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Mosher and Lasky Gain Top Honors

Christopher Mosher has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 2010, ranking 1st in a class of 166 students. He is the son of Thomas Mosher and Christine Hetrick. Chris will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors.

Chris has been a member of Knowledge Masters, Interact Club, Odyssey of the Mind (Co-Captain), Principal's Advisory, Quiz Bowl/Scholastic Challenge, Houghton String Festival, Orchestra, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, Cross Country, Track

and Field, Indoor Track and National Honor Society. Chris has also been involved in the Prom Committee, school

musicals, Up All Night, Homeless Huskies and served as Class President.

Chris has received honors including the 60 point award, Cross Country Most Valuable Runner, Track and Field Scholar Athlete, academic excellence in Chemistry, English, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Global I and II, Spanish III, and Pre-Calculus. Chris has been a county and sectional qualifier for both the Cross Country and Track and Field Teams and he was a Boys' Team League and County Champion for CCAA Division I. Chris will attend Case Western Reserve University and major in Biomedical Engineering.

Valedictorian Christopher Mosher

Amanda Lasky has been named Salutatorian of the Class of 2010, ranking 2nd in a class of 166 students. She is the daughter of David and Pamela Lasky. Amanda will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors.

Amanda has been a member of Varsity Swim Team, Varsity Bowling Team, Homecoming Committee, Up All Night, Homeless Husky participant, Principal's Advisory, Knowledge Masters, Band (Concert Mistress), Marching Band, Pep Band, Solo Festival, All County Band and Odyssey of the Mind. Amanda

has also served as Class Treasurer, the Olean High School Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Ambassador, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Prom Committee and Float Committee.

Amanda has received honors including Swim Team scholar athlete awards, sportsmanship awards, Varsity Bowling Sectional Team member, Model UN Best Delegate award, George Eastman Young Leaders Award, 60 point award, and outstanding achievement in Earth Science, Spanish II, Global I, Global II, Biology, Chemistry, and Pre-Calculus. Amanda has volunteered for the YMCA and has completed many community service projects with her church. Amanda will attend the University of Pittsburgh. Amanda has not yet declared a major.



The following students of the Olean High School Class of 2010 have excelled in their studies, citizenship and extra-curricular activities, maintaining a 90 or above average throughout their high school career. Listed alphabetically are:



Shanae Abdo is the daughter of Michael and Gigi Abdo. Shanae has participated in a variety of activities including DECA, Spanish Club, Odyssey of the Mind (Team Captain), Chorus, Interact Club, the stage crew, Principal's Advisory, Homeless Huskies, JV Softball, Varsity Swimming, National Honor Society, volunteered for Special Olympics, Youth Summit and the STAR. program. Shanae plans on attending Jamestown Community College for Occupational Therapy Assistant.



Kaitlyn Andreano is the daughter of Jeff and Kelly Andreano. Kaitlyn has participated in the **DUKE University Talent** Identification Program, named CCAA Division I Scholar Athlete of the Season, OHS Student of the Month, Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award, National Honor Society Member, 20 point award, RIT Innovation Creativity Award winner, Scholastic Challenge participant, Model UN Lead Delegate, DECA Regional Finalist, Model UN Competition

winner '07-08, Senior Class Vice President, Class Secretary, founded "Carnival for a Cure," member of Olean Youth and Recreation Board of Directors, DECA President and Treasurer, UNICEF Director, Genesis House volunteer, Bona Responds volunteer, Gus Macker volunteer, Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Salvation Army volunteer, Olean Youth Soccer Club volunteer and referee. JV Basketball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Soccer and Enchanted Mountain Soccer Club. Kaitlyn plans on attending Virginia Tech for BioChemistry/ Cancer Pharmacology.



Samantha Armstrong is the daughter of Elena Mikolajczyk. Sam has participated in Up All Night, Principal's Advisory, French Club, Odyssey of the Mind, Homeless Huskies, Orchestra, Chorus, school plays, Softball, Track, Bowling, National Honor Society, volunteered at church picnics, Special Olympics, worked for the STAR. program and attended the Houghton String Festival. Sam plans on attending Jamestown Community College for Nursing.



Rachel Bantelman is the daughter of Jean and Joe Bantelman. Rachel has participated in Student Activities Council, Interact Club, Science Club, Model UN, Homecoming and Prom Committee, Varsity Swimming and Diving, Varsity Track and Field, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Softball, EMAC, AAU Basketball, Summer Softball, SAC Treasurer, Science Club Treasurer. Science Club President, Model UN Fundraising chairperson and is a member of the National Honor Society. Rachel will attend the University of Buffalo where she will play Division I Basketball and major in Physical Therapy.



Susan Barlett is the daughter of Linda Barlett. Susan has participated in Skills U.S.A., Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Principal's Advisory, Soccer, Softball, and has won awards for perfect attendance. Susan has also completed the BOCES Medical Assisting program. Susan will attend the University of Buffalo for Biomedical Sciences.



Christina Devling is the daughter of Pamela and Robert Devling. Christina has been a member of in Interact Club (Secretary), Science Club, Spanish Club, TV Studio, Yearbook, National Honor Society, Homeless Huskies, Principal's Advisory, Homecoming Committee, Cheerleading, JV Softball, art show award, St. Mary's of the Angels Youth Group, Gus Macker volunteer, Salvation Army volunteer, church festival volunteer, Dance Arts and summer softball. Christina will attend Geneseo and major in Psychology.



Angela Finch is the daughter of Jill Finch. Angela has participated in Odyssey of the Mind, Interact Club, Band, Orchestra, Chorus, National Honor Society. Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Band, Houghton String Festival, Guatemala Mission Team, and the plays, "Anything Goes," "The Sound of Music," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Oklahoma." Angela will attend SUNY Oswego for Childhood Education.





James Hardenbergh is the son of Lynn Hardenbergh. James has been an active member of the OHS community participating in Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, 8 Days of Giving, National Honor Society, class competitions, Varsity Soccer (Captain), has been a CCA All-Star, volunteered for Bona Responds and Taste of Olean. This year James was named MVP for Soccer and Most Outstanding Calculus student. James will attend the University of Buffalo for Electrical Engineering.



Kaitlyn Harvey is the daughter of Beth Harvey. Kaitlyn has been a member of Bel Canto, Band, Select Chorus (Vice President), Interact Club, French Club, Cheerleading, NYSSMA Area All-State, and NYSSA Summer School of Arts. Kaitlyn has also participated in several theatrical productions including "Fiddler on the Roof," "Anything Goes," "Oklahoma!" "The Sound of Music," has served as Uniform Manager for the Music Department and has worked for the summer S.T.A.R. program. Kaitlyn has also served as the Senior Class President and Class Officer. Kaitlyn's awards include the Harold **Dutton Student Spotlight** Award and the Olean Good News Youth Award. Kaitlyn will attend Niagara University for Foreign Language.



Hannah Hughes is the daughter of Deb and Roderick Hughes. Hannah has been a member of National Honor Society, Science Club, Outdoor Track, Indoor Track, Cross Country, Swimming, Student Activities Council and the Interact Club (Vice-President). Hannah has volunteered for the Special Olympics, the Special Education Prom and participated in Homeless Huskies. As a junior, Hannah was awarded the Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass Award. Hannah will attend Niagara University for Biology.



Brittney Lee is the daughter of Charles and Lori Lee. Brittney has participated in Homeless Huskies, class competitions, Student Activities Council (Secretary), Soccer (Captain), Basketball (Captain), Softball, Blackwatch Premier Soccer League, National Honor Society, Interact Club, and Gus Macker volunteer. Brittney will attend Monroe Community College where she will continue to play Soccer. She will major in Communications.



Michael Liu is the son of Zheji Liu and Xia Li. Michael has been involved with Knowledge Masters, Model UN (Treasurer), Up All Night, Principal's Advisory, Interact Club, Prom Committee, Bel Canto, Select Chorus, school musicals, Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Marching Band, OHS String Quartet, CDEP, Houghton String Festival, JV Soccer, Varsity Soccer, National Honor Society, and has won scholar athlete and sportsmanship awards. Michael has served as Class Vice President and SAC President. Michael will attend Cornell University for Biological Sciences.



Jason Mahar is the son of Kimberly Mahar. Jason has been a member of DECA, Knowledge Masters, Model UN, Science Club (Treasurer), the stage crew, Scholastic Challenge, WWII Challenge, Homeless Huskies, Track and Field, National Honor Society and has received awards in Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Global I, II and U.S. History, Economics and Government and Sports Marketing. Jason will attend St. Bonaventure University for History.



Daniel Massaro is the son of Charles and Susan Massaro. Dan has participated in Homeless Huskies, Hockey, class competitions, JV Soccer, Varsity Soccer, and is a member of National Honor Society. Dan was selected to be Captain of the Hockey Team, Varsity Soccer Team and has served as Class Officer. Dan has also received the Big 30 Athlete Award for Soccer. He has been accepted into the highly selective ROTC program and will attend the University of Buffalo for Mechanical Engineering.



Reed McElfresh is the son of Earl and Michiko McElfresh. Reed has been involved in Up All Night, Homeless Huskies, the Golf Team, and Model UN (UNICEF chair, recording secretary). Reed has also volunteered for Carnival for a Cure, golf can drives and freshman orientation. Reed is a member of the National Honor Society and has been NHS Vice President, Class Secretary, and Class Treasurer. Reed is also a member of the National Technical Honor Society. Reed has been admitted into the St. Bonaventure University/ University of Buffalo dual admissions program for Biology/Dentistry.



Kelly McKeown is the daughter of Amy and Paul McKeown. Kelly has been involved in many school and community activities including the Interact Club (Secretary), Homeless Huskies, Science Club, Student Activities Council (Vice President), Homecoming Committee, class competitions, Up All Night, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Track and Field, Indoor Track, Varsity Basketball, JV Basketball, Bolivar-Richburg Sting, Buffalo United, Riverside Express, Recreation Soccer and National Honor Society. Kelly will attend Edinboro for Elementary Education.



Caitlyn McNamee is the daughter of Rosemary and Sean McNamee. Caitlyn has been involved in Model UN, Spanish Club, Orchestra, National Honor Society, Homeless Huskies, class competitions, school musicals, Dance Arts, Swimming and ESMC Soccer. Caitlyn has also volunteered for the Warming House, Ronald McDonald House, and the St. John's Italian Festival. Caitlyn will attend Allegheny College for Pre-Law.

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Tchianna McPeak is the daughter of Stephen and Librada McPeak. Tchianna has been involved in Odyssey of the Mind, Homeless Huskies, Spanish Club, Band, Orchestra, Freshman Vice President, Senior Vice President, National Honor



AnaMarie Mehmel is the daughter of Emma and Thomas Mehmel. AnaMarie has participated in many school and community activities including Up All Night, Principal's Advisory, French Club (Treasurer and President), class competitions, National Honor Society, Carnival for a Cure, Liberty Partnership, Boardmanville Carnival, Senior Class Committees, Prom Committee, Enchanted Mountain Soccer, JV Soccer, Varsity Soccer, Track, several academic awards, the 20 point award, 40 point award, theatre, and volunteered for several church festivals. AnaMarie has also volunteered for the Gus Macker tournament and worked for the STAR Program. AnaMarie will attend the University of Cincinnati for Language and Mathematics.



Alicia Mikowicz is the daughter of Rita and Daniel Mikowicz. Alicia has been involved in Interact Club, Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, DECA, Science Club (Vice President), Student Activity Council (Vice President), Homecoming Committee, Prom Committee, Soccer, Softball, Basketball, AAU Basketball, Summer Softball, church festival volunteer and is a member of the National Honor Society. Alicia will attend Jamestown Community College for Accounting.



Jeremiah (JD) Olson is the son of David and Juanita Olson. JD has been involved in many activities including Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Model UN, Knowledge Masters, Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, Interact Club, JV Soccer, Varsity Soccer, JV Baseball, Varsity Baseball, National Honor Society, All County Band, All County Chorus, Area All State Band, National Honors Band, RIT Creation and Innovation Award, summer STAR program. JD will attend West Virginia University for Mechanical/ Aerospace Engineering.



Rachel Pfeiffer is the daughter of Dianne and Kristian Pfeiffer. Rachel has participated in Model UN, Odyssey of the Mind, class competitions, Houghton String Festival, Spanish Club, Solo Festival, Chamber Music Group, National Honor Society, Orchestra Concert Mistress and has received Global Studies and Spanish awards. Rachel also attended NYSSMA Area All State for Orchestra. Rachel plans on traveling prior to attending college.



Louis Proto is the son of Margie and Louis Proto. Louis has been a member JV Soccer, JV Basketball, JV Baseball, Varsity Track, Varsity Soccer (Captain), Varsity Basketball, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Band, and Up All Night. Louis has received scholar athlete awards, been on the 1st Team All-Star Soccer. Big 30 All-Star Soccer, and received honorable mention for Basketball, Louis has volunteered his time each year for St. John's Italian Festival. Louis will attend James Madison University for Business.



Heather Reed is the daughter of Mary Covert and Todd Reed. Heather has been a member of the Science Club, has participated in Homeless Huskies, Chorus, Spanish Club, and Up All Night. Heather has also won excellence in academics awards including Chemistry. Heather will attend the University of Tampa for Pre-Med.



John Samuelson is the son of Carrie and Randy Samuelson. John has been an active member of Model UN (Secretary General and Fundraiser Chair), National Honor Society, Science Club, TV Studio, Interact Club (Vice President), Band, Homeless Huskies, Baseball, Basketball, Soccer and UNICEF Chair. John was also a finalist at the International DECA competition in Louisville, Kentucky, John will attend Ohio State University for Pre-Law.



Brooke Schulze is the daughter of Warren and Renee Schulze. Brooke has participated in Homeless Huskies, has played in the Pit Band for "Oklahoma!" and "Fiddler on the Roof." Brooke is a member of the National Honor Society, Technical National Honor Society, Band and Orchestra. Brooke has received awards for excellence in Pre-Calculus, Earth Science and Math A. Brooke will attend Jamestown Community College for Nursing.



Amanda Seaward is the daughter of Sandra and Kenneth Seaward. Amanda has participated in Chess Club, Band, Orchestra, Solo Festival, Knowledge Masters, Select Chorus and has been a Junior Church Assistant for Five Mile Baptist Church. Amanda will attend Jamestown Community College and major in Applied Media Arts Animation.







Sarah Shembeda is the daughter of Cheryl and Dan Shembeda. Sarah is an active member of the school and community and is involved in Spanish Club, Varsity Softball, Varsity Tennis, Summer Softball and National Honor Society. Sarah has served as Captain of the Tennis and Softball Teams and won the County Tennis Championship. Sarah has also volunteered for YMCA festivals and at the Genesis House. Sarah will attend St. Bonaventure University where she will play Division I Softball and major in International Marketing.



Kevin Stevens is the son of Mike and Audra Stevens. Kevin has been a member of Football (Captain), Basketball, Baseball and National Honor Society. Kevin was the recipient of the Clarkson Leadership Award, WNY Unsung Player of the Year ('08), Olean Times Herald Big 30 Player of the Year ('08), Olean Times Herald Big 30 All Star ('08), Michael Parks Team Player Award, CCAA 2nd Team All Star, JV MVP, JV Rookie of the Year. Kevin has also been recognized for the 2009 Adpro/Buffalo News Fall Scholar Athlete Award and has received awards for excellence in Chemistry and Global History. Kevin will attend the University of Buffalo for Chemistry.



Helen Ventura is the daughter of Lou and Sally Ventura. Helen has been an active member of the school and community participating in Interact Club, Science Club, Model UN, Homecoming Committee, Varsity Soccer, Track, Kenmore West Soccer, STING, Soccer 1st Team, National Honor Society and St. Mary of the Angels Youth Group. Helen will attend St. Bonaventure University for Mass Communications/English.



Megan Wells is the daughter of Laurie Murray and Michael Wells. Megan has been a member of the Spanish Club, Orchestra, Homeless Huskies, Varsity Tennis, Varsity Softball, Dance Arts, National Honor Society, and has participated in class competitions. Megan has also received an MVP award for Tennis, won the County Tennis Championship and has volunteered at the Irish Festival. Megan will attend Fredonia majoring in Speech Pathology with a minor in Spanish.



Amy Wetherby is the daughter of Dave and Lisa Wetherby. Amy has participated in Homeless Huskies, Odyssey of the Mind, Principal's Advisory, Swimming, National Honor Society and received the RIT Computing Award. Amy has also volunteered for Interfaith Caregivers and the Salvation Army. Amy will attend Drexel University for Engineering.



FUTURE PLANS 2010

Shanae L. Abdo - Jamestown Community College Rebecca D. Ahearn - Jamestown Community College Rosemary L. Ames - Jamestown Community College Andrea L. Anastasia - Jamestown Community College Arron A. Anastasia – Art Institute of Pittsburgh Kaitlyn J. Andreano - Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Samantha L. Armstrong – Jamestown Community College

Destiny L. Ayala - Employment

Alex A. Baer - Edinboro University

Rachel M. Bantelman - University of Buffalo

Susan M. Barlett - University of Buffalo

Jermaine L. Battle - Jamestown Community College

Benjamin M. Bean - Canisius College

Kyle J. Becker - Jamestown Community College

Douglas S. Bellaus II - Jamestown Community College

Charlotte E. Bennett - University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

Joseph A. Biles - St. Bonaventure University

Sapphire R. Black - Employment

Kasey L. Boutwell - Jamestown Community College

Scott M. Brady - St. Bonaventure University

Mahli P. Brophy - Jamestown Community College

Adrienne J. Budinger - Employment

Daniel C. Butler - Jamestown Community College

Ashley J. Calbi - Jamestown Community College Ryan T. Carney - Jamestown Community College Andrew D. Case - Jamestown Community College Thomas F. Caya - Jamestown Community College Kyle M. Clarke – Jamestown Community College Tabytha M. Cleveland - Jamestown Community College

Erin S. Colley - Jamestown Community College

Joss L. Conner - Military

Alexandria J. Covert - Jamestown Community College

Matthew C. Crane - Monroe Community College

Gannon M. Creed - Jamestown Community College

Christina M. Devling - Jamestown Community College/Geneseo

James R. DiBlasi - Jamestown Community College

Nicole E. Dombek - Continental School of Beauty

Sariah K. Duran - University of Buffalo

Taylor C. Eade - Jamestown Community College

Michael Eddy - State Fair Community College

Danee R. Ellis - Jamestown Community College

Edward M. Everitt - Employment

Amy S. Farris - Alfred University

Erica E. Fegadel - Employment

Angela N. Finch - SUNY Oswego Bethany R. Fling-Poortenga - Jamestown Brandon R. Forness – Jamestown Community College

Jeffrey D. Ganoung, Jr. - National Guard

David A. Fowler - Monroe Community College

James M. Gayton - Employment

Zachary D. Gerhard - Military

Michael J. Gianas - Monroe Community College

Caitlin M. Goodwill - Undecided

Jovon T. Hall - Jamestown Community College

Todd Z. Hanson - Military

James D. Hardenbergh - University of Buffalo

Kaitlin C. Harvey - Niagara University

Kara R. Havers - Employment

Samantha J. Hendrickson - Jamestown Community College

Byron J. Herbert – Jamestown Community College

Julia M. Himes - Rochester Institute of Technology

Allison A. Holly - Jamestown Community College

Michael J. Hoppe - Military

Stephen A. Hornaday - Employment

Hannah J. Hughes - Niagara University

Ronald W. Jankowski - Alfred State College Tanner J. Kahm - University of Buffalo

Casey L. Konieczka - Jamestown Community College

Macklin J. Koski - Hilbert College

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Community College

CLASS OF 2010 FUTURE PLANS

David L. Kranock - Jamestown Community College

Duane A. Lampe - Employment

Amanda J. Lasky – University of Pittsburgh

Brittney A. Lee – Monroe Community College

Joseph R. Lemmer - Employment

Lisa M. Lippert - Employment

Michael Z. Liu - Cornell University

Amy L. Livoto – Jamestown Community College in Jamestown

Ryan J. Lollier - Alfred University

Sheila J. Lorow - Jamestown Community College

Kaytlin M. Mack - University of Buffalo

Jason P. Mahar - St. Bonaventure University

Jacob M. Mallery - Alfred University

Aimee C. Marcellin - Jamestown Community College

Melissa M. Marcellin - Jamestown Community College

Megan J. Marion - Onondaga Community College

Brianna E. Martin - Undecided

Daniel K. Massaro - University of Buffalo

Gina M. Matejka - Jamestown Community College

Amanda L. Mattys - ITT Tech

Zachary F. McDonald – Jamestown Community College

Reed H. McElfresh - St. Bonaventure University

Andrew J. McIntyre - Employment

Kelly M. McKeown - Edinboro University

Caitlyn M. McNamee - Allegheny College

Tchianna K.N. McPeak - Jamestown Community College

AnaMarie M. Mehmel – University of Cincinnati

Alicia J. Mikowicz – Jamestown Community College

Kasey F. Miles - Jamestown Community College

Alexander C. Moore – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

Christopher Z. Mosher – Case Western Reserve University Kyle J. Moshier - Criminal Justice

Sarah K. Nodler – Jamestown Community College

Katelyn M. O'Brien - Jamestown Community College

Jeremiah D. Olson - West Virginia University

Joseph M. Palumbo - Medaille College

Joshua C. Paone - Military

Katelyn C. Parks - University of Buffalo

Christopher P. Pavlock - Jamestown Community College

Jeriel Pena - Military

Louise E. Penman - Edinboro University

Chelsey M. Peterson - Jamestown Community College

Rachel E. Pfeiffer - Undecided

Samantha A. Phillips - Monroe Community College

Kurt W. Pilon - Olean Business Institute

Meegan R. Pilon – Jamestown Community College

Jillion M. Pittman - Undecided

Louis J. Proto - James Madison University

Heather M. Reed - University of Tampa

Dalton J. Reynolds - Pittsburgh Technical Institute

Shelby N. Rice – Jamestown Community College

Tyler J. Richardson - Alfred State College

Anthony C. Rivera – Monroe Community College

Kristina M. Rivera - Niagara County Community College

Kiera D. Rodriguez - Niagara County Community College

Nicole M. Russo - Jamestown Community College

Natalie R. Saleh - Brockport

John W. Samuelson - Ohio State University

Ryan P. Scheminger - Utica College

Brooke N. Schulze - Jamestown Community College

Justin T. Scott – Morrisville State College

Amanda J. Seaward – Jamestown Community College Nicole M. Sexton - Employment William H. Shafer - Jamestown Community College

Sarah A. Shembeda - St. Bonaventure University

Ayesha M. Shoup - Employment

Robert E. Shoup II - Employment

Myrissa A. Snyder – Rehabilitation Lifeskills Program

Eric B. Sonnylal - Jamestown Community College

Kevin J. Stevens - University of Buffalo

Mark T. Stimlinger - Lincoln Electric

Dylan A. Strade - University Technical Institute

Victoria P. Terwilliger - Employment

Danielle M. Threadgill - Jamestown Community College

Sondra M. Tidd – Employment

Amanda M. Travis - Employment

Kyleigh A. VanHoutte - Jamestown Community College

Melissa A. VanNess - Pittsburgh Technical Institute

Helen C. Ventura -St. Bonaventure University

Cearah D. Wardhaugh - Valley Forge Christian College

Calvin J. Weis - Jamestown Community College

Megan A. Wells - SUNY Fredonia

Amy M. Wetherby - Drexel University

Marlee A. Wiegand - Employment

Cross K Williamson Alfred University

Grace K. Williamson - Alfred University

Nicholas J. Worth – Daemen College

Brianna J. Wright - Muskingum University

Cody J. Young – Jamestown Community College

Oriana L. Young - Jamestown Community College

Carrie A. Zeigler - Undecided

Jia Y. Zheng - Jamestown Community College

Lukus E. Zimmerman - Employment

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Leadership in the Face of Financial Hardship

The State Aid continues to be frozen with no relief in sight. We continue to strive to meet the needs of all learners, while working with increased cost and a decrease in revenues. As a result, some 2010-2011 school year course offerings and extracurricular activities have been reduced. We anticipate these reductions to continue into the 2011-2012 school year if the State Aid continues to be frozen and grant funding sources continue to dwindle. This has been extremely difficult on all of us; however, it has forced us to reexamine our primary purpose; providing each student with the opportunity for a high school diploma. This is an area in which we excel and expect to see continuous improvement. We recognize that times are tough for everyone across the state and the nation. In response to this economic decline, we believe it is critical for us to explore any and all options that lead to the improvement of student achievement, maximize employee effectiveness, as well as contain costs. Currently we are asking ourselves; would a reconfiguration of our elementary schools help us to achieve these goals? If our initial research provides positive results, we will establish a committee structure and design open meeting forums for input.

Capital Project Underway

The capital project is underway and will have an impact on accessibility over the summer months. The District Office and Business Office will be relocated to the High School Auxiliary Gym area and the High School Summer School will take place in the Middle School. Elementary Summer School will take place at Washington West. Mr. Whitcher will be the Elementary Summer School Principal. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the schedule of work, please contact the building principal or the Superintendent's Office. If we do not know the answer to your questions, we will contact our construction managers to get the answers for you.

Closing Comments on the 2009-10 Academic Year

As the 2009-10 school year comes to a close, I want to express my gratitude to all of the students who fill our hallways. In my two years as Superintendent of the Olean City School District, I have found our learners to be caring of one another and of those in need; dedicated to their studies; eager to embrace challenges; and willing to try new things. I have no doubt that our students of today will be our successful leaders of tomorrow. To the Seniors, I extend my congratulations and best wishes.



News from around the 'Middle'





OMS Washington Club

The Olean Middle School Washington Club had the honor of placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery during its annual trip to Washington, D.C. in March! It was a very solemn ceremony and we were very proud to be a part of something special. Students pictured are Diana McElfresh, Collin Young, Christian Gayton, and Lindsay Bushnell.



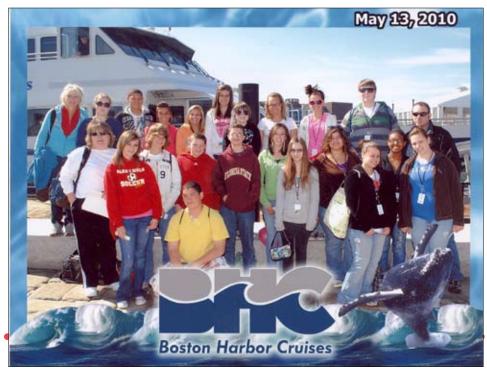
JOB SHADOWING

This past January, middle school students in the Liberty Partnership program were asked what they wanted to be when they grew up and what goals they could set now to keep them on a path towards that career. Sixth grader Nicholas Sanders wants to be a veterinarian and already has ideas for what college he would like to attend. Nick was offered the opportunity to shadow a current veterinarian at the Haskell Veterinary Clinic this spring. He spent two days learning first-hand what vets do and even observed multiple surgeries. Nick looks forward to an internship opportunity with a veterinary clinic when he is older.

Mercedes Tarr, another Liberty Partnership student, is interested in becoming a lawyer. A program where she can email questions and receive information from a local attorney is currently being established. If anyone is interested in information about the Liberty Partnership program, please contact the Olean Community Schools at 716-375-8041.

OMS WHALE WATCH CLUB

In May a number of eighth grade students enjoyed great weather in Boston, Massachusettes. The itinerary included Fenway Park, Harbor Duck Boat Tour, Salem Witch Museum, The House of Seven Gables and of course, the Whale Watch Tour.





Six students in Mrs.
Stephens' kindergarten class
completed all six months
of the Pizza Hut Book-It
Program that went from
October 2009-March 2010.
They celebrated with a pizza
party in the classroom and
picked a brand new book
from Scholastic Books as
their prize. Congratulations
to Makenna, Ryan, Abby,
Kiley, Luke, and Max!



Boardmanville Elementary School



Several classes from Boardmanville participated in the Special Olympics held at the Allegany-Limestone athletic fields. Students participated in many fun competitions and activities including races, horse-back riding, Frisbee toss, and long jump, to name a few.



Mrs. Chudy's class and Mrs. Gabler's class worked together to create signs for the Olean Medical Group. The signs will be displayed at the doctors' offices to help brighten their patients' days.



Mrs. Gaylor's second grade afternoon reading group worked on their reading fluency by reading books about the rainforest and finding facts about rainforest animals and plants. They then wrote the facts that they learned on leaves and colored animals and





Bookmark Contest Winners

Pictured are the East View classroom winners of the 2010 Olean Public Library's Bookmark Contest: Jason Gabler, Gage Reiss, Marcus Concha, Gage Green, Lucas Sakala, Olivia Williams, Jacob Lyons, Lyllia Hennard, Jessica Olson, Sophie Garvin, Courtney Brisky, and Noelle Anzivine who was also the overall school winner. Other classroom winners not able to attend the reception and missing from the picture are: Marcus Martinelli, Megan Crandall, and Julie Ash. Congratulations to all and thanks to our librarian, Ms. Becky Billings, for promoting this activity.



East View Challenge 24 Champions

Earlier this Spring, East View swept the Challenge 24 Math competition at the 4th Grade level. This competition is an annual event for students in grades 3-8 and is sponsored by St. Bonaventure University's Math Department. The winning 4th graders included: Kara Howard (gold medal), Alyssa Ramarge (silver medal), and Joey Copella (bronze medal). In addition to the students, pictured is Mr. Ryan Talbot, a 4th Grade teacher at East View who coached the team

East View Elementary School



East View Students Learn Financial Responsibility

East View students in Grades 2-5 are a little more wiser when it comes to their finances. Through a program sponsored by the Olean Area Federal Credit Union, Mrs. Nicole Cook presented a lesson to each class on financial responsibility. The literature-based lessons included activities on counting coins, making a budget and saving money. In addition, each student received a plastic piggy bank and some start up money to begin their savings. Special thanks to Mrs. Cook and the Olean Area Credit Union for providing this great opportunity for our students.





Track and Field Day - June 8

Olean Middle School was the location for this year's Elementary Track and Field Day. This event was for all fourth and fifth grade students in our district!

Each year our students look forward to this event! We're proud of our student athletes representing IJN.

Ivers J. Norton Elementary School



Flag Day

IJN's annual flag day celebration was held on the front lawn on Monday, June 14th at 8:35. Each year our staff, students, families, and neighbors join us as we raise the United States flag and commemorate its adoption which happened that day in 1777.



Art from the Heart

The Ivers J. Norton 4th and 5th graders held an art show and silent auction to help raise money for the Olean General Hospital Foundation and the redevelopment project of the maternity ward. The students drew portraits of special women in their lives, or of themselves as babies and auctioned off their art work to family, friends, and members of the community. With the help of the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University, on May 19th, the students helped to raise \$2010. The money will be used to help fund the maternity ward project and purchase a new bassinet. Many of the students were born at OGH, and as 4th and 5th grade students, they were able to give back to the place that brought them into this world.



Turning the Page The staff and students of

The staff and students of IJN are going to miss the smiling faces of Mrs. Roberta Mahar, Secretary, and Mrs. Georgia Carr, Senior Food Service Helper. These truly magnificent ladies have dedicated their time and service to the needs of our IJN community and the Olean City School District for many years. Although we are sad to see them go, we wish them well in their retirement! Thank you ladies!



Art Show

The Olean City School District's Annual Art Show was held in the Olean Center Mall from June 2nd-10th. Thank you to the district's art teachers for making this event possible!



Walking School Bus

Since January, Washington West Elementary students have been hopping on the Walking School Bus. Kirk Gilbert, Attendance Support Program Coordinator, has coordinated Walking Wednesdays, which was created to combat childhood obesity, promote improved air quality and encourage safe driving practices for adults who travel through our neighborhood. Mr. Gilbert, WW Principal Joel Whitcher, and various teachers meet students at the corner of Washington and N. 5th Streets each Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. and lead the group down Washington toward the school, picking up walking students along the way. Participation grew from a handful of students to an average of over 50 students during the WSB class competition in May. Mrs. Lewicki's 2nd grade class was awarded a pizza party and trophy for having the highest number of classroom participants during the four-week competition.



Great Barrier & Reed

Great Barrier Reef

Students in Mrs. Frederick's Class created a wall size mural of the "Great Barrier Reef". Students researched the plant life and animal life that lives on this beautiful reef located in Australia. The reef included 3-D fish and various examples of the coral found there. Students were amazed at how many types of coral, plants, and animals can be found there. They had a blast displaying this in the hall!

Washington West Elementary School

Wizard of Oz

Third Grades at Washington West are coming together to perform "The Wizard of Oz". This production will be held on June 22nd. A morning rehearsal will take place at 8:45 and an evening performance will be at 6:30. The public is welcomed to attend!





Rock the World

Mrs. Hamed, Mrs. Charles and Ms. Matejka partnered together with SBU's SIFE - Embrace it Africa to build relationships with children in Uganda, Africa. Students had pen pals where they wrote and created videos to send to each other. The Bethlehem's Parent School and Orphanage is in need of funding for a water capturing and filtration system, so WW got involved to help make that happen. We held an event called Rock the World where we made guitars, wrote songs, and made rock videos to sell so that all of the proceeds would benefit our friends. It was a tremendous success.

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"So Where Are You Going?"

Letter Writing Exercise Focuses on the Next 10 Years

Students must be able to look to the future and make the best choices possible about their long-term health. For this reason, students in Health class have been asked to write letters to themselves detailing the goals they hope to achieve and how they plan to achieve them with a focus on those choices that affect their physical, mental and social well-being.

The health curriculum is full of thought-provoking scenarios that challenge students to consider the consequences that hygiene, diet, drug use, and other lifestyle choices will have on their ability to accomplish their personal goals. Making the connection between the ways short-term decisions affect long-term goals is an essential part of this exercise. In 10 years the letters will be mailed back to the students so that they can evaluate for themselves how their choices have affected their lives and whether or not changes need to be made.

Most students have already handed in their letters, but Mr. Nawrot will be accepting letters from students who took Health class before this exercise was implemented if they would like to take part.

The ultimate goal of this activity is to have students take responsibility for their actions by helping them realize that the things they do now have a direct impact on their futures and their dreams. If they start to stray from the plan they have begun to develop, perhaps a letter from themselves in 10 years will help get them back on track.

See Mr. Ryan Nawrot for details.

Special Education Update - New Letters and Forms

The New York State Education Department has come out with new forms and letters that all school districts in New York State must soon implement. Our school district will begin using these in September. The Individualized Education Program (IEP) will look very different in format but will continue to contain many of the same components. These letters and forms are on the New York State Education- VESID website and can be found at http://www.vesid.nysed.gov/specialed/formsnotices/. Please contact the Pupil Services office at 375-8984 if we can help you as we transition to these new forms.



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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