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Valedictorian Soumitri Barua

Soumitri Barua has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 2013, ranking 1st out of 150 students. She is the daughter of Subir and Arunima Barua. Soumitri will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

Soumitri has been a member of Student Activities Council (President), Student Government (Class President), Zonta Club (Secretary), Olean City School District Youth Group (Mentor), Knowledge Masters, Model United Nations, Varsity Tennis, Interact Club, Principal's Advisory Board, Orchestra, Solo Festival, Band, All-County Band, and Homeless Huskies.

Soumitri is a 2013 National Merit Scholar, an honor that less than one percent of the nation's seniors receive based on their PSAT, SAT, extracurriculars, and writing skills. She has received awards including the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Club and District 4 Awards, Bausch and Lomb Science Award, CCAA Division I Scholar Athlete, JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List, Independent Health Community All-Star, New York State Academic Excellence Award, and Prudential Service Award. Soumitri has also been inducted into National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society.

Soumitri has participated in numerous community service projects through Zonta Club, including the Zonta Breast Cancer Bingo fundraiser event and Zonta Book Drive. Soumitri also volunteers at Olean General Hospital as a "Compassionate Companion."

Soumitri will attend the dual-degree (BS/MD) Program of Liberal Medical Education at Brown University with a guaranteed acceptance at Brown's Alpert Medical School. She will be concentrating in International Health.

Salutatorian Thomas Kirk

Thomas Kirk has been named Salutatorian of the Class of 2013, ranking 2nd in a class of 150 students. He is the son of David Kirk and Lisa Lawyer. Thomas will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

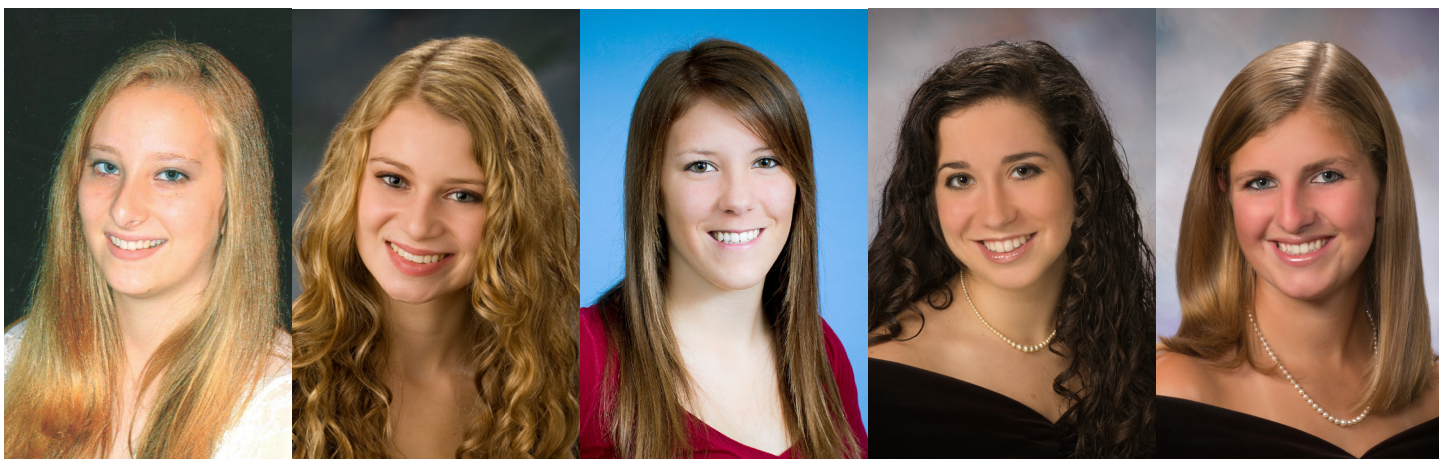
Thomas has been a member of Student Activities Council (Treasurer), National Honor Society, Student Government (Vice-President, Treasurer), Knowledge Masters, Interact Club, Model United Nations, Scholastic Challenge, Principal's Advisory Board, and the JCC/Pitt-Bradford's Mathematics Competition. Thomas has also been involved in Varsity Soccer (Captain), and Varsity Ice Hockey (Alternate Captain).

Thomas has received honors including the 20, 40, & 60 point awards, New York State Academic Excellence Award, Clarkson University Leadership Award, Part-Time Student Dean's List at JCC, 2nd Team All Star for Varsity Soccer and Hockey, C.C.A.A. Division I Scholar Athlete, has had an editorial published by the Olean Times Herald, and was the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau's Youth of the Week.

Along with completing many service projects through the school, such as Homeless Huskies and the Sports Boosters Can Drive, Thomas has volunteered at the SPCA and a local church.

Thomas will be attending the State University of New York at Geneseo in the fall and will be majoring in Mathematics with an Actuarial Sciences track.





Laura Anderson

Emily Bantelman

Fylicia Barr

Francesca Bartimole

Kelsey Branch

Class of 2013 Honor Graduates

The following students of the Olean High School Class of 2013, listed alphabetically, have excelled in their studies, citizenship and extra-curricular activities, maintaining a 90 or above average throughout their high school career.

Laura Anderson is the daughter of Galvin and Sheryl Anderson. Laura has been involved in Band, Select Choir, Orchestra, Homeless Huskies, Varsity Tennis, and Zonta Club. She is part of National Honor Society and has received the Coach's Award for Tennis. Laura has also volunteered for Canticle Farm, Special Olympics, Food Pantry, and Jericho Road Ministries. Laura will attend Canisius College this fall and major in Biology.

Emily Bantelman is the daughter of Jean Bantelman. She has participated in volleyball, basketball, theatre workshop, school musicals, select chorus, and Bel Canto. She is a member of National Honor Society and the president of Z Club. Emily has been awarded the Harold Dutton Award and the CCAA Scholar Athlete Award. She also received the English Excellence Award. Emily plans to study Psychology abroad in Vienna, Austria, at Webster University.

Fylicia Barr is the daughter of Shannon and Dan Barr. Fylicia has been a well-rounded student throughout her high school career participating in Varsity Soccer, Varsity Track, Model UN, Interact Club, and Spanish Club. Fylicia was class Treasurer her senior year and was inducted into National Honor Society. Fylicia received the Coach's Award for track and soccer, the Sportsmanship Award

for soccer, was named NCAA Second Team All-Star, MVP of the Olean Soccer Tournament and the Lewiston-Porter All Tournament Team. Fylicia is attending Alfred University and plans to major in Business and minor in Equine Science.

Francesca Bartimole is the daughter of John and Carmella Bartimole. During her high school career, Francesca has been involved in Principal's Advisory Council, Interact Club, Spanish Club, and Zonta Club (Treasurer). She has volunteered her time for Homeless Huskies, the Child Advocacy Center's Princess Party, the Special Olympics, and St. John's Parish as an altar server. Francesca has also been a dancer at Dance Arts for the past eleven years and participated in the Robert Lax Research & Performance. She is a member and Secretary of National Honor Society and has received awards of Excellence in Global II, Spanish III, and Pre-Calculus, the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award, Clarkson Achievement Award, and the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Citizenship Award. Francesca will attend Clarkson University to major in Engineering & Management.

Kelsey Branch is the daughter of Ted and Darcy Branch. Kelsey has been class Secretary for three years. She then became Student Activities Council secretary. Kelsey participated in track and cross country for five years. In her sophomore year, she participated in the Cross Country state meet. Kelsey has been in National Honor Society for two years and has also participated in Homeless Huskies throughout her four years at OHS. Kelsey has volunteered at the Special Education Prom and as an

Open House and Freshman Orientation Leader. Kelsey has been accepted to Mercyhurst University and will be studying Business.

Jacob S. Brege is the son of Dennis Brege and Angela Eddy. Jake has participated in Homeless Huskies, and in First Priority Club since he moved to Olean High School his sophomore year. Since



Jacob Brege

Jacob's transfer, he has been a part of Olean High's sports' teams including JV and Varsity Soccer and Varsity Track & Field. Jacob has participated in community service including leading a youth group regularly and is a member of National Honor Society. Jacob will major in Missional Ministries at Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida and participate in ROTC.

Patrick Brown is the son of Daniel and Michelle Brown. Patrick has been involved with the National Honor Society, Homeless Huskies, First Priority Bible Club, and Spanish Club which traveled to Spain and Italy. Patrick received the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award and the 20 Point Award. Patrick was a three-season athlete all four years at Olean lettering in soccer (CCAA Honorable



Patrick Brown

Hannah Derwick

Robert Devling

Hannah Forrest

Katherine Fox

Mention), swimming (CCAA All Star 4x, League Champion, Team MVP, Coach's Award, High Point Award), and tennis (Coach's Award). Patrick also participated on local and regional sports' teams: Enchanted Mountain Aquatics' Club, Southern Tier Premier Soccer Club, Enchanted Mountain Soccer Club, and Olean Soccer Club. Patrick was active outside of school volunteering for Special Olympics, Walk for Souls, Gus Macker Tournament, Taste of Olean, and the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Patrick will be attending Alfred University this fall majoring in Ceramic Engineering and is planning to swim and play tennis for Alfred.

Hannah Derwick is the daughter of Scott and Paula Derwick. Hannah has been involved in National Honor Society, Homeless Huskies, Interact Club, Orchestra, and school musicals. Hannah has volunteered at Christ United Methodist Church, the Warming House and attended shd has traveled for three mission trips to Jamaica. Hannah was part of the New Visions Health Professions Program, which introduced her to the medical field. Hannah will attend Grove City College and major in Biology.

Robert Devling is the son of Robert and Pamela Devling. He has been a class officer (President), Student Activity Council (President), National Honor Society (President), Model United Nations (President), French Club, Ski Club, Knowledge Masters, Interact Club, Homeless Huskies, Principal's Advisory Council, Concert Choir, Cross Country, Track and Field, and class competitions. Robert has won awards for Excellence in French and U.S.

History, and the George Eastman Young Leaders' Award. He has also volunteered with Neighbor Works Home Resources, Special Education Prom, and Special Olympics. In the fall, Robert will attend New York University to study Economics.

Hannah Forrest is the daughter of Susan Chohan and the late Kevin Forrest. Hannah is Vice President of the Student Advisory Council and is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Club. Hannah also dances at Neighborhood School of Dance. Hannah has made many videos for the school and is currently producing a commercial that will show at the Carmike Cinema. She will be attending Pratt Institute to pursue a career in Film.

Katherine Fox is the daughter of Bill and Sue Fox. Katherine has been involved in National Honor Society, Homeless Huskies, Principal's Advisory Council, Yearbook Committee, School Drama Productions and Poetry Out Loud. She is active in bringing awareness to the struggles of children diagnosed with Dyslexia and other literacy challenges.

Katherine has volunteered at Literacy Volunteers of America as well as the Olean Public Library. Katherine has received several academic awards: English Department Writing Award, JCC Part-time Dean's List and 20-point Award. She has also been nominated twice for the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award, was presented the Breck Davis Award at The Gow School Summer Program and received the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau's Youth Citizenship Award. Katherine plans to attend Cazenovia College to pursue a degree in Visual Communications – Graphic Design with a minor in Photography.

Nick Hamed is the son of Steve and Leah Hamed. Nick has been involved in Homeless Huskies, DECA Club, Interact Club, and French Club. He has participated in class competitions and Varsity Swimming. Nick is attending SUNY Fredonia and will be majoring in Accounting.

Sophia Hendrix is the daughter of Kathleen and Mark Hendrix. She is the Class President and attended New Visions Health Professions Program throughout her senior year. Sophia has participated in Homeless Huskies, French Club, Principal's Advisory Council, Model United Nations, JBC Leadership Launch, Varsity Track and Varsity Cross Country. Sophia is a member of National Honor Society, Olean Federal Credit Union Youth Board, and National Technical Honor Society. She has also been a volunteer at the Special Olympics, Olean General Hospital, and SPCA. Sophia has been nominated for the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Citizenship Award. She is a
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Nick Hamed

Sophia Hendrix



Jamal Klute



Abraham Knieser



Danielle Kuhn



Kristi Lewis



Andrew Liu

Class of 2013 Honor Graduates

member of the Interscholastic Equestrian Association competing at the national level. Sophia will attend Ohio University on the Ann Lee Hancock Konneker Scholarship and will be majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Jamal Klute is the son of Darrell Klute and Elaine Snyder. Jamal has been involved in Homeless Huskies, Ski Club, Interact Club, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, National Honor Society, Studio 107 Chamber Orchestra, Boys' Varsity Tennis, Drama Club, Area All-State Chorus and Band, All-State Symphonic Band, and school musicals. Jamal was awarded the 20 and 40 Point Awards and the Scholar-Athlete Award for tennis. Jamal will attend NYU Polytechnic in the fall with a major in Chemical and Biological Engineering.

Abraham Knieser is the son of Paul and Sarah Knieser. Abe has participated in Homeless Huskies, Band, Orchestra, Pit Orchestra, All County Band, Area All State Orchestra and Band, All State Wind Ensemble, Allegany Alumni and Friends Band, Boys' Swimming and Diving Team, the New Visions Health Professions Program, Houghton String Festival, and National Honor Society. He plans to attend JCC in the fall.

Danielle Kuhn is the daughter of Steve and Connie Kuhn. During her high school career, Danielle has been involved in the annual "Day with Santa" at the Hampton Inn, as well as volunteering for the Salvation Army and Special Olympics. She volunteered as a peer tutor and a mentor in the elementary and special needs' classes. Danielle also volunteered as the TAPS player for

the Cuba AMVETS. She has been a member of the National Honor Society, as well as trumpet player in the Band, and Jazz Band ensembles. Danielle's high school athletics include Varsity Track, and Cheerleading (Captain), and JV and Varsity Soccer. She was also a recipient of the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award. Danielle received many academic awards, including high honor roll, qualifying for a BEEP interview based on her portfolio, and Excellence in Participatory Government Award. Danielle plans to attend SUNY Fredonia, majoring in Speech Pathology and Special Education.

Kristi Lewis is the daughter of Paul and Judy Lewis. Kristi has been a part of Select Choir, Bel Canto, school musicals, National Honor Society, and First Priority. She has been actively involved in the Obi Community Church Youth Group, Olean Theater Workshop and AmeriCorps. Kristi has received the English Award, the Spanish Award, and the Harold Dutton Award. Kristi will attend Jamestown Community College in Olean and will major in Early Childhood Education.

Andrew Zhaoyu Liu is the son of Zia Li and Zheji Liu. He has been a member of Model UN, National Honor Society, Select Choir, Bel Canto, and Orchestra. Andrew participated in the Area All State Orchestra in 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012 and the All State conference in 2012. He has volunteered for the STAR Program and the Studio 107 Chamber Orchestra. Andrew will attend Pennsylvania State University this fall with a major in Biological Engineering.

Matthew McClelland is the son of Karl and Tracie McClelland. Matthew

has been involved in class government (Treasurer, Vice-President), Student Activities' Council Vice-President, Spanish Club, Interact Club, Model UN, Homeless Huskies, Class



Matthew McClelland

Competitions, Special Education Prom volunteer, AmeriCorps volunteer, Freshman Orientation, and a member of the National Honor Society. He has participated in JV Soccer, JV Baseball, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Swimming, and Varsity Golf. Matthew has been a recipient of the 20 Point Award, Harold Dutton Award, Scholar Athlete Award, and Sportsmanship Award. Matthew will be attending the Virginia Military Institute and plans to major in International Studies/Political Science and minor in National Security. He also plans to commission with the United States Army upon graduation from VMI.

Kaitlyn McKeown is the daughter of Paul and Amy McKeown. Kate has been a Class Officer (Secretary), Student Activities Council (Secretary), Homeless Huskies, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Basketball, Junior Varsity Basketball, Varsity Track, Interact Club, Neighborhood School of Dance, and



Kaitlyn McKeown Courtney Meyers Laura Moore Konrad Morawski Ashley Mulryan

Southern Tier Premier Soccer Club. Kate has been a Gus Macker volunteer, participant in the Turkey Trot Run, volunteer for Special Education Prom and volunteered for both the Polar Bear Run and Corporate Challenge Run. She is a member of National Honor Society, has received the 40 and 60 Point Award, Honorable Mention Scholar Athlete Award, and Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Youth Citizenship Award. She received captain for Varsity Soccer her junior and senior year, Olean Girls Soccer Coaches Award, CCAA Girls 1st and 2nd Team All-Star, and she was chosen for Big 30 All-Star Team. Kate is planning to further her education at SUNY Geneseo where she plans to study Psychology.

Courtney Meyers is the daughter of Dan and Tanya Meyers. Courtney has been a part of Z Club and Homeless Huskies. She is a member of National Honor Society and has received multiple academic awards. These awards include an Award of Excellence in Spanish, JCC Part-time Dean's List Award, and the Harold Dutton Award. She has been a volunteer for Rally in the Valley, the OIMS Welcoming Carnival, the local animal shelter, and planting flowers at the Cuba VFW. She would like to thank her friends and family for being supportive of her academic pursuits. She plans on attending Jamestown Community College in Olean to begin her pursuit of a degree in Chemistry.

Laura Moore is the daughter of Andrew and Kathleen Moore. Laura is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in Homeless Huskies, Gus Macker volunteer, Hunger Walk participant, Reading with East View, and has coached youth athletes. She has

received Awards of Excellence in French, Participatory Government, Economics, and Math. She has participated in Varsity Basketball, being named to 3rd Team All-Western NY, a 2nd Team Big 30 Basketball All-Star, and a 1st Team CCAA League All-star. Laura will be attending Edinboro University on a basketball scholarship where she will play basketball and major in Pre-Veterinary Science.

Konrad Morawski is the son of Mariusz Morawski and Dorota Morawska. He has been involved in Bel Canto, Select Choir, Orchestra, Studio 107, Independent Design, and high school musicals. In addition to his artistic interests in school, Konrad has studied dance at the Dance Arts Studio for 10 years and has participated in local performances such as the Robert Lax Performance, school talent shows, and Olean Community Theatre. He has been involved in various sports such as Swimming, Cross Country, and Tennis. Konrad will attend The College at Brockport and plans to double major with a degree in Dance.

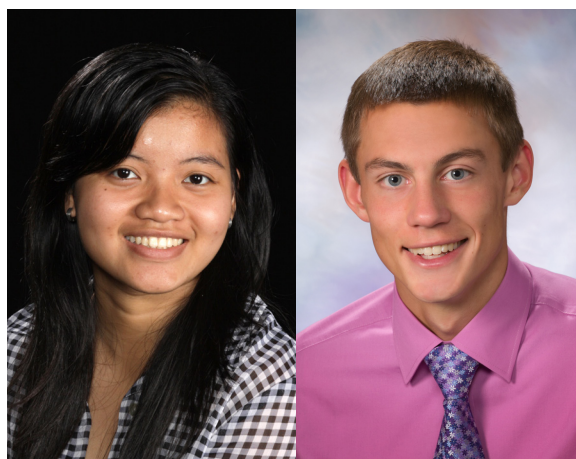
Ashley Mulryan is the daughter of

John and Laurie Mulryan. Ashley has been a part of Student Activities Council (Treasurer), Select Choir (President), Class of 2013 Office (Treasurer), Interact Club (Vice President), Model United Nations (Treasurer), Bel Canto, National Honor Society, Varsity Swimming, Principal's Advisory, Homeless Huskies, Poetry Out Loud, Scholastic Challenge, Spanish Club, and the high school musicals. Ashley has attended Area-All State, All-State, and All-Eastern for choir. She has also been an active member of the Olean Theatre Workshop and enjoys participating in community service activities. Ashley will be attending Allegheny College where she will major in International Studies.

Nguyet Ngo is the daughter of Anh Ngo and Mai Do. Nguyet had moved to America with her family in the summer of 2010 and became a sophomore at Olean High. During her high school career in the United States, Nguyet has been involved in Z-Club, National Honor Society, Food for Haiti, and Special Olympics. She has volunteered at the SPCA, the Warming House, and the Olean Food Pantry. Nguyet has received many academic awards; including the Geometry Award, Algebra II & Trigonometry Award, Global History & Geography II Award, Living Environment/Biology Award, Art Award, and she was also nominated twice for the Harold Hutton Spotlight Award in her sophomore and junior years. Nguyet will be attending University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, and will be majoring in Pharmacy.

John Panus is the son of Chris and Lisa Panus. John has been involved in Homeless Huskies,

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Nguyet Ngo John Panus



Ian Patrick



Ryan Robbins



Evan Ryan



Hasan Saleh



Kaitlyn Scott

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Interact Club, Principal's Advisory, and Class Competitions. John is a member of National Honor Society, a member of the New Visions Health Professions Program, and has been named to the JCC part-time Dean's List. John has competed in Cross Country, being named the CCAA D1 Runner of the Year, the Section 6 Sportsmanship Award winner, and Section 6 1st Team All-Star. John has also competed in track and field, being named a CCAA 1st Team All-Star, and setting school records in the 1600m and 3200m races. John will attend SUNY Geneseo and will major in Biochemistry, with plans to attend medical school. He will continue his Cross Country and Track and Field career at Geneseo.

Ian Patrick is the son of Rev. Steve and Sandi Patrick. Ian has been involved in JV and Varsity Soccer, Varsity Swimming, Varsity Tennis, Knowledge Masters, Spanish Club, Homeless Huskies and class competitions. Ian has volunteered for Gus Macker, Rally in the Valley, Special Olympics, and the Cattaraugus County Senior Citizen Nutrition and Wellness Program. He is an active member of Mt. Zion Christian Assembly, playing in the worship band and teaching children's church. Ian is a member of National Honor Society (Treasurer), and has received Awards of Excellence in: Calculus, Advanced Economics, and Participatory Government. Ian has been named to the JCC Part-time Student Dean's List and has received the 20 and 40-Point Awards. He has been recognized as a Cattaraugus County Division I Scholar-Athlete, was named to the Section VI Scholar-Athlete

All-Western New York Boys Swimming and Diving Team, and received the Olean Sportsmanship Award. Ian has been accepted to the Houghton College East Meets West Honors Program, and is the recipient of the Houghton College Academic and Excellence Scholarships.

Ryan Robbins is the son of Michelle and the late Gerard L. Robbins. Ryan has been involved in Select Choir and National Honor Society. He has also been an active leader of the OIMS Accept, Include and Empower (A.I.E.) awareness and community service group, run through Directions of Independent Living. This group has taken part of many functions to help the Olean area communities. Ryan will be attending Jamestown Community College for two years, focusing on the sciences, followed by a Veterinary major at Cornell University.

Evan Ryan is the son of Jim and Laurie Ryan. Evan has been involved in Homeless Huskies, class competitions, Miles for Modified as well as multiple can drives. He has participated in JV Basketball, JV Baseball, Varsity Basketball, and Varsity Baseball. Evan has been a recipient of the Sportsmanship Award (Baseball), and Scholar Athlete Award (Basketball). He also has been named League Honorable Mention (Baseball, Basketball) as well as Honorable Mention of the All-WNY Scholar Athlete Team (Basketball). Evan plans to attend Erie Community College and plans to major in Computer Science while also playing baseball.

Hasan Saleh is the son of Kamran and Seema Saleh. Hasan has participated in JV Basketball and four years of Varsity

Golf, two of those four years making it to the Section VI Championship Competition. Hasan is a member of National Honor Society and has been a part of class competitions and Poetry Out Loud. He has volunteered at the Gus Macker, Rally in the Valley, and in the Emergency Room at OGH for over 60 hours. He has received the OHS All Sportsmanship Team Award and the YMCA Midnight Basketball Certificate of Achievement. Hasan will be attending the University at Buffalo and majoring in Pre-Med Biology.

Kaitlyn Scott is the daughter of Tom and Kathy Scott. Kaitlyn has been involved in Principals Advisory, Interact Club, Z-Club, National Honor Society, JV and Varsity Softball, JV Soccer, Band, Freshman Vice-President, Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center's Princess Party volunteer, Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Special Olympics volunteer, Class Competition, Jar Wars and Olean Intermediate Middle School Carnival volunteer. In addition to her school participation, Kaitlyn has been active in Synergy Softball and Dance Arts jazz and tap for ten years. Kaitlyn will be attending the University of Buffalo pursuing degrees in Chemistry and Pharmacy.

Brandon Sisson is the son of Nichol and Lorne Brown. He was nominated for the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award and met the requirements for consideration for acceptance into National Honors Society. Brandon received awards for Excellence in Algebra and Excellence in Global History I. Brandon will attend Westminster College and will be majoring in Biochemistry.



Brandon Sisson

Madison Stavish

Destin Sweeten

Angela Travis

Kelly VanBrunt

Madison Stavish is the daughter of Mark and Christine Stavish. Madison is a member of National Honor Society, Interact Club, and participated in Homeless Huskies all four years of high school. She is a 20, 40, and 60-Point recipient. Maddy received the Student History Award and "Student of Excellence" Award in Accounting. She has volunteered for Gus Macker, Rally in the Valley, and can drivers for the Olean Sports' Booster Club. Madison has been involved in Soccer (CCAA Sportsmanship Award 2012 and CCAA Honorable Mention Award 2012). Maddy was also involved in Basketball (CCAA Sportsmanship Award 2012 and CCAA Honorable Mention Award 2013). For Softball, Maddy was part of the CCAA 2nd Team All Star (2010); CCAA 1st Team All Star (2011); Big 30 Team and All WNY Honorable Mention (2011); CCAA 1st Team All Star (2012); Big 30 Team and All WNY Team (2012). In addition to high school softball, she played for Team Mizuno Gold, which were the 2012 Eastern National Champions and the 2012 Midwest World Series Champions. Madison plans to attend SUNY Fredonia in the fall.

Destin Sweeten is the son of Dawn Sweeten. Destin has been a part of DECA (President, Treasurer), Freshman Class Office (Vice President), Principal's Advisory Committee, Model United Nations, French Club, Interact Club, Varsity Cross Country, and Varsity Track & Field. He has participated in Homeless Huskies, Class Comps, Jar Wars, various can drives, and has also volunteered for the Gus Macker. Destin is a member of National Honor Society, and has received awards

including Academic Excellence in Geometry and SUPA (Syracuse University Project Advance) Chemistry, the Harold Dutton Student Spotlight Award, the 20-Point Award, the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award, and was on JCC's Part-time Dean's List. He has also received both the Olean Cross Country Coach's Award and Sportsmanship Award. Destin will attend The Ohio State University, majoring in Biochemistry with a Pre-Law concentration.

Angela Travis is the daughter of Ron and Ann Travis. She has been enrolled in Media Communications at the Olean Career and Technical Education Center at BOCES. Angie plans on attending Jamestown Community College to major in Business to further her career in photography. She has been accepted into National Technical Honor Society as Vice President. Angie has also had involvement in SkillsUSA at Alfred State College. Her future endeavors include owning a photography studio in Olean.

Kelly VanBrunt is the daughter of Margie and George Rought. She is a

member of the National Honor Society, enjoys volleyball, and has interests in Art. Kelly plans to attend Jamestown Community College. Kelly would like to thank her loving friends and family for supporting her throughout her high school career.

Kevin Volz is the son of Jerry and Mary Volz. Kevin was a member of the Spanish Club in 2012, during which he visited both Spain and Italy. He was also a member of the Olean Varsity Boys' Swimming & Diving and Tennis teams, receiving the Scholar Athlete Award for both seasons. Kevin has also advanced to the sectional level in both sports. He has participated in Homeless Huskies. Kevin has been awarded the 20-Point Award, the Coach's Award, as well as the Award for Academic Excellence in Calculus. Kevin is also on the JCC Part-time Dean's List and will be attending JCC in the Fall, majoring in Independent Studies.

Sydney Zuckerman is the daughter of Craig Zuckerman and Kristine Kivari. Sydney has been a part of Interact Club, Model United Nations, Homeless Huskies, French Club, and National Honor Society. Sydney has also participated in Olean Girls Soccer, Enchanted Mountain Soccer Club, and dances at Neighborhood School of Dance. She has received the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award, the JCC College Connections Student of the Year, the 21st Century Leadership Scholarship and Awards in Excellence in French, Participatory Government, and History. Sydney will be attending Syracuse University in the fall studying in the College of Arts and Sciences.



Kevin Volz

Sydney Zuckerman





Angelina Maine

Career Tech Student Wins First Place at SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is proud to announce Angelina Maine earned First Place in the Nail Care Skills at both the regional competition in March at Alfred State and the New York State competition in April at Syracuse. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel, and its mission is to empower members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens.

Angelina's next stop will be the National Competition, where she will compete with the first place winners from the fifty states at Kansas City, Missouri. Earning first in all of New York is a proud accomplishment for our Career and Technical Center, the Olean High, as well as the community of Olean.

SOLD!! ... On eBay

Looking for a piano? How about a desk? Need a filing cabinet? What about a bookshelf? If so, check ebay for your item. Mrs. Frentz' Journalism and Marketing class has plenty of items listed on ebay for sale. These items are the remnants from Boardmanville and IJN. It's simple and easy. Just go to www.ebay.com, use the "Advanced" search option by seller *hometowntalents*.

Message from the Superintendent

Thank You for Supporting OSCD During a Year of Change

By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent

The 2012-13 school year has been a year of change, a year of reflection, a year of rewards. For some, it is the end of an era while for others it is the beginning. It was a beginning for our preschoolers and an end for our seniors; for many staff members, we say good-bye and send along with them our best wishes for a wonderful retirement. The reward of another successful year is credited to our entire staff.

Change is not easy, and it does not come without challenges. It does, however, help to expand our thinking, force innovation, and move us towards a continuous improvement model of long-term planning. To our parents and community, THANK YOU for helping to make the transition during the school closings a success. Without your input into problem areas, your patience, and your willingness to overcome obstacles each challenge would have taken more time away from our main mission: educating your children. As stated by William Jennings Bryan, "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved." You helped us to achieve a successful school year for each of our learners. The power of collaboration and cooperation is unyielding.

I extend my sincere appreciation to each and everyone who dedicates himself/herself to assisting our students along the path of learning. THANK YOU! It is such an honor and privilege to be the Superintendent of the Olean City School District and to work alongside each of you.

May the summer months bring with them nice weather and much joy to your lives.



Annual Show Features K-12 Artwork

Mrs. Jean Nickel is seen handing an art award to one of her Olean Intermediate/Middle School students at the Awards presentation held at the Olean Center Mall on May 29th. Art work was on display at the mall from May 21- May 30th. Olean Intermediate/Middle School and Olean High School students were featured at the annual show. Some K-3 classes also had artwork on display.



Class of 2013 Future Plans

Anthony W. Alaimo – Alfred University
Nicole J. Anastasia – Keuka College
Laura M. Anderson – Canisius College
Justin M. App - JCC
Levi S. Armstrong – Buffalo State
Nathan R. Ash – JCC
Alexander M. Austin – JCC
Darrian C. Baker – Employment
Gary W. Baldwin, Jr. – St. Bonaventure
Emily M. Bantelman – Webster University
Fylicia M. Barr – Alfred University
Francesca T. Bartimole – Clarkson Univ.
Soumitri Barua – Brown University
Kelsey H. Branch – Mercyhurst University
Jacob S. Brege – Southeastern University
Asia M. Bridenbaker – Metropolitan State University of Denver
Patrick G.M. Brown – Alfred University
Ryan D. Burke – Employment
Ahmad R. Burney – JCC
Ashley K. Byrne – JCC
Anthony R. Candelaria – St Bonaventure
Caroline A. Carlson – JCC
Adam T. Cashimere – JCC
Kayla M. Cihak – Art Institute of Tech.
Carrie A. Cleveland – Employment
Chase R. Cole – JCC Jamestown
Matthew R. Comstock – Employment
Joseph F. Connelly – Marines
Toby J. Corkery – JCC
Julianne E. Cottone – JCC /Continental School of Beauty
Ethan J. Coulter – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Kyle C. Crandall – JCC
Hannah C. Derwick – Grove City College
Robert M. Devling – New York University
Jocelyn N. Eade – Fashion Institute of Technology
Gregory P. Farris – Monroe Community College
Amber L. Fonseca – JCC
Hannah M. Forrest - Pratt Institute
Hailey M. Foster – JCC
Amanda S. Fox – JCC
Katherine E. Fox – Cazenovia College
Christopher A. Gayton – JCC
Nicholas A. Gengo – Mercyhurst College
Chelsea M. Gergel – Employment
Todd M. Gerhard – Alfred State College
Nicholas A. Gibbons – JCC
Joshua J. Gilbert – Employment
Joshua C. Gillespie – Employment
Trisha S. Graham – Employment

Ebony L. Graham – JCC
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Jebidiah S. Hindle – Fredonia
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Haley R. Jones – St. Bonaventure
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Andrew N. Keith – Fresno State
River P. Keith – JCC
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Benjamin R. McGraw – NCCC
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Liam M. McNamee – Allegheny College
Courtney D. Meyers – JCC
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Rashad M. Tarr – Alfred University
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NYS Legacy Symposium Caps Year-Long Project

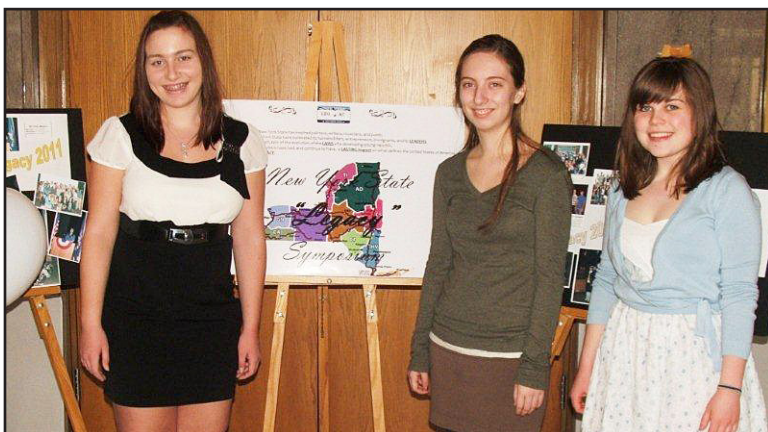
The OHS NYS Legacy Symposium for 2013 was held on Friday May 3, 2013.

Students from the JCC College Connections class, US History HIS 1530 and 1540, completed a yearlong project by presenting their documentary videos on New York State leaders and contributors. Top prizes of \$50 each were awarded to (top photo, r-l): Diana McElfresh (*Isaac Bashevis Singer*), Sarah Knieser (*Henry Winkler*), and Corie Both (*Dr. Virginia Apgar*).

Students were also treated to an all New York State foods luncheon, thanks to a grant from the Olean City Youth Department grant, as well as a bag full of NYS tourism information compliments of the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce. Volun-

teering their time to serve as judges for this event were four retired OHS History Department teachers seen in bottom photo (front row; from left): Mr. Bob Olivett, Mrs. Donna Bunce, Mr. Paul Knieser, and Mrs. Jean Abdo.

Congratulations to all of Mrs. Scholla's College Connection juniors on a job well done!



Swiss Visitor Shares Knowledge with Classes

Marc Groothaert (pronounced Gröthart), a Lombard-Odier Swiss Bank partner, spent the day with students in various classes at Olean City School District. Marc spoke to the business students discussing jobs vs. careers, banking, investing, the celebrities he works with, and the traveling he is able to do through his banking career. Marc also took time to talk with Miss Matejka's and Mrs. Hamed's 5th graders. While there, Marc talked about Switzerland, different languages and philanthropy. He shared his work in South America. He created the Bambi Foundation, an orphanage and education center in Bogota, Columbia. Not only did the students enjoy listening to Marc, but they also felt inspired to do their best to help make the world a better place - globally, in their community, in their classroom and in their homes. Thank you Marc!



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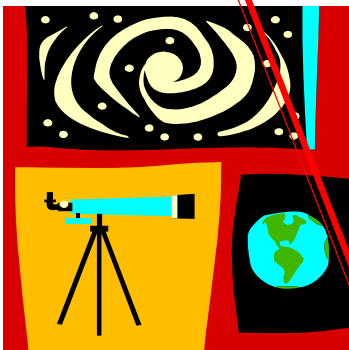
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K-1 Curriculum

The STAR program is designed to give K-1 students varied experiences in the Arts and Sciences. Children will learn stories and sing songs. The program will increase students' self esteem and enhance skills necessary in all learning situations such as concentration, focus, cooperation, team building and thinking skills while having fun! This will be provided in a self-contained classroom.

A major activity will be participation in making a music video. K-1 students will also take part in the production on August 2nd.

Other experiences will include: acting, singing, dance, art, rhythm instruments, puppets, games, and more.



For the safety of your K-1 angels, we will only release them to an older brother, sister or to a parent. Children must be picked up in the auditorium



Grades 2-4 Curriculum

2-4 students will develop key skills such as estimating and sequencing, refine problem-solving and thinking skills in the following courses: Cooking and Reading, Drums, Swimming, and Art. They will create a book of poetry which will be published in August and have an art show.

Children will also be swimming at least once a week during which time they will be learning water safety and swimming techniques.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR GRADES 2-4

Reading/Cooking
Swimming
Dance
Writing/Poetry



Art
Fun with Math
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GRADES 5-12 CURRICULUM

The STAR program will provide students in grades 5-12 with an in-depth look at two activities of their choice. Students will select one activity from each of the following groups.

All students will participate in the performance on August 2.

<i>Group 1 activities:</i>	<i>Group 2 activities:</i>
GUITAR MAGNIFICENT MURALS DANCE DIGITAL TV FILM MAKING FIRST AID/LIFE GUARD 20 DAYS AROUND THE WORLD BAND / ORCHESTRA TECHNICAL THEATER MAY BE TAKEN FOR A THIRD OPTION	DIGITAL TV FILM MAKING STUDIO ART ACTING DRUMS 20 DAYS AROUND THE WORLD BAND / ORCHESTRA

SELECTED 5-12 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

NEWSPAPER

Students will create a newspaper which will be published on August 2. They will learn skills of interviewing, proof reading, writing, composition, pictures, and editorial decision.

TECHNICAL THEATER

Students will focus upon stagecraft, design, theatre safety, scenery, properties, lighting, sound, costumes, makeup, public relations and career opportunities. Students assist in student and outside productions as appropriate. This course is limited to just (5) Eighth Graders.

GUITAR

The students will learn the skills of holding the guitar, using a pic, playing single notes, playing chords, reading chord charts and single note tablature for demonstration of skills at the conclusion of the course.

ACTING

Class includes improvisation, games and story-telling, mime, physical and experimental theatre. All students will perform a play on August 1 at Cutco Theatre.

DANCE

Are you ready to dance, move, and have fun? If you said yes, then this class is for you. You will learn basic dance moves and experience a variety of music. Once you find the beat, you won't stop moving your feet!

DRUMS

A drum circle is a fun, highly interactive activity where no previous experience is needed to participate. Students will work cooperatively, in a relaxed group setting, to learn rhythms, culture and an appreciation of working as a group or team.

FIRST AID/LIFE GUARD

Students will learn to become calm, competent responders able to assist professional rescuers by learning some basic 1st aid. This level of care is called 'first response' and can be critical in saving lives. There will be a certificate issued, but no credentials or card.

MAGNIFICENT MURALS

Students will investigate and collaborate with schools and the community to create murals.

STUDIO ART

Students will look at different styles of art, different artists, and create their own art.

DIGITAL TV FILM MAKING

Become a filmmaker! Start with an idea and turn it into a production of your own. Engage in the process of film making, learning all the steps along the way from story boarding to editing. Have great fun and create a great production!

20 DAYS AROUND THE WORLD

Pack your bags and don't forget your passport as we visit the world through crafts, literature and writing. This class is designed to get kids excited about reading myths, legends and fables from every part of the globe. They also strengthen their writing skills as they journal about their travels.

Students even learn about what life is like for children in other countries and taste a bit of the local cuisine.

Program Starts July 1 9:00 am to Noon
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Pictures and videos of your child will be taken and used in various aspect within the program.

Parent signature _____

Students in grades 5-12 must select one class from Activity 1 and Activity 2

Activity 1

- ☐ GUITAR
- ☐ MAGNIFICENT MURALS
- ☐ DANCE
- ☐ DIGITAL TV FILM MAKING
- ☐ FIRST AID/LIFE GUARD
- ☐ 20 DAYS AROUND THE WORLD
- ☐ BAND
- ☐ ORCHESTRA

Activity 2

- ☐ DIGITAL TV FILM MAKING
- ☐ STUDIO ART
- ☐ ACTING
- ☐ DRUM CIRCLE
- ☐ 20 DAYS AROUND THE WORLD
- ☐ BAND
- ☐ ORCHESTRA

☐ TECHNICAL THEATER MAY BE TAKEN FOR A THIRD OPTION ONLY 8 GRADERS AND LIMITED TO FIVE STUDENTS

Pair inducted to Academic Wall of Fame

The Olean City School District (OCS D) Foundation announced the induction of two graduates to the district's Academic Wall of Fame. Lisa Napolione-Johnson and Paul Preston make up the 2013 class of inductees honored at the 130th Annual Olean High School Alumni Banquet at Premier Banquet Center on Saturday, June 15.

Ms. Napolione-Johnson, a 1983 Olean High graduate and class valedictorian, is a successful research and development executive who has worked with some of our nation's most valued products and corporations. She began her career as a scientist and engineer at Proctor & Gamble, and progressed through a series of positions of increasing responsibility, up until being named research and development global general manager for the corporation. She then transitioned to



Lisa Napolione-Johnson

senior vice-president and global head of research and development at Novartis, a world leader in the research and development of products to protect and improve health and well-being. Ms. Napolione-Johnson is a team leader with United Way and committee member with the Every Child Succeeds' Program. She graduated from Clarkson University, served two terms on Clarkson's Board of Trustees, and was honored with the school's Most Prestigious Alumni Award in 2012.

Mr. Preston, a 1978 graduate of Olean High, is a non-profit executive who has spent the duration of his career assisting those in need. During his tenure at DePaul, Inc. — which provides assisted living services for seniors; residential, rehabilitation and treatment services to individuals with developmental disabilities; and addiction prevention and support services — the company grew from a small mental health clinic serving the needs of children and adults in Rochester, New York to a multi-faceted agency providing care to more than 5,000 people annually in nineteen counties in both New York and North Carolina. Mr. Preston began his tenure there as a live-in counselor in 1984, and his hard work and dedication

later earned him a position as executive director and vice-president. Mr. Preston received his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Masters in Counseling from St. Bonaventure University, and has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Association of Long-Term Care Facilities.

The Olean City School District Foundation is a not-for-profit organization committed to enhancing the overall educational experience for students in the district.

The foundation encourages extra effort and creativity to enhance all aspects of the district, including academic programs, athletics and the arts.



Paul Preston

The Foundation is currently accepting nominations for future inductees to the Olean City School District Academic Wall of Fame. To download a nomination form, visit <http://www.ocsdfoundation.com/>.



OHS Music Groups Perform at NYSSMA Majors

OHS music groups performed at the 2013 NYSSMA Major Organization Adjudication Festival in Prattsburgh with great results! The Select Choir (pictured above) earned a "Gold" rating on their level 5 selections. The band earned a "Silver" rating on their level 4 selections, and the District Chamber Orchestra earned a "Bronze" on their level 5 selections. Congratulations to our musicians and their teachers!

DECA Students Compete in State Conference

On March 6th, three of our DECA members traveled to Rochester to compete in the Annual State Career Conference held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. This three-day competition offers students a challenging opportunity to further develop their professional abilities. DECA assists business students to increase and practice their knowledge of leadership and marketing skills and to learn the importance of maintaining a positive attitude as a business leader.

Morgan Smith competed in the Apparel & Accessories Marketing area, Kelsey Stimlinger competed in the Quick Service Restaurant Management area, and Destin Sweeten competed in the Human Resources Management area. Over 2,000 students across New York State competed during this three-day event in various areas of interest by written examinations and role plays.

Congratulations Morgan, Kelsey and Destin for your accomplishments and outstanding representation for OHS!



Need Your GED®? Now is the Time to Enroll

Are you over 21 and don't have your high school diploma or GED®? The Olean City School District offers adult education classes to obtain your GED®. Drastic changes are taking place in State Ed with regards to the GED® that will take effect on January 2, 2014. If you have taken part of, or completed the entire GED® test, but did not receive your diploma, you can still take the part you did not pass. Starting in January 2014, you will have to start the process all over. Now is the time to enroll! Call Linda Edstrom, Adult Education Coordinator, at 375-8033 for more information.



Eckstrom Surpasses 1,000 Career Points

OHS Boys' Varsity Basketball player Sam Eckstrom (second from left) reached a milestone on March 5, 2013, when he scored his 1,000th career point. He is pictured being congratulated by (l-r) his mother, Angie, Coach Anastasia, and his father, Jim.

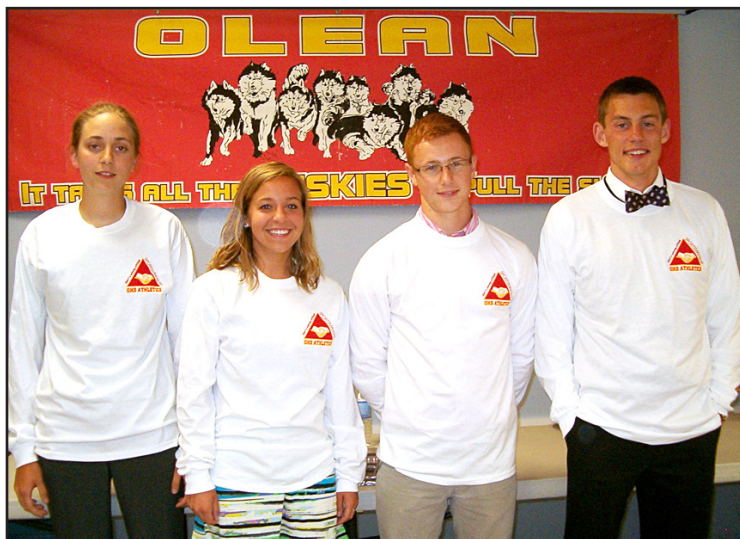


Athletic Department News



All-Sportsmanship Team Spring 2013

Chosen as members of the Spring 2013 All-Sportsmanship Team were (upper photo, l-r): AD's Choice Track & Field, Christianna Mehmel; Girls' Track & Field, Cortney Padlo; Boys' Track & Field, Jacob Brege; AD's Choice Track & Field, John Panus. Honorees shown in the photo below are: (front, l-r) JV Softball, Michaela Byrne; Varsity Softball, Emilee Russell; Varsity Golf, Matt Sader; and (back, l-r) AD's Choice Varsity Baseball, Patrick Scholla; Boys' Tennis, Jonah Rosel; Varsity Baseball, Austin Stephens; JV Baseball, Tyler Allen.



Spring OHS Scholar Athletes

The Olean High School Athletic Department proudly announces senior athletes John Panus (Track & Field) and Fylcia Barr (Track & Field) have been named as OHS Scholar-Athletes for the Spring 2013 Season. This award is given by the CCAA Division I League and recognizes achievement in academics as well as athletics.



Good Sport Booster Award

The Athletic Department and Sports' Boosters Club are proud to announce that Laurie Alohi has been awarded the 2013 OHS "Good Sport Booster Award." This annual award is given in recognition and appreciation for dedicated support of OHS student-athletes and teams. It is given to a person(s) who is a positive role model and consistently demonstrates good sportsmanship while supporting the "Huskies." Laurie is a very active member and longtime awards' chairperson of the Olean Sports' Booster Club. Her positive support and tireless efforts have made a huge impact on OHS Athletics. Congratulations and thank you, Laurie!



Here are the students in front of the W.W.II vehicle we called a Duck boat. Pictured from left to right in the back row are Mrs. Jackson, Aaron Ketchner, Kayla Hurd, Gabrielle Malone, Burke Whitcomb, Matthew Sorokes, Alexander Jodush, Maxwell Morton and Miss Bello. Pictured from left to right in the front row are Matthew Tucker, Meghan Hovey, Anjoillie Cole, Madison Bonafede, Aubree Bowen, Shane Burke, Mark Miketish, and Anthony Rivera.

OIMS Students Take Whale-Watching Trip

Fifteen OIMS students traveled to Boston for a three-day adventure, activity-filled, sight-seeing experience. The students had the opportunity to do and see some unbelievable experiences while they were there. After their eight-hour bus trip, the students ate dinner at Fire and Ice. The next morning the students traveled out on

a boat and had the opportunity to see a baby whale and its mother swimming in the ocean. While visiting the Boston Museum of Science, the students learned and had fun at the same time with some interesting hands-on activities. The students toured Fenway Park and learned of the history of the area. Their final adventure was on an

amphibious vehicle that is styled after vehicles used in WWII, which took students around Boston streets, then drove right into the Charles River and converted into a boat! Some of the students even had the opportunity to drive the boat. This was a great learning experience for the students and the adults on the trip had fun, too!

Artwork on Display at Quick Center

Congratulations to the OIMS 6-7th Grade Art students whose artwork was chosen from over three hundred entries and eighteen area schools for display in a double juried show at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts on the St. Bonaventure University campus. The students' work was on exhibit from March 6 through April 5, 2013, in the Mezzanine Gallery.

Pictured are: (back, l-r) Sophie Garvin, Makenzie Milligan, Mulan Tran, Aliyah Tejera, and (front, l-r) Karino Wada, Jordyn Washington, Cody Spiller, Aubrey Tobola, and Ngoc Ngo.



Message from the OIMS Guidance Office

The Early Identification & Recognition Program (EIR) is the latest service offered by Cattaraugus County Department of Community Services. The EIR program offers free social/emotional/behavioral health screenings for children ages 3 months-18 years, and for adults ages 18-21 years who live in or attend school in Cattaraugus County. Checking in on emotional health every year for children and young adults is just as important as going to yearly physicals/check-ups, and having eyes and ears tested. Social/emotional/behavioral health screenings can help to identify children and young adults who may be at risk for anger, attention, sadness, behavior, social issues, or bullying. Untreated or unidentified social/behavioral health symptoms can affect how well children/young adults learn, behave in the classroom, relate to family members, and their ability to make friends. The EIR program partners with many schools and agencies throughout Cattaraugus County to offer children and young adults free check-ups on feelings and behaviors. Children and families are provided with resource information throughout Cattaraugus County that can be accessed if concerns are identified through screening. It is never too late to check in with your child to see how s/he is doing socially and emotionally. For more information about the Early Identification & Recognition Program please contact Meghan Monahan, LMHC Early Identification & Recognition Specialist, at 716-701-3315, or visit www.cattco.org/EIRP.



Welcome to the OIMS Café

Waiters and hostess are ready to serve eager customers at the Grand Opening of the OIMS café. The OIMS Café is a sit down restaurant run by the students in Mrs. Mest's, Mr. Korzeniewski's and Mr. Vine's classes. The students hope to treat faculty and staff to many more luncheons at the Café. Pictured (l-r) are waiters Zach Howard, Johnathon Wilkins, and Ryder Berry.

'Jump Rope for Heart' Raises Over \$2,000

On Tuesday, March 19th, the Olean City School District Physical Education Department held its 23rd Annual **"Jump Rope For Heart"** event to benefit the American Heart Association. This activity involved approximately 100 students in grades 4 & 5 and took place in the Olean Intermediate Middle School gymnasium from 6-7:30 p.m. Teams of students jumped for a total of 60 minutes at 2-minute intervals. Students obtained donations from sponsors in return for their team

participating actively in this event.

"Jump Rope for Heart" serves to promote physical activity and a healthy, active lifestyle. It shows students the benefits of a regular exercise program, gives them vital information about cardiovascular health and helps them understand that the way they treat their bodies today will affect the quality of their lives tomorrow. The event coordinated by the Olean City School District physical education staff and sponsored by the New

York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (NYS AHPERD), benefits the American Heart Association. All proceed raised through "Jump Rope for Heart" benefit the life-saving research and education programs of the AHA.

The grand total raised this year was **\$2,079**. To date, this annual physical education department event has raised over \$100,000 for the American Heart Association.

Seventh-Graders Say, 'Let's Grow Olean'

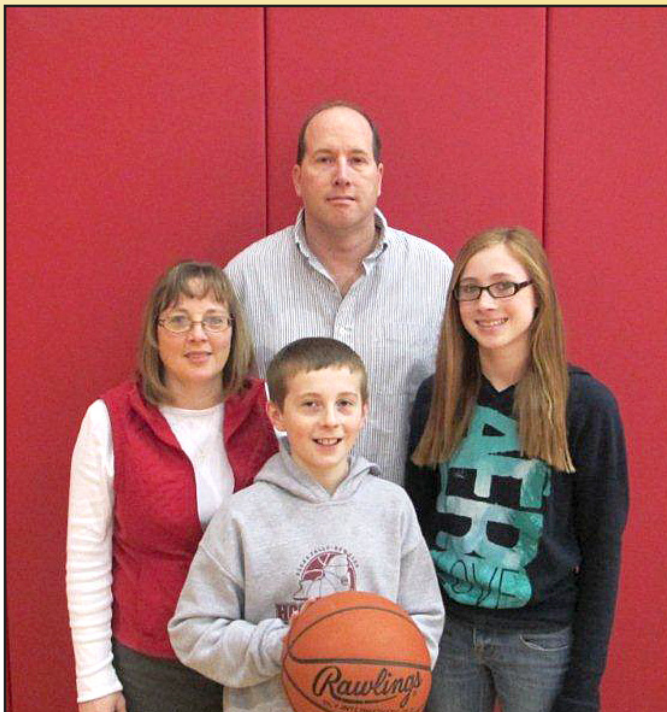
On June 4th a group of forty-five students in the 7th grade and ten teachers/staff members participated in the 12th Annual "Let's Grow" program co-ordinated by Mrs. Wenke. Students took pride in their city by cleaning up the sidewalk and planting flowers under the trees along West State Street.

Mrs. Mest's class planted flowers around trees at the Olean Intermediate Middle School as well as around the OIMS sign on Wayne Street. A group of seniors from Olean High School spear headed by Matt McClelland helped with the program. Home base for the students was the Elks Club who have donated to this cause every year. We would like to thank them along with Miller's Farm Market, Pleasant Valley Nursery, Sue Cooper and the City of Olean, Potter Lumber and our new sponsor this year NeighborWorks® Home Resources.

We would appreciate anyone who would like to help keep the flowers looking great during the summer months by weeding and watering them.



Pictured (l-r) are Emma Strong, Robert Wetherby, Kyle Slaugehaupt and Mallory Doxey. These students participated in the 12th Annual Let's Grow Program sponsored by NeighborWorks® Home Resources



Ramarge is National Free-Throw Semi-Finalist

Brian Ramarge, a 6th grade student on the OIMS Red Team, was a National Semi-Finalist in the annual Elks' Free Throw Shooting Contest this year. Before competing in the National Semi-Finals, Brian was a winner in the Areas, Districts, Western Regionals, and State Final competitions. Brian is a frequent participant in the Elks' event. Last year he lost in the State competition to the eventual National Champion. This accomplishment did not come without a tremendous amount of hard work, Brian shoots 100-200 free throws a day, averaging 95 out of every 100 free throws he shoots. Congratulations Brian, and good luck next year!!

Pictured at left is the Ramarge family, gathered around the free throw shooting champion, Brian, as they head off for the National Semi-Final Elks' Club Free Throw Shooting Contest. Alyssa, his older sister, is a seventh grader, his mom, Kim, works at OIMS, and his dad, Mike, have cheered for Brian throughout his free throw shooting contests.



Pictured above (l-r) are: Joel Whitcher, OIMS Principal 4-5; Isabella Carucci, 3rd Quarter Winner; Brianna Dyal, 2nd Quarter Winner; Amy Domboski (Five Star Bank Branch Manager) and Gerald Trietley, OIMS Principal 6-7.

Five Star Bank Movie Star Winners

Every OIMS student who earns an "A" in any core subject is eligible to win a night at the movies compliments of Five Star Bank. To enter, the students simply stop by the Olean Branch of Five Star Bank, or the OIMS Guidance office with their report card. Each "A" in a core subject earns them a chance in the drawing. The prize is a \$25 movie gift certificate and a popcorn bucket full of snacks.



Sensational Sea Wolves Spark Sixth-Grade Interest

OIMS sixth graders spent the day at the Erie Sea Wolves baseball game on May 15, 2013, which was Education Day at the ballpark. It was a perfect day for a game as the sun was shining and the breeze was blowing. Dezmine Adams and Ryan Butterbaugh were the announcers during one inning and even appeared on the big screen! Several students came home with a game ball. The day was a success for all as the Sea Wolves were victorious 3-1.

Picture This: A Day in the Life at OIMS

What do you do with four cameras, a fantastic school, and energetic sixth and seventh graders? Send them out to create a video of their school from the beginning of the day through the end. Students in Mrs. Skrobacz's English classes were the fortunate recipients of a \$300 grant from the Olean Rotary Club which provided the funds to purchase new digital cameras.

Before the project could take off, the entire OIMS staff was informed that students would be everywhere taking pictures of everything. Students were able to capture what life is really like at OIMS

through the lens of a camera. They went outside, in the pool, the gym, cafeteria, on the track, throughout the hallways snapping hundreds and hundreds of pictures.

As the photographers returned to the OIMS library to upload their pictures, they understood the importance of taking pictures carefully in order to capture the moment. Students created videos to share with their classmates, the Olean Board of Education, and the Olean Rotary Club. The main objective for creating the video was to welcome new students to the middle school whether it is the incoming

fourth grade class or a student who has moved into the district.

Students also had the opportunity to create books using Snapfish. The books will be available to new students and their families, local realtors, and incoming fourth graders.

Students thoroughly enjoyed themselves while creating the movies. Learning took on a totally new dimension for everyone. The students agreed whether they created a video or a book, it was an interesting way to picture their school.

Flat Stanley Visits Olean: This spring students from Mrs. Crawford's, Mrs. Hart's and Mrs. Keller's classes at East View participated in a Flat Stanley project with another school in Oswego, New York.

The East View students first learned about Oswego by looking for it on Google Maps. The students generated questions to find out more about Oswego.

The East View students then took a Flat Stanley from the Oswego school on a small walking tour of Olean. Stanley got his picture taken with a giant Cutco knife at Cutco and in front of Hi-Ho. He even had his picture taken with Mayor Linda Witte and some of the squirrels in town. The pictures were put into a book that was shared with the Oswego students during a video conference over the internet.

The students were excited to learn more about Olean and Oswego.



East View Elementary School



Track and Field Day: Several students from East View and other schools in the region participated in the Exceptional Track and Field Day (*shown above*) in May. Some of the many activities the students participated in were 50 meter, 100 meter, and 400 meter dashes, long jump, high jump, Frisbee target toss and they even rode on horses. It was a great day of fun in the sun, and everyone had a terrific time.

Kindergarten Illustrators: Students in Mrs. Stephens' kindergarten class (*shown at left*) completed a unit on author and illustrator Eric Carle. They became illustrators themselves by making The Very Hungry Caterpillar with paint and tissue paper just like Eric Carle. Well done!





Anti-Bullying Education Through Entertainment: Magician Mike Seege (*shown upper left*) performed an anti-bullying magic show for all Washington West Elementary students. Shown here are students taking the “no-bully” pledge.

In addition, the Hill Brothers (*shown upper right*) taught the Washington West Elementary students how to stand up for each other and say no to bullying! Students recall the lessons they learned and the bully they had to bust: “Vicious Vinny.” The Hill Brothers led students in various songs, dances, and games to help them remember it is never okay to bully others.

Character Counts

20/20: The 20/20 Challenge at Washington West Elementary School acknowledges students for displaying good character in our school. From May 20th through June 20th staff members give PAWS cards when students are displaying good character traits such as Respect, Responsibility, Thankfulness/Gratitude, Kindness/Generosity, Cooperation, Honesty, Perseverance, Self-Control, Optimism, and Patriotism. WW students will be entered to win prizes with the PAWS cards they collect. Pictured are Mrs. Martin’s 2nd grade students proudly displaying the PAWS cards they have earned. Look at all those good character qualities!



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Walking School Bus: Washington West students joined their teachers and Principal Linda Nottingham in various group walks to school. Students receive a small prize for getting together and walking to school. There have been as many as 70 students walking together to school!

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WW Kindergarten Springs into Math

Mrs. Bates' kindergarten class at Washington West Elementary School poses in front of number flowers and lady bug math projects. These colorful projects demonstrate how the students have learned and mastered addition, subtraction, how to tally, and write out numbers as words.

Olean City School District Mission/Vision

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

Guiding Principles

A commitment to fostering:

A respectful, safe, and welcoming environment

An acceptance of diversity

Continuous improvement

Academic excellence and lifelong learning

Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability

Student potential and achievement