

# Orchard Park Central School District



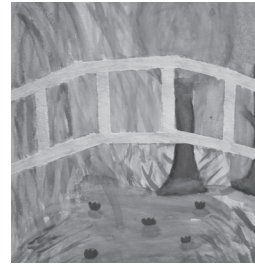
Adeline Prasad,  
Eggert Elementary



Lola Whipple,  
South Davis Elementary



Class of 2016 Graduation Ceremony



Zoe Aylsworth  
South Davis Elementary



Alexie Zeigler,  
Orchard Park High School

## Community Report June/July 2016

### Orchard Park Central School District Digs into Capital Project

The Orchard Park Central School District held a groundbreaking ceremony the morning of Wednesday, May 11, 2016 to celebrate the beginning of the Capital Project work.

The ceremony was attended by school district officials, board members and associates from both Turner Construction Company and Gordon Jones Associates.

Orchard Park Central School District residents approved the project at a vote held on December 1, 2014. Voters approved both propositions listed on the December 1<sup>st</sup> ballot. Proposition 1 was a District-Wide Health and Safety Capital Improvements Project and Proposition 2 was the Middle School Auditorium renovation.

Since the groundbreaking, work has begun all over the district. At the Orchard Park High School, work is starting with the athletic fields. Later this summer, they will begin replacing the original single pane windows from 1959. At the Middle School they are doing roofwork, working on the pool and locker room renovation, renovating the auditorium, repair work on the main entry and putting in a new parking lot off South Lincoln. At Eggert they will be working on the roof and replacing roof top units, constructing new tennis and basketball courts and replacing the water main.

At Ellicott they will be working on the roof and replacing roof top units, constructing new tennis and basketball courts and putting in a new water line. At Windom Elementary they are replacing a portion of the roof, adding a new domestic hot water system, replacing the roof top units, constructing new tennis, basketball and pickleball courts and putting in a new parking lot and improving the bus loop drainage. At South Davis they will be working on the roof. Other miscellaneous items will be renovated throughout the district.

Over the summer all of the District buildings, with the exception of the high school, will be closed due to the construction.



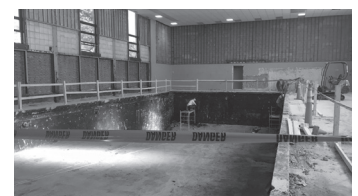
*Ground was broken on the Capital Project in May. Pictured from left to right are: David Hack, Director of Physical Education and Athletics, Aaron Grupka, Orchard Park Middle School Principal, Matthew McGarrity, Superintendent of Schools, Bill Bosinski, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and Jeffrey Petrus, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services.*



*The auditorium renovation at the Orchard Park Middle School*



*At Windom Elementary they have begun work on a new parking lot/bus loop and improving the drainage system.*



*The pool and locker room renovation at the Middle School.*



## Superintendent's Column

This year the Board and the administrative team identified a clear need to improve school building access and control before, during and after student attendance hours. Our goal is to improve our ability to protect our students, staff and community members who are in our buildings, without a significant impact on the learning environment.

During the 2015-16 school year we assessed our strengths and areas of need and shared these with members of local law enforcement. We are currently addressing the suggested changes to enhance district safety and security. As we are doing this there will be some changes that we can anticipate when we return to school in September. One of the things that will happen is after school hours there will be a single point of entry in all of the buildings rather than having multiple doors open. We will be having the buildings staffed with security monitors after the school day.

We plan to secure both occupied and unoccupied classrooms by locking classroom

doors. We plan to improve monitoring by adding camera monitors to school offices and training staff on situational awareness. We plan to develop a visitor I.D. system and delineate acceptable forms of I.D. for entrance. We will begin implementing our new visitor ID system in September and we will ensure compliance with I.D. badge expectations. We will also be offering several in-service trainings for staff. Training will include workplace violence and situational awareness, updating and implementing recent changes by SED for lockdown/emergency drills, awareness regarding suspicious packages and an in-service on reporting suspicious activity.

There will also be a change at the Transportation Department beginning in September. We will be using the Versatrans software that will allow us to improve routing and the monitoring of vehicle safety. We will also explore functions that will improve communication to parents.

We realize that safety and security is not always convenient but we plan to be diligent about this in order to ensure that our students, staff members and community members are as safe as possible.

## Back To School Reminders

- August 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> are HS Senior Portraits
- August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> MS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation
- August 31<sup>st</sup> HS Student/Parent Orientation and KKS (Keeping Kids Safe) Presentation, 6:30 p.m.
- **September 6<sup>th</sup> First Day of Student Attendance**



Artwork by:  
Lauren Patterson  
Windom Elementary



Artwork by:  
Gavin Rauh  
Ellicott Elementary

## Dr. Sol Messenger Visits Orchard Park Middle School



Dr. Sol Messenger visited eighth grade students at the Orchard Park Middle School this Spring. He spoke to students about his perspective as a child during the Holocaust and the experience that his family faced. A few eighth grade students had the opportunity to meet with him at a reception in the Middle School library after he spoke. This visit was made possible by the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo. The Orchard Park Middle School PTO was able to make a donation to the Holocaust Resource Center as a thank you for giving our students such an amazing experience.

*Dr. Sol Messenger, second from the left, is pictured with eighth grade students and Middle School Social Studies teachers after his presentation.*



## OPHS Seniors Sign National Letters of Intent

Six Orchard Park High School seniors recently signed their national letters of intent to play their sports at the college level. The seniors signed their letters at signing ceremonies at the Orchard Park High School on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Daniel Freilicher plans to play tennis at Nazareth College next year. Daniel has been playing tennis since he was 10 years old. Daniel loves the difficulty and precision in the sport. He is looking forward to attending Nazareth and he feels it will be a great fit for him and his academic and social endeavors. Daniel will also be playing basketball at Nazareth next year.

Brady Jensen plans to run track next year at St. John Fisher College. He has been participating in outdoor track since seventh grade and indoor track since his sophomore year of high school. Brady is looking forward to participating in track at St. John Fisher and he feels it will be great to have something to concentrate on and release stress from his school



*Pictured above are seniors, Matthew Mercer, Jason Manley, Daniel Freilicher, Alexander Micov and Brady Jensen after they signed their letters of intent.*



*Alexie Zeigler is pictured above signing her letter of intent with Coach Tundo at her side.*

Alexsander Micov will be playing football at Buffalo State next year. Alexsander has been playing football since sophomore year of high school at Orchard Park. He wanted to continue to play football in college because he feels it has become an important part of his life and it's something he would like to continue doing. Alexsander chose to play at Buffalo State because they have a great football organization and an intelligent coaching staff. He plans to major in an engineering program and hopefully become a DEC officer in the future.

Alexie Zeigler is planning to attend Oswego next year. She has been running track since seventh grade. She chose to continue running in college because she can't imagine not being able to run anymore. Alexie plans to study Biology on a Pre-Veterinary track, and she hopes to be a Veterinarian in the future.

work. He plans to study Biology and Pre/Med. Brady is looking forward to being a part of the small school atmosphere.

Jason Manley will be playing volleyball at Arcadia University next year. Jason began playing volleyball when he was 12 years old. He is looking forward to working together with his team, coaches and trainers at Arcadia University. Jason plans to study Biology with a concentration in biomedical engineering next year.

Matthew Mercer will be running cross country and track at the University at Buffalo next year. He began running in 7<sup>th</sup> grade to follow in the footsteps of his older siblings. Matt chose to continue running in college because he enjoys the discipline, health benefits, competition and his love of being a part of a team.

## Author Carolyn Crimi Visits Windom Elementary



*Author Carolyn Crimi presents to students at Windom Elementary.*

Windom Elementary hosted author Carolyn Crimi on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. She presented to all grade levels at Windom. In her informative and engaging session, Carolyn took the students on a journey demonstrating how she gets ideas for her books and the process of publishing a book. The students had an opportunity to meet Carolyn and ask her questions.

Carolyn is an award winning author who has published over a dozen children's books. In addition to creating her own books, Carolyn writes for children's textbooks and magazines, and visits schools all over the country to share her experiences with students. Her humorous outlook on life is often depicted in her books. As she explains on her website, "I write about things that make me laugh, or about things I loved when I was young."

This exciting and interactive presentation was made possible for students through the combined efforts of the Windom Elementary School PTO, Principal Wendy Gloss, faculty, staff, Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence and librarian Jim Clark.

## Class of 2016 Top Ten



*The class of 2016 Top 10 snap a quick picture outside of OPHS sporting some of their future college gear!*



Margaret Ahern plans to attend Michigan State University to study Neuroscience. While at OPHS Margaret participated in STAP Comm, Educational Outreach, Math Club, National Honor Society, French

National Honor Society, West Seneca YES, YRoswell Street Team, Southtowns Youth Orchestra and Orchard Park Soccer Club. She participated in junior varsity and varsity soccer and track. She has received many awards for her accomplishments. She received the Scholastic Achievement Award, Certificate of Excellence in AP Euro, Sportsmanship award for soccer, Bryn Mawr President's Book Award, AP Scholar, Winner/Member of 2015 Section VI Scholar-Athlete Team, Roswell Park Summer Research Program Best Scientific Poster Award. Margaret hopes to become a doctor to be able to help others in their greatest time of need. She wants to be someone who can be counted on to give advice and answers. Margaret is the daughter of Marcia and Michael Ahern.



Hala El Solh was the class of 2016 Valedictorian. She plans to attend Yale University to study Global Affairs and Economics. During high school Hala participated in Model United Nations,

Educational Outreach, STAP Comm, Math Club, National Honor Society, Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra/Southtowns Youth Orchestra, Summer Institute of Buffalo for Human Rights and Genocide Studies, Latin National Honor Society, DECA and Tennis. She has received multiple awards for her accomplishments. She won the Impunity Watch Essay Contest and was published in the Syracuse Law Journal, AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit Scholarship Commendation, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, Harvard-Radcliffe Book Award, Best Delegation at several MUN Conferences. Hala hopes to improve the world by making education more accessible to everyone. Education should not be treated as a privilege but rather as a right. Hala is the daughter of Dr. Ali and Mrs. Wafa El Solh.



Karina Kuchumov is the class of 2016 Salutatorian. She will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall to study Finance. During high school Karina participated in the Academy of

Finance, was the Co-President of DECA, Treasurer of Model United Nations, Treasurer of STAP Comm, member of Math Club and a Tennis player. She has won many awards including AP Scholar with Distinction, George Eastman Young Leaders Award, National Honor Society, Spanish NHS, Excellence in AP English, AP Euro History, AP US History, Business and Spanish 4 Honors. Karina hopes that in her future she inspires compassion and understanding between all people of the world, regardless of different backgrounds or beliefs. Karina is the daughter of Julia Kuchumova and Askar Kuchumov.



Ian Ferer will be attending the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute next year. He plans to study both Computer Science and Mathematics. During high school Ian has participated in

Masterminds, Math Club, National Honor Society and French National Honor Society. He has won several awards including: the Rensselaer Medal, he received student of the year in French 2, French 3, Biology, Chemistry, AP Chemistry, English 10 Honors and Digital Imagery. Ian hopes that one day he can help write code that will make technology cheaper, easier to use, and more accessible, so that everyone on the planet can be afforded the same resources to advance human progress. Ian is the son of Marin & Darren Ferer.

**Congratulations Class of 2016.....**Orchard Park Seniors were accepted to over 220 Colleges and Universities and earned over 6.6 million dollars in scholarships this year! We are so proud of all of our students whether they are planning to serve in the military, continue their education or head straight into the workforce. Congratulations to all of the 2016 graduates!



## Class of 2016 Top Ten Continued



Michael Gossel will be attending the University of Notre Dame next year to study International Business and History. Michael was involved in QMB, Co-Captain of Masterminds, Vice-President of

History Club, Checkmates Jazz Ensemble - Principal Chair Alto Saxophone, Boy Scouts, American Legion Boys' State, NHS Co-Director of tutoring, Math Club, Model UN, Musical pit orchestra and Spanish National Honor Society. He also went on the American Music Abroad Freedom Tour of Europe. He has won multiple awards: The College Board AP Scholar with Distinction, NYSSMA Conference All State Wind Ensemble, Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Humanities and Social Sciences Award, New York State Field Band Conference Directors' Scholarship and he has received Certificates of Excellence in AP English 11, AP European History, Band Grade 11, Global 9 Honors, Spanish 2, and AP Award AP Spanish 5. Going forward, Michael will use his lifelong lessons and experiences to motivate and inspire others by working hard, doing his best, and setting a positive example with everything he does. Michael is the son of Debra and Kenneth Gossel.



Grace Ruh is planning to attend the University of Miami in the fall. She will be studying Biology. In high school Grace has been involved in the Academy of Finance and the UNYTS club.

She also played Junior Varsity & Varsity Lacrosse, Junior Varsity & Varsity Basketball, Varsity Field Hockey and Varsity Tennis. She has received several awards including Honor Roll, Excellence in Global 9 History and Excellence in AP US History. Grace hopes she can help human health by studying biology and medicine. Grace is the daughter of Hillary and Richard Ruh



Elena Kamis plans to attend the University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign to study Aerospace Engineering in the fall. During her time at Orchard Park High School Elena was a cheerleader, partici-

participated in Orchard Park Womens Rugby Club, Math Club, Art Club, Orchard Park Pride and National Honor Society. She received several awards including the Maroon Key in the fall of 2016 for Cheerleading. She was selected as an Orchard Park Pride student, Geometry Student of the Year, AP US Student of the Year, Bausch & Lomb Science Award and Algebra II Student of the year. Elena hopes that in her future she can encourage and show the world that anyone can accomplish something they put their mind too. She wants to work for NASA. She hopes to make a difference in the science world, and help show the whole world that women can accomplish just as much as men while enjoying what she does. Elena is the daughter of Kimberly and Russ Kamis.



Anna Swetz will be attending Case Western Reserve University in the fall. She plans to study Biomedical Engineering. During her time at Orchard Park High School Anna has become a member

of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society Vice President and she is a member of Math Club. Anna has participated in both Junior Varsity and Varsity Cheerleading during high school. She has received many honors and awards including being a National Merit Commended Scholar, a Scholar Athlete, Orchard Park Pride, AP Spanish Excellence Award, International Chemistry Olympiad 2015 National Exam Qualifier and SADD Club Mural Contest Winner. Anna would like to contribute to advances in the medical field by working as a Biomedical Engineer; but even more importantly, she hopes to be a good friend to those around her and an active member of her community in order to help people at a local and personal level. Anna is the daughter of Maria and Mark Swetz.



Maxime Legros will be attending the College of William and Mary in the fall. He plans to study Political Science. At Orchard Park High School Maxime participated in DECA

as the Co-President, Model United Nations as the Event Coordinator, National Honor Society President, Math Club and OP Educational Outreach. He has also participated in several sports including Soccer, Swimming and Track and Field. He has received multiple awards including: Outstanding in AP US History, Student Business Award and the Scott Krueger Memorial Scholarship. Maxime hopes to make the world better by bringing people from different backgrounds and cultures together. Maxime is the son of Bharti and Jean Legros.



Travis Wolf is planning to attend Northwestern University to study journalism next year. In high school Travis was involved in STAP Comm, OP Enterprises, SADD Club, the Kids Escaping Drugs Com-

mittee, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Orchard Park Youth Court, Orchard Park Youth Council, 2015 American Legion Boys' State. He has also been involved in Varsity Cross Country, Indoor Track and Field and Outdoor Track and Field. He has received many different honors and awards during his time at Orchard Park High School. He received the OPHS Scholastic Achievement Awards, OPHS Excellence in the Visual Arts, Honors Global 9, Spanish 3, Corporate Economics, AP US History. He Received the OP Pride Award, Section VI senior Scholar Athlete Award, AP Scholar Award, and The American Legion #576 Boys State 2015 Award. Travis hopes that as a journalist, he will be able to spread honest information to people. Though this may seem small, he hopes that any journalistic contribution he makes will be able to help at least one person in a positive way. Travis is the son of Michele and Jonathan Wolf.



## Images From Around the District



5<sup>th</sup> grader, Jennifer Nicometo listens to 1<sup>st</sup> grader, Brynne McCrone as she reads aloud as part of Ellicott's "Buddy Reader" program. Grade 5 students listen to grade 1 and 2 students read aloud to them on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.



Windom Elementary Student Council along with two fourth graders Dawn Gralke and Olivia Post have spearheaded a project to collect supplies for the SPCA. Dawn and Olivia are pictured above with all of the donations that were collected. All items were taken to the SPCA on Ensinger Road in Tonawanda.



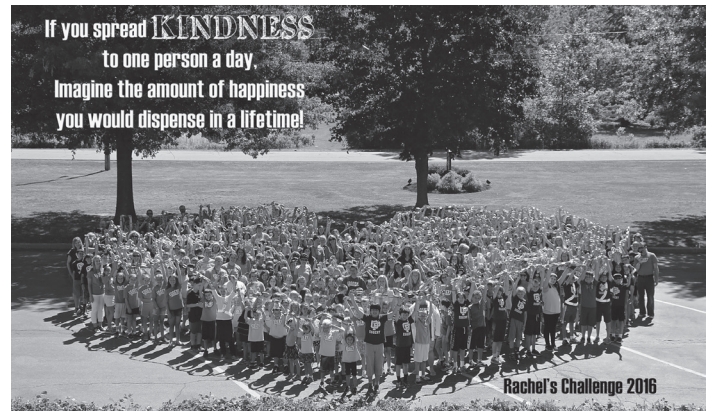
Pictured above: Mr. Carducci leads students at the Music in May I concert. This year the concert was a kaleidoscope concert and different groups performed all over the auditorium.



Orchard Park Middle School students were able to come outside and cheer on the Special Olympics New York and the Law Enforcement Torch Run on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> as they carried the Flame of Hope past the Orchard Park Middle School.



Pictured is Middle School English teacher Deborah Hanes shaking Superintendent McGarrity's hand after she was recognized at the annual District Retirement Celebration for her twenty-seven years of dedicated service.



Eggert Elementary students posed for a picture holding their chains of kindness after their Character Education assembly. Each piece of the paper chain represents an act of kindness that was completed throughout the school year.



## Images From Around the District



*Pictured are Varsity swimmers Madison Dolce, Katrina Wardner, Olivia Sapio and Andrea Ernst who broke school records in both the 200 free-style relay and the 400 freestyle relay*



*Riders participating in the Ride for Missing Children take a break at South Davis Elementary during their 100-mile bike ride to raise awareness and funds for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.*



Photo courtesy of Maria Marinaccio

*Seniors at the Orchard Park High School experience a simulation of a tragic car accident and witness the consequences of driving while impaired the day before the prom. Pictured are student actors Ethan Shiley, Gracie Mulville and Robert Errington.*



*Pictured above is Madelyn Wolf and her mother at the Muffins and Manicures for Mom Mother's Day celebration at Eggert Elementary.*



*Author Jerry Pallotta signs a book for Jack Schneckenberger during his visit to Ellicott Elementary. Jerry presented to the students at Ellicott and shared with them how he is inspired to write his books from his childhood growing up on the beach.*



*Kathleen Fabbro, Michele Hall, Paul Kloster, Aimee LaRosa, Christina Narbe, Karen O'Brien, Bridget Pietrantone, Lynn Robert, Whitney Wolniewicz and Terry Tryon were presented tenure certificates at the at the District Retirement and Tenure reception held on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Michelle Lilleck and Missy Szeszniak are not pictured.*

## International Career Development Conference and Competition

Twelve students from the Orchard Park High School chapter of DECA were among the 17,500 students and advisors from across the globe that attended the International Career Development Conference and Competition in Nashville, Tennessee in April. They competed in various business-related contests, including sports marketing, hospitality and accounting. Four of these outstanding students brought home medals for the Orchard Park High School; Megan Filipski earned Top 10 honors for her role play scenario, Maxime Legros and Tanner Probst earned Top 10 honors for their tests, and Philip Marks placed Top 10 Overall in his event.



*Pictured above are the twelve Orchard Park High School DECA students who attended the International Career Development Conference and Competition in Nashville this April.*

## OPHS One of Eight High Schools in Erie County Recognized as a 2016-17 Reward School

The New York State Education Department has identified Orchard Park High School as a Reward School for the 2016-17 school year, based on 2014-15 school year results. Orchard Park High School is one of eight high schools in Erie County identified as Reward Schools.

Reward Schools are determined by a variety of factors including: meeting their AYP or adequate yearly progress for all groups that the school is accountable for, gap closing between accountability groups, having a performance index that places the school in the top 20 percent of all schools at that level, growth for elementary and middle schools, bottom quartile student growth for elementary and middle schools, graduation rates for secondary schools and graduating at risk students for secondary schools.

## College & Previously Recognized Scholarships

Ahern, Margaret

Michigan State University, University of Vermont Syracuse University, University at Buffalo

Allesi, Noel

Taste of Buffalo

Battaglia, Elizabeth

Daemen College, Canisius College Saint Francis University, Le Moyne College, Syracuse University SUNY Oswego, Niagara University, Frontier Central School Teacher's Association Scholarship

Braccio, Carmen

University of Dayton

Braun, Sara

Niagara University, Nazareth College SUNY Fredonia, St. John Fisher College

Brzezowski, Jacob

University at Buffalo

Burka, Jessica

Daemen College, SUNY Buffalo State

Campbell, Sean

Lipscomb University

Carbaugh, John

The University of Vermont, University at Buffalo

Chavanne, Lauren

University of Rochester, SUNY Geneseo

Christopherson, Joel

Southern Utah University, Utah State University, University of Utah

Ciolek, Christopher  
Clark, Calvin

Colville, Porscha

Covello, Lucy  
Dolce, Madison  
Driscoll, Kevin  
Duffy, Joshua  
El Solh, Hala

Eusano, Michael  
Farrell, Cameron  
Gannon, Robert  
Gossel, Theresa

Canisius College

UFCW Local One Benefit Funds' Education Department Scholarship

University of Pittsburgh Bradford, University of Nebraska Lincoln, The University of Vermont, Kent State University, Mercyhurst University

Miami University

John Carroll University, University at Buffalo Ohio University

Ohio University

Business First/Independent Health Community All Star

SUNY Fredonia

Aurora Player's Scholarship

Wegmans Scholarship Program

University at Buffalo, Syracuse University

AAA of Western and Central New York Insurance Scholarship



## College & Previously Recognized Scholarships Cont.

Harrigan, Jack	Wegmans Scholarship Program	Roder, Thomas	Miami University, Mercyhurst University, Niagara University, SUNY Geneseo, University at Buffalo
Harris, Hunter	Keuka College	Roman, Zachary	Alfred University, University of Dayton West Virginia University, Temple University
Hosking, Sarah.	Ohio University	Rominger, Madelyn	Mercyhurst University, University at Buffalo, Clarkson University, Allentown Village Society, Inc., Visual Arts Scholarship, Erie County Agricultural Society and Hamburg Gaming Scholarship
Hoth, Elliott	Paul Smith's College	Ruh, Grace	University of Tennessee, University of Miami, Stony Brook University, Allegheny College, Edinboro University
Janaski, Kailynn.	Gannon University, John Carroll University	Saskowski, Kristen	Keuka College
	SUNY Fredonia, Niagara University, Le Moyne College, Duquesne University Mercyhurst University, St. John Fisher College, Nazareth College	Schneeberger, Jordan	Fulvi Award NYS Association of Foreign Language Teachers
Jeziorski, Jessica	The University of Tampa, Duquesne University University at Buffalo, Saint Joseph's University, AXA Achievement Community Scholarship	Schultz, Stefani	Savannah College of Art and Design, Cazenovia College, Mercyhurst University
Kaforey, Elizabeth	The Road Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 669 Scholarship	Shul, Ronald	Ohio University
Kavanaugh, Margaret	Alfred University	Slomka, Thomas	Allentown Village Society Inc., Visual Arts Scholarship
Liberatore, Christopher	Ohio University, University of Dayton	Stebbins, Zachary	Pace University
Looney, Kevin	Army ROTC Scholarship	Stoj, Kiley	Character Excellence Scholarship Award
Losardo, Joseph.	Alfred University	Stromecki, Matthew	The University of Vermont, Colorado State University
Mahany, Timothy	Alfred University, Alfred State SUNY College of Technology	Thiesen, Benjamin	Alfred State SUNY College of Technology
Maley, Samantha	University at Buffalo	Tipton, Bradley	Paul Smith's College
Manley, Jason	Arcadia University	Visco, Jessica	Rochester Institute of Technology
Marx, Scott	Canisius College, St. Bonaventure University, Niagara University,	Vitko-Woods, Skylar	Miami University, The Greater Buffalo Alumnae, Panhellenic Association
	UFCW Local One Benefit Funds' Education Department Scholarship	Walters, Sara	Florida Gulf Coast University, University of Miami University at Buffalo
McClintock, Shannon	Mercyhurst University	Wiest, Grace	NYS Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association
McDonnell, Joseph	Ohio University, Miami University	Wolf, Travis	Northwestern University, Northeastern University, George Washington University, University at Buffalo
McKernon, Francesca	The Italian American Police Association of WNY/Robert S. Insalaco and Daniel J. Scime Financial Scholarship Award	Woodrich, Jacob	Canisius College, Elmira College
	Alfred University	Zdjelar, Serafima	Niagara University, Erie County Agricultural Society and Hamburg Gaming Scholarship
McMullen, Tanner	UFCW Local One Benefit Funds' Education Department Scholarship	Zeigler, Alexie	Alfred University
Nardolillo, Matthew	University at Buffalo, SUNY Buffalo State, SUNY Fredonia	Zgoda, Chelsea	Erie County Agricultural Society and Hamburg Gaming Scholarship
Orecki, Samuel	Medaille College	Zurbrick, Alexandra	SUNY Oswego, SUNY Buffalo State, Canisius College, Flagler College, University of Pittsburgh Bradford
Overhoff, Marla	University at Buffalo		
Palczewski, Jeffrey	Tri-County BOCES Education Association Member Child Scholarship		
Pasqualetti, Lena	Alfred State SUNY College of Technology		
Petrus, Zachary	The One Hundred Club of Buffalo Scholarship of Excellence		
Pietromicca, Julia	Brock University		
Preiss, Alexander	NYS Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association		
Regan, Allison	Daemen College, Fordham University		
Rindfleisch, Matthew	Quinnipiac University, SUNY Geneseo, Clarkson University, Canisius College, Gannon University, Duquesne University		
Roberts, Sean	Hawaii Pacific University		

# 2016 Awards & Scholarships

## AWARDS:

<b>Outstanding in the Visual Arts:</b>	Sabrina Marrazzo, Amanda Simone, Thomas Slomka, Kiley Stoj
<b>Financial Literacy Award:</b>	Sean Roberts
<b>Outstanding in DECA:</b>	Shaan Legros
<b>Outstanding in Accounting:</b>	Elizabeth Kaforey
<b>Outstanding in Business:</b>	Bert Dunn, Alexis Scheelar
<b>Outstanding in English:</b>	Hala El Solh, Maxime Legros
<b>Striving for Excellence Award:</b>	Martin Pietruszewski, Ethan Shiley
<b>Outstanding in French:</b>	Lauren Chavanne
<b>Outstanding in Latin IV:</b>	Annabelle Powell
<b>Outstanding in Spanish:</b>	Michael Gossel
<b>Outstanding Overall in Foreign Languages:</b>	Jordan Schneeberger
<b>Outstanding in Algebraic Techniques &amp; Statistical Methods (ATSM):</b>	Samantha Gloss
<b>Outstanding in Algebra 2:</b>	Kaitlin Cymerman, Alexis Scheelar, Serafima Zdjelar,
<b>Outstanding in Intermediate Algebra:</b>	Demitri Snyder
<b>Outstanding in Precalculus AB:</b>	Bridget Bayerl, Rachel Bebak, Jessica Burka, Nicole Legler
<b>Outstanding in Calculus AB:</b>	Theresa Gossel
<b>Outstanding in Calculus BC:</b>	Grace Ruh
<b>Outstanding in AP Statistics:</b>	Ian Ferer
<b>Outstanding in AP Computer Science:</b>	Calvin Clark
<b>Outstanding in Computer Science:</b>	Ian Ferer
<b>Outstanding in Chorus:</b>	Vincent Agro
<b>Outstanding in Orchestra:</b>	Tanner McMullen
<b>John Philip Sousa Award:</b>	Michael Gossel
<b>Louis Armstrong Award:</b>	Michael Gossel
<b>NYS Band Directors Association Honor Band:</b>	Riley Heywood
<b>Participation in NYSSMA Conference All-State:</b>	Vincent Agro, Elizabeth Crinzi, Michael Gossel, Benjamin Jankowski
<b>Participation in Area All-State Music Festival:</b>	Vincent Agro, Benjamin Bagley, Kaitlyn Bartz, Elizabeth Crinzi, Michael Gossel, Riley Heywood, Benjamin Jankowski, Maxime Legros, Shaan Legros, Lena Pasqualetti
<b>Erie County Music Educators All-County Ensemble:</b>	Vincent Agro, Kaitlyn Bartz, Porscha Colville, Kirsten Dean, Bert Dunn, Samantha Gloss, Michael Gossel, Clayton Hess, Riley Heywood, Tanner McMullen, Lena Pasqualetti
<b>New York State School Music Association Solo Competition:</b>	Dominique Detwiler, Ian Evans, Dylan Fanaro, Cameron Farrell, Dianna Fasolino, Riley Heywood,

<b>OPTA Senior Awards for Excellence:</b>	Benjamin Jankowski, Tatiana Kluckhohn, Emily Lander, Tanner McMullen, Monae Pouliot, Mikayla Pusatier, Allison Richards, Emily Richards, Salvatore Rizzo, Chelsea Zgoda
<b>Outstanding in Physical Education:</b>	Porscha Colville, Elizabeth Crinzi, Andrew Galas, Kennedy Jordan, Katherine Luchowski, Jeremy Pearce, Martin Pietruszewski, Madelyn Rominger, Bryan Somerville, Matthew Stromecki
<b>Outstanding in Health Education:</b>	Maxwell Cerone, Emily Geiger
<b>Art History- America's Visual Edge:</b>	Julia Pietromicca
<b>Outstanding in Corporate Economics:</b>	Jakob Dee, Mya Doyle
<b>Outstanding in Advanced Placement Government:</b>	Elena Kamis, Bryan Somerville
<b>Outstanding in Advanced Placement Economics:</b>	Hala El Solh, Ian Ferer, Elena Kamis, Karina Kuchumov, Maxime Legros, Joshua Sorrentino, Anna Swetz, Lucas Tara
<b>Model United Nations Individual Achievement Award:</b>	Margaret Ahern, Calvin Clark, Hala El Solh, Ian Ferer, Grace Ruh, Travis Wolf
<b>Model United Nations Leadership Award:</b>	Maxime Legros
<b>Outstanding in NYS Bar Association Mock Trial Competition:</b>	Lucy Covello, Hala El Solh
<b>Mock Trial Career Achievement Award:</b>	Alexander Preiss
<b>Triple C Award:</b>	Alexander Preiss
<b>NYS Comptroller Achievement Award:</b>	Kylie Backus, Elizabeth Kaforey
<b>Outstanding in Advanced Science:</b>	Emily Geiger
<b>Outstanding in Advanced Placement Physics:</b>	Ian Ferer
<b>Outstanding Ecologist:</b>	Jessica Burka, Kiley Stoj
<b>Doctissima Scientia:</b>	Nathan Albert, Ian Ferer
<b>STAP Comm</b>	
<b>Homeroom Representative Award:</b>	Elizabeth Battaglia, Emily Kraus, Megan Reilly
<b>Senior Leadership Awards:</b>	Lucy Covello, Elizabeth Crinzi, Cameron Farrell, Ian Ferer, Samantha Gloss, Theresa Gossel, Riley Heywood, Elena Kamis, Karina Kuchumov, Carolyn McCune, Allison Regan, Zachary Roman, Madelyn Rominger, Grace Ruh, Emily Sacks, Ethan Shiley, Amanda Simone, Bryan Somerville, Christie Witkowski, Travis Wolf, Serafima Zdjelar, Alexandra Zurbrick



<b>Senior Student Government Awards:</b>	Margaret Ahern, Sara Braun, Porscha Colville, Lucy Covello, Elena Kamis, Karina Kuchumov, Allison Regan, Madelyn Rominger, Travis Wolf
<b>Outstanding in Basic Auto:</b>	Elliott Hoth
<b>Outstanding in Communication Systems:</b>	Dylan Fanaro
<b>Outstanding in Computer Applications:</b>	Elizabeth Crinzi
<b>Outstanding in Computer Integrated Manufacturing:</b>	Timothy Mahany
<b>Outstanding in Digital Photography and Imagery:</b>	Kaitlin Cymerman
<b>Outstanding in Drawing &amp; Design for Production:</b>	Isaac Brunner, Thomas Slomka
<b>Outstanding in Energy Technology:</b>	Tyler Liberto
<b>Outstanding in Graphic Communications:</b>	John Carbaugh, Zachary LoVullo, Christopher Mikulec, Jessica Visco
<b>Outstanding in Home Maintenance:</b>	Matthew Stanek
<b>Outstanding in Media Productions:</b>	Ethan Armbrust
<b>Outstanding in Photography 2:</b>	Theresa Gossel, Christopher Mikulec
<b>Outstanding in Principles of Engineering:</b>	Timothy Mahany
<b>Outstanding in QTV Production:</b>	Alexander Preiss
<b>Outstanding in Small Engines:</b>	Jeffrey Palczewski
<b>Outstanding in Technical Drawing:</b>	Laura Dabireau
<b>Outstanding in Overall Technology:</b>	Timothy Mahany, Alex Tabaczynski
<b>Outstanding in Wood Technology:</b>	Dylan Waters
<b>Outstanding Technology Club Student:</b>	Thomas Endress
<b>Outstanding in TechWars:</b>	Timothy Mahany, Madelyn Rominger, Jessica Visco, Grace Wiest

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<b>Sports Editor Award:</b>	Zachary Roman
<b>Entertainment Editor Award:</b>	Sarah Hosking, Ethan Shiley
<b>Photo Editor Award:</b>	Sabrina Marrazzo
<b>Editor-in-Chief Award:</b>	Alexandra Zurbrick
<b>Athletic Awards</b>	
<b>U.S. Army Scholar Athlete:</b>	Kevin Looney, Kiley Stoj
<b>U.S. Airforce Award:</b>	Jaimee Glendenning, Thomas Roder
<b>OPHS Scholar Athlete:</b>	Daniel Freilicher, Christie Witkowski
<b>Athletic Leadership Award:</b>	Ryan Paolini, Lydia Petricca
<b>Mayor's Award:</b>	Brady Jensen, Grace Ruh
<b>Supervisor's Award:</b>	Andrea Ernst, Ronald Shul
<b>Outstanding Male and Female Award:</b>	Matthew Mercer, Grace Ruh
<b>Varsity Club Sportsmanship Award:</b>	Jason Manley, Christie Witkowski
<b>OPHS All Academic Athletic Team:</b>	Margaret Ahern, Daniel Freilicher, Theresa Gossel, Brady Jensen, Elena Kamis, Maxime Legros, Shaan Legros, Philip Marks, Corey McPoland, Julia Pietromicca, Allison Regan, Thomas Roder, Grace Ruh, Joshua Sorrentino, Anna Swetz, Jessica Visco, Grace Wiest, Christie Witkowski, Travis Wolf

<b>Perfect Attendance:</b>	Elizabeth Battaglia, Joel Christopherson, Thomas Endress, Ian Ferer, Michael Gossel, Jared Omerhodzic, Julia Pietromicca, Tyler Tanevski
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## SCHOLARSHIPS:

<b>AOF Alumni Award:</b>	Ethan Dempsey, Alexandra Hughlett, Karina Kuchumov
<b>AOF Scholarship/Financial Trust Federal Credit Union:</b>	Kaitlyn Bartz, Elizabeth Kaforey
<b>AOF Scholarship/Met Life:</b>	Benjamin Weber
<b>AOF Scholarship/Morgan Stanley AOF Leadership:</b>	Zachary Stebbins
<b>AOF Repp Construction Scholarship/Academy of Finance:</b>	Maxime Legros, Shaan Legros
<b>AOF OP Chamber of Commerce/Academy of Finance Scholarship:</b>	Amanda Mellerski
<b>Absolut Care of Orchard Park Scholarship:</b>	Lauren Destro
<b>Alan M. Arena Jr. Memorial Scholarship:</b>	Sarah Wylie
<b>American Legion Auxil. Marge Riemer Scholarship:</b>	Dominique Detwiler
<b>Ann C. Korhummel Memorial Scholarship:</b>	Vincent Agro, Kaitlyn Bartz
<b>Barbara J. Gow Scholarship:</b>	Alexie Zeigler
<b>Central Council PTO Scholarship:</b>	Samantha Gloss, Lucas Tara
<b>Clearplan Financial, Inc. Scholarship:</b>	Michael Gossel, Karina Kuchumov
<b>Charlotte Ash and Family Memorial Scholarship:</b>	Thomas Slomka
<b>Charlotte Ash Memorial Marching Band Scholarship:</b>	Annabelle Powell
<b>The Charlotte Ash Community Leader Scholarship:</b>	Amanda Mellerski
<b>Dan Carnevale Memorial Scholarship:</b>	Annabelle Powell
<b>Dr. Charles L. Stoddart Leadership Scholarship:</b>	Elena Kamis
<b>Dr. Stoddart Music Scholarship:</b>	Lena Pasqualetti
<b>E.D. Rebmman Youth Court Scholarship:</b>	Michael Gossel
<b>Edward D. &amp; Anne E. Rebmman Scholarship:</b>	Jessica Jeziorski
<b>Elmer Handel Memorial Scholarship:</b>	Mary Nemec
<b>The Farwell Family Courageous Leadership Award:</b>	Elizabeth Kaforey
<b>Heidi Worth Memorial Art Award:</b>	Olivia-Alyse Vega
<b>Helen Gillis Memorial Outstanding Boy/Girl Scholarship:</b>	Hala El Solh, Bryan Somerville
<b>James Heinike Memorial Scholarship:</b>	Corey McPoland
<b>James Richard Broadbent Scholarship:</b>	Travis Wolf
<b>Janet Jahnke Memorial Music Scholarship:</b>	Dominique Detwiler
<b>Jim Saville OP Rotary Foundation Scholarship:</b>	Michael Gossel
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<b>Kim Michalek Memorial Scholarship:</b>	Riley Heywood
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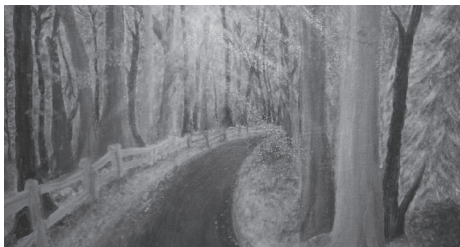
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