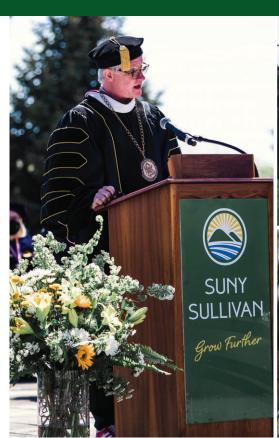




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Funcheon, Kylee, AAS

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Eldred celebrates 32 new alumni

STORY AND PHOTOS BY KAITLIN CARNEY

The graduating class of the Eldred Junior Senior High School assembled for one last time on Friday evening, June 25. The event was a momentous end to an unpredictable senior year, staged under a cloudless summer sky that made it seem like the pandemic was a very distant memory.

Students who completed studies virtually, hybrid, or in-person processed past their friends and family gathered together. They sat as a class, next to one another, on the bleachers – just as classes before them had.

Awards and certificates

were given in-person, a change from many of the virtual processes that became the norm during the height of the pandemic. Smiling faces were visible, and present, and abundant, as were handshakes, and fist bumps and hugs. It was joy and relief and celebration and perseverance and resilience, all on

Salutatorian Brittney Fahnestock welcomed all to the celebration. She shared that she was motivated by the illness and subsequent separation from her mother during the pandemic, as she battled leukemia in the hospital with Brittney unable to visit due to her age.

"Make memories," she ad-



Emily McGrail inspired her peers and thanked all that made their graduation possible as she represented the Class of 2021 as Valedictorian. Emily is headed to Baylor University in the fall to continue her studies, having graduated with a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, with Honors and as a member of the National Honor Society and Math Honor Society. .



Lenae Kelty cheers on her classmates as they receive their diplomas and awards during Eldred Junior Senior High Schools 2021 Graduation. Lenae is headed to SUNY Orange in the fall.

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Chase Elizabeth Hook, who is heading to SUNY Sullivan in the fall, happily processes into Eldred Junior Senior High School's 2021

vised, before acquiescing "our parents were right... don't tell them.

Superintendent Morgano reflected on being grateful "for parents who became teachers; students who accomplished what most people thought was impossible... who reached success despite formidable challenges." He urged them, "be a role model, and stop by, you're always welcome at Eldred.'

Andrea McKerrell, a 2012 Eldred Grad who graduated in 2020 from the New England School of Optometry and now practices in Monroe, was the Commencement Speaker.

She joked, "Luckily I took a public speaking class at this very high school. Thank you Mr. Post.

She reminded the gradu-

ates, "Be proud of yourself for what you have accomplished" and that "there are challenges you will excel at, and challenges that will continue to challenge you every day... the future can be everything you want it to be. Sometimes, your current dreams don't match up to your long-term goals, and

that's okay...' Emily McGrail, who is headed to Baylor University in the fall, remarked in her student address as valedictorian, "if there was a superlative for never, ever, ever, ever, ever, in a million years wanting to give a speech in public, it would be me."

She urged her classmates to remember that they simply can't do anything they

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put their minds to, comparing it to herself setting a goal to be tall.

At 5'3", she will never pass her 6-foot tall siblings, "not because I am lacking, because I'm not designed to."

She warned against comparison and striving for a long list of unattainable goals, instead, urging them to live joyfully and to find the different and distinct things that make them come alive.

"We had a plethora of time to just be. Living someone else's life is never going to fulfill you... our lives are supposed to look different," she

Kristen Smith, who spoke on behalf of the Board of Education and is the parent of a 2021 graduate, urged the graduates to "go forth and set the world on fire. You are one of the toughest classes in Eldred history, graduating during one of the most trying times. We are so incredibly proud of you. Remember how resilient you are/were, and do everything with your whole heart."

Before conferring diplomas with Vice President of the Board of Education Stacey Kuhn and School Superintendent Dr. John Morgano, Eldred JSHS Principal Traci Ferreira had some words of advice, "This past year has taught us so much. Cherish time with family and friends... making memories is just as important as working. Remember to be thankful. Be willing to go on adventures, expeditions, and escapades...

The thirty-two member graduating class of the Eldred Central School Districts Junior Senior High School were celebrated in a way that many didn't think possible sixteen months ago. But the grads, they never skipped a beat. They faced the challenge of the pandemic school year head on, and then marched joyously to their next adventures, wherever that may be!!



Graduates from left, Emily McGrail, Abigail Bizjak, Dylan Jennings, Mudra Patel, Gabriella DelRio, and Gavin McAfee proudly received Scholarship Awards and Certificates prior to receiving their diplomas.

2021 Eldred Graduation Awards

ELDRED HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION Daniel Adams - Certificate of Merit from Assemblyman Karl Brabenec, Certificate of Merit from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Certificate of Achievement from Senator Mike Martucci

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Matthew Dutcher - Certificate of Merit from Assemblyman Karl Brabenec, Certificate of Merit from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Certificate of Achievement from Senator Mike Martucci, Peck's Market Scholarship

Mark Edwards Jr. - Certificate of Merit from Assemblyman Karl Brabenec, Certificate of Merit from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Certificate of Achievement from Senator Mike Martucci

Brittney Fahnestock - Certificate of Merit from Assemblyman Karl Brabenec, Certificate of Merit from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. Certificate of Achievement from Senator Mike Martucci, ECS Faculty Association Salutatorian Scholarship, Peck's Market Scholarship, SUNY Oswego Marano Scholarship, SUNY Oswego Possibility Scholarship, Class Secretary, Tutoring Organizer for Mu Alpha Theta

Dakota Finck - Certificate of Merit from Assemblyman Karl Brabenec, Certificate of Merit from Assembly woman Aileen Gunther, Certificate

of Achievement from Senator Mike Martucci, ECS Faculty Association Greatest Effort Scholarship, ECS Faculty Association Math/Science Award, Peck's Market Scholarship, Beaver Brook Rod and Gun Club Klendon Kirby Scholarship, M & E Engineers Award, Stevens Institute Presidential Scholarship, Edwin A. Stevens Scholarship, Martha Bayard Stevens Scholarship

Daniel Giglio - Certificate of Merit from Assemblyman Karl Brabenec, Certificate of Merit from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Certificate of Achievement from Senator Mike Martucci, Rodney Nieke Memorial Aleczia Gingold - Certificate of

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Olivia Harris - Certificate of Merit from Assemblyman Karl Brabenec, Certificate of Merit from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Certificate of Achievement from Senator Mike Martucci

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John McGarry Jr. - Certificate of Merit from Assemblyman Karl Brabenec, Certificate of Merit from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Certificate of Achievement from Senator Mike Martucci, Raymond Bryon Clouse Scholarship, Can't Hurt Steel Community Foundation Schol-

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Brittney Fahnestock, Salutatorian of Eldred's Class of 2021, gives the welcome address to her class-

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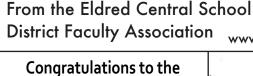
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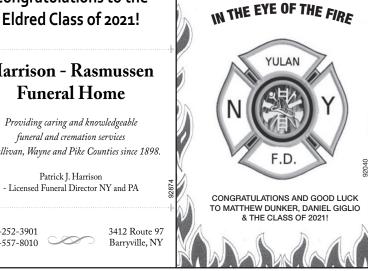


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Ty Smith gets a congratulatory hug

from Tammy Wells, a member of the

District's custodial staff. Tammy

played the role of Yellowjacket, the

District's mascot, during graduation, but has been known to rock the outfit during sports events or even daily tasks to encourage a smile.



Ty Smith



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Williams



Graduates, from left, Matthew Dunker, who is headed for the United States Navy, Mark Edwards, Jr. who will be a student at Lynn University in the fall, and John McGarry, Jr., who will be a student at Fitchburg State University, celebrated together after becoming alumni of the Eldred Central School



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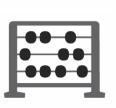
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Eighty-eight walk across the stage in Fallsburg

STORY AND PHOTOS BY PATRICIO ROBAYO

allsburg's 88 graduating seniors had an experience like no other. They have seen the start of the pandemic and saw their school year flip upside down.

They witnessed the seniors before them hold their graduation virtually. And now they have seen the verge of the end of the pandemic and returned back to some kind of "normal."

That was the vibe, the feeling, the message for the graduating class of 2021 Fallsburg High School.

With COVID-19 restrictions lifted, two ceremonies one Saturday morning and one Saturday afternoon recognizing the Class of 2021 were held on the front lawn of the high school, under a big white tent, just a few feet from Brickman Road.

Cars would honk as they drove by, acknowledging the special day for Fallsburg.

"The Senior High School Class of 2021 has seen a lot and been through a lot. They are a resilient class," said Fallsburg High School Principal Kyle Roddev.

"They are a class that was able to get it done ... they will continue to get it done, no matter what the world has for them, no matter what comes their way, every one of them is ready to meet those challenges," added Roddey. Fallsburg Senior Class

President Haddy Gai was awarded the Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship, K̄iwanis Club̆ Scholarship, Fallsburg Alumni Award, Timothy Hill Memorial Scholarship, The Jocelyn Levner-Nissenbaum Memorial Scholarship and the Brian Ingber Memorial Foundation, Inc. Achieve-

ment Award. Gai said, "When we spent a



Fallsburg Central School District Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz celebrating the Class of 2021.



Decorated mortar boards were on display during the ceremony.

chunk of our junior year and our entire senior year under strict pandemic conditions... I think our memories went deeper than this past year and a half. I couldn't be more honored to be representing this fine group of young adults.'

The class Salutatorian Ennie Li will be attending SUNY Binghamton in the fall to study Biology with interest in Physical Therapy. She was in the National Honor Society, and graduated with a New York State Advanced Re-



Valedictorian Cody Harvey at Saturday's ceremony.

She was the recipient of the

Blossom Cohen Memorial Scholarship, Salon Memorial Scholarship, and the New York State Award for Academic Excellence. She recalled her accident in 2018 when she was struck by a car on Laurel Ave on the way to school. She thought she would be back in school the next day and she was wrong.

She thought the same thing about the pandemic, which caught the world by surprise.

"Nobody really saw this coming. It wasn't planned, just like my accident. It was unexpected," said Li.

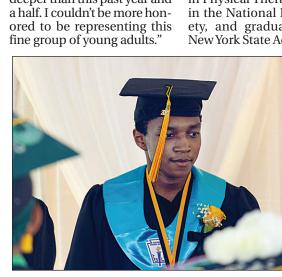
"It's been 1022 days since my accident, and I'm still recovering from the trauma. But here I am giving this speech, and here we are coming out of this pandemic, despite the pain, frustrations, anger, and desperation. We are all slowly getting through it. This graduation and this speech are a testament to our strength. We are a class that understands challenges and adversity and rise above it,"

Graduation day is a very special day in the lives of high school seniors and their families because it marks a single accomplishment," said Fallsburg Central School District Superintendent Dr.

He noted that the yearand-a-half has been challenging for the graduating

Dr. Katz told those in attendance that the graduates are taking something special with them this day.

"Our graduates have the love, support, and guiding hands of FCSD to take with them as they move forward," he said. "But ultimately, their success depends on their choices, their hard work, and their drive as they move on.





Salutatorian Ennie Li congratulating the Class of 2021.



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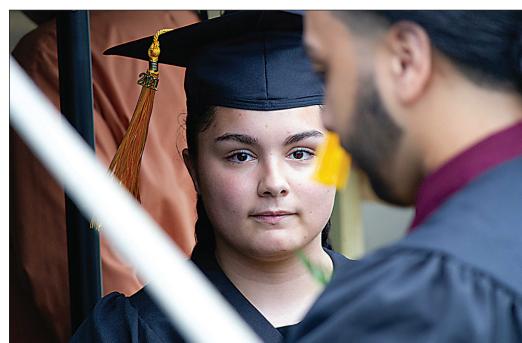
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Monticello Rotary Club Scholarship: Dolce McPherson, Daniel Milov, **Neveah Valree**



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he 146th commencement of Honesdale High School celebrated the graduating seniors as they leave their 'home on the hill' and enter the real world.

The ceremony was held on Saturday, June 19 as families gathered to honor the 189

While this past year presented unique challenges due to the coronavirus pandemic, the students persevered and attended school virtually and then in-person, while still pursuing their passions for sports, music, academics and more.

Valedictorian Gavin Kopesky spoke about the past year and the attributes that he and his fellow graduates have learned.

"With perseverance you have made it through this year's uncertainty and unpredictability," he remarked. Your ability to stick with school has taught you all extremely valuable lessons of persevering through hard times.'

Kopesky will attend the University of Scranton to study biology and plans to attend dental school to become an orthodontist.

His achievements include the American Mathematics Contest, honor roll, National Honor Society and an internship at a dental office.

Salutatorian Jakob Burlein spoke about the challenges and opportunities of the future, acknowledging those students not just going to college but also those who are entering the workforce or joining the military.

With every life choice we make we become more independent, and with every step we take forward the more our future becomes a reality," he said. "As a class our future is extremely bright, and as individuals our futures are very diverse.'

Burlein attend Lafayette College to receive a Master's Degree in engineering. His achievements include varsity football, varsity track and field, American Mathematics Contest, honor roll and National Honor So-

Wayne Highlands School District Superintendent Gregory Frigoletto joked that he was happy to see the end of this school year, noting the hardships and the constant pivoting.

"The soon-to-be graduates did what they've always done—they adapted and they persevered," he said.

"Whether in-person or online they faced one of the greatest challenges they've ever encountered and they made it happen, they made it

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to this day.' While the Honesdale graduation ceremony is usually held indoors in the gym, this

year it was held outside on the football field. As the graduates lined up to receive their diplomas, they proudly walked across the stage signifying the end of four years of hard work

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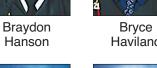


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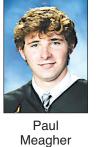


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of Scranton - Dean's Scholarship,

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sity - Alumni Legacy Scholarship,

Ella Sherman - The Pennsylvania

State University - Academic Grant

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Class President Geoffrey Johnson delivers a speech on the graduates' time during their school careers.



Heading out: the graduates walk off the football field at the end of the graduation ceremony.

Class Treasurer Mia Yatwa accepts her diploma from School Board President George Korb.

Howey, Samuel Jones

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Emma Diliberti Bruce Potter, Jr. Letterman's Memorial Award - Braydon Hanson

James A. Rodda Memorial Scholarship - James Rodda E. Jean and Robert Schilling Basketball Award - Grace Maxson

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Sarah Meyer

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tion - Friends of Boys Basketball Scholarship - Azlyn Fritz, Kane Rogers Wayne County Community Founda-

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STUDENT COUNCIL ATHLETIC AWARDS Baseball - Paul Meagher Basketball (Boys) - Connor Coar Basketball (Girls) - Mia Land Cheerleading (Football) - Riley Skel-Cheerleading (Basketball) - Kaitlyn DeFazio Cheerleading (Wrestling) - Nadia

Slish Cross Country (Boys) - Skyler LeClere Cross Country (Girls) - Alexandra

Field Hockey - Leah Krol

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Football - Peter West III Golf - Jacob Panza Soccer (Boys) - Zachary Eisele Soccer (Girls) - Megan Bidwell Softball - Rachel Daub Tennis (Boys) - Drew Hazen Track & Field (Boys) - Eric Lukan
Track & Field (Girls) - Emily Roberts

Wrestling - Peter West III STUDENT COUNCIL ACADEMIC AWARDS Agriculture - Emma Diliberti Art - Emily Johannes Business - **Geoffrey Johnson** Drama- HPAC Director's Award of Leadership - Kaeleb Jones

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National Honor Society - Sarah Meyer Physical Education (Boys) - Devin

Davies Physical Education (Girls) - Cassie

Brink Science - Gavin Kopesky Social Studies - Samantha Howey Vincent Griffis Technology Education Award - Kemper Van Houten

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Scholarship - Connor Coar The soon-to-be graduates stand ready to receive their diplomas.

on as she received her diploma.

SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Livingston Manor applauds Class of 2021 – 34 strong

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MATT SHORTALL

n a bright and sunny day at the end of June, friends and family members gathered inside the new gymnasium at the Livingston Manor School District to recognize the achievement of 34 graduates.

After a school year unlike any other in memory, these graduates stood ready to head out into the world and make their mark.

Saturday's ceremony kicked off with a prerecorded rendition of the school alma mater lead by Choral Director Jordana Maraj.

Opening remarks were delivered by Principal Shirlee

Davis. "Starting today, each of you are traveling along a new path. There will be challenges to overcome and accomplishments to celebrate," Davis said. "There will be good days and bad, but it is important to remember that you're not alone. If you get lost, or you stumble and fall, or the sun sets leaving you in the dark, you can always find a light that leads you back where you began - your family, your school and your community."

Class salutatorian Nicole Davis addressed her fellow graduates, some of whom have been together in school for 13 years.

"I'm sure I'll remember each and every friendship fondly as I'm sure you all will too. As most of our high school memories begin to fade, that's how we'll ultimately remember the time we spent here. Not in class periods, not in semesters or years and not in global pandemics - but by the friendships that we made and all the times we shared together these past 13 years," Davis

Following the salutatory Band Director address, Daniel Smith led the Livingston Manor Concert Band in a pre-recorded performance of Canto by Francis Mc-

That wasn't the only expression of musical talent. Graduating senior Vamiesha Davis took to the microphone to deliver a moving rendition of

The Climb" by Miley Cyrus. Valedictorian Caitlin Evans commended her fellow graduates for persevering through a tough year of a global pandemic and other challenges.

"I wanted to use my time today to simply remind everyone to take a step back," Evans said. "I ask you to not take life so seriously 100 percent of the time. Life is full of surprises and plot twists and things don't always work out the way you'd hoped. So enjoy each moment and make each moment worth remembering.

The day's guest speaker was Livingston Manor School District Class of 2009 graduate Claude Davis, older brother of Class of 2021 salutatorian Nicole Davis.

Claude went on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees in cybersecurity. He currently works as the IT manager for the Lower Hudson Valley Regional Information Center where he works with school district leaders to provide assistance in cutting edge technology that is shaping the future of education. But Claude's road to a successful and meaningful career was not a straight path.

"I started work as a busboy that managed to provide me just enough to pay rent," he said while detailing his struggles to find his way in life after

school was over.

"To everyone in this room, especially the graduates, whatever choice you make in life, whatever path you take, there will be tough times. You may have some regrets along the way and you will experience self doubt. Just remember to take the risk, continue to learn, push through and never give up.'





Friends and family gathered inside Livingston Manor's new gymnasium to celebrate the class of 2021 on Saturday, June 25.



Graduate Devin Alexander Gonzalez received his regents diploma as well as a Career and Technical Endorsement and was a member of the National Technical Honor Society.



Livingston Manor Class of 2021 Salutatorian Nicole Davis told fellow classmates she'd always remember the friendships they



Graduate Erin Francis Carlson shakes hands with Superintendent John Evans upon receiving her



Graduate Elijah Brand proudly displays his diploma alongside School Board President Elliott Madison



(left) and Superintendent John Evans.

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CLASS OF 2021

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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School Scholarship Program - Austin James Fulton, Caitlin Grace Evans, **Nicole Alyssa Davis** Ancient Order of Hibernians - Nicole

Alyssa Davis Arlene and Mecky Schwartz Award -

Erin Francis Carlson, Melissa Banks

Art Scholarship Award - Tayl'r Eleyce Porter

Avery Foundation Scholarship Award -**Austin James Fulton** Beaverkill Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the Ameri-

can Revolution - Caitlin Grace

Evans Board of Education Award for the student who ranks 3rd in class standing **Emma Kathleen Carlson**

Board of Education Award for the student who ranks 4th in class standing **Courtney Rampe**

2021 Livingston Manor Graduation Awards

Brian Ingber Memorial Foundation, Inc. - Nicole Alyssa Davis Certificates of Merit and Achievement -Anastaychia Grimm, Andy Zheng, Anna Salvemini, AnnaBelle Marchese, Austin James Fulton, Brianna Arlene Bear, Caitlin Grace Evans, Cameron A. Hoag, Case Robert LeRoy, Connor Gorr, Cornelius Tahje Jones III, Courtney Rampe, Dakota P. Marks, Devin Alexander Gonzalez, Elijah Brand, Emma Kathleen Carlson, Emma Leigh Jones, Erin Francis Carlson, Gabriella Eve Martinez, Grace M. Heintz, Haley M. Peck, James Krupp, James Linko, Jimmey J. Coley III. Louis L. Conklin III. Melissa Banks, Nicole Alyssa Davis, Samantha Ryann Severing, Sondra M. Gamboa, Tayl'r Eleyce Porter, Vamiesha Halima Davis,

Hannah Tuso, Jamie Hopkins, Justyn Zayas Craig R. Sturdevant Memorial Award -Cameron A. Haag Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award - Caitlin

Grace Evans David Pollack Award for Class Salutatorian - Nicole Alyssa Davis David Pollack Award for Class Valedic-

torian - Caitlin Grace Evans Don R. Zeininger Memorial Award for Industrial Arts - Justyn Zayas Dr. Lewis G. Denman Memorial Scholarship Fund - Tayl'r Eleyce Porter Ed Weitmann Beaverkill Valley Fire Dept. Memorial Scholarship Cameron A. Haag

Elinor E. Decker Memorial Award -**Courtney Rampe**

Frank A. & Lulu Rose Foundation -Caitlin Grace Evans, Courtney Rampe, Emma Kathleen Carlson, Nicole Alyssa Davis

Frank and Lois Gibson Boys' Athletic Achievement Award - Connor Gorr Frank and Lois Gibson Girls' Athletic Achievement Award - Caitlin Grace Evans

Grad Program Cover Design Award -Tayl'r Eleyce Porter

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Scholarship Fund - Nicole Alyssa HOPE: "Help Open People's Eyes"

Award - Courtney Rampe, Nicole Alyssa Davis Irene Trowell-Harris - Nicole Alyssa

Davis Jamie Lyn Ford Memorial Award -**Austin James Fulton**

John DuMond Memorial Scholarship -Connor Gorr

John Hundley III & Josh Hundley Memorial Scholarship Fund - Austin James Fulton Justin Cristaldi Memorial Scholarship -

Austin James Fulton, Courtney Rampe, Haley M. Peck, Jimmey J. Coley III, Nicole Alyssa Davis, Tayl'r Eleyce Porter Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians -**Nicole Alyssa Davis**

Lazare and Charlotte Kaplan Founda tion Scholarship - Andy Zheng, Austin James Fulton, Caitlin Grace Evans, Cameron A. Hoag, Connor Gorr, Courtney Rampe, James Linko, Jimmey J. Coley III, Nicole Alyssa Davis, Samantha Ryann Severing, Tayl'r Eleyce Porter

Citizenship and Service - Brianna Arlene Bear, Connor Gorr Livingston Manor Community Center Service Award - Austin James Ful-

Liberty Elks Lodge #1545 Awards for

Livingston Manor Lions Club Tony and Kelly Lackey Memorial Award -

Class Valedictorian Caitlin Evans told graduates to enjoy the journey of life and cherish the small things.



Graduate Louis L. Conklin III was among the 34 proud graduates.

Nicole Alyssa Davis Livingston Manor Rotary Club Service Award - Connor Gorr, Cameron A. Haag, Courtney Rampe, Samantha Ryann Severing

Livingston Manor Teachers' Assoc. Awards for Higher Education - Caitlin Grace Evans, Courtney Rampe,

Nicole Alyssa Davis LMCS "Plaque of '39" given by the 50th Anniversary Alumni Association **Nicole Alyssa Davis**

LMCS 50th Anniv. Alumni Award Student who ranks 1st in class standing **Caitlin Grace Evans**

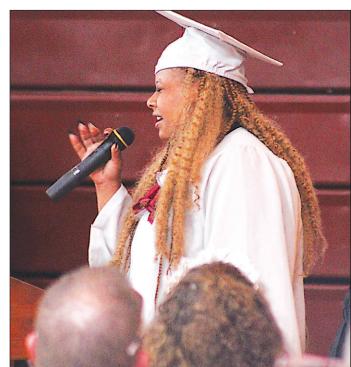
LMCS 50th Anniv. Alumni Award Student who ranks 2nd in class standing - Nicole Alyssa Davis

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Graduate Vamiesha Davis performed the senior solo, singing Miley Cyrus' "The Climb."

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Class Valedictorian Caitlin Evans hugs her father and shared Superintendent of Schools at Roscoe, Downsville and Livingston Manor School Districts, John Evans.

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James Linko NYS Comptroller's Achievement Award - Connor Gorr, Nicole Alvssa Davis NYS Correctional Officers & Police **Courtney Rampe**

NYS Education Department Scholarship for Academic Excellence Paul Smith's College of Arts & Scitha Ryann Severing

Hoag, Connor Gorr, James Linko PTSO Service Scholarship Award Austin James Fulton, Nicole





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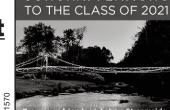
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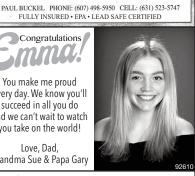


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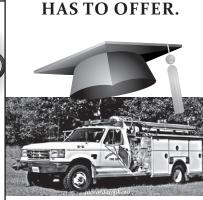
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Hancock graduates 25 in Friday morning ceremony

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¬he Hancock High School seniors walked onto the football field as students and left as graduates ready to pursue their future dreams and endeav-

The class of 25 Wildcats formed close bonds throughout the years and family, friends and school staff were on hand to celebrate them.

The ceremony was held on Friday, June 25 on a nice and sunny morning and the high school band played Pomp and Circumstance as the seniors took their seats.

Valedictorian Class Michael Makowski, Jr. gave remarks about the small things in life.

"The past four years of our lives have been a flash, in typical teenager fashion everything we have done over these four years of high school has been fast," he

said. "When somebody is living life at 100 miles per hour, sometimes they overlook the true beauty of our journey."

He plans to major in Civil Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. His achievements include student council, National Honor Society, varsity sports, volunteering and he is the recipient of the 2021 Akshar All-Star Award.

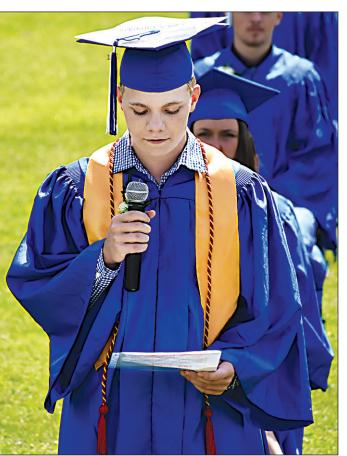
Salutatorian Ethan Hunt spoke about dedication and determination in life, calling for hard work and pursuing your dreams.

"If something is important to you, give it everything you have and never slow down," he told his fellow graduates.

He will attend Alfred State and major in Engineering. His achievements include varsity sports, band and chorus, National Honor Society, student council and winning the George Eastman Young Leaders Award for outstanding academic



Laycee Drake receives her diploma from Board of Education President Terry Whitt. She will be attending the University of Maryland, Baltimore County on a full basketball scholarship.



Valedictorian Michael Makowski, Jr. delivers his remarks during the Hancock High School 133rd commencement ceremony on Friday morning, June 25.



Class Salutatorian Ethan Hunt plays the saxophone with the Hancock High School band during the graduation ceremony held on June 25.



Avery Ostrander plays the flute with the Hancock High School band during the graduation ceremony held on June 25.



The new graduates move their tassels to the right as they reach the final moments of their high

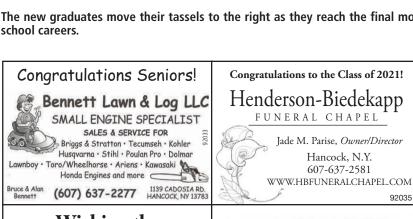


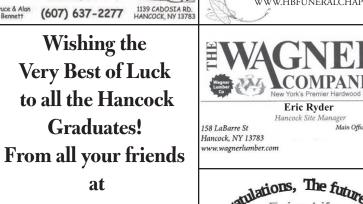
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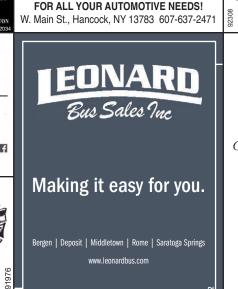
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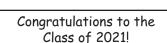
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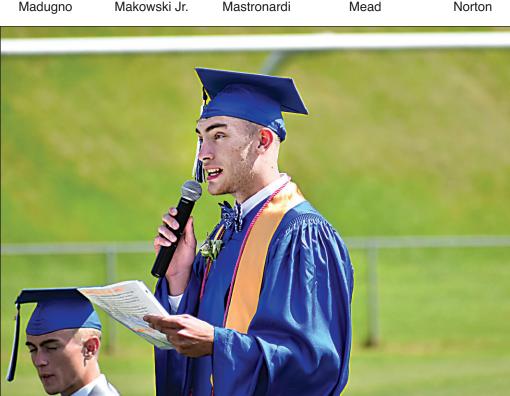
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Salutatorian Ethan Hunt delivers his remarks during the Hancock High School 133rd commencement ceremony on

achievement and leadership from the University of

Hancock Central School District Superintendent Terrance Dougherty told students that while there are hard facts of life, there are also many subjective reali-

"My call to action to you is to trust your intellects, your intuitions, and most importantly trust your conscience as you strive to lead your very best lives," he told the

graduates. He also gave a special shout out to senior Laycee Drake, who will be attending the University of Maryland, Baltimore County on a

tuli dasketdali scholarship This year's class motto is "the tassel is worth the hassle," and as the students were officially declared graduates they moved their tassel to the right amid

cheers from the audience. After the ceremony the graduates gathered with friends and family next to the football field and celebrated their significant ac-

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Ellen Mastronardi excitedly walks up to get her diploma.

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Liberty graduates 110 on Friday



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tudents around the globe that make up the Class of 2021 are forever alike, through the resilience and perseverance displayed in the past year

during the COVID-19 pan-

Liberty's 110 graduates, who were celebrated in a ceremony at Bethel Woods on Friday, will not only remember what challenges they had to overcome, but also what made them a truly

special group.

'The class of 2021 is comprised of future auto mechanics, teachers, nurses, political activists, and fabulous drag queens," said Valedictorian Sophia Medina, who will be attending Vassar College in the fall. "We are

revolutionaries, artists, dreamers and some of us are even Dogecoin buyers. And without knowing it, we have left behind legacies unmatched by other graduating classes."

One of these legacies Medina referred to was the fact

that the Class of 2021 was the first in school history where the top 10 ranking members were all female.

Medina reflected on more of the class's accomplishments, which included starting the annual trip to Ellis Island to see the Statue of Liberty in eighth grade; launching the Comfort Closet; making pronoun pins and holding educational sessions to teach district staff about the importance of LGBTQ awareness in the classroom and getting gender neutral bathrooms; starting a plastic initiative that will create benches for the community; and getting a native speakers class in the Spanish depart-

"We stepped up the game for all future classes in terms of the Lip Sync Battle at Color Wars, have probably played the most Uno games at lunch ever, and from reading the senior quotes in the yearbook, I would have to bet that we have the highest number of procrastinators the school has ever seen,' Medina joked.

On a serious note, Medina

also discussed topics like police brutality, discrimination against those in the LGBTQ community, abuse of immigrants at the US-Mexico bor-

der and more. Medina said that sitting in the discomfort that the conversation brings is a challenging emotion to deal with, but a necessary one to navigate in order to make

real change.

"Despite the enduring negative impacts of racism, police brutality, homophobia, gun violence, and the demonization and abuse of immigrants, Liberty, and its amazing diversity, has the potential to be a model for the rest of the country. We have the power to use what we've learned here," she

"The volunteerism, the inclusion, the outreach, and even the lessons learned from failures to not only help each other, but the many communities who are slipping through the cracks. As individuals, we can choose to build upon and modify the past [that] older generations have left for us. We can take the steps to make posi-



Valedictorian Sophia Medina, left, and Salutatorian Brooke Nichols were all smiles during rehearsal. Medina will be studying Political Science and Environmental Studies at Vassar College, while Nichols will be attending Ithaca College to study business.



Jose Barragan Luna shows off his diploma.



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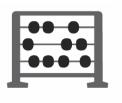




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tive changes in this world. As graduates, we are already taking that first step." Brooke Nichols, class salutatorian who will be attend-

ing Ithaca College, took her peers on a trip down memory lane, revisiting the themes they chose in their freshman, sophomore and junior years for Color Wars. There was of course an empty chapter to that story as the pandemic did not allow them to compete in the fun contest as seniors. But instead of dwelling on what was lost, Nichols focused on what was gained.

She said if she could pick a theme this year, it'd be 'faith over fear.'

"This past year we have decided whether or not to be crippled by the fear of sickness or move forward with a step of faith," she said. "We had to run this race just like in base chase (a game played at color wars) with determination and hope. Now it's time to stop for a water break. We've made it to the one-mile mark. It's time to grab our high school diplomas, let it soak in for a moment and keep on running."

Nichols said this was their beginning, and that the Class of 2021 have been given the tools to thrive and are encouraged to excel by those who have trained them.

"We have the ability and the knowledge needed to shine in the dark," she said. "Now it's our choice whether or not to use it. I wish you all the very best in wherever life takes you. Work hard, don't ever lose hope.

Liberty High School Principal Derek Adams told the Class of 2021 how proud he



Liberty School Board President John Nichols beams with pride as he hands his daughter Brooke her diploma.

was of their growth, even in the face of challenges.

"You have learned through your high school career and especially the last year-anda-half that you are strong, that you have fortitude and you have the drive to meet your goals," said Adams. "Never stop learning, moving forward, progressing, dreaming, or aspiring to reach your potential. Never settle for less than your best. Or in the words of arguably the best coach of all time, John Wooden, 'Just try to be the best you can be; never cease trying to be the best you can be. That's in your power."

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Standout soccer player Owen Siegel awaits the moment when his name is called. He will continue his education at SUNY Oneonta, where he'll also play soccer.

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becoming an astronaut.

Class President John Nolan reminds classmates of a quote from the Dalai Lama: "If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito." Nolan will be attending Syra-

cuse University to study Aerospace Engineering, with the goal of

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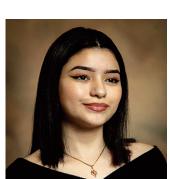
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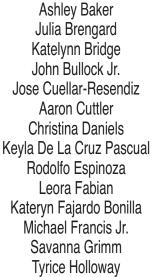
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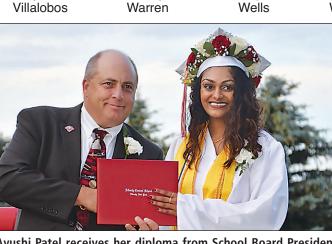


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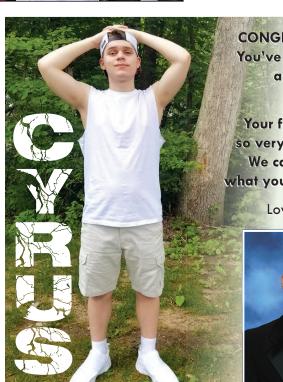
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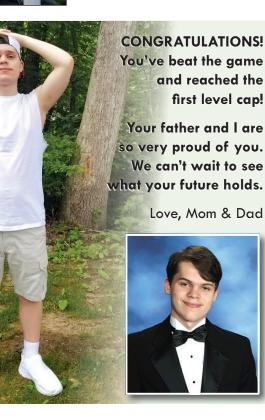


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Valedictorian Sophia Medina delivers a powerful message in her address to her peers.



Emma Dworetsky flashes a smile while receiving her diploma. She will be attending SUNY Albany to study actuarial science.



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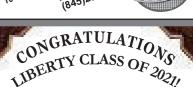
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Center graduates eighteen

BOCES held its commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 12, 2021, for the Rubin Pollack Education Center at the Bethel Wood's Center for the Arts. Family, teachers, and school administrators came together to honor eighteen graduates their educational

Gianna Valen, FCS.







Snowberger



Stoutenburgh



Teller



Valen

Not Pictured: **Zack Delong**



achievements. The Class of 2021 includes Ashley Baker, LCS; Todd Bianchi, SWCS; Elijah Brand, LMCS; Triniti Breihof, SWCS; Naomi Coy, TVCS; Kelsie Curry, FCŠ; Alana Dao, SWCS; Żachary DeLong, TVCS; Logan Dunn, MCS; Steve Duroseau II, FCS; Joseph Garcia, FCS; Donavan Šachs, SWCS; Cody Scarlett, MCS; Marina Schneider, ECS; Corev Snowberger, Seraphim Stoutenburgh, LCS; Kristin Teller, ECS; and

Deputy Superintendent Susan Schmidt opened the ceremony with welcoming remarks. She spoke of how wonderful it is to share this special moment in-person and recognized the graduaccomplishments. 'You are the resilient Class of 2021, and you have much to be proud of. Someday you will look back on this time and tell stories of the pandemic. It is a chapter in history that you did not learn from a book - you lived it. While you have faced challenges, you over-



(Left to right): front row Logan Dunn, MCS; Steve Duroseau II, FCS; Elijah Brand, LMCS; Donavan Sachs, SWCS; Corey Snowberger, LMCS. Back row Todd Bianchi, SWCS; Triniti Breihof, SWCS; Naomi Coy, TVCS; Kelsie Curry, FCS; Alana Dao, SWCS; Cody Scarlett, MCS; Gianna Valen, FCS; Ashley Baker, LCS; Joseph Garcia, FCS; Seraphim Stoutenburgh, LCS; and Kristin Teller, ECS. Missing from the photo: Zachary DeLong, TVCS; Marina Schneider, ECS.

came them and succeeded. It is now time for you to take your positive energy, your ability to adapt to the unexpected, and concur your next adventure,"

Schmidt. Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan Galligan was the keynote speaker for the graduation. Ms. Galligan

congratulated the students for their accomplishments. She reflected on her graduation and the advice that she wished she had received. "When your parents tell you they want you to be happy - they mean it. As you leave here today, take time to figure out what makes you happy. Only you can

make that decision; it may be difficult at times, but keep to your path. I wish that you discover what truly makes you happy and have the life you want for yourself. As you leave behind your high school years, please believe that you are here to do great things and be happy," stated Galligan.

Logan Dunn, a graduate from the Monticello Central School, was the student speaker for the ceremony. Mr. Dunn thanked the staff at Sullivan BOCES for everything they have done to get the class through the past four years and congratulated his classmates on their achievements that have brought them to this momentous milestone. He spoke of his educational journey and how, in the end, it was up to him to change his destiny and become successful. "You have to believe in yourself to keep moving forward. The only thing that can stop you is yourself. I am proof of that. Because I did not give up, I am going to college in the fall to become a veteri-

nary," concluded Dunn. According to Adam Riehl, Executive Principal of Specialized Programs, Graduation is a time to reflect upon

the past and all that you (the graduates) have accomplished. However, it is also a time to ponder the future - to dream. "You hold the keys to your future, and you have the ability and the responsibility to explore the wonderful opportunities available and contribute to making the world a better place," said Riehl. He concluded with a quote from Winston S. Churchill, "Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

During the ceremony, the students were recognized for receiving the following awards and scholarships. The President's Academic Achievement Award was presented to Ashley Baker, Triniti Breihof, SWCS; LCS; Kelsie Curry, FCS; Alana Dao, SWCS; Logan Dunn, MCS; Steve Duroseau II, FCS; Joseph Garcia, FCS; Cody Scarlett, Seraphim Stoutenburgh, LCS; and Gianna Valen, FCS. Naomi Coy, TVCS, Kristin Teller, ECS, and Triniti Breihof, SWCS, received the Citizenship American Award. Gianna Valen, FCS, received the BOCES Board Award recognizing academic improvement. Alana Dao, SWCS, and Logan

Dunn, MCS, received the Thelma Newman Memorial Award recognizing outstanding graduates. Joseph Garcia, FCS, received the Antonia Keesler Citizenship Award. Steve Duroseau II, FCS, and Cody Scarlett, MCS, received the Career & Technical Education Award. Kelsie Curry, FCS, received the Gene Smith School to Work Award. Ashley Baker, LCS, and Donavan Sachs, SWCS, received the Liberty Elks Award; Alana Dao, SWCS; and Logan Dunn, MCS, received the Liberty Rotary Club Award. The Perseverance Award was presented to Ashley Baker, LCS; Todd Bianchi, SWCS; Elijah Brand, LMCS; Triniti Breihof, SWCS; Naomi Coy, TVCS; Alana Dao, SWCS; Zachary DeLong, TVCS; Kelsie Curry, FCS; Logan Dunn, MCS; Steve Duroseau II, FCS; Joseph Garcia, FCS; Donavan Sachs, SWCS; Cody Scarlett, MCS; Marina Schneider, ECS; Seraphim Stoutenburgh, LCS; Corey Snowberger, LMCS; Kristin Teller, ECS; and Gianna

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Graduation Snapshots



An alumna of Eldred Junior Senior High School's Class of 2012, Andrea McKerrell returned to her roots to offer the Commencement Speaker Address to the Eldred Central Class of 2021.

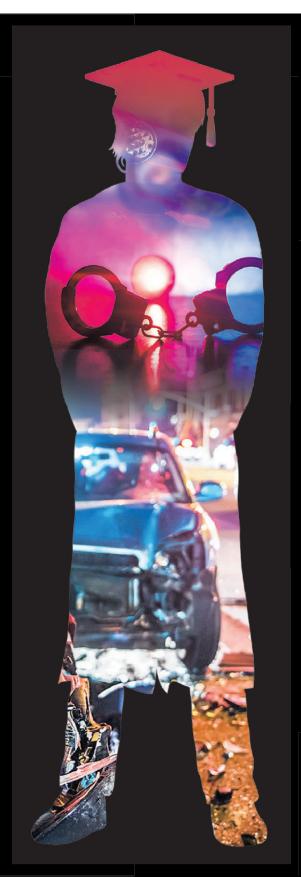


JEANNE SAGER | DEMOCRAT Sullivan West graduate Daniel Hemmer plans to head to the University of Albany to study accounting.

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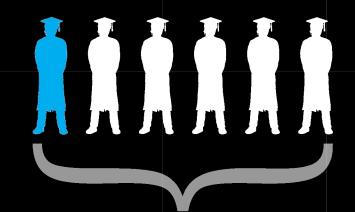
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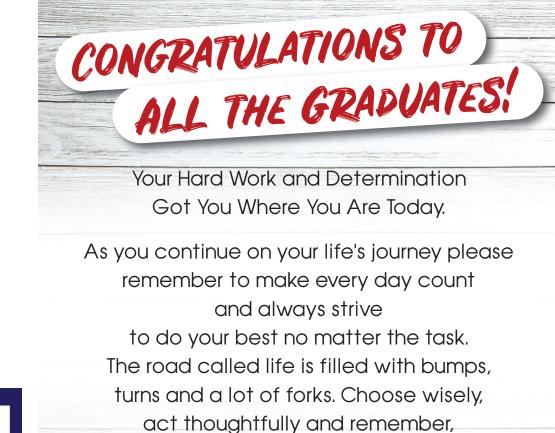


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Sullivan West graduates 66

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JEANNE SAGER



Members of the Class of 2021 throw their mortarboards sky high, a graduation day tradition.

t was senior Skylar Blaine who led Superintendent Steve Walker to the Pink Floyd lyric "no one told you when to run, you missed the

starting gun.' Since taking the helm of the district, Walker's taken to reaching out to the senior class before starting his speech for their graduation, looking for the students' guidance to make their final moin high school meaningful.

Blaine didn't have advice for his speech, but she did have a challenge — to somehow incorporate some of Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon lyrics into his speech.

Somehow the superintendent managed it, noting that it's been his experience that "life isn't about waiting for someone to tell you when to run, but instead it's about trusting your instincts and the advice

of those closest to you and about knowing that there is no perfect time to try something new or take on a challenge."

It was a similar gauntlet as that thrown down by graduate Jessica Schwalb. This year's valedictorian of a class of 66 students — one of Sullivan West's smaller graduating classes — Schwalb asked her classmates to venture down memory lane to her second grade birthday party, when the theme was her obsession of the moment - Indiana

The fictional professor implored good archeologists to get out of the library," and that's exactly what little Jessica did, turning over rocks, covering herself in mud, and investigating everything that the terrain of western Sullivan County had to offer.

"My elementary brain was loaded with questions," Schwalb explained to the audience. "Why do earwigs have forceps on their abdomens? How are worms strong enough to dig deep holes? How do they see? Why are frogs green? Why are they afraid of me?"

But from all these ques-

tions, Schwalb said she realized there's a challenge for everyone to find the thing that excites them — maybe that 'something new' was what Walker was talking about.

"We each have a passion, and maybe it's hidden inside of us," she assured her classmates. "But don't go through life without finding it."

As for where to find it, that was a bit of advice offered up by Salutatorian Abby Gaebel.

Growing up in the hill above Youngsville, Gaebel reflected on the challenges — and advantages — of being raised in a small, rural school district.

"When Sullivan West students graduate," she noted, "they often cannot wait to get out of Sullivan County or go to a bustling city and experience new things.'

But while there's value in that, there's what Gaebel labeled a "charm and sense of identity" that exists in the corners of their childhood, at Skinner's Falls or Crystal Lake. more than arbitrary destinations in the woods," Gaebel reminded her classmates. "They are all laced with a sense of magic. To be in the great outdoors, there is a whisper in the wind that brings a tranquil breath of life to every individual."

Relating her community to

a grapevine, her fellow gradu-

ates to the grapes that burst

forth from the vines, Gaebel

called upon the Class of 2021 to "carry the spirit of our community with us."

And while no one told them when to run, the members of the Sullivan West Class of 2021 have always carried this spirit with them, the spirit they uncovered turning over rocks and getting covered in mud.

> PLEASE SEE **SULLIVAN WEST,** 27G

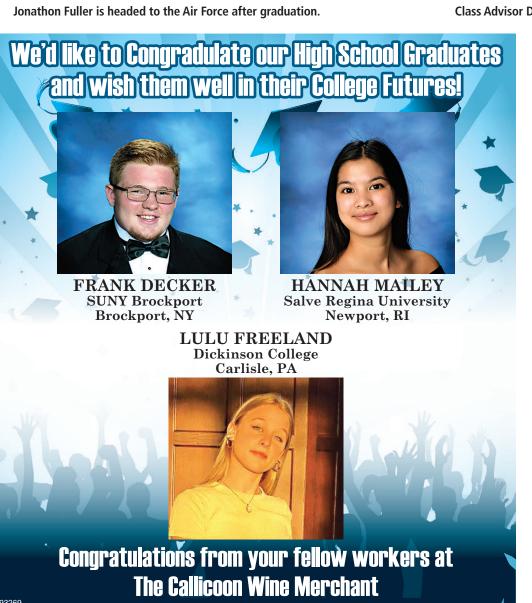


Jessica Schwalb delivers her valedictory address.



Jaden Browne, left, and Abigail Starkweather are among the Class







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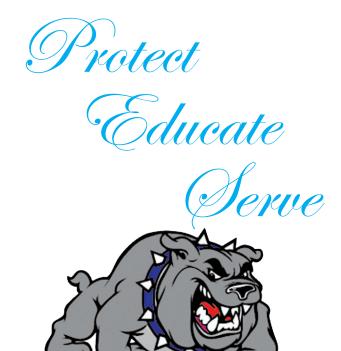
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Abigail

Salutatorian

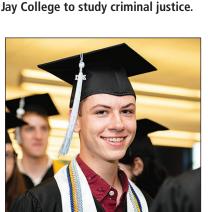
Gaebel shoots a smile

Jadon Cooper is all smiles as

Ryan Mace, left, and Dylan Brockner had an accidental twincident. They both wore the same shirt beneath their robes.



From left, Abigail Starkweather, Kristina Foster, and Adrianna Calangelo all have big plans after grad-



Jacob Hess is heading to SUNY Maritime in the fall.

William

PLEASE SEE **SULLIVAN WEST, 28G**



Will Connors performs a backflip after receiving his diploma, much to the amusement of Superintendent Steve Walker.

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Taylor Allen

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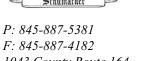
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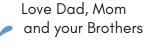
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in the field of law - Dylan Brock-

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der Haberli, Daniel Hemmer,

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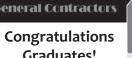
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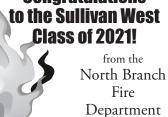
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Elizabeth Chellis shoots one last backward glance while Chloe Barber, left, chats with a friend.



Adrianna Calangelo is headed to college to study hospitality and tourism management.

Hannah Mailey will sail at Salve Regina after graduation.



Corey Dirie joins the line of grads out of the

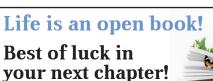


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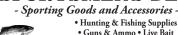
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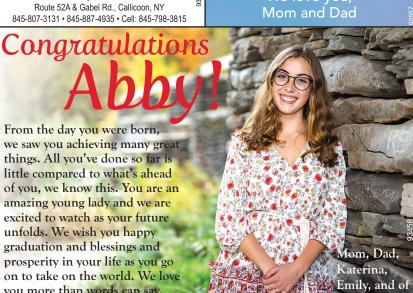
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Sarah Jacobsen will head into the nursing field after graduation.



Amaya Burgess straightens her mortarboard while Iysis Gray looks on.



Jackson Rittenhouse joins his class as they walk out of the school one last time.

Hailey Siegel listens as the band plays Flamingo Road.



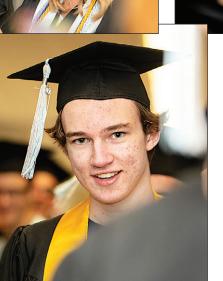
Laura Smith gets help with her robes from classmate Carli Muzu-



Zach Stevenson and Laura Smith check out something on her phone.

Joell McKeon will study psy-

chology in college.



Peter Davidson has plans to become a landscape architect.



Brittney Burk is planning to become a nurse.

Adrianna Calangelo and Skylar Blaine pause for a photo together.

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Tri-Valley valedictorian Rebecca Musa, who will be heading to Virginia Tech in the fall, posed the question to her peers, family and friends in attendance at Saturday's ceremony honoring the 73 members of the Class of 2021 at the Iatauro Sports Complex.

Musa said people would likely let the \$10 go and keep the rest. She then went over previous experiences from her past such as obsessing over one bad test grade, worrying about what others would think if she and friends chose to join her parents on the dance floor or preparing for the dreaded Fitnessgram PACER test often part of the gym class curriculum.

These stories all led back to that initial question, but instead of money, she asked them to imagine it being time, something so many of us waste each day overthinking and obsessing about things in our lives.

"The Dalai Lama said it

better than I can," explained Musa, "There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow, so today is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live.'

"Classmates since we are soon to be leaving each other my one hope for you all is that you live in and cherish the moment," Musa continued. "Whatever your



School Board Member Kimberly Botsford hands Class President Emily Schmidt her diploma. Emily will study business at Siena College.

future looks like, don't be apprehensive ... go all out and waste zero seconds. Because we're not here for a long time (approximately 2,400,000,000,000,000 seconds) but a good time. Like graduating high school baby! So congratulations Class of 2021, enjoy it."

In his address to peers, Salutatorian Jeremiah Steinhilber, who will be attending Elmira College to study psychology, talked about a health scare he experienced earlier in his high school career. While being rushed to the hospital due to suffering a seizure, his thoughts were racing. However, in spite of what he faced, his worries left him because his family

was with him.

"I knew they would help and support me through the time to come after this whole ordeal," he said. "And as they came in a few at a time, I was reassured by hand holding, and calming words.

"Now you're probably wondering, 'But Jeremiah, what does your seizure have anything at all to do with us?""

He explained that over the years at Tri-Valley, the Class of 2021's experiences - good and bad - shaped them as people.

"We need to learn and change from these experiences, and not only move on from them but grow as well," he said. "Understand that no matter how bad it gets, and whatever awful things we go through; as long as you surround yourself with people who love you, you will be alright."

In addition to the valedictorian and salutatorian addresses, another notable moment was the Armed Forces Presentation, where each year, all T-V graduates entering the military are recognized. Class Advisor Brenda Sloan was joined on stage by T-V Class of 2015 graduate and member of the U.S. Marine Corps, Sgt. Christopher Regina. This year's honoree: Regina's brother and 2021 T-V graduate Taylor Gonsher, wȟo will follow in his footsteps and serve our country as a Ma-

Following that presentation, Sloan introduced a new scholarship honoring the late Alan Moss, a Tri-Valley graduate who passed away last year. Moss' parents joined on stage as the first recipient of the memorial scholarship in their son's name was announced. Lorna Bragg is the inaugural recipient and she'll be attending Northeastern University to study political science and mathematics.

Shortly after, it was time for the main event. Following the receipt of their diplomas, graduates turned their tassels and threw their caps in the air in celebration. Before exiting and joining family and friends for photos, Class of 2021 Vice President Celest Ibarra closed out the ceremony with one last message for her peers.

"We definitely had some low points over the last 15 months, but we overcame it all to get here today," she said. "The German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche famously said, 'That which does not kill us makes us stronger.' And we are stronger, Class of '21. And we will always be strong - Tri-Valley strong."



Virginia Tech-bound valedictorian Rebecca Musa addresses her peers.

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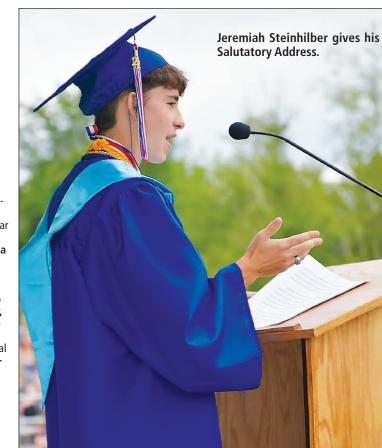
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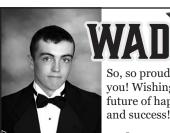
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Principal's Honor Roll/High Honor Roll (all 16 quarters) - Madison Botsford, Lorna Bragg, Jordan Costa, Jenna Donovan, Nicholas Jucha, Tia Katz, Rebecca Musa, Jeremiah Steinhilber, Carsen

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3. Lorna Bragg 4. Tia Katz

5. Nicholas Jucha 6. Jordan Costa

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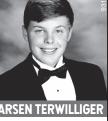
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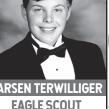
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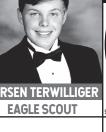
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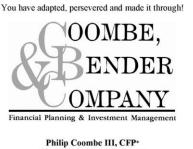
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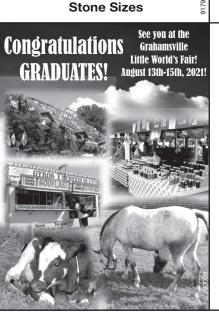
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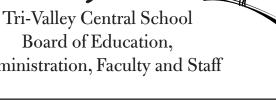
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The Armed Forces Presentation is a Tri-Valley tradition. Class Advisor Brenda Sloan, who is retiring after running graduation and teaching Spanish for over three decades, honors graduate Taylor Gon-sher who will serve his country in the U.S. Marine Corps.



Flora Pierre-Louis receives her diploma from School Board President Keri-Ann Poley.



Stockton University-bound Madison Botsford gets a hug from her mom Kimberly, who serves on the school board and had the honor of handing out her diploma. Botsford plans to study speech pathology.

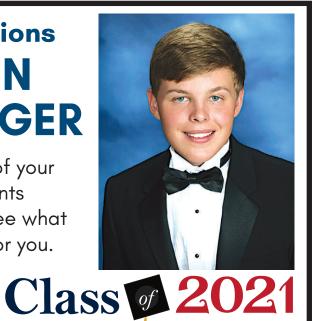


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Tri-Valley graduate, Jordan Costa, who will be attending Russell Sage College to study Physical Therapy, celebrates the moment with parents Fernando and Kim.

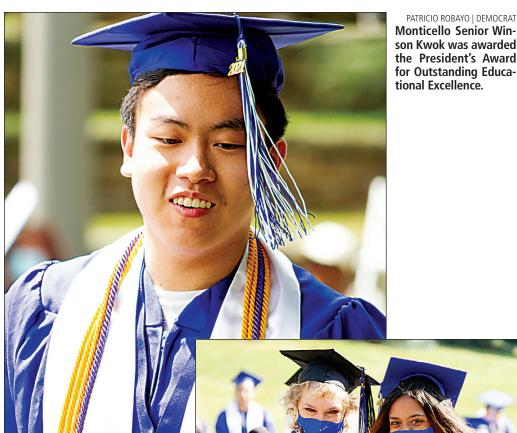


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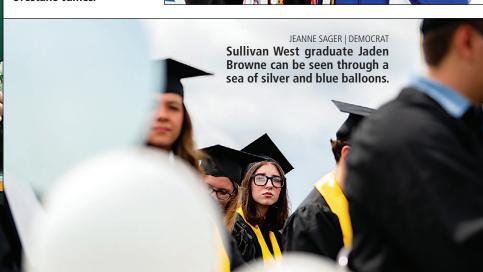
It was a proud moment for the family of Livingston Manor graduate Dakota Marks upon receiving his diploma.

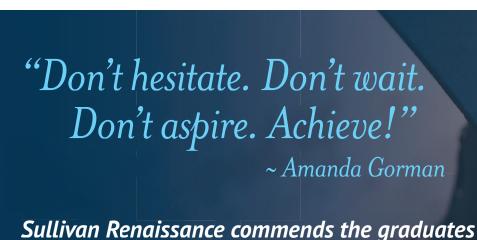


KAITLIN CARNEY | DEMOCRAT Daniel Giglio, who is joining the United States Marines after graduation, beams as he receives his diploma from the **Eldred Central School District.**



PATRICIO ROBAYO | DEMOCRAT Monticello Senior Katelyn Boothe, right, received the following honors: President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence and the Academy of Finance Make a Difference Scholarship. She is being congratulated by Monticello School **Board** President Orestano-James.





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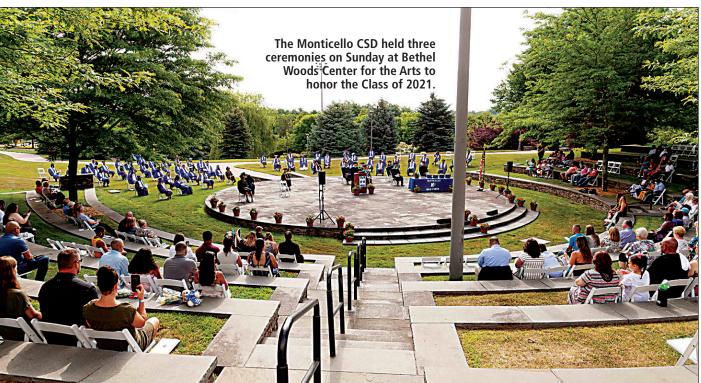
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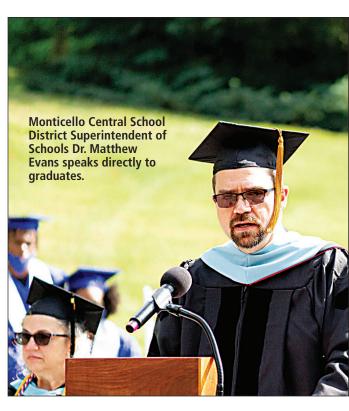




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Monticello graduates 179

STORY AND PHOTOS BY PATRICIO ROBAYO

his year has been like no other in history, and what the Monticello graduating class of 2021 has experienced in the past 16 months, will shape them forever. That was the theme of the day as parents, friends, families, and loved ones gathered on the hallow grounds of the 1969 Wood-

You learn to take a breath; you learn to survive."

Furthermore, Monticello Central School District Superintendent of Schools Dr. Matthew Evans said, "We're gathered here today to celebrate with all due respect to Monticello alumni, the most accomplished class to graduate Monticello High School.

Dr. Evans continued and said, "Without reservation, because what these graduates

endured, labored through, and most of all learned over the past 16 months is far more than any graduating class, since per-haps the Great Depression." And he ended by saying, "I

wish you the best of luck in everything you do this moment forward, and hope that you capitalize on what you've learned through this pandemic.'

Senior Class Speaker Dylan

Price, who will be attending Penn State in the fall and studying broadcast journalism, said standing before his graduating class was his dream. After attending a graduation ceremony four years ago and being inspired by that class speaker, he knew what his high school career would be like.

Price was awarded the President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence; Academy of Finance Make a Difference Scholarship; Academy of Finance Service Award; Ashley Morgan & Sierra Cerrone Memorial

Scholarship; Blake and Dorothy Washington Scholarship; Brian Ingber Memorial Foundation Community Service Award; Kiwanis Club of Monticello: The Max Shapiro Scholarship; Peter H. Cahalan Scholarship; NAF-Track certification; Monticello Board of Education Award in Social Studies; Monticello Fire Department Scholarship; Rock Hill Fire Department Scholarship; Monticello Rotary Club Scholarship; Rock Hill Ladies Auxiliary Award; and Monticello Elks' Club

Scholarship. However, once he was

awarded the honor to speak before the graduates, he was at a loss of words, a first for him, he says.

"After reflecting and listening to the wise words [from that speech four years ago], it truly dawned on me how insane this year was for all of us," said Price.

While looking at his classmates, Price said, "I urge you, my classmates, try with every ounce of your soul to leave a legacy. Think of what we've been through and what lies ahead for all of us. But always cherish the moments you

Best of Luck to the 2021 Graduates!



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The Monticello Central School District held three ceremonies on Sunday to recognize the 179 members of the Class of 2021.

While the students have faced unprecedented challenges for their Junior and Senior years, Sunday's graduation was a special day.

Monticello Central School District Board of Education President Lori Orestano-James said she had faced many challenges in her life. Still, she has been able to breathe and move on and grow from her experiences.

"I am so proud of all the work and effort you put into choosing to earn your high school diploma during these difficult times,"

Orestano-James.

"Yes, the class of 2021 will always be remembered as a class that lost out on so much. I don't look at it that way. Rather, I believe you are the class who gained so much of what you learned from your teachers and parents during your formative education [which] will always serve you well," added Orestano-James.

Furthermore, Orestano-James said, who knows exactly what tomorrow brings for any of us. "But you have individually and collectively demonstrated one crucial life lesson by being here today.



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The Monticello Teachers' Association would like to send a special **Congratulations to Emily LaRuffa & Krishna Foster**

> who are the 2021 recipients of the **Monticello Teachers' Association** Scholarship.

This award is presented to deserving seniors who have shown tremendous merit throughout high school and who have unlimited potential.

The Monticello Teachers' Association would like to send out congratulations to the two recipients of the Annual Monticello Teachers' Association College Scholarships. Emily LaRuffa and Krishna Foster have shown great character, attentiveness to academics, and tenacity through their high school careers and we wish them continued success as they enter college and pursue careers.

The MTA is extremely proud of the class of 2021 and wishes you a lifetime of success and fulfillment. You have graduated at a time like no other and your ability to adapt and succeed is a reflection on your commitment and resolve. Embrace the infinite possibilities which lie before you and remember that no challenge is too great to overcome. We are proud of the scholarship recipients and proud of the entire class of 2021. Congratulations and all the best to our Monticello Panthers!

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Students say the Pledge of Allegiance one last time as seniors at the Monticello CSD.



The Monticello graduating class of 2021.



Senior Stephanie Gonzalez was also awarded the President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence and SC BOCES President's Award for Outstanding Excellence Award.

Monticello Central School District Board of Education President Lori Orestano-James shares wise words.

2021 Monticello **Graduation Awards**

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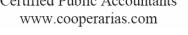




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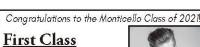
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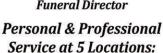


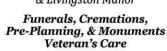


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Sullivan BOCES Career & Tech Center recognizes 227 graduates

LIBERTY – On June 12, the Career & Technical Education Center held its Recognition Ceremony for 227 graduating Career & Tech students at the Bethel Wood's Center for the Arts. The Terrace was filled with smiling faces, cheers, and applause as the graduates made their way across the stage to accept their certificates, awards, and scholar-

Jeffrey Molusky, Executive Principal of the Career & Technical Education program at Sullivan BOCES, opened the ceremony by welcoming the graduates, parents, board members, and school administrators to the joyous occasion. An ending to an unprecedented school year one that has never been navigated before. Moluksy stood proud when he mentioned how everyone in attendance persevered and had a role in preparing the graduates to enter the workforce, college, or the armed forces. Each student having a skill-set, unlike their high-school peers. He described how the experiences at the Career & Technical Center had given the graduates the tenacity to implement problem-solving, critical thinking, and leadership skills that will carry them

into the future. "Today's commencement is a launching point that is a milestone in your life's journey, one to be recognized with great significance. You have worked hard to get to this day. Recognition of your Career and Technical Education certificate, accomplishments, and accolades, is not the end goal; but part of the journey and process to help you navigate the next course in your life. Your journey will be filled with many turns, disappointments, and unknowns. Use your Career and Tech training to serve as a foundation as you find your way through the next passage of life. It is up to you to create a future that will propel your career, take up a trade, or continue your education at a college or vocational/technical school. Because you attended a Career and Tech Center, you have obtained skills, work ethic, accountability, and determination. These traits and attributes will provide you with new opportunities for continued success. Now it is time to reach for the stars. Anything is within your grasp," said Molusky.

Jacob Hannold from the Fallsburg CSD and Cayshla Herrera from the Monticello CSD were the class speakers for the first ceremony. Emma Jones of the Livingston Manor CSD and Gianna Matthews of the Fallsburg CSD spoke on behalf of the class at the second ceremony.

According to Jacob Hannold, his experience in the Welding program at the Career & Technical Education Center was a very enjoyable learning experience that he wished did not have to end. It is through this experience that he now recognizes how his trade touches our everyday lives. This respect for welding has given him an understanding of how often fabrication keeps the outside world functioning. He was proud to say that he is continuing his education in the fall at the Hobart Institute of Welding in Troy, Ohio. Jacob Hannold addressed his classmates by saying, "It is a pleasure to be here as we celebrate our accomplishments. Sadly, all good things must end, but where there is an ending, there is a new beginning. Today marks the end of a chapter in our educational process and the beginning of a new one. The future is ahead of us as we make this transition and continue with our education. I wish the best of luck to all the graduates here today. Thank you for giving me this opportunity!"

students' After the speeches, Linda Berkowicz, BOCES Board President, Dr. Kenneth Hilton, BOCES Board Member, and Anthony Sinacore, BOCES Board Member presented the four students with the Sullivan **BOCES Board Outstanding** Career & Technical Education Student Award.

Dr. Robert M. Dufour, Dis-Superintendent at BOCES, closed the ceremony with a poem from Carly Nash, 'The Circle of Life.'

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They sat beneath a sign dedicating their gymnasium to Coach Fred Ahart, and they offered up a plaque to the former Roscoe athletic director as a class

Ahart passed away in June, just before the Class of 2021 could start their senior year, but it was graduate KJ Feeney who spoke the words everyone was thinking in his closing remarks at graduation.

"I want to look up at Coach, because I know he is looking down at us this evening," Feeney said, "and I want to thank him for everything he has ever done for Roscoe and everything he has ever done for this class."

For more than 50 years, Fred Ahart was the face of Roscoe Central School, the face on the sidelines at sports games and a face peeking in on graduations to wish his kids a final farewell. He was always there, and

he was there on the Friday night that the Class of 2021 said their final goodbyes too. Feeney certainly wasn't

the only graduate to pay tribute to Ahart during the first graduation after his As Valedictorian Cole

DeRosia spoke of the importance of perseverance for his classmates, he noted that they didn't have to look very far for the model of who it was they might want to strive to be. Working summers with the custodial staff at Roscoe Central School, DeRosia had a special chance to see a bit of the be-



Hunter Appley, left, and Cole DeRosia, right, were this year's salutatorian and valedictorian, respec-

hind the scenes of Ahart's life, to see the coach who just wanted to get back into his office and get back to work serving the kids of the Roscoe district.

"Each day during work, Mr. Klein and I would hear him on his phone down the hallway talking to other schools and planning the upcoming football season," DeRosia recalled.

His advice to his classmates? "Take a page from Coach's book. Push for what you love, and give back to your community wherever that might be."

That focus on community has echoed over the years at graduations. county's smallest school dis-

trict, its senior class size has varied over the years from as little as 10 to this year's 22.

But each year seniors speak about the love of their small town, the support, and the dedication to giving them the advantages of schools far larger than them - exactly the sorts of things Fred Ahart worked to provide year after year, decade after decade.

"Thank you to the teachers and staff who over the years have become therapists, friends, mentors and coaches," Salutatorian Hunter Appley said to the crowd and those teachers and staff members of Roscoe Central School. "We could not be here today without your combined efforts to teach us, shape us and push to this point in our

ROSCOE CENTRAL SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Aileen Button Memorial Award – Awarded to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian - Cole DeRosia, **Hunter Appley**

Alan B. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship - Recognizes a senior who plans to pursue a career in the field of science or plans on entering the military for a minimum of four vears. - Cole DeRosia Arthur V. Maus Memorial Award -

Awarded to a senior who is either enrolled in the BOCES Vocational School or Industrial Arts Program at RCS. - Dylon Irwin Beaverkill Chapter Of The National

Society Of The Daughters Of The American Revolution – Awarded to the senior with the highest average in American History. - Cole DeRosia

Beaverkill Chapter Of The National Society Of The Daughters Of The American Revolution - Awarded to the senior showing exceptional patriotism. - Hunter Appley Blue & White Athletic Club Award -

unteered service in the athletic program. - Dylon Irwin, Aaron Steele Carol Young Herrmann Art Scholarship - Awarded to a graduate pursuing an interest in visual, theater or musical arts. - Ervn Dutcher Catherine & Alex Portz Memorial Music Award - Awarded to a member of the senior class for dedication in the music program. - Zena Vandermark "Coach" Fred Ahart Character Award

 This award is given to a graduating senior who displays outstanding character. These qualities include leadership. selflessness, dedication, and generosity. - Aaron

Award - This award is given to a tending college to pursue a career in Physical Education and/or Athletic Directing. - David Diaz Cooks Falls-Horton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship -Awarded to the students who re-

side in the Cooks Falls-Horton Fire District. - Cole DeRosia, Dylon Irwin, Madelyn Kunz, Joshua O'Leary, Aaron Steele, Zena Van-

Scholarship - Awarded to the stu-Cole DeRosia, Dylon Irwin, Madelyn Kunz, Joshua O'Leary,

Dai Dutcher Memorial Award -Awarded to two deserving members of the senior class who have been most respectful, courteous, and cooperative within the school setting. - Eryn Dutcher, Cortney

David B. Robinson Memorial Prize siasm, interest, and talent in auto

Dee Brzytwa Memorial Award -Awarded to the student who has demonstrated honesty and integrity and overall good sportsmanship during his/her high school career.

Award - Awarded to a senior who activities and is furthering his or

Garofolo Dr. Lewis G. Denman Memorial -Awarded to a senior who plans to continue his/her education in the field of health care. - Andrew Ruiz

Award - Awarded to deserving students who reside in the Town of Colchester and will be continuing

Awarded to seniors who have vol-

a thumbs up.

Zena Vandermark

Madelyn Kunz, Aaron Steele,

Earle & Elizabeth Wilde Cornell Co-

operative Extension Sullivan County

Scholarship - Awarded to a gradu-

ating senior from Sullivan County

who plans to continue their educa-

tion in an agricultural related field

at either the State University of

New York College of Agriculture

and Technology at Cobleskill or

Ed Weitmann Beaverkill Valley Fire

Awarded to a graduating senior

pursuing a college education re-

responder, or medicine/nursing.

Eleanor Marks Memorial Award -

Awarded to a graduate who is

planning a career in nursing or a

science related field. - Madelyn

Evelyn Tice Button Memorial Award

female senior who will be attend-

ing college in the fall. - Cortney

Awarded to the senior who shows

excellence in English and Language

Arts, will major in some form of the

study of the English language in a

post-secondary setting or the stu-

dent with the highest average in

Federation Of Sportsmens Clubs Of

Sullivan County Award – Awarded

to a Sullivan County senior who ac-

fishing and will be continuing their

education in a conservation related

I.O.O.B. # 583 Scholarship - Awarded

to a family member of an I.O.O.B.

member who will be furthering

their education. - Kevin Feeney

Awarded to students who exem-

plify community service. - Hunter

Jay J Wheeler Memorial Scholarship

This award is given by the Sulli-

van County Assessor's Association

to a graduating senior from Sulli-

van County who shows academic

potential and will be attending a

two or four year college or univer-

John Jay Horton "High Point" Me-

of humor, gentleness and kind-

morial Scholarship – Awarded to

students who share John's qualities

heartedness. - Kevin Feeney, Cort-

sity. - Kevin Feeney

Appley, Kevin Feeney, Zena Van-

James & Fleanor Cain Scholars

dermark

tively participates in hunting and

English 12. - Cole DeRosia

field. - Collin Garofolo

Excellence In English Award -

- Awarded to the highest ranking

Zena Vandermark

Klinegardner

lated to a trade, engineering, first

Department Memorial Scholarship

Morrisville. - Collin Garofolo

Coach" Fred Ahart Education graduating senior who plans on at-

Cooks Falls-Horton Fire Company dents of the Cooks Falls-Horton Fire District furthering their education. -Aaron Steele, Zena Vandermark

Klinegardner

Awarded to a RCS BOCES student who demonstrates superior enthubody or a vocational field. - Aaron Steele

Eryn Dutcher Derek & Justin Haas Memorial

has actively participated in school her education. - Collin Garofolo Derek & Justin Haas Memorial Sports Award - Recognizes a senior who participated in sports and is continuing his/her education. - Collin

Dr. Robert R. Eckert Scholarship

Vandermark Julie & Don Allen Memorial Scholarship Fund – Awarded to the female graduate with the highest GPA planning to attend college and

ney Klinegardner, Zena

KJ Feeney pops out from behind classmate Andrew Ruiz to shoot to two seniors who show exemplary community service. - Saman-

tha Teipelke, Emily Tomah

Kurt T. Rowan Memorial Scholarship Awarded to graduating seniors who have played two varsity sports, one of which is basketball; who exhibited leadership on and off the playing field; who by their attitude helped to elevate his/her teammates' play; who maintained an overall academic average for four years of 80% or above; and who will be continuing their education. **Brenden Ryder** Lazare And Charlotte Kaplan Foun-

dation Grant – This grant is awarded to seniors to assist with post-secondary education funding. - Kevin Feeney, Collin Garofolo, Brenden Ryder, Aaron Steele, Zena Vandermark Liberty Elks Lodge Citizenship And

Service Award – Awarded to a graduate for excellent citizenship and unselfish service to school and community. - Kevin Feeney, Zena Lynn Rosen Memorial Scholarship -

Awarded to a graduating senior who plans to pursue a degree in education. - David Diaz

Michael & Rose Failla Memorial Award - Awarded to a senior who has been a positive role model for younger students. - Hunter Appley Mystic Entertainment Award Awarded to the senior who has participated in athletics and performed in plays, shows or concerts at RCS. - Aaron Steele

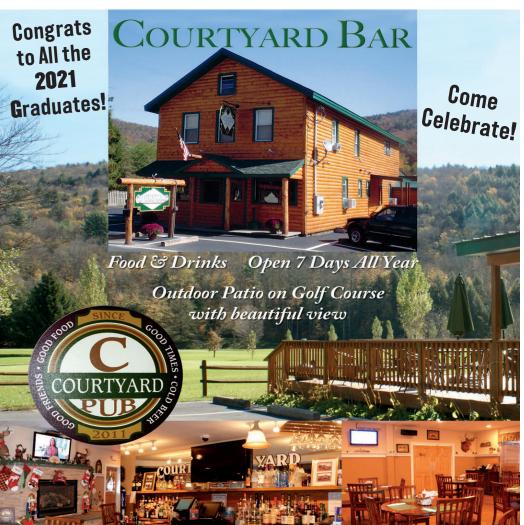
New York State Assembly Certificate Of Merit - Awarded to each senior in recognition of his/her achievement by Aileen Gunther, Member of New York State Comptroller's Stu-

dent Achievement Award -Awarded to students who show ademic promise and potential for leadership through involvement in activities that improve the school and/or community. - Hunter Appley, Cole DeRosia

NYSCOPBA – Awarded to the child of a NYSCOPBA member who is furthering his/her education. **David Diaz**

New York State Attorney General's Triple "C" Award – This award recognizes the "commitment, character, and courage" of a hard working student. - Andrew Ruiz, Kaylee Winters

NYS Education Department Academic Award - Awarded to the sen ior earning the highest grades on Regents Exams that will be attending college in New York State. -Hunter Appley, Cole DeRosia Noack Family Graduation Award -Awarded to all graduates.



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Graduates Zena Vandermark, Aaron Steele and Samantha Teipelke

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throw their caps in the air.



Morgan Madison laughs as her mortarboard slips off while accepting her diploma from RCS Board Member Ed Parks.



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Dutcher

Ruiz



Brenden Ryder



Hailey Shaw



Aaron Steele



Teipelke



Emily Tomah



Vandermark

Awarded to a senior intending to pursue a career in engineering or entering the military. - Cole DeRosia

Peck's Market Achievement Award – Awarded to four students demonstrating positive respect toward fellow students, faculty, community, the environment, and dedicated to quality school involvement. -Hunter Appley, Kevin Feeney,

Dalton Powell, Brenden Ryder Principal's Award – Awarded to the senior who best defines the word integrity and explains how it plays a part in their lives and how it will help define their future. - Kevin Feeney RCS Drama Club Graduation Award

- Awarded to a graduating senior having shown dedication and extensive involvement in the RCS Drama Club program. - Cole DeRosia

Roscoe Cares Award – Awarded to a senior who demonstrates outstanding community service. A student who goes "above and beyond" to serve their community. - Andrew Ruiz

Roscoe Diner Prize – Awarded to a student who is continuing his/her education in a business-related field. - Kevin Feeney, Emily Tomah

Roscoe Free Library Award – Awarded to an avid reader planning on attending college, trade school or the military. - Hunter Aplance Corp. Award - Awarded to a senior who is active in volunteer activities in the community. - Cortney Klinegardner, Dalton Powell, Andrew Ruiz

Roscoe-Rockland Fire Company Auxiliary Prize - Awarded to two seniors (one boy and one girl) who have shown community service, volunteerism and pride in their community. - Dalton Powell, Hai-

ley Shaw Roscoe-Rockland Fire Company Community Service Award -Awarded to seniors who are active in the fire company or who have done a great deal of community service. - Kevin Feeney

Roscoe Teachers' Association Scholarship – Awarded to students who are planning to pursue a teaching career and have been accepted into a teaching program. If no students fit this criteria, the scholarship is awarded to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the class. - David Diaz

Rose & Kiernan, Inc. Scholarship Fund - Awarded to students who may choose to pursue a career in the field of healthcare, wellness, education or business. - Cortney Klinegardner, Madelyn Kunz Senator Mike Martucci Certificate Of Merit – Awarded to students for their outstanding accomplishments.

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Student Government Award In Honor Of Debbie Holland And Marie Sullivan-Smith - Presented to a senior(s) who has devoted an extraordinary amount of service to RCS and the Student Government. -**Hunter Appley**

Student Government Award In Memory Of Derek Haas - Presented to a senior(s) who demonstrate a caring and friendly disposition toward peers and who strive to raise morale and promote school pride. This award is chosen by the Student Government members. - Collin Garofolo

Student Government Award In Honor Of Mindy Schulte - Presented to a senior(s) who shows compassion and friendship to others, loves to laugh, is encouraging and uplifting, is a good listener, is respectful, and strives to be the best he or she can be. This award is chosen by the Student Government members. Madelyn Kunz

Student Government Award In Honor Of Our Friends: Timothy Johnston

And Kurt Rowan - Presented to a senior(s) who exemplify such qualities as leadership, character, a dedication to school and class, and who participates actively in extra-curricular activities. These recipients must also maintain a respectable class standing. This award is chosen by the Student Government members. - Brenden Ryder

Sullivan County Bar Association Ira J. Cohen Scholarship - Awarded to a Sullivan County graduate attending college and planning to pursue a career in public service or law. -**Kevin Feeney**

Sullivan County Probation Officer's Association Recognition Award – Recognition of the academic achievements of a senior who will be furthering their education in a criminal justice related field. -**Collin Garofolo**

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Chemerys Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a graduating senior who resides in Sullivan County and is pursuing a career in the field of criminal justice or other police related field. - Collin Garofolo Sullivan County Trail Association Scholarship - Awarded to a senior who is a member of the Sullivan

mental related field. - Collin Garo-Sullivan 5 Star Chapter #298, Order Eastern Star - Awarded to the senior who demonstrates citizenship,

County Trail Association and will be

majoring in a conservation/environ-

morality, responsibility, unselfishness, and service to school and community. - Kevin Feeney SUNY Sullivan Presidential Scholarship – A full-tuition scholarship awarded to students who have demonstrated academic achievement during high school and will be attending SUNY Sullivan. -Kevin Feeney, Cortney Klinegardner

Superintendent's Award – Awarded to a senior who is recognized for service, good citizenship and is held in positive academic standing. Kevin Feeney Theodore Gordon Fly Fishing Science

Award – Awarded to a senior who is continuing his/her education in environmental studies in a 2 or 4 year school or who has the highest average in science. - Collin Garofolo, Brenden Ryder Thomas Wallace Button Mathematics Award - This award is for the sen-

ior who is deemed by the math de-

themselves by their performance in

partment to have distinguished

math during their high school career. - Cole DeRosia Tony Brzytwa Memorial Academic Award - Awarded to a senior who has shown the most improvement academically over the last four years. - Collin Garofolo, Zena

Vandermark Tony Brzytwa Memorial Hunting Award – Awarded to a senior who has shown the most interest in hunting. - Collin Garofolo, Bren-

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den Ryder Tony Brzytwa And Dee Brzytwa Med-

ical Research Award - Presented to a senior who is pursuing a medical profession. - Madelyn Kunz Tony Brzytwa Memorial Sports Award - Awarded to a senior who has shown the most improvement athletically over the last four years. -Kevin Feeney, Aaron Steele Verlynn R. Hill Memorial Scholarship Awarded to a senior who is a mem ber of the National Honor Society

and is pursuing higher education. **Hunter Appley** Women's Club Of The Horton Methodist Episcopal Church Scholarship - Awarded to a member of the senior class who expects to continue his/her education. - William Rampe, Emily Tomah

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