

Messenger

July 2021



It's time to celebrate!

This issue of the **Messenger** celebrates some of the achievements of our district and its staff and students during the 2020-21 school year. Thanks to all who made this possible, including our dedicated staff, community members who support our programs and parents who support their children in their academic, artistic and athletic endeavors.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

The following students graduated on June 20:

Kaitlin Rose Asbury
 Jaden Treasure Ault
 Jordan Douglas Avery
 Savannah Rayne Ayers
 Robert Joseph Bannon
 Victoria Patience Bantin
 Boyd William Barber
 Spencer Edward Beaver
 Aydin Cem Bedir
 Christopher Ryan Berry
 Emma Elizabeth Bradshaw
 Kyra Renee Brisbois
 Lukas Henry Brown
 Maria Suzann Brubaker
 Jun Yi Chen
 Timothy Clifford
 Abby Morgan Congdon
 Michael Edward Cook
 Hayley Marie Cornish
 Devon Cummings



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Palmer, Kelly top the Class of 2021

Valedictorian: Kayla Palmer

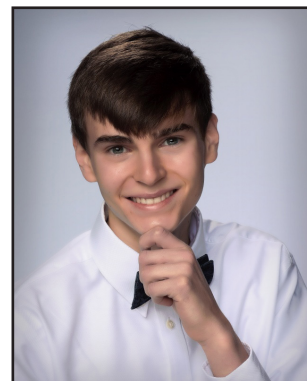
Kayla is the daughter of Rosana and Kyle Palmer. She will be attending University of Rochester in the fall to pursue a degree in Psychology. Upon graduation from U of R, she plans to attend medical school with a career goal of becoming a cardiologist.



Kayla Palmer

Salutatorian: Bryce Kelly

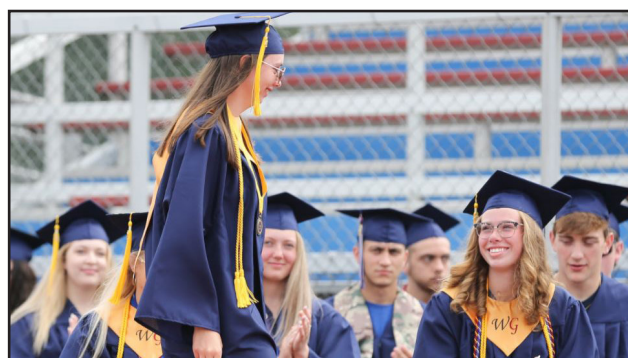
Bryce is the son of Deborah Stayer-Kelly and David Kelly Jr. He will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology to pursue an accelerated degree option in Mechanical Engineering and Aerospace Technology that will result in both a bachelor's and master's degree. During this time, he plans to participate in the United States Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class. Upon college graduation from RIT, he plans to enter the Marine Corps as a commissioned officer. His goal is to serve our country and travel the world.



Bryce Kelly

Graduation Awards

Amber Brockway Award: Cammilynn McCarty
Beth MacNamara Memorial Scholarship: Jack Chen
Devon Shaw "Defense for Devon" Memorial Award: Bryce Kelly
Elizabeth Amisano Ovarian Cancer Education Fund "Live Like Liz" Scholarship: Shannon Ervay, Bryce Kelly
Eric HouseKnecht Memorial Award: Nicholas Wright
Frances Freer Mucklow Scholarship Fund: Kayla Palmer
Frank DeSarno IV Memorial Scholarship: Matthew Irwin
Freeman Family Foundation Teaching Award: Kelsey DeMillo
Harriette F. Allen Award: Dylan Morse
Hector Area Lion's Club: Aislinn Klemann
Investigator Sergeant Louis A. Van Cleef II Memorial Award: Silas Farrell
Jimmy Combs Athletic Award: Bryce Kelly
JoPat Paradiso Wright Nursing Scholarship: Kayla Palmer
Ladies Wednesday Afternoon Club of Burdett Award: Heidi Gardner
Lake Country Players Performing Arts Award: Shannon Ervay
Lucy E. Viglione Award: Briana Hayes
Maurice Costa (Theresa Costa) Scholarship Award: Anthony Ricauter-Minelli
Melissa B. Wilson Sportsmanship Award: Natalie Edmister
Nick Dugo Memorial Scholarship: Maria Brubaker
Northrup Foundation Award: Kayla Palmer
NYS Department of Education Scholarships for Academic Excellence: Kayla Palmer, Bryce Kelly, Briana Hayes
Peter A. Pevo Memorial Ed Award: Abby Congdon
PTO Academic Improvement Award: Ray Rider
PTO Community Service Award: Aislinn Klemann
Schuyler County Dart League Math Award: Timothy Clifford
Schuyler County Highway Association Scholarship: Natalie Edmister
Schuyler County Retired Teachers' Association Award: Shannon Ervay
Spirit of Schuyler: Maria Brubaker, Shannon Ervay
Watkins Glen Elks Lodge 1546 Annual Scholarship: Timothy Clifford



Watkins Glen Faculty Association Member's Child Scholarship:

Shannon Ervay

Watkins Glen Faculty Association Education Scholarship:

Kelsey DeMillo

Watkins Glen High School Alumni Association Award:

Maria Brubaker, Kelsey DeMillo, Briana Hayes, Bryce Kelly, Seamus Mooney

Watkins Montour Lions Club John Cook Milford Warner "Bud Warner" Academic Achievement Award:

Kayla Palmer

Watkins Montour Lions Club John Cook Milford Warner "Bud Warner" Improved Student Award:

Jun Yi (Jack) Chen

Watkins Montour Rotary Club Achievement Scholarship:

Timothy Clifford

Zonta/Belle Cornell Club Award:

Amanda Wilbur

Zonta/Francis Van Billard Club Award:

Sarai Wynkoop

Seal of Bi-Literacy:

Kayla Palmer, Briana Hayes
Varsity Academic Marathon Award: Maria Brubaker, Timothy Clifford, Kelsey DeMillo, Shannon Ervay, Wolfgang Gates, Briana Hayes, Bryce Kelly, Dylan Morse, Kayla Palmer, Amanda Wilbur



2021 Graduates, continued...

Jacob Richard DeJong
Kelsey Marie DeMillo
Tanner Jay Dunham
Natalie Elizabeth Edmister
Shannon Elizabeth Ervay
Maxwell Joseph Evans
Silas P. Farrell
Kaylee Rae Franklin
Heidi Angel Gardner
Wolfgang Jack Wilder Gates
Jonathan Basil Havel III
Briana Leigh Hayes
Mikayla Brooklynn Holmes
Matthew Alexander Irwin
Sarah Elizabeth Joslyn
Bryce J. Kelly
Madeleine Elaine Kilcoyne
Aislinn Elizabeth Klemann
Kaden Logan Loucks
Cammilynn Elise McCarty
Halie A. Monington
Seamus Mooney
Dylan Michael Morse
John Allan Muir
Connor Evan Novinsky
Nolan Robert Ormsbee
Genevieve Osborne
Kayla Marie Palmer
Jesse Lee Powell
Justin M. Rappleye
Anthony Michael Ricauter-Minelli
Raymond Fredrick Harold Rider
Tristan Lee Rockwell
Jasmine Fiona Searle
Madyson Haley Simpson
David Joseph Strait
Cale Michael Hall Sutterby
Joel Emerson Trinkle
Brooke Marie Usher
Ava Louchia VanDusen
Amanda L. Wilbur
Madeline Christine Williams
Nicholas Adam Wilston
Nicholas J. Wright
Sarai E. Wynkoop
Nicholas W. Yaw



*Have a safe and happy
summer vacation!*

School opens September 8.



EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

WHAT IS IT?

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband services;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guide lines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY

- #### 1

Contact your preferred participating provider directly to learn about their application process.
- #### 2

Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.GetEmergencyBroadband.org) to submit an application and to find participating providers near you.
- #### 3

Complete a mail in application and send it along with proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

LEARN MORE

 Call 833-511-0311, or

 Visit [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)

High School Awards

Valedictorian: Kayla Palmer

Salutatorian: Bryce Kelly

National Honor Society Inductees: Maria Brubaker, Aislinn Klemann, Bryce Kelly, Briana Hayes, Kayla Palmer and Shannon Ervay

Rotary Students of the Month: In February 2021, Rotary was able to bring back the recognition. Students recognized were:

February - Kayla Palmer

March - Maria Brubaker

April - Bryce Kelly

May - Natalie Edmister

June - Briana Hayes

Top 10 of Class of 2021: Kayla Palmer, Bryce Kelly, Briana Hayes, Dylan Morse, Maria Brubaker, Timothy Clifford, Kelsey DeMillo, Amanda Wilbur, Shannon Ervay and Heidi Gardner

Varsity Academic Marathon: Maria Brubaker, Timothy Clifford, Kelsey DeMillo, Shannon Ervay, Wolfgang Jack Wilder Gates, Briana Hayes, Bryce Kelly, Dylan Morse, Kayla Palmer and Amanda Wilbur

University of Rochester:

Bausch & Lomb Science Honorary Award: Matthew Sandritter

Fredrick Douglas & Susan B. Anthony Award for Social Sciences & Humanities: Connor Karius

George Eastman Young Leaders Award: Douglas DiGregorio

Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology: Cameron Holland

Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award: Melanie Wysocki and Benjamin Swinnerton

Rochester Institute of Technology Junior Awards: Innovation & Creativity Award: Melanie Wysocki and Andrew Hayes

Computing Medal and Scholarship Program: Sierra Morris and Matthew Sandritter

Elmira College Key Award: Jade Scaptura and Jordannmarie Simpson

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal: Matthew Sandritter

Clarkson University Achievement Award: Connor Karius

Clarkson University Leadership Award: Cameron Holland

Keuka College Award:

The George H. Ball Community Achievement Award: Noah Gardner, Jade Scaptura, Jordannmarie Simpson, Owen Scholtisek and Douglas DiGregorio

Alfred University Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering & The Ceramic Association of New York Award for Academic Excellence: Andrew Hayes

Sage Colleges Student Scholarship: Robin Zimba and Benjamin Swinnerton

Boy's State Recognition Award: Douglas DiGregorio

Ruth Warner Math Awards: Kalila Beach and Jordannmarie Simpson

TIES Volunteer Awards: Shannon Ervay

FOWL Library Service Awards: Timothy Clifford

Francis W. Blake Sportsmanship Awards: Amanda Wilbur and Connor Novinsky

Barb Hughey Physical Education Award: Maria Brubaker and Nicholas Wilston

Water Safety Award: Amanda Wilbur

Kate LaMoreaux Award: Amanda Wilbur

Senecas Football Award: Cameron Holland

Track & Field Award: Nicholas Wilston and Cale Sutterby

Athletic Service Award: Steven Cinelli, Jr.

Dr. Arthur J. Jackson Award: Briana Hayes and Bryce Kelly

Coach Joseph J. Lemak, Sr. Award: Amanda Wilbur and Seamus Mooney

T.J. O'Rourke Award: Dylan Morse

James Angelo, Sr. Basketball Award: Maxwell Evans

Section IV Character Counts Recognition Award:
Amanda Wilbur, Breanna Carl, Cameron Holland and
Seamus Mooney

AP Achievement Award:
**AP English Language and Composition & Literature
and Composition Award:** Kayla Palmer

Most Improved in English: Jun Yi (Jack) Chen

Kate LaMoreaux Lover of Lit Award: Maria Brubaker

Dugo-Bahns US History & Government Award:
Briana Hayes and Maria Brubaker

Bahns-Dugo Global History & Geography Award:
Douglas DiGregorio and Andrew Hayes

Marie Fitzsimmons Student Humanitarian Award:
Shannon Ervay

**World Languages Learning Achievement
Recognition:**
Highest Achievement Student –Sarah Schaffner,
Maisie Robertson, Han Shun Liu, Carly Arnold,
Brandon Chiacchiarini, Elijah Nyre and Alyson Gibson

Melissa B Wilson Basketball Award: Amanda Wilbur

Grade 7 Awards

Overall Achievement Award:

In School: Wendy Coleman

Remote: Jade Spulak

Achievement Award: Draco Del Toro

Perseverance Award: Augustus Ector

Ingenuity Award: Clarice Lewis

Dignity Award: Emily Melveney

Collaboration Award: Anna Franzese

Grade 8 Awards

Achievement Award: Molly Rafferty

Perseverance Award: Lillian Naylor

Ingenuity Award: Salvatore Purpura

Dignity Award: Nicholas Brusso

Collaboration Award: Autumn White

New York State Comptroller Achievement Award:
Kendra Fish

NYS Attorney General's Triple "C" Awards:

Molly O'Connell-Campbell, Aleice Guild and
Nicholas D'Alleva

Coach Galatis Basketball Award: Nicholas D'Alleva
World Languages Learning Achievement

Recognition: Nicholas D'Alleva and Joshua Nyre

World Languages Most Improved Student:
Samuel Caslin

National Junior Honor Society Inductees:

Juliet Asperschlager

Matthew Bain

Gillian D'Alleva

Elizabeth Fitzwater

Isaac Hendrickson

Arloween Loucks-Scuteri

Natalie VanSkiver

Grace Weed

Michaela Wheaton

Isabella Yaw

NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Teams

Scholar Athlete Teams for Fall II and Spring Sports
– Recognized by NYSPHSAA:

Fall II Teams

- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Cross Country
- Boys Soccer

Spring Teams

- Boys Outdoor Track and Field
- Girls Outdoor Track and Field
- Girls Tennis
- Boys Tennis
- Boys Golf



Summer Reading

from the GST School Library Services Team and the WGHS and WGES Libraries

Watkins Glen High School and Elementary Libraries and the GST School Library System are gearing up for summer already! While summer presents an opportunity to relax and enjoy the sunshine, we want our students to continue to find ways to learn while away



from the classroom. We have an exciting reading service available through Sora, the student reading app, which provides free 24/7 access to ebooks and audiobooks. What better way to engage a student's mind than through reading?

From May 5 to August 20, the Sora Sweet Reads program will offer a collection of K-12 titles that will be prominently displayed in Sora for quick and easy unlimited access. You can explore the title offerings, learn more about the program, and get student resources at <https://resources.overdrive.com/sora-sweet-reads/>. From April 29 to August 4, Sync Audiobooks program for teens will offer two audiobook titles per week through Sora. These are titles geared for teen readers and students must register to participate. The Registration link is here -<https://www.audiofilemagazine.com/sync/>. The Resource Page is here – <https://www.audiofilemagazine.com/sync-toolkit/>.

These are both great ways to encourage your child to read (or listen) to some diverse titles together. Remember these titles are all synchronous, simultaneous access.

There are also resources available on the NYS Summer Reading page. Miss Field will be sharing the Watkins Glen Public Library reading program information when it becomes available. The public library supports our students when our school libraries aren't open! When our students reach June of their senior year they no longer have our school libraries to support them – let's make sure all our students know they can continue their reading and information gathering at their local public library.

Need help logging into Sora? Email Mary Ann Munroe at mmunroe@gstboces.org or Miss Field at mfield@wgcsd.org or visit the GST School Library Services webpage at <https://www.gstboces.org/iss/sls>.

Regional Summer School

Boces regional summer school will be held at the High School from July 6 to August 12 from 8:00 AM -12:00 PM.

The summer school Principal is Keary Miller. She can be reached by calling the High School at 607-535-3219, ext. 4751. Her cell number is 607-738-1691. She also can be reached by email at Kemiller@elmira-cityschools.com.

Busing is included if requested. Late registrants may have to find alternate transportation for a few days until the route can be added.

Summer Reach Program

A Summer Reach Program will be located in the WG High School cafeteria for grades 3-8.

The program runs from July 7 to August 12 from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM Monday through Thursday.



The program includes busing, breakfast and lunch. Some of the activities that are planned for include science and discovery, hiking/walking club, leatherworking, fishing, origami, nature and other crafts, tennis, weather experiments, sewing projects, swimming/water activities, obstacle courses, art and so much more.

The program director is Kim Seaman. While at school she can be reached at 607-535-3210, ext. 1774 or 607-229-6120.

Extended School Year Program (ESY)

Students enrolled in ESY are located in the Elementary building. Call the Elementary main office for any emergencies and you will be transferred to the rooms being used. The Elementary number is 607-535-3250.

Free Summer Meals for ALL Kids and Teens

18 and younger



Watkins Glen

**WG High School
in the Cafeteria**

301 12th Street

July 6 - August 13

Monday-Friday

Breakfast 7:45 - 8:45 Lunch 11:00 - 12:15

*Kids' Farmers Market :
As announced throughout the summer*

**For up-to-date information on summer meals &
enrichment programs, please call the 2-1-1 HELPLINE
by dialing 2-1-1 or 1-800-346-2211**

visit their website: www.211helpline.org

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(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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**Any Site,
Any Time!**

- No application
- Drop-ins welcome

**** Meals Must Be
Eaten Onsite**

Bringing your child
to a meal site?

Questions?

Call the Watkins Glen
High School Cafeteria
607-535-3214

Follow us on Facebook!

Schuyler County
Free Summer Meals for Kids

Fall Sports Sign-ups

Sign-ups for grades 7-12 interscholastic sports will open on July 1. The season will start August 24 for all Varsity sports. Most modified sports will start August 30 or later. All sign-ups will be done through a paperless program called FinalForms. Parents must sign their child up in the program and sign off

on all athletic and academic

FINALFORMS

forms to be eligible for play. If you are new to the program, please go to our school website under athletics to sign up for an account at <https://www.wgcsd.org/pages/athletics>.

The following sports sign-ups will be available in the fall:

Football (Modified 7-9 and Varsity), Cheerleading (Varsity 9-12), Soccer (Boys and Girls Modified 7-9 and Varsity), Cross Country (Boys and Girls Modified 7-8 and Varsity), Girls Swimming and Diving (Modified 7-8 and Varsity), Girls Volleyball (JV and Varsity 9-12).

Athletic Recognitions

Congratulations to the Boys Golf Team for winning the IAC Division Championship in the Spring and to the Girls Swim Team for winning both the league and Section IV Class C Championship during the Fall II season.

Individual Sectional Champions were:

- Raymond Rider (Sr.) -Section IV Class C-1 Champion on the boys Track and Field team for his shot-put throw of 38'3".
- Alannah Klemann (Fr.) – 220 Medley Relay, 400 Free Relay
- Faye Mooney (So.) – 220 Medley Relay, 100 Free in 56.52, 100 Breast in 1:10.23
- Amanda Wilbur (Sr.) – 200 Medley Relay, 200 IM in 2:19.41,
- Thalia Marquez (Fr.) - 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free in 1:59.61, 500 Free in 5:27.25, 400 Free Relay
- Malina Butler (Fr.) – 400 Free Relay
- Kendra Fish (Gr. 8) – 400 Free Relay

Records Broken:

Faye Mooney set a school record in the 100 Breast-stroke with a time of 1:09.74 for the girl's swim team.

Fall Sports Physicals

Physicals will be available to all students in August at no cost. The current anticipated date is August 20 in the high school nurse's office. Email Sonja Croft, the athletic office administrative assistant, to be added to the list at scroft@wgcsd.org. If there are any adjustments to the date or times due to the doctor availability, you will be contacted directly.

You also may upload any physicals from your current family doctor to FinalForms. The school nurse will download them in August. The athletic office phone number is 607-535-3280.

ESPN Night of Champions Virtual Awards 2021

Congratulations to all our coaches who were recognized among 15 other schools to receive the coach of the year award in their respective categories.

NOC Winners

- Nichole Chaffee - Girls Swimming and Diving Coach
- Jason Westervelt - Boys Swimming and Diving Coach
- John Fazzary - Boys Basketball Coach
- Kelly Sterner - Boys Outdoor Track Coach
- Scott Morse - Boys Tennis Coach

A special congratulations goes out to Nichole

Chaffee, who was selected by ESPN Ithaca 1160 as the overall Girls Coach of the Year!

Coach Chaffee in turn was able to select a most deserving athlete on her team to receive a \$500 scholarship supported by Guthrie. Amanda Wilbur was selected as the \$500 scholarship winner.



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