

CONGRATS TO OUR CLASS OF 2024!



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The Best of Times!



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Central School District**

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Our Mission

We support everyone's journey to become the best version of themselves by:

- Fostering an equitable, inclusive and student-focused environment
- Providing opportunities for academic and community engagement
- Empowering individuals to embrace their potential

Our Vision

To have a nurturing school community that provides opportunities for lifelong personal growth.

We Value

- A Growth Mindset
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Essential Skills for Career Readiness
- Social/Emotional/Behavioral Wellness
- Meaningful and Healthy Relationships
- A Safe School Environment

Our Motto

**"It's the Quality of the journey
that counts!"**

Superintendent's Message

Looking back on another great year at GMU!

Congratulations to our Class of 2024, which graduated June 28 in the auditorium to complete their GMU journeys. On behalf of our Board of Education and the entire district staff, I commend each member of our Class of 2024 and their families on a job well done!

We are honored to have played a role in the personal and academic development of our graduates and are very proud of each of them for reaching this important milestone. Our recent graduates will continue their life journeys on different paths now, and we wish all of them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Before the end of the school year, we celebrated GMU's Class of 2024 with our annual Senior Walk through the hallways. Pre-Kindergarten students escorted our then-seniors once again, adding a huge dose of cuteness with their mini caps and gowns. We simply LOVE this event as it's a great way to celebrate our seniors' accomplishments while giving younger students a glimpse into their own futures.

GMU students received several awards and scholarships this past school year, and we thank the many community members and businesses that sponsor them. We appreciate our partnerships with you as we continue to work together to highlight student achievements and numerous opportunities to grow.

We also were happy to partner with Upstate Security and Ray Beach this past school year. Mr. Beach did a great job as our School Resource Officer, providing a greater sense of security on campus and building meaningful relationships with students and staff. It's safe to say he's a full-fledged Raider now!

One important thing to keep on your radar: The state is requiring all school districts to begin the process of converting from gas to electric buses by 2027 and has targeted 2035 for districts to have electric-only fleets. While we still do not own an electric bus and have concerns regarding this state initiative, we have applied for some grants. As part of one grant, New York State Energy Research and Development conducted a "bus electrification feasibility study" for districts across the state. You can see the NYSERD's study of GMU on our online Board of Education page.

As we prepare for the 2024-2025 school year – which will be here before you know it – we would like to remind you that construction is well underway at school. We can't wait to see the final product, which will include a brand new playground that will be inside of a gated, 6-foot-fence. The gate will be locked while school is in session for safety reasons, but the playground will be open for community use after hours.

A big part of the construction project is replacing our blacktop, so things are a little messy on campus right now. It's tricky to get up and down the hill – or anywhere on school grounds for that matter – so please be sure to call ahead if you need to visit. In fact, you must make an appointment by phone to meet with a specific staff member because of the ongoing construction, meetings and vacations. Our office staff work throughout the summer and are available from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Our 2024-2025 school calendar will be printed and mailed soon, too, so keep your eyes peeled. Important dates at the start of the school year include September 3 (Open House, 5-7 p.m.) and September 5 (first day of school). Until then, have a safe and restful summer, Raiders!

Annette Hammond, Superintendent
Gilbertsville-Mount Upton CSD
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Board of Education Meetings

All Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Board of Education meetings start at 6 p.m.

2024

July 2, Reorganization/Regular Meeting
August 21, Regular Meeting
September 11, Regular Meeting
October 16, Regular Meeting
November 13, Regular Meeting
December 10, Regular Meeting

2025

January 15, Regular Meeting
February 12, Regular Meeting
March 12, Regular Meeting
April 16, Regular Meeting/BOCES Vote
May 13, Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting
May 20, Budget Vote, 12:00-8:00 p.m.
June 11, Regular Meeting

SUMMER HOURS
SAME DAY APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

School-Based Health Centers

Your child can be seen at ANY SBHC location.
Call 844-ALL-SBHC (255-7242) to schedule an appointment at an open location near you.

MONDAYS

Cooperstown HS	July 1 - Aug 19	8 am - 4 pm
Edmeston	July 1 - Aug 19	8 am - 4 pm

TUESDAYS

Richfield Springs	July 2 - Aug 20	8 am - 4 pm
Sherburne-Earlville Elem	July 2 - Aug 20	8 am - 4 pm
Sidney	July 2 - Aug 20	8 am - 4 pm
South Kortright	July 2 - July 30	8 am - 4 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Delhi MS/HS	July 3 - Aug 21	8 am - 4 pm
Gilbertsville-Mount Upton	July 3 - Aug 21	8 am - 4 pm
Laurens	July 3 - July 31	8 am - 4 pm
Morris	July 3 - July 31	8 am - 4 pm
Worcester	July 3 - July 31	8 am - 4 pm

THURSDAYS

Edmeston	June 27 - Aug 22 (Closed July 4)	8 am - 4 pm
Middleburgh HS	June 27 - July 25 (Closed July 4)	8 am - 4 pm
Sidney	June 27 - Aug 22 (Closed July 4)	8 am - 4 pm
Stamford	July 11 - July 25	8 am - 4 pm

FRIDAYS

Millford	June 28 - Aug 23	8 am - 4 pm
Schenevus	July 5 - Aug 2	8 am - 4 pm
Sherburne-Earlville Elem	June 28 - Aug 23	8 am - 4 pm

All SBHC locations are open Aug 19 and Aug 26. Due to construction the Unadilla Valley School-Based Health Center will be closed. Students from Unadilla Valley may be seen at any other School-Based Health Center.

 Bassett Healthcare Network
School-Based Health

6026 Form 8/2024

Save The Dates!

August 2024

21 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

September 2024

2 No School, Labor Day (Offices Closed)
3 No School, Staff Development Day
Open House, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
4 No School, Staff Development Day
Grades 7-12 Musical Auditions, 6:00 p.m.
5 First Day of School – Welcome Back!
Grades 7-12 Musical Auditions, 6:00 p.m.
11 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
27 Rockin' Raiders, 9:00 a.m.

October 2024

2 School Picture Day
10 Early Dismissal Drill, 2:45 p.m.
11 No School, Staff Development Day
14 No School, Columbus Day
16 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
25 Rockin' Raiders, 9:00 a.m.
Junior Carnival, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
26 Grades 7-12 All-County Auditions @ Schenevus
Hartwick Honors Band

November 2024

8 Half-Day for Students, Staff Development (12:00 p.m. Dismissal)
Veterans' Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.
Grades 7-12 Musical, 7:00 p.m.
9 Grades 7-12 Musical, 2:00 p.m.
11 No School, Veterans Day Observed (Offices Closed)
13 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
15 Half-Day for Students (12 p.m. Dismissal)
Parent-Teacher Conferences
20 Picture Retake Day
22 Rockin' Raiders, 9:00 a.m.
Grades 7-12 First Quarter Awards Ceremony, 12:15 p.m.
22-23 Area All-State Festival @ Walton CSD
27 No School, Thanksgiving Recess
28-29 No School, Thanksgiving Recess (Offices Closed)

Voters approve 2024-25 school budget

The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District thanks residents for voting to approve our proposed 2024-2025 School Budget and for electing three Board of Education members May 21.

Voting results were as follows:

- School Budget (passed): 90 YES, 46 NO
 - Board of Education: Whitney Talbot 99, Sean Barrows 91, Lori Peck (write-in) 53, Amanda Larsen (write-in) 30.
- Note: Talbot, Barrows and Peck were elected to fill the three open BOE seats and will serve three-year terms.

CLASS OF 2024 GRAND FINALE!

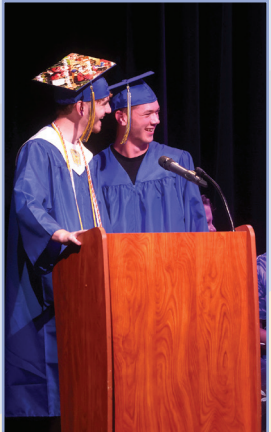
Congratulations to our Class of 2024, which graduated together June 28 at the GMU Auditorium in front of families and friends.

Superintendent Annette Hammond, Principal Heather Wilcox and our Board of Education honored our 18 graduating seniors, who shared fun-filled memories of their days at GMU, presented a flag to the school district as their class gift, and received their diplomas on stage.

GMU's Class of 2024 featured Valedictorian **Leah Marie Cotten**, Salutatorian **Natalie Nicole Livelsberger**, **Mackenzie Quinn Barnes**, **Morgan Elizabeth Barnes**,

Nicholas Joseph Bertrand, **Thomas David Breslau**, **Abigail Mae Davis**, **Taylor Jean Gager**, **Devon Tyler Hartwell**, **Dylan Michael Hills**, **Skylar Trey Lindroth**, **Rylee Matthew Lum**, **Kyle Emory MacNeill**, **Mason Wayne Prentice**, **Andrew Joseph Stone**, **Mckenna Marie Tilley**, **Haruna Watanabe**, and **Cody Richard Wheeler**.

We wish all of our 2024 graduates continued success and the best of luck going forward. Remember, Raiders, it's the Quality of the journey that counts, so be sure to make yours the best it can be!



CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION AWARDS



Congratulations, again, to our Class of 2024 graduates! The following is a list of awards announced during the June 28 Graduation Ceremony at the auditorium.

Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GMUCentral> to see dozens of photos from the big night!

Leah M. Cotten – Valedictorian

- 1st Quarter High Honor
- 2nd Quarter High Honor
- 3rd Quarter High Honor
- Class of 2024 Valedictorian
- President's Education Silver Achievement Award
- Office of The New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
- Highest Achieving in Precalculus Award
- Outstanding Achievement in TC3 Biology
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Alice V. Poole Memorial Award
- Alumni Association Scholarship
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Board of Education Scholarship
- Mount Upton Borden Hose Scholarship

Natalie N. Livelsberger – Salutatorian

- 1st Quarter High Honor
- 2nd Quarter High Honor
- 3rd Quarter High Honor
- Class of 2024 Salutatorian
- 2024 Scholar Recognition Award
- Office of The New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
- Highest Achievement in Humanity & Society

- Rumery Art Award
- Excellence in High School STEAM
- 2024 Outstanding Symphonic Band Member
- Participation in Clay Raiders
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Student Council Award
- Morris Rotary Club Scholarship
- Terence & Bridget McCusker Memorial Award
- Alice V. Poole Memorial Award
- Alumni Association Scholarship
- Tyler Costello Memorial Music Award
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Board of Education Scholarship
- The Captain James E. Turner Jr. USNR Scholarship

Mackenzie Q. Barnes

- 1st Quarter High Honor
- 2nd Quarter High Honor
- 3rd Quarter High Honor
- BOCES Outstanding Student of the Year in Carpentry
- New York State Attorney General's Triple C Award
- Participation in Varsity Soccer
- Tri Valley All-Star—Soccer—2nd Team
- Participation in Varsity Basketball
- Tri Valley All-Star—Basketball—Honorable Mention
- Participation in Clay Raiders

Morgan E. Barnes

- 1st Quarter Honor Roll
- 2nd Quarter Honor Roll
- 3rd Quarter Honor Roll
- BOCES Outstanding Student of the Year in Conservation
- Principal's Citizenship Award
- Office of The New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
- National Technical Honor Society DCMO BOCES
- Participation in Varsity Soccer
- Participation in Varsity Basketball
- Participation in Clay Raiders
- The Butternut Valley Grange Award

Nicholas J. Bertrand

- Participation in Clay Raiders

Thomas D. Breslau

- 3rd Quarter High Honor
- New York State Attorney General's Triple C Award
- National Technical Honor Society DCMO BOCES
- Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical Featured Role
- Participation in Clay Raiders
- Guilford Historical Society Award

Abigail Davis

- 1st Quarter High Honor
- 2nd Quarter High Honor
- BOCES Most Improved Student of the Year in Carpentry
- Participation in Varsity Soccer

Taylor J. Gager

- 1st Quarter High Honor
- 2nd Quarter High Honor
- 3rd Quarter High Honor
- Outstanding Participation in Economics
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Board of Education Scholarship
- Mr. & Mrs. James Nolan Scholarship

Devon Hartwell

- 2nd Quarter High Honor
- 3rd Quarter High Honor
- WSKG Student Writing Competition 2nd Place
- Office of The New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
- Healthy & Physically Active Student Award
- Participation in Varsity Soccer
- MAC All-Star—Soccer—2nd Team
- Participation in Varsity Basketball
- Tri Valley All-Star—Basketball—First Team
- Participation in Varsity Track & Field
- All-State Basketball Team—Class D (Honorable Mention) Selected by the NY State Sportswriters Association
- Student-Athlete who participated in three Varsity Sports
- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete for the Fall, Winter, & Spring Sports seasons.
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award

- Student Council Award
- Patrick F. Keane Memorial Award
- Alumni Association Scholarship
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Teacher Association Scholarship
- Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Board of Education Scholarship
- Mount Upton Class of 1964 Award
- The Captain James E. Turner Jr. USNR Scholarship

Skylar T. Lindroth

- 2nd Quarter Honor Roll
- Participation in Varsity Soccer
- Participation in Clay Raiders
- Most Notable (or Controversial) opinions in History through Film
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Larry Pearsall Memorial Award

Rylee M. Lum

- 1st Quarter Honor Roll
- 2nd Quarter Honor Roll
- 3rd Quarter Honor Roll
- Participation in Clay Raiders

Kyle MacNeill

- 3rd Quarter Honor Roll
- Outstanding Participation in Government
- Participation in Clay Raiders

Mason Prentice

- Participation in GMU Mock Trial
- Principal's Citizenship Award
- Matt O'Hara Good Citizenship Scholarship

Andrew J. Stone

- 3rd Quarter High Honor
- BOCES Outstanding Student of the Year in Welding
- Principal's Leadership Award
- Office of The New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
- New York State Attorney General's Triple C Award
- Participation in Clay Raiders
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Thomas and Anne McGovern Keane Memorial Award
- Christopher Fuller Memorial Scholarship
- Gordon and Florence Thom Memorial Scholarship
- The Ken Held Memorial Scholarship

Mckenna "Sydney" Tilley

- 1st Quarter High Honor
- 2nd Quarter Honor Roll
- 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Haruna Watanabe

- 1st Quarter High Honor
- 2nd Quarter High Honor
- 3rd Quarter High Honor
- President's Education Gold Achievement Award
- The "How Are You So Talented?!" Art Award
- Participation in Varsity Basketball
- Participation in Varsity Track & Field

SENIORS WALK THE WALK

Our Class of 2024 took one last stroll through the GMU hallways June 13 while the rest of our students, faculty, staff and families cheered them on.

Thanks to our Pre-K kiddos for accompanying our graduating seniors and to our terrific cafeteria staff for providing a delicious breakfast afterward.

GMU's Class of 2024 also walked together for graduation June 28 in the auditorium. You can see the recording of our graduation live stream on our YouTube channel (@gmucentralschool), and be sure to visit our Facebook page for more pics!



RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE!



Congratulations to our 2024 Scholar Recognition award recipients, Class of 2024 Salutatorian **Natalie Livelsberger** and her mentor, Danielle Rhone!

The two received certificates of recognition from DCMO BOCES Superintendent Michael Rullo during the Business and Education Scholar Recognition ceremony May 14 at SUNY Oneonta. The Scholar Recognition Program has celebrated the achievements of top students and the mentors who inspire them for more than 20 years.



CLASS OF 2024 TOP 5



**LEAH
COTTEN**
Valedictorian



**NATALIE
LIVELSBERGER**
Salutatorian



**MACKENZIE
BARNES**
Third in Class



**ANDREW
STONE**
Fourth in Class



**DEVON
HARTWELL**
Fifth in Class

COTTEN, LIVELSBERGER HIGHLIGHT GMU'S CLASS OF 2024

The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District is proud to announce the top five academic students in its Class of 2024! GMU formally recognized Valedictorian **Leah Cotten**, Salutatorian **Natalie Livelsberger** and fellow seniors **Mackenzie Barnes**, **Andrew Stone** and **Devon Hartwell** for their academic excellence during its 2024 Graduation Ceremony on June 28 in the auditorium.

Valedictorian Leah Cotten

Leah Cotten has earned the honor of valedictorian for GMU's Class of 2024 with the highest grade-point average. She has consistently excelled in all classes, maintaining high-honor roll status with grades above 90 percent. She serves as secretary of GMU's National Honor Society and has an array of prestigious academic awards, including the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, the Principal's Leadership Award, the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, and the RIT Humanities and Social Sciences Award. Leah has further prepared for college by enrolling in the rigorous New Visions Allied Health Program at DCMO BOCES to learn more about the health field. Leah plans to pursue a Biomedical Sciences degree at SUNY Cortland with a Pre-Med track and a Psychology minor. She is the daughter of Hydie and David Cotten of Mount Upton.

Salutatorian Natalie Livelsberger

Natalie Livelsberger has earned the honor of salutatorian for GMU's Class of 2024 with the second-highest grade-point average. Natalie has been an active member of our school community, making significant contributions through her involvement in various clubs and organizations. She holds several leadership positions at GMU, serving as president of our National Honor Society chapter and Students Against Destructive Decisions club, as secretary of Student Council, and as treasurer for the Class of 2024. Her academic awards include the Gold President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, the University of Rochester Susan B. Anthony Award, the RIT Science and Math Award, and the Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award. Natalie plans to pursue a Forensic Science degree at Alvernia University. She is the daughter of Alan and Rami Livelsberger of Unadilla.

Mackenzie Barnes

Mackenzie Barnes has earned the third-highest grade-point average for GMU's Class of 2024. In addition to her academic achievements, Mackenzie has distinguished herself as a top scholar-athlete as a key member of the Raiders' varsity girls soccer and varsity girls basketball teams. Mackenzie also participates in the GMU Clay Raiders. Her academic awards include the RIT Women in STEAM Award and the Principal's Citizenship Award. Mackenzie plans to enter the workforce after graduation.

Top 5 continued

Andrew Stone

Andrew Stone has earned the fourth-highest grade-point average for GMU's Class of 2024. Andrew is preparing for trade school by attending a career and technical education program at DCMO BOCES for Welding. Andrew has received recognition for his academic achievements through a variety of prestigious awards, including the Silver President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, the Chatham University Healthy Planet Award, and the RIT Business & Leadership Award. Andrew plans to attend the Missouri Welding Institute for advanced training and certification in Welding.

Devon Hartwell

Devon Hartwell has earned the fifth-highest grade-point average for GMU's Class of 2024. Despite the challenges that come with balancing the demands of school and sports, Devon excelled in both areas. He is a three-sport scholar-athlete (basketball, soccer, track and field) who reached the 1,000-point milestone and set single-game school records for both points and three-point field goals this past basketball season. In addition to spending countless hours at athletic events, Devon served as the treasurer of GMU's National Honor Society chapter. He has won awards for academics and athletics, such as the Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award, the University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award, the Section IV Character Counts Award, and the Three Sport Athlete Award. Devon plans to pursue a Physical Education degree at SUNY Cortland.

END OF YEAR AWARDS GRADES 7-12

Congratulations to GMU students in Grades 7-12 who earned End of Year Awards for the 2023-2024 school year.

GRADE 12

Mackenzie Q. Barnes

- 1st Quarter High Honor
- 2nd Quarter High Honor
- 3rd Quarter High Honor
- BOCES Outstanding Student of the Year in Carpentry
- New York State Attorney General's Triple C Award
- Participation in Varsity Soccer
- Tri Valley All-Star—Soccer—2nd Team
- Participation in Varsity Basketball
- Tri Valley All-Star—Basketball—Honorable Mention
- Participation in Clay Raiders

Morgan E. Barnes

- 1st Quarter Honor Roll
- 2nd Quarter Honor Roll
- 3rd Quarter Honor Roll
- BOCES Outstanding Student of the Year in Conservation
- Principal's Citizenship Award
- Office of The New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
- National Technical Honor Society DCMO BOCES
- Participation in Varsity Soccer
- Participation in Varsity Basketball
- Participation in Clay Raiders

Nicholas J. Bertrand

- Participation in Clay Raiders

Thomas D. Breslau

- 3rd Quarter High Honor
- New York State Attorney General's Triple C Award
- National Technical Honor Society DCMO BOCES
- Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical
- Featured Role
- Participation in Clay Raiders

Winners were honored June 3 at the GMU Auditorium. See photos on our Facebook page!

Leah M. Cotten

- 1st Quarter High Honor
- 2nd Quarter High Honor
- 3rd Quarter High Honor
- Class of 2024 Valedictorian
- President's Education Silver Achievement Award
- Office of The New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
- Highest Achieving in Precalculus Award
- Outstanding Achievement in TC3 Biology

Abigail Davis

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- 2nd Quarter High Honor
- BOCES Most Improved Student of the Year in Carpentry
- Participation in Varsity Soccer

Taylor J. Gager

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- 2nd Quarter High Honor
- 3rd Quarter High Honor
- Outstanding Participation in Economics

Devon Hartwell

- 2nd Quarter High Honor
- 3rd Quarter High Honor
- WSKG Student Writing Competition 2nd Place
- Office of The New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
- Healthy & Physically Active Student Award
- Participation in Varsity Soccer
- MAC All-Star—Soccer—2nd Team
- Participation in Varsity Basketball
- Tri Valley All-Star—Basketball—First Team
- Participation in Varsity Track & Field

All-State Basketball Team—Class D (Honorable Mention)
Selected by the NY State Sportswriters Association
Student-Athlete who participated in three Varsity Sports
NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete for the Fall, Winter &
Spring Sports seasons

Skylar T. Lindroth

2nd Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Clay Raiders
Most Notable (or Controversial) opinions in History
through Film

Natalie N. Livelsberger

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Class of 2024 Salutatorian
2024 Scholar Recognition Award
Office of The New York State Comptroller Achievement
Award
Highest Achievement in Humanity & Society
Rumery Art Award
Excellence in High School STEAM
2024 Outstanding Symphonic Band Member
Participation in Clay Raiders

Rylee M. Lum

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Clay Raiders

Kyle MacNeill

3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Outstanding Participation in Government
Participation in Clay Raiders

Mason Prentice

Participation in GMU Mock Trial
Principal's Citizenship Award

Andrew J. Stone

3rd Quarter High Honor
BOCES Outstanding Student of the Year in Welding
Principal's Leadership Award
Office of The New York State Comptroller Achievement
Award
New York State Attorney General's Triple C Award
Participation in Clay Raiders

Mckenna "Sydney" Tilley

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Haruna Watanabe

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
President's Education Gold Achievement Award
The "How Are You So Talented?!" Art Award
Participation in Varsity Basketball
Participation in Varsity Track & Field

GRADE 11

Hunter Auchmoody

2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Boys State Representative
Principal's Citizenship Award
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Levi J. Brazee

Participation in Varsity Basketball

Ariana N. Cornell

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
WSK Student Writing Competition 3rd Place
Elmira College Key Award
Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement
Award
Most Inquisitive in TC3 Biology
Outstanding Discussion in Genocide
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Tri Valley All-Star—Soccer—Honorable Mention
Participation in Varsity Track & Field
Otsego All-County Senior Chorus
Otsego All-County Senior Band
NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level VI All State Solo
All State Solo NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level IV
Zone 8 Area All-State Treble Chorus
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical
Leading Role
2024 Drum Major
2024 Musician of the Year

Avriel Correll

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Science Award
St. Bonaventure Bonnie Scholarship
Girls State Representative
Exceptional Achievement in English 11
Participation in GMU Mock Trial
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball
Participation in Varsity Track & Field
Student-Athlete who participated in three Varsity Sports
NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete for the Fall, Winter &
Spring Sports seasons.
Otsego All-County Senior Chorus
NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level VI All State Solo
Zone 8 Area All-State Treble Chorus
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical
Leading Role

Quinn G. Covington

2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Outstanding Participation in US History and Government

Most Notable (or Controversial) opinions in History
through Film

Participation in Varsity Track & Field

Tiannah F. Dean-Anderson

1st Quarter Honor Roll

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Participation in JV Softball

Kyra B. Demmon

1st Quarter Honor Roll

2nd Quarter High Honor

Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement
Award

Outstanding Discussion in Genocide

Participation in GMU Mock Trial

Participation in Varsity Soccer

Myanna G. Dickey

1st Quarter High Honor

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter High Honor

Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement
Award

St. Bonaventure Bonnie Scholarship

Girls State Representative

Participation in GMU Mock Trial

Participation in Varsity Basketball

Participation in Varsity Track & Field

Otsego All-County Senior Chorus

NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level VI All State Solo

Zone 8 Area All-State Mixed Chorus

Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical
Leading Role

Serenity Downey

1st Quarter High Honor

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter High Honor

Kaleigh R. Gee

1st Quarter High Honor

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter High Honor

Highest Achievement in English 11

Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical
Leading Role

Paige M. Nichols

1st Quarter High Honor

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter High Honor

Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement
Award

Best Effort in Algebra 2

Participation in GMU Mock Trial

Participation in Varsity Soccer

Participation in Clay Raiders

Noah M. Pain

1st Quarter High Honor

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter High Honor

President's Education Silver Achievement Award

University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation &
Information Technology

Outstanding Achievement in Math & Financial Applications

Participation in Varsity Cross Country

MAC All-Star—Cross Country—First Team

Participation in Varsity Basketball

Tri Valley All-Star—Basketball—Honorable Mention

Participation in Varsity Track & Field

Student-Athlete who participated in three Varsity Sports

NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete for the Fall, Winter &
Spring Sports seasons

The Section IV Character Counts Award

Emma Alexis D. Peck

1st Quarter High Honor

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter High Honor

University of Rochester Fredrick Douglass & Susan B.
Anthony Award

RIT Women in STEM Award

Girls State Representative

Sustained Excellence in Humanity & Society

Participation in GMU Mock Trial

Participation in Varsity Soccer

Participation in Varsity Track & Field

Otsego All-County Senior Band

NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level IV

Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical
Leading Role

Alyssa Soroichinsky

1st Quarter High Honor

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter High Honor

Rotary Youth Leadership Representative

University of Rochester "George Eastman Young
Leaders Award"

RIT Science and Math Award

Outstanding Participation in US History and Government

Exceptional Achievement in Humanity & Society

Character Excellence Award

Participation in GMU Mock Trial

Participation in Varsity Soccer

Participation in Varsity Basketball

Participation in JV Softball

The Section IV Character Counts Award

Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical
Leading Role

Lindsay N. Turnbull

1st Quarter Honor Roll

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

St. Bonaventure Bonnie Scholarship

Participation in Varsity Basketball

Participation in Clay Raiders

Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical
Leading Role

Trista L. Vaccaro

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Varsity Soccer

Anthony V. Westford

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter High Honor
WSKG Student Writing Competition 3rd Place
LeMoyne College Heights Award
Boys State Representative
President's Education Gold Achievement Award
Principal's Leadership Award
Outstanding Participation in US History and Government
Most Notable (or Controversial) opinions in History through Film
Participation in Varsity Basketball
Participation in Varsity Track & Field

GRADE 10**Jeffrey L. Barnes**

Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball
Participation in Clay Raiders

Samuel Beach

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical
Featured Role

Jenna R. Carpenter

Highest Achievement in English 10
Participation in Varsity Soccer

Ryan H. Davis

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Academic Determination in Earth Science
Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 10
The Marvelous Mathematician Award
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical
Leading Role

Alice K. Dibble

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 10
The Sum Participant Math Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation JV Basketball
Otsego All-County Senior Chorus

Ioannis T. Drapaniotis

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter High Honor
Exceptional Writing and Analysis in English 10
Participation in Varsity Wrestling

Andrea M. Favinger

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award
President's Education Silver Achievement Award
Exceptional Writing and Analysis in English 10
The Marvelous Mathematician Award
Spanish El Viajero Award
Character Excellence Award
Participation in GMU Mock Trial
Participation in Varsity Cross Country
MAC All-Star—Cross Country—First Team
Participation in Varsity Basketball
Participation in Varsity Track & Field
Student-Athlete who participated in three Varsity Sports
NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete for the Fall, Winter & Spring Sports seasons.
Otsego All-County Senior Band
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level V
Zone 8 Area All State Band
Hartwick Honors Band
2024 Outstanding Symphonic Band Member

John Forbes-Conaty

Sum Participant Math Award

Katelyn A. Hills

Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 10

Bailey J. Howard

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Principal's Leadership Award
Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 10
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Varsity Track & Field

Kyle A. Keuhn

Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Jade E. Lindroth

Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation JV Basketball
Participation in Clay Raiders

Madison Lockwood

Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation JV Basketball
Participation in JV Softball

Jerson A. Lopez

1st Quarter Honor Roll

Cecilie "Cameron" E. Lytle

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 10
Academic Achievement in Earth Science
Outstanding Participation in Global History 2
The Marvelous Mathematician Award

Otsego All County Senior Band
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level V
Zone 8 Area All State Band
Outstanding Award "Stage Crew for a High School Musical"

Mackenzi L. Marron

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
President's Education Gold Achievement Award
Exceptional Writing and Analysis in English 10
The Mental Mathinator Award
Participation in GMU Mock Trial
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Kira E. Nolan

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Highest Achievement in English 10

Dylan Page

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Principal's Citizenship Award
Participation in Clay Raiders

Lillian C. Perrine

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 10
Participation JV Basketball

Alivia G. Plows

Participation in GMU Mock Trial
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation JV Basketball
Participation in JV Softball

Kelsey Quiter

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
Participation JV Basketball

Dannaka J. Rasmussen

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Highest Achievement in English 10
Highest Achievement in Algebra 2
The Leveled Up Learner Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation JV Basketball
Participation in Varsity Track & Field

Latham Retz

1st Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
President's Education Gold Achievement Award
Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 10
Outstanding Participation in Global History 2

Character Excellence Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Clay Raiders

Blake A. SanSoucie

Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 10

Paige C. Smith

Participation in GMU Mock Trial
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Track & Field

Alivia N. Vitek

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in GMU Mock Trial
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation JV Basketball

Caleb D. Wildenstein

Participation in Varsity Football
Participation in Varsity Wrestling

Kaylin M. Williams

Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 10
Participation in Varsity Track & Field

Zachary T. Wilson

Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 10
Participation in Varsity Cross Country
Participation in Varsity Basketball
Participation in Varsity Track & Field
Student-Athlete who participated in three Varsity Sports

Adam A. Yasser

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Exceptional Writing and Analysis in English 10
Most Inquisitive in Earth Science
The Marvelous Mathematician Award
Outstanding Excellence in 10th grade Health
Participation in Varsity Track & Field
2024 Outstanding Senior Choir Member

GRADE 9

Payton Behnke

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
Principal's Leadership Award
The Marvelous Mathematician Award
Outstanding Participation in Global History 1
Spanish El Luchador Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Shane M. Carney

Participation in Clay Raiders

Morgan E. Cuzzo

Participation in Modified Basketball

Alexis J. Davis

Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in JV Softball
Otsego All-County Junior Band
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level III

Taylor French

Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in Varsity Track & Field

Breanna M. Gregory

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
President's Education Silver Achievement Award
Principal's Citizenship Award
Outstanding Achievement in Living Environment
Spanish El Gordo Award
The Marvelous Mathematician Award
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Cyrus B. Hall

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Exceptional Writing & Analysis in English 9
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level II

Desirae "Alex" R. Irons

1st Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in Varsity Track & Field
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical Ensemble

Brandon Kendall

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Mia "Milo" Mantellassi

Outstanding Participation in Global History 1
Exceptional Writing and Analysis in English 9
The "Your Sketchbook Should Be Published" Art Award

Brandon S. Mitcham

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Participation in Modified Track & Field

Peyton A. Norton

The Marvelous Mathematician Award
Participation in GMU Mock Trial
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Track & Field

Mackenzie Steeves

2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Outstanding Achievement in Living Environment
The Mental Mathinator Award
Participation in Varsity Track & Field

Rashaun Wilber

Participation in Modified Basketball
The "Mess is a Sign of a Genius!" Art Award

GRADE 8**Gabriella C. Barnes**

1st Quarter High Honor

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter High Honor

Boots Bernholtz Award

Highest achievement in English 8

Outstanding Achievement in 8th Grade Computers

Participation in Modified Soccer

Participation JV Basketball

Angelina S. Decker

Teamwork Award

Carrie R. Doyle

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
President's Education Gold Achievement Award
Highest achievement in English 8
Excellence in Science 8
El Ayudante Spanish Award
Outstanding Participation in Social Studies 8
Outstanding Achievement in Careers 8
Excellence in Middle School STEAM
Participation in Modified Soccer

Delaney Q. Dunnigan

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Jacob W. Favinger

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Principal's Leadership Award
Boots Bernholtz Award
Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 8
Outstanding Achievement in Careers 8
Highest Achieving in Math 8
Participation in Modified Cross Country
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in Modified Track & Field
Otsego All-County Junior Band
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level IV
2024 Outstanding Concert Band Member

Marissa Furgison

Outstanding Participation in Social Studies 8

Joslynn M. Irons

Outstanding Participation in Social Studies 8
Otsego All-County Junior Chorus
NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level III
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical Featured Role

Mason J. Kiser

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
President's Education Silver Achievement Award
Highest achievement in English 8
Excellence in Science 8
Outstanding Achievement in 8th Grade Computers
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level IV

Taylor A. Kline

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Robert J. Lindroth

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
Exceptional writing in English 8
Outstanding Participation in Social Studies 8
Participation in Modified Soccer

Hannah A. Miller

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor

Kaden O'Hara

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation JV Basketball

Kylianna Oliver

Positive Attitude Award

Zackery G. Page

Participation in Modified Basketball

Zayde Palmatier

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in Modified Track & Field

Sophia G. Parslow

1st Quarter Honor Roll
Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 8

Darren A. Ruiz

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Cameron Schultes

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Carter K. Simonds

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in Modified Baseball

Koda G. Stockdale

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter High Honor
President's Education Silver Achievement Award
Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 8
Spanish El Trabajador Consistente Award
Best Effort in Math 8
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Gavin J. Underwood

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Principal's Citizenship Award
Highest achievement in English 8
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Participation in Modified Baseball
Otsego All-County Junior Chorus
2024 Junior Choir Member

Jackson G. Valdez

1st Quarter Honor Roll
Exceptional writing in English 8

Destiny H. Wright

Participation in Modified Basketball

GRADE 7**Amelia N. Beckwith**

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Exceptional Classroom Writing in English 7
Outstanding Achievement in Careers 7
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Otsego All-County Junior Chorus
NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level III
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level II
2024 Outstanding Junior Choir Member

Pacey K. Behnke

1st Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Modified Soccer

Caden J. Champion

1st Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Exceptional Classroom Writing in English 7
Outstanding Achievement in Technology 7
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Track & Field
Otsego All-County Junior Chorus
2024 Outstanding Junior Choir Member
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical
Featured Role

Austin D. Cuzzo

1st Quarter Honor Roll

Wyatt Eastman

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in Modified Baseball
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical
Featured Role

Kristin C. Gee

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
President's Education Silver Achievement Award
Principal's Leadership Award
Exceptional Writing and Analysis in English 7
Outstanding Participation in Social Studies 7
Academic Excellence in Math 7
Art Excellence Award
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Otsego All-County Junior Chorus
Otsego All-County Junior Band

NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level III
NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level II
2024 Outstanding Concert Band Member
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical
Featured Role

Cooper Gundlach

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Highest Achievement in English 7
Excellence in Science 7
Outstanding Participation in Social Studies 7
Participation in Modified Track & Field
2024 Outstanding Junior Choir Member

Jaiden J. Larson

1st Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Modified Soccer

Alivia Lum

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Principal's Citizenship Award

Elias A. Lytle

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Outstanding Achievement in Careers 7
Outstanding Excellence in 7th Grade Health
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Baseball
Otsego All County Junior Band
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level II

Damien L. Miller

Participation in Modified Basketball

Rece Nolan

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll

President's Education Gold Achievement Award
Exceptional Writing and Analysis in English 7
Excellence in Science 7
Outstanding Participation in Social Studies 7

Logan Panek

3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Outstanding Achievement in Technology 7
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Track & Field

Kayden Peck

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Katie Quiter

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Highest Achievement in English 7
Excellence in Science 7
Outstanding Participation in Social Studies 7
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Emily A. Schermerhorn

1st Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Modified Soccer
Best Effort in Math 7

Julius Smith

1st Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Melody J. Sprague

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Art Excellence Award

Nickolas C. Westford

1st Quarter Honor Roll

Cole R. Wilson

Participation in Modified Basketball

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY GROWS TO 12!

Congratulations to our National Honor Society's Class of 2024, inducted March 19 at the GMU Auditorium.

NHS officers Natalie Livelsberger (president), Alyssa Sorochinsky (vice president), Leah Cotten (secretary), and Devon Hartwell (treasurer) welcomed eight newcomers to GMU's chapter during a special candle-lighting ceremony on campus.

Juniors **Ariana Cornell**, **Avriel Correll**, **Myanna Dickey**, and **Emma Peck** were inducted along with sophomores **Andrea Favinger**, **Cameron Lytle**, **Mackenzi Marron**, and **Adam Yasser**. Each was honored for upholding the NHS virtues of Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service.

NHS advisors Jennifer McDowall and Raquel Norton also recognized senior members **Livelsberger**, **Cotten** and **Hartwell**. GMU Superintendent Annette Hammond joined

families and friends at the ceremony, which included remarks by GMU Principal Heather Wilcox and was followed by group photos and light refreshments.

Great job, Raiders!



HONOR ROLLS GRADES 5-12

Congratulations to GMU students in grades 5-12 who made our high-honor and honor rolls for the third- and fourth-quarter marking periods during the 2023-2024 school year!

QUARTER 3 HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 5: *Gianna Barnes, Raegan Beach, Evelyn Covington, Alexander Delmar, Bryce Gundlach, Henrietta Hall, Moira McDonough, Autumn Ostrander.*

Grade 6: *Tyler Crisell, Jonathan Favinger, Lily Hauptfleisch, Kaidyn Rowe.*

Grade 7: *Kristin Gee, Cooper Gundlach, Elias Lytle, Katie Quiter.*

Grade 8: *Gabriella Barnes, Carrie Doyle, Jacob Favinger, Mason Kiser, Hannah Miller, Koda Stockdale.*

Grade 9: *Breanna Gregory, Brandon Mitcham, Mackenzie Steeves.*

Grade 10: *Samuel Beach, Alice Dibble, Ioannis Drapaniotis, Andrea Favinger, Cecilie Lytle, Mackenzie Marron, Kira Nolan, Dylan Page, Dannaka Rasmussen, Adam Yasser.*

Grade 11: *Ariana Cornell, Avriel Correll, Quinn Covington, Myanna Dickey, Serenity Downey, Kaleigh Gee, Paige Nichols, Noah Pain, Emma Alexis Peck, Alyssa Sorochinsky, Anthony Westford.*

Grade 12: *Mackenzie Barnes, Thomas Breslau, Leah Cotten, Taylor Gager, Devon Hartwell, Natalie Livelsberger, Andrew Stone, Haruna Watanabe.*

QUARTER 3 HONOR ROLL

Grade 5: *Hannah Carbone, Indigo Cole, Layla Covington, Willard Covington, Landon Grabo, Anthony Kraft, Abbi-Lynn Page, Jayden Paine.*

Grade 6: *Victoria Card, Zachary Dutcher, Hogan Green, Donovan Jones, Maeleigh Lum, Gabriel Lytle, Dylan Ostrander, Kaylee Stewart, Jagger Young.*

Grade 7: *Amelia Beckwith, Caden Champion, Jaiden Larson, Rece Nolan, Logan Panek, Melody Sprague.*

Grade 8: *Taylor Kline, Gavin Underwood.*

Grade 9: *Cyrus Hall.*

Grade 10: *Ryan Davis, Bailey Howard, Lillian Perrine, Latham Retz.*

Grade 11: *Hunter Auchmoody, Tiannah Dean-Anderson, Lindsay Turnbull, Trista Vaccaro.*

Grade 12: *Morgan Barnes, Rylee Lum, Kyle MacNeill, Mckenna Tilley.*

High honor roll students achieved an academic average of 93-100, with no grades below a 70 and no incompletes. Honor roll students achieved an academic average of 87-92, with no grade below a 70 and no incompletes.

QUARTER 4 HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 5: *Gianna Barnes, Raegan Beach, Layla Covington, Alexander Delmar, Bryce Gundlach, Henrietta Hall, Moira McDonough, Autumn Ostrander.*

Grade 6: *Tyler Crisell, Jonathan Favinger, Lily Hauptfleisch, Maeleigh Lum.*

Grade 7: *Amelia Beckwith, Kristin Gee, Cooper Gundlach, Elias Lytle, Katie Quiter.*

Grade 8: *Gabriella Barnes, Carrie Doyle, Jacob Favinger, Mason Kiser, Hannah Miller, Koda Stockdale.*

Grade 9: *Brandon Mitcham, Mackenzie Steeves.*

Grade 10: *Samuel Beach, Ryan Davis, Alice Dibble, Ioannis Drapaniotis, Andrea Favinger, Cecilie "Cameron" Lytle, Mackenzie Marron, Dylan Page, Dannaka Rasmussen, Latham Retz, Adam Yasser.*

Grade 11: *Ariana Cornell, Avriel Correll, Myanna Dickey, Serenity Downey, Paige Nichols, Noah Pain, Emma Alexis Peck, Alyssa Sorochinsky.*

Grade 12: *Mackenzie Barnes, Thomas Breslau, Leah Cotten, Taylor Gager, Natalie Livelsberger, Andrew Stone, Haruna Watanabe.*

QUARTER 4 HONOR ROLL

Grade 5: *Alexander Breslau, Hannah Carbone, Evelyn Covington, Willard Covington, Landon Grabo, Anthony Kraft, Arianna Larson, Abbi-Lynn Page, Jayden Paine.*

Grade 6: *Victoria Card, Zachary Dutcher, Hogan Green, Donovan Jones, Gabriel Lytle, Hayden Moran, Dylan Ostrander, Kaidyn Rowe, Kaylee Stewart.*

Grade 7: *Caden Champion, Jaiden Larson, Alivia Lum, Rece Nolan, Logan Panek, Emily Schermerhorn.*

Grade 8: *Taylor Kline, Robert Lindroth, Zayde Palmatier, Jackson Valdez.*

Grade 9: *Payton Behnke, Breanna Gregory, Cyrus Hall, Brandon Kendall, Mia "Milo" Mantellassi.*

Grade 10: *Bailey Howard, Kira Nolan, Lillian Perrine, Alivia Plows, Kelsey Quiter, Alivia Vitek.*

Grade 11: *Hunter Auchmoody, Quinn Covington, Tiannah Dean-Anderson, Kyra Demmon, Kaleigh Gee, Lindsay Turnbull, Anthony Westford.*

Grade 12: *Morgan Barnes, Nicholas Bertrand, Abigail Davis, Devon Hartwell, Kyle MacNeill, Mckenna "Sydney" Tilley, Cody Wheeler.*

Great job, Raiders!

Hooray for our Rockin' Raiders!

We celebrated GMU elementary school students who earned Soaring Eagle Character Trait and Essential Career Skill Awards during monthly ceremonies at the auditorium. Visit our Facebook page to see lots of photos from the ceremonies!

JUNE 2024

Soaring Eagle Awards

Sportsmanship: Gianna Barnes, Brayleigh Barse, Alaina Beckwith, Emily Brower, Hadleigh Burchill, Alexander Delmar, Autumn DeMulder, Aubrey Doyle, Shaw Green, Henrietta Hall, Lily Hauptfleisch, Daniel Favinger, Jonathan Favinger, Raegan Fuller, Addison Hall, Kylo Hamata, Clara Hanehan, Ava Hoag, Aiden Larrabee, Kenna Larsen, Zachary McWeeney, Stephanie Nober, Owen Pearson, Owen Perkosky, Aaliyah Seneck, Lacey Short, Ellie Wilcox, Jaxson Zaczek.

Note: Award-winners were team players, helping and including others, and played fair and encouraged others to do their best.

Essential Skills Awards

Collaboration: Finley Rhone.

Communication: Breuwer Barnes, Shaylynn Demuth, Cian McDonough, Abbigail Yost.

Dependability: Bryce Gundlach, James McDonald, Moira McDonough, Aryiah Oliver.

Positive Attitude: Trenton Auchmoody, Hunter Crawford, Shaw Green, Brantley Griffin Frank, Melena Hall, Austin Robinson, Lydia Talbot, Brantley Tompkins Stone.

Professionalism: Gianna Barnes, Harper French, Brianna Heck.

Respect: Charles Eastman Cooke, Kalli Lanfair, Stephanie Nober.

Teamwork: Maxwell Banta, Luke Carr, Troy Hitt, Summer Walrod.

Music Awards

Joseph Goodrich Music Award: Jaxson Zaczek.

NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level 1: Hunter Barnes, Alexander Delmar, Bryce Gundlach, Henrietta Hall, Gabriel Lytle, Moira McDonough.

NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level 1: Isabelle Auchmoody, Tyler Crisell, Henrietta Hall.

NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level 2: Tyler Crisell, Jonathan Favinger, Lily Hauptfleisch.

NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level 2: Kaylee Stewart.

Otsego All-County Elementary Chorus: Hannah Carbone, Indigo Cole, Layla Covington, Tyler Crisell, Zachary Dutcher, Autumn Ostrander, Kaylee Stewart.

Otsego All-County Elementary Band: Jonathan Favinger, Hogan Green, Maeleigh Lum, Gabriel Lytle.

Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical Featured Role: Tyler Crisell, Kaylee Stewart.

Other Awards

IMPACT Regional Athletic Award: Gianna Barnes, Alexander Delmar.

Joseph Goodrich Memorial Award: Lily Hauptfleisch.

Kites and Kings Publication: Daniel Favinger, Donovan Jones, Sophia Law.

Terry Christian Art Award: Lily Hauptfleisch, Donovan Jones.

Triple C Award: Gianna Barnes, Anthony Kraft.

MAY 2024

Soaring Eagle Awards

Responsibility: Amy Bard, Guy Barnes, Hadleigh Burchill, Suttyn Burchill, Luke Carr, Layla Covington, Mia Covington, Autumn DeMulder, Hogan Green, Emma Harmyk, Autumn Ostrander, Landyn Rowe, Elizabeth Tiffany, Madilynn Tiffany, Ellie Wilcox, Jaxson Zaczek.

Note: Award-winners set good examples for others, used self-control and thought before they acted, and was accountable for their words, actions, and attitudes.

Essential Skills Awards

Collaboration: Victoria Card, Landon Grabo.

Communication: Madelyn Barnes, Mason Hoffman, Zanayah Little-Wilber, Mackenzie Miller.

Dependability: Brayleigh Barse, Gabriel Harris.

Positive Attitude: Alexander Delmar, Bryce Delmar, Logan Lange, Kenna Larsen, Andrew Taylor, Blaine Whitbeck.

Professionalism: Kaylee Stewart.

Reliability: Addison Hall.

Respect: Will Covington, Chase Macumber, Julia Stackpole, Briella Stone.

Teamwork: Calvin Clement, Victoria Craver, Justin Dickey, Joseph Hitchcock, Bailee Nober, Jayden Paine.

APRIL 2024

Soaring Eagle Awards

Empathy: Coltin Banta, Aliveah Barnes, Alexander Breslau, Bearrick Bullis, Montana Fuller, Raegan Fuller, Eleanor Hauptfleisch, Evelyn Hauptfleisch, Lincoln Hoag, Serenity Jones, Anthony Kraft, Donald Krebbeks, Kayden Mills, Mila Rhone, Kaidyn Rowe.

Note: Award-winners displayed the ability to understand how someone is feeling and thinking and respected the differences and opinions of others.

Essential Skills Awards

Collaboration: Madilynn Tiffany.

Communication: Parker Chapman, Wesley Hall, Cash Johnson, Xzavior Lange, Shane Nober.

Dependability: Logan Kato, Autumn Ostrander.

Positive Attitude: Riley Forgit, Felicity Hamilton, Kalli Lanfair, Makenna Nober, Owen Pitcher, Trevor Pope, Nicholas Schultes.

Respect: Theodore Christian, Hogan Green, Garrett Larsen, Abigail Schaub, Aaliyah Seneck, Andrew Taylor.

Teamwork: Raegan Beach, Lucinda Brown.

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MARCH 2024

Soaring Eagle Awards

Dependable: Claire Beach, Willard Covington, Cheryl Davis, Aria Delmar, Bryce Delmar, Justin Dickey, Daniel Favinger, Jonathan Favinger, Macy Forgit, Landon Grabo, Paisley Harris, Ava Hoag, Paislee Johnson, Zachary McWeeney, Stephanie Nober, Elizabeth Tiffany, Presley Young.

***Note:** Award-winners were on time for school and ready to learn, trustworthy and reliable, did what they said they would do, and did the right thing.*

Essential Skills Awards

Communication: Hannah Carbone, Phylis Jaycox.

Positive Attitude: Josephine Bogart, Layla Covington, Logan Lange, Owen Moore, Lydia Talbot.

Professionalism: Lacey Short, Axton Tompkins Stone, Camden Wilcox.

Reliability: Bryce Gundlach, Andrew Taylor, Brantley Tompkins Stone.

Respect: Hunter Crawford, Zachary Dutcher, Landon Liberatore, James McDonald V, Grace Rosenkrance.

Teamwork: Shaylynn Demuth, Harper French, Natalie Jipson, Emersyn Rowe, Landyn Rowe, Briella Stone.

Hartwell All-State in Basketball!



**DEVON
HARTWELL**

**ALL-STATE
Class D
Honorable
Mention**

**2023-2024
Boys Basketball**

Congrats to Devon Hartwell, who earned an All-State Class D honorable mention from the New York State Sportswriters Association after his 2023-2024 senior boys basketball season.

Devon is a 1,000-point scorer at the varsity level who set single-game program records for points and three-point field goals this past season. He also was a scholar-athlete in three sports (soccer, basketball, track and field) and the treasurer of our National Honor Society.

Congratulations, Devon . . . you've earned it!

Alumni Hoops is a team effort!



Thanks to everyone who came to campus April 20 for GMU's Alumni Hoops Game, which featured 15 former high school basketball players on the court and dozens of fans in the stands in support of our Board of Education Scholarship Fund!

The Yellow Team, coached by GMU senior **Morgan Barnes**, pulled away in the second half for a convincing 69-40 victory over the Blue Team, coached by fellow Raiders senior **Mackenzie Barnes**.

GMU thanks Huff Ice Cream, Pizza Hut in Sidney, Shuperd's Tack Shop and Stewart's Shops for donating food and prizes for our half-court shooting contest, basket raffle, 50-50 raffle and concession stand.

Special thanks to GMU faculty, students and staff—including scorekeepers Greg Bonczkowski and Ashley Hughes, referees Jeffrey Barnes and Heather Wilcox, ticket-taker Dorothy Iannello, and Alumni Hoops coordinator Donna Dean—for their time and efforts in making this fundraiser possible.

Board of Education President Jeremy Pain, members Jed Barnes, Sean Barrows, Brenda Friedel, Sarah Green, Chris Ostrander and Whitney Talbot, and Superintendent Annette Hammond THANK YOU for attending and supporting this important scholarship fundraiser. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Visit our Facebook page to see dozens of photos from this year's Alumni Hoops Game.

Character Counts at GMU!



Congratulations to GMU multi-sport student-athletes Alyssa Soroichinsky and Noah Pain for earning Section IV Character Counts Recognition Awards for the 2023-2024 school year!

Breaking into sports history!



The stars were out at GMU in June as we celebrated **Andrea Favinger's** 2024 track record in the 1,500-meter run.

Andrea's standout sophomore season included a school-record time of 5 minutes, 18 seconds during an April 15 home meet.

She broke the 2005 record of 5:23.8 set by **Gabby Dello**, who showed her support for Andrea in person at the recognition ceremony inside the GMU gym.

Thanks to Raiders track and field coach Jeff Rhone for bringing families and friends together to recognize Gabby's longstanding mark and Andrea's record, the latter now officially part of the list on the gymnasium wall.



Girls basketball excels in classroom!



Congratulations to our varsity girls basketball team for earning a Scholar-Athlete Team Award from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for the 2023-2024 Winter Sports season!

To qualify for this award, 75-percent of a varsity team must combine for an academic average of at least 90 during a sports season.

The NYSPHSAA also recognizes individuals as scholar-athletes for maintaining an academic average of 90 or better during a sports season. Nine GMU varsity girls basketball players received individual awards, leading to the overall team award.

Great job, Raiders!

Fifth-graders make an IMPACT!



Congratulations to GMU fifth-graders **Gianna Barnes** and **Alexander Delmar** on being selected to participate in the second annual IMPACT regional athletic program at Cooperstown's Clark Sports Center!

More than 20 local school districts nominate IMPACT student-athletes, who must have a passion for sports, exemplify good sportsmanship, and

make their teams/programs better just by being a part of them. Nominees also are respectful, involved with their communities, have a positive attitude, and like to have fun.

The Clark Sports Center staff make the final selections for the IMPACT program, which brings one female and one male student-athlete from each district together to take part in a variety of sports, programs and activities.

State honors boys track team!



Congratulations to our varsity boys track and field team for earning a Scholar-Athlete Team Award from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for the 2024 Spring Sports season!

To qualify for this award, 75-percent of a varsity team must combine for an academic average of at least 90 during a sports season.

The NYSPHSAA also recognizes individuals as scholar-athletes for maintaining an academic average of 90 or better during a sports season. Four members of our varsity boys track and field team received individual awards, leading to the overall team award.

Great job, Raiders!

Photo: Raider Track & Field / XC Facebook group

Write on, Raiders!



Congratulations to GMU students **Devon Hartwell**, **Ariana Cornell** and **Anthony Westford**, who placed in the 2024 WSKG Student Writing Challenge!

Devon finished second in the non-fiction category for his essay titled "Harmony with the Wild: Unraveling the Patterns of Nature, Time, and the Hunt."

Ariana and Anthony tied for third in non-fiction, with essays titled "The Distortion of Parallel Time" and "A Xen- tonic Revelation," respectively.

The WSKG Student Writing Challenge drew more than 500 submissions this year. The Raiders trio were recognized for their accomplishments during a June ceremony at WSKG in Vestal.

Sights set on states!



Congrats to our GMU Clay Raiders, who competed at the New York Trap Shooting State Tournament at the Bridgeport Rod & Gun Club in June!

Special shout out to Clay Raiders **Kyle MacNeill**, **Latham Retz** and **Andrew Stone**, who all shot 25 consecutive targets this past season at the Gilbertsville Rod & Gun Club. Shane Christian (Class of 2021) is the only other Clay Raider to go 25-for-25.

Way to go, Clay Raiders!



Best in Class at Pageant of Bands!



It's the Quality of the Journey that counts at GMU, but trophies are nice, too!

Here's the breakdown of what our Raiders did at the 75th Sherburne Pageant of Bands, which ran May 30-June 1.

Best In Class: First Place, Class D

Concert Band: First Place, Class D

Jazz Ensemble: First Place, Class D

Small Ensemble: First Place, Class D

Parade: First Place, Class D

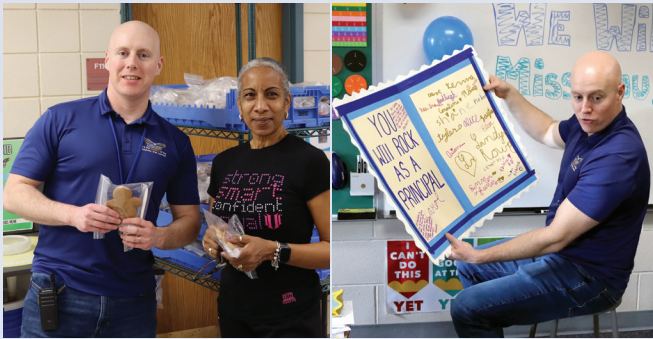
Color Guard: Second Place, Class D

Cadence (Drumline): Third Place, Class D

Visit our Facebook page to see dozens of pics!



Bittersweet good-bye!



We hated to see him go, but we loved that Kevin Walsh had an opportunity to grow as an educator.

GMU students, faculty and staff gave Mr. Walsh a terrific sendoff on his last day as our assistant principal as he joined the Harpersville Central School District as its new elementary school principal in early March.

Cafeteria manager Susan Sebeck and her staff prepared snack kits with gingerbread men, frosting and sprinkles as a treat for students, who were encouraged to decorate their cookies to look like Mr. Walsh during lunchtime. In addition to lots of hugs, fist bumps and handshakes, our Raiders presented Mr. Walsh with dozens of handmade cards to wish him nothing but the best at his new school.

As Kimberly Hromada's third-graders conveyed to Mr. Walsh, "You will rock as a principal and we will miss you!"

Good Luck Mr. Walsh!

Seigers, Fairbairn honored as GMU's best



Congratulations to Mark Seigers and Tegan Fairbairn for earning GMU's Teacher of the Year and Staff Member of the Year awards, respectively, for the 2023-2024 school year!

Voted as GMU's best by their peers, Seigers and Fairbairn highlighted an all-school assembly at the auditorium as part of the district's Teachers Appreciation Week festivities in May. The ceremony included special recognition for faculty and staff members who reached service milestones this school year.

10 years: Lisa Dibble, Cafeteria; Matthew Johnson, Teacher; Bruce Zimmerman, Bus Driver.

15 years: Annette Hammond, Superintendent.

20 years: Darin Trass, Teacher.

25 years: Yvette Cabrinety, Teacher; Lori Heggenstaller, Teacher; Raquel Norton, Librarian; Eric Voorhees, Technology.

30 years: Terry Wilber, Cleaner.



GMU also honored its lone retiree, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Alan Digsby, who spent 28 years with the district after becoming its Building Maintenance Mechanic in 1996.

Visit our Facebook page to see more pics from the ceremony.

Flag Day at GMU!

Did you celebrate Flag Day on June 14? We did!

Thanks to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1339 Gilbertsville President Anne Sebeck for leading this annual ceremony, which featured members of local scout troops,

Flag Day history presented by GMU students, and a performance by our elementary school chorus members.

Visit our Facebook page to see more pics, and remember to fly your U.S. flags high every day, Raiders!



Expressing gratitude at GMU!



Thanks to the family of Clinton Hall for donating the "GMU Express" to the school district earlier this year. We are proud to have this unique model train piece from the former Gilbertsville Central School maintenance superintendent on display in our main lobby.

Clinton, who passed away at age 87 in March 2019, painted close to 200 Disney pictures a month and donated them to Shriners, St. Jude's and local hospitals. A passionate hobbyist, Clinton also made clocks, birdhouses, garden markers, toy boxes and lighthouses for his family.

The U.S. Marine veteran was a member of the Butternut Valley Grange and American Legion Post 1339, as well as a trustee for the Butternuts Cemetery Association. He and his wife of 65 years, Laura, had seven children, 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, some of whom are students at GMU today.



Thank you!

Brilliant presentation in Cooperstown



GMU National Honor Society members gave a presentation at the year-end CFES (College for Every Student/Brilliant Pathways) Conference at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown in May.

Our students participated in an interscholastic review of the CFES programs that took place throughout the 2023-2024 school year, then rallied to demonstrate their professional comportment and presentation skills (the expectation for an CFES school of distinction).

Several area school districts presented during the regional event, which featured lunch and photo opportunities by Otsego Lake. Pictured from left to right are sophomores **Adam Yasser, Andrea Favinger, and Mackenzi Marron**, as well as juniors **Emma Peck, Alyssa Sorochinsky, and Myanna Dickey**.

Fellow Raiders **Natalie Livelsberger, Cameron Lytle, Devon Hartwell, Avriel Correll, and Ariana Cornell** also contributed to the presentation.

SAFETY PATROL VISITS ALBANY



GMU earns top honor for school safety



Gilbertsville-Mount Upton recently received its 17th School Safety Excellence Award in recognition of the school district's efforts to keep students, staff and visitors safe.

Presented along with a check for \$500 during the Utica National Insurance Group's 42nd school safety seminar, GMU earned a Titanium with Honors level award for the 14th consecutive year.

GMU earned Platinum status in its first year in the program in 2004. After a four-year hiatus, GMU returned to the program in 2009 and received another Platinum award. A Titanium award followed in 2010, and GMU has earned Titanium with Honors every year since.

"Safety and health concerns continue to be a priority in our school districts," said Brian Saville, Senior Vice President in Utica National's Educational Institutions Unit. "Districts that go 'above and beyond' to provide a safe, healthy and focused culture for learning are to be applauded, and we're pleased to count the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District among them."

Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award Program has three levels – titanium, platinum, and gold – in which schools can earn a meritorious distinction by meeting specific criteria to enhance overall safety. Through the program, schools with their own transportation, schools with contract transportation, and BOCES are evaluated. Categories covered include bullying prevention programs, playground safety and other areas, and are measured using specific, quantifiable surveys.

GMU Transportation Supervisor Harold Ives (left) and now-retired Facilities Director Alan Digsby (right), pictured with Superintendent Annette Hammond, were instrumental in providing the paperwork, background and statistics required to be considered for an award. The \$500 check is a bonus to be used as reimbursement for and/or in connection with the school safety program.

Utica National insures more than 300 school districts in upstate New York and has helped keep students, staff and visitors safe in school for 50 years.

GMU SCHOOL SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Utica National Insurance Group School Safety Excellence Awards earned by the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District. GMU has received an award every year it has participated in the program (did not participate from 2005-2008).

2004: Platinum

2009: Platinum

2010: Titanium

2011: Titanium with Honors

2012: Titanium with Honors

2013: Titanium with Honors

2014: Titanium with Honors

2015: Titanium with Honors

2016: Titanium with Honors

2017: Titanium with Honors

2018: Titanium with Honors

2019: Titanium with Honors

2020: Titanium with Honors

2021: Titanium with Honors

2022: Titanium with Honors

2023: Titanium with Honors

2024: Titanium with Honors

GMU under construction this summer

Our Capital Project started in May and will continue with major construction on campus in July and August. This will include blacktop replacement, meaning our lots and driveway will be dirt for most of the summer.

While driving to and on campus will still be possible, visits will be by appointment only. If you are planning to visit GMU this summer, please call our main office at 607-783-2207 to make an appointment.

For more information, visit our online Capital Project page at <https://www.gmucsd.org/CapitalProjectInformation.aspx>.



Safe in the knowledge!



Thanks to James Carrabba and his New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health colleagues for spending May 20 with our Raiders on Progressive Agriculture Foundation Safety Day!

Mr. Carrabba is an agricultural safety specialist for NYCAMH and led its multi-station presentations on PAF Safety Day, which provides education, training, and resources to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities.

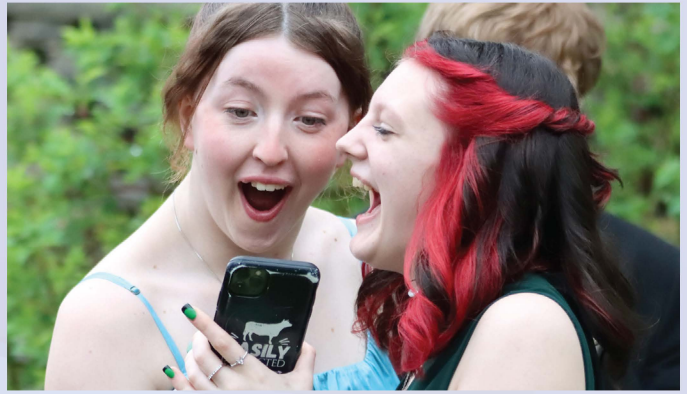
The majority of the program took place outdoors under sunny skies on a picture-perfect spring day as GMU students went from canopy-to-canopy for safety lessons on ATVs, bicycles, chemicals, electricity, firearms, heat/sun, knives, lawn equipment, water, and weather.

Since the program's start in 1995, more than 2 million individuals have been reached in 45 states, two U.S. territories, and nine Canadian provinces. For more information on PAF Safety Day, visit <https://www.nycamh.org/> and <https://www.progressiveag.org/> online.

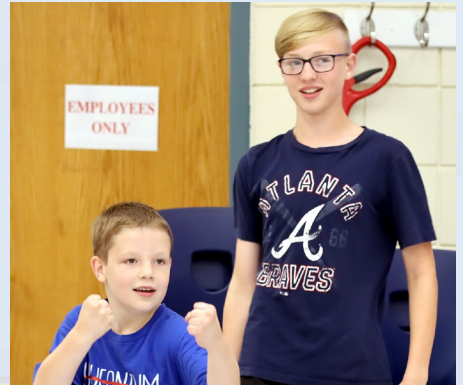


*Thank you
Mr. Carrabba
and Colleagues!*

ALL SMILES AT JUNIOR PROM



FIELD DAY FUN



PK-3 ON THE MOVE AT GMU



#GMUNITY: CONCERTS, THEATRE, GAMES AND MORE!



Website Accessibility Statement

The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District is committed to ensuring the accessibility of our web content to people with disabilities. We are actively taking steps to ensure our online content conforms to ADA Compliance standards.

This policy applies to all new, updated and existing web content on www.gmucsd.org and related social-media pages. Links may be provided to outside resources that are not ADA compliant. We cannot control the accessibility of the content within these outside links.

Concerns/complaints should be submitted in writing and mailed to 693 State Highway 51, Gilbertsville, NY 13776. Please include the following information:

- Date of Concern/Complaint
- Your Name
- Your Address
- Your Email Address
- Your Phone Number
- Internet Address/Location of Accessibility Problem
- Description of Problem Encountered
- Solution Desired
- Your Signature

Accessibility issues also may be reported to the Superintendent via email at ahammond@gmucsd.org.

We may contact you for further information. The investigation process is typically completed within 15 working days from the date the concern/complaint is received.

Use of student images explained

The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District features photographs, videos and/or the work of our students in district and community publications on a regular basis. Names sometimes accompany these images, especially for those students who earn special recognition (awards, certificates, honors, etc.) from the district and/or outside entities.

These images may appear in printed district publications (such as brochures, calendars, newsletters, pamphlets, yearbooks, etc.); on the district's website (www.gmucsd.org); on the district's social media pages (Facebook and Twitter); etc.

If you object to your child's image, name or work appearing in these formats, you must submit that objection in writing to the district Superintendent.

District Communication Guidelines

Frequently, parents and other community members request help in knowing the best way to communicate with the school. The communication guideline chart below will serve as a helpful resource. By contacting the following people in the prescribed order, questions will be answered.

For Questions About:	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	Contact
Academics	Teacher	School Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Director	Building Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
BOE Policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
Budget	District Treasurer	Superintendent		
Building Use	District Secretary	Building Principal	Building and Grounds Supervisor	Superintendent
Cafeteria	School Food Manager	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Co-Curricular	Advisor	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Curriculum	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	Building and Grounds	Supervisor	District Treasurer	Superintendent
Health Office	Nurses Office	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Scheduling	Student Services	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Special Education	Special Ed. Teacher	Director of Special Education	Superintendent	
Transportation	Bus Driver	Transportation Supervisor	Building Principal	Superintendent

FERPA Notification

This Notification of Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is intended to advise you of your rights with respect to the school records relating to your student pursuant to the Federal “Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.”

Parents of a student under 18, or a student 18 or older, have a right to inspect and review any and all official records, files, and data directly related to their children or themselves, including all material that is incorporated into each student’s cumulative record folder, and intended for school use or to be available to parties outside the school or school system, and specifically including, but not necessarily limited to, identifying data, academic work completed, level of achievement (grades, standardized achievement test scores), attendance data, scores on standardized intelligence, aptitude, and psychological tests, interest inventory results, health data, family background information, teacher or counselor ratings and observations, and verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns.

A parent of a student under age 18 or a student age 18 or older shall make a request for access to that student’s school records, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools, Guidance Counselor or Principal. Upon receipt of such request, arrangements shall be made to provide access to such records within a reasonable period of time, but in any case, not more than forty-five (45) days after the request has been received.

Parents and students are also entitled to an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of such records, to insure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of students, and to provide an opportunity for the correction or deletion of any such inaccurate misleading, or inappropriate data contained therein. Any questions concerning the procedure to be followed in requesting such a hearing should be directed to the Superintendent.

Student records and any material contained therein that is personally identifiable are confidential and may not be released or made available to persons other than parents or students without the written consent of such parents or student. There are a number of exceptions to this rule, such as other school employees and officials, and certain state and federal officials, who have a legitimate educational need for access to such records in the course of their employment.

Students with disabilities shall have the option of deciding whether to disclose the existence of their disability on their high school transcripts.

Order your GMU gear today!

Check out Gilbertsville-Mount Upton’s Spirit Shop, an online store with thousands of possibilities for customizable, in-stock apparel and accessories! You can order T-shirts, hats, jackets, polo shirts, shorts, pants and more from GMU’s Spirit Shop 24/7, and you can pick the item colors, styles and brands you want, too!

Visit <https://www.spiritshop.com/school/new-york/gilbertsville/gilbertsville-mt-upton> online to see what the GMU Spirit Shop has in store for you. For a limited time, EVERYTHING in the GMU Spirit Shop is 20-percent off!

You also can order official GMU apparel and accessories from Shupperd’s Tack Shop in Bainbridge by visiting our online store at <https://gmucsd2021.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>. Shupperd’s adds new items throughout the school year, so check it out to see what’s available today.

The best part? Our district receives a portion of every sale to support programs that benefit our students, so you’ll be contributing to “The Quality of the journey” at GMU every time you buy something from our Spirit Shop or Shupperd’s!

Child Find Notice

The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District recognizes its responsibility to provide a free and appropriate public education to eligible students with disabilities within its geographical boundaries. The District has a “child find” process that is designed to locate, identify and evaluate children with disabilities residing within its geographical boundaries, preschool through grade 12 or through age 21 if they have not received a high school diploma.

If you know a child who lives within the boundaries of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District and attends school in the District who may be in need of special education and/or related services, please contact the District’s Director of Special Education for further information regarding the referral and evaluation process. If the student is a school-age student who attends a non-public private school that is not located within the geographical boundaries of the School District, the student may need to be referred to the school district in which the non-public school is located in order to receive services during the regular school year. Please contact that school district for information regarding time deadlines for requests for services.

The District’s Child Find process extends to students with physical or mental impairments that substantially limit a major life activity. Such students may be eligible for services or accommodations pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Section 504 is a Federal civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities and programs receiving Federal financial assistance. Please contact your child’s building principal for more information regarding Section 504 eligibility and services.



Instructional Calendar

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- No School
- Offices Closed
- Staff Development Day
- Regents & State Exams
- Early Dismissal
- 1/2 Day of School

JULY 2024

- 4 4th of July, Offices Closed

AUGUST 2024

- 12-16 Regents Review
- 19-20 Regents Exams

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 2 Labor Day—No School, Offices Closed
- 3-4 Staff Development Day—No School
- 5 First Day for Students

OCTOBER 2024

- 10 Early Dismissal Day
- 11 Staff Development Day—No School
- 14 Columbus Day—No School

NOVEMBER 2024

- 8 1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal, Staff Development
- 11 Veterans Day—No School, Offices Closed
- 15 1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal, P/T Conf.
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Recess—No School
- 28-29 Offices Closed

DECEMBER 2024

- 20 1/2 Day, 11 AM Dismissal
- 23-31 Holiday Recess—No School
- 24-26 Christmas, Offices Closed

JANUARY 2025

- 1 New Year's—No School, Offices Closed
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School, Offices Closed
- 21-24 Regents Exams
- 24 1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal
- 29 Lunar New Year—No School, Offices Closed

FEBRUARY 2025

- 17 Presidents' Day—No School, Offices Closed
- 17-21 Winter Recess—No School

MARCH 2025

- 13 1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal, P/T Conf.
- 14 Staff Development Day—No School

APRIL 2025

- 9-11 NYS Gr. 3-8 ELA Testing
- 11 1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal, Staff Development
- 18-25 Spring Recess—No School
- 18-21 Offices Closed
- 29-30 NYS Gr. 3-8 Science Testing

MAY 2025

- 6-8 NYS Gr. 3-8 Math Testing
- 26 Memorial Day—No School, Offices Closed

JUNE 2025

- 10-11 Regents Exams
- 16 Last Day of School, Grades 7-12
- 17-25 Regents Exams
- 19 Juneteenth—No School, Offices Closed
- 26 1/2 Day, 11 AM Dismissal, Last Day Gr. PK-6
- 26-27 Rating Days, No Regents
- 27 Graduation

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Mission, Vision, Values

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School

2024-2025 School Year

MISSION

We support everyone's journey to become the best version of themselves by:

- Fostering an equitable, inclusive and student-focused environment
- Providing opportunities for academic and community engagement
- Empowering individuals to embrace their potential

VISION

To have a nurturing school community that provides opportunities for lifelong personal growth.

WE VALUE

- A Growth Mindset
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Essential Skills for Career Readiness
- Social/Emotional/Behavioral Wellness
- Meaningful and Healthy Relationships
- A Safe School Environment

"It's the Quality of the journey that counts!"