



Orchard Park Central School District Summer 2020 Community Report

OPCSD Celebrates the Class of 2020



Brendan and Donovan Hamm prepare to enter their graduation ceremony.



The Class of 2020 graduated on Saturday, July 18th on the grounds of OPHS.



House II students line up to receive their diplomas at graduation ceremony on July 18th.

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.



Students in the Orchard Park High School Class of 2020 look to the stage during a memorable socially distanced graduation ceremony held on the grounds of the Orchard Park High School.

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 year's 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>.



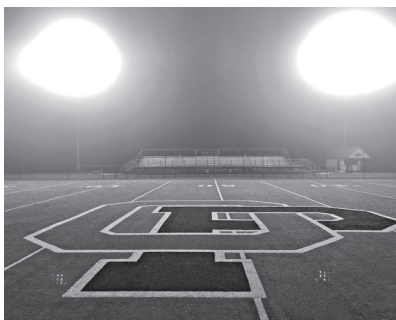
Friday Night Lights

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



Cars were lined up entering the Freeman Road parking lot to celebrate the Class of 2020!

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



The Orchard Park High School stadium lights were lit at 8:20 p.m. on Friday May 15th as a tribute to the Class of 2020.

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.

2020 Senior Showcase

Visit <https://youtu.be/ctotHzNKGj8> to view the impressive musical 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=IwAR1bc0oE_. Mrs. Strohmeier says "This has been a true joy for me to work on during this time



Members of the OPMS B Sharps are pictured above holding signs that say "Show Yourself" which is the song they virtually performed.

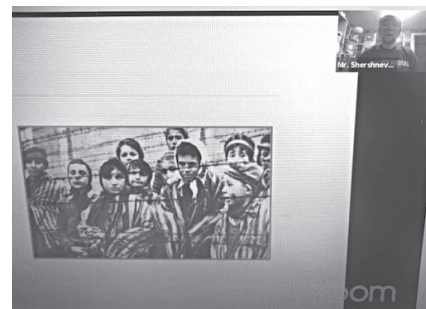
and finding a way to make music together. I am so incredibly proud of the kids who participated and bravely sang their part at home."

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 DellaConrada 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 DellaConrada



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 Country. 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.

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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.



Remote Learning - Enhancements from Experience

In 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.

Preparing Students for a Global Society



By: Lisa Krueger, Ed.D.,
Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum & Instruction &
Pupil Services

Our 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 and explore forums for dialogue on this text. We invite you to read with us and engage in conversations on this topic.



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Elementary Students Express Gratitude & Appreciation



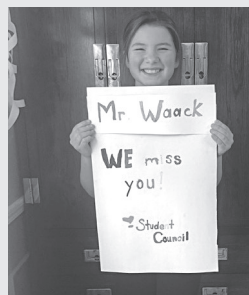
Student Council members at Ellicott Elementary created a virtual greeting card and used money raised from their Book Store to buy individually wrapped cookies to deliver to lunch and transportation staff as a way to say thank you for working hard to deliver meals along with other essential materials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



Transportation staff deliver meals to Orchard Park families in need.



The Orchard Park Central School District and the Foundation for Academic Excellence together created a GoFundMe to benefit families in need within the Orchard Park Central School District. The GoFundMe raised over \$11,000, an anonymous donor donated \$5,000 and with those funds the district was able to support 288 families with Tops gift cards.



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.

Elementary and Middle School Goodbye Events



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.

Bogdan, Gianna	School Of Visual Arts
Boyczuk, Meghan	West Virginia University, Rochester Institute of Technology, St. John Fisher College, Duquesne University, Gannon University
Bratek, Ruby	SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Fredonia, St. Bonaventure University
Brodzik, Emma	Canisius College, Niagara University, Hilbert College
Buynacek, Matthew	Canisius College
Callaghan, Thomas	United States Naval Academy, University of Dayton, University at Buffalo, Tulane University
Chapuis, Rachel	Kent State University
Choroser, Beatrice	Elmira College, Loyola Marymount University, University of San Diego, Fordham University, Loyola University Maryland, University of Delaware, Chapman University,

	Santa Clara 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
DellaContrada, 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	Allegheny 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, Womens 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, Ithaca 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

College & Previously Recognized Scholarships Cont.

Henrich, Christian	Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship
Heraty, Jack	Canisius College, SUNY Geneseo
Hernandez, Anna	St. John's University, Duquesne University, Manhattan College, Cleveland State University
Higgins, Joshua	Mercyhurst University, Miami University, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Utica College, Michigan State University, Canisius College
Hoch, Kayla	Queens University of Charlotte
Holowka, Sara	John Carroll University
Hughes, Olivia	John Carroll University
Jablonski, Ashley	SUNY at Buffalo State
Janus, Jake	St. John Fisher College, Baldwin Wallace, Alvernia University, Arcadia University, Keuka College, University of Mount Union, Misericordia University, D'Youville College, Penn State Behrend
Joslyn, Jenna	Daemen College, Gannon University, D'Youville College, University at Buffalo
Joslyn, Jessica	Purdue University, University at Buffalo
Jubulis, Grace	Gannon University, Le Moyne University, Daemen College, Seton Hill University
Jubulis, Gregory	St. Bonaventure University, West Seneca Patriotic & Civic Commission Scholarship
Kahler, Kiersten	University of Dayton, Mercyhurst University, Valparaiso University
Karoglan, Benjamin	University of Dayton
Keane, Megan	Xavier University, University of Tennessee, Le Moyne College, Belmont University, Niagara University
Kent, Gabrielle	Seton Hall University, Le Moyne, RIT, SUNY Oswego, Drexel University, St. John Fisher College, Canisius College
Kincaid, Jason	St. John Fisher, Rochester Institute of Technology, Gannon University, St. Bonaventure, Edinboro University, SUNY Oswego
King, Julia	University of Minnesota
Kita, Alyssa	Villa Maria College
Klass, Kameron	Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship
Klenke, Alexis	D'Youville College
Klos, Eliza	University of Pittsburgh, University at Buffalo, Le Moyne College, Case Western Reserve University
Kloss, Cassandra	Canisius College
Knavel, Ryan	University at Buffalo
Kondol, Rebecca	Kent State University, Daemen College, Keuka College
Koprivica, Marija	The Ohio State University, SUNY University at Buffalo, Cleveland State University, University at Tampa
Kruszka, Kelly	Mercyhurst University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Bentley University
Lang, Rebecca	University at Buffalo
Leach, Emily	Ithaca College, Syracuse University
Littrell, Artyom	University of New Haven, Medaille College
MacDonald, Aurora	West Virginia University

Machowski, Sophia	St Bonaventure University
Major, Rachael	The University of Florida, The Ohio State University, The University of Rochester, SUNY University at Buffalo, Pennsylvania State University, American University, Clemson University, The University of Miami, Miami University, Syracuse University, University of Alabama, University of Pittsburgh, Spectrum News Fall Scholar Athlete of the Week Scholarship
Mancabelli, Robertino	SUNY Albany
McBride, Isaac	SUNY Geneseo
McGee-Smith, Grace	St. John Fisher
McGee-Smith, Olivia	St. John Fisher
Moffett, Dylan	Muskingum University
Mosey, Anna	West Virginia University
Norvilitis, Rachel	Alma College
Pasqualetti, Leah	The University of Alabama, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, The University of Arkansas, Kent State University, The University of Akron
Pazderski, Kathryn	West Seneca Patriotic & Civic Commission Scholarship
Phillips, James	University of Dayton, RIT, University at Buffalo
Pietrantoni, Emily	Wegmans Scholarship Program
Piscitelli, Lucy	Niagara University, Prudential President's Volunteer Service Award, AHLA Foundation Scholarship, Equitable Advisors Scholarship
Potter, Caleb	Rochester Institute of Technology, Clarkson University, University at Buffalo
Privitera, Caprise	Clarkson University
Roskow, Jackson	Kent State University
Rushton, Melanie	University at Buffalo, University of Rochester
Ryan, Abby	Robert Morris University
Schmelzinger, John	Miami University (Oxford, OH), Ohio University, Fordham University, Duquesne University, Syracuse University, University at Buffalo
Sherer, Grace	D'Youville College
Shively, Brooke	The Citadel
Shul, Jacob	Catholic University, Robert Morris University, University of Dayton, Hobart and William Smith



Members of the Orchard Park High School Class of 2020 are all smiles after their graduation ceremony.

College & Previously Recognized Scholarships Cont.

	Colleges, John Carroll University, Siena College, Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship
Soares, Davi.....	D'Youville College
Storms, Luke.....	SUNY Oswego
Streety, Maxwell.....	Pace University
Strycharz, 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
Sweitzer, Autumn.....	SUNY Brockport
Taggart, Grace.....	Xavier University, Loyola University Chicago, University of Dayton, Moravian College, Edinboro University
Takacs, Charlotte.....	Carleton University
Tills, Emily.....	Nazareth College, SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Fredonia, University of Akron
Tokasz, Stephanie.....	Ithaca College, Emerson College, SUNY University at Buffalo, SUNY Purchase College
Toth, Hannah.....	Kent State University, St. Bonaventure University
Urbaniak, 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
Winnert, 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 Buynacek

AP English:

John DellaContrada, Kate Doherty,
Rachael Major, Jake Miller

Striving for Excellence Award:

Mia Donohue, Hannah Toth

Advanced Calculus:

Abbey Black, Ryan Knavel

AP Calculus AB/BC:

Kate Doherty, Christian Henrich,
Emily Leach

AP Computer Science:

Eric Falcone, Holden Wozniak

AP Computer Science Principles:

Caleb Potter

AP Statistics:

Abbey Black, Kate Doherty

ATSM:

Sara Puskar

Precalculus:

Matthew Buynacek, Madison Knavel

Programming I:

Kathryn Williams

Band:

Jake Miller

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 DellaContrada,
Jonathan Fischer, Jessica Gates, Ryan
Knavel, Kaleigh Kroon, Rebecca
Lang, Jake Miller, Rachel Norvilitis,
Rose Quinlan, Nyah Winiewicz.
Holden Wozniak, Maeve Wright
Jenna Agro, Loren Castilloux,
Christian Henrich, Rose Quinlan
Jenna Agro, Thomas Callaghan,
Loren Castilloux, John
DellaContrada, Jessica Gates,
Christian Henrich, Rebecca Lang,
Jake Miller, Juntralai Moore, Rachel
Norvilitis, Rose Quinlan, Emily Tills

NYSSMA Conference All-State:

NYSSMA Solo Competition:

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 Buynacek,
Eric Falcone, Eliza Klos, Nyah
Winiewicz

AP Government:

Abbey Black, Matthew Buynacek,
Rachael Major, Leah Pasqualetti, Eric
Stuhr

Corporate Economics:

Brooke Becker

AP History Scholar Award:

Sophia Azurin, Jan Michael Bertulfo,
Abbey Black, Marin Bogulski,
Taylor Brusehaber, Matthew

Buynacek, Beatrice Choroser, John

2020 Awards and Scholarships



Rose Quinlan, the longest reigning Senior Class President in the history of Orchard Park High School, speaks to her classmates at the graduation ceremony.

Social Studies Distinction Award: Humanitarian Distinction Award

Gold:

Silver:

Bronze:

Triple C Award:

NYS Comptroller Award:

Overall Technology Education:

Engineering Technology:

Graphic Technology:

Drawing & Design for Production:

Wood Working Technology:

Latin Honors IV:

AP French:

View of France:

AP Spanish:

View of Spain:

Overall Outstanding in Foreign Languages:

OPTA Senior Awards for Excellence:

STAP Comm

Senior Leadership Award:

DellaContrada, Kate Doherty,
Christian Henrich, Jack Heraty,
Vansh Katoch, Eliza Klos, Nathan
Lippitt, Rachael Major, Jake
Miller, James Phillips, Rose Quinlan,
Alexander Reiser, Melanie Rushton,
Jacob Shul, Eric Stuhr, Nyah
Winiewicz, Noah Zachewicz
Molly Joyce

Jessica Joslyn, Rachael Major
Mia Donohue, Jenna Joslyn
Tammy Do, Megan McMahon
Savannah Harvey, Dylan Silva
Gabrielle Kent
Joseph Dougherty, Megan Urbaniak
Joseph Dougherty
Spencer Shafer
Dylan, Pcobello, Vladyslav Varian
Savannah Harvey
Beatrice Choroser
Eliza Klos
Sara Puskar
Rachael Major
Leah Harrigan
Ashley Jablonski

Abbey Black, Ruby Bratek, Eric
Falcone, Lily Flannery,
Christian Henrich, Grace Jubulis,
James Jurczak, Jack Kinsman, Tristan
Lancaster, Rachael Major, Robertino
Mancabelli, Quinn O'Brien, Eric
Stuhr

Abbey Black, Aidan Boebel, Matthew
Buynacek, Thomas Callaghan,
Rachel Chapuis, Kate Doherty, Leah
Harrigan, Christian Henrich, Aiden
Jones, Jessica Joslyn, Kaleigh Kroon,
Ryan Licursi, Rachael Major,

Senior Student Government Award:

Homeroom Representative:

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:

Robertino Mancabelli, Kathryn
Pazderski, Rose Quinlan, Olivia Ray,
Jackson Roskow, Aidan Shaw, Shane
Such, Hannah Toth, Sierra
Winterhalter, Olivia Zachewicz
Thomas Callaghan, Mackenzie
Fischer, Nathan Lippitt,
Rose Quinlan, Olivia Ray, Shane
Such, Sierra Winterhalter, Lillian
Woodworth, Olivia Zachewicz
Sara Bialkowski, Tammy Do, Jessica
Ferguson, Jenna Flynn, Ashley
Jablonski, Jessica Joslyn, Blake
Kasper, Jason Kincaid, Eliza Klos,
Rebecca Kondol, Emily Leach,
Jennifer Luchowski, Rachael Major,
Melanie Mingle, Juntralai Moore,
Anna Mosey, Leah Pasqualetti, Saloni
Patel, Sarah Stuhr, Stephanie Tokasz,
Kendall Wiltse

Abbey Black

Jesse Larkin, Juntralai Moore

Jason Kincaid

Sara Bialkowski

Rae Owczarzak

Brooke Becker, Ashley Dogal,
Kiersten Kahler, Rachael Major, Leah
Pasqualetti, Jacob Shul, Eric Stuhr
Loren Castilloux, Joshua Higgins,
Sara Puskar

Brooke Becker, Jacob Shul, Zoe
Watson

Chad Gloss, Kathryn Pazderski
Lily Flannery, Leah Harrigan, Jake
Janus

Robertino Mancabelli, Leah
Pasqualetti

Rachael Major, Eric Stuhr

Abby Ryan, Jack Sharp

Grace Taggart, Matthew Wagner,
Matthew Zelasko, Kelsey Zybczynski
Zipporah Barry, Leah Harrigan,
Samuel Hellert, Alexis Klenke

Scholarships

AOF Advisory Board-"Internship Video Award":

Leah Harrigan, Aiden Jones,
Jessica Joslyn
Lily Flannery

AOF Scholarship/AXA:

AOF Scholarship/Financial Partners of Upstate NY:

Zachary Graulich, Quinn O'Brien

AOF Scholarship/Financial Trust Federal Credit Union:

Autumn Sweitzer

AOF Scholarship/Morgan Stanley AOF Leadership:

Brooke Becker, Jake Miller
Olivia Hughes

AOF/Legend Group:

American Legion Auxil. Post #567 Scholarship:

Sierra Winterhalter

Barbara J. Gow Scholarship:

Lucy Piscitelli

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Bicentennial Class of 1976 Scholarship Award:

Andrew Kasper

Charlotte Ash and Family Memorial Scholarship:

Stephanie Tokasz

Charlotte Ash Memorial Marching Band Scholarship:

Jonathan Fischer

Dan Carnevale Memorial Scholarship:

Caleb Kasper

Dr. Charles L. Stoddart Leadership Scholarship:

Jenna Joslyn

Dr. Stoddart Music Scholarship:

Rachel Norvilitis

Elmer Handel Memorial Scholarship:

Samuel Hellert

Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library Scholarship:

Blake Kasper

Great Erie Federal Credit Union Scholarship Award:

Isabelle Wittmann

Heidi Worth Memorial Art Award:

Alexander Awald

Helen Gillis Memorial Outstanding Boy/Girl Scholarship:

Thomas Callaghan, Rachael Major

James Heinike Memorial Scholarship:

Jacob Shul

James Richard Broadbent Scholarship:

Mia Donohue

Janet Jahnke Memorial Music Scholarship:

Jonathan Fischer

Joanne Currey Memorial Scholarship:

Ruby Bratek

Kelly Ann Ryan Memorial Scholarship:

Sierra Winterhalter

Kim Michalek Memorial Scholarship:

Sara Bialkowski

Lindsay Karen Matthews Memorial Scholarship:

Lucy Piscitelli, Sara Puskar

Marshall J. Cappelli Memorial Scholarship:

Regan Wellington

Martha Dziedzic Memorial Scholarship:

Sierra Winterhalter, Holden Wozniak

Minias Family Scholarship:

Bryce Schreiner

Mr. Revett Scholarship:

Jake Miller

NYS Field Band Conference Scholarship:

Kaleigh Kroon

OP Chamber of Commerce- Sue Hinners Memorial:

Emily Strachan, Shane Such

OP Chamber of Commerce/AOF Service Award:

Haley Callahan

OP Chamber of Commerce/AOF Scholarship:

Julie Filipski

OP Fire Department Scholarship:

Jessica Carey, Madison Knavel

OP Garden Club Memorial Scholarship:

Jessica Ferguson

OP Kiwanis Kaminski Family Scholarship:

Mia Donohue, Andrew Kasper, Blake Kasper

OP Lions Club Scholarship:

Madison Knavel, Ryan Knavel, Rebecca Kondol, Megan McMahon

OP Music Boosters Scholarship:

Jenna Agro, Emily Tills

OP Odd Fellows Dr. Frank Craftsman Scholarship:

Jonathan Sokolowski

OP Odd Fellows Lodge #187 Craftsman Scholarship:

Alexander Tanevski

OP Retired Educators Scholarship:

Rachel Norvilitis

OP Teachers Association Scholarship:

Ruby Bratek, Rachel Norvilitis

OP Veterinary & Life Science Scholarship:

Eliza Klos

OP Class of 1983 Memorial Scholarship:

Lucy Piscitelli, Rachael Major, Jacob

Shul

OPHS Music Scholarship:

Christian Henrich

Orchard Park Alumni Scholarship/60's/70's OP Annual Reunion:

Tammy Do, Zachary Graulich, Madeline Roberts, Olivia Zachewicz

Orchard Park Alumni Scholarship/Albert Grant:

Melanie Mingle

Orchard Park Alumni Scholarship/Mary Kay O'Grady Wolfe (Class of '56) Memorial:

Alexis Zawadzki

Orchard Park School Related Professionals Memorial:

Andrew Kasper, Blake Kasper, Kelly Kruszk, Lucy Piscitelli

Orchard Park Visual Art Boosters Scholarship:

Sara Bialkowski, Catherine Finn, Sarah Stuhr

Pete Walders Music Scholarship Award:

Ryan Knavel, Kaleigh Kroon, Jake Miller, Rose Quinlan

Quaker Athletic Booster Club Scholarship:

Lily Flannery, Jacob Shul

Quaker Marching Band Boosters Scholarship:

Rachel Norvilitis, Juntralai Moore, Vladyslav Varian

Quaker Yearbook Leadership Award:

Jessica Ferguson, Emily Leach

Randall Shaw Memorial Scholarship:

Anthony DuMond, Aiden Jones, Ryan Licursi

Rex A. Brown Memorial Scholarship:

Jessica Joslyn

Ruth Huppuch Scholarship:

John Schmelzinger

Scott Krueger Memorial Scholarship:

Rachael Major, Holden Wozniak

Scott Raymond Berry Memorial Scholarship:

Juntralai Moore

Senior Class Service Scholarship:

Mia Donohue, Eric Stuhr

Senior Class Unsung Hero Award:

Stephanie Tokasz

Suresh M. Ramgopal Memorial Scholarship:

Leah Harrigan

The Charlotte Ash Community Leader Scholarship:

Isabelle Wittmann

The Farwell Family Courageous Leadership Award:

Lucy Piscitelli

Thomas Gardner Memorial Scholarship:

Caprise Privitera, Jacob Shul

Thomas Kidney Memorial Scholarship:

Mackenzie Fischer, Ethan Hansen

William A. Harder Memorial Scholarship:

Jonathan Sokolowski, Elizabeth Tinnesz

Zonta Scholarship:

Melanie Mingle

2020-2021 Calendar Online

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.