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"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"

Congrats Class of 2026!



ISABELLE WEST
Valedictorian

Isabelle West has been named the Valedictorian of the Olean High School Class of 2026. She is the daughter of Heather Kayes and Heath West. She will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Mastery in science. Throughout high school, she maintained high honor roll and was enrolled in advanced and college credit courses.

Isabelle devoted her school years to dance. She participated in competition teams, recreational classes, and assisted with the younger dancers at Step Up Dance Academy. She competed at both the regional and national level, including the World Dance Championship in New York City. While competing in dance, she earned many awards. Isabelle also had the opportunity to instruct young dancers for three consecutive years.

Additionally, Isabelle was elected to the Student Activities Council and student government, serving as the President of the Treasury her senior year. She was also a member of the National Honor Society throughout her junior and senior years. Isabelle has been an avid volunteer in the community. She participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring for two years and Homeless Huskies for four years. She was a volunteer for Unified Basketball, Winter Carnival, and Exceptional Track and Field Day. She also volunteered at the local elementary schools for many events. Through her dance studio, she helped run lock-in events and summer dance camps, while also dancing in the Santa Claus Lane Parade for seven years. Academically, Isabelle has been awarded multiple academic excellence awards including the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award. She also received the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award.

Isabelle will attend Nazareth University in the fall, majoring in Health Science in the 3+3 Physical Therapy program. She plans to double minor in Public Health and Dance Studies.

CONGRATS ISABELLE!



SAMUEL MORGAN
Salutatorian

Samuel Morgan has been named the Salutatorian of the Olean High School Class of 2026. He will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in math and science. Samuel is a member of National Honor Society and maintained high honor roll throughout his academic career while completing advanced and college credit courses.

Samuel was heavily involved in all aspects of Olean High School's music programs. He was an active member of band and was the senior conductor at the 2026 spring concert. In orchestra, Samuel held first chair in his freshman through senior years and participated in many different string ensembles both in and out of school. He was accepted into Area All State for the last three years and was first chair cellist junior and senior years. Throughout his primary education, he learned seven instruments fluently. He was also a member of Bel Canto and Select Choir.

Most of Samuel's free time was spent volunteering with the public theaters in Olean. His involvement has included acting, assistant directing, and stage management. Throughout his high school career, he has been involved in twenty-three different productions at the Olean Community Theatre and the Olean Theatre Workshop. Shows that he has worked on producing have received numerous awards, and Samuel also won an individual Theatre Association of New York State Award for overall theatrical performance. He is on the board of the Olean Community Humorists and helps create and host their shows. In the Olean Theatre Workshop student classes, he has been involved for the last decade and has been a teacher aide in the middle school class throughout high school as well.

Samuel will attend Ohio University in the fall to earn his undergraduate degree. He will major in Astrophysics and plans to pursue his graduate degree in the same field.

CONGRATS SAMUEL!



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Anna Bates is the daughter of Michael and Kristine Bates. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years and has earned the Scholar-Athlete Award while maintaining high honor roll status throughout high school. Anna also served as senior class vice president and volunteered with the Unified Sports Program, including Special Olympics Winter Carnival, and the Olean Area Exceptional Track and Field Day. In addition, she has volunteered at East View and Washington West Elementary schools for various events and has participated in Homeless Huskies since eighth grade. Anna is a three-sport athlete in volleyball, basketball, and softball, serving as captain of all three teams. She has earned CCAA honors in each sport, was named CCAA Softball Player of the Year, received All–WNY Large School Softball honors, and was selected for the Big 30 Softball All-Star Team. She has also played travel volleyball and softball for Octane and Synergy. Anna plans to attend John Carroll University in the fall to study Health Science and play softball for the Blue Streaks.

Olivia Black is the daughter of Amethyst Black, goddaughter of Crystal and Jason Nobles. Olivia was a high honor roll student and part of the National Honor Society throughout her high school career. She served as the class president of her graduating class. She was actively involved in Model UN, Yearbook Committee, Souper Bowl of Caring, and Homeless Huskies. Additionally, she participated in the Interact Club, Diversity Club, World with Water Club, and DECA. She represented Olean as a student School Board Member in her senior year dedicating hours out of her schedule to become more involved in the community. She has received the Harold Dutton Spotlight award twice throughout high school and has received numerous academic awards. She is the recipient of the Seal of Civic Readiness as she demonstrated strong academic performance and dedication to volunteer hours. She has taken advantage of the PEP EARN program where she earned many college credits. She volunteered in and out of school with the Unified Basketball games, Winter Carnival, and Exceptional Track and Field Day. She was part of the Olean girls' varsity golf team, soccer team, and cross-country team. Olivia will attend Mercyhurst University in the fall majoring in Biology with a Neuroscience concentration and minoring in pre-law.

Adrian Bohdanowycz is the son of Alexandra Wesley and Nicholas Bohdanowycz. He was a member of the National Honor Society and a high honor roll student throughout his high school career. Adrian served as the president of the Student Activities Council and was class president from eighth to eleventh grade. He also served as the President of DECA his senior year and was a member of the Principal's Advisory Council. Adrian served his community through volunteer work at a local school helping with their relocation, volunteered at St. Vincent DePaul as a general custodian, and school sponsored events including Homeless Huskies, Unified Basketball, and the Winter Carnival. Additionally, Adrian participated in varsity basketball, football, golf, track, soccer, and cross country throughout his high school career. He was a part of the class A2 basketball sectional championship team in his sophomore year as well as the class A2 sectional runner up team his senior year. Adrian will attend the University of Pittsburgh in the fall, majoring in Finance and minoring in Economics.

Jabre'yah Brown is the daughter of Khaleiah Ramadhan. Jabre'yah was a member of the National Honor Society and on high honor roll throughout her high school career. She was a member of the cross country, basketball, and indoor and outdoor track teams. Her track achievements include making it to sectionals and Super 8's multiple times and earning the Most Outstanding Field Athlete at Olean's Invitational this year. Over the years she has participated in clubs such as Model UN, Book Club, and Diversity Club. Jabre'yah has also participated in band and Select Choir. Jabre'yah will attend Alfred State College in the fall, majoring in Radiologic Technology.

Aaron Budaj is the son of Aaron and Jennifer Budaj. He was a member of the National Honor Society and a high honor roll student. In high school, he participated in numerous music activities such as Select Chorus, Bel Canto, band, orchestra, and theater. He played roles such as Buddy in "Elf," the Scarecrow in "The Wizard of Oz," and Edward in "Big Fish." He has gone to Conference All State for chorus and attended multiple All-Counties for both band and chorus. He earned the Cutler Scholarship for Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Aaron will major in Biochemistry.



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Mallory Carter is the daughter of Greg Carter and Danielle Evingham. She completed the New Visions Education program in her senior year. She was a member of the National Honor Society and a high honor roll student throughout her high school career. Through her participation in National Honor Society, she established the Kick for a Cure charity soccer game that benefited local families battling cancer. She served as the vice president of the Student Activities Council and was class treasurer from eighth to eleventh grade. Mallory played on the varsity soccer team for five years and was awarded MVP twice in preseason tournaments. She served as a captain her senior year and received the "We're Impressed" Award along with being named to the CCAA West Second Team All Stars. She also played varsity softball for three years. Additionally, Mallory participated in many clubs and organizations such as TV Studio, Souper Bowl of Caring, World with Water Club, and Homeless Huskies. She volunteered her time both inside and outside of school hours with Unified Basketball, Exceptional Track and Field Day, Winter Carnival, and many elementary events. She will be attending St. Bonaventure in the fall to pursue a degree in Education.

Finnian Caya is the son of Andrew and Lauren Caya. Finn was a member of National Honor Society and served as executive secretary of the Student Activities Council. He was proud to represent OHS on multiple sports teams. Finn was an offensive and defensive lineman on the football team for three years and he received an invitation to participate in the Big 30 Charity Classic. Finn also played varsity golf. He was a member of DECA and participated and volunteered in Unified Sports. Finn will attend the University at Buffalo majoring in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

Miley Crawford is the daughter of June Crawford and Kevin Dougherty. She was a member of the National Honor Society and earned her place on the high honor roll. During her time in National Honor Society, she volunteered at the Special Olympics, Unified Sports, and Winter Carnival. Miley volunteered her time outside of school as well. She was a part of the varsity golf team for four years and received the Coaches Award. She served as class secretary during her senior year. Miley also worked part-time at her family-owned business throughout school and in the summer. She was actively involved in Model United Nations, the Souper Bowl of Caring, and participated in Homeless Huskies for four years. Miley will attend Robert Morris University in the fall majoring in Electrical Engineering.

Brynn Cygan is the daughter of Jill and Kevin Cygan. Brynn was a member of the National Honor Society and a high honor roll student throughout high school. She volunteered in and out of school participating in Unified Sports, Homeless Huskies, and fundraised for the Pink Pumpkin Project. She participated in varsity track and competed in dance outside of school. Brynn will attend Alfred State in the fall where she will major in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Ellowyn Davis is the daughter of Tonya Porter and Justin Davis. Ellowyn was a member of the National Honor Society and a high honor roll student. She was also a member of Art Club, Science Club, and Creative Writing Club. Ellowyn volunteered at the SPCA and Bartlett Country Club for princess parties. Being fond of art, she had many art pieces featured in Olean High School showcases showing her passion. She will attend Hudson Valley Community College in the fall, majoring in Mortuary Science.





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Serenity Durphy is the daughter of Keith and Tricia Durphy. Serenity was a member of National Honor Society during her junior and senior years. Throughout high school, Serenity maintained high honor roll. She served as class president in twelfth grade and was the secretary of Z-Club for eleventh and twelfth grades. Serenity participated in varsity track and tennis. She was an active member of the World with Water Club, and the French Club, where she served at co-president her junior year. During her junior year she played various roles in the musical "Wizard of Oz" and was a member of Select Chorus. She participated in numerous volunteer actives including the Superbowl of Caring and Homeless Huskies. Serenity will attend St. Bonaventure University in the fall where she will major in Biochemistry.

Lauren Dyal is the daughter of Kristin Langdon and Ron Dyal. She was a member of the National Honor Society and an honor roll student throughout her time at Olean High School. She was a member of World with Water Club and actively participated in many school activities. She volunteered for the Winter Carnival at Holiday Valley and volunteered for the Special Olympics. When she could find time, she enjoyed volunteering at the local SPCA. She worked two part-time jobs throughout high school as well. Lauren plans to attend the University at Buffalo in the fall, majoring in Biology on the pre-dental track.

Braelyn Eaton is the daughter of Shannon Barth and Brian Eaton. She was a member of the National Honor Society and a high honor roll student. Braelyn was a member of the varsity tennis team competing at second doubles. In addition, she was involved in Creative Writing Club, French Club, where she served as president for four years, Interact Club, Z Club, Poetry Out Loud, and Homeless Huskies. Braelyn will attend SUNY Geneseo in the fall majoring in English Literature.

Lily Eaton is the daughter of Bill and Danielle Eaton. Lily was a member of the National Honor Society and earned the role of secretary. She served as the public media relations specialist for the class of 2026. She was a member of the Ski Club, Book Club, and the Literary Journal. Lily played multiple sports including soccer, cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track. She also specialized in pole vault year-round. Lily was also part of band and Select Chorus. She volunteered in and out of school with the Special Olympics, Homeless Huskies, downtown gardens, and at the Saint Bonaventure Warming House. Lily will attend Ohio University in the fall majoring in Aviation Management.

Ava Finch is the daughter of Marlana and Dave Finch. Ava was a member of the National Honor Society and a high honor roll student throughout high school. She served as the event coordinator and creations specialist of the Student Activities Council and was class vice president from eighth to eleventh grade. Ava was a part of varsity soccer for five years, varsity basketball for four years, and varsity softball for five years. She also served as a captain for all three sports in her senior year. Additionally, Ava was actively involved in Homeless Huskies, Winter Carnival, Unified Sports, and Exceptional Track and Field Day. Ava will attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania in the fall, majoring in Speech Pathology.





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Courtney Gross is the daughter of Tracy Snyder and Samuel Gross. Courtney was a member of the National Honor Society and a high honor roll student throughout high school. She was a member of Select Choir all four years of high school and was in Bel Canto her junior and senior years. She participated in Homeless Huskies and was a member of the Zonta Club. Courtney plans to attend Alfred State College in the fall majoring in Forensic Science Technology.

Victoria Harris is the daughter of Terry Painter and Teresa Wesley. She was consistently on the honor and high honor roll throughout high school. She was also an active member of the school's National Honor Society, where she led a group of NHS members to Total Senior Care to engage with senior citizens through volleyball and board games. Victoria volunteered for the Exceptional Track and Field Day, the SPCA, Homeless Huskies, and numerous elementary school events including recording music concerts for Mr. Hughey. During her senior year, she served as the class social media manager. She received the Harold Dutton award twice in her high school career for displaying good character. Victoria was a member of select choir, Bel Canto, and the school's orchestra, where she played violin. She attended All-County Choir three times and participated in Solo Fest this past January where she and fellow senior Aubree Hund earned a perfect score on their duet performance of "For Good" from "Wicked." She was also involved in the Drama Club, working behind the scenes with costumes and stage crew, assisting with quick changes and cues for performers. Victoria works for the YMCA providing after-school child-care and enjoys interacting with and teaching children. She will attend St. Bonaventure University in the fall majoring in Nursing.

Larson Hawkes is the son of Deserae and Andrew Hawkes. Larson was an honor roll and high honor roll student. He also completed the Collision Repair and Autobody Technology program at BOCES, receiving the Outstanding Student award a handful of times. Larson will attend Alfred State College in the fall, majoring in Diesel Technology.

Caidence Hutchison is the daughter of Desirea Wienke and Jeremy Hutchison. Caidence played varsity tennis. She was also an active member of the National Honor Society, the Interact Club, and a high honor roll student throughout her high school career. During her time as an NHS member, she was a senior coordinator for the Souper Bowl of Caring, organizing the annual food drive. She also participated in Homeless Huskies, Exceptional Track and Field Day, Unified Basketball, the annual Connect Life Blood drives, and many other volunteer activities through Interact Club her senior year. Caidence was an active participant in the music department, attending All-County choir, assisting in the "Wizard of Oz" musical, Select and Bel Canto choirs. Her freshman year she received the most improved award and has progressed in her choir career ever since. Caidence will attend St. John Fisher in the fall majoring in Psychology with plans to join the acapella group on campus.

Kaylin Kratts is the daughter of Kimberli and John Kratts. Kaylin was a member of the National Honor Society and was on the high honor roll throughout her high school career. Kaylin was the vice president of her class and the president of the Science Club. Within the last year, Kaylin received many awards including the NYS Senate Youth Leadership Award, All WNY Scholar Athlete Award, Women in STEM Award, Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award, and the CCAA First Team Award for volleyball. Kaylin participated in Zonta Club, World with Water Club, Special Olympics, Unified Sports, and Homeless Huskies. Throughout Kaylin's childhood, she traveled and sang the National Anthem at special events in the area. Kaylin's family has been an active Foster Family for 12 years, allowing her to be a mentor to dozens of children. Kaylin was involved with Olean volleyball, where she was a captain her senior year when the team won the Section 6 Class B Championship. She also participated in several club volleyball teams. Kaylin will attend Alfred State College where she will major in Health Science with aspirations to become a Physical Therapist. She will also be competing on the volleyball team.



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Viktoriia Lozynska is the daughter of Elina Lozynska and Victor Lozynskyi. Viktoriia has been an honor roll and high honor roll student for the past three and a half years. She was a member of the varsity volleyball, basketball, and track teams. Her volleyball achievements include Offensive Player of the Year in 2024 for volleyball, and she placed third at sectionals for the Pentathlon in track and field. Viktoriia participated in Homeless Huskies, Winter Carnival, and Unified Basketball. She will attend Houghton University majoring in Business and will be a middle blocker on the volleyball team.

Gina Mercer is the daughter of Cheryl and Corey Mercer. She has been a dedicated member of the OHS community, participating in soccer, cross country, and both indoor and outdoor track and field. In addition to her athletic involvement, Gina has been a member of the National Honor Society, World with Water Club, and French Club. She consistently earned honor roll and high honor roll recognition. Gina also volunteered her time to help with the Winter Carnival and Exceptional Track and Field events. Her strong character was recognized with the Harold Dutton Award and a sportsmanship award during her cross country season. Gina is known for her leadership and willingness to support others, often serving as a role model for younger athletes by helping them grow and succeed. She plans to attend SUNY Buffalo State University, where she will major in Earth Science Education.

Joseph Mest is the son of Steve and Angela Mest. Joe was a member of the National Honor Society. He served as inventory and operations specialist of the Student Activities Council and was a student board member for the Olean Schools Foundation. Joe was proud to represent OHS on many Husky sports teams. He was the starting quarterback of the football team for four years, serving as captain for three years and receiving All-State honors. Joe also played varsity basketball and baseball. He was a member of DECA and served as the vice president of recruitment. Joe participated and volunteered in Unified Special Olympics. He will attend Xavier University in the fall, majoring in Business.

Austin Miles is the son of Jeffrey and Anne Miles. He was a high honor roll student throughout his high school career and a member of the National Honor Society. Austin served as class vice president from eighth through eleventh grade. He represented Olean High School in athletics through varsity baseball and football, where he served as captain of each during his senior year. He earned accolades such as Rookie of the Year in both football and baseball, MVP, Silver Slugger, Offensive Player of the Year, and was selected to the Big 30 All Star Offensive Team for football in his junior year. He also received the Office of the New York State Attorney General Triple C Award in recognition of his remarkable commitment to bettering himself, his school, and his community. Additionally, Austin was involved with DECA, Ski Club, Unified Basketball, and Homeless Huskies. He volunteered his time outside of school with the Salvation Army, Olean Youth Football, Gus Macker, Catholic Charities, and Eden Heights. Austin will attend SUNY Niagara in the fall, majoring in Business and pursuing his dream of competing on a collegiate baseball team.

Jourdan Morris is the daughter of Tonya Stanford and Jourdan Alexander Morris. Jourdan was a member of the National Honor Society and a high honor roll student throughout high school. She served as class treasurer in ninth and tenth grades, co-founder and president of the Diversity Club, and co-president of the Art Club. She represented Olean High School at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference, for both the New York Central Seminar and the World Leadership Congress. Additionally, Jourdan was actively involved in Interact Club, Homeless Huskies, and a long-time member of the Olean High School Model United Nations team. Jourdan participated in volleyball, tennis, and golf. She volunteered at the Special Olympics, the Winter Carnival, and Unified Sports. Jourdan will attend the University of North Carolina-Charlotte in the fall majoring in Political Science and minoring in Legal Studies on a pre-law track.



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Ava Moses is the daughter of Christine and George Moses. Ava was a high honor roll student throughout her high school career. She was a member of National Honor Society and dedicated many hours to community service. She served as class secretary in her senior year. Ava participated in Homeless Huskies for four years along with Unified Sports, Special Olympics, and the Souper Bowl of Caring. She was part of the varsity volleyball team for three years and earned the Cattaraugus County All Star Award, Scholar Athlete Award, WNY All-Star Award, and Third Team All State Award. She was also named team captain and MVP her senior year. She was also on the Olean Huskies beach volleyball team. Ava was part of Model United Nations for three years and attended six conferences. She served on the Olean City School District Board of Education during her senior year. Ava carries the title of Quest Bridge scholar and Dan Lavoie Fellow. She will attend the University of Chicago in the fall, majoring in Economics.

Leah Richardson is the daughter of Timothy and Michelle Richardson. Leah was a member of National Honor Society and was a high honor roll student throughout her high school career. She participated in soccer from ninth through eleventh grade. She participated in Homeless Huskies and Exceptional Track and Field Day. Leah will attend the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford in the fall on a pre-optometry track hoping to fulfill her dream to become a Doctor of Optometry.

Brady Riehle is the son of Jennifer and Nathan Riehle. Brady was a member of the National Honor Society and a high honor roll student throughout his high school career. He played varsity soccer for three years, serving as captain his senior year. He also played varsity tennis and baseball. Brady plans to attend a two-year college, eventually transferring to a four-year college.

Mia Rivera is the daughter of Mauricio Rivera and Jillana Corbett. Mia was an active and dedicated student, participating in volleyball, golf, and Model United Nations. She was also a proud member of the National Honor Society, where she devoted much of her time to volunteering and giving back to her community. Mia credits her success to the unwavering support of her grandmothers, Mary and Ruth, who were her biggest inspirations throughout her journey. In the fall, Mia will attend Manhattan University, where she plans to major in Mechanical Engineering. She looks forward to continuing her academic journey and pursuing a career in a field where she can apply her problem-solving skills and passion for innovation.

Mia Sibilio is the daughter of Tonia and Jeff Sibilio. Mia was a member of National Honor Society and received numerous academic awards for her achievements including high honor roll. Throughout her time in the National Honor Society, she completed many volunteer hours and was highly involved in school activities such as Unified Sports, Exceptional Track and Field Day, Homeless Huskies, and Cattaraugus Gives Day. Mia was the design and media specialist on the Student Activities Council, secretary of the junior class, president of the World with Water Club, and served as an active member of the Souper Bowl of Caring. Additionally, she was awarded the Seal of Civic Readiness for her strong academic performance and dedication to volunteer hours. In the fall, Mia will attend St. John Fisher University to pursue a career as a Clinical Psychologist.





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Sage Smith is the son of Nathaniel and Theresa Smith. He was a member of National Honor Society, participated in varsity golf and Homeless Huskies. He was a member of Youth Court, and Project Lead the Way. He will attend Florida Institute of Technology.

Grady Smucinski is the son of Kathleen Smucinski. Grady was a member of the National Honor Society and was a high honor roll student. He was a member of the varsity soccer team and varsity baseball team in his senior year. He volunteered his time participating in events including Homeless Huskies and Exceptional Track and Field Day. He plans to attend St. Bonaventure University in the fall majoring in Business.

Chloe Stitt is the daughter of John and Connie Stitt. Chloe was a member of the National Honor Society and a high honor roll student throughout high school. Chloe was a part of the varsity soccer team for three years and served as a captain during her senior year. Chloe was a member of the French Club for one year and the Ski Club for five years. She participated in Homeless Huskies for five years and was a volunteer for the Special Olympics, Exceptional Track and Field Day, Unified Sports, and Winter Carnival. Chloe will attend the University of Dayton to pursue a degree in Nursing.

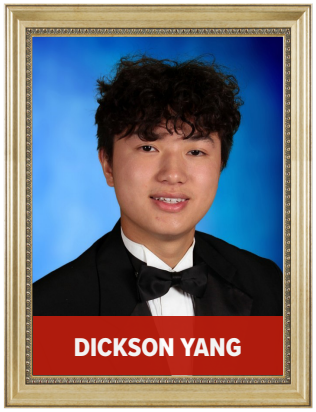


Shia Suzara is the eldest daughter of Sarah Suzara. Shia was a member of the National Honor Society and was consistently a high honor student throughout high school. Her artistic abilities grew in the Media Communications and Technology class at the Olean BOCES Center, led by her incredible mentor Amber Christensen. She earned a spot to compete in Regionals and State Skills USA. Shia was an enthusiastic player on the OHS softball team, earning awards that span from participation to Rookie of the Year in what would be her last season playing before a career ending injury removed her from the sport. Shia was also a prominent figure in her high school's choir program. She joined the program in eighth grade and continued until the end of her high school career, being a leader in the Select Choir as well as the more prestigious Bel Canto. Shia will attend the University of Fredonia in the fall where she will major in Visual Arts and New Media: Animation and Illustration.

Taylor Teachman is the son of Victoria Teachman and Brian Blinn. He was a high honor roll student throughout his high school career as well as a National Honor Society member for his junior and senior years. He was a member of the varsity baseball team for two years as well as the varsity basketball team where he contributed to a sectional championship. Taylor was also a member of the varsity soccer team for his senior year, winning the Rookie of the Year Award. Taylor volunteered for school sponsored events including Unified Basketball, Exceptional Track and Field Day, and Homeless Huskies while making an impact outside of school with a small group of others that assisted in relocating a small local school. Taylor will attend the University of Akron in the fall where he will major in Economics.







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Josiah Todd is the son of Dan and Becky Todd. Josiah was a member of the National Honor Society and a high honor roll student throughout high school. He was an active member of the French Club, Science Club, Interact Club, and Envirothon. Josiah actively engaged in community service events such as Homeless Huskies, Community Thanksgiving, Cookies with Santa, Exceptional Track and Field Day, and the Winter Carnival. Josiah was a part of the varsity bowling and tennis teams for three years and managed the girls' varsity tennis team during his senior year. He participated in multiple college classes offered to him by JCC and St. Bonaventure as well as the Project Lead the Way engineering course offered by RIT. Josiah was a scholar athlete every season and received the most improved award in both sports. Josiah will be attending St. Bonaventure to pursue a degree in Adolescent Education allowing him to teach mathematics.

Ava West is the daughter of Heather Kayes and Heath West. Ava was a member of the National Honor Society during her junior and senior years. She was the secretary of the treasury for Student Activities Council as well as a senior class officer. She played an active role in Olean High School and the community through events such as Homeless Huskies, Special Olympics, Unified Sports, the Souper Bowl of Caring, Prom Committee, and many elementary school events. Ava was on high honor roll her entire high school career and was recognized for academic excellence each year. She spent much of her time dancing at Step Up Dance Academy and worked as a Teacher Assistant. Ava will attend St. John Fisher University in the fall majoring in Psychology with a focus on adolescent development.

Dickson Yang is the son of Juan Ling Li and Hang Yang. He was a member of the National Honor Society. He participated in sports including golf, basketball, and baseball. He was also a member of Ski Club and DECA. He also attended Solo Festivals and All- Area for Orchestra. Dickson participated in many school events including Homeless Huskies, Unified Basketball, and Winter Carnival. He will attend Bentley University in the fall, majoring in finance and accounting.



Senior Post Grad Plans

Summer D. Ambers ..... Employment
Owen M. App ..... JCC
Nicholas C. Austin ..... St. Bonaventure University
Caleb G. Ayers ..... US Army
Anna K. Bates ..... John Carroll University
Ayonna E. Battle ..... SUNY Fredonia
Madeline A. Bellreng ..... Employment Training Program
Zackary M. Best ..... Erie Community College
Olivia N. Black ..... Mercyhurst University
Lauren J. Blazejewski ..... JCC
Adrian G. Bohdanowycz ..... University of Pittsburgh
Addison P. Bowser ..... West Virginia University
Jabre'yah C.R-A. Brown ..... Alfred State College
Michelia N. Brown ..... Employment
Aaron J. Budaj ..... Ohio University
Jaelyn L. Callahan ..... JCC
Mallory A. Carter ..... St. Bonaventure
Finnian D. Caya ..... University at Buffalo
Audriana M. Clemons ..... SUNY Delhi
Michael R. Cox ..... Employment Training Program
Miley S. Crawford ..... Robert Morris University
Serenity G. Cruz ..... JCC
Aiden J. Curcio ..... St. Bonaventure University
Brynn E. Cygan ..... Alfred State College
Ellowyn L. Davis ..... Hudson Valley Community College
Destiny M. Dearbeck ..... Employment Training Program
Caine M. DeGolier ..... Alfred State College
Isabel A.L. Dolch ..... Alfred State College
Connor E. Dowdell ..... SUNY Fredonia
Serenity B.S.T. Durphy ..... St. Bonaventure University
Oasis M. Dwaileebe ..... JCC
Lauren D. Dyal ..... University at Buffalo
Braelyn C. Eaton ..... Geneseo
Lily G. Eaton ..... Ohio University
Michael H. Ellman ..... JCC
Sara G. Emerton ..... Employment
Ava M. Finch ..... Indiana University of PA
Cam'Ron J. Fischer ..... Employment
Isabella M. Flynn ..... Arizona State University
Zaiden D. France ..... Employment
Xander J. Gaylor ..... Alfred State College
Alexis M. Geise ..... Employment
Cory T. Givens ..... JCC
Konstanze L. Greene ..... Employment
Courtney L. Gross ..... Alfred State College
Lauren B. Gumtow ..... Adult Cosmetology
Kailee M. Hadley ..... JCC
Logan B. Hammond ..... JCC
Victoria M. Harris ..... St. Bonaventure University
Jade J-L. Haskins ..... Employment
Larson T. Hawkes ..... Alfred State College
Tawny-Michelle J. Hein ..... Pitt Bradford
Domonick A. Hirliman ..... SUNY Brockport
Cole R. Hirt ..... Employment Training Program
Aubree M. Hund ..... Alfred University
Caidence A. Hutchison ..... St. John Fisher
Kyle E. Jackson ..... JCC
Anthony E. Jandrew ..... Alfred State College
Nolan A. Kelsey ..... Employment
Lee A. Killingbeck ..... Employment
Lailla S.E. King-Rogers ..... Employment
Urijah O. King-Rogers ..... Employment
Joshua L. Koch ..... Employment Training Program
Kaylin N. Kratts ..... Alfred State College
Jayla M. Lee ..... University at Buffalo
Nolan P. Liguori ..... University Technical Institute
Gavin E. Lounsbury ..... Alfred State College
Viktoriia Lozynska ..... Houghton University
Nakaia I. Mannings ..... Pace University

Hannah G. Marshall ..... Alfred State College
Ana L. Martynowicz ..... Employment
Aubrey L. Mason ..... Tyler Junior College
Mickenzie L. McNeil ..... Employment
Gina L. Mercer ..... Buffalo State University
Joseph C. Mest ..... Xavier University
Austin J. Miles ..... SUNY Niagara
Tyler J. Miller ..... Employment Training Program
Dakota J. Moore ..... Employment
Maddilyne J. Moore ..... JCC
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Ava J. Moses ..... University of Chicago
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Elle A. Redding ..... Kent State University
Leah N. Richardson ..... University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Brady J. Riehle ..... JCC
Mia Ruth M. Rivera ..... Manhattan University
My'Kel A. Rivera ..... SUNY Brockport
WinterRose I. Rodriguez ..... Employment
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Chloe M.A. Stitt ..... University of Dayton
Shia L. Suzara ..... SUNY Fredonia
Hosea N. Swan ..... Employment
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Jonathan A. Tidd ..... Employment
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John F. Vosburg ..... SUNY ESF
Kwalik L. Warmley ..... Wyotech
Cali J. Weber ..... JCC
Ava M. West ..... St. John Fisher
Isabelle E. West ..... Nazareth University
Kane L.R. Winslow ..... JCC
Jayleigh A. Whitehead ..... JCC
Calvin J. Williams ..... Alfred State College
Dickson Yang ..... Bentley University
Zaraivon B. Yeager ..... Employment
Marrianna R. Young ..... JCC
Amir O. Zayed ..... Army

Tentative OIMS Bell Schedule for 2026-27 School Year

7:30	Breakfast served/Students may enter the building.	
7:45	Students released to lockers/ homeroom	
7:50-7:55	Homeroom	
PERIODS	**MINUTES**	
WIN	7:55-8:15	20 *(Student academic/emotional support)*
1	8:18-8:58	40
2	9:01-9:41	40
3	9:44-10:24	40
4	**10:27-11:12**	45
4A	10:27-10:48	21
4B	10:51-11:12	21
5	11:15-12:00	45
5A	11:15-11:36	21
5B	11:39-12:00	21
6	12:03-12:48	45
6A	12:03-12:24	21
6B	12:27-12:48	21
7	12:51-1:31	40
8	1:34-2:14	40
9	2:17-2:57	40

If you are the parent of a student with a disability who is home schooled or attends nonpublic school and wish for your child to receive special education services during the 2026-2027 school, you must submit a written request for such services by June 1, 2026. The only exception to this rule is if your child is initially classified by the Committee on Special Education after June 1st.

OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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LEADERS OF THE PACK

SAT TEST DATES:

August 22, 2026
October 3, 2026
November 7, 2026
December 5, 2026
March 6, 2027
May 1, 2027
June 5, 2027

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

August 7, 2026
September 18, 2026
October 23, 2026
November 20, 2026
February 19, 2027
April 16,2027
May 21, 2027

ACT TEST DATES:

September 19, 2026
October 17, 2026
December 12, 2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

August 14, 2026
September 11, 2026
November 6, 2026

PSAT'S:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026

News From OHS



Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Baseball Team for capturing the Section 6 Class A2 Championship this spring season. The team finished 18-2 on the year.







Students in Mrs. Ring's physical science class competed in an Electromagnetic Fishing Derby. The students created their own electromagnetic fishing poles and tested them to see who could pick up the most metal objects. Pictured above are Jason O'Brien, Alex Bowers, and Jensen Winans. Jensen was the big winner as he collected over 200 grams of metal with his fishing pole!

News From OIMS







Our students recently competed in our annual 4th/5th grade track and field day. Students were able to learn about track events while competing against their friends.





OIMS Mobile Concession Stand continues to roll this year. With generous support from the District and the Olean Foundation, this year, students were part of the shopping process. We visited Walmart to select snacks and supplies this experience encouraged communication, teamwork, and real world engagement.

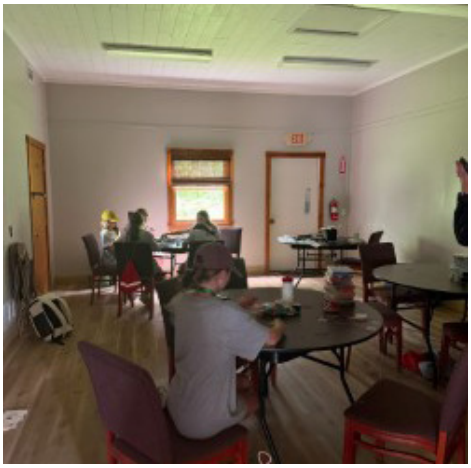
As the stand travels through our buildings, students practice greeting customers, taking orders, and working together to keep things running smoothly. These moments build confidence and social skills, helping them grow one snack at a time.

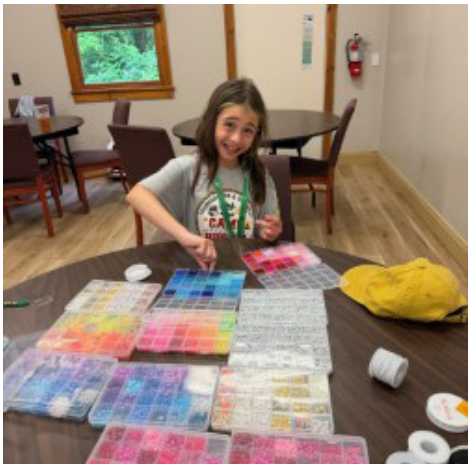
This month, the cart had a special opportunity to travel to the monthly Olean Foundation meeting to thank them for their support. Pictured with our concession stand workers are student Foundation members Adrian Bohdanowycz and Joe Mest who were excited to enjoy a snack.

Looking ahead, we're excited about the possibility of expanding our Concession Stand. Our goal for next year is to grow the program to include opportunities for offering treats as incentives for all OIMS students. We hope to create even more moments for positive recognition, connection, and real world engagement across the entire school community.









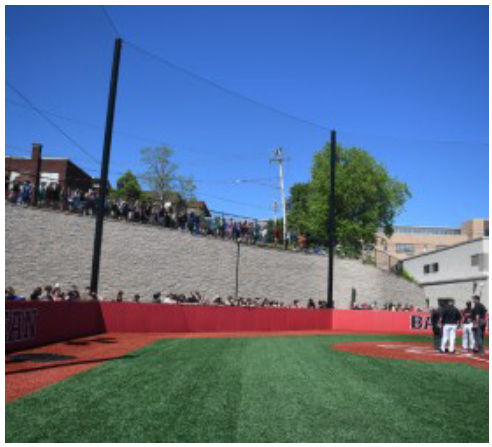


Camp Husky 2026. OIMS 5th grade overnight field trip at Allegany State Park. The purpose of this camp is to combine environmental education and outdoor recreation into a fun adventure. The students and teachers had a great time!





On Monday, June 8, 2026, the Olean Oilers hosted Dansville at the newly named Don Scholla Outdoor Athletic Complex for a scrimmage. OIMS students were treated to a fun day with inflatables, open swim, the BCBS van with field day activities. All students had a fantastic time celebrating the end of the school year.





Washington West Elementary School







FIELD TRIP FUN:

Our husky pups have been off and away on many an adventure – from farm animals to a village all about safety, and straight to outer space. So many memories over the course of this school year and looking forward to more adventure ahead in 2026-27!



MATHEMATICIANS:

These four mathematicians took on our final challenge of the year – a math quiz of top topics we reviewed each week with our problem of the week. With their problem-solving skills, they earned themselves the award of top math explorers! Think it! Solve it! Blast off!



YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG:

Our husky pups gathered to celebrate our nation's flag. Our patriotism rang strong and true as we recited the pledge in unison, and listened to our third graders present their "Patriotic Medley." Our pack took the time to remember that we are all part of one nation -and we are proud to be Americans!



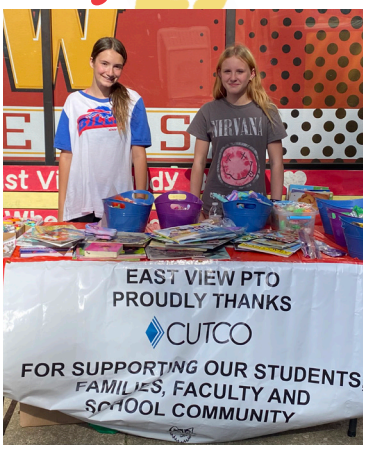


GLOWING AND GROWING:

The end of the year is always filled with fun and excitement, but several classrooms spent our final days of the year GLOWING over their growth this school year. GLOW ON, husky pups – you sure are shining bright!

East View Elementary School















EAST VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2026 CARNIVAL

On June 12, East View Elementary celebrated the end of the school year with its annual Carnival, made possible by the dedication and hard work of our PTO. Students and families enjoyed an evening filled with fun activities, including bounce houses, potato sack races, a fishbowl ping pong plop, ring toss, face painting, and a popular dunk tank featuring our physical education teacher, Mr. Folland, and 2nd grade teacher, Mr. Martin.

The Olean Police Department joined the festivities by offering fingerprinting services and giving students the opportunity to test their skills flying a drone. The Olean Fire Department also attended, bringing one of their impressive fire trucks for children to explore and admire.

Free hot dogs, popcorn, and beverages were available for everyone to enjoy, while Zet's Italian Ice provided a refreshing sweet treat on a warm day. Musical entertainment throughout the event was provided by DJ Scott Rucinski, helping to create a fun and festive atmosphere.

Basket raffles featuring donations from our CUTCO partners, teachers, and parents were a highlight of the day. Congratulations to Addie Farr, winner of the girls' bike and helmet raffle, and Grayson Smith, winner of the boys' bike and helmet raffle.

The 2026 East View Carnival was a wonderful way to celebrate a successful school year, and a great time was had by all!





PETTING ZOO

The "Animal Guy" has been making monthly visits all year long at East View. Each month he brings a different animal to showcase for the students. He talks about the animals' diet and how he takes care of them. You can see the excitement on the students' faces as they interact with each animal he brings. The end of the year culminates with a petting zoo. We are so grateful to have these experiences with the "Animal Guy" as he is affectionately known.





2ND GRADE PLANT SALE

2nd graders held their 2nd Annual Plant Sale in June. Students grew the plants from seed and experienced nurturing them through the seeding stage into adult plants that were ready for sale in June. In addition to planting and growing, students created advertising, promoted the event, provided customer assistance, cashier duties, packaging, and delivering of the final products. Money raised will fund this project for next year's 2nd graders to have these experiences, too. The seed money for this annual event was generously funded by the Olean Schools Foundation in 2025.



EAST VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FINAL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

East View recently held its final Cutco Character Education Assembly of the school year, recognizing our last group of Students of the Month. Throughout the year, students revisited the "7 Habits of Effective Leaders" as part of our renewed "Leader in Me" initiative. This year, an eighth character trait was introduced: "Find Your Voice." We were proud to celebrate and honor our future leaders each month through these special assemblies.





TRACEY SPEARS' RETIREMENT:

East View Elementary is proud to celebrate the retirement of Tracey Spears, a dedicated educator and proud graduate of the Olean City School District. Throughout her career, she served as a Reading Teacher, RTI Coordinator, and Reading Coach, helping countless students grow as readers and learners.

She was known for going above and beyond for students and for organizing the annual Book Bingo event, a favorite East View tradition. Her kindness, dedication, and commitment to student success have made a lasting impact on our school community.

We thank Mrs. Spears for her years of service and wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement!

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"DON'T STOP THE READING," HUSKY PUPS!

Summer is a great time to kick back, relax, and of course, READ! Pick out a good book and sit outside, sit under the stars, or hang out at the park and read. This summer, we're challenging our husky pups to find lots of cool places to cozy up with a good book. Complete as many challenges as you can, husky pups, and you'll have a chance to connect with Miss Stuff to submit your summer reading bucket list!

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