



## 2025 LEGENDS LEAD THE WAY: TOP 10 ACADEMIC HONORS



**Alannah Roberts** of Bliss is the Valedictorian of the class of 2025 with a cumulative grade point average of 101.773. Alannah is the daughter of Eric and Cassandra Roberts. Alannah will attend Nazareth University in the fall to study physical therapy. During her time in high school, Alannah was involved in: volleyball, softball, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Students, Student Athletic Council, High School Student Council, band, 4-H, Girl Scouts, and World Language Club. Alannah is the president of the Class of 2025 and National Honor Society. Alannah has received the New York State Academic Excellence Award as well as a Nazareth University Scholarship, a Nazareth University Purple and Gold Scholarship, and a Nazareth University Presidential Scholarship.



**Isaac Hansen** of Bliss is the **Salutatorian** of the class of 2025 with a cumulative grade point average of 100.440. Isaac is the son of Christopher and Shanna Hansen. In the fall, Isaac will be attending the Air Force Academy to study management. Throughout high school, Isaac has been a member of the basketball, soccer, golf, and track and field teams. He has also been the vice president of the Class of 2024, president of the student council, vice president of the band, and the secretary of the National Honor Society. In addition, Isaac has been the treasurer of the Varsity Club and Drama Club Director. Isaac has also been a member of Model UN, Chess Club, Math Team, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Students, and participated in the Prom Committee. He has also worked as a field scout for CSS Farms and as a concessions attendant at Letchworth State Park. Isaac has earned the New York State Academic Excellence Award.



**Felicity Wantuch** of Bliss ranks third in the class of 2025 with a cumulative grade point average of 100.236. Felicity is the daughter of Daniel Wantuch and Katrina Tozier. Felicity plans on attending Genesee Community College to study health studies. During high school, Felicity has been a member of the cross country team, wrestling, track and field, and the National Honor Society. Felicity has earned the New York State Academic Excellence Award.



**Lily Distaffen** of Gainesville is ranked fourth in the class of 2025 with a cumulative grade point average of 98.977. Lily is the daughter of Guy and Elizabeth Distaffen. After graduation, Lily plans on attending SUNY Geneseo to study finance. Over the past few years, Lily has participated in Junior National Honor Society, National Honor Society, Spectrum Chorus, Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, Vacation Bible School, and singing in her church choir. Lily was selected as a Genesee Community College Advanced Studies Wyoming County Outstanding Scholars Semifinalist in Mathematics.

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**Ava Conklin** of Castile is ranked fifth in the class of 2025 with a cumulative grade point average of 98.625. Ava is the daughter of Daniel and Lisa Conklin. Next year, Ava plans on attending SUNY Oswego to study graphic design. Ava has participated in softball, volleyball, golf, Student Council, 4-H, National Honor Society, and Kids for Christ.

Ava has earned a SUNY Oswego Presidential Scholarship.



**Derek Smith** of Gainesville is ranked sixth in the class of 2025 with a cumulative grade point average of 98.266. Derek is the son of Jason and Jennifer Smith. In the fall, Derek will attend Ithaca College to study sports media. During high school, Derek was a member of the wrestling and golf teams. Derek has earned an Ithaca College Residential

Experience Scholarship, Ithaca College Scholarship, and the LCAA Wrestling Scholarship.



**Adam Webster** of Perry is ranked seventh in the class of 2025 with a cumulative grade point average of 98.189. Adam is the son of Paul and Rachel Webster. Next year, Adam will be attending SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry to study construction management. In high school, Adam was a member of the soccer, basketball, and baseball teams. He also participated in National Honor Society, Student Council, Math Team, and Boy Scouts. Adam has earned the SUNY ESF 1911 Scholarship, SUNY ESF Centennial Hall Scholarship, and the SUNY ESF Presidential Scholarship.

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**Onalee Gates** of Silver Springs is ranked eighth in the class of 2025 with a cumulative grade point average of 97.904. Onalee is the daughter of Dwight and Heidi Gates. In the fall, Onalee will be attending the University at Buffalo to study biology and pre-veterinary with a minor in environmental science. Onalee was involved in Drama Club, Spectrum Chorus, Big Buddy, National Junior Honor Society, and National Honor Society. Onalee has earned the University at Buffalo Pride of New York Scholarship.



## POP-BOTTLE ROCKET PROJECT

This spring, our Conceptual Physics students took learning to new heights—literally—with our culminating Pop-Bottle Rocket Project!

Over several weeks, students applied key physics concepts such as pressure, thrust, and stability to design, build, and launch their own bottle rockets. Individuals and teams used creativity and problem-solving skills to engineer rockets capable of carrying an “egg-stronaut” as high as possible.

Along the way, students worked within an allotted budget and learned how to locate the center of gravity and center of pressure—key factors in flight stability. Launch Day was the thrilling finale, complete with data collection, dramatic lift-offs, and a few surprise landings. Some egg-stronauts even survived to fly another day!

Congratulations to Annika Millilo, whose rocket reached the highest overall height. Congratulations to the team of Tim Jordan and Devin Gebauer, whose rocket flew nearly as high as Annika’s and was able to keep the egg-stronaut from cracking under pressure. Congratulations to Gage Slocum who 3D printed a nose cone for his rocket in the LCS Innovation Center that enabled him to successfully deploy a parachute during flight.

Whether their rockets soared or sputtered, every student walked away with a deeper understanding of the engineering process and the physics of flight. It was an exciting and educational way to wrap up the year—our students truly proved that science is best learned hands-on!



**Nicholas Jacoby** of Castile is ranked ninth in the class of 2025 with a cumulative grade point average of 97.300. Nick is the son of Kirk and Amy Jacoby. After graduation Nick plans on attending Rochester Institute of Technology to study cybersecurity. During high school, Nick participated in the National Honor Society, hockey, Model UN, and Boy’s State. Nick has earned the Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Award.



**Shelby Hastreiter** of Gainesville is ranked tenth in the class of 2025 with a cumulative grade point average of 96.964. Shelby is the daughter of Eric and Lacey Hastreiter. In the fall, Shelby plans to attend SUNY Fredonia to study adolescent math education and dance. Throughout school, Shelby participated in cheerleading, Drama Club, Math Team, Spectrum Chorus and competitive dance. Shelby has earned the SUNY Fredonia Presidential Scholarship, and the New York State Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Incentive Program Award.



**LEAP** - Be Safe! Be Respectful! Be Responsible! Be a Scholar! Our elementary students reviewed and practiced those positive expectations across all school settings during the last couple of months. Students have been working hard to get “caught” doing the right thing and earning red tickets. A schoolwide goal of earning 3,000 tickets by April was set and achieved! Because of this students and staff enjoyed a Hawaiian Party complete with Limbo competition and a photobooth! Students are now working towards earning a School’s Out For Summer Bash including a slip-n-slide event on June 23rd.



## YMCA CLEAN UP MAY 13, 2025

On Tuesday, May 13th Letchworth Junior Honor Society joined forces with the YMCA staff in Warsaw for a Spring clean up. Students weeded gardens, planted flowers, cleaned up the playground, wiped down the exercise machines and spread fresh mulch throughout the grounds. Students also took part in cleaning up an Eco Garden where they learned how to grow plants with recycled materials. The day was a huge success for everyone involved!



## SUMMER FEEDING 2025

- SummerMealsNY.org
- 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479) English
- 1-877-8-HAMBRE (1-877-842-6273) Spanish

## Regional Food Service: GV BOCES Districts

1. Batavia City Schools: Check school website for dates, times and locations. [bataviacsd.org](http://bataviacsd.org)
2. Byron-Bergen Central Schools: Check website for dates, times and locations. [bbschools.org](http://bbschools.org)
3. Dansville Central Schools: Check website for dates, times and locations. [dansvillecsd.org](http://dansvillecsd.org)
4. Keshequa Central Schools: Check website for dates, times and locations. [keshequa.org](http://keshequa.org)
5. Mt. Morris Central School: Check website for dates, times and locations. [mtmorriscsd.org](http://mtmorriscsd.org)
6. LeRoy Central Schools: Check website for dates, times and locations. [leroycsd.org](http://leroycsd.org)
7. Oakfield-Alabama Central Schools: Check website for dates, times and locations. [oahornets.org](http://oahornets.org)
8. Wayland-Cohocton Central Schools: Check website for dates, times and locations. [wccsk12.org](http://wccsk12.org)





## **AROUND THE WORLD IN 90 DAYS**

Miss DeGolyer and Miss Becker’s fourth graders have completed an earth-shaking task: researching all of the known 195 countries of the world. The project started quite innocently in mid-March when the 4th grade classroom discovered an empty bulletin board that just needed to be filled. Recognizing that their students had limited geographical knowledge, the teachers decided to hang a world map, printing out a handful of generic country research pages that students could complete in spare time, if they so chose. And from this simple beginning, a great lesson began to unfold.

To the delight of their teachers, students completely took over the project. Just having a map to look at generated excitement, but when they saw the research pages, they became truly enthralled. They decided, on day one, that they were going to research ALL of the countries in the world, a feat that their teachers secretly did not expect them to accomplish. 4th grade researchers worked on this task every spare minute. By early June, the last country was crossed off the list and hung on the increasingly crowded wall.

Students used multiple databases to discover basic information about each country to include: continent, capital, language, currency, current leader, famous people, food, and landmarks. They also drew the flag for each country and then had to find it on the large map. Students would attach a string to the location on the map and connect it to their completed research papers on the wall. “My favorite part was drawing the flags,” commented researcher Autumn Cole. There was so much excitement over this project that kids asked if they could work on it over recess and lamented when their chromebooks weren’t working, promoting responsibility in making sure their devices were charged.

This student-driven task was celebrated on June 18th with an “Around the World Day.” Students dressed up and brought in artifacts from different countries. The class enjoyed a food item, game, craft, and music selection from each continent that they researched, including something from 23 different countries. Some favorites were nanaimo bars from Canada, pork dumplings from China, origami from Japan, and a drum circle with Mr. Hopkins from Guinea. Alionna Schillaci discovered that “dumplings are my new favorite food!” Annelise Grasso commented “This is so much fun” about twenty times throughout the day. This organic, inquiry-based lesson may have started on a smaller scale but, thanks to student-interest and enthusiasm, soon became legendary.

### **LETCWORTH FFA SHINES AT 100TH NYS FFA CONVENTION IN SYRACUSE!**

What an AMAZING week for our Letchworth Central FFA Chapter!

Over 3,400 FFA members from across New York gathered at the State Fairgrounds in Syracuse this May to celebrate the 100th New York State FFA Convention—and Letchworth made an unforgettable impression! With a packed schedule of competitions, workshops, and recognition ceremonies, our students stood out in every way, showcasing their knowledge, leadership, and passion for agriculture.

### **AGRICULTURAL ISSUES TEAM TAKES 1ST PLACE!**

After eight months of intense research and preparation, our Agricultural Issues team brought home the gold, placing 1st in the state! This competition challenges students to explore complex agricultural topics and present well-researched viewpoints. Team members Hayden, Sage, Kaylie, Juli, Tim, Addie, and Maynard delivered a compelling presentation and earned a spot at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis this fall. Incredible work!

# SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2025

On May 29, 2025, approximately 30 Letchworth Athletes traveled to Avon Central School to participate in various athletic events, as well as, a variety of other fun activities



Our high school students showed off their talents in running races, and field events. Participants won ribbons for their efforts.



Our younger participants had a foot race, demonstrated their skills in a softball throw, and had a blast playing games in the Olympic Village.



Some stand-out moments were Harper's victory in the wheelchair race, Destiny making her mark with the longest softball throw, and Abby's speed on the track! Tony was the anchor in our 4x1 relay, to help clinch the victory!

**The day was filled with smiles and laughter by all. Thank you to the many volunteers, and the support of our athletes' families!**

## ATHLETICS NEWS



On Friday, March 16th, several of our student-athletes attended the Partners 4 Prevention Symposium held at the Breezeway Barns. The topic of this event was centered around the dangers of Vaping and THC use. Our students were able to hear from people who have made it their work to educate others, based on their own experiences. Partners 4 Prevention also provided activities for the students to participate in to give them a little more of a real-world experience.



**Congratulations to Naomi Yount on winning the Class C2 Outdoor Track & Field Pole Vault Championship.**

## SPRING SPORTS LCAA ALL STARS:

Baseball- Hayden Schroeder  
Boys Track & Field- Noah Brown, AJ Gray Tristen Schwertfeger, Jaydin Wright  
Girls Track & Field- Maggie Almeter, Mia Belkota, Miranda Hoyt, Maci Weaver, Naomi Yount  
Golf- Daniel Till  
Softball- Grace Mitchell, Charity Scott

## SPRING SPORTS EXCEPTIONAL SENIORS:

Baseball- Hayden Schroeder  
Softball- Kaylie Emmons, Alexis Mitchell, Grace Mitchell

## PAGE TURNERS

On March 31st, the Lower Level Page Turners Red Team won the Regional Championship! The competition took place at Pavilion Central and the LCS Red team (the Central Division winner) competed against the other divisional winners including: Pembroke from the Northwest, LeRoy 1 from the North, Avon 1 from the Northeast, Pavilion 2 from the East, and Wayland-Cohocton 1 from the South.



Participants on the team were: Row 1: Fernando Avalos-Perez, Landon Speed, Anthony Tisdale, Callen Bonn, Row 2: Landon Weber, Charlie Reed, Emily Hemming, Lennox Roberts, Evelyn Grover, and Josephine Bergmann. Coach: Deanna Breunig.

This is the first time Letchworth has won the Regional Championship since 2013! Congratulations on a fantastic season!

## JUNIOR TOOL ID TEAMS REPRESENT WITH PRIDE

Our up-and-coming FFA members stepped up in the Tool Identification contest. Levi & Gabe, along with Aubrey & Audrey, tackled tool recognition and application with confidence. These juniors demonstrated a solid foundation in ag mechanics—great job representing Letchworth's future leaders!

## EMPIRE DEGREE HONORS

Congratulations to Sage and Ashton, recipients of the Empire Degree—the highest honor a New York FFA member can receive! This prestigious award recognizes exceptional achievement in leadership, community service, and agricultural excellence.

## DISTRICT 9 FFA PRESIDENT ELECTED

We're incredibly proud to announce that Sage was elected as District 9 FFA President! This leadership role is a huge accomplishment and a testament to her dedication and inspiring presence in the FFA community. She will lead events and initiatives throughout the district—what an amazing year ahead!

From public speaking to hands-on technical skills, our FFA members continue to exemplify the values of leadership, teamwork, and agricultural excellence. We are so proud of each and every student who represented Letchworth at this milestone convention. Here's to the next 100 years of FFA success!



## WHALE WATCH

If we had to pick one word to describe the 7th & 8th grade trip to Boston it would be smiles.

From the moment the 7th and 8th graders boarded the bus, excitement lit up every face. Whether it was exploring Howe Caverns, Quincy Market, searching for whales, marveling at marine life at the New England Aquarium, Duck Boat Tours, Fire & Ice Hibachi dinner, the USS Constitution, and touring in Salem, there was one thing everyone had in common: a smile.

Students smiled as they stood where history was made, smiled while petting stingrays, and smiled even more while laughing with friends on the ride to and from Boston. We were even lucky enough to have one of our chaperones sign the top of the Duck boat for being in the military. This trip wasn't just educational, it was a joyful reminder that learning can be an adventure. And nothing says success like a smile!

## FOOD SCIENCE TEAM BREAKS NEW GROUND

This year marked Letchworth's debut in the Food Science competition—and what a debut it was! Team members Miranda, Abby, and Isabella created a unique entrée, identified food aromas, and aced a food science exam. A special shoutout to Miranda, who placed 5th individually out of a very competitive field!

## MAPLE TEAM TAPS INTO SUCCESS

Letchworth's Maple Team—Hazel, Ashton, Katie, and Alison—showed off their syrup-savvy skills in a hands-on contest involving collection systems and production techniques. Katie's exceptional knowledge and performance earned her 2nd place individually, while the entire team impressed judges with their technical expertise.

## SHOWMANSHIP SUCCESS: SIBLING TEAM WINS BIG

The Showmanship ring was full of excitement as siblings Hayden and Audrey competed with their Holstein heifers. Their poise and control wowed the judges—Hayden placed 2nd, and Audrey earned 1st in her division! Both advanced to the Master Showman competition, a true honor among elite showmen.

## DAIRY PROFICIENCY RECOGNITION

A heartfelt congratulations to Hayden, named a finalist for his Dairy Production SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience). His dedication to animal care, management, and dairy science truly stood out. We can't wait to see how his passion for dairy continues to grow!

## THE LEGENDS OF 2025

Our graduating 2025 Seniors have truly left a lasting mark on our school. These LEGENDS will be deeply missed, not only for their achievements, but also for the energy and spirit they brought to every hallway, classroom, and event. They've given us countless memories—ones that will be cherished for years to come. Two of our seniors are taking on the incredible honor of serving our country—Isaac Hanson is heading to the Air Force Academy and Ty Domes is joining the Army. Their courage and commitment inspire us all. We couldn't be more proud of every single graduate. The future is in good hands, we wish them all the very best!

As we close out another successful school year, I want to take a moment to congratulate the Legends staff and community on the progress we've made "together"! Serving as Superintendent is a responsibility I hold with deep gratitude, and it is with sincere humility that I applaud everyone's efforts, rooted in collaboration, focused on students, with a commitment to servant leadership. These are not things I have done, **it is what we have done together!** As we look to the future, we remain committed to continuous improvement, collaboration, and maintaining a district culture where everyone is seen, heard, and valued. Thank you for your ongoing trust and partnership with LCS. Together...WE are Letchworth, a place where LEGENDS are built.

With great joy,  
Todd Campbell, Superintendent

