On Saturday, July 18, 2020, the Orchard Park Central School District officially celebrated and recognized the 413 members of the Orchard Park High School Graduating Class of 2020. Orchard Park High School Principal Jon Wolf stated, “I am extremely proud of the 2020 OPHS graduating class. They have been an outstanding group of students and have responded to the loss of several traditions with resiliency and grace. While it was unlike any other graduation ceremony, I am so pleased that the entire school community was able to come together in-person to celebrate their accomplishments. I am very appreciative of all the hard work of staff members, students, and parents in making the logistics work so smoothly and for showing our true Quaker pride!”

The ceremonies were held on the outdoor grounds of the Orchard Park High School. Since the Governor’s Executive Order only allows for 150 or fewer individuals to gather at a time due to the pandemic, the Graduation was divided into three separate celebrations for each “house” at the high school. House I took place at 9 a.m., House II at 11 a.m. and House III at 1 p.m. There were two large video boards projecting the ceremonies for parents, who were watching from their cars, and the ceremony was live streamed for those who couldn’t be there in person to view. There were also radio broadcasts on a local FM station to listen to the audio of the ceremonies.

The live streamed ceremonies were recorded and they, along with the Virtual Graduation that was created for the senior class, can be viewed at www.opschools.org/2020graduation.

This year Orchard Park graduates gained acceptance to many of the nation’s leading universities. The Class of 2020 earned over 18 million dollars in scholarships to many local and national universities. The Class of 2020 has 11 students who will be enlisting in the military.

Keeping Our Community Connected!

This special edition of the Orchard Park Central School District Community Report was designed to showcase district highlights from the closure and celebrate the Class of 2020.
Superintendent’s Column

Matthew P. McGarrity

I would like to congratulate all of our seniors on their graduation from Orchard Park High School on July 18th. With beautiful weather and social distancing, our high school administration, faculty and staff provided our seniors with a heartwarming and memorable ceremony on the grounds of Orchard Park High School. To abide by state capacity executive orders, there were three separate ceremonies throughout the day. Thanks to all of our staff, students and parents for making this a very special day during a very challenging time!

As you know, district staff and stakeholders have been very busy these past months developing a school reopening plan that first and foremost keeps students, staff and the Orchard Park Community safe, while meeting New York State’s expectations for a return to school this fall. The deadline for submission of the plan to The New York State Education Department is July 31st, and we will continue to communicate with our families through our parent notification system and the District website.

I recently communicated with parents regarding the critical need for a focus on diversity, equity and racism most recently prompted by the murder of George Floyd and much social unrest throughout our country. District leadership and staff have been taking opportunities this spring and summer to learn, reflect and plan opportunities for our students and staff to develop a better understanding of the issues, and to formulate next steps.

I also recently reached out to Orchard Park Mayor JoAnn Litwin-Clinton and Orchard Park Town Supervisor Patrick Keem to partner with the Orchard Park School District in addressing and engaging the entire community in this most important endeavor. Both our Mayor and Town Supervisor fully embraced the idea of a community-wide effort, and I look forward to collaborating with them as we further develop this crucial work.

Orchard Park Named Best Communities For Music Education!

The Orchard Park Central School District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education for the fourth year in a row.

The Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

ArtSplash

The May 2020 ArtSplash show was offered virtually this spring on the Orchard Park Visual Art Booster’s website, www.opvab.com. The website showcased a video display of all of the artwork that was selected for this years show and a “click through” gallery. Congratulations again to all of the students’ whose artwork was selected to be a part of the show!

Band-O-Rama

The OPCSD Band Department asked band students in grades 4-12 to work on the same new piece, research it, virtually rehearse it, and play-along with their Band Directors. The play-along was a special band experience where everyone played the same music at the same time from their own homes! The Band Department collected pictures from the impressive musicians to celebrate them in a Band-O-Rama photo montage which can be viewed at https://youtu.be/ZN9OZ4G7WpE.
**Friday Night Lights**

On Friday May 15th the Orchard Park High School Stadium was lit up to honor the Class of 2020. The event was part of the effort to honor the senior class during their final quarter at OPHS. The lights were lit up at 8:20 p.m. Students and their families were able to drive their vehicles through the Freeman Road parking lot, where teachers and staff members were holding signs and waving, and then continue on to the High School stadium to see the lights. It was an amazing celebration of the class of 2020!

**Senior Showcase**

The Orchard Park High School Music Department has put together a Senior Showcase video to highlight the musical talent of the senior class. Traditionally these students would have performed at the annual scholarship concert in June. If you would like to check out their performances please visit https://youtu.be/ctotHzNKGj8. There you will find just over an hour of stunning performances given by members of the senior class.

**B Sharps Perform “Show Yourself”**

The B Sharps, an after school club at the Orchard Park Middle School was planning to compete and perform at Darien Lake in May. Mrs. Sarah Strohmeier, the B Sharps Chorus Director, still wanted to give her students an opportunity to perform. The students opted to virtually perform “Show Yourself” from Frozen II out of the 3 songs they had originally rehearsed. The students were able to individually record their performances and Mrs. Strohmeier put them together to create a recording which can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmsQMN_PubY&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1bc0E_. Mrs. Strohmeier says “This has been a true joy for me to work on during this time and finding a way to make music together. I am so incredibly proud of the kids who participated and bravely sang their part at home.”

**Academy of Finance Senior Recognition**

On May 28th, the OPHS Academy of Finance Teachers and AOF Board Chair Tim Stalker made personal deliveries to the 34 AOF graduating seniors. They delivered an AOF Certificate, Program, Letters from AOF leaders, and a small gift to each student. Students selected to receive scholarships and awards also received these recognitions in their package.

**Holocaust Survivor Virtually Presents to 8th Graders**

Mr. Shershnevsky, a Holocaust survivor, gave a virtual presentation to eighth grade students at the Orchard Park Middle School in May. Above is a screenshot from the inspiring presentation.

On May 22nd eighth grade Social Studies students at the Orchard Park Middle School participated in a virtual assembly with a Holocaust survivor, Mr. Shershnevsky. Mr. Shershnevsky shared stories about those who risked their lives to save others during the Holocaust including his own story and the woman who saved him. The assembly was made possible by the OPMS Social Studies teachers, the OPMS PTO, the technology department and the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo, whose mission is to honor the victims of the Holocaust, remember the events of the Holocaust and teach the lessons of the Holocaust.
Class of 2020 Top Ten

Eric Stuhr is the Class of 2020 Valedictorian. He will be attending Georgia Institute of Technology to study Computer Science. Eric has volunteered through Boy Scouts and St. James United Church of Christ. Within OPHS he played Volleyball. He has belonged to Niagara Frontier Volleyball, Boy Scout Troop 285 and St. James UCC. He has been named an Eagle Scout and was a National Merit Finalist. Eric hopes he can help advance humanity technologically or at least contribute to products that bring a bit more joy to people. Eric is the son of Margaret and James Stuhr.

Jake Miller is the Class of 2020 Salutatorian. He will be attending the University of Notre Dame to study Accounting. Jake has volunteered at the Roswell Park Gift Shop, Cradle Beach Camp and St. Luke's Food Bank. At OPHS Jake has been a section leader in the Quaker Marching Band, the President of DECA, a member of the Academy of Finance, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Musical Pit Orchestra, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and Yearbook Club. He received QMB Woodwind and Section awards and the AP English Excellence Award. He received 1st place at DECA Regionals and was the winner of the Academy of Finance Interview Competition. Jake was selected for NYSSMA/ECMEA Bands. Jake hopes to make the world a better, more inclusive place one open ear at a time. Not only in his future career but in all facets of his life, he hopes to make active listening a priority, listening to others not with the intention of replying, but with the intention of understanding. Jake is the son of Kristin and James Miller.

Abbey Black is attending Ohio State University to study Political Science and Economics. Abbey has volunteered at the Roswell Summer Volunteer Program and for the TIES program. In high school she was the editor of the student newspaper, The Voice, a D.A.R.E. Role Model and a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society. Abbey is an AP Scholar and an Honor Roll student. She has received outstanding achievement in AP World History, Geometry, Chemistry, Algebra II, AP Language & Composition, AP American History and Pre-Calculus. She has participated in both Varsity Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. Abbey hopes that one day she can stand up as a voice for the voiceless and fight for those who are unable to fight for themselves. Abbey is the daughter of Michele Manka-Black and Thomas Black.

John DellaContrada will be attending the University at Buffalo Honors College to study Linguistics. John volunteered at the Orchard Park Public Library as a “Battle of the Books” student coach and through his Eagle Scout service project. He has been a member of the National Honor Society, OP Pride, Boy Scouts, Latin National Honor Society, Wind Ensemble, Choraliers and the area All-State Chorus. John received the AP Award of Excellence in Language and Composition, Literature and Composition and Latin. He was named President of the Latin National Honor Society his junior year and the secretary of wind ensemble, and won the “Show Stealer” and “Best Overall Performance” awards in the OP Drama Department. John has an unwavering devotion to human kindness that he will strive to uphold through college and beyond. He will always promote empathy and understanding, setting an example for fellow students, co-workers and hopefully the world at large. John is the son of Nancy and John DellaContrada.

Kate Doherty is attending Cornell University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to study Environmental Engineering. Kate has volunteered as a Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper doing water sampling and tree planting. During high school she has been the treasurer of OP Educational Outreach, secretary of Model United Nations, a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and Math Club. She has played Varsity Soccer and both Indoor and Outdoor Varsity Track and Field. She was named a Section VI Scholar Athlete and a member of OP Pride. She received the Certificate of Excellence in Honors English, Honors Geometry, AP European History, Chemistry, Pre-calculus BC, AP Language and Composition and AP US History. Kate hopes to make a difference in the field of sustainability, either increasing accessibility to clean water or clean renewable water. She also hopes to advocate for social justice, donating her time and energy to global causes that deserve attention. Kate is the daughter of Meghan and Andrew Doherty.

Christian Henrich Jr. (C.J.) is attending Dartmouth College to study Political Science. C.J. volunteered through Youth Court, the National Honor Society, completing his Eagle Scout Project and with several other organizations. Throughout his time at the high school he was the STEM Club President, Captain of Masterminds, Freshman Class President of STAP Comm, member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, Math Club and Mock Trial Club. He received the Best Design in the 2017 Regional MOOG Rocketry Challenge, he was named a 2019 and 2020 League All-Star-Masterminds. He was selected to participate in the All-State String and Symphonic Orchestra. C.J. is an OP Rugby Forward MVB and an Eagle Scout. C.J. has participated in multiple sports including the Varsity Swim Team, Captain of the Orchard Park Club Rugby Team and Captain of the Niagara (Ontario) Club Rugby team. C.J. is the son of Lisa and Chris Henrich.
Jessica Joslyn is attending Purdue University to study Biomedical Engineering. Jessica has spent time volunteering at Foster Love Closet, the SPCA, St. Luke’s Mission of Mercy, Vive Family Center and Friends of Night People. Throughout her time at OPHS Jessica has been a member of the Academy of Finance, the OP Educational Outreach President, a member of DECA, the Spanish National Honors Society and the National Honor Society. Jessica was also the Captain of the Varsity Lacrosse Team. She has received the OP Pride Award, a Humanitarian Distinction Award (Gold Status), the Wells College Leadership Award, the Scholastic Achievement Award and received Excellence in the Visual Arts. In the future Jessica hopes to make the world better by developing and advancing medical devices that will save lives and provide solutions for debilitating medical conditions. Jessica is the daughter of Laura and David Joslyn.

Eliza Klos will be attending Binghamton University as part of the Scholars Program and the Freshman Research Immersion Program. She plans to major in French Language and Linguistics with a minor in Biology. She will be on a pre-med track. Eliza regularly volunteers at the Orchard Park Library and through Girl Scouts, including the service project she completed to earn her Gold Award. Throughout high school Eliza has participated in OP Educational Outreach, Orchard Park Medical Career Interest Group, Girl Scouts, and student government. She has participated in both Outdoor and Indoor Track and Cross County. She has been selected as a member of the National Honor Society and was the treasurer of the French National Honor Society. She received the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, a recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award and was selected to represent OPHS at the ACS national competitive chemistry exam. Eliza is the daughter of Kayla and Sigmund Klos.

Rachael Major will be attending the University of Florida to study Exploratory Science. Rachael volunteered for a variety of organizations including: The Brian Moorman P.U.N.T. Foundation, Foster Love Closet and Roswell Adopt-A-Family. In high school she was involved in many clubs in addition to playing Soccer, Basketball, Outdoor Track and Field and Lacrosse. She received the Scholastic Achievement Award, High Honor Excellence in Global 9, Excellence in Honors English 9, Excellence in AP European History, Excellence in AP English Language and Composition, Excellence in AP American History, STAP Comm Certificate of Outstanding Participation as a Homeroom Representative, The University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award, NHS, SNHS, AP Scholar Award, OP Pride, Scott Krueger Memorial Scholarship and several others. Rachael hopes to make the world better by leaving a positive lasting impact on those around her, she hopes to leave a legacy that will be remembered for her positive impact on those around her. Rachael is the daughter of Sherry and Andy Major.

Nyah Winiewicz will be attending Miami University in Oxford Ohio to study French Education. Nyah has volunteered at a local soup kitchen serving dinner and she has volunteered at Chestnut Ridge doing cleanup and volunteering at events in the park. In her time at the Orchard Park High School Nyah has participated in Swing Chorus, and the French and Latin National Honor Societies in addition to Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. Nyah plans on being a teacher. She hopes to inspire future generations and positively impact students for years to come. Nyah is the daughter of Kristen and Rick Winiewicz.

Why It’s Important to Use Your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account

Documents previously mailed or sent home are only available on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. At least one parent from each student household should maintain a Parent Portal account and ensure that the email address and phone number is current. If you forget your password, you will need to enter the email address that is already associated with the account, so please keep record of this information. One login will provide access to information for all of your children. With this account, you will have access to: Report Cards, Attendance History, Bus information, Student Schedules, Test Scores and Parent Notification Preferences.

If you already have an account, you do not need to re-register each year.

Parents who prefer to have information mailed home should make a request directly to their child’s school building.

If you have difficulty accessing your Parent Portal account please click the “PS Help” link on the sign in page. If you do not receive an email OR have any problems, please email pshannon@opschools.org for assistance.

Virtual Backpack

The Orchard Park Central School District’s Virtual Backpack is a central repository of informational flyers that can be found at opschools.org/domain/1752.

New flyers are added on a weekly basis, so please be sure to check your school’s Virtual Backpack regularly for the most up-to-date information. Scan code at right to view now.

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n June we surveyed parents, teachers, and students (grades 4-12) to gain feedback regarding our spring remote learning program during the emergency school closure. Our administrative team has analyzed the feedback including the many comments shared to gain insight into what worked well, what challenges/frustrations students and families had, and what we can do more effectively if we are faced with a hybrid or remote learning environment again.

Here were some of the central themes that are guiding our improvements and enhancements.

- **Technology**
  - Technology support for parents/students to orient parents/students;
  - One learning management system K-12 (i.e. Google Classroom);
  - Streamlined instructional resources;

- **Clear expectations & Increased Student Engagement**
  - For Students - expectations for participation, increased accountability, increased opportunities for "live" (i.e. synchronous) instructional support with teachers;
  - For Teachers/schools - a master schedule of synchronous teaching and learning (i.e. "live" instructional sessions and office hours) so conflicts can be avoided;

- **Flexibility**
  - Families expressed their stress of working from home while supporting their child's remote learning. Families valued flexibility in accessing instructional resources (recorded content available online) with opportunities for live interactions with teachers. The balance of recorded content versus live interactions with teachers is a focus of our planning
  - Flexibility with assignment due dates and deadlines was also appreciated.

Moving forward, we will continue improving areas that were most challenging for students and families. We value the feedback of our stakeholders and will continue to adapt and grow to improve our experience for our students. We hope to have our students back on campus as soon as safe to do so. If they cannot be on campus, we are committed to delivering an enhanced remote learning experience for students.

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**Preparing Students for a Global Society**

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ur District’s Mission Statement includes. “…students will be responsible and contributing members of an ever-changing and global society.” To that end, we have committed to studying and exploring ways to deepen our knowledge of matters of diversity so we can better support our students, particularly our non majority students. Additionally, we are committed to our mission to prepare all students for a diverse, global workforce and world.

Curricularly, we launched a Multicultural Literature course at our high school two years ago and our Human Rights course will start this fall. We are analyzing classroom libraries, and will strive to ensure diversity in both the characters represented in books as well as the authors of the books in our collections. Our curricula and the instructional resources we use are regularly updated.

As educators, we recognize our responsibility to continue to learn and evolve to better serve our students. The roots of our work began one year ago when we collaborated with the Buffalo Jewish Federation, and continued this year as members of our leadership team participated in a study of the book Waking Up White by Debby Irving and a workshop aimed at increasing our awareness of the biases we personally hold. We have a number of book studies this summer for our teachers, staff and administrators on books relevant to the current national conversation on diversity, racial equity and systemic racism.

District leaders participated in a conversation with OP alum recently regarding their perspectives and their advocacy on this topic. Together, parents and educators can have a tremendous impact on shaping future generations. To that end, we will be launching a community read of *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo.

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Elementary Students Express Gratitude & Appreciation

Student Council members at Ellicott Elementary created a virtual greeting card and used money raised from their Book Store to buy individually wrapped cookies to deliver to lunch and transportation staff as a way to say thank you for working hard to deliver meals along with other essential materials to our students.

Eggert 5th grade students put together an impressive “Thank You” video message to thank teachers and staff at Eggert Elementary. Check it out at https://youtu.be/KA3Pi3uIXUg

This spring Windom’s Student Council sent teachers and staff members messages to let them know they are missed and to spread a little cheer!

OPCSD Provides Meals to Those in Need

Throughout the school closure the district has been committed to ensuring that the students’ basic needs are met. This past spring the Orchard Park Central School District was providing over 3800 meals a week to students by working with the district food service provider Personnel Touch. The district’s transportation department delivered the meals.

Buses are pictured lining up in the Orchard Park High School Baker lot. There breakfasts, lunches and anything the district needed to deliver to students was loaded on to the buses to be delivered to Orchard Park Central School District families.

Produce Peddlers delivered boxes of fresh produce and groceries to 18 OP families. The deliveries were sponsored by the owners of Research & Design. The District was able to facilitate the food donation and ensure they went to families in need.

The images above showcase each of the drive by events. Students, teachers and staff all had a great time seeing each other and celebrating the students moving on to the Middle School or the High School.

On Friday, June 12th and Monday, June 15th there were emotional “Goodbye Drive-by” events for our 5th and 8th grade students at OPMS, Ellicott, South Davis, Windom and Eggert. Parents and students were able to drive through the school parking lots and wave goodbye to the teachers and staff members. It was a great opportunity for teachers and staff members to wish the students well as the fifth graders prepare for the Orchard Park Middle School and the eighth graders head to the Orchard Park High School.
Orchard Park High School’s Class of 2020 graduated on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at the Orchard Park High School. The senior class earned over 18 million dollars in scholarships. Below is a complete listing of scholarship and award information.

College & Previously Recognized Scholarships

Albert, Emma........................................St. John Fisher College, Gannon University, D’Youville College
Arnold, Genevieve.................................John Carroll University, National Catholic College Admissions Association Scholarship
Azurin, Sophia....................................University at Buffalo, St. Lawrence University, Alfred University, Cazenovia College, Lake Erie College, University of Vermont, University of Massachusetts Amherst, University of Kentucky, SUNY ESF, SUNY Oswego, Findlay University
Bass, Meagan....................................Niagara University
Bauer, Katherine.................................Saginaw Valley State University
Bell, Abigail......................................University of Vermont
Black, Abbey......................................The Ohio State University, Clemson University, The University of Georgia, The Sage Colleges

Valedictorian, Eric Stuhr is pictured giving his speech during the graduation ceremony.

Boyd, Jack.....................................Alfred State College, RIT
Bowen, Antonio.................................Rochester Institute of Technology
Bonaventure University

Cocchiarella, Ryan...............................University at Buffalo, SUNY Albany, Xavier University, St. Bonaventure University, Duquesne University
Comstock, Jakob.................................Alfred State College, RIT
DeKay, Landon....................................Syracuse University, St. John Fisher, SUNY Geneseo, Niagara University
DellaContraida, John.............................University at Buffalo, SUNY Fredonia, University of Rochester
Doherty, Kate.................................Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County Master Gardener Scholarship
Donohue, Mia....................................St. John Fisher College, D’Youville College, Canisius College, Prudential President’s Volunteer Service Award, UFCW Local One Benefit Funds Education Department Scholarship
Dougherty, Joseph..............................Rochester Institute of Technology
Duffek, Jack..................................Allegeny College
DuMond, Anthony..............................Elon University
Dunn, Rachel.................................SUNY Fredonia
Fazio, Isabella.................................Johnson and Wales University
Ferguson, Jessica..............................SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Finn, Catherine...............................Alfred University, Pratt MWP College of Art and Design, SUNY Purchase, Cleveland Institute of Art, Allentown Village Society, Inc. Visual Arts Scholarship, East Aurora Art Society Student Achievement Award
Fischer, Jonathan..............................Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland State University, Carnegie Mellon University, DePaul University - School of Music, Eastman School of Music, ECMEA Scholarship, UFCW Local One Benefit Funds Education Department Scholarship, Women’s Committee of the Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra Scholarship
Flannery, Lily.................................Ithaca College, SUNY Geneseo, Miami University, Xavier University, University at Buffalo, St. Lawrence University, National Office Products Alliance (NOPA) Scholarship
Genzel, Mary.................................Nazareth College, University at Buffalo, Fredonia State College, University of Northern Colorado
Gibson, Fiona.................................Fordham University, American University, Xavier University, Duquesne University, University of Pittsburgh, University at Albany, University at Buffalo
Giese, Megan.................................Canisius College
Hanlon, Charles............................(NFADA/Ron Smith Memorial Auto Tech Competition
Harrigan, Leah.................................John Carroll University, Xavier University, Miami University, Duquesne University, University of Dayton, Ihcaca College
Harvey, Savannah..............................SUNY Brockport, Taste of Buffalo, Hennelly Family Scholarship
Hastie, Anna.................................SUNY Brockport, NYS Excelsior Scholarship
Hellert, Samuel...............................UFCW Local One Benefit Funds Education Department Scholarship
Members of the Orchard Park High School Class of 2020 are all smiles after their graduation ceremony.
College & Previously Recognized Scholarships Cont.

Soares, David ............................................................... D’Youville College
Storms, Luke ............................................................... SUNY Oswego
Streety, Maxwell ........................................................... Pace University
Stycharz, Jacob ............................................................. Alfred University
Stuhr, Eric ................................................................. Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship
Stuhr, Sarah ................................................................. Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship
Swietzer, Autumn .......................................................... SUNY Brockport
Taggart, Grace ............................................................... Xavier University, Loyola University Chicago, University of Dayton, Moravian College, Edinboro University
Takaczy, Charlotte .......................................................... Carleton University
Tills, Emily ................................................................. Nazareth College, SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Fredonia, University of Akron
Tokasz, Stephanie .......................................................... Ithaca College, Emerson College, SUNY Buffalo, SUNY Purchase College
Toth, Hannah ............................................................... Kent State University, St. Bonaventure University
Urbaniaik, Megan .......................................................... Rochester Institute of Technology
Vance, Bode ................................................................. Duquesne University
Wagner, Matthew .......................................................... Alfred University
Warnes, Jillian ............................................................... Rochester Institute of Technology
Williams, Kathryn .......................................................... Nazareth College, SUNY Fredonia
Winiewicz, Nyah ............................................................ Michigan State, University of Alabama, Miami University, State Farm Companies Foundation Scholarship, National Merit State Farm Scholarship
Winnett, Riley ............................................................... St. Bonaventure, Slippery Rock University, Kent State University, Seton Hall University
Winterhalter, Sierra .......................................................... Canisius College
Wittmann, Isabelle .......................................................... Daemen College, Keuka College, D’Youville College, Nazareth College
Wozniak, Holden ............................................................. Rochester Institute of Technology, University at Buffalo
Zawadzki, Alexis ............................................................ SUNY Morrisville
Zelasko, Matthew ........................................................... Kent State University
Zybczynski, Kelsey ........................................................... Nazareth College, SUNY Fredonia, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Buffalo State

Seniors throw their graduation caps in celebration on their graduation day.

2020 Awards and Scholarships

Awards

Visual Arts:

- Sara Bialkowski, Catherine Finn, Jessica Gates, Juntralai Moore, Sarah Stuhr

Financial Literacy Award:

- Zachary Graulich

Business:

- Landon DeKay, Rebecca Kondol

DECA:

- Jake Miller

Accounting:

- Matthew Buynceak, John DellaConrrada, Kate Doherty, Rachael Major, Jake Miller

Striving for Excellence Award:

- Mia Donohue, Hannah Toth

Advanced Calculus:

- Abbey Black, Ryan Knavel, Kate Doherty, Christian Henrich, Emily Leach

AP Computer Science:

- Eric Falcone, Holden Wozniak

AP Computer Science Principles:

- Caleb Potter

AP Statistics:

- Sara Puskar

ATSM:

- Matthew Buynceak, Madison Knavel

Precalculus:

- Kathryn Williams

Programming I:

- Jake Miller

Band:

- Jenna Agro

Chorus:

- Jenna Agro

Orchestra:

- Christian Henrich

John Philip Sousa Award:

- Jonathan Fischer

Louis Armstrong Award:

- Jenna Agro

Erie County Music Educators All-County Ensemble:

- Jenna Agro, John DellaConrrada, Jonathan Fischer, Jessica Gates, Ryan Knavel, Kaleigh Kroon, Rebecca Lang, Jake Miller, Rachel Norvilitis, Rose Quinlan, Nyah Winiewicz, Holden Wozniak, Maeve Wright

NYSSMA Conference All-State:

- Jenna Agro, Loren Castilloux, Christian Henrich, Rose Quinlan

NYSSMA Solo Competition:

- Jenna Agro, Thomas Callaghan, Loren Castilloux, John DellaConrrada, Jessica Gates, Christian Henrich, Rebecca Lang, Jake Miller, Juntralai Moore, Rachel Norvilitis, Rose Quinlan, Emily Tills

United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence:

- Rachel Norvilitis

Physical Education:

- Christian Henrich, Kathryn Pazderski

Health Education:

- Emily Tills

Advanced Biology:

- Eliza Klos

Advanced Science:

- Eliza Klos

AP Physics:

- Eric Stuhr

Ecologist:

- Jessica Ferguson

AP Economics:

- Abbey Black, Matthew Buynceak, Eric Falcone, Eliza Klos, Nyah Winiewicz

AP Government:

- Abby Black, Matthew Buynceak, Rachael Major, Leah Pasqualetti, Eric Stuhr

Corporate Economics:

- Brooke Becker

AP History Scholar Award:

- Sophia Azurin, Jan Michael Bertulfo, Abbey Black, Marin Bogulska, Taylor Brusehaber, Matthew Buynceak, Beatrice Choroser, John
2020 Awards and Scholarships

Social Studies Distinction Award:
Humanitarian Distinction Award
Gold: Molly Joyce
Silver: Jessica Joslyn, Rachael Major
Bronze: Mia Donohue, Jenna Joslyn

Triple C Award:
Overall Technology Education:
Engineering Technology:
Graphic Technology:
Drawing & Design for Production:
Wood Working Technology:
Latin Honors IV:
AP French:
AP Spanish:
View of Spain:
Overall Outstanding in Foreign Languages:

OPTA Senior Awards for Excellence:

STAP Comm
Senior Leadership Award:

The Voice
Editor-in-Chief:
News & Opinion Editor:
Sports Editor:
Entertainment Editor:
Photo Editor:
Athletic Awards
All-Academic Team:

Athletic Leadership Award:
Coaches’ Award:
Cross Training Athletic Award:
Mayor’s Award:

Outstanding Athlete:
Scholar Athlete:
Supervisor’s Award:
Varsity Club Sportsmanship Award:
Perfect Attendance:

Scholarships
AOF Advisory Board: “Internship Video Award”
AOF Scholarship/AXA:
AOF Scholarship/Financial Partners of Upstate NY:
AOF Scholarship/Financial Trust Federal Credit Union:
AOF Scholarship/Morgan Stanley AOF Leadership:
AOF/Legend Group:
American Legion Auxil. Post #567 Scholarship:
Barbara J. Gow Scholarship:

Rose Quinlan, the longest reigning Senior Class President in the history of Orchard Park High School, speaks to her classmates at the graduation ceremony.
During the 2020-2021 school year the school calendar will be exclusively available online. With guidance from both state and local officials being updated on a very regular basis we are anticipating date changes throughout the upcoming school year. Please visit www.opschools.org and click calendar to access the district event schedule.