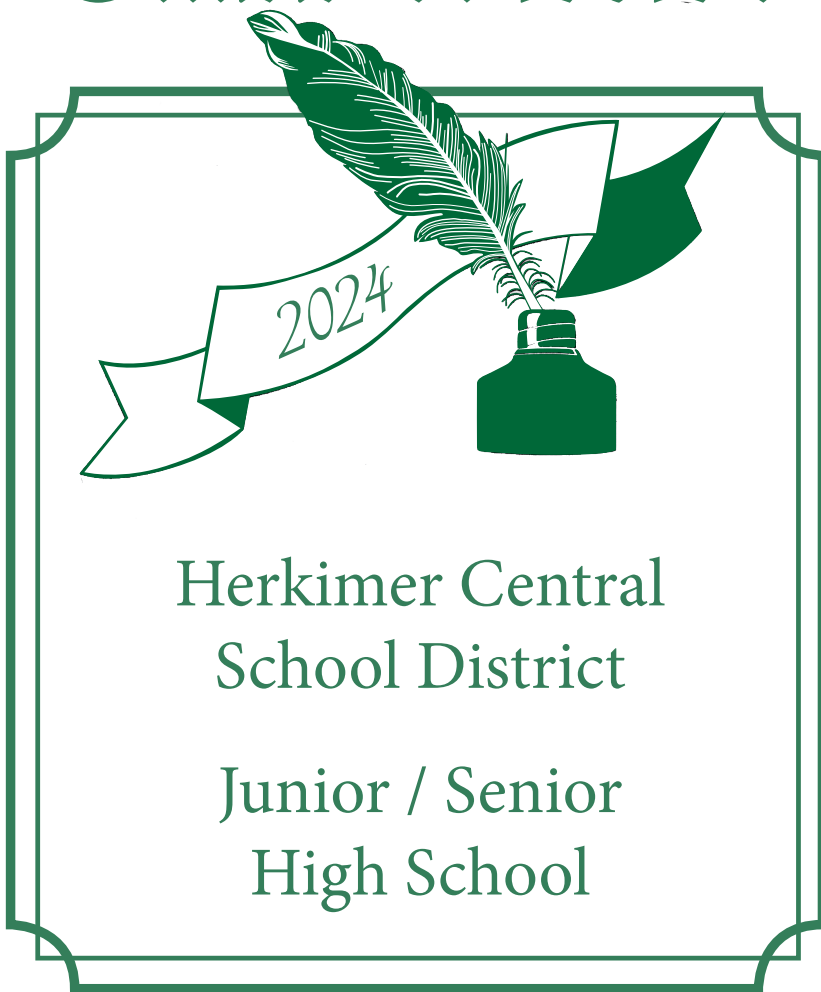


# Commencement Class of 2024



Herkimer Central  
School District

Junior / Senior  
High School

*Friday, June 28, 2024*

*6:00 p.m.*



# Program

Prelude .....Symphonic Band

\*Processional.....The Graduating Class of 2024

Master of Ceremonies.....Mr. Zachary Abbe  
*Principal*

The National Anthem..... Jayden Crandall

Welcome.....Mrs. Kathleen Carney  
*Superintendent of Schools*

Comments .....Mr. Brian Crandall  
*President, Board of Education*

Introduction of Speakers.....Mr. Zachary Abbe  
*Principal*

Class Salutatorian and Student Council President..... Kyle Carney

Class Valedictorian and Class President..... Victoria Stapf

Presentation of Diplomas.....Mrs. Carolyn Saugh  
*High School Counselor*  
  
Mr. Brian Crandall  
*President, Board of Education*

Alma Mater ..... Jayden Crandall

\*Recessional..... The Class of 2024

*\*Bag Pipe Ensemble from the Mohawk Frasers*

**PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AT YOUR SEATS UNTIL  
ALL GRADUATES HAVE LEFT THE AREA.**

# *Herkimer Central School District Graduates*

*Christian Allen	John Maher
Chance Arabia-Everson	Evan Martyniuk
Savannah Blake	Perzhia Mayo
*Althea Brown	Isabella Meeker
♦*Arrissa Bunker	*Kaithlyn Merette Gonzalez
Jadan Cabrera	Peter Mosny
♦*Zoey Caldwell	Colin Murphy
*John Campagna	Timothy Murray Jr.
Nathan Cannon	Alex Noonan
*Kyle Carney	Abbigail O'Hara
*Lindsey Carpenter	Layla Parham
Emily Cerio	♦ Riley Pine
Alex Collis	Maxwell Polus
Adelisa Covic	Haley Rando
*Jayden Crandall	*Julian Ruffule
♦ Marie Cugliandro	*Dirk Salamon
Jason Failing Jr.	Naeleah Santiago Vazquez
*Nicholas Ferreras	Amelia Sheldrick
Emily Gabruk	Corin Smith
Christos Gasparinatos	Colin Spisak
*Danielle Gilbert	*Victoria Stapf
Michael Goodson Jr.	Ciarra Tero-Gomez
Kevin Gregory	Zaire Titus
♦ Colin Hart	Jordan Topolski
Marcéla Hartman	Gracie Tutty
*Juleighanna Herringshaw	Roma Verenich
James Hess	♦*Cameron Voce
♦ Emmanuel Johnson	Baker Webster
Ayden Kappus	Ethan Weisser
Lukas Krenichyn	Emily Whaley
*Nicholas Lamanna	*Leslie Xiao
*Cassandra Larzelere	Madison Zahniser
♦*Aubrey Lewis	*Don Zhao
Destiny Luck	

# *Herkimer Junior/Senior High School*

## *Graduation Awards 2024*

**ACADEMIC H AWARD** is awarded to students who earned an average of 90 or above in each of their classes this year.

CHRISTIAN ALLEN  
KYLE CARNEY  
JAYDEN CRANDALL  
COLIN HART  
CASSANDRA LARZELERE  
ISABELLA MEEKER  
DIRK SALAMON  
DON ZHAO

ZOEY CALDWELL  
LINDSEY CARPENTER  
DANIELLE GILBERT  
JULEIGHANNA HERRINGSHAW  
AUBREY LEWIS  
RILEY PINE  
NAELEAH SANTIAGO VAZQUEZ

JOHN CAMPAGNA  
ALEX COLLIS  
MICHAEL GOODSON  
NICHOLAS LAMANNA  
DESTINY LUCK  
JULIAN RUFFULE  
VICTORIA STAPP

### **ADIRONDACK BANK “COMMUNITY SPIRIT” AWARD**

is an award of recognition of attitude - an award of effort, not of accomplishment. This award is meant to recognize the willingness to strive for achievement in spite of obstacles or adversity.

JAMES HESS

**JOSEPH AIELLO SCHOLARSHIP** is given to a worthy student enrolled in an institute of higher learning in any area of study.

ROMA VERENICH

**THE JOHN AINSWORTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is given to a student pursuing an apprenticeship, especially in the utilities sector.

CAMERON VOCE

### **ALFRED UNIVERSITY KAZUO INAMORI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & THE CERAMIC ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK AWARD** (*Junior*)

for outstanding academic achievement in high school mathematics, science and English, as well as being an outstanding citizen in school and community.

AUDREY MCDONNELL

**ALFRED UNIVERSITY “OUTSIDE OF ORDINARY” AWARD** (*Junior*) is awarded to a student who demonstrates above and beyond the ordinary student.

FAUZIATU IBRAHIM

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP**

is awarded to a graduating senior who is an active participant in the high school's blood drive program.

LESLIE XIAO

### **ARION AWARD** (*Junior*)

is awarded to a student who excels in music in their junior year.

CAITLIN BERG

### **THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ AWARD**

is given to an outstanding senior jazz musician.

JULIAN RUFFULE

### **MICHAEL J. BABCOCK MEMORIAL AWARD**

is awarded to a personable senior pursuing a challenging post-secondary program, who exhibits a positive attitude and an avid interest in sports and/or music.

CAMERON VOCE

### **BAUSCH & LOMB MEDAL** (*Junior*)

- High achievement and rigor in science classes
- High PSAT Math and/or SAT Math scores
- Positive contributions to their school and within the larger community

BRIAN FLINT

**2024 ELIZABETH ANN & MABEL BOND O'DONNELL SCHOLARSHIP**

is given to a graduating female student selected by the school, given by the Charles H. Bassett Youth Foundation, Inc.

LINDSEY CARPENTER  
JULEIGHANNA HERRINGSHAW  
AUBREY LEWIS  
VICTORIA STAPP

**JOHN BERNIER MEMORIAL AWARD**

is awarded to a student who has played varsity football for at least two years and shows academic potential to engage in secondary study at an accredited school.

ZACHARY PETUCCI

**BONNIE SCHOLAR AWARD (*Junior*)**

is given in honor of academic excellence and the exhibition of and dedication to St. Bonaventure University's core values.

ZACHARY PETUCCI  
AVERY RICHARD  
BRADY SAUNDERS

**CHRIS BROCKWAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (BOCES)**

provides a scholarship to a student who completes the Criminal Justice Program.

AUBREY LEWIS

**THE JAMIE BURROUGHS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

is awarded based on merit, exemplifying overall good character, including being respectful of teachers, coaches and fellow students and demonstrates a "team" connection in all aspects of high school life.

JAYDEN CRANDALL

**CARL VANDELINDER CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARD**

is given to a student pursuing a career in criminal justice.

LESLIE XIAO

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION: ADVANCED CAREER IMMERSION EXPERIENCE**

successfully completed the ACIE internship program through Herkimer BOCES.

CORIN SMITH

**CLARKSON UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (*Junior*)**

is given in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities and academic achievement.

SYDNEY BELL

**CLARKSON UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARD (*Junior*)**

is given in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities and outstanding academic promise.

ZACHARY PETUCCI

**CLASS OF 1959 AWARD**

is awarded to a student pursuing a career in environmental science or engineering.

DIRK SALAMON

**CLASS OF 1999 AWARD IN MEMORY OF GEORGE SPOHR**

is awarded to a student pursuing a career in journalism or communications.

ALEX COLLIS

**CLASS OF 1999 MEMORIAL AWARD**

is awarded to a student pursuing a career in human services.

ADELISA COVIC

**THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION/MELE FAMILY FUND MATH & SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

is given to a graduating senior based on excellence in math, science or humanities.

VICTORIA STAPP

**KEVIN "BING" CROSSLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Dollars for Scholars award based on a scholarship application.

LESLIE XIAO

**THE PHYLLIS T. CURTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

CORIN SMITH

is given to a graduating senior who is pursuing a college degree in either early childhood education or the culinary arts.

**2024 DAR GOOD CITIZEN AWARD**

KYLE CARNEY

is an award chosen by teachers and fellow students for demonstrating the following qualities: dependability, service to others, leadership and patriotism. Sponsored by the local chapter of NSDAR, Henderson - General Nicholas Herkimer Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**DIRECTOR'S AWARD - INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

JULIAN RUFFULE

is given to a senior who is outstanding in instrumental music.

**DIRECTOR'S AWARD - VOCAL MUSIC**

CASSANDRA LARZELERE

is given to a senior who is outstanding in vocal music.

**DRAMA BOOSTER CLUB AWARD**

CAMERON VOCE

is awarded to students who demonstrate achievement in the dramatic arts.

CASSANDRA LARZELERE

**THE DANNY DUNN SCHOLARSHIP**

JULEIGHANNA HERRINGSHAW

is awarded to a graduate who exemplifies leadership who will enter a health-related field.

**EAST HERKIMER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY AWARD**

ALTHEA BROWN

is awarded to a conscientious and hardworking student inside and outside of school. He or she should be of good character, honest, respectful and take pride in their actions.

**EAST HERKIMER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARD**

ALEX COLLIS

is given to one young man and one young woman from the Town of Herkimer (East Herkimer) for community service.

ABBIGAIL O'HARA

**ELMIRA COLLEGE KEY AWARD** (*Junior*) is given to a student who demonstrates outstanding school and community leadership, and has an interest in an academic program offered by Elmira College.

MADISON MARUSIC

**ANTHONY M. ENEA MEMORIAL AWARD** is given to a senior wrestler going into higher education who participated in varsity sports.

MICHAEL GOODSON

**THE JOHN FALLON JR. MUSIC AWARD**

JAYDEN CRANDALL

is given for outstanding achievement in the field of music during the four high school years.

**THE JOHN FALLON JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

MAXWELL POLUS

is awarded to a senior wrestler going on to a higher institute of learning and who has the best record in wrestling.

**THE MARY AND FRANK FAULK MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

JAYDEN CRANDALL

is awarded to a senior pursuing education in the field of music or education.

**FREDERICK DOUGLASS & SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD** *(Junior)*

CHRISTOPHER FARRELL

- Demonstrated commitment to understanding difficult social issues
- Leadership and dedication to community action
- Strong grades and rigorous courses taken in the humanities and social sciences

**GABRIEL'S AUTHENTIC SELF AWARD**

DESTINY LUCK

is given in honor of Patricia and Colonel Anthony J. Gabriel Jr. Awarded to a student who has evolved into his/her authentic self and is true to him/herself in thoughts, words, actions and representation.

**THE CONNOR GAGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

CHRISTIAN ALLEN

is given to a student who is most improved in mathematics or puts forth the most effort in mathematics.

**THE DOROTHY GALLO SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD**

DIRK SALAMON

is awarded to a deserving graduating student or students.

**PATRICK GILMORE AWARD**

EMILY WHALEY

is given for outstanding contributions to the band.

**DOMINICK GRANDE AWARD**MICHAEL GOODSON  
AUBREY LEWIS

is given to an all-around student who is active in the community.

**GROVE & ASTA MURRAY HERKIMER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

DON ZHAO

is awarded a graduate of Herkimer High School who is accepted at an accredited two-or four-year school.

**GEORGE EASTMAN YOUNG LEADERS AWARD** *(Junior)*

AUDREY MCDONNELL

- Strong leadership experience at school and in the community
- High grades and challenging courses
- Extensive involvement in extracurricular activities

**L. JAMES HAGEN JR. PRIZE**

DON ZHAO

is awarded for best attendance. Recipient name is to be added to the plaque in the library.

**GRETCHEN HALLER MEMORIAL MUSIC AWARD**

GRACIE TUTTY

is given to a senior who has excelled in singing, speech or piano.

**HERKIMER BPA FUTURE ENTREPRENEUR AWARD**ARRISSA BUNKER  
CAMERON VOCE

recognizes drive and initiative to enter the business professional world in the future.

**HERKIMER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDS** *(Underclassmen)*JILLIAN POLUS  
MARGUERITE BRAY  
CHRISTOPHER FARRELL

is awarded to a student at each grade level who demonstrates outstanding achievement, effort and character.

**HERKIMER CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION VALEDICTORIAN AWARD**

VICTORIA STAFF

is awarded to the Valedictorian from the Herkimer Central School Board of Education.



**HERKIMER CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION SALUTATORIAN AWARD**

KYLE CARNEY

is awarded to the Salutatorian from the Herkimer Central School Board of Education.

**HERKIMER COLLEGE FOUNDATION TUITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

is awarded to students ranking in the top 15% of the graduating class will receive full tuition for the first year and 50% off tuition for the second year.

ZOEY CALDWELL

JOHN CAMPAGNA

KYLE CARNEY

JAYDEN CRANDALL

DANIELLE GILBERT

CASSANDRA LARZELERE

JULIAN RUFFULE

DIRK SALAMON

VICTORIA STAFF

CAMERON VOCE

DON ZHAO

**2024 HERKIMER COLLEGE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP**

is awarded to graduating high school seniors who will attend Herkimer College full-time in the fall semester who have demonstrated strong academic performance.

NATHAN CANNON  
NICHOLAS FERRERAS  
AUBREY LEWIS  
EVAN MARTYNIUK  
ABBIGAIL O'HARA**HERKIMER CITIZENS ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP**

is awarded based on school citizenship, scholarship and athletics.

DANIELLE GILBERT  
MICHAEL GOODSON**HERKIMER COUNTY CONFERENCE OF MAYORS**

is presented to a graduating senior who is planning on pursuing a career in either government or politics.

KYLE CARNEY

**HERKIMER COUNTY MUSIC EDUCATORS AWARD**CHORUS - CASSANDRA LARZELERE  
BAND - JULIAN RUFFULE**HERKIMER ELKS LODGE MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF FRANCIS O. GABLER,  
PAST PRINCIPAL OF HERKIMER HIGH SCHOOL**

is given to a young man who is involved in the community, with a GPA of at least 2.5 and entering a community college.

JOHN CAMPAGNA

**HERKIMER ELKS LODGE MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF JOAN NOONAN,  
PAST PRESIDENT OF THE HERKIMER LADY ELKS**

is given to a young woman who is involved in the community, with a GPA of at least 2.5 and entering a community college.

ALTHEA BROWN

**HERKIMER FACULTY ASSOCIATION AWARD**

is awarded to a senior pursuing a career in teaching.

DESTINY LUCK

**HERKIMER FACULTY ASSOCIATION JOSEPH LIDANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

is awarded to a senior who best exemplifies service and the other characteristics which typified Mr. Lidano's career.

PETER MOSNY

**HERKIMER HIGH SCHOOL COACHES APPRECIATION AWARD**CHRISTIAN ALLEN  
VICTORIA STAFF**HERKIMER HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP**

is given to senior varsity soccer players in recognition of all past soccer players and their achievements.

KYLE CARNEY  
JULEIGHANNA HERRINGSHAW

**HERKIMER PERMANENT FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION FUND AWARD** COLIN SPISAK  
is an award that shall be given to a child of a firefighter who has given up precious time for the call of duty.

**HERKIMER POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION AWARD** AUBREY LEWIS  
is an award that shall be given to a child of a police officer or retired police officer or to a student who is pursuing a career in law enforcement.

**HERKIMER TOOL & MACHINING F. ELLIS GREEN JR. MEMORIAL AWARD** CIARRA TERO-GOMEZ  
is given to a student planning to pursue training in a technical or trade program.

**HERKIMER VARSITY LETTER AWARD**  
is awarded to senior athlete(s) who have earned the most varsity letters throughout their career at Herkimer Central School District.

ARRISSA BUNKER  
LINDSEY CARPENTER  
JAYDEN CRANDALL  
PETER MOSNY  
CAMERON VOCE

**KEUKA COLLEGE - GEORGE H. BALL COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** (*Junior*) AYL A SIMPSON  
is given for integrity, academic excellence, diversity, leadership and service.

**SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF PEARL M. KLOCK** LESLIE XIAO  
is awarded based on citizenship, responsibility and is respectful of others.

**THE LARRY KNAPP ART SCHOLARSHIP - MOST IMPROVED** NAELEAH SANTIAGO VAZQUEZ  
is given to a graduating senior, deemed most improved in the field of art.

**THE LARRY KNAPP ART SCHOLARSHIP - MOST OUTSTANDING** PERZHIA MAYO  
is given to an outstanding art student in the senior class.

**THE LORI P. GABRIEL KNAPP SCHOLARSHIP** ARISSA BUNKER  
is awarded to a graduating student who is congenial, caring and committed to their community and exhibited ultimate school spirit, elevating and celebrating fellow students.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 579 AWARD** NICHOLAS LAMANNA  
is awarded by the Knights of Columbus.

**KRAPF FAMILY EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP** DANIELLE GILBERT  
is awarded to a student with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA for their senior year, accepted in a post high school education program and demonstrated good citizenship as well as school and community leadership.

**THE PAUL KUCERAK BUSINESS AWARD** EVAN MARTYNIUK  
is awarded to a student with an average between the grade point of 75-85 going to Herkimer College, pursuing a career in the business field.

**THE JEFF LABRECHE SCHOLARSHIP** PETER MOSNY  
is awarded to a senior that exhibits the characteristics of a great wrestler: dedication, commitment, courage, sacrifice and a great work ethic. Given by Mrs. LaBreche and Rudy Scialdo.

**THE CLEMENTE J. LAMANNA SPORTS AWARD**

is to be given to outstanding male athletes in the sports of baseball and football.

**BASEBALL - BRADY SAUNDERS  
FOOTBALL - MICHAEL GOODSON**

**LEMOYNE COLLEGE HEIGHTS AWARD** *(Junior)*

recognizes students who are reaching for the “heights” in the classroom and service to their school and community.

**LOGAN PULLMAN**

**THE JOHN “CORKY” MCGUIRE ANNUAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**ARRISSA BUNKER  
KYLE CARNEY**

**MEMORIAL GIFT FROM THE CLASS OF 1968**

is given to a senior showing good citizenship who will attend Herkimer College.

**NICHOLAS FERRERAS**

**MEMORIAL GIFT FROM THE CLASS OF 2011**

is awarded to a senior that possess the characteristics of the class of 2011 - unique, compassionate, perseverance and most importantly, involved with class functions/fundraisers.

**JAYDEN CRANDALL**

**THE PETER MERENA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

is given in memory of the deceased members of the class of 1963.

**COLIN HART**

**MICHAEL PLISECK POST, VFW PRIZE - INDUSTRIAL ARTS**

is awarded for best work in Industrial Arts.

**EMMANUEL JOHNSON**

**MICHAEL PLISECK POST, VFW PRIZE - CITIZENSHIP/RESPONSIBILITY**

is awarded for citizenship and fulfillment of everyday responsibility.

**ARRISSA BUNKER**

**MICHAEL PLISECK POST, VFW AUXILIARY AWARD**

**IN MEMORY OF JULIA REALS** is given to a senior who has a family member in the military (active or retired) and who also volunteers in the community.

**NICHOLAS LAMANNA**

**MOHAWK VALLEY TOWNS BOWLING ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK AWARD**

is given to a senior boy or girl who shows leadership qualities, good association with other bowlers and shows an interest in continuing bowling after graduation.

**ABBIGAIL O'HARA**

**RALPH D. & MARY F. MOORE PRIZE** *(Underclassman)*

is awarded to a student excelling in biology.

**ISABELLA GILMORE**

**MUSIC BOOSTERS AWARD**

for students selected by the music department for their contributions to the music program.

**CHORUS – JAYDEN CRANDALL**

**CHORUS – GRACIE TUTTY**

**BAND – JULIAN RUFFULE**

**BAND – EMILY WHALEY**

**THE ELSIE AND SAUL MYERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

is given to a college-bound graduating senior who best combines athletic and scholarship achievement with a demonstrated commitment to community involvement.

**NICHOLAS LAMANNA**

**NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY (BOCES)**

is awarded to students who have been inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

ARRISSA BUNKER  
EMMANUEL JOHNSON

ZOEY CALDWELL  
AUBREY LEWIS

MARIE CUGLIANDRO  
RILEY PINE

COLIN HART  
CAMERON VOCE

**NYSATA DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

is given to a student who has demonstrated excellence in art.

VICTORIA STAFF

**NEW YORK STATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

KYLE CARNEY  
DANIELLE GILBERT  
VICTORIA STAFF

**NINA'S LEGACY AWARD**

is given to a female graduate showing the most growth in leadership and school service during the high school years. This award is given in memory of Nina Sponburg.

DANIELLE GILBERT

**O'CONNOR ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP**

is awarded to a Herkimer County senior who is in good standing and matriculated in the fall semester in an accredited engineering and/or technology program. The student should have outstanding recognition in community service and citizenship.

VICTORIA STAFF

**THE TERRY OWEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

is awarded to a senior who has demonstrated perseverance and determination throughout high school, in pursuit of independence and hard-earned success. In the spirit of Mr. Owen, an interest in education, history and/or politics may also be recognized.

ZOEY CALDWELL

**POLISH COMMUNITY HOME PRIZE IN MEMORY OF WALTER CZURYLA**

is awarded to a senior male with the highest average in courses at the Career Tech Center.

NATHAN CANNON

**POLISH COMMUNITY HOME PRIZE**

is awarded to a senior female with the highest average in courses at the Career Tech Center.

AUBREY LEWIS

**EVA M. PORTER PRIZE**

is given for best work in chemistry and physics.

VICTORIA STAFF

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

is awarded to students graduating with a minimum 90 overall average, from the President of the United States.

CHRISTIAN ALLEN  
ZOEY CALDWELL  
JAYDEN CRANDALL  
JULEIGHANNA HERRINGSHAW  
AUBREY LEWIS  
NAELEAH SANTIAGO VAZQUEZ  
LESLIE XIAO

ALTHEA BROWN  
JOHN CAMPAGNA  
NICHOLAS FERRERAS  
NICHOLAS LAMANNA  
JULIAN RUFFULE  
VICTORIA STAFF  
DON ZHAO

ARRISSA BUNKER  
KYLE CARNEY  
DANIELLE GILBERT  
CASSANDRA LARZELERE  
DIRK SALAMON  
CAMERON VOCE

**PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

is awarded to students graduating with a minimum 85 overall average, from the President of the United States.

NATHAN CANNON  
KAITHLYN MERETTE GONZALEZ  
HALEY RANDO

LINDSEY CARPENTER  
PETER MOSNY

ALEX COLLIS  
ABBIGAIL O'HARA

**RIT EXCEPTIONAL JUNIORS - BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP AWARD****DANNY BLEAKING**

awarded to an outstanding student from the junior class who displays leadership, service and achievement.

**RIT SCIENCE & MATH AWARD****BRIAN FLINT**

is awarded to a student with superior grades in science and/or math-related classes. Interest in pursuing college level coursework in science and/or math, or in other areas such as business, engineering, health sciences, technology or computing.

**RIT WOMEN IN STEM AWARD (*Junior*)****MCKENNA GARGAS**

recognizes outstanding high school juniors who are female, female-identifying or nonbinary who has distinguished themselves academically in science and math-related classes. Has an interest in pursuing college-level course work in science, math, computing engineering, technology or health sciences.

**THE MRS. ROMA VIEL MEMORIAL AWARD****GRACIE TUTTY**

is given to a senior who exemplifies the characteristics and ideas of Mrs. Viel - kindness and generosity to everyone she met, perseverance in the face of difficulties and challenges, a positive attitude, a hard worker and having a love for life.

**RONALD J. WIERNICKI ATHLETIC AWARD****BASEBALL - CHRISTIAN ALLEN  
FOOTBALL - JOHN MAHER**

is presented to a senior who lettered for at least three years in football, baseball or softball, who exhibits Ron's qualities of good citizenship, leadership and team player who will be attending college in the fall.

**RONNIE SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP****CASSANDRA LARZELERE**

is given to a student going into the field of nursing, preference to a student in respiratory therapy and involvement/interest in music.

**ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD****VICTORIA STAPP**

is a Rotary International program designed to recognize and enhance leadership skills among selected young people.

**RPI MEDAL (*Junior*)****CHRISTOPHER FARRELL**

is awarded for best work in science and mathematics.

**RUTH MYERS ROSENBERG PLAQUE****CASSANDRA LARZELERE  
CAMERON VOCE**

is awarded to the outstanding male and female school citizens, selected by students and faculty, names to be added to plaque.

**SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE BOOK AWARD****SAVANNAH MANNO**

is awarded to a student with academic success and exemplary community service involvement. Their accomplishment embodies St. Michael's commitment to intellectual achievement, social justice and concern for others.

**2024 STUDENT SAGE RECOGNITION AWARD (*Junior*)****BIANCA BARRETO  
CAITLIN BERG  
CADENCE WEAVER  
KAVONNA WHITE**

is given by Sage College's Scholarship Committee to juniors who have excelled academically and who have served their community.

**SEAL OF BILITERACY**

recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in English and one or more world languages.

CHRISTIAN ALLEN

LINDSEY CARPENTER

DANIELLE GILBERT

JULEIGHANNA HERRINGSHAW

VICTORIA STAFF

DON ZHAO

**SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS**

The Seal of Civic Readiness is a formal recognition that a student has attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic experiences. The Seal of Civic Readiness distinction will be placed on a student’s diploma.

KYLE CARNEY

ALEX COLLIS

JAMES HESS

NICHOLAS LAMANNA

LESLIE XIAO

**SENIOR ATHLETIC AWARD**

CHRISTIAN ALLEN

ARRISSA BUNKER

JOHN CAMPAGNA

LINDSEY CARPENTER

KYLE CARNEY

JAYDEN CRANDALL

DANIELLE GILBERT

JULEIGHANNA HERRINGSHAW

PETER MOSNY

TIMOTHY MURRAY JR.

DIRK SALAMON

VICTORIA STAFF

CAMERON VOCE

**SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH JOSEPH**

is awarded for best work in foreign language.

VICTORIA STAFF

**JACK M. & HELEN C. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP**

is given to a graduating senior for scholarship.

ABBIGAIL O’HARA

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARD**

(Herkimer Chapter) is given for outstanding work in American history.

VICTORIA STAFF

**THE JOHN PHILIP SOUSA BAND AWARD**

is given to the outstanding senior instrumentalist.

PERZHIA MAYO

**A. WALTER SUITER & MARY GRACE SUITER SCHOLARSHIP**

is provided by the will of the late Dr. A. Walter Suiter bequeathing to the Board of Education income to be used as a prize to be awarded to the valedictorian.

VICTORIA STAFF

**TEMPLE BETH JOSEPH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

is given to a graduating senior for outstanding citizenship and academic ability.

KYLE CARNEY

**THE NICHOLAS J. TRIMBOLI & BERTHA L. TRIMBOLI SCHOLARSHIP**

& INCENTIVE AWARD is awarded to a senior pursuing the field of journalism or communications.

ALEX COLLIS

**MARCY G. ULMAN BAND AWARD**

is given to a male and female who shall be members of both the marching band and concert band, be good musicians, good academic students and be active in band functions. Recipients are voted on by members of the band.

PERZHIA MAYO

JULIAN RUFFULE

**UTICA UNIVERSITY JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** (*Junior*)  
is awarded to high school juniors who show academic promise and would contribute to the Utica University community.

SOPHIA BLAIS  
ANJALI SAUGH  
VANESSA VERENICH

**ERMATRUDE MOORE WATSON FUND**  
is given to the outstanding senior pursuing a business program.

COLIN MURPHY

**SHIRLEY WEBER MEMORIAL AWARD (CLASS OF 1949)**  
is given in memory of Shirley Weber, an outstanding student of the class of 1949. Presented to a student who shows great promise in English, plans to attend college to major in English or communications and enjoys theatre.

ALEX COLLIS

**THE BARBARA A. WHITNEY SCHOLARSHIP**  
is given to the graduating senior who strived to achieve to their potential. This student also is known by faculty and students to be of good character by his/her relationship with faculty, peers and by his/her efforts in civic activities helping the community as a whole to be a better place.

COLIN SPISAK

**THE FRANCIS A. WILCOX EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**  
was established in his memory by his family. The purpose of the full-tuition Exceptional Student Scholarship is to attract academically strong students and to maintain an enriched environment for all students.

CASSANDRA LARZELERE

**WILKES UNIVERSITY COLONEL EMERGING LEADER AWARD** (*Junior*)  
in recognition of outstanding achievement in academics and extracurricular activities.

MICHAEL MILLER  
PATRICK ROWLEY

**DR. SAMUEL WOLTAG MEMORIAL AWARD**  
is awarded for best work in instrumental music.

JULIAN RUFFULE

**WOODY HERMAN AWARD**  
is awarded for outstanding contributions to the jazz ensemble.

JAYDEN CRANDALL

**WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE'S STEM LEADERSHIP BOOK AWARD** (*Junior*)  
is awarded annually to honor and recognize high achieving young people in their junior year of high school.

MCKENNA GARGAS

- Strong academic achievement with a focus on coursework in science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- Commitment to leadership and engagement with their school and community
- Collaboration, innovation and problem-solving skills
- Success in hands-on and/or project-based learning

**WAYNE ZAWTOCKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
is given in memory of Wayne Zawtocki to a student selected by the faculty who has been accepted to a four-year college to study physical education, health or sports medicine.

CHRISTIAN ALLEN

**XEROX AWARD** (*Junior*)  
is awarded for a strong interest in innovation and/or information technology and a high level of achievement in this area.

CHASE PETTENGILL

**ZAWTOCKI-YAVORNITZKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**  
is an award that is dedicated by the Zawtocki-Yavornitzki family members who graduated from Herkimer High School. This award is to be selected by the faculty to a scholar-athlete who best emulates the Herkimer "Magician" spirit of pride and excellence in the classroom, playing field and in the community and who has been accepted at a four-year college.

DANIELLE GILBERT  
MICHAEL GOODSON

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## *Alma Mater*

*By Irene Welk and Max Kapp*

Where the silvery Mohawk's flowing,  
As it wends its peaceful way,  
There's a spot of fondest memory  
To Alumni, young, or gray,  
There, our dear old Alma Mater  
Stands throned midst hills of green,  
As the white clouds bend above her,  
She's the fairest ever seen.  
Oh, her sons and daughters love her  
With a love that knows no end,  
And with garlands fair entwine her  
As her honor they defend.  
For her ivy walls are sacred  
To the scenes of glad spent days,  
And our voices rise in parting  
As we sing her endless praise.