



Orchard Park Central School District Back-to-School 2021 Community Report

First Day of School

The first day of school for students is Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Calendar Distribution

Calendars will be distributed to students in Kindergarten through 8th grade on September 8, the first day of school. Calendars going to students at the high school level will be mailed home prior to the first day of school. As we have done in years past, the calendars will be given only to the youngest student in each family. Calendars will be available to District residents at the Orchard Park Public Library, Anthony-Brown Pharmacy, Beerz Convenience Store and the Orchard Park Central School District Office located at 2240 Southwestern Blvd., beginning August 30.

Congratulations Graduates!

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Quaker Camp and OPMS Boost Academics in the Summer

More than 250 elementary and middle school students took part in six weeks of added academic instruction through Quaker Camp and a summer academic program at Orchard Park Middle School (OPMS) from July through mid-August. Thanks in part to additional funding available through the federal American Recovery Act, the Orchard Park Central School District delivered an outstanding summer program.

Quaker Camp took place at Eggert Elementary School, and included morning instruction in English Language Arts and an afternoon program for mathematics. The District invited students to Quaker Camp based on academic need. Students participated in the morning or afternoon program, or both if needed. The midday portion provided students with free lunch, recess and computer-based instruction for students attending full-day.

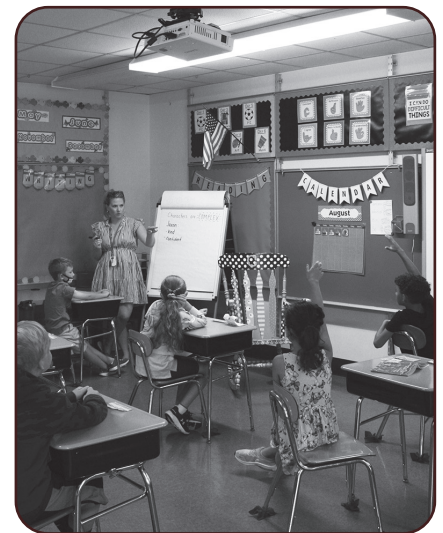
“Our students were fortunate to have increased learning time and access to academic intervention supports through our enhanced summer programs,” said Dr. Lisa Krueger, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Pupil Services. “Thanks to available funding, we were able to increase this year’s programs from four to six weeks while expanding the grade levels served.”

In years past, summer instruction was geared toward Kindergarten through 2nd Grade students who needed reading assistance. Between Quaker Camp and a similar curriculum at OPMS, this year’s summer programs supported students entering 1st Grade through 8th Grade this fall. Special Education students also accessed speech therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy at Eggert.

“These robust programs boosted students’ education while avoiding the regression of skills that often occurs during the summer months,” said Krueger. “This positions our students to enter the school year with more skills and confidence to be ready for their next grade level.”

Pictured during Quaker Camp inside Eggert Elementary:

Mrs. Lisa Josker (top photo) provides reading instruction in the library while Ms. Catherine Joynt (bottom photo) teaches character traits to 3rd Grade students.



Fall Community Education Brochure Enclosed.
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Superintendent's Column

By David Lilleck

It was back in 1898 that the Orchard Park Central School District was approved by the Board of Regents to provide a public school for grades 7-12. In 1904, the first Regents Exams and diplomas were achieved in Orchard Park. In the mid-20th Century, it was still rather common that many students did not complete high school. It is easy to see that since 1898, quality education in Orchard Park has adapted, changed and grown to meet the needs of our students. It is imperative we strive to provide equitable learning opportunities for all students and explore further the rich diversity of our world as we build upon this strong foundation.

In today's ever-changing world, we must continue to work to develop a deeper focus on the needs of all of our students. With this in mind, it is essential that we support diversity, equity and the inclusion of all students. This work and focus is even more important as we transition out of the pandemic. We know the last 18 months have negatively impacted all students to some degree, but there is no doubt that specific groups of students were more negatively affected than others. Our mission must focus on ensuring that all students and



members of our school community feel welcomed, safe and supported as we exit the pandemic and meet the needs of all our students.

What we have all learned over the last 18 months is that as a school community, when we work together, we can achieve great success.

We have creative, caring and talented teachers, administrators and support staff. We have eager and receptive students supported by parents and a community that values excellence in our schools. This is a foundation of which we should be proud and excited to build upon.

In the months and years ahead, I know we will work together to continually provide opportunities for all students, and I look forward to the partnerships we currently have within our community as well as the new ones yet to be formed. I am excited for the learning opportunities on the horizon for our students and know firsthand that our future is bright!

The start of a new school year brings great hope, excitement and new possibilities. On behalf of the entire Orchard Park Central School District, we look forward to the start of the 2021-2022 school year and welcoming back our students, teachers and support staff.

2021-2022 School Meal Information

During the 2021-2022 school year the Federal Government will be extending one free breakfast and lunch for each student throughout the year, for meals that include all required components as required by the state. This will allow all students in the Orchard Park Central School District to receive breakfast and lunch, regardless of family income, through the 2021-2022 school year. A parent/guardian will only need to add funds to their child's MySchoolBucks account if they want their child to purchase a second meal or a la carte items. Even though at this time breakfast and lunch is provided at no cost, if a parent/guardian believes they qualify for the free and reduced lunch program, we encourage you to fill out the application on our website.

OPHS Recognized as a 2020-2021 Student-Athlete School of Distinction

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. (NYSPHSAA) honored Orchard Park High School (OPHS) as one of 64 schools statewide to receive the 2020-2021 Student-Athlete School of Distinction Award. OPHS earned the award by having 100 percent of its varsity teams qualify for and receive Scholar-Athlete team awards during their respective sports seasons.

This year's award marks the second time OPHS achieved the School of Distinction Award, as it received the designation in 2014. Varsity teams achieve Scholar-Athlete team awards by having an average GPA of 90.00 or above for at least 75% of its roster.

OPHS joins five other high schools throughout the eight-county Western New York region as a 2020-2021 School of Distinction. NYSPHSAA officials will present OPHS with a certificate and commemorative award at a local athletic director workshop this fall.

"This is an outstanding accomplishment for our 28 varsity teams," said David Hack, director of physical education and athletics for OPHS. "The achievement affirms Orchard Park High School's commitment to excellence both in the classroom and on the field."

NYSPHSAA began its Scholar-Athlete team award for the 1991-1992 school year and established the School of Distinction Award in 2002-2003. In addition to this year's 64 School of Distinction honorees, another 124 schools received the School of Excellence Award for having at least 75 percent of varsity teams qualify for the honors threshold.



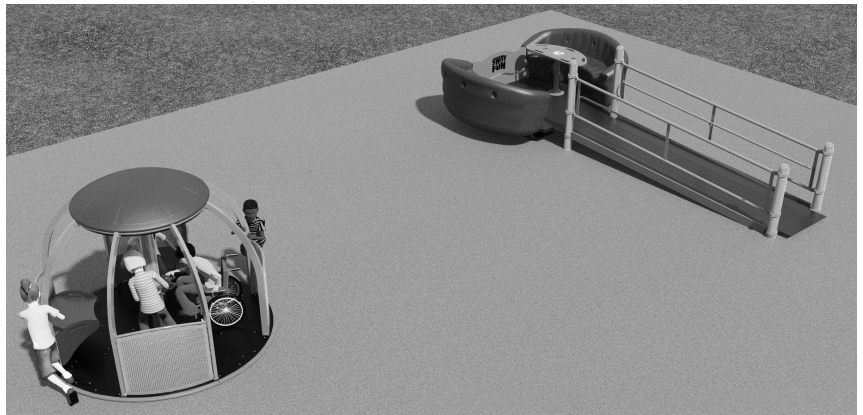
Upgraded Playground at Ellicott Elementary to Provide Accessibility

In mid-August, the Building and Grounds Department began renovations to the playground at Ellicott Elementary School. New additions to the venue will include We-Go-Round™ and Sway Fun® Glider – two pieces of equipment designed to be inclusive for all students.

In addition, construction crews will remove a section of wood chips and replace it with a poured-in-place rubber surface. The new surface and inclusive playground equipment will provide accessibility for students with wheelchairs, walkers or other assistive devices for mobility.

We-Go-Round and Sway Fun Glider will be located near the front of the playground, immediately adjacent to the blacktop driveway for ease of entry. Crews expect to complete the renovations by mid- to late-September.

“This is a major step in our efforts towards making all of our playgrounds more inclusive,” said Bill Bosinski, Director of Facilities. “We are planning for future projects at Eggert, South Davis and Windom to offer greater accessibility.”



We-Go-Round and Sway Fun Glider provide accessibility for students with wheelchairs, walkers or other assistive devices for mobility.

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 are 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 contact pshannon@opschools.org for assistance.



The Ellicott Elementary playground in early August 2021, prior to renovations.

Why Purchase Chromebook Insurance?

OPCSD has partnered with Worth Ave. Group to offer affordable insurance for school-issued student devices for the 2021-2022 school year. The optional insurance provides replacement cost coverage and protects the Chromebook on and off school grounds. The enrollment deadline is September 30.

Pricing is as follows for students in grades 4-12:

- \$29.00 for students in Grades 4-12 (Chromebook Only)
- \$20.00 for students in Grades 9-12 (Calculator Only)
- \$49.00 for students in Grades 9-12 (Chromebook and Calculator)

To purchase the optional insurance, please visit <https://www.opschools.org/chromebooks>.

Class of 2021 Top Ten



Megan Bouton is the Class of 2021 Valedictorian. She will attend Northeastern University to study neuroscience

on a pre-med track. Megan volunteered with FeedMore WNY and The Teacher's Desk, and also served as a DARE Role Model. At OPHS, she was a member of STAP Comm, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Wellness Club. As an athlete, she participated in Varsity Swimming, Varsity Track and JV Lacrosse. Megan earned a variety of awards, including the Rensselaer Medal, Harvard Book Award, and Outstanding Achievement for a variety of subjects including Honors Algebra II, Advanced Chemistry, Physics and AP U.S. History. She aspires to make people laugh and improve the quality of life for as many people as possible. Megan is the daughter of Michelle and Scott Bouton.



Elizabeth Mayer is the Class of 2021 Salutatorian. She will attend Northeastern University to study Biology and Mathematics.

Elizabeth volunteered with The Teacher's Desk, FeedMore WNY Community Garden and the NYSSMA Music Festival. She served as Treasurer of the Orchestra Club, Vice President of the OP Earth Activists Club and as a STAP Comm Officer. Additionally, she participated in the Southtowns Youth Orchestra as its Principal Cellist, the Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra, the Buffalo Suzuki Strings Summer Workshop and the Summer Symposium for Human Rights. Elizabeth received the Clarkson Achievement Award, participated in NYSSMA and All-County Orchestras, and achieved Excellence in Biology, English and AP U.S. History. She aims to use her skills to magnify the voices of the underserved. Elizabeth is the daughter of Nicole Schreib and Jeffrey Mayer.



Elena deRosas will attend the Honors College at University of Pittsburgh to study Bioengineering. As a violinist, she volunteered her time to teach

children through Buffalo Suzuki Strings and Buffalo String Works. At OPHS, Elena served as President of the Medical Career Interest Group, was a member of Varsity Swimming and participated in both Symphonic Orchestra and Buffalo Suzuki Strings Advanced Ensemble. She earned the Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award, AP Scholar with Distinction and Outstanding Achievement in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Honors 10 English. Elena's additional achievements include the NYSSMA Conference All-State Symphony Orchestra, ECMEA All-County Orchestra, National Hispanic Scholar, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and OP Pride. She hopes to create technological advancements that will help improve the quality of life for people who have serious injuries. Elena is the daughter of Andrea and Jorge deRosas.



Collin Jamieson will attend Clarkson University to study Computer Engineering. He volunteered

with Union Presbyterian Soup Kitchen, ECMEA and St. John Vianney. Collin was the Public Relations Officer of the Yearbook Club, the Section Leader for the Quaker Marching Band's Drumline and a member of Orchard Park Educational Outreach. He earned Outstanding Achievement in a variety of subjects, including AP Computer Science Principles, AP U.S. History, 11th Grade Regents English, AP European History, Computer Programming, Integrated Geometry and 9th Grade Global History. He aspires to create innovative technologies to improve daily living. Collin is the son of Kristin and David Jamieson.



Candace Kaminski will attend University at Buffalo to study Political Science and Psychology. She volunteered for the Polar Plunge and also

for fundraisers with OP Little Loop. At OPHS, Candace participated in Indoor and Outdoor Track, Spanish Honors Society, Educational Outreach, Cancer Awareness Club and Varsity Club. She is grateful for the education she received and feels very prepared to tackle the challenges of the future. Her future goal is to work as a lawyer to make improvements to the criminal justice system. Candace is the daughter of Susan Gianiodis and James Kaminski.



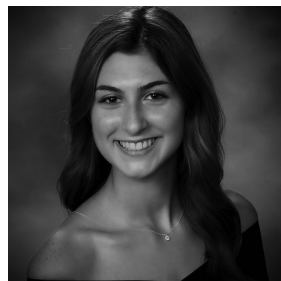
Henry Kamis will attend Purdue University to study Engineering. He volunteered with Youth Court for four years and participated in a variety of

community projects with youth, such as Habitat for Humanity. At OPHS, Henry was Treasurer for the National Honors Society and participated in Math Club, Choraliers and Swing Choir. He played Varsity Tennis for six years and served as a tennis coach and instructor outside school at Eagle Ridge. Besides Varsity Tennis, he also participated in Varsity and JV Track. Henry achieved the Scott Krueger Scholarship, Elmira College Key Book Award Scholarship, OP Pride and a three-year membership with ECMEA. He hopes to use his Engineering degree to improve the world and enhance human existence. Henry is the son of Kimberly and Russell Kamis.



Bryce McCandless will attend SUNY Fredonia to study Music Composition. He volunteered with OP Winterscape and the ECMEA Junior High Solo Festival. Bryce enhanced and shared his love for music at OPHS through participation in the Quaker Marching Band, Checkmates Jazz Band, Musical Pit, Fiddle Club and Chamber

Orchestra. He is a National Merit Scholar and received awards from the Quaker Marching Band for Outstanding Percussion and Outstanding Rookie. Bryce additionally earned Excellence in the following subjects: AP U.S. History, AP English, Regents Physics, AP European History, Chemistry, 10th Grade Honors English, 10th Grade Orchestra, Computer Programming and Honors Geometry. He hopes to leverage the power of music to lessen the effects of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia. Bryce is the son of Suzanne Petrillo and Scott McCandless.

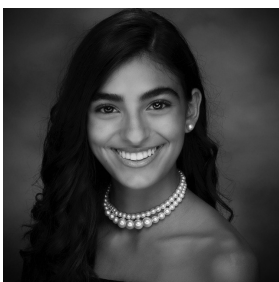


Karleigh McCarthy will attend the University of Pittsburgh to study Biology. She volunteered extensively with St. Luke's Mission to make cards for hospitals, distribute food on holidays, organize classrooms, assemble hygiene baskets and assist with refugee housing. Karleigh was a four-year member of Drama Club and participated in four musicals. She also served as Vice President of Société Honoraire de

Français, was the Senior Class Liaison for STAP Comm and played Field Hockey during freshman and sophomore years. Karleigh earned the George H. Ball Community Achievement Award, three scholastic achievements, Excellence in 10th Grade AP European History and 9th Grade Global History. Additionally, Karleigh achieved accolades for her musical prowess, including two awards through ECMEA, three awards as a NYSSMA Soloist and three designations as NYSSMA Area All-State. She aspires to become a doctor and wishes to develop treatments and cures toward longer life spans. Karleigh is the daughter of Shannon and Greg McCarthy.

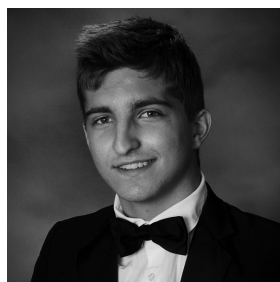


The Top 10 Graduates pose for a group photo.



Ava Savarino will attend John Carroll University to study Biochemistry. She volunteered with the Hawk Creek Wildlife Center and Orchard Park Town Hall Records Management Office, and additionally shared her musical talents as a classical and jazz vocalist for Fox Run Senior Center, Orchard Park Heights and Our Lady Help of Christians. At OPHS, Ava was a member of Varsity Outdoor Track and Field, excelling at the 400-meter hurdles. She starred in various

drama and musical productions, including lead roles in *Sister Act* and *Almost Maine*. Ava also was a member of the National Honor Society, Treasurer for the Spanish Honor Society, Treasurer for the Science Club, and a participant in both TIES and the Academy of Finance. She served as Class President during freshman and senior years, and served as Treasurer of STAP Comm during sophomore and junior years. Outside OPHS, Ava was an Ambassador Girl Scout for 10 years, earning Bronze and Silver Awards. She also was an Executive Staff Member for Orchard Park Youth Court and was featured in *JazzBuffalo* for earning the Seal of Bilitery. Ava is the daughter of Carmella and Peter Savarino.



Thomas Strade will attend the University at Buffalo to study Math and Biology. At OPHS, he participated in Track, the Quaker Marching Band, Model UN, Southtowns Youth Orchestra and Buffalo Summer Institute. Thomas achieved Excellence in AP World History, AP Language and Composition, and Advanced

Biology. Outside OPHS, Thomas played soccer and worked at Orchard Heights Senior Living. He aspires to create something revolutionary and inspire others to do likewise. Thomas is the son of Elaine and Tom Strade.

**Congratulations 2021
Orchard Park High
School Graduates!**

District Launches Full-Day Pre-K Program

By: Dr. Lisa M. Krueger, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Pupil Services
Dr. Paul Pietrantone, Director of Special Programs

Since 2008, the Orchard Park Central School District has secured the maximum grant funding allocated to our district to support 100 preschool children in a Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program. Historically, the program was a half-day (2.5 hours in length) and delivered in community-based organizations throughout Orchard Park.



In the fall of 2019, we hosted our first UPK classes on-site at Eggert Road Elementary School, which served 36 children (18 AM and 18 PM). Although the school closures impacted the school year in March of 2020, the program proved beneficial by providing transitional support to children through increased Kindergarten readiness activities and collaboration with Kindergarten teachers. Additionally, because the program was on-site, we provided early intervention support for children with social-emotional, physical, and/or academic support.

This spring, we learned the OPCSD was eligible for additional UPK funding to support the launch of a full-day program. With limited time to capitalize on this opportunity, our team worked quickly to provide this additional service and choice for families. As a result, we will be hosting the following programs for 4-year olds in our school district:

- 36 half-day UPK students at Eggert Road Elementary;
- 38 half-day UPK students in community-based preschools (EduKids, YMCA & DoodleBugs);
- 72 full-day UPK students in our elementary schools (18 students at Eggert, Ellicott, South Davis, and Windom Elementary Schools);
- 34 full-day UPK students in community-based preschools (EduKids & YMCA).

In all, we are serving 180 four-year-olds with a first-rate early childhood education program while maximizing grant funding. As Dr. Krueger describes, "Our community is fortunate to have so many choices and opportunities to support our youngest learners with high-quality programs delivered by caring individuals."

Orchard Park's preschool teachers worked on planning and preparing for their new classrooms this summer. Preparations included professional development for teachers and developing a vision statement for pre-k education in Orchard Park. Our vision statement includes classroom activities grounded in play and exploration as essential methods for teaching at this level. Teachers will work to support language, early literacy, and numeracy development while fostering social-emotional learning. Teachers and school staff are excited about the addition of full-day Pre-K classes in our schools. Mrs. Senn, Pre-K Teacher at Ellicott Elementary, said, "I can't wait, and I am honored to open my heart to Orchard Park students just entering the world of school and to foster their love for learning."

We are grateful to our long-standing partners, including the YMCA, EduKids, and DoodleBugs preschools, for allowing us to serve more students than we have the capacity to serve in our elementary schools. Additionally, we appreciate our elementary school principals and our UPK teachers for their dedication to supporting students and families and for making this program a reality.

Virtual Backpack

The Orchard Park Central School District's Virtual Backpack is a central repository of informational flyers that can be found at <http://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.



Welcome New Administrators



Minser Bernys - Director of Special Education

Minser comes to Orchard Park Central School District (OPCSD) from Frontier Central School District (CSD), where she served as Director of Special Education for four years. She also worked for Lackawanna CSD for three years and at WNY Maritime Charter School for nine years. Minser has an advanced graduate certificate in educational leadership from Stony Brook University and a master's degree in special education from D'Youville College. She lives in Lancaster with her husband and two children.



Kristin Guadagno - Head School Bus Driver

Kristin received a promotion to Head School Bus Driver after serving as Transportation Clerk and previously as an 18-year bus driver. She has served OPCSD since 1998 and lives in the district with her husband and two children. Her daughter, Hailey, starts this fall as a teacher's aide for Eggert Elementary while her son, Aiden, begins freshman year at Orchard Park High School (OPHS).



Brandon Hafner - House 1 Principal, OPHS

Brandon returns to OPHS after serving as an assistant principal at Kenmore West High School. He taught chemistry for 17 years, 12 of which were at OPHS. Brandon's educational degrees are from SUNY Buffalo, including a master's degree in multidisciplinary studies as well as advanced studies in school building and school district leadership. He and his wife just celebrated 25 years of marriage, and the youngest of their five children begins college this fall.



Bernadette Krumpek - Assistant Principal, OPMS

Bernadette comes to Orchard Park Middle School (OPMS) from Batavia CSD, where she served the past two years as an assistant principal for the intermediate and middle schools. Also in Batavia, Bernadette served as a teacher on special assignment and an additional 12 years as a middle school counselor. She holds two master's degrees from Canisius College in counseling and human services as well as in educational leadership. Bernadette lives with her husband of 19 years and her two children.



Diana Nigro - Principal, Ellicott Elementary

Diana joins Ellicott Elementary from Tonawanda CSD, where she recently served as principal for Mullen Elementary. She also served as an assistant principal for Akron Elementary and began her career as an elementary teacher at School 3 in Dunkirk CSD. Diana holds an advanced certificate in educational leadership from SUNY Fredonia and a master's degree in education from Walden Elementary. She and her husband Mike have two young children.



Paul Pietrantone - Director of Special Programs

Paul begins a new role with OPCSD after serving as the principal at Ellicott Elementary for nine years. His career in education began at Windom Elementary as a special education teacher. Paul earned a doctorate degree in education from D'Youville College, a master's degree in educational administration from Canisius College and a master's degree in educational technology from SUNY Buffalo State. He and his wife have three children.



Dean Ramirez - Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Pupil Services

Dean comes to OPCSD from Iroquois High School, where he served as principal for four years. He also served as principal for Lewiston-Porter Middle School, assistant principal at Maryvale High School and 10 years as a social studies teacher at Maryvale Middle School. Dean holds a doctorate in education from SUNY Buffalo and master's degrees from Canisius College and SUNY Buffalo State. He and his wife Melissa have two girls and two boys.

Orchard Park High School's Class of 2021 graduated on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at Highmark Stadium.
The senior class earned more than \$15 million in scholarships. Below is a complete listing of scholarship and award information.

College & Previously Recognized Scholarships

Adamy, Quinn	NYS Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association Scholarship, Attica-Wyoming Correctional Employees Federal Credit Union Scholarship
Adorno, Esteban	State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, SUNY Geneseo
Armstrong, Matthew	John Carroll University, Keuka College
Bahun, Olivia	Canisius College, Duquesne University
Barsi, Allison	West Seneca Patriotic & Civic Commission Scholarship; WNY Blood Care Scholarship, Norman F. Locher Memorial Scholarship
Bartolotti, Charlie	University of Tampa, Families of FANA, Western New York, Inc. Scholarship
Baun, Abigail	Bryant & Stratton College
Baun, Megan	Daemen College, Virginia Commonwealth University, Duquesne University, Nazareth College, Le Moyne College, D'Youville College, Gannon University
Beane, Tyson	University of Alabama, Louisiana State University
Bender, Cailin	Penn State University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University at Buffalo, University of Pittsburgh, Virginia Tech
Bertola, Christopher	Rider University, Siena College
Bleech, Maura	St. Bonaventure University, Niagara University, St. John Fisher College, Nazareth College, SUNY Geneseo, John Carroll University, Robert Morris University, Kent State University, Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship
Bouton, Megan	Northeastern University, Case Western Reserve University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Bowen, James	First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Scholarship
Calpin, Chase	Duquesne University
Collins, John	Hilbert College
Colosimo, Gina	Alfred University, East Aurora Art Society Student Achievement Award
Covey, Margaret	D'Youville College
Dann, Alice	Alfred University
DeLozier, Madisyn	Mercyhurst University, University at Albany, University of Connecticut, Duquesne University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Bloomsburg University
DeNysschen, Ashley	SUNY Geneseo, Rochester Institute of Technology, University at Buffalo
deRosas, Elena	University of Pittsburgh, Northeastern University, SUNY Geneseo, University of Michigan, University of Rochester
Desmond, Zoey	Bowling Green State University
Dolce, Jack	John Carroll University, Loyola University, University at Buffalo, Niagara University
Dolce, Sophia	Medaille College
Dommer, Zachary	Arizona State University
Drees, Julia	SUNY Fredonia



The Orchard Park High School's Class of 2021 graduated on Thursday, June 24 at Highmark Stadium. The class is pictured seated together on the stadium field.

Enders, Cameron	Daemen College
Evans, Michael	St. John Fisher College, D'Youville College, Canisius College
Fertel, Steven	Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Vermont, Drexel University
Fischer, Claire	Rochester Institute of Technology
Garduno, Nyna	SUNY Geneseo, Gannon University, John Carroll University, St. John Fisher College
Gawronski, Tyler	Hilbert College
Gioia, Alexa	University at Buffalo, Canisius College, Buffalo State College, Daemen College, Niagara University, Women's Committee of the Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra Scholarship
Glogowski, Aidan	Ithaca College, SUNY Oswego, SUNY Fredonia, Clarkson University, SUNY ESF
Gomez, Bridget	University of Rochester, John Carroll University, St. Bonaventure University, Canisius College, Nazareth College, College of the Holy Cross, St. John Fisher College, Northeastern University, Great Erie Federal Credit Union/ The NY Credit Union Association Erie-Niagara Chapter Winner, Great Erie Federal Credit Union/ The NY Credit Union Association-Statewide Award Winner
Green, Abigail	Duquesne University, University at Buffalo, St. John Fisher College, D'Youville College
Guzzo, Samuel	SUNY Fredonia
Hallett, Ethan	University of Northern Colorado
Harrison, Delaney	Penn State University
Haseley, Megan	Buffalo State College
Heppner, Max	Alfred State College
Holguin, Austin	University of Dayton, Niagara University, Alfred University, St. Bonaventure University, University of Pittsburgh, Penn State University
Ippolito, Olivia	St. Bonaventure University
Jamieson, Collin	Clarkson University, University of Rochester,

College & Previously Recognized Scholarships

	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology	Romanowski, MaiaMercer University, University of Arizona
Kamis, Henry	Elmira College, University of Dayton	Rozic, AnnaJohn Carroll University, Ithaca College, Rochester Institute of Technology
Kane, Sean	Canisius College, Duquesne University, St. Bonaventure University, Siena College, UFCW Local One Benefit Funds' Education Department Scholarship	Salgado, JalenPenn State University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University at Buffalo, University of Pittsburgh, Virginia Tech
Kent, Paige	University at Buffalo	Salmon, PaigeDuquesne University, Gannon University, Miami University, Nazareth College, National Merit Pfizer Inc. Scholarship
Kjellstrom, Daniel	Duquesne University, Loyola University, John Carroll University, St. John Fisher College	Savarino, AvaClarkson University, John Carroll University, Elks National Foundation Scholarship, Erie County Fire District Scholarship
Koebcke, Holly	Penn State University	Schaffer, LucasSUNY Geneseo
Krawczyk, Katie	Wegmans Scholarship Program	Schaffer, JamesCleveland Institute of Art
Lightcap, Lauren	University of Vermont, Washington University, Loyola University Chicago, University at Buffalo, Denison University, Fordham University, American University, Wegmans Scholarship Program	Scinta, JakeUniversity at Buffalo, Rochester Institute of Technology
Lutz, Alexander	Hilbert College	Scinta, NicoCanisius College
Mainella, Michael	Indiana University, University of Vermont, Miami of Ohio University, Loyola University	Senfield, CarsonUniversity of Tampa
Manning, Kathryn	University at Buffalo, Burger King Scholars Award	Shanahan, KeeganLawrence Technological University, Niagara University, Western New England University
Mateczun, Miranda	Slippery Rock University	Shaw, Te'LinSUNY Brockport, Tri-County Leadership Award
Mayer, Elizabeth	Northeastern University	Sippel, WilliamKent State University, Xavier University, St. John Fisher College, Duquesne University, Niagara University, Mercyhurst University, NYS Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association Scholarship
McCarville, Terrance	SUNY Plattsburgh, Wells College, Keuka College, Nazareth College	Smith, RikerSUNY Fredonia
McCrone, Patrick	Canisius College	Starkey, NathanPenn State University
McMullen, Julia	Lake Forest College	Thomas, TrinityChristopher T. Kerr Scholarship
Miller, Alexandria	University of Delaware, St John's University, Fordham University, Kent State University	Tills, AlexSt. John Fisher College, Le Moyne College, St. Bonaventure University, Canisius College
Mondel, Jacob	St. John Fisher College, Canisius College, Niagara University	Turco, JustinCanisius College, St. Bonaventure University, Niagara University, Nova Southeastern University
Murphy, Brian	University at Buffalo, University at Albany, University of Vermont, St. Bonaventure University	Vendura, AbigailChatham University, Buffalo State College, Thomas Jefferson University, Kent State University
Musteraid, Madeline	St. Lawrence University, SAGE	Vickery, AuroraWegmans Scholarship Program
Neeson, Jack	Michigan State University, University of Dayton	Walker, RileySUNY Fredonia, SUNY Oswego, Wegmans Scholarship Program
Newbury, Amanda	Rochester Institute of Technology, University at Buffalo, University of Akron	Weiss, EllaSiena College
Nichols, Erika	Muskingum University	Whitcher, LandenMercyhurst University, Xavier University, Duquesne University, Kent State University, Gannon University, The University of Akron, Robert Morris University
Odrzywolski, Brianna	University at Buffalo	
Olejniczak, Sarah	Medaille College	
Pace, Alexander	Alfred University	
Patel, Payal	Penn State University	
Pittas, Zisis	University of Tampa	
Rains, Kaylee	Rochester Institute of Technology, Alfred University, SUNY ESF, St. John Fisher College, SUNY Geneseo, University at Buffalo, Keuka College	
Ray, Julia	Pride of New York Scholarship	
Roman, Jessica	St. John Fisher College, Niagara University, Girl Scouts of WNY Educational Scholarship, Girl Scouts of WNY Kim Welsh Memorial Scholarship, Vietnam Veterans of America/ Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship	

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2021 Awards and Scholarships

Awards

Visual Arts:

Jessica Breth, Michelle Chen,
Jocelyn Conaway, Ava Salman
Samantha Bonitati, Jake Hollins,
Cody Keitz, Lauren Lightcap,
Alexander Lutz, Olivia Scolese,
Darius Skipper

Business:

Ashley DeNysschen
Kate Carter, Elizabeth Mayer
Abigail Vendura, Elijah Venning
Ashlee Reid, Carley Whitney

DECA:

AP English:

Striving for Excellence Award:

Common Core Geometry:



Ava Savarino, Senior Class President, speaks to her classmates at the graduation ceremony.

Common Core Algebra 2:

Sienna Berkheiser
Nicole Lambert, Kaiona Vallance,
Matthew Weber

ATSM:

Pre-Calculus:

Olivia Newlove, Sarah
Olejniczak, Jessica Roman, Maia
Romanowski, Jessica Rosati

Calculus:

AP Calculus BC:

College Statistics:

AP Statistics:

Computer Science:

Band:

Chorus:

Orchestra:

John Philip Sousa Award:

Louis Armstrong Award:

Erie County Music Educators All-County Ensemble:

Paula Ardivini, Matthew Baksa,
Allison Barsi, Jessica Breth,
Margaret Covey, Elena deRosas,
Salvatore Evans, Alexa Gioia,
Samuel Guzzo, James Hanna,
Paige Holt, Lauren Hrusa,
Edwin Irizarry, Henry Kamis,
Paige Kent, Lauren Lightcap,
Sipharah Mast, Elizabeth Mayer,
Bryce McCandless,
Karleigh McCarthy, Madison
Nelson, Amanda Newbury,
Olivia Newlove, Clare Nielsen,

Julia Ray, Jake Scinta,
Logan Stafford, Thomas Strade,
Breanna Totaro, Abigail Vendura,
Sydney Vigneron,
Matthew Weber, Luke York

Erie County Music Educators All-County Jazz Ensemble:

Samuel Guzzo

NYSSMA Conference All-State:

Elena deRosas, Samuel Guzzo

NYSSMA Solo Competition:

Kaylee Rains

New York State Band Directors Association Honor Band:

Olivia Bahun, Samuel Guzzo,
Amanda Newbury

United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence:

Amanda Newbury

OPTA Senior Awards for Excellence:

Megan Bouton, William Chow,
Madisyn DeLozier,
Elena deRosas, Samuel Guzzo,
Collin Jamieson, Henry Kamis,
Elizabeth Klosko, Paige Salmon,
James Schaffer, Nico Scinta,
Christopher Stehlar,
Gabriel Thornton

Physical Education:

Bryce Kirk, Grace Loughran

Health Education:

Lucas Schaffer

Regents Physics:

Breanna Totaro

Advanced Biology:

Megan Bouton, Kaylee Rains

Advanced Chemistry:

Ava Savarino

AP Physics:

Henry Kamis

Advanced Science:

Megan Bouton

Doctissima Scientia:

Megan Bouton

AP Government:

Matthew Baksa, Elena deRosas,
Henry Kamis, Sean Kane, Lauren
Lightcap, Elizabeth Mayer,
Thomas Strade, Alex Tills

AP Economics:

Megan Bouton, Samuel Guzzo,
Henry Kamis, Elizabeth Mayer,
Ava Savarino, Darius Skipper
Mollie Collins, Bryce Kirk

Corporate Economics:

Advanced Placement History Scholar Award:

Matthew Baksa, Megan Bouton,
Kate Carter, William Chow,
Elena deRosas, Jack Dolce,
Samantha Dzierba,
Steven Fertel, Ian Gotthelf
Bridget Gomez, Samuel Guzzo,
Hannah Hartung,
Megan Haseley, Collin Jamieson,
Grady Johnson, Candace
Kaminski, Paige Kent,
Emma Kirby, Daniel Laudico,
Lauren Lightcap, Elizabeth
Mayer, Bryce McCandless,
Karleigh McCarthy, Elise Mutty,
Abigail Nelson, Clare Nielsen,
Brianna Odrzywolski,
Grace Quagliana, Ava Savarino,
Cole Schaffer, James Schaffer,
Lucas Schaffer, Jake Scinta,
Christopher Stehlar,
Thomas Strade, Luke York
Megan Baun, Megan Bouton,

Humanitarian Distinction Award:

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Social Science Distinction Award: Caroline Calpin, Elena deRosas, Abigail Green, Emma Kirby, Lauren Lightcap, Kylie McPoland, Madeline Musterait, Abigail Nelson, Sarah Olejniczak, Hannah Ramsey, Sean Riter, Ava Savarino, Christopher Stehlar, Olivia Tata

Triple C Award: Kaitlin Fotevski, Ali Kennedy, Michael Mainella, Aurora Vickery

NYS Comptroller Award: Sydney Kaderli, Emma Stoll, Paige Salmon

STAP Comm Awards

Senior Student Government Awards: Megan Bouton, Jocelyn Conaway, Elizabeth Mayer, Karleigh McCarthy, Brian Murphy, Abigail Nelson, Paige Salmon, Ava Savarino, Luke York

Senior Leadership Awards: Caroline Calpin, Mollie Collins, Ashley DeNysschen, James Hanna, Hudson Harris, Paige Holt, Julia McMullen, Paige Salmon, Thomas Strade

Technology Awards

Basic Auto: William Chow

Civil Engineering/Architecture: Michelle Chen

Communications Systems: Brin Tock

Drawing & Design for Production: Ian Rauh, Kyle Stanton

Energy Technology: Brett Santarelli

Entrepreneurship in Production Systems: Marius Nesterenko

Furniture Production: Eric Deitz

Home Maintenance: Seth Gerwitz

Photography 1: Amanda Newbury, Abigail Vendura

Principles of Engineering: Peter Balisteri

QTV Production: Lauren Hrusa

Small Engines: Ryan Leader

Stage Crew Club: Steven Fertel

Wood Technology: Tyler Gawronski

Technology Education: Michelle Chen, Nathan Messina

French: Joshua Stachelski,

Spanish: Alexa Gioia, Ava Savarino

Overall World Languages: Quinn Adamy

Athletic Awards

OPHS Outstanding Male and Female Athlete: Mollie Collins, Joseph Nicometo

Athletic Leadership Awards: Matthew Baksa, Summer Harris, Ian Rauh

Coaches' Award: Connor Bowman, Natalie Destro, Nicole Ewing, Hudson Harris

Air Force Scholar Athlete Award: Christopher Bertola, Olivia Ippolito

OPHS Male and Female Scholar Athletes: Paige Salmon, Luke Sapio

OPHS All Academic Athletic Team: Matthew Baksa, Hayden Banks, Charlie Bartolotti, Christopher

Supervisor's Award: Bertola, Jessica Breth, William Chow, Mollie Collins, Natalie Destro, Samantha Dzierba, Nicole Ewing, Abigail Green, Hudson Harris, Summer Harris, Grady Johnson, Henry Kamis, Sarah McLaughlin, Jack Neeson, Sean Riter, Paige Salmon, Luke Sapio, Lucas Schaffer, Joshua Stachelski, Christopher Stehlar

Mayor's Award: Owen Hughes, Caroline Roll, Katherine Jones, Bryce Kirk

Varsity Club Sportsmanship Award: Henry Kamis, Grace Loughran, Kylie McPoland, Sean Riter

Perfect Attendance Grades 9-12: Ashley DeNysschen, Nicole Ewing, Camden Falkner, Trinity Thomas, Gabriel Thornton

Perfect Attendance Kindergarten-12th Grade: Dylan Coe

Scholarships

Academy of Finance/Alumni Scholarship: Alex Tills, Ryan Werdein

Academy of Finance Scholarship/Equitable Advisors: Mollie Collins

Academy of Finance Scholarship/Financial Partners of Upstate NY: Lucas Schaffer

Academy of Finance Scholarship/Financial Trust Federal Credit Union: Emma Brown, Sean Kane

Academy of Finance Scholarship/Morgan Stanley AOF Leadership: Ashley DeNysschen

Academy of Finance/Legend Group: Aidan Dempsey, Brian Murphy

American Legion Auxil. Post #567 Scholarship: Breanne Gavigan

Barbara J. Gow Scholarship: Maura Bleech

Bicentennial Class of 1976 Scholarship Award: Lucas Schaffer

Charlotte Ash Memorial Marching Band Scholarship: James Hanna, Paige Holt

Dan Carnevale Memorial Scholarship: Caroline Calpin

David Rebmann Memorial Scholarship: Henry Kamis

Dr. Charles L. Stoddart Leadership Scholarship: Paige Salmon

Dr. Stoddart Music Scholarship: Samuel Guzzo

Elmer Handel Memorial Scholarship: Emma Brown

Great Erie Federal Credit Union Scholarship Award: Bridget Gomez

Heidi Worth Memorial Art Award: Ava Salman

Helen Gillis Memorial Outstanding Boy/Girl Scholarship: Henry Kamis, Ava Savarino

James Heinike Memorial Scholarship: Matthew Baksa

James Richard Broadbent Scholarship: Riker Smith

Janet Jahnke Memorial Music Scholarship: Samuel Guzzo, Jim Saville

Memorial Scholarship: Grace Quagliana

Kelly Ann Ryan Memorial Scholarship: Breanna Totaro

Kim Michalek Memorial Scholarship: Bryce McCandless

Lindsay Karen Matthews Memorial Scholarship: Mollie Collins, Paige Salmon

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Clare Nielsen

Mr. Revett Scholarship:

Samuel Guzzo

NYS Field Band Conference Scholarship:

Thomas Strade

OP Chamber of Commerce - Sue Hinners Memorial Scholarship:

Alyssa Mingle, Zachary Pumatier

OP Chamber of Commerce/Academy of Finance Scholarship:

Ava Savarino

OP Fire Department Scholarship:

Olivia Scolese

OP Garden Club Memorial Scholarship:

Jacqueline Pacifico

OP Kiwanis Kaminski Family Scholarship:

Charlie Bartolotti, Natalie Destro,
Alexa Gioia

OP Lions Club Scholarship:

Steven Gorczynski, Elizabeth
Mayer, Ava Savarino, Olivia Tata

OP Music Boosters Scholarship:

Samuel Guzzo

OP Odd Fellows Dr. Frank Craftsman Scholarship:

Nathan Ostrander

OP Odd Fellows Lodge #187 Craftsman Scholarship:

Kasey Comstock

OP Police Benevolent Association's Aspiring Leaders Scholarship:

Kaitlin Fotevski,
Michael Mainella

OP Police Foundation Youth Court Scholarship:

Katherine Jones, Ava Savarino

OP Retired Educators Scholarship:

Samuel Guzzo

OP Rotary Foundation Scholarship:

Ava Savarino, Joanne Currey

OP Teachers Association Scholarship:

Mollie Collins, Kaiona Vallance

OP Veterinary & Life Science Scholarship:

Elizabeth Klosko

OPHS Class of 1983 Memorial Scholarship:

Donald Brady, Emma Kirby,
Ava Savarino, William Sippel

Orchard Park Central School Alumni Scholarship:

Anna Childs, Natalie Destro

Orchard Park Alumni Scholarship/Albert Marcus LeMessurier Memorial Grant:

Steven Gorczynski

Orchard Park Alumni Scholarship/Mary Kay O'Grady Wolfe

(Class of '56) Memorial Scholarship: Bryce McCandless

Orchard Park School Related Professionals Memorial Scholarship:

Steven Gorczynski, Katie
Krawczyk, Kathryn Manning,
Brian Murphy

Orchard Park Visual Art Boosters Scholarship:

Steven Gorczynski,
Megan Haseley, Ava Salman,
James Schaffer

Pete Walders Music Scholarship Award:

Olivia Bahun, Margaret Covey,
Elena deRosas, Paige Kent,
Elizabeth Mayer, Clare Nielsen,
Jake Scinta

Quaker Athletic Booster Club Scholarship:

Mollie Collins, Bryce Kirk

Quaker Marching Band Boosters Scholarship:

Margaret Covey, Elizabeth
Klosko, Daniel Laudico

Quaker Yearbook Leadership Award:

Lauren Lightcap,
Amanda Newbury

Rex A. Brown Memorial Scholarship:

Abigail Vendura

Ruth Huppuch Scholarship:

Jake Scinta

Scott Krueger Memorial Scholarship:

Henry Kamis, Ava Savarino

Scott Raymond Berry Memorial Scholarship:

Kathryn Manning

Senior Class Service Scholarship:

Ava Savarino, Jake Scinta

Suresh M. Ramgopal Memorial Scholarship:

Abigail Green

The Charlotte Ash Community Leader Scholarship:

Ashley DeNysschen

The David A. Filsinger Memorial Scholarship/Belmont Housing Resources:

Steven Gorczynski,
Brian Murphy

The Farwell Family Courageous Leadership Award:

Megan Bouton

Thomas Gardner Memorial Scholarship:

Katherine Jones, Matthew Keane

Thomas Kidney Memorial Scholarship:

Paige Salmon, William Sippel

West Falls Conservation Society Scholarship:

Alexa Gioia

William A. Harder Memorial Scholarship:

Ethan Hallett, Faith Leigh

West Herr Automotive Group Youth Court Scholarship:

Bridget Gomez

Zonta Scholarship:

Natalie Destro



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