



PIONEER CONNECT

Summer 2023

PIONEER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, YORKSHIRE, NY

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2023!

Pioneer High School's Class of 2023 is ready to face the challenges that await them now that they've graduated.

Commencement was held for the first time on a Friday evening, June 23. In less than two hours, speeches were made, diplomas were awarded, and the senior video was shown.

Principal Katelyn Welker introduced Student Council president Chloe Raiber, who handled the hosting duties. She gave way to the student speakers: Class President Jackson Woolley, Salutatorian Kevina Drennan, and Valedictorian Kailey Place.

The faculty guest speaker was Guidance Counselor Timothy Breen, who expressed his pride and admiration for the Class of 2023. This year's seniors were just starting high school when the coronavirus pandemic began.

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THE LIST OF GRADUATES:

Ethan Ashworth
 Addelaye E. Atkinson
 Alissa Atwater
 Keria Barber
 Mason Brooks Bates
 Walker A. Bekiel
 Emma G. Besch
 Matthew E. Bijhouwer
 Taylor Kay Blankenberg
 Brittany M. Bliss
 Dakota Bocharski
 Alyssa Susan Boldt
 Ella M. Braun
 Joshua Brown
 Kaelyn Mae Bull
 Gavin Michael Burdgick
 Christina A. Bush
 Haley Caplinger
 Brianna R. Card
 Zachary Ryan Carder
 Piper Carman
 James Thomas Carmody
 Natalie Jean Casella
 Maverick H. Cass
 Haley B. Celotto
 Amber Marie Chapman
 Aston J. Chapman
 Joshua Brian Chitty
 Alexander J. Clarkson
 Dennis W. Colarusso
 Lars A. Craft
 Andrea E. Cruz
 Savannah Cummings
 Makayla Cutler
 Morgan M. Davenport
 Jordan Sullivan Dodge
 Hannah M. Drennan
 Kevina M. Drennan
 Trey G. Driver
 Mallory Dziekonski
 Brooke Lynn Eastman
 Taniya D. Eldredge
 Jeffery Erhardt
 Santana Alexis Ersing
 Klyer A. Felber

Mackenzie M. Fisher
 Reagan A. Fontaine
 Damian M. Fox
 Blair L. French
 Ella V. Fyock
 Vincent R. Geary
 Charles J. George
 Kayden L. George
 Vanessa L. Giboo
 Braeden M. Goodemote
 Christopher J. Grimmer
 Coldyn T. Hackett
 Carissa M. Harris
 Brady Heckathorn
 Braden Elijah Herman
 Christopher Herron Jr.
 Madison Marie Hewitt
 Jeremy D. Hibsch
 Seth M. Higgins
 Hannah Hooch
 Kaylee Rae J. Hurlburt
 Dylan Robert Hutchinson
 JodiLee L. Ikeler
 McKayla A. Jarka
 David J. Keem
 Gavin D. Kimpel
 Xander Lee Kirsch
 Austin Kraft
 Dakota James Krygier
 Aeddon A. Landphair
 Rylan P. Lemke
 Ryan M. Ludwig
 Cohen Lyons
 Haley E. Madigan
 Richard John Malik
 Joseph C. Mania
 Sayden K. Martell
 Levi Martino
 Connor James Matheis
 Olivia M. Mattson
 Devin J. Matuszak
 Emily Sue McChesney
 Nicholas A. McCormick
 Katelyn M. Meyers
 Lillian M. Milligan

Sherri L. Morgan
 Rhiannon B. Muggleton
 Jennifer E. Murawski
 Abbiegail J. Neamon
 Charlotte J. Nickerson
 Mulligan G. Palmerton
 Nicholas Derek Petri
 Ty J. Petri
 Brody J. Phelps
 Hayden Cooper Pierce
 Colin M. Pixley
 Kailey M. Place
 Demsin R. Prefontaine
 Kayla A. Price
 Trinity Prutsman
 Kelly A. Quinn
 Chloe Mae Raiber
 Mateo J. Rodriguez
 Kaleb T. Ronan
 Thomas William Rosenthal
 Cody James Rossi
 Norman A. Rugg
 Cheyanne M. Rydzyk
 Evelyn G. Salzler
 Hunter Ronald Sanfilippo
 Sydney J. Schrock
 Trevor N. Schwartz
 Austin Dean Schweickert

Mackenzie Lynn Slisz
 Ryan B. Smith
 Elizabeth A. Stahl
 Amber Rose Steiner
 Jenna Mae Steves
 Kyle M. Stover
 Zander E. W. Terhune
 Andrea M. Tingue
 Payton J. Tingue
 Isabella M. Tortorice
 Ashley M. Unger
 Lillian G. VanDerlaske
 Ethan M. VanSlyke
 Ethan J. Wainwright
 Ethen Thomas Warner
 Desirai Grace Washburn
 Jared J. Weixlmann
 Johnathan D. Westfall
 Hannah Elizabeth Whitehead
 Adam J. Wienclawski
 Kaiya L. Wilber
 Hailee Marie Williams
 Sydney M. Wilton
 Connor L. Windsor
 Conner S. Woloszyn
 Jackson R. Woolley
 Kaden J. Wright
 Morgan Michelle Wright



CAREER TECH GRADUATION HELD AT PIONEER

Career Tech students from CA BOCES' Ellicottville Center received their diplomas during ceremonies held June 16 at Pioneer High School.

CTE Principal Noel Sheehy presided over his 15th commencement, welcoming the students and well-wishers. Students also heard a commencement address from BOCES District Superintendent Scott E. Payne.

Animal Science instructor Kristina Ellis recognized members of Ellicottville's FFA chapter, including Pioneer students Amber Chapman and Jennifer Murawski,

SkillsUSA advisors Jordan Abdo and Ed Arnold introduced their graduates, including Pioneer's Connor Matheis, Emily McChesney, and Chris Grimmer.

Pioneer's 2023 Career Tech graduates:

ANIMAL SCIENCE: Amber Chapman, Jennifer Murawski, Abbiegail Neamon.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY: Dakota Bocharski, Ryan Ludwig, Colin Pixley, Austin Schweickert.

CARPENTRY & CONSTRUCTION TRADES: Richard Mailk, Connor Matheis.

COLLISION REPAIR TECHNOLOGY: Gavin Kimpel, Hunter Sanfilippo.

COSMETOLOGY: Alissa Atwater, Natalie Casella, Emily McChesney

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Lars Craft.

CULINARY ARTS: Aston Chapman, Christopher Grimmer, Austin Kraft, Mateo Rodriguez.

EARLY CHILDHOOD: Sherri Morgan, Cheyanne Rydzyk, Sydney Schrock, Desirai Washburn.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT: Joshua Brown, Charles George.

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY: Morgan Davenport, Kaleb Ronan.

MEDICAL ASSISTING: Mackenzie Slisz.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Hailee Williams.

WELDING & METAL FABRICATION: Olivia Matteson.



Alissa Atwater (Cosmetology) receives congratulations upon receiving her diploma.

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2023 ATHLETICS WALL OF FAME

The Pioneer Athletic Department is accepting nominations for the 2023 class of the Wall of Fame.

Applications can be filed by August 18. This year's finalists will be inducted during the Homecoming varsity football game on Sept. 29.

Nomination forms and criteria at <https://5il.co/1yybk>



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PIONEER HONORS RETIRING STAFF

Retirees with over 360 years of combined service have called it a career in the Pioneer School District.

Pioneer celebrated its retiring staff, perfect attendance winners, and newly tenured staff at a Hawaii-themed sendoff on June 23, inside Pioneer High School's George C. Crawford Auditorium.

The honorees are listed below:

PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS: Mary Doud (34 years); Robert Schooley (31 years); Glen Shanahan (30 years); Lori Walczyk (18 years); Sharon Brush (16 years)

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF: Deborah McEwen (11 years), Shirley King (14 years), Jane Kirchmeyer (12 years), Donna Neamon (30 years)

PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS: William Allen (45 years); David Richards (32 years); Erik Maeder (30 years); Lisa Mangino (30 years)

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF: Greg Fiegl (34 years), Diane Gentner (25 years)

DELEVAN ELEMENTARY TEACHERS: Colleen Clester (30 years)

DELEVAN SUPPORT STAFF: Kathleen Raines (23 years)

ARCADE ELEMENTARY TEACHERS: Sandra Yansick (33 years); Jill Wilkie (32 years)

ARCADE SUPPORT STAFF: Jacqueline Smith (16 years)

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR: Jeannene Wagner (18 years)

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES:
Jane Antkowiak (23 years)



Amongst the Class of 2023 retirees are: Lisa Mangino, left, Donna Neamon, Jill Wilkie, Sharon Brush, Colleen Clester, Erik Maeder and Bill Allen.



ABOVE: Lisa Mangino, Lori Walczyk, Kathleen Raines, Jeannene Wagner, Dave Richards, Bob Schooley, Glen Shanahan, Erik Maeder, Sandra Yansick.