



Choral Banquet



Thursday, June 5, 2025

6:00 - 9:00 PM

**Joseph's Catering
275 Columbia Ave.
Depew, NY 14043**

Honoring Mrs. Valerie Acee's Retirement

2025

Choral Banquet Agenda

🎵 Welcome Speeches from Presidents of Each Ensemble

🎵 Dinner

🎵 Choral Booster Speech

🎵 Senior Gifts / Roasts

🎵 Award Recipients:



- National School Choral Award
- Most Improved Vocalist
- P.T.O. Outstanding Choral Award
- Dr. Eugene Small Choral Achievement Award
- Dr. Richard Moomaw Choral Service Award
- Clarence Lions Club Vocal Music Award: in Memory of Elmer Heeb
- Thanks – You Made a Difference Award
- Chorale, Treble, & Mixed Awards
- Honors Ensemble Awards (NYSSMA, ECMEA)
- Outstanding Section
- Outstanding Attitude
- Vocal Jazz Award
- Extracurricular Student Conductors
- GEM (Going the Extra Mile) Awards
- Music in Me Scholarship
- Robert Vehar Memorial Scholarship

🎵 Slide Show Presentation and Final Remarks

Thank You to Our 2024-2025 Officers

🎵 MIXED CHORUS

- *President/Boosters Liaison - Bailee Goldman*
- *Student Conductor - Persephone Cook*
- *Vice-President - Ace Morris*
- *Treasurer - Brendan Swain*
- *Secretary - Gavin Vacanti*



🎵 TREBLE CHORUS

- *President/Student Conductor - Angelina Fetterly*
- *Vice-President - Isabella Zinno*
- *Secretary - Natalie Fetter*
- *Treasurer - Avery Collins*
- *Historian - Grace Kinnan*
- *Librarian - Tegan Keough*
- *Boosters Liaison - Holly Royce*
- *Assistant Wardrobe - Isabelle Mahoney*

🎵 CHORALE

- *President - Asher Philyaw*
- *Vice President/Student Conductor - Julian Wyant*
- *Secretary - Meghan O'Neill*
- *Treasurer - Daniel Klemenzenz*
- *Technology Facilitator - Sophia Pawlak*
- *Historian - Olivia Browne*
- *Librarian - Samantha Aiple*
- *Boosters Liaison - Griffin Lehmbeck*
- *Wardrobe - David Brophy*

Farewell to Our Seniors



*Cicero Burgess
Riley Conlin
Persephone Cook
Bailee Goldman
Ace Morris
Lucius Zych
Samantha Aiple
Olivia Browne
Zoe Burget
Olivia Collins
Caleb Dawson
Anabella Fanara
Natalie Fetter
Angelina Fetterly*

*Bailee Goldman
Dalton Hunt
Daniel Klemenzenz
Izabelle Mahoney
Ace Morris
Meghan O'Neill
Sophia Pawlak
Asher Philyaw
Isabel Rosel
Maya Sallaj
Allen Van Allen
Austin Vitello
Sarah Zulick
Lucius Zych*

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HooRAY



May your gift of song live on!



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VALERIE D. ACEE

Valerie joined the faculty of Clarence Central Schools in the spring of 2005 taking over for a maternity leave. She began her permanent work with the district in 2006 when she earned a full-time probationary position. Val was a well-known entity before that time however, as she worked as a substitute throughout six buildings. Her full-time work brought her to Ledgeview, Clarence Center, and the High School. She also worked in the Hamburg Central Schools and Amherst Central Schools before joining the faculty at CCSD.

Valerie earned her BFA in Music Education as well as her MS in Elementary Education both from SUNY Buffalo State University. Over her 24 years in the classroom, Val taught general education for Grade 1, Music Education grades Kindergarten thru 6th grade, as well as Choral Music grades 4-6 and 9-12.

Valerie looks back fondly on the relationships she developed with students, families and colleagues over the last 24 years. When asked about her plans for retirement, Val wrote: "June 30th - my husband who retired March 28th and I have one way tickets to fly to Arizona. We sold our house here - and have purchased one out there. Our two youngest sons are just outside of Phoenix and our oldest is in Los Angeles - so, with their blessings, we are moving to be closer to them. Zach is married, Justin and Tallulah will be tying the knot soon - or so People Magazine says, and Jacob will be following in their footsteps. Hopefully there will be grand babies to dote on - but until then - we have a whole new state and coast to discover and hopefully many years ahead of us to enjoy life together."

When asked to provide some advice for those just entering the profession, Valerie advises, "Yes ...we were hired to teach a curriculum. But as educators, we mentor and guide children, fallible human beings being raised by other fallible human beings. Learn about the children in your care. Encourage them, build them up, cheer them on, help them to learn we are all human. We all have flaws. We all have talents. Let your students know they matter to you. Learn their names and what things are important to them."

She leaves us with the following thank-yous: " Ah huge thank you to The school secretaries, the school nurses, the custodians incredible people who run our buildings and have always been supportive and kind in so many ways. I have worked with so many teachers in this district, between Ledgeview, Clarence Center and the High School. Too many names to mention everyone. But my colleagues in the music department ... have been incredible partners on this journey. Gerry Hardick I will forever be grateful to. Dan Denecke, Jen Tanski, Sharon Szeglowksi, Tammy Gordon, and Theresa Fox I have known since the beginning. My husband - who in the early years attended EVERY SINGLE ONE of my concerts, helped me with sound systems, and my classroom, has been my sounding board for 40 years- 38 of them married."

Valerie, thank you for being such a wonderful colleague and friend! We wish you all the best in your retirement.

Congratulations Mrs. Acee

Happy *Retirement!*

