



Cooperstown Central School District
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Cooperstown Central School District announces the Top 4 Academic students of the CCS Class of 2021. Congratulations to the following students (listed in alphabetical order) who have continued to set goals, connect resources with peers and teachers, work tirelessly, and persevere in their interests.

Abby Miller

As a steady Honor Roll student and 4-year class Treasurer, Miller is the recipient of the University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, AP US History Scholastic Award, Cobbett Memorial French Scholastic Award and a multi-year CCS Scholar Athlete. Miller is currently the President of CCS Leadership Training for Athletes, an Officer of the 4-H Glimmerglass Explorers, and participant in CFES Mentoring and Career Explorations at Cornell University. Miller was selected for the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference and currently presides as the CCS National Honor Society Secretary. A volunteer for 4-H, CANstruction, and Cooperstown Angel Network, Miller is also a member of the CCS Choir and works at The Cooperstown Bat Company.

Will Weldon

Weldon is a successful four-sport athlete who has achieved multiple academic awards including National Merit Commended Scholar, as well as Ruggles Essay competition Finalist, Honors English Award (9,11), AP US History Award, Community Bank Mathematical Science Award, CCS Drawing/Art Award, Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology, and AP European History Award. Weldon is a member of the CCS National Honor Society, CCS College for Every Student Mentor Program, and a 3-year representative of the CCS Leadership Training for Athletes. Weldon was also chosen to be a NYSPHSAA Section 3 Leadership Conference representative. Weldon received the People's Choice Award in the Congressional Art Competition and had his work published in the Catskill Review Magazine. Weldon has volunteered with The Red Sweater Project in Tanzania, the El Brujo community in Costa Rica, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Cooperstown, Cooperstown Tennis and Aceing Autism. He has also been employed as a lifeguard and tennis assistant at The Cooperstown Country Club.

Caroline Whitaker

A successful IEA (Interscholastic Equestrian Association) athlete as well as dressage and vaulting competitor, Whitaker is a member the CCS National Honor Society and received the Averill Scholarship Award during her Junior year. The recipient of the AP Biology Award, English III Honors Award, Cobbett Memorial Prize Award, Achievement Award of US History and Outsider Art Award, Whitaker is also a Girl's State Nominee, HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) nominee, and volunteers in her faith community as well as the Cooperstown Food Bank and Cooperstown Equestrian Park. Whitaker is also employed at Canoe & Kayak Rentals and Sales, Cooperstown Equestrian Park and Cooperstown Horse Rescue Farm.

Brayden White

White is an accomplished 4-time USA Gymnastics Academic All-American and a National Qualifier of the USA gymnastics Junior Olympics, a NY Regional winner of National History Day competition and exceptional SAT academic scholar. White has been a vital member of the CCS Quiz Team, a member of the World Class Gymnastics Academy, 3-time National History Day participant, talented musician and member of the CCS Choir and Band, and self-taught guitarist. White is also employed as a lifeguard at The Cooperstown Country Club and an attendant at The Cooperstown Food Bank. White enjoys soccer, chess, reading, politics and cooking in his spare time.