



Orchard Park Central School District Back to School 2019 Community Report

First Day of School

The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Lunch Menus & New Pricing

Lunch menus are available at www.opschools.org/menu

Breakfast Grades K-12

\$1.50

Lunch Grades K-5

\$2.40

Lunch Grades 6-12

\$2.50

The application for the 2019-2020 Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk can be found at www.opschools.org/menu

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District Prepares to Welcome Back Students for the 2019-2020 School Year

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 is the first day of school for Orchard Park students. Throughout the district, preparations are taking place to prepare the buildings to welcome back students and staff for the upcoming school year.

During the summer the District offered a wide variety of professional development trainings for teachers, administrators and support staff. Staff members had the opportunity to participate in more than 20 professional development courses.

Some of the courses offered include: *Stop the Bleed Training* and a book study on *The Ways Children Learn Music*.

The Personnel Department has been busy filling dozens of positions. Many of the vacancies that need to be filled were due to the over 40 staff retirements this past June.

The Buildings and Grounds Department has been working on several projects this summer including re-doing spaces at the high school and middle school to accommodate the central copying cost savings initiative. They are also working to convert all district classroom lights to LED light bulbs, another cost savings initiative.

It is an exciting time in our District with the new on-site option for Universal Pre-K. In addition to continuing to work with our community based Pre-K locations the District will offer Eggert Road Elementary as a UPK site. The District is pleased to be able to collaborate with the Southtown's YMCA to offer a "wrap around" program for child care for the 36 UPK students at Eggert Road Elementary. This will help District families in need of full-day child care for their student. The UPK program is funded through a NYS grant and this is the first time that the district will be offering an on-site option for parents. Universal Pre-K teacher, Alicia Matesic, has been preparing both a new classroom space and a curriculum. In addition, a Pre-K Curriculum group has been working to adjust the UPK Curriculum Map to align with current NYS standards.

Lastly a reminder to parents about the first week of school; During the first few days of the school year, the middle and elementary afternoon buses typically run a little behind schedule. We appreciate your patience as the bus drivers are learning new routes and students are learning where to find their buses in the parking lots after school.



The Orchard Park Central School District will be offering on-site Universal Pre-K for the first time during the 2019-2020 school year. Pictured above are incoming Pre-K students: Dominic Zielinski, Maura English and Eva Corto with Eggert's Pre-K teacher Alicia Matesic.

Fall Community Education Brochure Enclosed. Pull Out and Save Center Insert!

Congratulations Class of 2019! See pages 4-5 and 8-12.

Superintendent's Column

Matthew P. McGarrity

It always amazes me how quickly the milestones of summer go by. The 4th of July, the beginning of August, the beginning of the Erie County Fair and this summer is no different.



We are looking forward to welcoming back students on Tuesday,

September 3. The start of a new school year brings hope, excitement and of course a bit of patience. Please check your child's school building site on the district website, www.opschools.org for back to school information like school supply lists.

Getting back into the routine of school takes some time, but routine is a valuable tool to help keep students focused and effectively manage their time. Children today are very distracted by social media and pressures none of us had at their age. Over the next few weeks, prior to school starting, I hope that you can help your child get into a routine of stepping away from social media and cell phone use. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that for children ages 6 and older, that parents place consistent limits on the time spent using media devices and accessing social media. They recommend that parents make sure media does not take the place of adequate sleep, physical activity and other behaviors

essential to health. AAP recommends designating media-free time together like during meals and designating media-free locations such as bedrooms and cars.

The latest Orchard Park Central School District Comprehensive District Education Plan (CDEP) outlined the following goal:

Promote the social emotional well-being of the Orchard Park Central School District Community through student support, staff development, resource coordination and parent involvement. During the 2018-19 school year, we launched a Parent Information Series on Mental and Social Emotional Health to support this goal. The parent feedback from the series was very positive. During the 2019-20 school year we have planned several opportunities as part of our information series to continue to support the CDEP Goal as listed above. On October 23rd we will offer parents an Internet Safety Program and on November 5th there will be a program on Social Resilience. The series will continue in the spring and more information will be provided on the districts website regarding the Parent Information Series for the 2019-20 school year.

I look forward to the start of the school year with great hope and enthusiasm and thank you for your continued support.

Calendar Distribution

Calendars will be distributed to students in kindergarten through 8th grade on September 3, the first day of school. Calendars going to students at the high school level will be mailed home prior to the first day of school. As we have done in years past, the calendars will be given only to the youngest student in each family. Calendars will be available to District residents at the Orchard Park Public Library, Anthony Brown Pharmacy, Beerz Convenience Store and the Orchard Park Central School District Office located at 2240 Southwestern Blvd. beginning August 28th.

Why It's Important to Have a PowerSchool Parent Portal Account

Documents previously mailed or sent home are only available on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All parents/guardians of OPCSD students have received a Parent Portal activation letter. At least one parent from each student household should maintain a Parent Portal account and ensure that the email address and phone number is current. If you forget your password, you will need to enter the email address that is already associated with the account, so please keep record of this information. One login will provide access to information for all of your children. With this account activation, you will have access to: Report Cards, Attendance History, Bus information, Student Schedules, Test Scores and Parent Notification Preferences

If you've already registered for an account, you do not need to re-register each year.

Parents who prefer to have information mailed home should make a request directly to their child's school building.

Emergency Communication

To maintain and improve communication with our families and community during an emergency or when there is a need for an important announcement, OPCSD offers iConnect. iConnect allows the District to notify parents, students, faculty, staff, and community members about school related emergency information via email, text, phone, and web. In the event of a school closing or emergency, this system enables the District to rapidly communicate to all subscribers. Notification preferences can be found in your PowerSchool Parent Portal account.

Library Genrefication Producing Positive Results

The Orchard Park Central School District librarians have been developing and implementing new ways to empower students to independently find books that interest them within our school libraries.

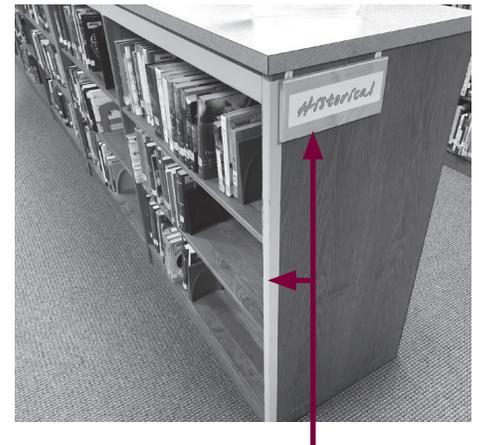
Over the last several years there has been a movement to genrefy the fiction sections of the Orchard Park High School and Middle School libraries. Orchard Park High School librarian Beth DiLucente heard about genrefying at a conference and thought it could be a good fit for the high school. During the summer of 2016 the district librarians came together to genrefy the Orchard Park High School library after over a year of research and planning. Fictional books were divided into genre; color coded; and each genre was moved to its own space within the library. This allows students to easily find books that may be similar to ones they have liked in the past or it gives them the opportunity to try out a new genre. The genrefication was a huge undertaking that involved the librarians physically touching and moving every book within the library. Since the genrefication of the high school library circulation has increased 24%. The planning and work

involved was worth it as the results speak for themselves. In the summer of 2017 the librarians came together again to genrefy the Middle School library. The results of this project were also impressive with Middle School library circulation up 20%.

The Orchard Park High School and Middle School libraries were the first local libraries to become genrefied. Since the high school genrefication Orchard Park's librarians have become a resource for other schools. High School librarian Beth DiLucente has taught several classes on genrefication, presented at a statewide conference and met with several other librarians who are interested in genrefying their libraries.

Previous to the genrefication the high school and middle school libraries were organized alphabetically by author. The librarians had shared that a common experience for them was a student asking to find a book similar to something they had read and liked. The librarians would offer students suggestions and point the students toward something they might be interested in but after that the students would once again be at square one not knowing

where to look for their next great read. Genrefication has changed that. Orchard Park Central School District students now have the independence to head into the library and directly to their area of interest.



Pictured above is the historical fiction section of the high school library. The word Historical is written in green and the section is also colored green which matches tabs on each of the books. Other sections are done the same way for example the Fantasy section is done in purple. This ensures students can easily recognize the different genres.

Why Purchase Chromebook Insurance?

OPCSD has partnered with Worth Ave. Group to offer affordable insurance for school issued student devices for the 2019-2020 school year. The optional insurance provides replacement cost coverage and protects the Chromebook on and off school grounds. **The enrollment deadline is September 30th.**



Pricing is as follows for students in grades 6 through 12:

- \$15.00 for students in Grades 6 and 7
- \$20.00 for students in grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12

Payment for the optional insurance is made directly to Worth Ave Group by going to worthavegroup.com/gpo/opschools.

Follow Parking Restrictions

Please remember to follow parking regulations. Handicap parking spaces are only meant to be used by those with a specific need. It is especially important to keep this in mind during special events.

OPHS Named Recognition School



In June the Orchard Park

High School earned the distinction of being a Recognition School. The Orchard Park High School is recognized for being a leader in New York State toward the accomplishment of educational excellence in student performance. This distinction clearly demonstrates the dedication of our students, faculty, and community toward high academic achievement.

Class of 2019 Top Ten



Kara SantaLucia is the Class of 2019 Valedictorian and will be attending the College of William & Mary to study either biology or astrophysics. Kara has volunteered at Absolut Care and Ronald

McDonald House Charities. She has also been a member of the Quaker Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Musical Pit Orchestra, Masterminds, Girl Scouts (of which she earned a Girl Scout Silver Award), National Honor Society, and Spanish National Honor Society. She has received Excellence Awards in the following subject areas: Honors Geo, Honors 9 English, AP World, Spanish 3, Chemistry, and AP Language. She was also a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist and an Orchard Park Pride recipient. Kara hopes to help people through medicine or science. She is the daughter of Miriam Kwan and Peter SantaLucia.



Pictured above are the Top 10 students of the Class of 2019. Standing from left to right: Jenna Onetto, Natalie Wittmeyer, Benjamin Manning, Jacob Marx, Julia Schurr, Allison McCune, Kara SantaLucia, Erin Brege. Sitting from left to right: Jack Keane, Jacob Schaffer. Orchard Park Seniors were accepted to over 200 Colleges and Universities and earned over 5 million dollars in scholarships this year. We are so proud of all of our students whether they are planning to serve in the military, continue their education or head straight into the workforce. For a complete listing of scholarship and award information, please see pages 8-12.



Allison McCune is the Class of 2019 Salutatorian and will be attending RIT to study biomedical engineering.

Allison has volunteered at Ronald McDonald House Charities through her involvement in Girl Scouts. She has participated in a variety of organizations and sports in high school, including Model UN, MCIG, GSA, National Honor Society, ECMEA All-County Band, Varsity Swimming, TWST Swimming, and Outdoor Track. She is the recipient of the Harvard-Radcliffe Book Award, Orchard Park Pride, the Maroon Key in Varsity swimming, high honor roll, Certificate of Excellence in English, Algebra Honors, Social Studies, and Chemistry. She hopes to make the world better by offering creative solutions to address world issues. Allison is the daughter of Barbara and Richard McCune.



Erin Brege is attending St. Bonaventure University to study biology. Erin has volunteered as a Vacation Bible Camp Counselor at St.

Bernadette Church, a Religious Education Teacher Aide, and a D.A.R.E. Role Model. In high school, she was a member of the Girl Scouts, Student Wellness Club, Musical Pit Orchestra, Math Club, Quaker Marching Band, and the Track & Field team. Erin is a recipient of Orchard Park Pride and a Scholastic Achievement Award. Erin has worked as a camp counselor at Orchard Park Recreation in its Preschool Camp, Young Artists, and T.G.I.F. Kids Club programs. She hopes to make the world better by implementing new discoveries to improve the medical field. She would also like to give back to the Orchard Park community. Erin is the daughter of Tracy and Steven Brege.



Jack Keane is attending Boston College to study physics. In high school, Jack was a member of Young Life, Pep Club, Varsity Club,

and History Club. He received the Senior Sportsmanship Award for golf, a Boys State Award, Clarkson Achievement Award, and an Orchard Park Pride Award. He was also a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. Jack has played golf, hockey, lacrosse, cross country, track & field, and tennis as a high school student. He believes that laughter is the best medicine and hopes to make the world a better place by making people laugh. Jack is the son of Lynn and Michael Keane.



Benjamin Manning is attending SUNY Binghamton to study engineering. Benjamin was a volunteer with Camp

Outreach in Indiana, and he was also a peer math tutor. In high school, he was a member of Mock Trial, Masterminds, and the Medical Career Interest Group. His numerous academic achievements include an AP History Scholar Award, AP Scholar with Honor Award, National Merit Scholar Semifinalist, the George Washington Alumni Book Award, Certificates of Academic Excellence, and Scholastic Achievement awards. Benjamin hopes to make the world a better place by implementing new technologies to improve the quality of life. He is the son of Patricia and David Manning.



Jacob Marx is attending Northeastern University to study computer science. Jacob has served as Vice President of Math Club and was also

a member of Varsity Club, STAP Comm, National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, and Student Health & Wellness. He has been recognized as a Fall 2018 Section VI All Western New York Scholar Athlete. He's also received an Academic Excellence Award in French II & III, CC Algebra II and English II, an Elmira College Key Award, and Perfect Attendance awards. In sports, Jacob was on the JV and Varsity Volleyball teams, of which he was a captain. He would like to help find alternative ways to reduce the world's energy consumption in order to make the world better. Jacob is the son of Mary and Ron Marx.



Jenna Onetto is attending the University of Virginia to study neuroscience. Jenna played volleyball throughout high school

and was also a member of Outreach Club, Art Club, National Honor Society, and the French National Honor Society. She received the University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award and the Bryn Mawr College President's Book Award. She was also recognized with the Excellency in AP US History and Excellency in Earth Science & Biology awards, and was selected as a National Merit Commended Scholar and Advanced Placement History Scholar. She hopes to help others by becoming a neurologist. She would also like to continue creating art to influence others in a positive way. Jenna is the daughter of Jean and Ken Onetto.



Jacob Schaffer is attending Yale University to study astrophysics. Jacob has been a member of the Orchard Park Historical Society and has

also volunteered as a helper for food and "pack a backpack" drives. In high school, he was a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society. He played soccer for the Empire United Developmental Academy and plans to continue playing the sport in college. He was also a member of the Outdoor Track team. Jacob hopes to make the world a better place by finding a solution to pollution. Jacob is the son of Natalie and Gerald Schaffer.



Julia Schurr is attending Canisius College to study chemistry. Julia has volunteered for Ronald McDonald House

Charities. She was also a D.A.R.E. role model and a member of WNY Flash Academy, Pep Club, Donate Life Club, Academy of Finance, and Symphonic Orchestra. In sports, she was on the Varsity soccer team and earned an All WNY Girls Soccer First team award and a Varsity Soccer Maroon Key award. She will continue playing soccer in college. She was also the recipient of the George Eastman Young Leaders Award, and Excellence in US History and AP English awards, in addition to Orchard Park Pride. Julia hopes to pursue a career in medicine. She is the daughter of Jill and Greg Schurr.



Natalie Wittmeyer is attending The University of Rochester to study epidemiology. In high school, Natalie

belonged to Model United Nations and the Gender-Sexuality Alliance. She has received awards for Excellence in Social Studies and English and has also been named an AP Scholar with Distinction. She volunteered in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Sisters Hospital and as a living historian at Civil War reenactments. She also was an assistant leader for her Girl Scout troop. Natalie hopes to make the world a better place by helping to ensure inclusiveness for all people. Natalie is the daughter of Kristin and Weston Wittmeyer.



Orchard Park’s Commitment to Teaching Tolerance & Acceptance Continues

By: Lisa Krueger, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction & Pupil Services

The Orchard Park Central School District is committed to fulfilling our mission to prepare students for life after high school graduation. Our Mission Statement articulates our goals to develop the character of our students while preparing them to contribute to a global society.

OPCSD Mission Statement
Through partnership with families, community, and the Orchard Park Central School District, students will:

- Achieve their fullest potential
- Develop critical thinking, creativity, and character
- Become healthy, lifelong learners
- be responsible and contributing members of an ever-changing and global society.

We are preparing students for a global society, which may entail being a contributing member of a college campus, the armed forces, a neighborhood community, and/or a workplace more diverse than Orchard Park.

Since 2009, the Orchard Park Central School District has been committed to creating schools more accepting and tolerant of the differences of others. Since our adoption of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, we have thoughtfully, responsibly and effectively engaged in



A team of Orchard Park Central School District administrators and teachers recently met with local professionals to engage in a conversation on cultural diversity. District administrators and teachers are pictured with Nina Lukin (Community Member), Elizabeth Schram (Director, Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo) and Mara Koven-Gelman (Director, Buffalo Jewish Community Relation Council).

strategies to minimize bullying, encourage “upstanders” to stop bullying, and create a more inclusive learning environment. Now, more than ever, our classrooms need this education. Children who experience bullying, harrasment or discrimination are more likely to have negative attitudes about school and lower academic performance (Journal of the American Medical Association, 2018).

As a school community not tolerant of bullying, this extends to any hate and bias-related incidents against others. Bullying can present itself as the stereotypical bully taking lunch money in the cafeteria to expressions of racism, antisemitism and anti-LGBTQ. We believe all of our students and staff deserve to attend an inclusive school free from bullying and harassment. In fact, it is our legal obligation to protect students from bullying and harassment under the Dignity for All Students Act.

To extend our learning on this topic, a team of administrators and teachers

met recently with local professionals to engage in a conversation on cultural diversity. These committed individuals invested their time in starting a conversation to discuss our experiences and perceptions, and resources to help educators create more tolerant and civil classrooms. In doing so, all children will benefit - academically and socially - and be more prepared to

enter a global society.

“It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences.”

~Audre Lorde

Report Bullying/ Harassment

The Orchard Park Central School District encourages anyone who has witnessed or been a victim of bullying or harassment to report it. You can report it at <https://www.opschools.org/Page/10032>. The links available there are provided for you to inform the District about bullying or harassment incidents that you have either experienced or witnessed. The form can be submitted anonymously and will be seen by a DASA, Dignity for All Students Act, coordinator.

A Word From Board of Education President Christine Gray Tinnesz, Ed.D

I hope you are having a wonderful summer! The beginning of a new school year is always the start of something special and it is a great time to reflect on where we have been and where we are heading.



On behalf of the Board of Education, I welcome students, staff and administrators to the new school year. The Board also congratulates Dwight Eagan and Bob Mahany on joining us for their second term after winning the election in May.

It has been a busy summer throughout the district. First, the Board unanimously approved Phase III of the Smart School Bond on May 7, 2019. This proposal supports the purchase of two Dell EMC SCv3020 Storage Area Networks which updates the hardware and gives the district the ability to set up a geographical disaster recovery site. Second, the District is excited to have a new on-site location for UPK at Eggert Road Elementary, in addition to existing sites at EduKids, Wee Can, and the YMCA. Third, several administrators and board members attended the Western New York School Law Conference on August 7 and had the opportunity to learn about special education policies, sexual harassment laws, security issues, and mental health issues in our schools.

This academic year we will continue to keep you informed as we work

to improve our schools. We encourage you to attend our board meetings. Keeping open lines of communication between the community and the Orchard Park School Board is very important to enhance the educational experience for all involved. During the

past year's board meetings, several school district departments, including the Library Media Center, the Academy of Finance, and the Science and Social Studies Departments, gave presentations on interesting or new programs. The department presentations will continue throughout the upcoming school year, providing a great way to keep informed about the various departments in our district and any new and/or exciting programs benefitting our students.

In addition to attending board meetings, you can stay informed by visiting the District website and Facebook page, and by attending PTO meetings. The Board always welcomes input from the community on all issues.

The Orchard Park School District is extremely fortunate to have excellent teachers, administrators and support staff. I strongly believe great things will be happening this school year in our district. Thank you for your continued support of the District. Have a wonderful 2019-2020 school year!

2019-2020 Board of Education Meetings

Board of Education meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the District Offices, 2240 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca, unless otherwise indicated. Additional work sessions or meetings may be scheduled as needed throughout the year. Meetings are open to the public. At the annual re-organizational meeting, the Board of Education adopted the Board Meeting schedule for the 2019-20 school year and elected Dr. Christine Gray-Tinnesz as the President and Mr. Dwight Eagan as the Vice President for the 2019-20 school year. Please visit www.opschools.org for the latest BOE meeting dates and related information.

Orchard Park Pride Award Nomination Deadline



Each year, approximately 10 percent of students in the senior class are selected to receive an Orchard Park Pride Award. This award

is given to those who have exhibited excellence in one or more of the following areas: character, work ethic, and involvement and impact. Selection is made on the basis of information submitted on the OP Pride Form, as well as faculty votes. Each student who is chosen will be paired with a local business representative who will host the student and his/her parents at a dinner in the spring.

To self-nominate, submit the OP Pride Form to Mrs. See or Mrs. Linder in House III by November 1st. The forms are available in the House offices or on our website at opschools.org/domain/141. Only students who complete the form, check the OP Pride box at the top, and submit it by November 1st will be considered.

This is not a time to be modest. If students have contributed to Orchard Park through activities in the classroom, community, or in sports, clubs or organizations, we encourage them to self-nominate. The process is similar to submitting a resume to apply for a job.

Virtual Backpack

The Orchard Park Central School District's Virtual Backpack is a central repository of informational flyers that can be found at opschools.org/domain/1752.

New flyers are added on a weekly basis, so please be sure to check your school's Virtual Backpack regularly for the most up-to-date information. Scan code at right to view now.



Orchard Park High School's Class of 2019 graduated on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at Kleinhans. The senior class earned over 5 million dollars in scholarships. Below is a complete listing of scholarship and award information.

College & Previously Recognized Scholarships

Arriens, Rhiannon	Hilbert College	Kjellstrom, Teresa	Duquesne University, St. John's University, DePaul University, Fordham, Canisius College, Loyola University Chicago
Attig, Grace	Westminster College		Utica College, Mercyhurst University, University of New England, The Italian American Police Association of WNY/ Robert S. Insalaco and Daniel J. Scime Financial Scholarship Award, Judges & Police Scholarship Award
Baskerville, Korren	Western New York Blood Care Scholarship	Lillis, Abigail	St. Bonaventure University
Bartolotti, Archie	Utica College, Families of FANA, Western New York, Inc. Scholarship		Canisius College, St. Bonaventure University, Hofstra University, Duquesne University, Syracuse University, Youngstown State University
Beyer, Jack	University of Tampa	Lis, Elizabeth	Houghton College, Allegheny College, Canisius College, SUNY Geneseo, Nazareth College, Daemen College, St. John Fisher College, Keuka College, SUNY Brockport, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Blake, Elizabeth	Canisius College	Lobur Cummins, Hunter	US Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award
Blake, Joseph	Canisius College		JT Conti Scholarship
Blodgett, Cole	John Carroll University		University at Buffalo
Blood, Gabel	Canisius College, Daemen College		Niagara University
Brege, Erin	St. Bonaventure University, National Merit Bunzl USA, LLC Scholarship, Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship		University at Buffalo, Canisius College
	Business First/Independent Health Community All-Star Award	Manley, Katherine	Ohio Wesleyan University, Prudential Spirit of Community Award (Local Honoree)
Cappello, David	Syracuse University, University at Buffalo, Rochester Institute of Technology		University at Buffalo
Coffta, Benjamin	Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship, West Seneca Patriotic & Civic Commission Scholarship	Marx, Jacob	Miami University, Furman University, Seton Hall University
Crean, Jenna	Tri-County BOCES Citizenship Scholarship, Unified Support Association (Teaching Assistant Union) Award	Mecca, Zachary	Duquesne University, Saint Vincent College, St. Francis College, Medaille College, Hilbert College
Crngarov, Nikola	West Virginia University, University at Buffalo	Meisner, Benjamin	Duquesne University, Buffalo State College, Nazareth College, John Carroll University, Canisius College,
Cullen, Riley	Temple University	Mellerski, Kathryn	St. Bonaventure University, University at Buffalo
Culp, Max	Canisius College, Loyola University, The Catholic University of America, American University	Murawski, Dallas	
Desmond, William	Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship	Nichols, Jessica	
Frey, Emily	Cleveland Institute of Art, SUNY Fredonia	Palczynski, Lauren	
Guarino, Isabella	Ithaca College, University at Buffalo, Keuka College, Nazareth College, SUNY Cortland, Edinboro University, SUNY Fredonia, Buffalo State College	Perry, Madison	
Hanlon, Faith	Father Merrick Bednar Conviction of the Heart Scholarship (St. Bernadette Parish)	Radt, Sarah	
Hanlon, Sarah	St. Bonaventure University	Rauh, Hannah	
Harp, Garrett	St. Bonaventure University		
Hollins, Kasey	Niagara University	Riter, Adam	
Humiston, Madigan	Hofstra University, WJA Memorial Scholarship	Roman, Rebecca	
Janaski, Kelsey	Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship		
Jantzi, Carissa	University at Buffalo	Roth, Lindsey	
Joyce, Peyton	University at Buffalo	Roward, Joseph	
Kearns, Brendan			

College & Previously Recognized Scholarships Cont.

Ruh, Leah	University of Pittsburgh, Allegheny College, DePaul University, Ithaca College, University of Tampa, University of Minnesota,	Tartaro, Trinity	Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship SUNY Fredonia, Colleen Fatta Memorial Scholarship
Savarino, Pierson	University at Buffalo	Ulsrud, Everett	Geneseo, University at Buffalo, Miami University, Ithaca College
Schurr, Julia	Canisius College, Great Erie Federal Credit Union/The New York Credit Union Association Erie-Niagara Chapter Winner, Great Erie Federal Credit Union/The New York Credit Union Association Statewide Award Winner	Visco, Kathryn	John Carroll University
Strunk, Ryan	Medaille College	Watson, Declan	Miami University, Ohio State University, University of Georgia, Clemson University
Stuhr, Benjamin	Rochester Institute of Technology, Alfred State College, SME Education Foundation - Albert E. Wischmeyer Scholarship,	Westcott, Alex	American International College
		Williams, Haley	Alfred State College
		Wittmeyer, Natalie	University of Rochester
		Woodrich, Hannah	Canisius College, Daemen College, D'Youville College
		Zarbo, Joseph	SUNY Fredonia

2019 Awards and Scholarships

Awards

Visual Arts:	Payton Blesy, Isabella Guarino, Celeste O'Connor, Heidi Stavrevski
Business:	Hunter Lobur Cummins, Madeleine Rand
DECA:	Josef Iqbal, Jordan O'Brien
Accounting:	Joshua Jankowski
Financial Literacy Award:	Celeste O'Connor
English:	Benjamin Bahun, Catherine McHugh, Lindsey Roth, Kara SantaLucia
Striving for Excellence Award:	Kalistta Braga
Precalculus:	Faith Hanlon
Advanced Calculus:	Benjamin Bahun
Advanced Placement Calculus BC:	Benjamin Manning
Advanced Placement Statistics:	Benjamin Coffta
Computer Science:	Maxwell Bauerle
Advanced Placement Computer Science:	Benjamin Coffta
ATSM:	Jordan Courtney
Band:	Madeline Feldman
Chorus:	Sydney Schaff
Orchestra:	Joseph Zarbo
Louis Armstrong Award:	Benjamin Coffta
John Philip Sousa Award:	Lindsey Roth
United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award:	Benjamin Bahun
Participation in NYSSMA Conference All-State:	Fabiola Adorno, Benjamin Coffta, Sydney Schaff
Participation in NYSSMA Area All-State Music Festival:	Fabiola Adorno, Benjamin Coffta, Max Culp, Madeline Feldman, Alex

Erie County Music Educators All-County Ensemble	Kaforey, Emily Lewicki, Lindsey Roth, Sydney Schaff, Emma Schutt, Alex Vendura, Joseph Zarbo
New York State School Music Association Solo Competition	Taylor Bach, Quinlyn Kinmartin, Hayleigh Lilleck, Catherine McHugh, Eve McMullen, Shawn Munro, Kara SantaLucia, Camille St. Jacques, Avalon Witte
OPTA Senior Awards for Excellence	Benjamin Bahun, Gabriel Blood, Erin Brege, Nicholas Descovich, Jennifer Fertel, Emily Frey, Jason Hanania, Peyton Joyce, Alex Kaforey, Thomas Laudico, Abigail Lillis, Hunter LoburCummins, Luke MacLeod, Benjamin Meisner, Madison Perry, Olivia Storm, Trinity Tartaro, Hannah Woodrich
Physical Education:	Emily Andruczyk, Collin Wong
Health Education:	Theodore Jachlewski
Advanced Biology	Erin Brege, Thomas Laudico, Benjamin Manning, Dallas Murawski, Rebecca Obrochta, Leah Ruh
Advanced Chemistry:	Benjamin Manning
Advanced Placement Physics:	Alex Kaforey, Benjamin Manning
Advanced Science:	Benjamin Manning
American Chemical Society Chemistry Olympiad Local Competitor	

2019 Awards and Scholarships

Award	Benjamin Manning		
Advanced Placement Government	Benjamin Domagalski, Jason Hanania, Benjamin Manning, Jacob Marx, Katherine Merkel, Jenna Onetto, Jordan Prince, Lindsey Roth, Anna Sorrentino, Benjamin Stuhr		
Corporate Economics:	David Cappello		
Advanced Placement Economics	Kaylee Almeter, Jack Keane, Benjamin Manning, Jenna Onetto, Kara SantaLucia, Jacob Schaffer, Declan Watson		
Model United Nations Individual Achievement Award:	Allison McCune, Natalie Wilkinson		
Model United Nations Leadership Award:	Caitlin O'Rourke, Madison Perry		
Mock Trial Career Achievement Award:	Catherine Reed		
New York State Bar Association Mock Trial Competition	William Desmond, Josef Iqbal, Catherine McHugh, Katherine Merkel, Clare Mungovan, Catherine Reed		
Advanced Placement History Scholar Award	Kaylee Almeter, Andrew Bolognese, Anna Bond, Alexander Cymerman, William Desmond, Jack Keane, Teresa Kjellstrom, Jane Lawicki, Benjamin Manning, Jacob Marx, Allison McCune, Katherine Merkel, Clare Mungovan, Jenna Onetto, Caitlin O'Rourke, Madison Perry, Jordan Prince, Catherine Reed, Lindsey Roth, Kara SantaLucia, Jacob Schaffer, Olivia Sfera, Anna Sorrentino, Benjamin Spitz, Michael Walker, Declan Watson, Natalie Wilkinson, Natalie Wittmeyer, Kobe York		
Social Science Distinction Award:	Jack Beyer, Hunter Lobur Cummins, Jordan Prince		
NYS Comptroller Achievement Award:	Emily Andruczyk		
Triple C Award:	Shawn Munro, Kathryn Visco		
STAP Comm			
Senior Leadership Awards	David Cappello, William Desmond, Jason Hanania, Josef Iqbal, Jack Keane, Benjamin Manning, Katherine Merkel, Jordan O'Brien, Madison Perry, Catherine Reed, Kara SantaLucia, Benjamin Spitz		
Senior Student Government Awards	William Desmond, Jennifer Fertel,		
			Madigan Humiston, Celeste O'Connor, Abbigale Pace, Madison Perry, Catherine Reed, Kobe York
		Basic Auto:	Jack Buchanan
		CAD:	Nicholas Descovich
		Communications Systems:	Isaac Johnson
		Computer Applications:	Theodore Jachlewski
		Drawing & Design for Production:	Douglas Bellus, Brianne Sexton, Wyatt Wozniak
		Energy Technology:	Evan Grucela
		Graphic Communications:	Josef Iqbal
		Home Maintenance:	Kelly Kubik, Kobe York
		Media Productions:	Ryan Strunk,
		Photography I:	Alex Vendura
		Photography II:	Jason Hanania, Sydney Schaff
		Principles of Engineering:	Benjamin Stuhr
		Technical Drawing:	Benjamin Meisner
		Overall Technology:	David Cappello, Benjamin Stuhr
		QTV Production	Jeremiah Baksa, David Cappello, Samantha Detwiler, Isaac Johnson Cletus Tepas, Alex Vendura
		Tech Wars 2019	David Cappello, Jenna Crean, Samantha Detwiler, Jason Hanania, Isaac Johnson, Heidi Stavrevski
		World Languages	
		French:	Benjamin Bahun
		Spanish:	Emily Lewicki
		Overall in Foreign Languages:	Kara SantaLucia
		The Voice	
		Photo Editor:	Dylan Hammer
		News and Opinion Editor:	Katherine Merkel
		Managing Editor Award:	Emilie Rush
		Layout Design Editor Award:	Olivia Sfera, Emily Wojciechowski
		Entertainment Editor Award:	Madison Ginter, Emily Lewicki
		Editor in Chief:	Hunter Lobur Cummins
		Athletic Awards	
		Mayor's Award:	Ryan Iacono, Benjamin Spitz
		Supervisor's Award:	Jessica Peters, Declan Watson
		OPHS Scholar Athletes:	Blake Harlock, Allison McCune
		Outstanding OPHS Athlete Award:	Jenna Crean, Zachary Mecca

2019 Awards and Scholarships

Varsity Club Sportsmanship Award:

Jack Keane, Abigail Lillis

OPHS Coaches' Award: Chase Eagan, Trinity Tartaro

Athletic Leadership Award: David Cappello, Sarah Radt

US Marine Corps Award: Joseph Blake, Julia Schurr

OPHS All Academic Athletic Team

Jenna Crean, Emily Major, Jacob Marx,
Zachary Mecca, Allison McCune, Celeste
O'Connor, Jordan Prince, Julia Schurr,
Taryn Smith, Benjamin Spitz, Declan
Watson, Natalie Wilkinson, Emily Zajdel

Perfect Attendance: David Cappello, Alexander Lucas, Jacob Marx

Graduates Entering the Military

Dalton Cowan, Hailey Inhoff, Louis Pacifico, Tanner Till



Several members of Orchard Park High School's class of 2019 will be entering the military after graduation. Tanner Till will be going into the Army. Louis Pacifico will be going into the Navy. Hailey Inhoff will be going into the Army National Guard. Orchard Park's American Legion Post 567 in coordination with the district came together to acknowledge and thank these students for their future service. Pictured from left to right: Gene Gavigan, Orchard Park American Legion member, Jon Wolf, Orchard Park High School principal, Tanner Till, Louis Pacifico, Hailey Inhoff, Matthew McGarrity, Superintendent of Schools and Joe Cash, Commander of the Orchard Park American Legion.

Scholarships

AOF Alumni Award - "Leading with Character":

Rachel Bella, Maeve Hogan, Adam Riter

AOF Scholarship/AXA: Jordan O'Brien

AOF Scholarship/Financial Partners of Upstate NY:

Everett Ulsrud

AOF Scholarship/Financial Trust Federal Credit Union:

Zachary Mecca, Eve McMullen

AOF Scholarship/Morgan Stanley AOF Leadership:

Julia Schurr

AOF Scholarship/Repp Renovations Scholarship:

Maria Crngarov, Jessica Peters

AOF/Legend Group: Evan Joyce

American Legion Auxil. Post #567 Scholarship:

Leah Egloff

Ann C. Korhummel Memorial Scholarship:

Paige Duffy, Jack Keane

Barbara J. Gow Scholarship: Natalie Wittmeyer

Charlotte Ash and Family Memorial Scholarship:

Anna Bond

Charlotte Ash Community Leader Scholarship:

Evan Kasper

Charlotte Ash Memorial Marching Band Scholarship:

Cassidy Heinen

Cobham Engineering Scholarship:

Dylan McNichol

Dan Carnevale Memorial Scholarship:

Benjamin Manning

Dave Rebmann Scholarship: Pierson Savarino, Declan Watson

Dr. Charles L. Stoddart Leadership Scholarship:

Jenna Crean, Madison Perry

Dr. Stoddart Music Scholarship:

Emma Schutt

Elmer Handel Memorial Scholarship:

Rebecca Roman

Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library Scholarship:

Benjamin Manning

Great Erie Federal Credit Union Scholarship Award:

Anna Bond

Heidi Worth Memorial Art Award:

Emilie Rush

Helen Gillis Memorial Outstanding Boy/Girl Scholarship:

David Cappello, Madison Perry

James Heinike Memorial Scholarship:

Kobe York

James Richard Broadbent Scholarship:

Kara SantaLucia

Janet Jahnke Memorial Music Scholarship:

Sydney Schaff

Jim Saville OP Rotary Foundation Scholarship:

Erin Brege, Kathryn Visco

Kelly Ann Ryan Memorial Scholarship:

Maria Crngarov

Kim Michalek Memorial Scholarship:

Thomas Laudico

Lindsay Karen Matthews Memorial Scholarship:

Mark Nemece, Sarah Radt

Marshall J. Cappelli Memorial Scholarship:

Bryce Hartung

Martha Dzedzic Memorial Scholarship:

Jacquelyn Heinen, Elizabeth Lis

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Mr. Revett Scholarship: Benjamin Bahun
NYS Field Band Conference Scholarship:
Julia Krause
OP Chamber of Commerce - Sue Hinnens Memorial:
Emily Andruczyk, Theodore Jachlewski
OP Chamber of Commerce/Academy of Finance Scholarship:
Kaylee Almeter
OP Fire Department Scholarship:
Jordan Courtney, Madalyn Scolese
OP Garden Club Memorial Scholarship:
Jenna Crean
OP Historical Society Scholarship:
Gabriel Blood
OP Kiwanis Kaminski Family Scholarship:
Kaylee Almeter, Jason Hanania, Caitlin O'Rourke
OP Lions Club Scholarship: Jordan Courtney, Emilie Rush, Emma Schutt, Alexa Vickery
OP Music Boosters Scholarship:
Max Culp, Lindsey Roth, Alex Vendura
OP Odd Fellows Dr. Frank Craftsman Scholarship:
Bryce Hartung
OP Odd Fellows Lodge #187 Craftsman Scholarship:
Zachary Schwartz
OP Retired Educators Scholarship:
Madeline Feldman
OP Teachers Association Scholarship:
Katherine Manley, Rebecca Roman
OP Veterinary & Life Science Scholarship:
Benjamin Bahun
OPHS Class of 1983 Memorial Scholarship:
Jenna Crean, Hannah Rauh, Julia Schurr
Orchard Park Alumni Scholarship/60's/70's OP Annual Reunion Committee:
Archie Bartolotti, Leah Egloff, Jordan O'Brien, Benjamin Stuhr
Orchard Park Alumni Scholarship/Albert Marcus LeMessurier Memorial Grant:
Jessica Peters
Orchard Park Alumni Scholarship/Mary Kay O'Grady Wolfe (Class of '56) Memorial:
Emma Heppner
Orchard Park School Related Professionals Memorial:
Archie Bartolotti, Isaac Johnson, William Kruszka, Abigail Lillis

Orchard Park Senior Citizens Group Scholarship:
Hannah Rauh, Benjamin Stuhr
Orchard Park Visual Art Boosters Scholarship:
Isabella Guarino
Pete Walders Music Scholarship Award:
Benjamin Bahun, Erin Brege, Benjamin Coffta, Madeline Feldman, Allison McCune, Kara SantaLucia
Quaker Athletic Booster Club Scholarship:
Ryan Iacono, Zachary Mecca
Quaker Marching Band Boosters Scholarship:
Madeline Feldman, Lauren Palczynski, Brianne Sexton
Quaker Yearbook Leadership Award:
Caitlin O'Rourke, Sydney Schaff
Randall Shaw Memorial Scholarship:
Benjamin Spitz
Rex A. Brown Memorial Scholarship:
Evan Kasper
Ruth Huppuch Scholarship: Teresa Kjellstrom
Scott Krueger Memorial Scholarship:
David Cappello, Trinity Tartaro
Scott Raymond Berry Memorial Scholarship:
Owen McNichol
Senior Class Service Scholarship:
Hunter Lobur Cummins, Anna Sorrentino
Senior Class Unsung Hero Award:
Anna Sorrentino
Suresh M. Ramgopal Memorial Scholarship:
Allison McCune
The David A. Filsinger Memorial Scholarship/Belmont Housing Resources:
Declan Watson
The Farwell Family Courageous Leadership Award:
Kathryn Visco
Thomas Gardner Memorial Scholarship:
Owen McNichol, Kyla Zybczynski
West Falls Conservation Society Scholarship:
Carissa Jantzi, Hannah Rauh, Benjamin Spitz
William A. Harder Memorial Scholarship:
Benjamin Spitz, Ashley Tanevski
Win Swanson Memorial Scholarship:
Madison Perry
Zonta Scholarship:
Emily Frey