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Spears, Kelly earn top honors for Class of 2006

Olean High School Principal, Barbara I. Lias, announces the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2006:

Michelle Spears has been named **Valedictorian** of Olean High School's graduating Class of 2006 with an average of 98.37. She is receiving a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors (Regents average of 90% or higher). Michelle takes a very demanding course load including college courses and the New Visions - Health Professions program through Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES. She is the daughter of Susan Spears and Jeff Spears. Michelle will be attending a dual degree program at St. Bonaventure University and George Washington University for a pre-medical program. Michelle has been guaranteed a seat in the George Washington University Medical School. Michelle has received the **NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence, the St.**

Bonaventure University Presidential Scholarship, and the Enchanted

Mountain Scholarship. Michelle has also received Exchange Club Youth of the Month, Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Ambassador, Channel 4 Scholar-Athlete, 2006 All Western NY Scholar-Athlete, 2006 Big 30 All Star, 2006 CCAC Division I, 2nd Team All-Star, 2005 All-Western NY Scholar -Athlete, and 2005 All Western NY First Team All-Star to name a few. Michelle has been active in Basketball, Volleyball, Model United Nations, Knowledge Masters (Secretary General and Secretary), National Honor Society (President), and French Club.

Colleen Kelly has been named **Salutatorian** of Olean High School's graduating Class of 2006 with an average of 96.41. She is receiving a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors while taking a very demanding course schedule including college credit courses. She is the daughter of Shelly Flicker and Thomas Kelly. Colleen will be attending St. Bonaventure University for Political Science/Pre-Law. Colleen has received the **NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence, and the St. Bonaventure University Presidential Scholarship.** Colleen has been active in the Student Activities Council (President), Model United Nations (Deputy Secretary General), National Honor Society, Up All Night, Homeless Huskies, and has played an active role in political campaigns. Colleen is also a member of the Varsity Bowling Team and was named a part of the 2005-2006 Winter All-Sportmanship Team.





Lucas Groth



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Lucas Groth is ranked 3rd with a 95.28 average and will receive a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors while taking a rigorous course schedule, including college credit courses. He is the son of Richard and Pamela Groth. Lucas will attend SUNY Geneseo for International Relations. Lucas has been awarded the **NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence and the Exchange Club Youth of the Month**. Lucas is active in Model United Nations (Library/Archivist), SADD, Ski Club, French Club, Homeless Huskies, Art Club, Interact Club, Bel Canto (Honor Choir), National Honor Society (Secretary), All County Chorus, Area All-State Choir, All-State Choir, and Select Chorus (President). Lucas is also very active in the Olean Theatre Workshop.



Molly McKeown

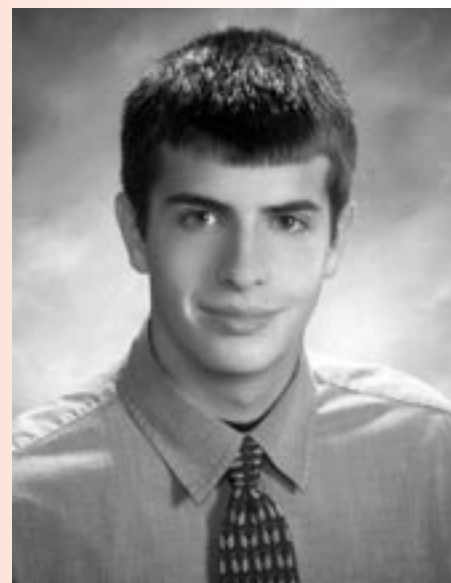
Molly McKeown is ranked 4th with a 95.01 average and will receive a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors while taking challenging college credit courses. Molly is the daughter of Paul and Amy McKeown. Molly will attend Niagara University in the fall. Molly participates in many school sports and activities including Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Student Activities Council, Track, Soccer, Basketball, National Honor Society. Molly has also been the recipient of the **20 point award, the Clarkson Scholarship Award, and the National Honor Society Distinguished Service Award**.

Erin Gustason is ranked 5th in her class with a 94.74 average and will receive a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors while taking a rigorous course schedule including college credit courses and the New Visions - Health Professions program through Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES. Erin is the daughter of Bruce and Donna Gustason. Erin plans to attend Daemen College in the fall for Physical Therapy. Erin has been awarded the **NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Clarkson Leadership Award, the 20 point award, and scholar-athlete**. Erin also participates in Model United Nations, French Club (President), Interact Club (Co-Vice President), SADD, National Honor Society, Soccer and Basketball. Erin is also the Senior Class Treasurer.



Erin Gustason

Samuel Georgian is ranked 6th in his class with a 94.70 average and will receive a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors while taking challenging courses which include college credit classes. Sam is the son of Linda and Ted Georgian. Sam plans on attending Hobart College and will major in Biology. Sam has been awarded the **NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence and has received a Hobart College Faculty Scholarship**. Sam has also been awarded the **Sportsmanship Award and**



Samuel Georgian

Top 15



a Merit Letter of Commendation. Sam is an active member of Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Knowledge Masters, Soccer, and Tennis.

Teresa Ross is ranked 7th in her class with a 94.69 average and will receive a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Teresa takes a demanding course schedule which includes college credit and AP courses. Teresa is the daughter of Timothy and Joanne Ross. Teresa plans on attending Medaille College in the fall for Creative Writing. Teresa has been awarded the **Medaille College Academic Scholarship and an Excellence in Science award**. Teresa is a member of the Select Choir and Art Club.



Teresa Ross

Alexandra Kaduc is ranked 8th in her class with a 94.58 average and will receive a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors while taking a very rigorous course schedule including college credit courses. Alexandra is the daughter of Mary Collins-Kaduc and Paul Kaduc. Alexandra plans on attending **East Carolina University for a BSN in Nursing**. She is an active participant in Homeless Huskies, Ski Club, Up All Night, Spanish Club, Peer Helpers, and National Honor Society and dance. Alex has been a member of the Track and Soccer teams and has been her Class Secretary for two years.



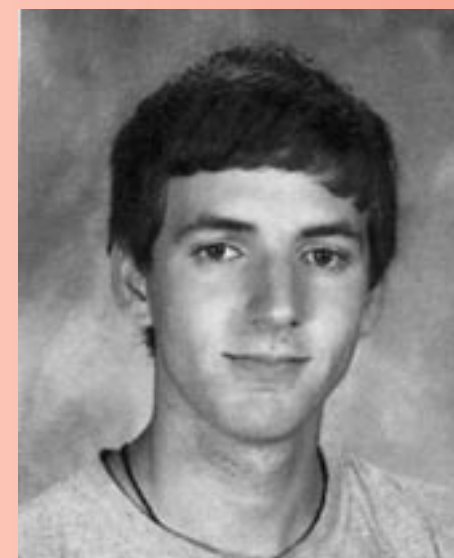
Alexandra Kaduc

Thomas Mehmel is ranked 9th in his class with a 94.46 average and will receive a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Thomas maintains a challenging course schedule including college credit courses. Thomas plans to attend University of Rochester in the fall. Thomas is the son of Thomas and Emma Mehmel. Thomas has been awarded the **Clarkson Leadership Scholarship, the gold medal for the National Myth Exam, and the bronze, silver, and gold medal for the Medusa Exam**. Thomas has also participated in National Honor Society, Soccer, and has served as Class Treasurer.



Charles Massaro

Charles Massaro is ranked 10th in his graduating class and holds a 94.19 average and will receive a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Charles takes a demanding course schedule which includes college credit courses. He plans on attending **SUNY Purchase in the fall for Dramatic Writing**. Charles is the son of Charles and Susan Massaro. Charles is an active participant in SAC (Vice-President), Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Spanish Club (President), and National Honor Society. Charles has also served as a junior year class officer.



Thomas Mehmel

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Aaron Hahn



Amanda Jones



Alex Palmquist



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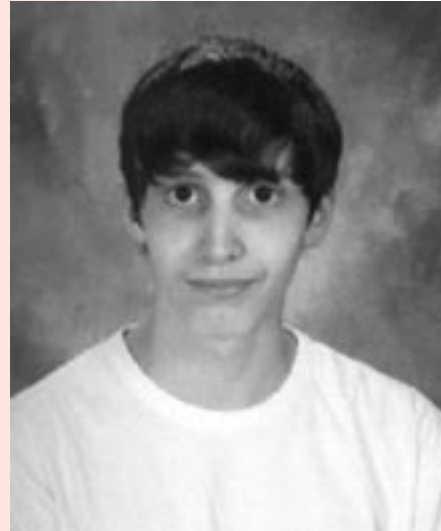
Aaron Hahn is ranked **11th** in his class and has a 93.84 average and will receive a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Aaron continues to take a demanding course schedule with college credit courses. Aaron is the son of Anne and Russell Hahn. Aaron plans on attending University of Albany in the fall for Business/Pre-Law. Aaron has been awarded the **NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence**. Aaron has also participated in Homeless Huskies, Yearbook, Football, Basketball, and National Honor Society.

John Postl is ranked **12th** in his class and holds a 93.81 average and will receive a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors while taking a full course schedule including Computer Systems Technology. He is the son of Maureen and Dan Hirt. John plans on attending Alfred State College for Computer Technology. **John has been awarded the NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence.**

Amanda Jones is ranked **13th** in her class and has a 93.59 average and will receive a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Amanda continues to take challenging courses which include several college credit courses. Amanda is the daughter of Lori and Donald Jones. Amanda plans on attending **SUNY Brockport for International Business**. Amanda has been involved in many activities including Ski Club, Homeless Huskies, Spanish Club, E-Team, Track, Rotary International Youth Exchange, and Rotary International.

Katharine Lapennas is ranked **14th** in her class and has a 93.50 average and will receive a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Katie takes a challenging course schedule which includes college credit courses. Katie is the daughter of Patricia Parsley and George Lapennas. Katie plans on attending Goucher College in the fall and has been awarded the **Global Citizens Scholarship**. Katie has been a member of National Honor Society, Track, Tennis, Chorus, camp counselor and has volunteered her time for political campaigns.

Alex Palmquist is ranked **15th** in his class and has a 93.21 average and will receive a NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors while taking a demanding course schedule including college credit courses. Alex is the son of Carl and Ruth Palmquist. Alex plans on attending SUNY Fredonia for History and Education in the fall. Alex has been a member of First Priority, Spanish Club, Science Club, Swim Team, Track, and National Honor Society. Alex has been awarded the **Fredonia Achievement Scholarship, the National Honor Society Betty Pappas Scholarship, Good News Youth Award (Olean Chamber of Commerce), Youth of the Week (Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau), and Olean High School Athlete of the Season.**



John Postl



Katharine Lapennas

Kali Abdo
Tim Alaimo
Hussam Al-Samirai
Alex Armstrong
Alisha Armstrong
Jessica Arnold
Rachel Askey
Andrea Baker
Dominic Bagazzoli
Matt Barnard
Janine Bell
Casey Bellamy
Adam Bennett
Shaun Bennett
Brittany Bentley
Katie Boyle
Laura Brook
Erin Bullers
Heather Burdick
Ashlee Case
Amanda Chandler
Chris Common
Greg Cotton
Ricky Cummings
Lauren Cussins
Robert Dandrea
Josh Derx
Matthew Di Risio
Kevin Dougherty
Noah Eddy
April Ensell
Matt Ewings
Neil Fay
Mark Finkel
Whitney Foskit
Loran Fox
Josh Gasdik
Justin George
Samuel Georgian
Sasha Gilbert
Cara Goodwin
DJ Grabowski
Eric Grigsby
Lucas Groth
Joelle Gursky
Erin Gustason
Aaron Hahn
Corey Hall
Jerica Hanigan
Alex Havers
Nick Hellmer
Tiffany Herrington
Robin Hirleman
Betty Hogle
Andrew Holly
Chris Holly
Ashley Hope

Jamestown Community College
Employment
George Washington University
SUNY Brockport
Jamestown Community College
BOCES Adult Education
St. Bonaventure University
Jamestown Community College in Jamestown
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
SUNY Fredonia
Jamestown Community College
St. Bonaventure University
Stony Brook University
Employment
University at Buffalo
Mercyhurst College
United States Air Force
Simmons Institute of Funeral Service
School of Massage Therapy
Employment
United States Marine Corps
SUNY Fredonia
Employment/BOCES
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
Albany ITT Tech
St. Bonaventure University
University of Buffalo
Alfred State
Jamestown Community College
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
SUNY Brockport
Alfred State
Genesee Community College
University at Buffalo
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
Hobart College
Undecided
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
Alfred State College
SUNY Geneseo
Jamestown Community College
Daemen College
University of Albany
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
Pratt Institute
Alfred State
Jamestown Community College
Monroe Community College
Employment
Employment
Paul Smith's College
Undecided

Early Childhood Education
Jordan's Restaurant
Pre-Medicine
Chemistry/Biology (Pre-Medicine)
Computer Science
Practical Nursing
Undecided
Music Therapy/ Music Education
Undecided
Political Science
Undecided
Graphic Design/Media Communications
Political Science
Economics and French
Ray's Hairstyling
Sociology
Physical Therapy/Assistant

Mortuary Science

Mathematics Education

Business
Liberal Arts
Business Administration
History
Business Administration
Construction Management
Undecided
Business
Business and Finance
Auto Mechanics
Fashion Design and Merchandising
History
Liberal Arts/Undeclared
Undecided
Biology

Early Childhood Education Pre-K to 2
Criminal Justice/Architecture
Computer Aided Drafting (CAD)
International Relations
Business Management
Physical Therapy
Business, Pre-Law
Undecided
Busines/Criminal Investigation
Fine Arts
Architectural Engineering
Pre/Physical Therapy Studies
Communications
SubCon Industries
Framing Unlimited
Hotel Management
Nursing



Future Plans



Derek Howard
Felicia Hrabowy
Heather Ingram
Matt Ingram
Tim Isaman
Amanda Jones
Mike Johnson
Eric Johnston
Brittany Joyce
Alex Kaduc
Steven Karm
Alison Kane
Ryan Kasperski
Melissa Kayes
Keira Keis
Colleen Kelly
Terrie Knickles
Janae Kosciol
Jacob Kwiatkowski
Jacob Lampack
Mark Landsman
Hannah Langdon
Holly Langdon
Katharine Lapennas
Andrea Lemmer
Alysa Lent
George Lewis
Brittany Livoto
Brittany Lollier
Zach Loop
Jamie Lowrey
Jill Lyons
Larry MacDonald
Alex Mager
Anthony Marra
Sean Marvin
Charles Massaro
Eamonn McBride
Derric McElheney
Kacy McFall
Molly McKeown
James McNeely
Rebecca McPherson
Tom Mehmel
Andrew Mellon
Aaron Menter
Lindsay Myers
Molly Neary
Allen Neely
Bryce Neely
Alex Nenno
Bryan Orcutt
Andrew Ortiz
John Ozogar
Luke Penston
Alex Palmquist
Stephanie Pancio
Natalie Pelton

St. Bonaventure University
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
St. Bonaventure University
Undecided
SUNY Brockport
Jamestown Community College
University of Rochester
Jamestown Community College
East Carolina University
Undecided
SUNY Fredonia
St. Bonaventure University
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
St. Bonaventure University
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Police Academy
Monroe Community College
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
Goucher College
Employment
St. Bonaventure University
National Guard
Jamestown Community College
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Nashville Auto-Diesel School
Undecided
Olean Business Institute
Jamestown Community College
Paul Smith's College
Jamestown Community College
West Virginia University
SUNY Purchase
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
Olean Business Institute
Niagara University
Cayuga Community College
St. Bonaventure University
University of Rochester
Monroe Community College
Jamestown Community College
University of Pittsburgh
Duquesne University
Alfred State
Stony Brook University
Monroe Community College
Buffalo State
Jamestown Community College
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Fredonia
University at Buffalo
University at Buffalo

Journalism/Mass Communications
Business Administration
Undecided
Biology
Engineering
International Business
Undecided
Nuclear Physics & Engineering
Undecided
Nursing

Speech & Language Pathology
Accounting & Management
Criminal Justice
Child Disabilities
Political Science/Pre-Law
Elementary Education
Nursing

Visual Communications
Criminal Justice
Early Childhood Development
Early Childhood Development
Undecided
BJ's Wholesale Club
Elementary Education

Undecided
Political Science/Business Finance

Business
Business
Undecided
Ecological Forest Management
Computer Networking
Sports Management
Dramatic Writing
Undecided
Law Enforcement
Business
Undecided
Telecommunications/Broadcasting
Elementary Education
Undecided
Photography/Television
Computer System Technology
Architecture/Engineering
Psychology
Computer Technology
Computer Science
Radio Television
Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice
Physical Therapy
Music Industry
History/Education
Pre-Med/Biomedical Sciences
Exercise Science (Physical Therapy)

Tyler Peterson
John Pierce
John Postl
Sam Prior
Antoinette Proto
Casey Quigley
Ryan Rauber
Molly Redden
Sarah Rhinehart
Jon Riesdorff
Misti Rivera
Stephanie Rockwood
Teresa Ross
Andrew Rossman
Francesca Rodriguez
Anthony Schlosser
Gina Schwindler
Nick Shembeda
Anthony Sherlock
Elise Shoemaker
Brian Shoup
Bryan Shoup
Amanda Sitter
Ashley Sledge
Josh Smith
Michelle Spears
Lindsey Sprague
Mike Sprague
Selena Steiner
Sherry Steiner
Richard Strickler
Christine Sweitzer
Janelle Theodore
Mark Tobola
Andrew Trass
Haleigh Vanhoutte
Mike Vanschaick
Meghan Veno
Rachel Ventura
Amanda Walsh
Amanda Washington
Brian Wetherby
Coral Weeks
Leigha Weeks
Mike Weichmann
Megan Whiteman
Anthony Williams
Ryan Williams
Luke Williamson
Katie Windsor
Sarah Wolcott
Katie Yatzkanic
Rich Young
Javier Yumbla
Jenna Zeigler
LiZhi Zheng

Buffalo State
West Virginia University
Alfred State
Buffalo State
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
St. John Fisher College
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
St. John Fisher College
Employment
SUNY Brockport
Medaille College
Barry College
Monroe Community College
Monroe Community College
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SUNY Brockport
Monroe Community College
Jamestown Community College
Erie Community College
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
St. Bonaventure/George Washington University
Buffalo State
SUNY Fredonia
University at Albany
University at Buffalo
St. Bonaventure University
Jamestown Community College
Jamestown Community College
Employment
Monroe Community College
Youngstown State University
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Niagara University
St. Bonaventure University
Jamestown Community College
Monroe Community College
University of Buffalo
Alfred State
SUNY Buffalo State
Employment
Jamestown Community College
Undecided
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Jamestown Community College
Undecided
St. Bonaventure University
Ohio Northern University
SUNY Brockport
University Catolica
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
University at Buffalo

Criminal Justice
Sports Management
Computer Technology
Fashion Merchandising & Comm.
Finance
Occupational Therapy
Undecided
Accounting and Business Management
Undecided
Pharmacy

Journalism
Creative Writing
Marine Biology
Physical Education
Criminal Justice

Business
Business
Undecided
Criminal Justice
Undecided
Undecided
Early Education K-3
Accounting
Biology/Pre-Med
Photography
Physical Education/Physical Fitness
Business Administration
Media Study
Business
Criminal Justice
Undecided
Owl Homes
Business Administration
Music Education

Undecided
Psychology
Business
Massage Therapist
Aerospace Engineering
Undecided
Theatre

Psychology/Social Work

Communications

Sociology
Pharmacy
Undecided
Undecided
Imaging, Ultrasound
International Business





Natalie Pelton

Pelton wins New York State Lottery Scholarship

Every year the New York State Lottery has a scholarship competition that seniors compete in based on leadership, citizenship, community service and academics. This year we are proud to announce that Natalie Pelton is the recipient of the New York State Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship.

Each student was required to submit an essay describing an "Investment in Community Happiness" as well as an application to a local school scholarship committee. The committee selected two candidates to be submitted to New York State Lottery scholarship committee which then chooses the recipient.

This award winner receives a \$4,000 scholarship, paid annually in \$1,000 increments to be applied toward the cost of attendance at an accredited New York college, university or trade school.

Honor Society members recognized at banquet

By Mary A. Yates

The Cattaraugus County National Honor Society held its 35th Annual Awards Banquet on May 3 at the Knight's of Columbus in Olean. It was attended by 405 students, Advisors, Principals, Superintendents, and BOE Presidents from all 12 schools.

Three categories of awards are given. The Distinguished Service Award is given to a senior from each school selected for exemplary service. Our recipient was Molly McKeown. The second award is for the member who best exemplifies the four characteristics of the NHS in each school. Selection is done by the seniors themselves. Michelle Spears was selected. The last award is a competitive writing scholarship and is only given to five students. A senior is selected by the Advisors to write an impromptu essay which is anonymously evaluated by a SBU Committee. This year Olean High had a winner – Alex Palmquist. All scholarships and monetary awards are funded by the superintendents' annual golf tournament. This year \$5,900 was awarded to the students.

Seniors from Olean High School who



Senior Alex Palmquist is congratulated by Superintendent Mark Ward.

are members of the National Honor Society are: Matt DiRisio, Samuel Georgian, Lucas Groth, Erin Gustason, Aaron Hahn, Alexandra Kaduc, Colleen Kelly, Katharine Lapennas, Brittany Lollier, Charles Massaro, Molly McKeown, Thomas Mehmel, Alexander Palmquist, Natalie Pelton, Stephanie Rockwood, Michelle Spears, Selena Steiner, Richard Strickler, Teresa Ross and Sherry Steiner.



Shown in front (l-r) are Molly McKeown, High School Principal Barbara Lias, Michelle Spears and (back) Alex Palmquist.



National Technical Honor Society Inductions

Congratulations to four Olean High School Students for their induction into the National Technical Honor Society this spring for their accomplishments at the Olean Career and Technical Education Center. These students were chosen according to strict guidelines put forth by the NTHS as honest and responsible student-citizens who qualify based on an 85% average in their home school and a 90% or higher average for six quarters in the student's technical program with staff recommendations and active involvement service organizations.

These students have excelled among the nation's students in their technical program. Congratulations to (pictured l-r) Ashlee Case - Cosmetology, Bobby Dandrea - Media Communications Technology, Timothy Isaman Jr. - Drafting/Computer Aided Design, and Casey Bellamy - Media Communications Technology.

2006 Retirement Honorees

Congratulations to these Olean City School District employees who are retiring. Thanks for your service and best wishes in your new endeavors!

Martha Altmire
David Block
Donna Bunce
Christine Burton
Albert Dibs
D. Scott Elder
Jeanne Geller
Gladys Hnat
Carol Howard
Anthony Kopko
Joseph Mahar
Benjamin Schwabenbauer
Theresa Skolnik
Elizabeth Stayer
Margaret Ulasewicz
Richard Ulasewicz
Judith VanHoutte
Raymond VanHoutte
Theresia Wiltse

Examination Schedule: June 2006

June 14 Wednesday	June 15 Thursday	June 16 Friday	June 19 Monday	June 20 Tuesday	June 21 Wednesday	June 22 Thursday	June 23 Friday
	8:15 a.m. Comprehensive English: Session One RCT in Science*	8:15 a.m. Comprehensive English: Session Two	8:15 a.m. Second Language Proficiency Exams: French & Spanish	8:15 a.m. Physical Setting/Earth Science	8:15 a.m. Living Environment	8:15 a.m. Physical Setting/Physics RCT in U.S. History and Govt.	RATING DAY
12:15 p.m. Regents in Global History & Geography	12:15 p.m. Mathematics A Mathematics B	12:15 p.m. Comprehensive Regents Exams: French & Spanish RCT in Reading	12:15 p.m. RCT in Writing	12:15 p.m. Regents in U.S. History & Government RCT in Mathematics*	12:15 p.m. Physical Setting/Chemistry RCT in Global Studies*	* Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, used or unused, to the Department at the end of the examination period.	



Pictured are Student Activities Council (SAC) officers (front, l-r) Colleen Kelly, Molly McKeown, Sarah Rhinehart, Rachel Askey, and (back, l-r) Natalie Pelton, Ali Kane, Pat Massaro and Whitney Foskit.

What SAC Means to Me ...

My name is **Ali Kane** and I am a SAC co-secretary. Throughout the year I have been fortunate enough to participate in many school activities and functions. The best part of SAC was being able to raise money in order to benefit the less fortunate in our community.

My name is **Sarah Rhinehart** and I am a SAC co-vice president. SAC was an honor to be a part of. Not only was it rewarding but also a lot of fun. SAC gave me the opportunity to experience different roles of leadership. I'm very pleased to be a part of this wonderful group of students and staff.

My name is **Rachel Askey** and I am a SAC co-treasurer. My favorite aspect of being a member of SAC was taking part in planning school activities such as assembles and Homeless Huskies as well as making commercials to advertise school activities. SAC has taught me the importance of helping others and it will be an experience that I will always fondly remember.

SAC was an incredible experience because it made me realize how part of our community is less fortunate and it got me involved in helping them out. Being a SAC co-treasurer has made a life long impact on me that I will remember for the rest of my life.

- Whitney Foskit

My name is **Molly McKeown** and I am a SAC co-secretary. What I liked the most about SAC was being able to be "behind the scenes" for school activities and being able to raise money for the less fortunate in our community.

Being SAC Co-President has opened my eyes to community events that I was previously unaware of. Raising money for the homeless and sponsoring a family at Christmastime were two of the most rewarding parts of SAC. Planning and orchestrating school functions were also high points of being a member of the Student Activities Council.

- Colleen Kelly

It is such a privilege to represent Olean High School as Student Activities Council Co- President. I really enjoyed taking part in major activities such as Class Competitions, Homeless Huskies, and the Up-All-Night. It felt so good to raise money for families at Christmas, and to donate to families in need around the community. I will always remember this awesome opportunity.

- Natalie Pelton

My name is **Pat Massaro** and I am SAC Co-Vice President. Throughout the year, we run events at Olean High School, but the things I enjoy the most are the assemblies. Several times Sac controls the stage and puts on a show that is entertaining for everyone. This year's assemblies were Homecoming, Winter Weekend, and a gathering for spring sports and other pre-Prom activities.





Spanish Club ventures on unforgettable trip

10,430 miles, 24 students, 12 days, 5 take-offs and landings, 4 airports, 2 stamps in our passports and 1 unforgettable trip!

Members of the Olean High School Spanish Club took the ultimate in educational field trips during the April spring break. The group arrived in Barcelona, Spain on April 10th, and arrived back in Olean in the wee hours of Friday, April 21st. In between those two dates, we visited Barcelona, Madrid and Paris, with side trips to Gerona, Toledo, Versailles and the Loire Valley.

Favorite moment of the trip? Most of our travelers would protest that they could not choose just one. We saw world-famous paintings and sculptures at both the Prado and the Louvre Museums, stood in magnificent cathedrals, walked where Spanish kings had walked, took a moonlit boat ride on the Seine River while enjoying the night view of Paris, and soaked up centuries of Spanish and French culture. Among all of those memories, students told their own stories - stories of using the languages they had learned in a classroom, and the great feeling that being able to use that language gave them.

OHS Spanish Club Advisor Carol Shannon has a trip planned to the Yucatan peninsula in Mexico during next year's spring break.



Middle School students sweep short story contest

When the winners of the annual Friends of the Olean Library short story contest were announced, Olean Middle school could not be more proud of their students! In grades six through eight, the Middle School had eight students place out 491 students who entered the contest. Even more impressive in the sixth and seventh grades, the top three places went to only Olean Middle school students.

In the sixth grade, honorable mention went to Cassandra Esshuchen, second place went to Brittany Higby and first place went to Samuel Muse. In the seventh grade, honorable mention went to Steve Capitani and Heather Treaster while first place went to Lauren Bowser. Finally, in the eighth grade, Greg Pilon received an honorable mention and JD Olson was awarded second place. The staff at Olean Middle school could not be more proud of our writers. Way to go!

OMS Knowledge Masters compete

On Tuesday, April 25, sixteen ambitious OMS students donned their thinking caps, dug deep into their cranial cavities and harnessed their cerebral powers to tackle the spring *Knowledge Master Open*. They did their best to come up with the correct answer to 200 challenging questions encompassing many academic categories as well as a little trivia. The team accumulated 1,296 points out of a possible

2,000. This score placed them 5th in New York State and in the top 50 percent of more than 800 schools nationwide.

Congratulations to team members: Angela Finch, Todd Hanson, Amanda Lasky, Michael Liu, Jason Mahar, JD Olson, Heather Reed, John Samuelson, Amanda Seaward, Brad Nenno, Taylor Bold, Matt Witte, Rebecca Lasky, Zanaid Marra, Nichole Sova and Abby Stavish.

Sharing the story of goddess Hera

Students in Mrs Taylor's Social Studies class look on as Joey Veno presents his report on the goddess Hera.



First District Health Fair deemed a success

Over 38 area agencies, organizations and businesses participated in the first annual Olean City School District Health Fair on Tuesday, May 9, at the Middle School. The fair provided the public with a variety of free screenings, profiles, samples and health wellness advice.

Melody Jones, program chairperson and lead nurse for the Olean City Schools said, "The cooperation and participation among area agencies has been simply overwhelming. We never expected our first major try at this to be so successful."

Also at the fair was a Community Blood Bank Drive with area businesses putting out a challenge to each other (with a revolving plaque to be awarded to the winner). Visitors had an opportunity to participate in a variety of tests and screenings that included the following: blood pressure, hearing, postural, pulse oximetry, blood sugar, body mass index, bone density, and scoliosis.

There was also information covering the following areas: stroke education, dental information, Olean recreational opportunities, health care professions, diabetes, natural foods, chiropractic nutrition, food stamps, information concerning breast and cervical cancer causes, domestic violence, massage therapy, pH testing, nutritional analysis, vitamin profile, meal replacements, skin and body care, vitamins, child safety, AED demo and a Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) scooter demo.

"We believe it is important as an educational institution to encourage and promote health education to our employees as well as the Olean community. This Health Fair provided us an opportunity to bring many different health providers together at one location and offer the public a smorgasbord of options to pick and chose from," said District Superintendent Mark Ward.

"Historically, people in general invest a limited amount of time and money on their own personal health. We tend to make changes when we have to, rather than being proactive about our own personal health," Mr. Ward added. "We plan to expand the program next year to include all of the District's students."

Seventh-graders do the ‘Wild Thing’

Seventh graders from the Olean Middle School were treated to a day of wild adventure shows. In the morning, Johneta Wilson, from “Wild Thing” Wildlife Rehabilitation Inc., presented information on the rehabilitation of disabled animals.

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Inc. specializes in the care of “song birds, birds of prey, game birds, and some mammals.” She gave helpful tips for good stewardship of the animals and their environment. For example, people should cut the plastic rings on pop bottles, which could get caught around animals’ necks. A big problem in the area is discarding fishing line along the stream. People should put it into their pocket so birds and other animals don’t get entangled. At the conclusion of the program, Jordan Thompson and Serah Paar presented Mrs. Wilson with a donation raised from their middle school dance. Mrs. Wilson can be contacted at Jwilson15@stny.rr.com.

The afternoon program for the 7th grade “Wild Adventure Day,” was Bwana Jim’s Wildlife Show. Bwana Jim is an animal handler with over 25 years of experience. He specializes in reptiles such as alligators, snakes, and turtles. Jim’s lively nature kept the students on the edge of their seats. The students enjoyed the opportunity to pet the exotic animals that they don’t normally have a chance to see in real life. If you are interested in more information about Bwana Jim, he can be contacted at www.bwanajim.com. A special thanks goes to the people at the City of Olean’s Youth Bureau for providing the grant to make this day possible.



2006 Whale Watch Members: From left to right, back row: Alex Moore, Mrs. Bay, Mrs. Jedrosko, Taylor Eade, Christina Devling, Roger Kirkpatrick, E.J. Sutton, Kelly McKeown, Anthony Sevinsky, and Ryan Carney. Front row: Kyle Clark, Kevin Stevens, Joe Palumbo, Brittney Lee, Alicia Mikowitz, Helen Ventura, Shelby Rice, Amanda Lasky, Megan Wells and Susan Barlett.

M.S. club searches for whales, history and fun

From May 4 to May 6, the Olean Middle School Whale Watch Club headed for Boston, Massachusetts. While in Boston, the students were able to watch as the Boston Red Sox defeated the Toronto Blue Jays at the infamous Fenway Park. The club then toured Boston amphibiously via World War II Duck Boats. The boats traveled the city of Boston and then headed off-road into the Charles River.

The weather was perfect for the occasion. The highlight of the trip, the whale watching excursion, caught most of our students off guard which



ended up in many upset stomachs. Fortunately though, the whale sightings were phenomenal! The ship’s naturalist stated that our excursion

reaped the most sightings she had seen in a while. We spotted whales for more than an hour, feeding and playing right off the deck. What an impressive event!

The club then toured Boston by foot with a Revolutionary period actor, Ebenezer Macintosh posing as Paul Revere’s cohort in the Revolution. The eighth graders put their knowledge of science to the test exploring the Boston Museum of Science. All in all, the Whale Watch Club got what they went for, whales, history and the freedom to have fun!

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Raising their voices in song

Spring was in the air as the children at North Hill Elementary School busily prepared for their Spring Concert. Mr. Bill Huey, music teacher, presented the third, fourth, and fifth grades on stage with a series of patriotic songs. Mrs. Howden's students (pictured above) also were busy decorating flags and doing some last-minute rehearsing in their classroom. They were anxious to impress their parents and the community with their very best voices.



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Mission ...

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Values ...

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

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