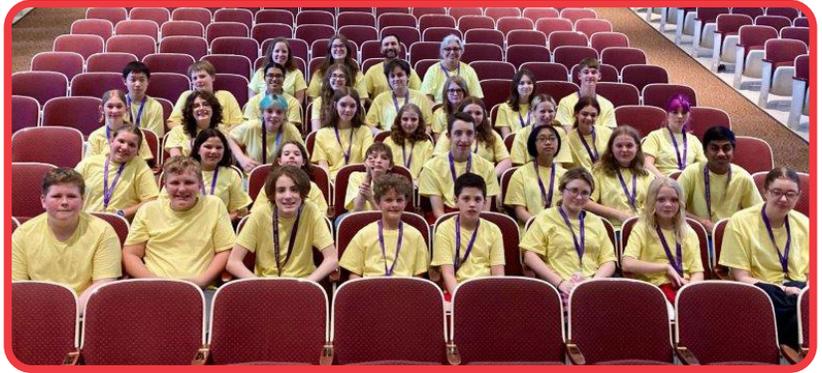
Nancy Sullivan –
Reading Tenure

Welcome!



News From OHS

Spring String Festival at Houghton University



On Friday, May 17th, Olean High School, and Middle School string players headed to Houghton University for the 2024 Spring String Festival. This 2-day event brought orchestra students from all over Western New York to come together and make beautiful music! While they were not rehearsing, students got to enjoy a few of the college's amenities such as the pool and gym. They also got a taste of what college is like by staying in the dorms and eating in the dining hall. By the end of the second day, it was time for students to show how their hard work paid off.

Unlike our Spring and Winter concerts at OHS, students had minimal time to learn and practice the music they would be performing. Additionally, students worked with a conductor some had never met before and sat and played next to a string student from a different school. They truly impressed us all and we cannot wait to go back next year!

Exceptional Track & Field Day



Thursday, May 23rd, was an amazing day with approximately 200 students from eight different school districts and many volunteers from OHS.

Students with disabilities participated in a variety of track events and got to enjoy the incredible music from our local band "Generations."



The Future Of Olean



Mayor Aiello reached out to Olean High School asking the senior class to meet with team members from Highland Planning, LLC. out of Rochester. Students brainstormed ideas as to the improvements they would like to see in Olean in the next 20 years. Four categories for consideration were: Education; Safety; Housing; and Economic Development.

Students were very eager to partake in this activity. A few ideas mentioned were Bike Path Safety Buttons, Safer intersection on W. State Street by Aldi's and Burger King, Modernized Playgrounds, and improved housing.

Thank you, Highland Planning, LLC. for including our students in this process. We are proud of our students for presenting and expressing their views respectfully.

Just "FRANCE"



Music has been a huge part of our proficiency based French curriculum taught at Olean High School. Students can engage with a song on so many levels. Songs are an excellent way to hear and learn the meaning of pronunciation, learn new vocabulary, and increase our overall understanding when speaking. Songs also bring variety to the classroom, which helps to maintain classroom motivation and promote an informal and non-threatening environment. This reduction in anxiety helps students to grasp the language in a very organic, natural way. It also gives them a view into the different francophone cultures and practices that exist in the world. We can also use the profiles of the artists as a springboard to encourage students to then talk about themselves. It has been a powerful tool and is also very fun. This photo was taken of a few students participating in a French rendition of "Just Dance" using popular French songs.

OHS Science Club Partners With Cattaraugus County 4-H



The Science Club combined activities with the Cattaraugus County 4-H Program this year. There were many fun activities the students enjoyed doing. These events consisted of making elephant toothpaste, hosting baby farm animals (including goats and a bunny), making healthy broccoli and black bean quesadilla's, learning about the amounts of sugar in different popular drinks and making our own Italian soda.

They learned the 4-H Pledge: I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking; my HEART to greater loyalty; my HANDS to larger service; and my HEALTH to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world. In addition to these fun events, they also sold candy bars and Mother's Day ornament/jewelry to raise money for a field trip next year.



Students Travel to Washinton, DC

The 8th grade class traveled to Washington, DC for three days and two nights during the first week of May. Students visited the US Capitol, Smithsonian museums, Arlington Cemetery and Mount Vernon along with touring the monuments and seeing the play “Shear Madness” at the Kennedy Center. Thank you to our major sponsor, the Olean Schools Foundation, for supporting this opportunity for our students! A wonderful time was had by all!



Staff vs. Cops

On March 7, 2024, the Olean Staff and the Olean Police Department showed off their skills in a competitive basketball game. All proceeds from the game benefited the Senior Class. The stands were packed, and spectators were not left disappointed as the Olean Staff held on to beat the Police in overtime. The Seniors would like to thank all the players, spectators, and volunteers as they raised \$4,000 from the game!

2024 Prom



The Olean High School Prom was held on May 11th at The Old Library Restaurant. The theme of the night was “Enchanted Garden.”

Front row, left to right: Senior 2nd Court Members - Helaina Rucinski and Amy Campbell

Back row, left to right: Senior 1st Court Members – Andre Fratercangelo and Makayla Magro; Aaron Vincent – Prom King, Caroline Carter – Prom Queen; Courtney Bargo – Prom Princess, Aaron Boutwell – Prom Prince; Junior Court Members – Brody Frame and Sullivan Hoffman

Family Engagement

Wow, it’s hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close already! With the nice weather coming, it is important to continue to attend school daily!

Save the Dates:

- Mon. August 26th 6-7 PM 4th Grade Orientation
- Tue. August 27th 6-8 PM 8th Grade Orientation
- Thu. August 29th EV & WW Open Houses
- Tue. September 3rd OIMS Open House
- Wed. September 4th OHS Open House
- Sat. September 21st Welcome Back Event



To read the full article on Family Engagement Activities for each school:

Visit the school website at oleanschools.org then Community Schools then Family Engagement

School begins for all students on Wednesday, September 4th!

Senior Picnic



Senior Huskies enjoyed the afternoon on the High School front lawn for their Senior Picnic!



Beautifying Olean

10th grade students of Mrs. Graves, planted flowers around the staircase at Oak Hill Park. Mr. Bob Sherburne and Mrs. Linda Edstrom helped with the planting. It was hot but the students worked hard! This was a great community service project which gave students work-based learning hours. Our students are making Olean look good!

OHS Band and Chorus Pay Tribute to Memorial Day



On Memorial Day, Olean High School Band and Chorus participated in the Annual Memorial Day Program in Lincoln Park. OHS is honored to be asked each year to participate and pay tribute to those who have given their lives for our country.

Black Hawk Photo Op



Olean students sitting in a Black Hawk helicopter as part of the COP Camp provided to students in the Criminal Justice program at the BOCES CTE center.

News From OIMS

Egg Drop Experiment for 7th Grade Science Classes



Great new things are happening in seventh grade science these days. For decades, the curriculum for this level was exclusively life science. Just this year, our curriculum director added some earth science and physical science. The timing of this was perfect since we just hired a new science teacher who loves to do experiments and projects. Mr. Whitesell came from another district; although he has been teaching only a few years, he has brought a wealth of knowledge of the various sciences needed for the curriculum. One of his best examples is the egg drop experiment, in which the students have to demonstrate their knowledge of potential and kinetic energy. The objective is to design a container that would dissipate the kinetic energy directed at the egg in a fall. Mrs. Niece and I also participated with our students.

Mrs. Niece is another new teacher to the Olean District. I have been so fortunate to work with her and Dakota. They bring a real energy to the classroom. You can tell that they care about the well-being of the whole student, not just the academics. Julian King-Rogers said, "Mr. Whitesell is a really nice teacher and he makes learning fun!" Jahan Chahal said, "He is the GOAT!" Kavanna said, "Mrs. Niece is so kind and thoughtful. She is my favorite teacher!"



District-Wide Art Show

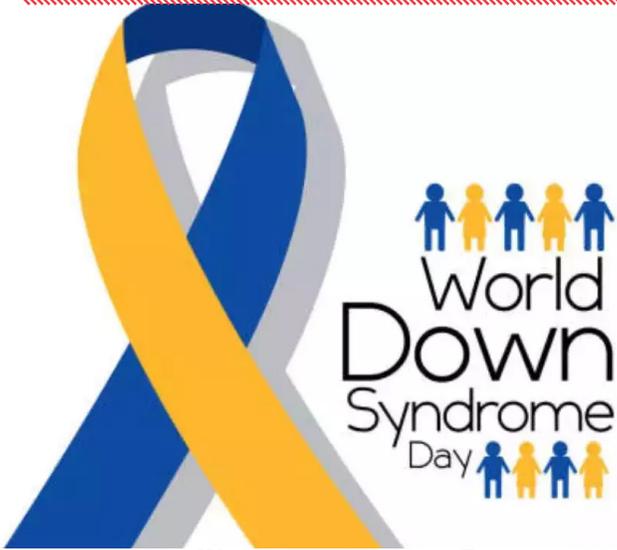
A district-wide art show was held at the Olean Intermediate Middle School on Tuesday, May 21st during the budget vote/board election.



Warming House Gifts



Ms. Cawley and Mr. Milne's 6th grade art classes participated in making ceramic bowls to donate to St. Bonaventure's The Warming House's 50th Anniversary Celebration in September.



On March 21st World Down Syndrome Day was celebrated! This is a day to come together to celebrate Down Syndrome and raise awareness. Some of our classes at OIMS got together with our exceptional students to work on some fun activities in honor of this day.

Teacher Appreciation- chip, chip, hooray!



OIMS students helped deliver cheer to our amazing faculty and staff during Teacher Appreciation week.

Enjoying Ice Cream Day



A special thanks to OIMS SAC for sponsoring ice cream day!

Washington West Elementary School

To Infinity and Beyond

Our second-grade husky pups went on an adventure - to SPACE! In thanks to the Challenger Center, these students explored the solar system - from what it would be like to travel to another planet, to searching for signs of life in craters, to exploring different states of matter, to experimenting how to protect astronauts during their inter-planetary travel. We welcomed these future astronauts back to the halls of WW after a grand adventure!



Leaders of the Pack

The WW Faculty and Staff is nothing short of amazing, so for our annual teacher appreciation celebration, we put our PAWS way up for these TOP DOGS! We certainly are “doggone” lucky to have such an incredible pack of committed professionals dedicating their time, their energy, and their love to our husky pups.



Thank you to these LEADERS of the PACK that walk the halls of Washington West day-in and day-out!

READERS become LEADERS

Washington West welcomed student-athletes and LEADERS from St. Bonaventure University in to read to our husky pups as a part of the Lanier Literacy Program. The program helped put books in the hands of all of our students and had student athletes share their own journey with reading. The SBU Men’s Basketball Team highlighted the Pout Pout Fish, encouraging our students to not give up and to always try their best. Thanks for bringing literature to life, and for continuing to support our WW mantra - “don’t stop the reading!”

Challenge-24

These third graders took on local competitors in the annual CHALLENGE-24 competition at St. Bonaventure University. These mathematicians came out with top prizes in first, second and third place out of all third graders having competed in the 2024 competition. Congratulations to the whole of our team, representing our pack here at WW!



Follow your Husky Pups on Twitter @OleanWW

East View Elementary School



East View had their Spring concerts for 2nd and 3rd grades on May 9th and 10th. Mrs. Leah Cornell chose the theme of “A Pirate’s Life for Me,” for our 2nd grade show and “Go Fish,” for the 3rd Grade performance. Mrs. Cornell worked with our Art teacher, Mrs. Stacie Ermer on the decorations for the Lower Court at East View where the concert took place. Mrs. Ermer had the students make themed decorations as well as costume pieces, and they were amazing!! Parents were invited to attend, and we had a wonderful turnout. The students were amazing, the performances were fantastic, and we are so proud of our students, Mrs. Cornell and Mrs. Ermer for all their hard work.



East View has had a long tradition of working with CUTCO over the last 30 years. They are a great partner in education for our East View Husky Pups. To celebrate this partnership, the staff threw a celebration luncheon for our CUTCO tutors. We ordered delicious subs and staff members brought a dish to pass. Also, on April 29th, CUTCO celebrated their 75th Anniversary! We took some of our Huskies over to CUTCO to deliver handmade cards, posters, and letters to congratulate them on their milestone! Thank you, CUTCO, for all you do for East View Elementary!!

Follow our school on twitter @OleanEastView

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Planting with our Washington West Pups

Mrs. Watson’s first graders, alongside Farm to School Educator for the OCSD, Mr. Kenyon, and Sarah De’Vries-Jordan, Master Gardener, spent time working together to prepare the beginning stages of Washington West’s learning garden. Our pack of pups learned how to plant lettuce seeds for both our garden here at school, and for a garden they could start at home. This garden is the first of what we hope to be many throughout our district, growing vegetables that can be used in our cafeterias. These future gardeners are learning and growing here in the halls of WW!



OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission Statement:
The Olean City School District is a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute, and innovate.

Vision Statement:

- The Olean City School District will support excellence by holding everyone to high standards in academics, character, extracurriculars, and service.
- Our district will uphold a culture of acceptance, inclusion, and equity for all, while embracing the diversity of our community. We will create and foster a safe and positive climate for our students, staff and families that is adaptive for the ever-changing needs of society.
- Our students will graduate future-focused, engaged, resilient, and prepared to achieve their goals.
- Our staff will be learner-centered, innovative, inquisitive, professional, and committed to student success.
- Our families will be engaged, collaborative partners in academic success for all.

Guiding Principles:
A commitment to fostering:

- A respectful, safe, and welcoming environment
- Embracing diversity
- Continuous improvement
- Academic excellence and lifelong learning
- Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability
- Student potential and achievement

Strategic Plan Action Steps:

- Create and Support a Positive Culture
- Maximize Success for All
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Progressive and Enriching Learning for All Students
- Engaging Parental and Community Involvement

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