Geoffrey Broadbent has been named the Valedictorian of the Class of 2015, ranking 1st out of 151 students. He is the son of George and Suzy Broadbent. He was a student in the New Visions Medical Program senior year. Geoffrey will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

Geoffrey has participated in three varsity sports: soccer, swimming, and tennis. In soccer, he was named a CCAA All Star Honorable Mention his junior year. His senior year, he was named a CCAA All Star 1st Team member, Big 30 All Star, and WNY Best Teammate Award all while being a captain of the team. In tennis, he has been a member of four CCAA championship teams and has qualified for the county tournament three times and moved on to the sectional tournament twice, and finished sectional runner up in doubles to qualify for the NYSPHSAA Tennis Tournament. Swimming, however, has been the main focus for Geoffrey. A member of the varsity team since 7th grade, he has represented Olean all six years at the sectional meet. He captained the team in his junior and senior campaigns and was the team’s Most Valuable Swimmer three times. Senior year, he won Section VI Class B titles in four events and was selected Outstanding Performer of the Meet, moving on to the NYSPHSAA swim meet. He is an Olean High School record holder in five events.

Geoffrey has also been an active member of a number of clubs and organizations at the high school such as Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership, Model United Nations (President), Student Government (Vice President), Student Activities Council (Vice President), National Honor Society (President), National Technical Honor Society, Interact Club (President), Principal’s Advisory Board, Knowledge Masters, Scholastic Challenge, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, and Drama Club performing in Beauty and the Beast and The Sound of Music.

Geoffrey has received many honors including National Merit Finalist, Business First All Western New York Academic Team, All Western New York Section 6 Scholar Athlete for Soccer and Swimming, Cattaraugus County Youth of the Week, Exchange Club Youth of the Year, the Olean Times Herald Big 30 Academic All-Star and the Olean Times Herald Big 30 Athletic All Star.

Geoffrey has participated in several community service projects, including Homeless Huskies and the Souper Bowl of Caring. Also, he has volunteered at the Gus Macker, Taste of Olean, Rally in the Valley, St. Mary’s Festival, St. Mary’s Christmas Dinner, and the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center 5k. He also volunteers regularly as a peer tutor.

He plans to attend St. Bonaventure University to major in Biology and minor in Spanish as part of the BS/MD program with the George Washington School of Medicine.

Julie Mulryan has been named the Salutatorian of the Class of 2015, ranking 2nd out of 151 students. She is the daughter of John and Laurie Mulryan. Julie will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

Julie has taken classes through JCC since her sophomore year, and this year she was selected as JCC’s College Connections Student of the Year for Olean High School.

Julie has been a member of Student Government (President), Interact Club (President), Principal’s Advisory Board, Knowledge Masters, Scholastic Challenge, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, and Drama Club. She has participated in musicals at Olean High School and at the Olean Theatre Workshop.

Julie has received honors including 20, 40, and 60 point awards, induction into National Honor Society, and a National Merit Letter of Commendation. Julie has performed vocal solos for NYSSMA Solofest all throughout high school, and she was invited to perform with NYSSMA All-State Choirs her junior and senior years. In addition, Julie was accepted into the NAfME All-Eastern Honors Festival Mixed Chorus, in which she performed in April.

Julie has participated in several community service projects, including Homeless Huskies and the Souper Bowl of Caring. She also volunteers regularly with the Olean Christ United Methodist Church youth group, playing the keyboard every week and volunteering at the warming house.

Julie will be attending Alfred University in the fall. She has been accepted into the Honors Program, and she will be studying Engineering.
Lindsey Babb

Vedora Barr

Kaitlin Bowen

Michaela Byrne

Dominique Crolle

Class of 2015 Honor Graduates

Lindsey Babb is the daughter of Jody and Meggin Babb. She has played for the local softball team for twelve years and has taken piano lessons for a year but now teaches herself. Lindsey participated in Homeless Huskies her junior year and has been volunteering at Living Waters Church for six years. At Living Waters Church, Lindsey is also a big part of Ignite Youth Group and plays piano for their worship team. Lindsey Babb will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall of 2015 and will major in Mathematiccs.

Jorden Barr is the son of Daniel Barr Jr. and Shannon Barr. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a member of Project Lead the Way for four years. Jorden has participated in JV and Varsity Football and Track all throughout his high school career. He received the 2015 Walter L. Reisner Award for Football and was voted captain during his junior year. He is the son of Dan and Paula Harris. Samantha is a member of National Honor Society and has participated in Unified Sports Day. She was the Vice President of Zonta Club for two years and does several service projects with them including collecting books for third world countries and volunteering for exceptional track and field. She is a member of Select Choir and Bel Canto. She participated in Varsity Girls Tennis for one year and received the Scholar Athlete Award. She also participates in Olean Theater Workshops as a volunteer and in corps member. Additionally, she has volunteered her time for Backpacks for Education, Unified Basketball Special Olympics, the Alzheimer’s Fundraiser Dance, and Feed My Starving Children through Bona Responds. Ciara also participated in Homeless Huskies for three years.

Kahlee has participated in Homeless Huskies for four years. She has been an active volunteer in the community by volunteering at the Annual Taste of Olean, Gus Macker, Rally in the Valley, and Special Olympics. She has also participated in Homeless Huskies for four years. Throughout high school, Kahlee’s school activities included Model UN, Spanish Club, Orchestra, Principal’s Advisory Council, and Interact Club. Kahlee has played Varsity Soccer for four years and was a team captain for two years. During her senior year, she was chosen as a CCAA First Team All-Star and was named CCAA Defensive Player of the Year. She was a Big 30 All-Star, 2014 Olean Soccer Tournament MVP, and Olean High School Athlete of the Fall Season. She participated in JV and Varsity Basketball. She was the recipient of the Sportmanship Award and was selected as an All Western New York Scholar Athlete winner. Kahlee was also on the Varsity Track team for two years. Kahlee will be attending the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford where she will play Soccer and major in Athletic Training.

Michaela Byrne is the daughter of Chris Byrne and Sherry Foster. Michaela is a member of National Honor Society and has been an active member in her community by volunteering at United Sports Day, Special Education Prom, Gus Macker, and Rally in the Valley. Michaela was elected as Secretary for Student Activities Council her senior year, and was Secretary of her class from Freshman to Junior year. She has participated in Homeless Huskies for four years. Michaela has played Varsity Soccer since her freshman year and was voted captain during her Junior and Senior year. She was also nominated to the CCAA first team all-league soccer team senior year. Along with soccer, she played JV Softball for two years and received the Sportmanship Award and Varsity Softball for one year. Michaela has also managed the Varsity Girls Basketball team for two years. Michaela will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall and major in Finance.

Dominique Crolle is the daughter of Melanie Sexton and Kleinman Chapman. Dominique played Girl’s JV Basketball her freshman year then switched to girls Varsity Swimming and Diving for her last three years. She also threw shot put and discus on the girls Varsity Track and Field team for two years. Dominique is a student of the New Vision Medical Program and is also a member of the National Honor Society. She has participated in Unified Sports Day and Homeless Huskies. Dominique will be attending Alfred State College and plans to major in Nursing.

Haley Freeman is the daughter of Dan and Jewell Freeman. Haley is a member of National Honor Society, Junior Zonta Club, Principal’s Advisory Council, and Marathon to the Sky Club. Haley has been a member of Select Choir since her freshman year. She has volunteered at Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure University and Z Club Breast Cancer Bingo. She has also participated in Homeless Huskies for four years. Haley will attend Jamestown Community College this fall and then transfer to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania to major in Forensic Chemistry.

Samantha Harris is the daughter of Dan and Paula Harris. Samantha is a member of National Honor Society and has volunteered at Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure. She has also participated in Homeless Huskies and is a member of Junior Zonta Club and Marathon to the Sky. Samantha has volunteered her time to fundraise for Breast Cancer and also participated in Operation Christmas Child. Samantha will be attending Jamestown Community College this fall and then transferring to SUNY Fredonia to major in Early Childhood Childhood Education.

Kathi Heister is the daughter of Mark and Kim Heister. She is a student of the New Visions Medical Program. Ciara is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society. She has volunteered at the Olean Public Library for the past three years. Additionally, she has volunteered her time for Backpacks for Education, Unified Basketball Special Olympics, the Alzheimer’s Fundraiser Dance, and Feed My Starving Children through Bona Responds. Ciara also participated in Homeless Huskies for three years. She has participated in the French Club for 4 years, and is currently Co-President. Ciara took ballet through Dance Arts for 12 years. She will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall with a major in Biology and future plans to study medicine.

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Ethan Kelley is the son of Mary Freeman and Michael Kelley. He is a member of the National Honor Society, recipient of the Olean High School 20, 40 and 60-point Awards and the Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award, and is a distance runner on the Cross Country and Track Teams. He is an Eagle Scout, affiliated with Olean Boy Scout Troop 621, and serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster. His Eagle Scout project was a Historical Olean Walking Tour brochure, available through the Olean Area Chamber of Commerce. Ethan is a Brotherhood Member of Scout-
Charles Martin

Jared McLaughlin

Kristin Murphy

is the daughter of Todd and Kathy Painter. Kristin is a member of National Honor Society. She has participated in Homeless Huskies. Kristin participated in Unified Sports through NHS. She also volunteered outside of school for her church. She participated in the chorus for Bye Bye Birdie and she participated in stage crew for Beauty and the Beast. Kristin will attend JCC in the fall.

Rachel Painter is the daughter of Todd and Kathy Painter. Rachel is a member of National Honor Society and a participant in Unified Sports.

Maija Klute

Dylan Kranock

Sarah Lang

Kathryn Ludden

Brianna Magro

is the daughter of Michael and Kathy Painter. Kristin is a member of National Honor Society. She has participated in Homeless Huskies. Kristin participated in Unified Sports through NHS. She also volunteered outside of school for her church. She participated in the chorus for Bye Bye Birdie and she participated in stage crew for Beauty and the Beast. Kristin will attend JCC in the fall.

Rachel Painter is the daughter of Todd and Kathy Painter. Rachel is a member of National Honor Society and a participant in Unified Sports.
In varsity sports. Through National Honor Society she has been an active member in her community by volunteering at Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure, Homeless Huskies, Gus Macker and the Red and Gold Rumble. Rachel has played Softball for four years. Throughout her high school softball career, Rachel was selected as a CCAA First Team All-Star twice and was nominated for the big 30 All-Star team three times. Along with softball, Rachel played Varsity Basketball for four years and was part of two sectional winning teams. She won the Louie Ewoski Scholarship for basketball during her junior year. Rachel will be attending Fredonia State University with plans to study Business.

Nicholas Patrone is the son of Douglas and Kelly Patrone. Nicholas is an active member of the National Honor Society and has participated in Track and Field for all 4 years of high school. He is involved in numerous community service projects with the Southern Tier AmeriCorps Re-source Team where he works the S.T.A.R program, helps clean up Oak Hill Park, volunteers for the Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure University and various other projects throughout the year. Nick is also a volunteer at the Warming House through his Youth Group each month. Nick has received an active community service award through AmeriCorps for all his volunteer work. Nick has a passion for music and is a member of the Bel Canto choir and the school’s select chorus. Nick is a regular cast member and has held lead roles in the high school’s musicals and with the Olean Theatre Workshop. Nick will be attending Alfred University and plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.

Mary Pezzimenti is the daughter of Dennis and Pamela Pezzimenti. Mary is an extremely giving volunteer in the Olean community. She can be found working at the annual St. John’s Italian Festival and Olean General Hospital Strawberry Festival. She has been a volunteer at The Warming House for two years and participated in the Souls for Soles project. Mary is a four year veteran of the Homeless Huskies program, the Pink Pumpkin Project and the Souper Bowl of Caring. Mary has been the treasurer for her class for three years. She is a member of the Student Activity Council and serves as its treasurer. She volunteered her time working on the school yearbook and is a member of the TV Studio, DECA, and Spanish Club. Mary played Varsity Tennis for three years and has received the Coach’s Award. She was a member of the Softball team for two years. She played Basketball for four years and received the Sportmanship Award and the All-Western New York Honorable Mention Scholar Athlete for Basketball and Tennis. A high honor roll student throughout high school, Mary is a member of the National Honor Society. Mary will be attending John Carroll University in the fall.

Lauren Prizel is the son of Robert and Tiffany Prizel. Connor is a member of the National Honor Society and also the class secretary. Connor is very active in school activities and clubs. He has played Bas- ketball all four years of high school and was selected as a varsity co-captain in his senior year. During those four years he has won the sportmanship award, CCAA By- ron Norton Dedicated Team Player Award, CCAA Honorable Mention Team and four time All WNY Academic Honorable Mention. Connor has also run three years of Varsity Cross Country where he was selected for the CCAA Honorable Men- tion Team in his senior year. He also plays for the Varsity golf team. Connor is also involved in several clubs at Olean High School. He is president of the DECA Club, Secretary of the Spanish Club, and also in TV Studio. Connor has volunteered his time in helping the Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure, the Olean Soup Kitchen, setting up for the St. John’s Italian Festival, Homeless Huskies, keeping score at the Olean Gus Macker 3 on 3 basketball tournament, St. Stephen’s Thanksgiving Dinner and in High School Orientation. In the upcoming fall Connor will be double majoring in International Business and Supply Chain Management at Bowling Green State University.

Alexandra Rakus is the daughter of Linda and Sean Rakus. Lauren is a Senior Class President, National Honor Society Secretary, French Club President, and Distribution Education Clubs of America (DECA) Vice President. She was chosen to attend the DECA State Conference in Rochester both her junior and senior years. She has been the Student Coordinator for the Souper Bowl of Caring for three years. Lauren has participated in both JV and Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Track. Her accomplishments include the Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award, Most Improved Player for Volleyball, Coach’s Award for Volleyball, T.E.A.M. Award for Volleyball, Scholar Athlete Award. Section VI XI All Star Athlete for Basketball and was selected to be on the All-Sportsman- ship Team. She participated in the Angelo Melano Writing Competition her freshman year and in the 100+ Recitation of the Gettysburg Address. She has been a member of both Concert Choir and Select Choir. She has volunteered for multiple events including Homeless Huskies, Unified Sports Day, Can Drives, and Gus Macker. Lau- ren plans to attend Jamestown Community College in Olean and SUNY Geneseo to major in Business Administration and Psychology.

Aileen Snow is the daughter of Morgan and Aileen Snow. Aileen is a Senior Class President, National Honor Society Secretary, French Club President, and Distribution Education Clubs of America (DECA) Vice President. She was chosen to attend the DECA State Conference in Rochester both her junior and senior years. She has been the Student Coordinator for the Souper Bowl of Caring for three years. Lauren has participated in both JV and Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Track. Her accomplishments include the Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award, Most (continued on next page)
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Tristan M. Abdo – Employment
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Morgan L. Anastasia – JCC
Olive M. Anzivino – Kent State Univ.
Lindsey N. Babt – St. Bonaventure Univ.
Amanda J. Bacher – Harford Community College
Jorden D. Barr – Rochester Institute of Technology
Kyle T. Barr – JCC
Patricia P. Bilyard – Employment
Necip I. Gulya – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Kahlee L. Bowen – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Megan S. Brandom – JCC
Richard G. Brisky – SUNY Cobleskill
Geoffrey P. Broadhead – St. Bonaventure University/Towson University 4-4
Jamal R. Burney – JCC
Emily L. Button – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Michael C. Byrne – St. Bonaventure University
Chyna N. Calloway – Monroe Community College
Dante J. Carucci – JCC
Jake R. Cihak – Buffalo at University of Buffalo
Zachary M. Loomis – JCC
Sarah A. Lang – JCC
David E. Lee – Erie Community College
Bryan E. Lewis – Buffalo State College
Blake A. Covert – JCC
Jordan A. Creed – Houghton College
Thomas C. Crino – St. Bonaventure University
Dominique A. Crole – Alfred State College
Brendan N. Cross – University of Pitts- burgh at Bradford
Colley L. Cummings – Univ. of Buffalo
Taneisha L. Currie – JCC
Tyler J. Daniels – Bethel College
Marillyn N. Davis – Employment
Citizen Media
Ryan M. Elderkin – Employment
Quentin P. Ellis – Erie
Dylan M. Ensell – Mercyhurst University
Jeffrey M. Evans, Jr. – Alfred State College
Derek M. Farnham – Savannah College of Art & Design
Robert Jason L. Farr – JCC
Shawn P. Farrington – JCC
Kaitlin G. Field – Buffalo State
Sarah A. Fox – Continental School of Beauty
Haley E. Freeman – JCC
Jada R. Gerard – JCC
Blayne R. George – Employment
Steven J. Gerhardt – Marines
Robert J. Giardini – Army
Angel Gillespie – Employment
Jordan B. Graham – JCC
Larnell D. Graham – JCC
Madelyn V. Hamed – University of North Georgia
Tori Hamilton – Erie Community College
Jenna R. Hansen – Employment
Sanamita J. Harris – JCC
Derek M. Heath – Air Force
Jeffrey T. Heba – JCC
Ciara M. Heister – St Bonaventure Univ.
William J. Jakubak – Employment
Mona M. Jamali – Auburn University at Montgomery
Kylor J. Johnson – play on hockey
USPS/USPS, premier team
Prestyn M. D. Jordan – Employment
Ethan F. Kelley – George Washington University
Scottie L. Kemp – JCC
Maija K. Klute – JCC
Casey J. Knowlton – JCC
Dylan C. Kranock – University of North Carolina Asheville
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Zachary M. Loomis – JCC
Sarah A. Lang – JCC
David E. Lee – Erie Community College
Bryan E. Lewis – Buffalo State College
Dominique A. Crole – Alfred State College
Isaiah A. Link – JCC
Kathryn M. Ludden – Ohio University
Kyle D. Ludden – JCC
Brianna N. Magro – JCC
Annette E. Ellis – JCC
Hannah R. Marcellin – St Bonaventure University
Nicole L. Marsfeld – Employment
Nicholas M. Martel – St Bonaventure University
Charles D. Martin – JCC
Martin M. McCaill II – JCC
Jenna-Marie T. Mcdafe – Liberty Univ.
Jared C. McLaughlin – Gannon Univ.
Abraham C. Meyers – JCC
Courtney M. Michienzi – St Bonaventure University
Brandon A. Middagh – Employment
Anthony M. Morgan – Erie Community College
Sabrina E. Morriss – JCC
Monica M. Moses – St John Fisher
Julie L. Mulryan – Alfred University
Anastin M. Munday – JCC
Kristina A. Murphy – JCC
Andrew R. Nasuta – Monroe Community College
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Talented Performances at District Piano Recital

On Monday, May 18th, the 1st annual OCSD Piano Recital was held in the HS auditorium, and was a great success for the students, families and the Music Department!

Pictured are: Alina Giermek and Sughosh Visions Medical Program and a member of National Honor Society, as well as a four year member of First Priority Club. Through National Honor Society, he has been an active member in his community by volunteering at Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure University, helping with Red and Gold Rumble at OHS, and volunteer- ing at the Olean Public Library. Adam received the Academic Excellence Award from National Honor Society for receiving the highest SAT score in any one sitting of the test. Adam will be attending Alfred University under the Presidential Scholarship this coming fall, and plans to major in Ceramic Engineering, while minoring in Physics and Astronomy.

Alex Woodworth is the daughter of Melinda Star, and David Woodworth. She is a student in the New Visions Pro- gram, where she has upheld high academic achievement throughout the year. Alex has also been an active member of the National Honor Society and the Technical National Honor Society. She has given back to the community by volunteering at the SPCA, the Unified Special Olympics at the Bona- venture and by participating in Homeless Huskies. She received the Triple “C” Award for her character, courage and commitment. Alex also works a part time job at Worth W Smith as a cashier. She will be attending Jamestown Community College this fall following her acceptance into the Nursing Program.

John Zimatis is the son of Jeri Brook- Zamites. He is a student of the New

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Awesome Art Students

Congratulations to Mrs. Nickel and Ms. Stanford’s 6th and 7th grade Art students. Their artwork was chosen from over 200 entries to be exhibited in the annual Middle School Juried Exhibition held at The Regina A. Quick Center of the Arts at St. Bonaventure University. A panel of judges determined that their artwork deserved to hang in the Quick Center alongside some of the best artwork produced in our region. Their artwork was on display January 28 through March 1, 2015. Congratulations! Pictured (back, l-r) Justin Lin, Jeffrey Rossman, Sydney Keliugg, Marissa Gayton, Gabi Schueler, Isabella Carucci; and (front, l-r) Courtney Perkins, Kailyn West, Ireland Abdo, Kayla Knight, Hailey Whatley, Destiny Custer. Absent from the photo were: Jared Burton, Christian Meyers, and Emma Valentin.

Olean Intermediate Middle School students in Mrs. Mest’s class and Mrs. Skrobacz’s class teamed up to create beautiful scarves which were delivered to the residents at Eden Heights on Wednesday, May 20th. Using a grant from the City of Olean Youth Board, teachers purchased the necessary materials such as fleece and yarn. The students learned how to do finger knitting and no-sew fleece scarves. All of the students worked together creating beautiful scarves in the traditional Husky red and gold and St. Bonaventure University’s brown and white colors.

Students walked from OIMS to Eden Heights and visited with Eden Heights’ residents when presenting the gifts. Another highlight of the visit was Reyna Reisner and Megan Pockalny serenading everyone with their songs. This is an ongoing lesson for OIMS staff and students.

‘Value of Education’ Essay Contest

We read the nonfiction novel Three Cups of Tea, the article Malala wins the Nobel Peace Prize and Grolier article Human Rights in addition to reading the children’s book and short biographies Malala and Iqbal and Listen to the Wind. We discussed themes such as poverty, discrimination, literacy, terrorism, and ignorance. To top it off, we studied education statistics from NationMaster.com where we compared the literacy rate in two countries. We even discussed data from Cattaraugus Community Action to see how employment, education and gender played a role in poverty.

Students wrote a comprehensive essay about the value of education. We acknowledged how human rights are not protected all over the world as they are in America – such as the basic right to an equal education for all children. Poverty, child labor, discrimination and slavery are just a few violations which deter children from going to school elsewhere. We studied about several children in war-torn Pakistan, and I told stories of my experience working with orphans in Africa. Education is a privilege because it gives people opportunities and choices. Essays include these points as well as their own goals in life with advice from trusted adults such as parents!

We sent formal invitations home to invite parents to attend, and students read their essays aloud at the podium at the 2015 Essay Conference. Four essays were chosen to be submitted to an essay contest. Two essays will be published in the Olean Times Herald.

Olean Library Recognizes Writing Winners

Some 6th grade students at Olean Intermediate Middle School participated in the annual Friends of the Library short story writing contest. Out of the students whose works were submitted, one student took first place and two tied for second, receiving gift certificates for the excellence in writing. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who participated. Pictured at right are the winners: Chrissy Martin, Rylie Gumtow and missing Jarzlynn Knapp.

Scarfes for Eden Heights

Olean Intermediate Middle School students in Mrs. Nickel’s class and Mrs. Rensner’s class teamed up to create beautiful scarves which were delivered to the residents at Eden Heights (pictured above and below) on Wednesday, May 20th. Using a grant from the City of Olean Youth Board, teachers purchased the necessary materials such as fleece and yarn. The students learned how to do finger knitting and no-sew fleece scarves. All of the students worked together creating beautiful scarves in the traditional Husky red and gold and St. Bonaventure University’s brown and white colors.

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Doing as the Romans Do

When in Rome, do as the Romans do! That was the motto for the Red Team’s culminating activity on Ancient Rome. Mrs. Bean’s sixth grade social studies classes took a trip to Rome by having a mock Roman banquet, where students feasted on authentic Roman dishes and dressed in togas (see photo at right). There was even a surprise appearance from a gladiator.

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Message from the Superintendent
Success a Collaborative Effort with Community Partners

By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent

With focus and diligence, the Olean City School District strives to assure the best learning environment possible for your child(ren). During the 2014-15 school year we saw our students develop intellectually as well as socially. Awards achieved in the areas of academics; athletics; arts; music; character traits; and clubs show that our students, your child(ren), are learning the skills necessary to become college and career ready as well as community minded.

As the Superintendent, I have firsthand knowledge of the efforts students put forth to ensure their own success. Napoleon Hill once stated: “Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe; it can achieve.” The Olean City School District students are living proof of this statement. They believe in themselves and they push themselves to achieve beyond what is expected. In doing so, they leave our school with college credits and accepted into institutions of higher learning or with job offers or with military acceptance. Regardless of their chosen path, they leave prepared for their future. I am so very proud of them ALL!

The Olean City School District is focused on, and diligent about, teaching and learning. However, we cannot ensure student success without the continued support we receive from our families and community. We are genuinely indebted to all of our external partners who reach out in a collaborative nature to assist us along the way. Thank you for being there for our school district, but more importantly, our students!

Substitutes Needed for 2015-16 School Year

Are you interested in being a substitute for the 2015-16 School Year? The District has increased the pay rates for substitutes!

The District is in need of substitutes in all areas:

- Long-Term Sub Teacher: $110/day
- Certified Sub Teacher: $90/day
- Sub Teacher w/Bachelors: $81/day
- Non-Certified Sub Teacher: $75/day
- Sub Nurse: $15/hour
- Sub Teacher Aide/Cleaner/ Food Service: $9.15/hour

Applications for all substitute positions are available in the Human Resource Dept., 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean and on the District’s website, www.oleanschools.org. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Mia O’Brien, Director of Human Resources, at 716-375-8097.

Remembering Local Veterans

Seventh grader Jillian Stevens (shown above) puts the final touches on her handprint for local veterans. Students were challenged by Dr. Taggerty, OCSD Superintendent, to create a handprint on contact paper, think about reasons why students are grateful to our soldiers, and then write those on the handprint. Dr. Taggerty delivered to the handprints to the American Legion on Memorial Day weekend.

OIMS Students Enjoy Olean Oilers Game

On Thursday, June 4, 2015, Olean Intermediate Middle School students and staff attended the Olean Oilers School Day Baseball Game. Pictured is OIMS principal (grades 6 & 7), Jerry Trietley, who throw the opening pitch.

OHS Eagle Scouts

To become an Eagle Scout, one must be active in a troop for at least six months after achieving the rank of Life Scout. Eagle Scouts must demonstrate they live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily life and earn a total of 21 merit badges. In addition, each Scout must complete a service project. As you can see, it takes a huge commitment to become an Eagle Scout and OHS is proud to have seven Eagle Scouts in this year’s graduating class! Congratulations Patrick Connelly, Thomas Crino, Ethan Kelley, Alex Kruse, Kyle Ludden, Cory Nedell and Wyeth Peterson!!

Harold Dutton Student of the Month Winners

Congratulations to the May recipients of the Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award.

They are: Victoria Gulnac, Patricia Billyard, Austin Stubble, Garrett Crandall, Ann Tarbox, Ricky Brisky, Javyn Welka, Michaela Byrne, Kayleah Keis, Zachary Dalton, John Pounds, Andrew Nasuta, Thomas Baker, Matthew Brush, Cole Butterbaugh, and Angela Havens.
### OHS Team Goes on Marathon to the Sky

On April 12, 2015, the Olean High School team launched a 4000 gram latex balloon over sixteen miles up into near-space. The balloon captured stunning pictures of the blackness of space and the curvature of the Earth. Students and teachers organized a team to participate in this event.

The members of the team included first-year students, teachers, and other team members. They spent several hours preparing for the launch, including a detailed analysis of the payload's weight and composition. The payload included scientific equipment and a camera to capture images of the Earth's horizon.

### Students Glowing at Special Education Prom

On Friday, May 1st, the Olean American Legion graciously donated their facilities and their time preparing the food for our Special Education Prom. The theme was Glow Party with fluorescent decorations. Students from Mrs. Wilber’s, Mrs. Scordo’s, Mrs. Slawiak’s, and Mrs. Prentice’s classrooms attended. There was a DJ, dancing, food, and a photo booth. Jason Clemons Salon donated their time to style hair for the young ladies. Pictures were taken by Inter-State Studio. All the students received a wristband and commemorative mug. It was a great time and memorable for all.

### Math Department Holds ‘Pi Day’ Competition

On March 13, 2015, the Math department held an annual Pi Day competition in the auditorium. Students formed teams of choice and competed for the top prize (their very own pie)! Each team participated in a tournament style competition by answering estimation questions as we celebrated “Pi Day.” Students had five seconds to estimate a calculation by answering estimation questions as we celebrated “Pi Day.” Students were given five seconds to estimate a calculation by answering estimation questions as we celebrated “Pi Day.” Students who were the most accurate in their estimates received mini pies of their own while watching the other teams compete.

### Alumna Returns to Share Biology Knowledge with Class

Abby Stavish, a junior at Fredonia State and an OHS alumni Class of 2012, recently visited Mrs. Samuelsen’s Living Environment class. The students were provided information about a career in Medical Technology. Miss Stavish guided the students through a case study in which clinical laboratory skills are used to help diagnose a patient’s illness. The lesson not only reinforced biology concepts previously learned, it exposed the high school sophomores to a possible career path in science.

### Grants Help Create Outdoor Adventure Camp This Summer

The Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) provides grants to local educational agencies, school districts and community-based organizations to initiate, expand, or enhance physical education programs that help students in Kindergarten through 12th grade meet their state standards for physical education. Olean High School was awarded the PEP grant in 2012, Olean City Schools and Hinsdale Central School were awarded the PEP grant in 2014.

These schools are working together to bring prom to you this exciting opportunity for our students to participate in a four day outdoor education. The camp will be held July 27-30th at the Olean Intermediate Middle School. Students will participate in a variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, camping, and team building.

### News from the OIMS Guidance Department

**HOW ARE 6th AND 7th GRADE TEAMS MADE??**

Though we do not accept request from parents for particular year or particular grade, we do appreciate obtaining information from you that will help us build a successful schedule for your child. If you wish to provide us with information, you can call the guidance office at 375-8064 or email your child’s guidance counselor. We ask that this information reach us ASAP.

All teams are made as evenly as possible by ability level and gender. Each year, for all grade levels, we have a designated team that works with the Resource Room teacher and the other team works with our Special Education Inclusion teachers. Guidance will take into consideration any specific information given to them by their current teachers or parents and make a determination of what team your student will be the most successful with. We do not change teams for any reason once that determination has been made.

**SIXTH GRADE ORIENTATION**

For planning purposes, the tentative date for the Sixth Grade Orientation is August 25th. A letter will be sent home towards the end of July with more information.

**High School Equivalency Classes Offered**

Olean Community Schools will continue to offer high school equivalency classes (formerly called GED) during the summer at the One-Stop and the County Building. For more detailed information, call Linda Ehrman at Olean High School – 375-8033 or Paula Bernstein at 244-0605.

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**For more information about the camp, contact:**

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‘Evening at the Oscars’ Theme of OHS Prom

Olean High School’s Junior-Senior Prom was held on May 16 at the Premier Banquet Center. The theme was “An Evening at the Oscars.” Seniors Dominique Crolle and David Lee were voted Queen and King. Tori Hamilton and Jaquveus Ulmer were the 1st Senior Attendant and 1st Escort. 2nd Senior Attendant and 2nd Escort were Emaleigh VanHoutte and Eric Nottingham. Juniors Taylor Euston and Jared Slavin were Prom Princess and Prom Prince. Olivia MacWilliams and Logan O’Connell were 1st Junior Attendant and 1st Escort.

Maj. Miller Highlights Patriotism at Washington West

On Friday, June 12, 2015 Washington West continued a Flag Day celebration that started back at IJN with Principal Jon Baker. Students, parents, staff and west end neighbors joined together to watch the raising of the flag, listening to patriotic songs and enjoyed various presentation by different classrooms. The five military branches were represented by hats or clothing worn by students showing their assigned branch.

Our Patriotic celebration continued. On Monday, June 15, 2015, a host of “super heroes” descended upon Washington West Elementary School at 9 A.M. culminating discussions of everyday heroes that had been taking place in the library classes and in classrooms. Those superhero assembled in the school’s library, joining students for a ceremony honoring these special guests, which included Major and Mrs. Patrick Miller, Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Ms. Julie Schmidt, representing Senator Catharine Young’s office, City of Olean Mayor William J. Aielio, Robert P. Bell, Fire Chief of the City of Olean, Olean Police Chief Jeff Rowlley, and Linda Nottingham, Washington West Principal. Major Miller was presented with a letter from Senator Young and also Mayor Aiello. Each of these “super heroes” was discussed for their major role in our everyday lives. Major Miller read a story to the students in the library and then the students presented Major Miller with a superhero cape and Mrs. Miller with a nurse’s superhero cape for always taking care of Major Miller. All of the “super heroes” had books dedicated to them, which will be placed in the Washington West Library in appreciation for what they do each and every day.

The Millers then continued on to Mrs. Larsen-Deibler’s classroom to read to her class and then to the preschool classrooms to visit the students. Everyone appreciated these “super heroes” and all of the superhero we talked about … our families, pets, teachers, nurses, doctors, principals, firemen, policemen, rescue workers, etc. It was concluded this was a fun learning activity by all!

An Exceptional Day for Track & Field

The Olean Area Exceptional Track and Field Day was held Friday, May 15, 2015, at the Olean Intermediate Middle School. It was an “exceptional” day. The weather was beautiful for our 285 teachers, staff and participants. We had 35 student volunteers and close to 300 OIMS students came out to cheer our participants on during parts of the day. We had close to 200 visitors including district staff, parents and families. Special Education students from area BOCES classrooms, Olean, Allegany-Limestone, Hinsdale, Franklinville and Portville attended. The event began with the opening ceremony, with the colors presented by the Allegany American Legion Post 892 Color Guard and the signing of the National Anthem by Megan Pockalny and Jazlynn Knapp. Students then ran through a volunteer line high fiving and ready to begin the events. Volunteers were from Olean High School, Allegany-Limestone High School as well as several members of the community. The participants participated in many track and field events including 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 400 meter dash, long jump, high jump, softball throws, frisbee throws, parachute activities as well as wheelchair events. The students, volunteers, staff and visitors enjoyed a picnic lunch. We were very fortunate to welcome the band FLAME to our event this year. FLAME is a group of exceptional people with a wide variety of disabilities, who shared the musical abilities with all of us throughout the day. It was a great day for our students. Thank you to Olean City School District for hosting our event this year!
East View Elementary School

East View Hosts STEM Day: (upper and middle left) On May 12th East View hosted the Buffalo Museum of Science. Every student from PreK - 3 visited four stations for hands on experiments and demonstrations.

Hands On Math Lesson: (lower left) Spencer, from Mrs. Schreiber’s class shows off his creation from a hands on math lesson.

May Day Baskets: (lower right) Mrs. Stephans’ class created May Day baskets that were delivered to some of our neighbors near our school.

Follow us on Twitter: For more updates on events and happenings from East View please follow us on Twitter. We are @OleanEastView.

Olean Police Making a Difference: Students in Mrs. Lewicki’s class wrote about someone in the community who helps others. 2nd grader, Bianca, wrote about Officer James (J.J.) Kolkowski. Bianca wrote that “Officer J.J. is a police officer. He saves people from danger. We love Officer J.J.” Bianca drew a wonderful picture of Officer J.J. standing next to his police car and surrounded her paper with Hershey Kisses. A BIG THANKS to Officer J.J. and all the members of the Olean Police Department. We appreciate you taking time every day to stop by and walk through our schools making sure that each and every one of us feels safe.

Washington West Elementary School

Oh We’ve Got That Spirit! Most schools have a Spirit week in preparation for the Big Homecoming Game! Well this year Third Grade at Washington West decided to have a Spirit week in preparation for the NYS ELA and Math tests! We know we’ve been working the students hard, so we decided they deserved an extra special treat!! The students and the TEACHERS engaged in Camo Day, Tie Dye Day, Crazy Hair Day and Formal Day! It was a huge success and took some pressure of the adults and the students. The kids loved it!

The Joy of Music: The BOCES Pre-K programs were treated to a special music experience this year. Thanks to the generosity of the Derwick family, Rachel Bell brought her Crab Apple Jam music class to Washington West once a month for 6 months. The children participated in many sing-alongs and finger plays, as well as learned about rhythm by using tambourines, triangles and shaker eggs. There was much language, laughter and learning.

50 Years of Foster Grandparents: Washington West Elementary students get an extra dose of special attention from these Foster Grandparent Program workers. Each day, the lovely ladies pictured come into our classrooms and work diligently with students. We wish to thank them for their dedication and commitment to our students and staff. Congratulations to the Foster Grandparent Program for reaching the milestone of 50 years of dedicated service to the schools in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties! Our Foster Grandmothers are Pat Chwala, Sannie Adams, Romayne Greene, Marge York, Bev Hogan, and retired Grandma Judy Stark (not pictured).
Mission/Vision

The Olean City School District is a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute, and innovate.

Guiding Principles

A commitment to fostering:

- A respectful, safe, and welcoming environment
- An acceptance of diversity
- Continuous improvement
- Academic excellence and lifelong learning
- Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability
- Student potential and achievement

An Eruption of Learning at EV

Mrs. Ackerman and Mrs. Obenrader’s Pre-K students at East View Elementary School gathered outside for volcano eruptions.