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They're tops for Class of 2012

Shawn Bihler



Nicole Sova

Valedictorian Shawn Bihler

Shawn Bihler has been named Valedictorian of the class of 2012, ranking 1st in a class of 136 students. He is the son of Kim and Michael Bihler. Shawn will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors.

Shawn has been a member of Interact Club (Secretary), Spanish Club (Officer), National Honor Society (Vice President), Student Government (Senior Class Secretary), Select Chorus, Concert Chorus, Solo Festival, Band, Drama Club, National Technical Honor Society, Homeless Huskies and the Basketball Team (Statistician). Shawn has also been actively involved in the Olean Theatre Workshop.

Shawn has also received honors including the Outstanding Honor Society Member Award, the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, the Clarkson University Leadership Award, the 20 point award, Part-Time Student Dean's list at JCC and was the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau's Youth of the week. Shawn has also volunteered help at Washington West, the St. Mary of the Angel's festival, and has completed many community service projects through the Interact Club such as Food for Haiti. He has also taken part in the New Vision: Health Professions Program which has given him first-hand experience in the medical world. Shawn will attend The University of Rochester and major in Brain and Cognitive Sciences while following a Pre-Med track.

Salutatorian Nicole Sova

Nicole Sova has been named Salutatorian of the Class of 2012, ranking 2nd in a class of 136 students. She is the daughter of Joy and Wayne Sova. Nicole will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors.

Nicole has been a member of Interact Club (President), Principal's Advisory Board, JV Volleyball, Science Club, Knowledge Masters, Homeless Huskies and Liberty Partnership. Nicole was a member of New Visions this year. She has been involved in Houghton String Festival, Orchestra (viola), Studio 107 Chamber Players, Select Chorus, and All County Chorus. Nicole has participated in the high school musicals (actress and student director) and has been an active member of the Olean Theatre Workshop.

Nicole has received honors including the 20, 40, & 60 point awards, Business First's 2012 All-WNY Academic Team, New York State Academic Excellence Award, Rotary Club District 7090 Governor's Citation, Rensselaer Gold Medalist Award, A.J. Drexel Scholar Award, Case Western Reserve University Scholar Award, and the Part-Time Student Dean's List at JCC. Nicole has also been inducted into National Honor Society (President), National Technical Honor Society, and JCC's Phi Theta Kappa.

Nicole has participated in numerous community service activities, such as Food for Haiti and the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. She is also a student representative on the Community School Advisory Board.

Nicole will be attending Ohio University as the Ann Lee Hancock Konneker-Manasseh Cutler Scholar of the Class of 2016 and will be majoring in Chemical Engineering with a Biomedical Engineering track.



Stephan Ahl Karalyn Anastasia Alicia Broadbent

Chelsea Calabro

lass of 2012 Honor Graduates

The following students of the Olean High School Class of 2012 have excelled in their studies, citizenship and extra-curricular activities, maintaining a 90 or above average throughout their high school career. Listed alphabetically are:

Stephan Ahl is the son of David and Teresa Ahl. Stephan has been involved in the French club (President), Interact Club (Vice President), Select Choir (President), Senior Class Secretary, National Honor Society, Homeless Huskies, Principal's Advisory Council, Bel Canto, and high school musicals. He has also been an active member of the Olean Theatre Workshop and Ameri-Corps. Stephan will be attending Penn State University and will be double majoring in Theatre and History.

Karalyn Anastasia is the daughter of John and Amy Anastasia. Karalyn has been a part of class office (secretary), Student Activities Council (secretary), Olean Theatre Workshop, Select Choir, Bel Canto, school musicals, National Honor Society, Principal's Advisory Council, and Interact Club. She has participated in Homeless Huskies, Poetry Out Loud, Up All Night, Halloween for Hunger, Food for Haiti, and Jar Wars. Karalyn has also been a Special Education Prom volunteer, Freshman Orientation volunteer, and an Open House volunteer. She has received awards of excellence in French, English, History, Math, and Participatory Government. Karalyn will attend SUNY Brockport and plans to major in psychology.

Alicia Broadbent is the daughter of George and Suzy Broadbent. Alicia has been a part of Homeless Huskies, Principal's Advisory, Model United Nations, Spanish Club, Varsity Soccer, Treasurer of Model United Nations and Southern Tier Premiere Soccer Club. Alicia has also been a Special Olympics volunteer, Gus Macker Volunteer, swim meet timer for Olean girls and boys swim meets, and in involved in the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center's Princess Party. She is member of National Honor Society, has received awards of excellence in Chemistry and Pre-Calculus, the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award and Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Youth Citizenship Award. She received the Olean Girls Soccer Coaches Award and CCAA Girls 2nd Team All-Star. Alicia has been accepted into the St Bonaventure University/LECOM dual admissions program for Biology/Pharmacy.

Chelsea Calabro is the daughter of Mike and Marlene Cala-

bro. Chelsea has been involved in Homeless Huskies, Sophomore Class Officer (vice president), Varsity Softball, Varsity Swimming, Varsity Tennis, Varsity Indoor Track and Field, Junior Varsity Basketball, Interact Club, Class Competitions, Gus Macker volunteer, and Special Olympics volunteer. Chelsea has been named to the all-WNY team, Big 30 all-star team, two time first team league all star, and second team league all star. Chelsea will attend Mercyhurst University where she will play softball and Major in Intelligence Studies and minor in Psychology.

Connor Charles is the daughter of Robin and Jim Charles. During her high school career, Connor has been involved in Ski Club, Model United Nations, band and orchestra, chorus, and Homeless Huskies. Her sports participation at OHS includes JV girls Soccer and Varsity Boys Soccer manager. In addition to her school participation, Connor also was an Irish Step-Dancer for ten years, and spent summers competing. She has also attended the Mid-Atlantic Irish Dance Championships for the last five years. Connor has also been active on the Principal's Advisory Committee as well as the National Honor Society. She has over 60 hours this year volunteering in a local kindergarten classroom,

tutored a struggling fourthgrader for a full school year, volunteered for Exceptional Track and Field day, and helped with Freshmen Orientation. Connor has received many academic awards; including the History Award, The 20-point Award, JCC Part-time Dean's List, and most recently the Economics Award. She was also nominated twice for the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award. Connor plans to attend Jamestown Community College in Olean to begin her pursuit of a B.S. in Education, which she will complete at St. Bonaventure



Connor Charles





Bethany Chesebro Stephanie Devling

University.

Bethany Chesebro is the daughter of Brad and Christie Chesebro. Bethany has been a part of Junior Varsity Basketball, Varsity Tennis, Select Chorus, and Bel Canto. Bethany has volunteered at the Special Olympics, the Sports Boosters Can Drives, been a member of several scholar athlete teams, and been a Harold Dutton Spotlight Award recipient. Bethany also volunteers at the Warming House, the Food Pantry, and is very active in her church and church youth group. She received the Excellence Award in Spanish and is a member of National Honor Society. Bethany won the Cattaraugus County Doubles Tennis Championship, has been Most Valuable Player in tennis, and was an ADPRO Section VI Scholar Athlete. Bethany will be attending Houghton College and will major in Early Childhood/ Special Education.

Stephanie Devling is the daughter of Robert and Pamela Devling. Stephanie has been involved in DECA, Spanish Club, and a member of St Mary's Youth Group. She has traveled to New York City, Spain, and Italy with the Spanish Club. Stephanie has volunteered with the Child Advocacy Center's Princess Parties and with Ivers J. Norton's Santa Secret Shop. Stephanie has also received the Outstanding Achievements in Business Communications, Outstanding Achievements in BEEP, and Exceeding Expectations in Sports and Entertainment Marketing Awards.

Stephanie plans to attend Jamestown Community College to study Business Communications.

Emily Dodge is the daughter of Sherri Ayers and Stephen Dodge. Emily has been involved in activities such as Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Spanish Club, Class Officers (Vice President). She has volunteered for Christ United Methodist Church and Sport's Boosters Can Drives. She has been awarded the Global History and Geography I Certificate of Recognition, the All Team Sportsmanship Award, the Participatory Government Award, and an Art Teacher Award. Emily plans to attend SUNY Brockport in the fall of 2012.

Kaitlyn Farrington is the daughter of Patrick and Dorothy Farrington. Kaitlyn has been involved in Homeless Huskies, Class Competitions, Up All Night, Interact Club, National Honor Society, Special Ed Prom, Adopt a Family, Jar Wars, Eight Days of Giving, Student Activities Council (President), Freshman Orientation, and donated to the Warming House. Kaitlyn plans on attending Michigan State to become a veterinarian.

Holly Hardenbergh is the daughter of Lynn Hardenbergh. Holly has been a part of Interact Club, Spanish Club, Ski Club, Homecoming Committee, Winter Weekend Committee, Prom Committee, Class Office (Vice President), Track and Field, National Honor Society, Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, and Class Competitions. Holly has volunteered for the St. Mary's Festival, Open House, and Freshman Orientation. Holly will attend the University at Buffalo.

Kelly Hustak is the daughter of Jerry and Faith Hustak. Kelly has participated in JV Soccer, Varsity Soccer, and Varsity Track and Field. She has also been involved in Student Activities Council (Secretary), Homeless Huskies, National Honor Society, Ski Club, Spanish Club, Class Office (Secretary), Principal's Advisory Council, and Southern Tier Premier Soccer Club. She has won the Scholar-Athlete Award, Coach's Award, and CCAA 1st Team All-Star Award. Kelly has volunteered for the Gus Macker Tournament, Freshmen Orientation, and Special Education Prom. Kelly will attend Niagara University.

Steven Jackson is the son of Sheila Jackson of Olean and Timothy Jackson Jr. of Buffalo. Steven has participated in Band, Orchestra, Concert Choir, Select Choir, Bel Canto, Knowledge Masters, Model UN, National Honors Society, and Jazz Band. He has been on the High Honor Roll or Honor Roll throughout his high school career. Steven has received the Elmira College (continued on page 4)



Emily Dodge Kaitlyn Farrington Holly Hardenbergh Kelly Hustak



Steven Jackson

Rebecca Lasky

Abigail Mac Williams Ashley Mallery

Honor Gradua

Key Scholarship, the University of Pittsburgh Panther Scholarship, the Saint Bonaventure Friars' Scholarship, and the Allegheny College Trustees' Scholarship. Steven will be attending SUNY Geneseo, where he will be majoring in International

Rebecca Lasky is the daughter of David and Pam Lasky. Becca has been involved in Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Junior Varsity volleyball, National Honor Society (secretary), Drama Club (treasurer), solofest, select choir (president), and Bel Canto. She has also been a part of AmeriCorps for two years. She will be attending The University of Pittsburgh in the fall.

Abigail MacWilliams is the daughter of Thomas and Carol MacWilliams. Abigail has actively participated in Interact Club, Spanish Club, Ski Club, Chorus, Homecoming Committee, Assisted in Float Building and Winter Weekend Committee. She volunteered for the Carnival for Cure, Homeless Huskies, Bona Responds, Family Fun Night at East View and St. Joseph's Church Festival. She is a member of National Honor Society, received the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award, the Academic Excellence in Earth Science and Deans List for JCC. Abigail will attend Slippery Rock University majoring in Secondary Education in Spanish.

Ashley Mallery is the daughter of John and Wendy Mallery. Ashley has been a part of the Olean Area Youth Hockey Association, the Interscholastic Equestrian Association Alfred University riding team, 4-H, and National Honors Society. She has also participated in Homeless Huskies and volunteered at Special Olympics. Ashley was awarded with the Harold Dutton Award, Nellis Leadership Award, student of the month, excellence in mathematics, and Deans List for JCC. Ashley will attend Alfred University in the fall and will major in accounting.

Jacob Perry is the son of Jennifer Perry. Jacob has been involved in Homeless Huskies, Interact Club, National Honor Society, Sports Booster can drives, JV and Varsity Basketball. He was named Scholar Athlete and received the Sportsmanship Award. He was awarded excellence in Global Studies, Algebra II and Trigonometry, and Pre-Calculus. He also received the 20 Point Award. He has volunteered at the Special Olympics and the Gus Macker events. Jacob will attend Jamestown Community College to acquire his Associates Degree in Science and then pursue his degree in Physical Therapy at a 4 year University.

Stephanie Samuel is the daughter of Richard Samuel and Amy Samuel. Stephanie has participated in Orchestra, Concert & Select Choir, First Priority, Spanish Club, Houghton String Festival, and Solo Festival. Stephanie is a member of the National Honor Society and also a member of the National Technical Honor Society. She has volunteered at St. Joseph's Hafli, Living Waters Church, and took part in Christmas Caroling at The Pines. Stephanie has received the 20 Point Award, the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award, and other various academic excellence awards. Stephanie has taken advantage of many programs and classes to prepare for college. These include taking part in the BOCES New Visions Health Professions Program, doing clinical rotations at Olean General Hospital and the surrounding medical areas, taking Anatomy and Physiology I & II, English Composition I & II, Economics, Medical Terminology, and JCC US History. She is going to attend Saint Bonaventure University for Pre-Med and afterwards attend Medical School.



Jacob Perry

Stephanie Samuel





Maria Skrobacz

Maria Skrobacz, daughter of Frank & Eileen Skrobacz, is a member of NHS (Treasurer), Model UN (Secretary General), Youth & Recreation Board, Hugh O'Brian Leadership, Principal's Advisory, Interact Club. Maria volunteered for Gus Macker, IAABO, UNICEF, Homeless Huskies, Carly's Crossing, NSBOC Coordinator/Board Member, Tip-Off Tournament, and Special Olympics. Athletically, Maria has been a member of the Varsity Swimming Team, (Captain) NYS Girls' Swimming Section VI Qualifier, JV (Sportsmanship

Award), & Varsity Basketball, (Captain). Maria has received the Independent Health-Business First Community All-Star, CCAA Division I Basketball Scholar-Athlete, All Western NY Scholar-Athlete Team-AdPro Honorable Mention, President Obama's Service, CCAA Division I Swimming All-Star, Swimming Coach's Award, JCC Dean's List, GOACC Youth-of-the-Year, 20-40-60 Point Letter, NYS Scholar-Athlete: CCAA Division I Sportsmanship, NYS Scholar-Athlete, WGRZ Teen-of-the-Week, Kohl's Kids Who Care Store & Regional Winner, OHS-NYS Legacy, Excellence in Hospitality & Tourism, and Prudential Community Service. Maria will attend Niagara University and study Hospitality-Tourism.

Tom Skudlarek is the son of Carol and Nick Skudlarek. Tom has been involved in Homeless Huskies, French Club, Spanish Club, The Famous Spain and Italy Dance Video, Band, Orchestra, Principal's Advisory, Sports Booster Can Drives, Lakewood Soccer, Enchanted Mountain Soccer Club, JV Soccer, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Indoor Track and Varsity Track and Field. Tom served this year as Co-Treasurer of the senior class and a National Honor Society member. Tom has received several Varsity Letters along with winning the US LEGACY project, the Mrs. Jean Abdo Award, and 20/40/60 awards. Tom will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology and major in Mechanical Engineering.

Abby Stavish is the daughter of Mark and Christine Stavish. Abby has been involved in Homeless Huskies, Class Competitions, Ski Club, Spanish Club, and National Honor Society. Abby was involved in the following sports: JV and Varsity Softball, JV and Varsity Soccer, JV Basketball, and Indoor Track & Field her Junior and Senior Years. She also participated in the following travel sports: Enchanted Mountain and Premier Soccer Club and Pulse and Mizuno Softball Team. Abby served as a Gus Macker volunteer and participated in the Olean Sports' Boosters Can Drives. Abby has also been a member of several scholar athlete teams and her senior year she was a recipient of the C.C.I.A. Soccer Second Team award. In addition, Abby is a recipient of the 20/40 and 60 point award. Her plans are to attend Fredonia State University in the fall.

Taylor Stephens is the daughter of Tom and Pam Stephens. Taylor has been a part of Homeless Huskies, Student Activities Council (treasurer), Class Officers (treasurer), National Honor Society, Junior Varsity Soccer (captain), Varsity Soccer (manager), Yearbook Committee (treasurer), Principal's Advisory, Spanish Club, and Interact Club. She has volunteered for church festivals, Sports Boosters Can Drives, and Special Education Prom. She has been awarded the Sportsmanship Award as a sophomore and the 20 Point Award as a junior. Taylor will attend Penn State University and plans to major in Journalism/Communications.

Lauren Stevens is the daughter of Michael and Audra Stevens. Lauren has been involved in Interact Club, Spanish Club, Ski Club, JV Basketball, Class Office (Vice President), Student Activities Council (Vice President), National Honor Society, Homecoming Committee, Winter Weekend Committee, and Youth Group. She has participated in Homeless Huskies, Class Competitions, Eight Days of Giving, Movie Night, Karaoke Night, Halloween for Hunger, Wellness Night, and Jar Wars. Lauren has volunteered for the Olean Gus Macker Tournament, Olean Sport's Boosters Can Drive, Freshman Orientation, OHS Open House, Ivers J. Norton Holiday Help, Special Education Prom, and Special Olympics. Additionally, Lauren has received the Outstanding Academic Achievement in Math, Global History, Economics, Business Communications, and Spanish. Lauren will attend SUNY Fredonia and plans to major in Elementary Education.

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Ryan Taggle-Haskins

Yuejun (Michelle) Wang

Roger Wangelin

Mattheu Witte

Class of 2012 Honor Graduates

Ryan Tuggle-Haskins is the son of Marc Haskins and Shelby Harrington. Ryan has volunteered at the Special Olympics. He has also participated in Homeless Huskies, Class Competitions and a skier. Ryan has been part of the Varsity Tennis Team and eventually became a captain his senior year. Ryan plans on going to JCC for one year and then pursuing a career in pharmacy.

Yuejun (Michelle) Wang is the daughter of Mingxing Wang and Yunan Wu. Michelle has been involved in Homeless Huskies, Interact Club, Zonta Club, Varsity Girls Tennis, Concert Choir, and National Honor Society. Michelle has volunteered at Olean General Hospital and Olean Public Library. She has been awarded the JCC College Connections 2011 Junior Studentof-the Year, Cattaraugus County National Honor Society Distinguished Service Award, JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List, Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award, the Mrs. Jean Abdo Award for U.S. History, Athletic Participation Award, Most Dedicated Student Award, Olean High School Music Award, 2009 Olean Public Library Short Story Contest, All Western New York Section VI Scholar-Athlete, and recognitions for Global History, Careers & Financial Management, and Algebra II Trigonometry Classes. Michelle will attend University of Buffalo in the fall as major in pharmacy.

Roger Wangelin is the son of Nancy and the late, Raymond Wangelin. Roger is Co-President of the Senior Class and has been involved in Homeless Huskies, Special Olympics, Varsity Football (Captain), Varsity Basketball (Captain), Freshman Orientation Volunteer, and Class Competitions. He has received the Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award, the Excellence Award in Accounting, has been nominated for the "Trench Trophy 2011 WNY Lineman of Year Award", named to the Big 30 Football Offense Team, received Olean High Varsity Football "Lineman of the Year" award, received the "Walter L. Reisner Award", received the "George Burlingame" Award for the 41-42 Football Club, the OHS Sportsmanship Award and received the "Michael Parks" award for basketball. Roger will attend JCC in Olean and will major in business.

Matthew Witte is the son of Gilbert and Linda Witte. He has participated in Soccer, Basketball, Track and Field, Interact Club, Orchestra, Studio 107 Orchestra, Band, Knowledge Masters, Model UN, All County, NYSSMA, National Honor Society, Principal's Advisory Council, Southern Tier Premier Futball Club, Project Lead the Way, and Science Club. He has also been a part of Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Class Competitions, Gus Macker, Sports Boosters Can Drive, and Houghton String festival. Matthew has received the George Eastman Young Leaders Scholarship Award, awards for Excellence in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, French and Global Studies, the Outstanding New Visions student award, Academic Excellence Scholarship Award, and the Scholastic Excellence Award. He has also been selected to three league all-star teams and an All-Western New York all-star team for soccer, scholar-athlete teams for soccer, basketball and track and field, All-Western New York scholar-athlete teams for soccer and basketball, and the Scholar Athlete Award

for the Fall Season of 2011. Matthew will attend SUNY Binghamton and study Pre-Medicine.

Cortney Zeigler is the daughter of James and Pamela Zeigler. Cortney has participated in Interact Club, Spanish Club, and Chorus. She has volunteered for the Olean Public Library Teen Program and the Special Olympics. Cortney has received awards of excellence in academics and the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award. Cortney will attend Alfred University and will be studying psychology and Spanish.



Cortney Zeigler





Class of 2012 Future Plans

Jordan M. Abdo – JCC

Sierra A. Abdo - JCC

Robert S. Ackerman, Jr. – GCC

Stephan R. Ahl – Penn State University

Sydney E. Allen – Slippery Rock Univ.

Karalyn R. Anastasia – Brockport

Brandon M. Austin - JCC

David A. Baber – Cayuga College

Jacob C. Baer - Edinboro University

Michael J. Barnard - JCC

Erica E. Barth - Employment

Sarah E. Bean – SUNY Potsdam

Domenic M. Bender – Military

Shawn M. Bihler – Univ. of Rochester

David J. Borden - Military

Alicia N. Broadbent - St. Bonaventure

Daniel J. Brogan - Employment

Marisa J. Burrows - St. Bonaventure

Chelsea M. Calabro – Mercyhurst Univ.

Alex M. Caya - Buffalo State

Connor E. Charles – JCC/St. Bona's

Caton P. Charleston – Niagara Univ.

Bethany F. Chesebro – Houghton College

Anthony D. Coletti – Employment

Brittany L. Connelly - Employment

Joseph L. DeLill – JCC

Stephanie N. Devling – JCC

Emily C. Dodge - Brockport

James M. E. Dombrowski – JCC

Ryan D. Drost – Buffalo State

Marcus A. Dwaileebe – Belmont Abbey College

Zackery D. Ensell – JCC

Sharena M. Farr – JCC

Kaitlyn M. Farrington – Michigan State

Stacia N. Farris – JCC

Kristen M. Fedick – Edinboro University

Alyssa M. Flederbach – JBC

Maleke J. Fuentes – Edinboro University

Marques R. Fuqua - Employment

Mercedes C. Ganoung - JCC

Tylor J. Gardner – JCC

Michael J. Gayton - Employment

Kyle T. George – Brockport

Bill Gill, Jr. – JCC

Elliot M. Gilroy – JCC

David Gleason - Employment

Emily E. Green – Edinboro University

Wade C. Green - Lincoln Tec

Holly D. Grenzer – Employment

Samantha L. Gutknecht – JCC

Tomesha F. Hall – Fredonia

Holly M. Hardenbergh – University at Buffalo

Gabrielle M. Harrington – Brockport

Bryan K. Hathaway – Employment

Alicia B. Henning – St. Bonaventure

Cheyenne M. Herner – JCC

Brittany A. Higby – Employment

Brooke A.M. Hurlburt – Continental Beauty School

Kelly A. Hustak – Niagara University

Steven C. Jackson – Geneseo

Gregory J. Kahle – U.S. Army

Abigail L. Kahm – Lock Haven Univ.

Rebecca J. Kasper – JCC

Whitney D. Kasper – JCC

Taunja L. Kennedy – Employment

Jarod M. Knapp – Alfred State

Rebecca L. Lasky – University of Pittsburgh

Lauren E. Lawless – JCC

Briana K. Letts – Continental Beauty School

Zachary T. Lippert – JCC

John T. Llewellyn – JCC

Michael R. Luty – JCC

Abigail M. MacWilliams – Slippery Rock University

Ashley M. Mallery – Alfred University

Alexander H. Marra – St. Bonaventure

Zanaid A. Marra – Niagara University

Adam C. Marshall – JCC

Ashlev L. Maynard – JCC Jamestown

Storm M. Maynard – Employment

Tevin J. McDade – Buffalo State

Allissa W. McMillen – JCC

Tressea L. McMillen – Employment

Christina M. Meyers – Employment

Shane A. Miller – U.S. Marine Corps

Ashlynn R.M. Mundaniohl – Medaille

Ashley N. Murphy - JCC

Chelsey M. Nedell – JCC

Tiffany S. Nolan – Employment

Michael J. Padlo - St. Bonaventure

Kaylynn B. Peckham – JCC

Jacob M. Perry – JCC

Briah M. Peterson – ECC

Arthur R. Peterson III – U.S. Army

Jordan L. Plaud - JCC

Tyler R. Plaud – St. Francis (PA)

Logan M. Putt – JCC

Adam Radcliff - Employment

Burgandi K. Rakoska – Edinboro Univ.

Madison E. Rankin - Evangel University

Joseph R. Reed – Niagara University

Nicholas A. Reiller – JCC

Jessica L. Richardson - Monroe

Community College

Jake R. Rickey – JCC

Stephanie L. Samuel - St. Bonaventure

Brianna N. Scanlon – JCC - Jamestown

Alex C. Scicchitano – JCC

Kimberly N. Seaward – JCC

Kristina M. Sheldon – Employment

Neil L. Shoemaker – JCC

Krysten K.L. Simon – Finger Lakes

Community College

Maria F. Skrobacz – Niagara University

Thomas M. Skudlarek - RIT

Gina M. Snyder – St. Bonaventure Univ.

Nicole J. Sova – Ohio University

Dakota L. Spencer – JCC

Britany L. Starr – Alfred State

Abigail L. Stavish – Fredonia

Taylor E. Stephens – Penn State Univ.

Lauren N. Stevens – Fredonia

Katelin N. Sutton – Alfred State College

Ryan B. Tuggle-Haskins – JCC

Joseph R. Veno – Employment

Luke E. Veno – U.S. Marine Corp

Yuejun Wang – University of Buffalo

Roger J. Wangelin – JCC

Melinda J. Weber – JCC

Jordan L. Weed - JCC

Carri L. Wheeler - Employment

Alexander J. Whipple - JCC

Taylor M. Williams – JCC

Matthew F. Witte – Binghamton Univ.

Whitney L. Wright – JCC

Cortney B. Zeigler – Alfred University

Bus transportation guidelines for OCSD

1) Bus Transportation Eligibility Policy is as follows:

Kindergarten – 7th Grade

- Students whose residence from "home school" is over 1 mile.
- Out of neighborhood students are not eligible for busing unless required by CSE.
- Any student whose IEP requires busing and is requested by CSE is deemed eligible.

Grades 8-12

- Busing is provided for students who live outside the City of Olean, unless otherwise directed by the Committee on Special Education.
- 2) Any student Grades K-3 must have an adult visible to the bus driver before the child is to be released off of the bus.
 - If an adult is not visible, the child will remain on the bus until a parent/ guardian is notified with instructions for drop off.
- 3) If a child misses the bus, it is the parent's responsibility to transport that child to school. The bus will not come back to pick him/her up.
 - Please make sure your child is ready for the bus at least 10 minutes before the anticipated pick up time.
- 4) If a child does not ride the bus for 5 consecutive days without prior notice to the Business Office, that child will be removed from the bus list.
 - This child will be added back on the bus list when notice is received by the Business Office.
- 5) Security cameras are installed on all buses for your child's safety.
- 6) In the event of a snow day, please remember that Olean, Portville and Hinsdale are separate school districts. If one is closed, it does not constitute the others being closed. Please watch/listen to school closing reports for this information.
 - 7) A child must have only 1 address for

Changes to transportation boundary and ridership eligibility

As the district looks to begin school in September 2012, the transportation boundaries and ridership eligibility were assessed and changed. In May 2012, the Olean voters passed the ridership eligibility change. New ridership guidelines have been developed and are included at the bottom of this article. Letters have been sent home to all students who are within the guidelines regarding their transportation needs. If you have received this letter and not yet returned it, please do so as soon as possible. School schedules are as follows:

Elementary Schools

Morning Program

Morning Bus Arrival Times

Begins at 7:35 a.m. and ends at 8:20 a.m.

Between 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Begin at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 8:50 a.m.

Student to go to rooms for attendance 8:50 a.m. Afternoon Walker Dismissal Time 3:10 p.m. Afternoon Bus Dismissal Time 3:15 p.m.

Intermediate/Middle School

Afternoon Bus Dismissal Time

Morning Bus Arrival Times Between 7:30 a.m. and 7:35 a.m. Breakfast To Be Served Begin at 7:25 a.m. and ends at 7:46 a.m.

Student to go to rooms for attendance 7:53 a.m. Afternoon Bus Dismissal Time 2:39 p.m.

High School

Morning Bus Arrival Times Between 7:30 a.m. and 7:35 a.m. Breakfast To Be Served Begin at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 7:45 a.m. Student go to first class for attendance 7:50 a.m.

2:35 p.m.

Once all transportation needs have been determined, further information will be sent out to parents with children who will be riding the bus in the 2012-13 school year. This letter will include the specific information for that child's bus run.

As the district strives to save money and keep programs for our students, continuing the shared transportation services will help to achieve that goal. The District thanks you in advance for your continued cooperation as together we can reduce costs and maintain quality programming. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding bussing, please contact either Kathy Elser or Tiana Howden at (716) 375-8020.



pick up and drop off for the school year.

 If your address changes at any time during the year (move), please notify the Business Office immediately to change the busing address and to determine if the child remains eligible to be bused.

8) Please contact the Olean City School District Business Office directly with any busing issues, questions, or concerns at **716-375-8020.**







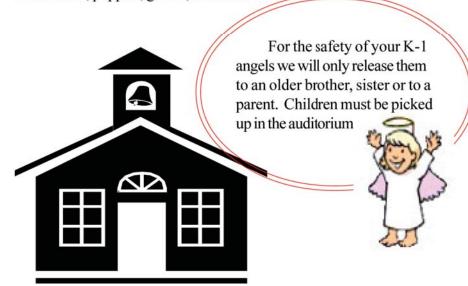


K-1 Curriculum

The STAR program is designed to give K-1 students varied experiences in the Arts and Sciences. Children will learn stories and sing songs. The program will increase students' self esteem and enhance skills necessary in all learning situations such as concentration, focus, cooperation, team building and thinking skills while having fun! This will be provided in a self-contained classroom.

A major activity will be participation in making a music video. K-1 students will also take part in the production on August 3rd.

Other experiences will include: acting, singing, dance, art, rhythm instruments, puppets, games, and much more.



Grades 2-4 Curriculum

2-4 Students will develop key skills such as estimating and sequencing, refine problem solving and thinking skills in the following courses: Cooking and Reading, Robotics/Math, Swimming, Art. They will create a book of poetry which will be published in August and have an Art show.

They will also be swimming at least once a week during which time they will be learning water safety and swimming techniques.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR GRADES 2-4

Reading/Cooking Swimming Dance



Art
Poetry
Academy of Engineering

DREAMS FOR THE STARS PROGRAM



HAVE THE BUFFALO ZOO COME TO OLEAN.

READ A MILE OF BOOKS.

MAKE FAIRY TALE SIDEWALK ART ON FRONT LAWN

HAVE A TEDDY BEAR PICNIC ON FRONT LAWN.

HAVE ALL K-1 CHILDREN DRAW A PICTURES OF WHAT THEY WANT TO BE IN THEIR "HAPPY EVER AFTER"

HAVE STUDENTS IN GRADES 2 TO 4 CREATE A BOOK OF POETRY

TURN THE LOBBY INTO A FAIRYTALE LAND.

HAVE A GRANDPARENTS' DAY HAVE EVERY K-1 CHILD WRITE THEIR OWN FAIRY TALE BOOK AND ILLUSTRATE IT.

CREATE A NEWSPAPER, WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 3.

HAVE A FASHION SHOW AS PART OF THE STAR PROGRAM

HAVE ACTING CLASS PRESENT A PLAY AT THE THEATRE WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 2.

HAVE K-1 PLAY IN A ORCHESTRA HAVE A THEATER PERFORMANCE IN WHICH OVER 200 CHILDREN PARTICIPATE.





GRADES 5-12 CURRICULUM

The STAR program will provide students in grades 5-12 with an in-depth look at two activities of their choice. Students will select one activity from each of the following groups.

All students will participate in the performance on August 3.

Group 1 activities:	Group 2 activities:
BABY-SITTING	NEWSPAPER
MAGNIFICENT MURALS	STUDIO ART
WALK THE RUNWAY	ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING
DIGITAL TV FILM MAKING	WALK THE RUNWAY
BAND	ACTING
ORCHESTRA	SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING
	BAND
	ORCHESTRA
TECHNICAL THEATER MAY	BE TAKEN FOR A THIRD OPTION

SELECTED 5-12 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BABY-SITTING

This class is a complete course in baby-sitting. Students can get the information they need to handle the challenges of baby-sitting and received a Babysitter's Certificate.

MAGNIFICENT MURALS

Students will investigate and collaborate with schools and the community to create murals.

NEWSPAPER

Students will create a newspaper which will be a supplement to the Olean Times Hearld. They will learn skills of interviewing, proof reading, writing, composition, pictures, and editorial decision.

TECHNICAL THEATER

Students will focus upon stagecraft, design, theatre safety, scenery, properties, lighting, sound, costumes, makeup, public relations and career opportunities. Students assist in student and outside productions as appropriate. This course is limited to just (5) Eighth Graders.

WALK THE RUNWAY TO SUCCESS

This is a great opportunity to "strut your stuff". Explore important skills needed for future success! The best department stores, hair salons and stylists in our area will help us put on a fashion show of all the latest trends. Explore careers, create your job portfolio, build confidence, learn about etiquette and "walk the runway".

ACTING

Class includes improvisation, games and story-telling, mime, physical and experimental theatre. All students will perform a play on August 2 at Washington Street Theater.

ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

The Academy of Engineering is a mobile engineering laboratory that combines hands-on activities with LEGO manipulatives to teach students science, technology, engineering, math, architecture, communications, robotics and more.

STUDIO ART

Students will look at different styles of art and different artists and create their own art.

DIGITAL TV FILM MAKING

Become a filmmaker! Start with an idea and turn it into a product of your own. Engage in the process of film making, learning all the steps along the way from story boarding to editing. Have great fun and create a great production!

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

Join our group to learn and perform syncro! We will learn and practice some basic synchronized swimming and gymnastic moves in the water. If you can float and kick, you can learn this sport. Its fun, its VERY cool, and even quite refreshing for hot summer mornings. We will learn some new skills, practice some old ones and laugh alot on the way.



Program Starts July 9. 9:00 AM to Noon Daily at OHS Auditorium



LIMITED TO FIVE STUDENTS



Four inducted to Academic Wall of Fame

The Olean City School District (OCSD) Foundation inducted four individuals to the Academic Wall of Fame at the 129th Annual Olean High School Alumni Banquet at Premier Banquet Center on Saturday, June 16.

Elizabeth "Betty" Levett, a 1950 graduate of Olean High, was a pioneer in the Olean community for women in business. Ms. Levett attained the rank of corporal in the Women's Army Corps, serving in both Korea and Panama as a communications specialist. In Olean, she worked 30 years as owner and operator of Professional Answering Service of Olean, Inc. A business leader who donated much of her time, Ms. Levett oversaw the first computerized telephone service in the area, started the first alarm company to provide medical alerts for the homebound, was the first local radio common carrier, and became the first woman nationally licensed alarm technician. Ms. Levett passed away in 2005.

Joe Mahar, a 1967 graduate of Olean High, worked in the business office of the school district for 27 years. As business manager and district clerk, Mr. Mahar safeguarded the district's financial assets, and taught many others to understand the complexities and nuances of the financial systems and practices. Mr. Mahar also volunteered his time at the Rotary Club and Lions Club, along with St. Mary's of

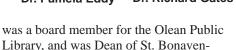




Joe Mahar







ture University's School of Education. Dr. Gates was influential in the education of many of Olean's teachers, and made a positive impact on the lives of countless individuals throughout the district.

The Olean City School District Foundation is a volunteer organization committed to enhancing the overall educational experience for students in the district. The foundation encourages extra effort and creativity to enhance all aspects of the district, including academic programs, athletics and the arts.

The foundation is accepting nominations for future inductees to the Academic Wall of Fame. To receive a nomination form, email ocsdfoundation@gmail.com, or call (716) 372-4433. Nomination forms are also available on the foundation's webpage at www.ocsdfoundation.com.

the Angels Church. He was also a contributing member of the Allegany-Cattaraugus School Business Officials.

Pamela Eddy, PhD, a 1978 graduate of Olean High, is a Fulbright Scholar and award-winning educator. Dr. Eddy contributed to numerous educational publications, and is a noted researcher of higher education leadership methods and practices. Her research and teaching focus included post-secondary leadership, academic culture and organization in higher education, gender issues, community colleges, faculty development and careers, and qualitative research in education.

Richard Gates, PhD, had a lengthy career as a teacher and professor, and dedicated his life's work to educating students and prospective teachers alike. A 20-year member of the Olean City School District Board of Education, Dr. Gates also served on the Olean Planning Board of Directors,

Seniors leave 'impression' on OHS lawn

Word spread quickly over FaceBook that the senior class was contemplating different ideas for the annual senior "prank." In past years, crickets have been released, the trees on the front lawn were covered with toilet paper, and the underclassmen's lockers were zip-tied. While the previous classes' ideas weren't seen as being too bad, the Class of 2012 wanted to leave an impression, but did not want to cause additional work for anyone.

Their idea? Pitch a tent on the front lawn and camp out on Monday, May 28th. Trying to keep their plan a secret, the students used technology to pass the word around. Text messages and Facebook postings were used to contact as many of the seniors as possible. At eleven p.m., Monday night, one or two senior girls showed up on the front lawn with their camping gear in hand. A number of classmates appeared, seemingly out of nowhere, and the fun began. The campers listened to a "scary" story told by Steve Ahl, talked in a circle, and dined on a gummi platter made especially for the seniors by one of the parents.

After a couple of hours of reminiscing about their four years at OHS, the seniors headed to their tents. Some brave campers even slept under the star-lit sky! The unseasonably warm weather made for a tremendously successful camp-out.

A few of the seniors left the school grounds at 6 a.m. to go home and shower, while others woke up and just watched the



high school come alive with the arrival of the staff and student body. Their motto for the event: "Pitch a Tent! We're Sleepin' In!" The seniors' ultimate goal was for their "prank" to be harmless and cause no additional work for anyone. Thank you, Class of 2012, for thinking outside the box and more importantly, thinking about others.



News from ...

WHALE WATCH CLUB

Thirty-three OMS students ventured to Boston on May 9th -11th. Also attending were advisors for the Whale Watch group, Jo Dexter, Nanette Higgins and chaperone Dan Brown. Students attended a Blue Man Group concert, the Boston Harbor Whale Watch, and a Red Sox game against the Indians. A Duck Tour gave the students a better understanding of the history of the Revolutionary War in Boston.



Spanish & French Classes Hold Fashion Show

To wrap up their units on clothing and colors, Mrs. Wilton's Spanish and French 7 classes participated in an in-class Fashion Show in early March. Students were required to describe three items of clothing to the class that they were wearing (in the target language, of course!), along with each item's appropriate colors. One clothing item had to be "unique" – something they'd never wear to school! Students had a great time presenting their attire in another language and seeing the rare clothing combinations that were shown off on the runway! Shown are (l-r) Grace Wroblewski, Jazmynn Griffin, Natalie Young, Jacinda Terwilliger, Kiana Parks, Ty Johnson, Dakari Applewhite, Marcus Concha (2nd row) Noelle Anzivine, (3rd row) Brett Bizzaro, Dakota Hendryx and Katelyn Main.

REALITY CHECK: 'We've Seen Enough!'

Reality Check Students created banners to hang in the Olean Center Mall, with the theme of "We've Seen Enough!" OMS students continue enlightening others about Big Tobacco Advertising for replacement smokers. Advisors for Reality Check are Jo Dexter and Ron Shoup.





... around the 'Middle'



HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST

By Sheila Jackson, OMS Student Activities Advisor On May 9, 246 of OMS's finest students were treated to the Third Quarter Honor Roll Breakfast of a Burger King meal. Two lucky students won checks and 50 other students won giant candy bars in a raffle.

Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal, gave a great speech praising these students for their academic accomplishments. The 7th and 8th graders, who will be attending Olean High School next year, were congratulated on their efforts, and given good wishes in their new building. We are looking forward to next year's honor students.

Pictured at the table (clockwise, l-r): Alanna Martin, Sophia Garvin, Alyssa Ramarge, Natalie Sova, Julie Rakus, Sachitta Barua, Kelsey Gengo, Tioga Simpson, Olivia Obergfell, and Latrell Butler.



FIVE STAR MOVIE STAR

Congratulations Riley Mikolajczyk, 3rd quarter winner of the Five Star Bank Wants You to Be Our Movie Star good grade incentive program. Each "A" in a core subject earns students a chance in the drawing for a \$25 movie gift certificate and a bucket full of snacks. To enter, students stop by the Olean Branch of Five Star Bank, or the OMS Guidance office with their report card. A winner is chosen two weeks after each marking period. Pictured with Riley are OMS Principal Gerald Trietley (left)and Amy Schneggenburger, Five Star Bank Branch Manager.



ONCE UPON A KIDNAPPING

Sixth grade Orange Team students in Mrs. Wolfgang's and Mrs. Dexter's ELA class wrote and starred in their own play about a class reunion gone wrong. Students were given the task of creating a unique character, bringing that character to life and collaborating to solve a "whodunit" crime. They had to design the set, props, costumes and a video that was used as "evidence". The cast then performed their production live in front of their peers in the OMS LGI room. For extra help beforehand, the class walked to the Washington Street Theater where Mr. Nick Patrone gave acting tips and described what goes on behind the scenes in a play. OHS Senior Steve Ahl, who was interning for his Participation in Government class, assisted in directing and teaching everyone valuable acting and teamwork skills. Mrs. Wolfgang and Mrs. Dexter would like to use their level "10" voices to say thank you to the entire cast, Steve and Mr. Patrone!

Pictured (front, l-r): Mike Kasper, Dillon Reynolds, Keegan Belleisle and Bryan Smith (back, l-r): Peter Adams, Daniel Crum, Gabby Blanchard, Courtney Brisky, Shaylyn Stanczykowski, Lauren Snow, Makenzy Glover, Dottie Maynard, Maddy Hughey and Gage Weatherell.

SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS

Three students from OMS participated in the 2012 Dresser-Rand National Leadership Association Speech Contest at the Old Library Restaurant on March 6th. Title 1 Reading Teacher, Jo Dexter guided Taylor Shearer (American Refining Group), Andie



Harris (Marcellus Shale) and Tyler Richmond (NOCO) on presenting their topics. Andie Harris placed second. Tyler and Taylor earned Honorable Mention. Well done, speakers!



Boardmanville Elementary School

OPEN HOSUE CELEBRATES 89 YEARS: To com-

memorate the 89 years of Boardmanville Elementary School (also known as School 5), a public Open House (see middle and lower photos) was held on May 30th. Nancy Sullivan, 4th grade teacher, put in many hours to gather materials and make displays. With help from Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Spears, Mrs. Howden, Mr. Folland, Mrs. Gaylor, and Mrs. Olson, displays of class pictures, candid photographs, and old school records and PTA minutes were arranged

around the gymnasium, temporarily turning it into a small museum. In addition to these displays, visitors could view a video made by former student and videographer, Hannah Forrest. He video showed students and staff sharing their memories and reflections on Boardmanville during interviews conducted by former teacher, Betsy Budzinski.

Well over a hundred current and former students, teachers, and community members enjoyed the displays, connected with old friends, and shared memories of Boardmanville. They also were able to enjoy refreshments, including a cake decorated for the occasion.



RAINY DAY PUZZLE: Inside recess time on rainy days could be a frustration to some students, but not to this determined second grader, who is showing her perseverance on this difficult puzzle.











Transition Activi-

ties: Transition activities for the 2012-2013 school year took place during the last month of school. In addition to students visiting their new schools, a week-long Open House was held for parents to visit East View during the school day to see what the school was like with students present. Also, Mr. Whitcher and Mr. Trietley, principals at Olean Intermediate-Middle School visited East View to speak to the upcoming 4th and 5th graders and answer their questions.

East View Elementary School





CUTCO Tutors Honored: An appreciation luncheon was held for the CUTCO employees who serve as volunteer tutors at East View. These tutors come to the school on a weekly basis, and work at several different grade levels helping students with reading and math skills. This tutor program is just one part of a very successful partnership between East View and CUTCO.





3rd Grade "Floats Their Boats": East View 3rd graders recently completed a Science unit on buoyancy. For their final lesson of the unit the students built their own boats and tested them to see if they would float.



SCORE with Read-

ing: Students participated in a Spring Reading Incentive program called SCORE! (Students Can Obtain Reading skills Everyday!) The most important goal of the program was for each child to spend time reading each and every night with a parent and/or as a family together



at home. Every classroom was a team and each team competed to win the tournament. The goal was for each child to bring back one basketball bingo card per week, which was worth 2 points. A notice was sent home which required a parent signature for prizes. Weekly activities varied and the program culminated with a "Bingo for Books" family night. The school's windows were decorated with "Score Points for Reading".



IJN Tradition: Family Fun Night was a wonderful event! The crowds gathered not only for family fun, great food, and raffles but also to reminisce about their days spent here as a student. Both former and current students wore their IJN T-shirts with pride. Thank you to our PTO and staff for their hard work in organizing this event!

Ivers J. Norton Elementary School

Saying Goodbye:

Thanks to our transition committee for helping us through the process of saying goodbye to our beloved school and saying hello to new schools in the fall. Our committee is comprised of Jeanne Frisina, Julie Hirliman, Bernadette Martin, Lauren Stuff, Susan Hamed, Ann Sorokes, and Lindsay Travers. Our PTO President, Char Dwaileebe, and the entire PTO membership have been extremely supportive of all our planning



for the changes ahead. A special thanks to Julie Hirliman for selecting a perfect poem for our banner and to Linda Huntoon (grandmother of two IJN students) for creating it.



Dunk Tank Fun: The dunk tank was a huge success once again! A big thank you to Mr. Samuelson, Ms. Stuff, Ms. Morey, and Capt. Marsfelder of the Olean Police Department for braving the cold water!

Memorial Day Parade:

Thank you to Mayor Linda Witte for inviting the Olean City School District students to be part of the Memorial Day parade. What a wonderful tribute to those who served and continue to serve our country! The picture shows families lining up for the start of the parade adorned with their red, white, and blue.







Butterfly Life Cycle: Third graders at Washington West have been studying the life cycle of a butterfly (above and both photos below). They raised caterpillars and watched as they transformed inside their chrysalis and then hatched into a colorful butterfly. This year has been a banner year for butterflies and moth hatchings. Mrs. Faulkner's students have been able to see many different species. The unit culminated in the release of the study subjects into the wild. What a wonderful learning experience for our students!

District Art Show: The Olean City Schools Art Department held their Annual Art Show at the Olean Center Mall from May 22-May 31. Outstanding art work was displayed from the Elementary, Middle and High School Art classes.. An Art Award Ceremony was held at the Olean Center Mall on May 29th; several art awards were presented to student in grades 1^t through 12. Congratulations to all of the students that had art work chosen for the show or who won an art award!



Washington West Elementary School





Reminders from the nurse

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV13) is now required for Pre-K entrance/attendance for children born on or after 1/1/2008. Please contact your health care provider with any questions.

Please be considerate of our students with allergies. While we cannot guarantee a peanut free school environment for our students, we do encourage parents not to send peanut products to school.

If your child will be taking any medication in school, you must have a prescription from a licensed health care provider. All medications must be brought to school in the original labeled container by a parent or other responsible adult. Do not send medications to school with your student.

Please refer to OCSD web site for more information about health services at school.

OCSD Foundation elects officers

The board of directors of the Olean City School District Foundation elected new officers at its May 2012 meeting. Adam Bennett has been elected president; David Carucci re-elected vice president; Jeff Andreano treasurer; and Anita Schmidt, secretary.



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Message from the Superintendent

Challenges, while difficult, can turn into opportunities

By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent

The 2011-12 school year brought with it many challenges that some might consider challenging, difficult and/or stressful. I, on the other hand, choose to view these challenges as opportunities for the Olean City School District to reinvent itself. To do so will force us to examine our core values and beliefs regarding the educational programming for the learners. Our current words and actions will define our future. We will become what we believe we can, only if our words and actions promote success over failure.

Each of you, within our school and community, have the power to assist the District in rediscovering itself in such a way as to enhance program offerings; reduce discipline problems; tackle harassment, discrimination and bullying; and improve graduation rates. It is our duty to ensure all of the Olean students are Career and College ready when they leave our school. Collectively, we have the power to positively impact the lives of our learners and in turn the quality of our community.

As so eloquently stated by Anatole France, "To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." I ask that you take a moment to reflect upon our dreams for the students who attend Olean and let each of them know how much we believe in them and in their ability to succeed. May each and every one of you have a safe and fun-filled summer.



Mission ...

"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"

Values ...

- Excellence
- Honesty/Integrity
- Learning
- Mutual Respect
- Resourcefulness
- Responsibility & Accountability
- Sensitivity to Diverse Needs
- Teamwork

Strategic Themes ...

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Facilities & Learning Environment
- Finance/Resource Management
- Building Relationships