

Julia Spiotta and Tracy Lin Lead the Class of 2019

Each leaves high school having also completed an associate degree

Class Valedictorian Julia

Spiotta, the daughter of Frank and Michelle Spiotta, will attend Liberty University in Virginia where she will pursue a B.S. in Public Health. As part of her challenging coursework in high school, Julia earned the distinction of receiving the New York State Seal of Biliiteracy. She is also a graduate of the Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science, named for BHS graduate Paul Stomper who went on to become a successful physician and author, and created to provide recognition for students who successfully complete a minimum of four of the more challenging science courses available at Batavia High. Furthermore, Julia completed a full course load at Genesee Community College, where she received an associate degree as a member of the Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics (STEM) Program.

In addition to her numerous academic achievements, Julia was involved in many activities. She participated in Mock Trial, Scholastic Bowl, Science Olympiad, and Math Team, and served as secretary for National Honor Society and as a senior class representative for the BHS Student Government. Active in leadership groups, Julia participated in HOBY - the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership program – as well as Genesee Youth Lead and BHS Link Crew. Julia has also enjoyed eight years playing the violin, playing soccer, and is active in volunteering her talents to her church and in the community.

As the first in her class, Julia received the Valedictorian Award, the New York State Senate Legislative Resolution for Valedictorian, and the E.G. Richmond Award for earning the highest average in all courses. She also received the NYS Comptroller Achievement Award, the NYS Academic Excellence Award, the Walter Delbridge



Memorial Award, the Batavia Rotary Club Memorial Fund Presidential Scholarship, and was a GCC Advanced Study Award Semifinalist in Foreign Language.

Class Salutatorian Tracy Lin,

the daughter of Mike Lin and Amy Chen, will attend the University of South Florida to major in Global Business with a concentration in Finance. As part of her challenging coursework in high school, Tracy earned the distinction of receiving a New York State Seal of Biliiteracy. She is also a graduate of the Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science, named for BHS graduate Paul Stomper who went on to become a successful physician and author, and created

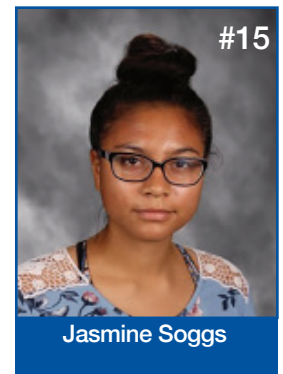
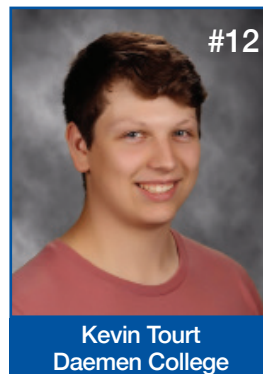
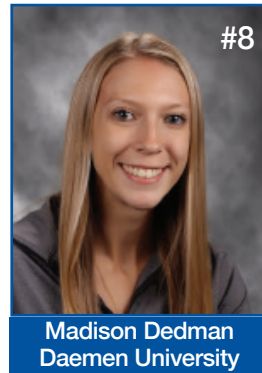
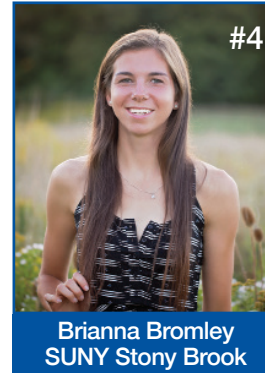
to provide recognition for students who successfully complete a minimum of four of the more challenging science courses available at Batavia High. In addition to her high school diploma, Tracy completed a full course load at Genesee Community College and received an associate degree.

Tracy served on the BHS Student Government Executive Council and was the student ex-officio member of the School District's Board of Education for the 2018-2019 school year. She was also an active member of the BHS Zonta Club and National Honor Society, participating in various volunteer opportunities through those organizations.

In addition to the Salutatorian Award and the New York State Senate Legislative Resolution for Salutatorian, Tracy earned a NYS Academic Excellence Award; the John M. Secord, Jr., Memorial Medal in Mathematics; a GCC Outstanding Scholar Award; and the Batavia Rotary Club Memorial Fund Presidential Scholarship.

The Class of 2019 Their Achievements & Aspirations

Pictured Below are the Top Ten Percent BTS Graduates; All Graduates Follow on Pages 3-7.



Abbreviation Guide for Graduates' Plans

Degrees

A.A..... Associate in Arts
A.A.S.... Associate of Applied Science
A.O.S.... Associate in Occupational Studies
A.S..... Associate of Science
B.A..... Bachelor of Arts
B.F.A.... Bachelor of Fine Arts
B.M..... Bachelor of Music
B.S..... Bachelor of Science
M.B.A.... Master of Business Administration
Ph.D.... Doctor of Philosophy

Area Colleges/Universities

ECC..... Erie Community College
FLCC..... Finger Lakes Community College
GCC..... Genesee Community College
MCC..... Monroe Community College
NCCC..... Niagara County Community College
RIT..... Rochester Institute of Technology
SUNY State University of New York (typically followed by city of campus location)
U of R.... University of Rochester



The Class of 2019: Their Achievements and Aspirations

The members of the Class of 2019 – as well as their families, their teachers, and the community – have much of which to be proud as these graduates move on to pursue new educational and career goals. As confirmation of their efforts, more than 200 recognition and monetary awards were distributed to graduating seniors by colleges and universities, community organizations, employers, and the military. While most students plan to continue their schooling, others will immediately enter the U.S. armed forces or other employment.

Graduates are listed alphabetically and, for the many who wished to share them, their immediate future plans are included. (See page 2 for an abbreviation guide to commonly mentioned degrees and schools.) Also noted are those ranked in the top ten percent of their graduating class (also pictured on page 2), those who served in Student Government, those who earned program Certificates of Completion from the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center, those who earned the NYS Seal of Biliteracy, those who were selected and accepted the invitation to join honor societies, and those who earned the distinction of graduating from the Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science at BHS.

Matthew Adams

Continue education at a trade school

Christian Alexander

Continue at the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Building Trades

Karleigh Amthor

GCC, then pursue degree in Social Work

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Culinary Arts

Felicity Anderson

GCC, then transfer to SUNY/Stony Brook University for B.S. in Marine Vertebrate Biology

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Health Careers Academy

Avante' Antonetty

GCC for degree in Business Administration

Ally Aquino

Employment, security then law enforcement

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Criminal Justice
- National Technical Honor Society member

Nakylie Aquino

Employment

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Health Dimensions

Cameron Austin

GCC, associate degree in Business Administration; transfer to SUNY Geneseo for B.S. in Business Administration

Tyivon Ayala

GCC

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Culinary Arts

Sara Baglio

Employment, retail

Evan Bartz

Employment, machinist

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Metal Trades: Precision Machining and Welding
- National Technical Honor Society member

Nathan Beal

Employment

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Culinary Arts

Ethan Biscaro

GCC, A.S. in Liberal Arts and Science: General Studies

Cameron Bontrager

SUNY Oneonta, B.A. in Music Industry

- Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Jasmine Brenkus

GCC, A.S. in Liberal Arts and Science: General Studies, then SUNY/The College at Brockport to pursue degree in Education

Brianna Bromley

SUNY Stony Brook University, B.S. in Biology, then continue studies in medical school or physician assistant program to go into neonatology or pediatric oncology

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #4
- Student Government, Executive Council, treasurer
- CTE Certificate of Completion/Health Careers Academy
- National Honor Society member
- National Art Honor Society member

Jordan Brooks

GCC, associate degree in Criminal Justice

- CTE Certificate of Completion with Technical Endorsement Seal/Criminal Justice

Mickayla Brooks

GCC, with intent to pursue writing and forensic science

John Bruggman

Daemen College, B.F.A. in Illustration; also run track for Daemen Wildcats

- National Art Honor Society member

Alena Burr

Employment, certified nursing assistant, with intent to continue education for career in nursing

Emily Caccamise

Daemen College, B.S. in Natural Science-Health Science /M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #6
- NYS Seal of Biliteracy honor
- National Honor Society member
- Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Aleah Callan

Ithaca College

- National Honor Society member

Jocelyn Castaneda

GCC, associate degree in Business Administration, then cosmetology school

- NYS Seal of Biliteracy honor

Tessa Cerefin

Roberts Wesleyan College, B.S. in Nursing

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Health Dimensions

Alex Christensen

Daemen College, B.S. in Visual Arts Education, then teach art at high school level

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #13
- National Art Honor Society member

Anthony Christopher, Jr.

MCC, A.S. in Engineering Science, then transfer to Clarkson University for B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering

- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate

Elizabeth Cohen

SUNY Geneseo, B.A. in Psychology, then continue education to become occupational therapist

- National Honor Society member

Jenae Colkey

SUNY/The College at Brockport, B.S. in Criminal Justice; intend to enter U.S. Air Force

- Student Government, Class of 2019 representative
- National Art Honor Society member

Pierce Corbelli

SUNY/University at Buffalo, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #9
- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
- Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Kristen Corp

Employment

Autumn Cummings

Niagara University, B.S. in Nursing

- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
- CTE Certificate of Completion/Health Careers Academy

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Genevieve Cutro

GCC to study Digital Art

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Graphic Arts

Alison Damon

Keuka College, B.S. in Early Childhood Education/Special Education with American Sign Language, with intent to teach in a school for the hearing impaired

- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
- Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Jaheim Dana

U.S. Marines

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Auto Technology

Lyndsay Debo

Drexel University, B.S. in Business Administration/General Business

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #5
- Student Government, Executive Council, secretary
- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
- NYS Seal of Biliteracy honor
- National Honor Society member, treasurer

Madison Dedman

Daemen College, B.S. in Nursing, then continue education to become a family nurse practitioner

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #8
- CTE Certificate of Completion/Health Careers Academy
- National Honor Society member
- National Technical Honor Society member

Griffin Della Penna

Canisius College, B.S. in Journalism with concentration in Sports Broadcasting

- Student Government, Class of 2019 president
- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
- National Honor Society member, president

Madeline Dennison

Employment

Emily DiSanto

GCC, associate degree in Business Administration; ECC, A.O.S. in Culinary Arts; then work as chef/own a restaurant

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Culinary Arts

Annaija Dixon

GCC, A.A.S. in Nursing, then transfer to four-year school to continue studies in nursing

Dominic Donley

GCC, A.A.S. in Computer Systems and Network Technologies, then transfer to four-year college for bachelor's degree

- CTE Certificate of Completion with Technical Endorsement Seal/Electronics Computer Technology
- National Technical Honor Society member

Eryn Dunn

GCC, A.S. in Communications and Media Arts

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #14
- CTE Certificate of Completion/Justice Academy
- National Honor Society member
- Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Rihanna Falsone

GCC, A.A.S. in Nursing

Hannah Finkney

GCC, associate degree in Criminal Justice, then continue for bachelor's at a four-year college

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Justice Academy

Kathleen Folger

Temple University, B.A. in Liberal Studies, then law school

- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate

Andrew Francis

GCC

Alec Frongetta

GCC, associate degree in Business Administration, then continue education through to master's degree

- Student Government, Class of 2019 representative

Elle Fulton

SUNY Geneseo, B.S. in Business Administration and B.A. in Spanish

- Student Government, Executive Council, co-mayor
- NYS Seal of Biliteracy honor
- National Honor Society member

Kalista Ganshaw

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Electronics Computer Technology

Ethan Gaylord

GCC, A.S. in Liberal Arts and Science: General Studies

Gyna Gibson

University of Illinois at Chicago, B.S. in Nursing

Kristen Gloskowski

GCC, associate degree in Accounting

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #10
- Student Government, Class of 2019 vice president
- National Honor Society member, community service coordinator
- Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Kevin Green, Jr.

Employment

Matthew Grover

Clarkson University, B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering; Air Force ROTC

- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
- National Honor Society member

Kevin Guiste

GCC, Computer Repair

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Information Technology Academy

Dakota Hafford

Employment

Katelyn Hamilton

GCC, A.A.S. in Fashion Business/Fashion Merchandising

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Health Careers Academy

Garrett Harloff

GCC, A.S. in Liberal Arts and Science: General Studies, then Paul Smith's College

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Culinary Arts
- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate

Oliver Havens

SUNY Fredonia, B.S. in Music Therapy, then law school

- Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Regan Henrici

RIT, B.S. in Biotechnology and Molecular Bioscience, then pursue employment in pharmaceutical industry

- Student Government, Class of 2019 treasurer
- National Honor Society member

Elise Hoerbelt

Ithaca College, B.M. in Music Education

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #16
- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
- Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Conor Holmes

Employment; then pursue degree in Business Administration

- CTE Certificate of Completion with Technical Endorsement Seal/Graphic Arts

Brandon Horcsog

GCC, associate degree in Criminal Justice

Conner Horncastle

GCC, A.A.S. in Business Administration/Marketing and Social Media, then continue at four-year college

Cole Horton

Employment, landscaping

Meghan Houseknecht

St. John Fisher College, B.S. in Marketing
 • Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
 • National Honor Society member

Taiyo Iburi-Bethel

SUNY/University at Buffalo, B.S. in Computer Science

Cody Jacek

Employment
 • CTE Certificate of Completion with Technical Endorsement Seal/Electronic Computer Technology

Amanda Jackson

GCC, then continue education with intent to earn master's degree in Special Education
 • CTE Certificate of Completion/Auto Technology

Oline Jakobsgaard**Zakariah Jantzi**

Roberts Wesleyan College, B.S. in Biology in the Pre-Physical Therapy Program; will run cross country and track for the Redhawks as well as play in the Genesee Symphony Orchestra
 • Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
 • NYS Seal of Biliteracy honor
 • Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Maddie Kemp

Employment, welding
 • CTE Certificate of Completion/Metal Trades: Precision Machining and Welding

Karissa Kesler

GCC, A.A.S./RN in Nursing, transfer to four-year school for B.S. in Nursing, then continue with graduate school to become a nurse practitioner
 • Top ten percent of class, ranked #3
 • National Honor Society member, vice president
 • Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Shaylene Kilner

SUNY/University at Buffalo, B.A. in Political Science with minor in History

Garyeong Kim

Exchange student who will be returning home

Caitlin Kingston

FLCC, A.S. in Music, then transfer to four-year school to pursue degree in Music Therapy
 • Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Kristofer Kuszlyk

Employment, agriculture
 • CTE Certificate of Completion/Conservation

Raymond Leach III

SUNY/Cortland for bachelor's and to play football for the Red Dragons, with intent to get recruited for professional ball

Kaytlyn Leone

Employment, childcare, then attend Continental School of Beauty

Trinity Liles

• CTE Certificate of Completion with Technical Endorsement Seal/Auto Body Collision, Custom and Restoration

Tracy Lin

University of South Florida, B.A. in Global Business with a concentration in Finance
 • Top ten percent of class, ranked #2
 • Student Government, Executive Council, student representative to Board of Education
 • BCSD Board of Education Student Ex-officio member
 • Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
 • NYS Seal of Biliteracy honor
 • National Honor Society member

Zachary Lovell**Jeniliz Lugo-Rodriguez**

GCC, A.A.S. in Digital Art

Meghan Lyman

Pursue degree in Education upon moving to North Carolina where husband is stationed in the military

Cameron D. Majewski**Riley Malone**

GCC, A.S. in Liberal Arts and Science: General Studies, then transfer to four-year school to pursue bachelor's in astronomy

Joseph Martinucci

St. John Fisher College for degree in Business

Mason McFollins-Cramer

GCC for associate degree in Fashion Business
 • CTE Certificate of Completion/Metal Trades: Precision Machining and Welding

Tequira McFollins

GCC, A.A.S. in Veterinary Technology
 • CTE Certificate of Completion with Technical Endorsement Seal/Animal Science
 • National Technical Honor Society member

William McKenzie

Employment, then make college plans
 • CTE Certificate of Completion with Technical Endorsement Seal/Culinary Arts

Anthony McMaster

Employment, nutrition
 • CTE Certificate of Completion/Metal Trades: Precision Machining and Welding
 • National Technical Honor Society member

Jose' Mendoza-Stymus

Employment
 • CTE Certificate of Completion/Graphic Arts

Liam Miller

SUNY Fredonia, B.S. in Geology with minor in Geographic Information Systems, then graduate school
 • National Honor Society member

Allana Mobley

Employment, secretary

Olivia Montemarano

GCC to study business, then transfer to four-year school to earn bachelor's in Business

Martin Moore, Jr.

Two years of church missionary work then Brigham Young University for B.S. in Physics

Destiny Murphy

The College of St. Rose for B.S. in Psychology
 • CTE Certificate of Completion with Technical Endorsement Seal/Criminal Justice

Mary Murphy

Empire Beauty School, Cosmetology Program, then pursue degree in Music Therapy
 • Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Cali Nichols

Utica College, B.S. in Psychology - Child Life
 • CTE Certificate of Completion/Health Careers Academy

Ayden Odachowski

Employment, manufacturing
 • CTE Certificate of Completion/Metal Trades: Precision Machining and Welding

Thomas Ognibene

Robert Morris University, B.A. in Media Arts with concentration in Photography
 • CTE Certificate of Completion/Graphic Arts

Raito Okada**Morgan Olverd**

GCC, A.S. in Liberal Arts and Science: Teacher Education Transfer, then SUNY/The College at Brockport
 • CTE Certificate of Completion/Cosmetology

Justin Ortiz

NCCC, A.S. in Sport Management, then SUNY/The College at Brockport to complete B.S. in Sport Management, with interest in becoming an athletic director or athletic scout

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William Palmer

RIT, B.F.A. in Industrial Design

- Student Government, Class of 2019 secretary
- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
- National Honor Society member
- National Art Honor Society member

Josiah Peck

GCC for associate degree, then RIT, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate

MacKenzie Pedersen

GCC then SUNY/University at Buffalo or SUNY/The College at Brockport for bachelor's in Education and in Dance

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #11
- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
- National Honor Society member

Victoria Perl

Employment

David Pillo

GCC, A.S. in Engineering Science, then transfer to RIT to complete B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate

Fay Pimlada

Exchange student who will be returning home

Quentin Polk

Niagara University's Pre-Health Professions Program with intent to become an orthopedic surgeon

Harley Radley

Daemen College

James Reardon

GCC, A.A.S. in Computer Information Systems

Kwame Richardson

Community college in Florida then four-year college for bachelor's degree in Business Management

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Graphic Arts

Samuel Rigerman

GCC, A.A.S. in Business Administration: Marketing and Social Media, and Certificate in Musical Theater

- Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Natalie Rogers

Capital University

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Justice Academy
- National Honor Society member

Nia Ross

Daemen College, B.A. in Social Work

- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
- National Honor Society member
- Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Samuel Sallome III

Tompkins Cortland Community College, A.A.S. in Nursing

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Health Careers Academy

Corinne Saluste

GCC, associate degree in Business Administration, then continue at Daemen College for B.S. in Business Administration

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Cosmetology

Fermina Sanchez

GCC, associate degree in Business Administration

Lilliana Scafetta

RIT, B.S. in Environmental Science

- National Art Honor Society member

Zachary Scroger

GCC, A.S. in Engineering Science, then continue with college or trade school

- CTE Certificate of Completion with Technical Endorsement Seal/Culinary Arts

Jaheim Smith

Employment

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Building Trades

JaLesia Smith

Genesee Valley Educational Partnership, Licensed Practical Nurse Program, then continue with education in nursing

- CTE Certificate of Completion with Technical Endorsement Seal/Health Dimensions

Nadia Smith

SUNY/The College at Brockport, B.S. in Social Work

Cassandra Snell

MCC, A.A.S. in Paramedic Program

- CTE Certificate of Completion with Technical Endorsement Seal/Health Dimensions

Joshua Snow

Employment

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Criminal Justice

Mya Snyder

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Health Dimensions

Jasmine Soggs

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #15

Raven Spikes

MCC, A.S. in Health Studies and NYS certification as an Emergency Medical Technician

Terelle Spinks

GCC, A.S. in Liberal Arts and Science: General Studies

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Culinary Arts

Julia Spiotta

Liberty University, B.S. in Public Health

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #1
- Student Government, Class of 2019 representative
- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
- NYS Seal of Biliteracy honor
- National Honor Society member, secretary

Damien Sprague

U.S. Army

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Criminal Justice

Ryann Stefaniak

Nazareth College, a six-year physical therapy program for a B.S. in Health Science leading to a Doctorate in Physical Therapy

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #7
- NYS Seal of Biliteracy honor
- National Honor Society member

Krista Swan

Genesee Valley Educational Partnership to complete Cosmetology Program

Abigail Swinehart

GCC

Noah Talone

Employment, utilities

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Building Trades

A.T. Thatcher

FLCC, A.S. in Music Recording Technology, then continue at Berklee College of Music, Ithaca College, or SUNY Fredonia

- Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Hannah Tiede

Employment, mechanic

- CTE Certificate of Completion with Technical Endorsement Seal/Auto Technology
- National Technical Honor Society member

Jackson Tomei

MCC, A.S. in Computer Science then transfer to RIT for B.S. in Computer Science with intent to become software

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...graduates continued

engineer

Jadan Torcello

SUNY/University at Buffalo and School of Law, 3+3 program for B.A. in Political Science then law school for J.D. degree; with intent to focus on child custody law

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Justice Academy
- National Honor Society member

Kevin Tourt

Daemen College, B.S. in Natural Science-Health Science/M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies

- Top ten percent of class, ranked #12
- CTE Certificate of Completion/Health Careers Academy

Vianna Tran

Daemen College, B.S. in Nursing

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Health Careers Academy
- National Technical Honor Society member

Tyler Tryon

Military

- CTE Certificate of Completion with Technical Endorsement Seal/Metal Trades: Precision Machining and Welding

Dustin Veitch

Employment

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Metal Trades: Precision Machining and Welding

Leila Washington

GCC, then four-year college for bachelor's in Psychology

Ryan Weaver

LeMoyne College, B.S. in Marketing, then continue education for M.B.A.

- Student Government, Executive Council, co-mayor
- Dr. Paul Stomper School of Science graduate
- NYS Seal of Biliteracy honor
- Tri-M Music Honor Society member

Robert Wheatley, Jr.

Employment

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Building Trades

Kevin Woodrow

Employment, automotive

- CTE Certificate of Completion/Auto Technology

Trevawn Wright

Trevor Zewan

GCC, A.A.S. in Business Administration: Marketing and Social Media

District Welcomes Scott Bischooping as Interim Superintendent

At the June 18, 2019, Board of Education meeting, in anticipation of Superintendent of Schools Christopher Dailey's last workday in the District, the Board appointed Scott Bischooping as interim superintendent, effective July 1, 2019. BOE president Pat Burk, expressing that he looked forward to welcoming Mr. Bischooping, noted that the Board is confident in the interim superintendent's background, experience and ability to guide the District while the search for a superintendent is conducted.

Mr. Bischooping began his career in education in 1988 as a business education teacher and, most recently, served as the Deputy Superintendent of Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES where he provided leadership, direction, and general supervision for all BOCES instructional programs, as well as served on behalf of the District Superintendent in her absence. Mr. Bischooping holds a Certificate of Advanced Study in Education Administration; a Master of Science; a Certificate in Business and Distributive Education; and a Bachelor of Science.

Kevin MacDonald, District Superintendent of the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership, assisted with the interim search and will also act as the final search consultant. He noted that the Batavia City School District Board will develop and implement a rigorous process that will help determine the best candidate.



Free Summer Meal Program for Youth

Monday through Friday, July 1-August 16, except for July 4

The free summer meal program will again be available for young people under the age of 18. This is provided through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered through the Batavia Youth Bureau Parks Program. No enrollment is necessary, but meals must be eaten onsite.

Four locations of Batavia's Parks Program will offer the free lunch: Farrell, Lions, Williams, and Lambert Parks. It will also be offered at the Batavia Youth Bureau. A lunch count will be taken at the parks in the morning and then meals will be delivered between 12 and 12:45 p.m.

In addition, due to the construction work for the District's 2020 Vision Capital Project going on this summer, Jackson School will be hosting the Extended Year Program normally held at John Kennedy School. This is an open site for both breakfast and lunch to anyone under the age of 18. Again, there is no cost but meals must be eaten onsite.

For any additional questions, feel free to contact the District's Nutritional Services Department at 585-343-2480, ext. 1007.



Rising Stars for the Class of 2020

The Class of 2020 has so many promising members, and we are excited to announce these students who have already received significant year-end awards as juniors!



Sarah Adams

- U of R Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award/Scholarship



Margaret Andersen

- Notre Dame Club of Rochester Junior of the Year Award



Zachary Anderson

- Clarkson University High School Leadership Award/Scholarship



Jayden Brooks

- Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement Award/Scholarship



Macayla Burke

- RIT Computing Medal/Scholarship



Charles Burton

- Chatham University Rachel Carson Book Award/Scholarship



Joseph Gefell, Jr.

- Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement Award/Scholarship



Lydia Geiger

- John M. Secord Jr. Memorial Medal in Mathematics
- U of R George Eastman Young Leaders Award/Scholarship



Paige Haile

- U of R Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology/Scholarship



Erik Kesler

- RIT Computing Medal/Scholarship



Rachel Laesser

- Student Sage Recognition Award/Scholarship



Andrew Lin

- RIT Innovation and Creativity Award/Scholarship



Katie Moore

- Clarkson University High School Achievement Award/Scholarship



Nicholas Mirabal

- RIT Innovation and Creativity Award/Scholarship
- Rochester Section Inc. of the American Chemical Society Chemistry Achievement Award/AP Chemistry



Morgan Reimer

- U of R Bausch and Lomb Science Award/Scholarship



Adeena Riedel

- Student Sage Recognition Award/Scholarship



Grace Rudolph

- Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award/Scholarship



Nathan Ryan

- Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement Award/Scholarship



Anthony Sprague

- Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement Award/Scholarship



Madeline Taggart

- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal Program/Scholarship



Leah Wroten

- Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement Award/Scholarship



Courtney Yasses

- Elmira College Key Award/Scholarship

(Olivia Garrison, presented with an Elmira College Key Award/Scholarship, was unavailable for pictures.)

BMS Students Explore Career Options

Late this spring, more than 20 local professionals volunteered to spend a few hours at the Middle School's Career Fair talking about their careers with small groups of students in grades 5-8. In addition, for every presenter who was there, several more jobs were represented as the speakers described many of the roles of others in their respective fields. Students heard general as well as more specific day-to-day job descriptions, and learned about the different ways various careers play significant roles in communities, how workers are compensated, and what requirements and preparation are required or desirable when pursuing a line of work. In addition, many presenters noted that even as early as middle school, the students' attentiveness to academics as well as their overall character and behavior are important and can impact future career opportunities.



One presenter from the city's Fire Department, Chief Stafano Napolitano, noted, "These kinds of events are great for the students, but they are great for us too. I get to go out and tell kids that I love my job and that they can have a great job (as a firefighter) too - where they can make a very good living to provide for their families, and provide a needed service for their community." He hoped that the event would plant seeds for future recruitment to the Fire Department.

Another, BHS school counselor Sherry Crumity, reminded students that, while she was there describing her career, part of the day-to-day job of a school counselor is to be a resource for students as they look to their future career options. She encouraged them to utilize the counseling office in school as they continue their education and sort out their plans.

For Career Day, all of the presenters were there as a valuable resource, and BMS is grateful to them for taking time to provide students with insights about the future. Listed here (alphabetically) with their career field, the presenters were: Ann Marie Brade, animal control; Sherry Crumity, counselor; Theresa DeMars, insurance sales; Leo Fabrizi, lawyer; Joel Freeman, swim instructor/coach; Chris Haigh, financial advisor; Pat Hanley, construction; Jack Hills, U.S. armed forces; Cynthia Koch, nurse; Zach Korzelius, insurance sales; Jaqueline Koston, real estate sales; Jordan Kowalski, interior design; Jill and John Kratz, chefs; Marc Lawrence, police officer; Joe Mikiciuk, financial advisor; Maddie Moore, college student; Deb Murray, teacher; Stefano Napolitano, Greg Ireland, and Ryan Claire, firefighting; Howard Owens, entrepreneurship; Doug Palmer, software testing; Hon. Durin Rogers, judge; and Elizabeth Trzaska, nurse.

"Public Speaking" in Pre-K

Taking advantage of some beautiful weather, Mrs. Emily Giuliano's Universal Pre-kindergarten (UPK) class enjoyed being outside this spring, sharing stories about things that are special to them. During this Show and Tell time, each student had a chance to speak in front of the group and, just as importantly, had the opportunity to show off their listening skills while the others were talking! Asking good questions is another valuable



skill, and the children were able to practice that as well.

See next page for information about enrolling in UPK.

Students Honor Flag and Veterans

For the fifth year, student representatives from BMS celebrated Flag Day with veterans at the Batavia Veterans Administration Medical Center. They boarded a bus, donated by Student Transportation of America, and brought with them a banner on which all Middle School students had attached a traced cut-out of their hand with a sentiment of gratitude written on it, a collection of essays by students about what the flag means to them, and miniature flags to distribute to the veterans. The BMS band played the national anthem and other patriotic songs, and three students - Tosh Spilberg, Landon Hamilton, and Trevor Tryon - whose essays about the flag were chosen as the most outstanding - read their work to the veterans.



At John Kennedy, students were joined in the morning by the BHS brass ensemble in front of the building by the flagpole for the raising of the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and national anthem. During the day, teachers included patriotic activities in their classwork. Then, in the afternoon, the school gathered once again for a closing ceremony to which students had invited relatives who are veterans or are currently serving in the military. There, they welcomed the guests, sang patriotic songs, listened to a reading of the names of veterans and service people with a connection to John Kennedy (including those present), introduced Batavia resident David Bellavia who recently was awarded the Medal of Honor, and announced the winners of the student costume contest for patriotic, American icon, and historical person categories. Winners included Keyon Morris, Jonah Arroyo, Keaton Corcoran, Aristina Reidel, Blake Samuelson, Isla Wolff, Mason Bohn, and Camden DeMena.



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Space is Still Available in 2019-2020 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program



The District is excited to continue offering the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Program for young students in the 2019-2020 school year. UPK provides an opportunity for four-year-old children, at no cost to their families, to be involved in developmentally appropriate educational classes that, following the regular school calendar, meet Monday through Friday during the school year. Since its implementation, the District has provided a half-day program, with a choice of either morning or afternoon sessions.

Children who are residents of the District and who are four (4) years of age on or before December 1, 2019, are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the District Business Office in the administrative wing of Batavia High School (260 State Street). They also can be downloaded from the District's website, where, under the "Parents" tab, there is a link for "Registering Your Child For School". This direct link to the UPK application can also be used: <https://www.bataviacsd.org/Page/7491>. The application should be returned as soon as possible to secure your child's spot!

If you have questions about the UPK program, please call the Curriculum and Instruction Office at 585-343-2480 x 1003.

See You in September!

Back to School Notes for 2019-2020

On Wednesday, September 4, all fifth grade students will attend a half-day Middle School Connect program, and all ninth graders (as well as new transfers to the high school) will attend a full day BHS Link Crew program. Both of these orientation/acclimation programs have proved to be very beneficial to students, helping them begin their years in a new school building very productively and successfully. In addition, Jackson Primary and John Kennedy Intermediate Schools will have scheduled times for students and their families to drop in and see their classroom and meet their teacher. Jackson Primary's drop-in time will be scheduled on Tuesday, September 3. John Kennedy's drop-in time will be scheduled on Wednesday, September 4. Families of students will be notified of particular times and other details.

The first day of school for all students is Thursday, September 5. The last day of school for all students is Thursday, June 25.

Planning a get-away? Please keep the following dates for holidays, recesses, Superintendent's Conference Days, and testing dates in mind. (On a Superintendent's Conference Day there is no school for students, but staff reports.)

SEPTEMBER

2.....Labor Day
3 & 4*.....Superintendent's Conference Day

OCTOBER

11.....Superintendent's Conference Half Day
14.....Columbus Day

NOVEMBER

8.....Superintendent's Conference Half Day
11.....Veterans Day
15.....Superintendent's Conference Day
27 – 29.....Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER

23 – January 3.....Winter Recess

JANUARY

20.....Martin L. King Jr. Day
24. Superintendent's Conference Half Day, Grades UPK – 8
27.....Superintendent's Conference Day

FEBRUARY

17 – 21.....Presidents' Day Recess

MARCH

13.....Superintendent's Conference Half Day

APRIL

6 – 13.....Spring Recess

MAY

4.....Superintendent's Conference Half Day
22 & 25.....Memorial Day Recess

JUNE

24 – 25.....Superintendent's Conference Half Day

*As noted above, students in grades 5 and 9, as well as transfer students, attend school on September 4.

IMPORTANT TESTING DATES FOR 2019-20

January Regents.....January 21-24
English Language Arts testing for grades 3-8.....March 25-27
Math testing for grades 3-8.....April 21-23
June Regents.....June 2 and June 17-25.



The full one-page year-at-a-glance printable calendar is available online on the District website (www.bataviacsd.org). A printed District wall calendar will be sent home with students at the beginning of the school year. Some extra copies of the wall calendar will be available after that time; please call 343-2480 x1018 if you would like one. Important dates will also be posted on the interactive calendar online on the District webpage, and all athletic events will be accessible online as well.

John Kennedy Receives State Recognition



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- Karen Tomidy..... 2019
- Tanni Bromley..... 2020
- Barbara Bowman..... 2020
- Zachary Korzelius..... 2021
- Shawna Murphy..... 2021
- Patrick Burk..... 2021

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Second graders recently shared their excitement about their school by making a video about John Kennedy to welcome first graders who will be "moving up" from Jackson Primary School this coming fall.

John Kennedy was named a 2018-2019 Recognition School by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) for high marks in achievement and in progress.

"It's gratifying – but not surprising – that John Kennedy earned this distinction," said Superintendent of Schools Christopher J. Dailey. "Backed by a dedicated Board of Education, our administrators, teachers, and staff work tirelessly with students and their families to help children reach their potential."

As NYSED aims for a more holistic approach to school and student achievement under New York's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), those named as 2018-2019 Recognition Schools exemplify success in this mission. The criteria for recognition included progress during the 2017-2018 school year in student growth; meeting or exceeding either the school or state measures of interim progress for English language arts and mathematics, rate of chronic absenteeism, and college-, career-, and civic-readiness; and meeting the federally required 95 percent participation rate in the English language arts and mathematics assessments.

Batavia's Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Molly Corey, noted that JK is one of only 562 in the state and one of only 328 at the elementary level to be regarded as a 2018-2019 Recognition School, and said, "I commend the teachers and their principal, Dr. Amanda Cook, for this accomplishment. Their hard work and dedication to all students is evident."

Dr. Cook added, "Our entire team is committed to engaging students and their families in activities that build excitement for learning in ways that help children want to come to school to be a part of making memories together. We focus on creating a school learning community."