Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School

Class of 2026 Commencement

June 26, 2026

693 State Highway 51
Gilbertsville, New York

Class of 2026

Jeffrey Lynn Barnes ~≠
Samuel Andrew Beach ɤ
Ethan Jack Bertrand ~≠
Jenna Rose Carpenter ~+≠
Ryan Hunter Davis ~+
Alice Kay Dibble £
Andrea Marie Favinger £ ∞ +
John Bruce Forbes Conaty ~
Katelyn Alura Hills ~
Bailey Joy Howard ~ ∞
Kyle Andrew Keuhn £
Jade Elizabeth Lindroth ~+≠
Madison Elizabeth Lockwood ~
Matthew Scott Manwarren ~≠
Mackenzi Lin Marron ¥∞
Kira Elizabeth Nolan £
Trenton Thomas Odell ~
Dylan Harley Page ɤ
Lillian Christina Perrine ~
Alivia Grace Plows ~≠
Kelsey Ann Quiter ~≠
Latham Lewis Retz ~
Blake Arthur SanSoucie ~
Alivia Nicole Vitek ~
Caleb Donn Wildenstein ~
Kaylin Mae Williams ~
Zachary Taylor Wilson ~
Adam Alexander Yasser ~ + ∞≠
Justin Eric Youngs ~

Valedictorian: Andrea Favinger
Salutatorian: Adam Yasser

~ Regents Diploma
€ Regents Diploma with Honors
£ Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
¥ Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Mastery in Science
ɤ Skills & Achievement Commencement Credential
∞ National Honor Society
≠ Technical Endorsement
+ National Technical Honor Society
*Gold Cord signifies students who have 89.5 cumulative GPA
*White Cord signifies students who have 90 or above senior year
*Orange and Blue Cord signifies Brilliant Pathways Scholars

Program

- Processional
- Pledge of Allegiance — Latham Retz
- National Anthem — GMU Band
- Class and Advisor Gifts — Lillian Perrine & Alivia Plows
- Welcome — Mrs. Heather Wilcox, Superintendent
- Salutatory Address — Adam Yasser
- Class History — Mackenzi Marron & Kira Nolan
- Class Future — Bailey Howard & Kaylin Williams
- Awarding of Diplomas — Mrs. Wilcox, Superintendent; Mr. Smith, Interim Principal
- Valedictory Address — Andrea Favinger
- Alma Mater — GMU Band
- Presentation of Graduates — Mackenzi Marron
- Recessional

Scholarships & Awards

Marie Stokes Gilbert Award—Awarded to students continuing to post-secondary education.
Recipients: *Jenna Carpenter, Ryan Davis, Alice Dibble, Andrea Favinger, Katelyn Hills, Bailey Howard, Kyle Keuhn, Jade Lindroth, Mackenzi Marron, Kira Nolan, Lillian Perrine, Alivia Plows, Kelsey Quiter, Latham Retz, Blake SanSoucie, Alivia Vitek, Kaylin Williams, Zachary Wilson*

Clark Foundation Scholarship—Students are selected to receive this scholarship based on their academics and financial need.
Recipients: *Andrea Favinger, Adam Yasser, Mackenzi Marron, Alice Dibble, Bailey Howard, Latham Retz, Kira Nolan, Lillian Perrine*

NYSED Academic Excellence Scholarship—This is awarded in recognition of academic achievement.
Recipients: *Andrea Favinger, Adam Yasser, Mackenzi Marron*

Gilbertsville - Mount Upton Board of Education Scholarship—Awarded to graduating seniors planning to pursue a post-secondary education degree.
Recipients: *Alivia Vitek, Andrea Favinger, Mackenzi Marron*

Alumni Association Scholarship—The scholarship has been given by the Alumni Association of the Gilbertsville Academy, Mt. Upton Central School and GMU Central School to students based on need, scholarship and school or community involvement.
Recipients: *Andrea Favinger, Mackenzi Marron, Lillian Perrine, Latham Retz*

Gordon Hughes Scholarship—Awarded to a senior who has been accepted to a 3 or 4 year college or university, acceptance in a nursing, technical, or business degree.
Recipient: *Andrea Favinger*

Gilbertsville - Mount Upton Teacher Association Scholarship—Awarded to a graduating senior planning to pursue a post-secondary education degree.
Recipients: *Alivia Vitek*

Gilbertsville - Mount Upton Teacher Association Trade Scholarship—Awarded to a graduating senior acquiring employment in the trades.
Recipients: *Latham Retz*

Thomas and Anne McGovern Keane Memorial Awards—To be presented at graduation to a male senior with the highest Regents in Social Studies.
Recipient: *Adam Yasser*

Terence & Bridget McCusker Memorial Award—To be presented at graduation to a female senior with the highest Regents score in Social Studies.
Recipient: *Andrea Favinger*

Patrick F. Keane Memorial Award—To be presented at graduation to a male senior with the highest Regents score in Spanish.
Recipient: *Zachary Wilson*

Alice V. Poole Memorial Award—To be presented at graduation to a female senior with the highest Regents score in Spanish.
Recipients: *Mackenzi Marron*

Gordon and Florence Thom Memorial Scholarship—This scholarship recognizes a graduating senior who is pursuing a post-secondary education in a "hands-on" trade.
Recipient: *Latham Retz*

The Captain James E. Turner, Jr. USNR Scholarship—Awarded to students pursuing a post-secondary degree.
Recipients: *Kyle Keuhn, Alivia Vitek*

The Mildred G. and Robert K Campfield Scholarship—Awarded to a student who pursues a degree in broadcasting communications.
Recipient: *Kaylin Williams*

Elks National Foundation Legacy Award—Awarded to select children and grandchildren of Elks members.
Recipient: *Mackenzi Marron*

Mount Upton Class of 1964 Award—This award is given in memory of past graduates of the Mount Upton Class of 1964 to a graduating senior who is going on to a post-secondary education.
Recipient: *Alivia Vitek*

Larry Pearsall Memorial Award—This award is given in memory of Mr. Pearsall in recognition of consistent effort, hard work, achievement and commitment to the pursuit of additional education.
Recipient: *Alivia Plows*

Christopher Fuller Memorial Scholarship—Given in memory of Christopher Fuller, a 2008 graduate of GMU. This award is given to a student who plans to pursue a career involving the use of heavy equipment or construction.
Recipient: *Jeffery Barnes*

Matt O'Hara Good Citizenship Scholarship—Given in memory of Matt O'Hara to a student that exhibits the characteristics that Matt is best known for, and easy laugh, a positive outlook, and is a caring inspiration to others.
Recipient: *Latham Retz*

Tyler Costello Memorial Music Award—This award recognizes two students who have a strong interest and ability in music.
Recipient: *Latham Retz*

Student Council Award—This scholarship is awarded to a senior that possess leadership qualities and have maintained commendable grades.
Recipients: *Alivia Plows*

Mt. Upton Borden Hose Scholarship—This award is given preference to a student of a Borden Hose Co. Family member or students that are involved in the local fire services.
Recipient: *Jenna Carpenter*

Gilbertsville Fire Department Scholarship—This scholarship is awarded to a son or daughter of a present member of the Fire Department who is continuing their education.
Recipient: *Jenna Carpenter*

Guilford Historical Society Award—This award is given to a student with outstanding performance and interest in History.
Recipient: *Blake SanSoucie*

The Butternut Valley Grange Award—This award is given to a senior that has respect for teachers and fellow students, showing a degree of responsibility and the ability to positively influence others by example.
Recipient: *Kyle Keuhn*

Gilbertsville Rod and Gun Club Good Sport Award—Awarded to a senior dedicated to the Gilbertsville Mount Upton Clay Target Club who is a role model to their peers on and off the range.
Recipient: *Jeffery Barnes*

Leatherstocking Brush and Palette Club—Awarded to a senior with artistic expression.
Recipient: *Jenna Carpenter*

Eagle Scout Recognition—Given to students that have achieved the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America.
Recipient: *Latham Retz*

New York State Assembly Certificate of Merit—Presented to all graduating seniors to commemorate their academic accomplishments.

Names of Graduates listed in the program are compiled in advance of commencement. Listing is subject to revision as mandated by satisfaction of course requirements, passing state examinations, and academic grades.

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Alma Mater

(United States Naval Academy)

VERSE 1 (WITH SPIRIT)

Hail to our school of blue and gold, to it may we be true!
For lifelong learning, excellence are goals of G-M-U!

CHORUS

We will remember youthful days, good times and our friends, too.
To do our best to reach success, it's all at G-M-U!

VERSE 2 (WITH SPIRIT)

Here's to the years at G-M-U they quickly flee away!
Each day is filled with memories from which we cannot stray.

CHORUS

We will remember youthful days, good times and our friends, too.
To do our best and reach success, it's all at G-M-U!

Class Officers

Mackenzi Marron ~ President

Lillian Perrine ~ Vice President

Alivia Plows ~ Secretary

Kira Nolan ~ Treasurer

Class Advisors

Larisa Waghorn

Tracey Dudley

Board of Education

Jed Barnes ~ President

Sean Barrows ~ Vice President

Brenda Friedel

Amanda Larsen

Christopher Ostrander

Lori Peck

Whitney Talbot

Administration

Mrs. Heather Wilcox ~ Superintendent

Mr. Randy Smith ~ Interim Principal