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Congratulations Class of 2020!



**Open to see graduation photos,
Top 5 seniors, year-end awards and more!**



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



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Our Mission

At Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School, we use a trauma-sensitive approach to cultivate confident individuals with the desire to take risks, experience new opportunities, and to recognize the potential within themselves. We are a student-centered learning community that values:

- A Growth Mindset
- Essential Skills for Career Readiness
- Social-Emotional Wellness
- Resilience
- Critical Thinking
- High Expectations
- Meaningful Relationships

Our Vision

To provide an inclusive learning community which fosters life-long personal and academic growth.

Our Motto

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



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Reopening GMU: What to expect for 2020-2021

The closing of schools this year has had a lasting impact on all of us. While I cannot predict all of the challenges that may arise during the 2020-2021 school year, I want you to begin thinking about some of the things that might need to happen to ensure a safe and orderly return to school.

I have been following CDC guidelines in structuring a plan for our return, and I am awaiting guidance from the NYS Education Department, which is expected to be released in mid-July. I have convened a Reopening Taskforce with participants from all areas of our school in the hopes that our collaborative efforts will ensure a safe return for everyone. At this point I want you to begin considering the following as possibilities:

- All students may not be in school every day, and possibly, may only be allowed to report to school on an every-other-day basis, or on varied half-days. I know that this will present childcare issues for some, so I need you to begin thinking about options for your children if one of these scenarios becomes the case.
- The number of students allowed on buses will be drastically reduced. We are trying to be creative in how we structure bus runs. If you feel that you will be able to,

or are planning to transport your child to school each day they are required to be here, please call the school main office to let us know. This will help in our planning.

- We can no longer accept bus notes and will not be utilizing PickUp Patrol. Each parent needs to designate a single pick-up/drop-off location for the year. Because of regulations, we are required to minimize the mixing of student populations. Therefore, any changes in where you need your child to go each day after school will need to be organized on your end from that drop-off point. I know that this is a very big change for us, so please plan accordingly.
- Parents must keep children home if they are not feeling well or if they have a fever. We are asking all parents to check their child's temperature with a thermometer every day. If they have a fever, they cannot get on our buses or come to the school building as this would be putting every other student and staff member at risk. Depending on further guidance, we may also need to take temperatures when students get in school. Any student who has a fever at any point during the school



day will need to be picked up immediately from school.

- Each student will be issued a district laptop/device so that the lack of a device does not become a barrier to student learning. We will also keep our internet access available from our parking lots throughout the school year.
- Students may need to wear masks in school when social distancing is not possible. Please begin having conversations with your children about the need to wear masks, the requirement to stay 6 feet apart from others, and refraining from touching/being right next to others. The district will issue two masks to each student at the start of the school year.

Students and parents must know that throughout the 2020-2021 school year, our school structure may change at any moment based on the regulations and requirements issued to schools. Students need to realize that this is the new normal for school, and they must participate accordingly. This means students need to attend school when assigned to be present, log on to online sessions, and complete work if they intend on passing classes and being promoted in the next school year.

Our teachers are working on delivery of courses for September so that learning is structured in a way that is more streamlined compared to this spring. This will allow students to work independently, with minimal parent intervention.

The success of each student is going to require a collaborative effort on your part and the part of all school employees. Please know that the staff and I are dedicated to each student's success and recognize that, by participating in all required work, we will do whatever it takes to support them.

Nothing about this situation is going to be easy for anyone, but we need to encourage each other's efforts to make the best of it. I will continue to update you with more information as our plans become solidified.

I know there is a great deal of difficult information to digest in this letter, but I want to be transparent with you and make you aware of all of the challenges schools are facing. Re-opening and having students back in school is my greatest desire and it will take monumental efforts on all of our parts to make it happen.

If I had one wish granted to me, it would be for school to go back to normal! Unfortunately, my wish is unrealistic at this time as



we need to follow the requirements during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your understanding and, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,
Annette D. Hammond
 GMU Superintendent
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Class of 2020 Awards/Scholarships

Congratulations to Gilbertsville-Mount Upton's Class of 2020. Our graduates received the following awards/scholarships this year.

Sadra R. Smith, Valedictorian

Plans to: Major in Agricultural Science at SUNY Cobleskill
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, 2020 Series Scholarships for Academic Excellence, Clark Foundation Scholarship, Student Council Annual Scholarship/Award, Alice V. Poole Memorial Award

Sawyer G. Hinman, Salutatorian

Plans to: Major in Computer Engineering at Binghamton University
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, 2020 Series Scholarships for Academic Excellence, Clark Foundation Scholarship

Savannah Leigh Bresee

Plans to: Major in Psychology at SUNY Oneonta
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, Clark Foundation Scholarship

Eron David Button

Plans to: Enter the workforce
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Christopher Fuller Memorial Scholarship

Michelle L. Button

Plans to: Enter the workforce
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit

Margaret Angelina Caietta

Plans to: Enter the workforce
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit

Dominick William Carey

Plans to: Major in Electrical Construction & Utility Management at SUNY Delhi
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, Gordon and Florence Thom Memorial Scholarship, CSEA Local #1000 Scholarship

Ethan M. Charron

Plans to: Major in Computer Science at Clarkson University
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward



Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, Morris Rotary Club Scholarship, Mayflower Compact Award, Clark Foundation Scholarship, Student Council Annual Scholarship/Award, Tyler Costello Memorial Music Scholarship, SAANYS Region 8 Scholarship

Kalvyn P. Cole

Plans to: Major in Health Sciences at SUNY Broome
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, Clark Foundation Scholarship, Larry Pearsall Memorial Award, J. Rummery Academic Achievement and Improvement Awards in Art

Kaitlyn Nicole Fuller

Plans to: Major in Liberal Arts at SUNY Broome
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, State Comptroller Student Achievement Award, Mount Upton Class of 1964 Scholarship, Booster Club Athletic Scholarship

Rebecca Ann Fuller

Plans to: Major in Early Childhood Education at SUNY Oneonta
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, Gordon Hughes Scholarship

Zachary M. Grabo

Plans to: Attend SUNY Oneonta
Awards/Scholarships: Clark Foundation Scholarship, Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award

Brandon R. Harris

Plans to: Enlist in the United States Air Force
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Matt O'Hara Good Citizen Scholarship

Megan T. Hayes

Plans to: Enter the workforce
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit

Chloe F. Howard

Plans to: Major in Science at SUNY Broome
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, Larry Pearsall Memorial Award, Triple C Award

Kelsey Ann Lockwood

Plans to: Enter the workforce
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Maureen Nolan Brown Memorial Award

Kienna Sarah Martin

Plans to: Major in Nursing at SUNY Morrisville
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award

Michael Richard McCall

Plans to: Enter the workforce
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Gilbertsville Fire Dept. Scholarship

Thomas D. Mealey

Plans to: Enter the workforce
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit

Vanessa N. Nelson

Plans to: Attend Valencia College
Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, 2020 Series Scholarships for Academic Excellence, State Comptroller Student Achievement Award, Mayflower Compact Award, Clark Foundation Scholarship, Student Council

Annual Scholarship/Award, Terrence and Bridget McCusker Memorial Award

Ethan M. Newman

Plans to: Major in Business Management at the University at Albany

Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, 2020 Scholar for the Scholar Recognition Program, Clark Foundation Scholarship Recipient, Student Council Annual Scholarship/Award, Thomas & Anne McGovern Keane Memorial Award, Patrick F. Keane Memorial Award, Booster Club Triple Athlete Scholarship

Kyli T. Odell

Plans to: Majoring in Nursing at SUNY Morrisville

Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, CSEA Local 635 Scholarship, State Comptroller Student Achievement Award, Clark Foundation Scholarship

Samuel Robert Piedmonte

Plans to: Major in Psychology at University of Miami

Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, State Comptroller Student Achievement Award, Clark Foundation Scholarship

Chelsea Ann Pope

Plans to: Major in Culinary Arts at Paul Smith's College

Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award

Tavian Ezra Raymond

Plans to: Major in Liberal Arts and Sciences at Tompkins Cortland Community College

Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, Clark Foundation Scholarship, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Student Council Annual Scholarship/Award, Leatherstocking Brush and Palette Award, Tyler Costello Memorial Music Scholarship

Colin David Schultes

Plans to: Enter the workforce

Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Triple "C" Award

Brandon Scott Seward

Plans to: Enter the workforce

Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit

Austin J. Smith

Plans to: Enter the workforce

Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit

Alexis Nicole Spencer

Plans to: Enter the workforce

Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit

Isaiah Cole Stockdale

Plans to: Take General Studies at Herkimer County Community College

Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward

Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, State Comptroller Student Achievement Award, Clark Foundation Scholarship, Booster Club Artistic Scholarship

Cooper Cade Teale

Plans to: Enter the workforce

Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit

Rian Caitlyn Thatford

Plans to: Major in Early Childhood Education at Valencia College

Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, GMUTA Scholarship, CSEA Local #1000 Scholarship

Airyana Mae Wright

Plans to: Major in Accounting at Tompkins Cortland Community College

Awards/Scholarships: Senator James L. Seward Certificate of Merit, Marie Stokes Gilbert Award, Clark Foundation Scholarship, American Society of Military Comptrollers Scholarship

We're so proud of you!



THE CATSKILL REVIEW
Kadence Canfield, Grade 8
Alexis Clement, Grade 8
Ella Thatford, Grade 8
Emma Peck, Grade 7

KITES & KINGS
Kylee O'Connell, Grade 6



Works of GMU students published

The Catskill Area School Study Council recently printed the 2019-2020 works of five GMU middle school students in its annual publications.

Poetry by eighth-graders **Kadence Canfield**, **Alexis Clement** and **Ella Thatford** and seventh-grader **Emma Peck** appears in the CASSC's 2019-2020 regional creative writing publication, The Catskill Review. Additionally, an illustration by sixth-grader **Kylee O'Connell** appears in Kites & Kings, the CASSC's annual collection of student prose, poetry and artwork.

Poems for The Catskill Review were composed during a writing workshop in Aimee Piedmonte's English class. The

workshop challenged students to explore the idea of "Where I'm From."

"I am proud of the hard work that these writers did to craft these pieces of art," Mrs. Piedmonte said. "Each created a beautiful, powerful poem that speaks about the complexity of life. How brave! These young writers can take pride that they are published authors!"

Kylee's Kites & Kings illustration, titled "Kawaii Mushroom," was submitted by GMU Sixth-Grade Teacher Becky Acla.

Congratulations to all of our published students on a job well done!

Want to see our students' published works? Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GMUCentral/>

Year-End Awards: Grades 7-12

Congratulations to the following Gilbertsville-Mount Upton students in grades 7-12 who earned year-end awards for the 2019-2020 school year!

Brackon Banks, Grade 9

Emerging Artist Award
Outstanding Participation in Global History 1
Outstanding Performance in a Musical Supporting Role
Most Responsive with Distance Learning in Algebra 1

Mackenzie Barnes, Grade 8

NASSP Citizenship Award
At Home Schooling English Superstar Award
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Soaring Eagle Empathy Award

Tammy Barnes, Grade 10

Participation in JV Basketball

Gavin Bonczkowski, Grade 11

President's Education Gold Certificate Award
Outstanding Achievement in Sports Marketing
Otsego All-County Senior Chorus Award
Zone 8 Area All-State Mixed Chorus Award
Outstanding Performance in a Musical Leading Role
University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Science Award
Clarkson University Leadership Award
Rensselaer Medal Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer
2nd Team Tri-Valley League Soccer All-Star
Participation in Varsity Basketball
1st Team Tri-Valley League Basketball All-Star
The Daily Star Basketball All-Star Team
NYSSWA All-State Basketball Team

Hannah Bonczkowski, Grade 9

Outstanding Oral Contribution to Learning in English 9
President's Education Gold Certificate Award
Otsego All-County Junior Chorus Award
Zone 8 Area All-State Mixed Chorus Award
Outstanding Performance in a Musical Featured Role
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball
2nd Team Tri-Valley League Basketball All-Star

Savannah Bresee, Grade 12

Academic Perseverance in Chemistry Award
Principal's Leadership Award
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Kadence Canfield, Grade 8

President's Silver Education Award for Academic Achievement
Participation in Modified Soccer

Dominick Carey, Grade 12

Participation in Varsity Basketball

Ethan Charron, Grade 12

SAANYS Region 8 Scholarship
Morris Rotary Club Scholarship
Mayflower Compact Award
Outstanding Achievement in Career Exploration

Outstanding Achievement in Accounting
Tyler Costello Memorial Music Award
Otsego All-County Senior Band Award
High School Student Council Scholarship Award

Anika Christensen, Grade 10

President's Education Gold Certificate Award
Butternut Valley Grange Award
Mary Krupp Art Award
Otsego All-County Senior Band Award
Otsego All-County Senior Chorus Award
Hartwick Honor Band Award
Zone 8 Area All-State Concert Band Award
Outstanding Senior Choir Member
Outstanding Performance in a Musical Leading Role

Tait Christensen, Grade 8

NASSP Leadership Award
President's Gold Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Exceptional Academic Writing in English 9
Highest Overall Achievement in English 9
Outstanding Achievement in Computers 8
Academic Excellence with Distance Learning in Geometry
Outstanding Participation in Global History 1
Academic Excellence in Living Environment
Otsego All-County Junior Chorus Award
Otsego All-County Junior Band Award
Outstanding Performance in a Musical Featured Role
Participation in JV Basketball
Soaring Eagle Responsibility Award

Shayne Christian, Grade 11

Principal's Citizenship Award
Best Effort in English 11 Award
11th Grade Physical Education All-Star

Alexis Clement, Grade 8

NASSP Leadership Award
Reading and Writing Excellence in English 8
Outstanding Achievement in Math 8
Soaring Eagle Empathy Award

Kalvyn Cole, Grade 12

Persistence and Positivity in Integrated Science Award
Mary Krupp Art Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer

Ariana Cornell, Grade 7

Otsego All-County Junior Chorus Award
Outstanding Performance in a Musical Ensemble
Participation in Modified Soccer

Angelina Correll, Grade 10

Participation in JV Basketball

Avriel Correll, Grade 7

President's Education Silver Award for Outstanding Academics
Otsego All-County Junior Chorus Award
Otsego All-County Junior Band Award
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Soaring Eagle Responsibility Award

Leah Cotten, Grade 8

Academic Excellence in Living Environment

Outstanding Effort in Spanish 8
Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies 8
Excellence in English 8
Academic Excellence in Pre-Virus Geometry

Quinn Covington, Grade 7

Excellence in English 7
Participation in Modified Basketball

Abigail Davis, Grade 8

Participation in Modified Soccer

Carly Davis, Grade 9

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball

Kailah Davis, Grade 10

Visionary Artist Award
Living Environment Lab Assistant Award
Outstanding Performance in a Musical Featured Role

Maya DeGarmo, Grade 9

President's Education Silver Award

Corbin Demmon, Grade 9

Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball

Kyra Demmon, Grade 7

The Henri Matisse Art Award
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Soaring Eagle Empathy Award

Alyssa Devine, Grade 11

Rotary Youth Leadership Award
RIT Medal and Scholarship Program
At Home Schooling English Superstar Award

Lane Dibble, Grade 10

President's Education Silver Award
Participation in JV Basketball

Apolonia Drapaniotis, Grade 11

Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award
Innovation and Creativity Award
Otsego All-County Senior Band Award
Outstanding Symphonic Band Member
Excellence in English 11

Brendon Eastman, Grade 7

Reading Superstar in English 7
NASSP Citizenship Award
Otsego All-County Junior Chorus Award
Outstanding Junior Choir Member Award

Connor Eberly, Grade 9

Principal's Leadership Award
Most Inquisitive in Earth Science
Outstanding Oral Contribution in English 10
Otsego All-County Senior Band Award
Participation in Varsity Cross Country
Participation in Varsity Indoor Track
MAC Indoor Track All-Star

Maya Farwell, Grade 10

Principal's Citizenship Award
Outstanding Participation in Global History 2
Outstanding Effort in Algebra 2a
Great Artist Award
Highest Overall Achievement in English 10
Otsego All-County Senior Band

Zone 8 Area All-State String Orchestra
Outstanding Performance in a Musical Featured Role
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Indoor Track
MAC Indoor Track All-Star

Brennan Finch, Grade 9

Otsego All-County Senior Band Award
Participation in Varsity Cross Country
1st Team MAC Cross Country All-Star
NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championship Participant
Participation in Varsity Indoor Track
MAC Indoor Track All-Star

Kaitlyn Finch, Grade 10

Outstanding Participation in Global History 2
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Indoor Track
MAC Indoor Track All-Star

Kaitlyn Fuller, Grade 12

State Comptroller Student Achievement Award
Outstanding Participation in Government
Participation in Varsity Soccer
2nd Team Tri-Valley League Soccer All-Star
Participation in Varsity Basketball
Honorable Mention Tri-Valley League Basketball All-Star

Rebecca Fuller, Grade 12

12th Grade Online Physical Education All-Star

Taylor Gager, Grade 8

Excellent Effort in FCS 8
Outstanding Achievement in Math 8
Participation in Modified Soccer
Soaring Eagle Dependability Award

Kaleigh Gee, Grade 7

Outstanding Performance in Musical Ensemble
Soaring Eagle Responsibility Award

Zachary Grabo, Grade 12

Outstanding Achievement in Sports Marketing
Outstanding Achievement in Accounting
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Mya Gross, Grade 9

Outstanding Work During a Pandemic in Pre-Algebra

Emily Hammond, Grade 11

Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award
Russell Sage College Award
University of Rochester Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award
Girls State Representative
Principal's Leadership Award
Otsego All-County Senior Chorus
Zone 8 Area All-State Mixed Chorus
Glimmerglass Opera Award
Outstanding Performance in a Musical Supporting Role
At Home Schooling English Superstar Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer

Kendra Hammond, Grade 9

Principal's Citizenship Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball

Brandon Harris, Grade 12

Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Devon Hartwell, Grade 8

Butternut Valley Grange Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball
Soaring Eagle Dependability Award

Dominick Hartwell, Grade 11

Butternut Valley Grange Award
Participation in Varsity Golf
1st Team MAC Golf All-Star
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Fiona Held, Grade 9

Highest Overall Achievement in English 9
Art Excellence Award
Academic Achievement in Earth Science
Participation in Varsity Soccer

Olivia Held, Grade 11

University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award
Russell Sage College Award
Outstanding Participation in U.S. History and Government
Principal's Leadership Award
Outstanding Achievement in Algebra 2b
Rotary Youth Leadership Award
At Home Schooling English Superstar Award
11th Grade Online Physical Education All-Star
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Sawyer Hinman, Grade 12

Class of 2020 Salutatorian
2020 Series Scholarship for Academics
Outstanding Participation in TC3 ECON 101
Principal's Leadership Award
Outstanding Achievement in Career Exploration
Outstanding Achievement in Accounting
Musician of the Year

Chloe Howard, Grade 12

Outstanding Participation through Music and Culture
New York State Attorney General's Triple C Award
President's Education Silver Award

Tyler Joslyn, Grade 11

Outstanding Discussion in Genocide

Morgan Keuhn, Grade 10

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award
The Most Chemically Inclined Award
Highest Overall Achievement in English 10
Butternut Valley Grange Award
Best Job of Handling Distance Learning in Global History 2
Outstanding Effort in Spanish 2
Great Artist Award
Outstanding Excellence in 10th Grade Health
Participation in JV Basketball

Marley Labounty, Grade 9

Participation in Varsity Indoor Track

Connor Lenhardt, Grade 9

Excellence in Furniture and Design

Skylar Lindroth, Grade 7

NASSP Leadership Award
President's Gold Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies 7
Excellence in Science 7
Participation in Modified Soccer
Soaring Eagle Dependability Award

Quinten Luna, Grade 8

NASSP Citizenship Award

Emma Lund, Grade 7

Outstanding Junior Choir Member Award
At Home Schooling English Superstar Award
Participation in Modified Basketball
Soaring Eagle Sportsmanship Award

Kross Lund, Grade 9

Excellence in DDP/CAD
9th Grade Online Physical Education All-Star

Kyle MacNeill, Grade 8

Participation in Modified Soccer
Soaring Eagle Sportsmanship Award

Dante Manwarren, Grade 9

Principal's Citizenship Award
Enthusiasm for Biology Award
Otsego All-County Junior Band Award

Matthew Manwarren, Grade 7

Soaring Eagle Sportsmanship Award

Ashlyn Marron, Grade 10

Academic Perseverance in Chemistry Award
Great Artist Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball
2nd Team Tri-Valley League Basketball All-Star

Michael McCall, Grade 12

Participation in Varsity Soccer

Ryan McCall, Grade 10

Excellence in Furniture and Design

Dylan McVey, Grade 10

Principal's Leadership Award
Best Job of Handling Distance Learning Global History 2
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball

Thomas Mealey, Grade 12

Outstanding Participation in Government

Kyle Meyers, Grade 11

Innovation and Creativity Award and Scholarship Program
Russell Sage Characteristics of Academic Scholarship
President's Education Gold Certificate Award
Principal's Leadership Award
Boys State Representative
Creative Writing English 11 Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball

Nicole Meyers, Grade 10

Most Tenacious with Distance Learning in Algebra 1
Outstanding Excellence in 10th Grade Health

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Participation in Varsity Soccer
Honorable Mention Tri-Valley League Soccer All-Star
Vanessa Nelson, Grade 12
Outstanding Participation in TC3 POSC 103
Exceptional Creative Writing in English 12
State Comptroller Student Achievement Award
Mayflower Compact Award
2020 Series Scholarship for Academics
High School Student Council Scholarship Award
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Ethan Newman, Grade 12
Scholar Recognition Program Award
Natural Born Conversationalist in College Biology Award
Principal's Citizenship Award
Outstanding Achievement in Accounting
Exceptional Academic Writing in English 12
Consistent Effort in Pre-Calculus
Butternut Valley Grange Award
NYSAPERD Healthy & Physical Active Student Award
High School Student Council Scholarship Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Paige Nichols, Grade 7
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Skyler Norton, Grade 11
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Honorable Mention Tri-Valley League Soccer All-Star
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Kyli Odell, Grade 12
State Comptroller Student Achievement Award
Consistent Effort in Algebra 2b
Outstanding Oral Contribution in English 12

Madeline Pain, Grade 10
President's Education Gold Certificate Award
Outstanding Achievement in Algebra 2a
Highest Overall Achievement in English 10
10th Grade Online Physical Education All-Star
Participation in Varsity Soccer

Noah Pain, Grade 7
President's Silver Education Award for Academic Achievement
7th Grade Online Physical Education All-Star
Participation in Modified Basketball
Outstanding Work During a Pandemic in Math 7

Aubree Palmer, Grade 9
Emerging Artist Award
Outstanding Participation in Global History 1
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Varsity Indoor Track

Emma Peck, Grade 7
NASSP Citizenship Award
Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies 7
Excellent Effort in FCS 7
Creative Writing in English 7
Excellence in Science 7
Otsego All-County Junior Chorus Award
Otsego All-County Junior Band Award

The Leonardo Da Vinci Art Award
NYSAPERD Healthy & Physically Active Student Award
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Soaring Eagle Empathy Award
Megan Perrine, Grade 9
Participation in JV Basketball
Samuel Piedmonte, Grade 12
ASBO Business Scholarship Butternut Valley Grange Award
State Comptroller Student Achievement Award
Mary Krupp Art Award
Most Insightful Reader in English 12
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball
Honorable Mention Tri-Valley League Basketball All-Star

Bianca Plows, Grade 9
Excellence in Pre-Algebra
Outstanding Work During a Pandemic in Pre-Algebra
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball

Chelsea Pope, Grade 12
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Rene Posner, Grade 9
Exceptional Creative Writing in English 9
Highest Overall Achievement in English 9
Outstanding Participation in Global History 1
Otsego All-County Senior Band Award
Academic Excellence with Distance Learning in Algebra 1
Participation in JV Basketball

Dalton Proskine, Grade 10
10th Grade Online Physical Education All-Star
Participation in Varsity Soccer

Lauren Radwan, Grade 10
Most Insightful Reader in English 10
Academic Determination in Earth Science
Academic Excellence in Pre-Virus Algebra 1
Otsego All-County Senior Band Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Indoor Track

Natalie Raymond, Grade 7
NASSP Leadership Award
Excellent Effort in FCS 7
Participation in Modified Basketball

Tavien Raymond, Grade 12
Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Scholarship
Persistence in Physics Award
Leatherstocking Brush and Palette Award
Tyler Costello Memorial Music Award
Consistent Effort in Math and Financial
High School Student Council Scholarship Award
Performance in a Musical Ensemble
Otsego All-County Senior Chorus Award
2020 Marching Band Drum Major
Participation in Varsity Cross Country
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Waylon Raymond, Grade 9
Academic Perseverance in Pre-Algebra
Alivia Retz, Grade 10
Art Excellence Award
Exceptional Creative Writing in English 10

Zan SanSoucie, Grade 11
RIT Computing Medal and Scholarship Program
President's Education Silver Award
Sports Marketing Fantasy Football GM's of the Year
Outstanding Achievement in Math and Financial
Participation in Varsity Soccer

Colin Schultes, Grade 12
New York State Attorney General's Triple C Award
Outstanding Participation in Economics
Participation in Varsity Soccer

Theodore Sharkey, Grade 11
Clarkson University Achievement Award
University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology
Outstanding Participation in U.S. History and Government
Sports Marketing Fantasy Football GM's of the Year
Outstanding Achievement in Sports Marketing
Outstanding Discussion in Genocide
Creative Writing in English 11 Award
Outstanding Effort in Spanish 3
Otsego All-County Senior Band Award
Hartwick Honor Band Award
Zone 8 Area All-State Concert Band Award

Chase Simonds, Grade 7
Participation in Modified Basketball

Sadra Smith, Grade 12
Class of 2020 Valedictorian
2020 Series Scholarships for Academics
Outstanding Participation in TC3 ECON 101
Highest Overall Achievement in English 12
Butternut Valley Grange Award
President's Education Gold Certificate Award
Outstanding Achievement in Accounting
Outstanding Achievement in Pre-Calculus
NYSAPERD Healthy & Physically Active Student Award
High School Student Council Scholarship Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer

Alyssa Sorochinsky, Grade 7
President's Gold Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Outstanding Achievement in Math 7
Excellence in Technology 7
Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies 7
NYSAPERD Healthy & Physically Active Student Award

Otsego All-County Junior Chorus Award
Otsego All-County Junior Band Award
Outstanding Concert Band Member Award
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Ivy Stensland, Grade 9
Principal's Leadership Award
9th Grade Online Physical Education All-Star
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Indoor Track

Outstanding Work During a Pandemic in Pre-Algebra

Ella Stockdale, Grade 9

Outstanding Performance in a Musical Ensemble
8th Grade Online Physical Education All-Star
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Indoor Track
MAC Indoor Track All-Star

Isaiah Stockdale, Grade 12

State Comptroller Student Achievement Award
For the Love of Science Award
Outstanding Performance in a Musical Supporting Role
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Andrew Stone, Grade 8

President's Silver Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies 8
Excellent Effort in FCS 8
Excellence in Science 8
At Home Schooling English Superstar Award
8th Grade Online Physical Education All-Star
Outstanding Work During a Pandemic in Math 8

Payton Talbot, Grade 10

Principal's Citizenship Award
Outstanding Effort in Spanish 2

Ella Thatford, Grade 8

Butternut Valley Grange Award
President's Gold Education Award for Academic Achievement
Soaring Eagle Responsibility Award
Outstanding Achievement in Computers 8
Outstanding Effort in Spanish 8
Creativity in STEM
Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies 8

Rian Thatford, Grade 12

Principal's Citizenship Award
12th Grade Online Physical Education All-Star
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball

Kacie Turnbull, Grade 9

Best Job of Handling Distance Learning in Global History 2
Most Insightful Reader in English 9
Otsego All-County Junior Chorus Award
Zone 8 Area All-State Mixed Chorus Award
Outstanding Performance in a Musical Leading Role

Lindsay Turnbull, Grade 7

Visionary Artist Award
The Vincent van Gogh Art Award
Creative Writing in English 7

Trista Vaccaro, Grade 7

Excellence in Technology 7
Best Effort in English 7
Participation in Modified Basketball

Hailee Walrod, Grade 7

Soaring Eagle Dependability Award

Kali Wilcox, Grade 9

Outstanding Effort in Spanish 1
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball

Morgan Williams, Grade 8

Participation in Modified Soccer
Soaring Eagle Sportsmanship Award
Outstanding Work During a Pandemic in Math 8

Nathan Williams, Grade 7

7th Grade Online Physical Education All-Star
Outstanding Work During a Pandemic in Math 7

Brian Wilson, Grade 9

Outstanding Achievement in Computer Applications
Most Responsive with Distance Learning in Geometry
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball

Skye Wilson, Grade 10

Principal's Leadership Award
Exceptional Academic Writing in English 10
Participation in Varsity Soccer

Year-End Awards: Grades PK-6

Congratulations to Gilbertsville-Mount Upton students in Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade who earned the following awards during latter part of the 2019-2020 school year!

March Theme – Dependable

Pre-K: Coraline Carney, Laura Schidzick

Kindergarten: Claire Beach, Cheryl Davis, Eli Fuller, Nicholas Schultes

First Grade: Gianna Barnes, Hunter Crawford, Margaret Hanehan, Abigail Schaub

Second Grade: Hogan Green, Maeleigh Lum, Payton Utter

Third Grade: Wyatt Eastman, Cooper Gundlach

Fourth Grade: Marissa Furgison, Chance Kilmer, Taylor Kline

Fifth Grade: Brandon Kendall

Sixth Grade: Ryan Davis, Laytham Retz

April Theme – Empathy

Pre-K: Carol Jaycox, Kayden Mills, Grace Rosenkrance

Kindergarten: Faith Alger, Jasper Cole, Alexis DeGroat, Mason Turnbull

First Grade: Addison Dickey, Chanler Roe, Justin Smith, Heaven Sturdevant

Second Grade: Melena Hall, Kaidyn Rowe, Joshua Whitehill

Third Grade: Emily Shermerhorn, Damien Sturdevant

Fourth Grade: Tristan Fairbairn, Melody Sprague

Fifth Grade: Shane Carney

Sixth Grade: Olivia Fletcher, Johnny Forbes Conaty

May Theme – Responsibility

Pre-K: Presley Young

Kindergarten: Kalli Lanfair, Logan Lange

First Grade: Raegan Beach, Russell Cole, Donald Krebbeks

Second Grade: Paris Behnke, Rowan Gilchrest, Maeleigh Lum, Jaelynn Smith

Third Grade: Amelia Beckwith, Rece Nolan

Fourth Grade: Mason Kiser, Carter Simonds

Fifth Grade: Taylor French

Sixth Grade: Kyle Keuhn, Trenton Odell

Participation in Varsity Indoor Track

MAC Indoor Track All-Star

William Wilson, Grade 10

Outstanding Participation in Global History 2

Airyana Wright, Grade 12

Chapter Student Scholarship
Outstanding Participation in Economics
Principal's Citizenship Award
Outstanding Achievement in Accounting
2020 Marching Band Drum Major

Nevaeh Wright, Grade 9

Best Job of Handling Distance Learning in Global History 1
Most Tenacious with Distance Learning in Geometry

Matthew Zabriski, Grade 7

Participation in Modified Basketball

June Theme – Sportsmanship

Pre-Kindergarten: Coraline Carney, Elijah Oliver

K: Mia Covington, Hunter Smith, Camden Wilcox

First Grade: Hannah Carbone, Sullivan Dickey

Second Grade: Jack DiGiorgi, Madalyn Kiser

Third Grade: Austin Cuzzo, Kristin Gee

Fourth Grade: Sophia Parslow, Koda Stockdale

Fifth Grade: Payton Behnke, Peyton Norton

Sixth Grade: Alice Dibble, Ioannis Drapaniotis

Sixth Grade Music Awards

All-County Band: Jeffrey Barnes, Kyle Keuhn, Lillian Perrine, Alivia Plows

All-County Chorus: Jenna Carpenter, Madison Lockwood, Kylee O'Connell

Work Ethic Awards

Third Grade: Pacey Behnke, Kristin Gee, Damien Miller, Logan Panek, Kayden Peck

Fourth Grade: Gabriella Barnes, Daisy Crisell, Carrie Doyle, Tristan Fairbairn, Marissa Furgison, Mason Kiser, Kaden O'Hara, Zackery Page, Sophia Parslow, Koda Stockdale, Gavin Underwood, Destiny Wright

Fifth Grade: Payton Behnke, Hailey Brannick, Morgan Cuzzo, Taylor French, Brandon Kendall, William Vaccaro

Sixth Grade: Ryan Davis, Alice Dibble, Bailey Howard, Jade Lindroth, Madison Lockwood, Mackenzi Marron, Trenton Odell, Dannaka Rasmussen, Latham Retz, Blake SanSoucie, Alivia Vitek

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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.

He’s got the write stuff!



Congratulations to our very own Tyler Crisell, who recently placed in the PBS Kids Writers Contest!

Tyler’s “*Spy Kid and Captain Canine*” submission won third place in the second-grade division. He is a student in Darin Trass’ second-grade class at Gilbertsville-Mount Upton.

The contest was open to students in grades K-3 who reside in WSKG’s coverage area, which includes 21 counties in New York and Pennsylvania. Located in Vestal, WSKG is operated by WSKG Public Telecommunications Council, a private non-profit corporation chartered by the Board of Regents of the State University of New York in association with the New York State Department of Education.

Great job, Tyler!

GMU 2020-2021 Budget Passes

The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District’s 2020-2021 Budget passed by a 267-133 vote on Tuesday, June 17.

In addition to passing the District’s \$10,195,655 proposed budget, GMU voters also elected Jed Barnes, Sean Barrows, Cole Covington and Brian Underwood to the Board of Education.

All voting took place via absentee ballots because of the COVID-19 pandemic, as per state orders.

School Tax collection information

School Tax Collection will begin on September 1, 2020. If you are mailing your check in for payment, checks should be made payable to: **GMU Tax Collector** and can be mailed to the following:

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton School District

Attn: Tax Collector
693 State Highway 51
Gilbertsville, NY 13776

There will also be a secured **DROP BOX** available at the main entrance if you would like to drop off payment during regular business hours (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.). A receipt will be mailed to you. For your safety and the safety of our staff, there will be **NO IN-PERSON** payments due to COVID-19.

School Tax bills will be mailed during the last week of August. If you do not receive your bill or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dort Iannello at 607-783-2207, ext. 144. Thank you!

Fall Musical set for November!

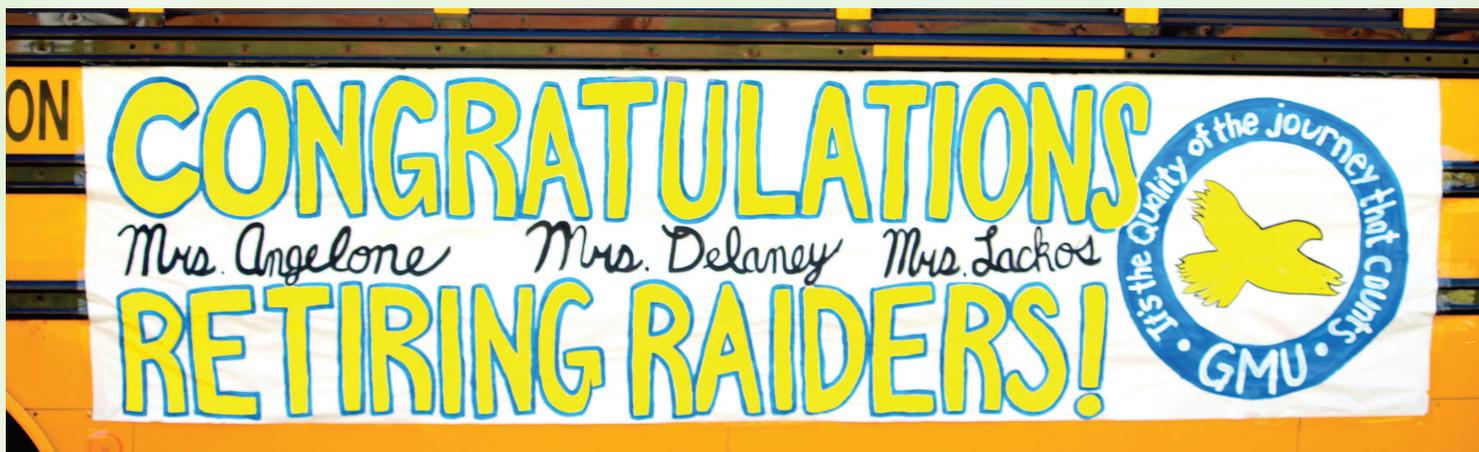


Gilbertsville-Mount Upton is planning its Fall Musical production of “The Pirates of Penzance,” which is scheduled to run November 12-14 under the direction of Mrs. Winnie Sortman.

Students entering grades 7-12 this fall who would like to audition or join the stage crew should email Mrs. Monaco (amonaco@gmucsd.org) or Mrs. Sortman (sortmanwinnie@gmail.com), or call our main office at 607-782-2207 for more information. You may contact Mrs.

Monaco through Zoom and Mrs. Sortman through Facebook Messenger as well.

Parents who are interested in helping with set construction should contact Mrs. Monaco or Mrs. Sortman using the same methods.



Happy Trails To You!

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton wishes nothing but the best for 2020 retirees Bernadette Delaney, Carol Angelone and Maggie Lackos!

Check out some pictures from our Retirement Parade on June 17 and visit our Facebook page for more photos and a video, complete with fire trucks, buses, masks and tears!



Bernadette Delaney

GMUCSD and the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Teachers Association would like to congratulate Bernie on her retirement!

Bernie has been with GMU, well, since before it was GMU! She lives in the community, has seen three children through school and has so much school pride that the “Spirit Games” were renamed in her honor.

Bernie has taught nearly every Social Studies class, touching the lives of countless students and staff along the way. She is always lending a hand, she’s selfless, and

she’s an inspiration to others. She is lovingly known as “Mama D” by her students.

A GMU colleague perfectly summed up Bernie with these words: “Bernie’s connection with students is truly unprecedented. She pushes her students but is there to show them grace when needed.”

This year, we needed that grace more than ever. It was a difficult time to teach in and it is an even more challenging time in which to retire. We hope that retirement brings much family time and happiness for Bernie, because she deserves that and so much more.

We will miss you!



Carol Angelone

We would like to congratulate Carol on her retirement! Mrs. Angelone has been with us for 14 years – hired as a Registered Nurse in our Health Office in the Fall of 2006.

Carol has decided to retire so she can spend more time with her children and

grandchildren. She also loves to read and will surely dedicate some of her free time to that.

Thank you, Carol, for your many years of service at GMU. Congratulations and best wishes for your retirement!



Margaret Lackos

Congratulations to Maggie on her retirement!

Mrs. Lackos was hired full-time in the Fall of 1994 and has completed 25-plus years of service at GMU. She was hired as a classroom aide after working for years as a substitute in many positions. Maggie also was nominated by her friends for the Support Staff of the Year award in 2017.

Maggie said she is looking forward to spending more time with her family and simply relaxing. We thank you for your many years of service and all of the ways you have touched the lives of our students.

Congratulations and best wishes for a happy retirement!

Register for 2020 fall sports today!

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton student-athletes can sign up for the 2020 fall sports season right now by visiting our Athletics webpage at <https://www.gmucsd.org/Athletics.aspx>.

GMU's 2020 Fall Sports Registration Form is listed under the Quick Links header on the right side of our Athletics webpage. Just click the link to open our Google Form, then fill it out and click the submit button at the bottom.

The direct link to the online form is https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1N6ILu5As51f2FPq2P9makLVpCx2r_8G1eSpJpQ-RE_0/edit

GMU's Fall Sports Registration Form will help us gather valuable information in preparation for 2020 fall sports. The New York State Public High School Athletic Association is planning for several scenarios with regard to the 2020 fall sports season because of the COVID-19 pandemic, so please keep an eye out for updates and additional details.

From ALDI, with love ...



Many thanks to the ALDI grocery store in Oneonta and shift manager Bethany Schidzick for making a "donation of love" to the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District in late April.

ALDI donated dozens of bags filled with potatoes and bread to the District, which randomly distributed them to some GMU families that receive weekly food deliveries.

Special thanks to our Superintendent, Annette Hammond, for picking up the donations and adding them to the scheduled deliveries.

Shout out to The Mask Factory!



Gilbertsville-Mount Upton thanks "The Mask Factory," a group of nine women who made face-masks for all of our students to wear!

Nancy Callahan, Liz Campion, Joann Curtis, Michele Farwell, Kathryn Gibson, Barbara Pistor, Carrie Mae Smith, Liz Stebbins and Teresa Winchester started "The Mask Factory" in April 2020. Since then, they've created nearly 1,000 facemasks for EMT workers, the Office for the Aging, Chase Nursing Home, the Butternut Food Pantry, family members, friends and now, our GMU students!

Materials for the GMU project were purchased following a successful community fundraiser. In May 2020, "The Mask Factory" delivered 346 masks to the school and \$900 to the food pantry, all to the delight of Superintendent Annette Hammond and her staff.



GMU Staff Appreciation Week
May 4-8, 2020



Proud of our people!

We celebrated all of the GMU people who dedicate themselves to education every day during our Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week in early May.

"On behalf of the GMU Board of Education and myself, I would like to thank all of our Teachers, Aides, Secretaries, Food Service Workers, Custodians, Transportation Staff, and Supervisors for their willingness to always step up and do whatever it takes for our students," GMU Superintendent Annette Hammond said. "We have never seen times like we are in now and it has been even more difficult to work in the field of education.

"GMU has faced much loss and change this year, but our staff continues to embrace the challenge of thinking outside of the box and trying new things to keep doing what is best for our students," she continued. "Thank you for your hard work and dedication to making the Journey great for everyone here at GMU!"

Visit this YouTube link online to see GMU's 2020 Staff Appreciation video: <https://youtu.be/JGghprgWUjw>

GMU Dairy Giveaway Day 2020

The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District thanks EVERYONE who made GMU Dairy Giveaway Day a huge success on May 13.

Using an efficient drive-through service on school grounds, GMU staff, sponsors and volunteers distributed thousands of free dairy products to the general public on a gorgeous spring day. Vehicles lined up for miles along State Highway 51 for free milk, cheese, yogurt, eggs, ice cream, produce and other goodies.

Again, we thank EVERYONE for making GMU Dairy Giveaway possible and for supporting our communities, farmers, sponsors and the dairy industry by simply showing up.

Special thanks to Cafeteria Manager Susan Sebeck, PK-12 Principal Heather Wilcox, Superintendent Annette Hammond and the following sponsors for bringing it all together:

- American Dairy Association North East
- Blue Ox
- Butternut Valley Grange
- Cabot Creamery Co-operative
- Carlo Masi Sons & Daughters Produce
- Chobani
- CoBar Dairy, LLC
- Community Bank, N.A.
- Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.
- Dean Foods Company
- GMUTA
- Grove Estates Mobile Home Park
- Hanehan Family Dairy, LLC
- Hannaford Supermarkets
- HERSHEY'S
- Huff Ice Cream
- New York Central Mutual
- New York Pizzeria – Frankies, New Berlin
- Otsego County Dairy Princess Hannah Bonczkowski
- Preferred Mutual
- Raymond Corp.
- Sidney Federal Credit Union
- Smith Eggs
- Southtown Dairy, LLC
- Susquehanna Valley Signs
- Upstate Companies I, LLC



Graduation



Graduation 2020!



Together at last!

Congratulations to Gilbertville-Mount Upton's Class of 2020, which graduated together on campus under sunny skies on Friday evening, June 26.

The District's first outdoor graduation ceremony followed COVID-19 guidelines from the New York State Department of Health to give our Senior Class a safe way to celebrate their accomplishments in the presence of family and friends.

Outside of face coverings, frequent sanitizing and proper social distancing, GMU's 2020 Graduation Ceremony largely maintained the look of a traditional annual event. Superintendent Annette Hammond, Valedictorian Sadra Smith and Salutatorian Sawyer Hinman delivered speeches, graduates received their diplomas on stage, and students posed with family members for subsequent photo opportunities.

Graduates also participated in a balloon release and held their caps up for an overhead drone photo in lieu of tossing their caps, which NYDOH guidelines prohibited.

Following the ceremony, community members participated in a drive-by Graduate Parade to honor each member of GMU's Class of 2020.

The District live-streamed its 2020 Graduation Ceremony on its YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/gmucentralschool> and on its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GMUCentral/> so those who could not be present because of attendance restrictions could watch from remote locations.

Check out photos from GMU's 2020 Graduation Ceremony here and visit our Facebook page to see dozens of others.

Congratulations to GMU's Class of 2020 and best of luck in your future endeavors!



Recylin' Raiders win another title!



Gilbertsville-Mount Upton successfully defended its Elementary Division title in the Otsego County Conservation Association's Film Plastic Recycling Challenge, Otsego County Planning & Solid Waste announced April 23.

OCPSW Recycling Coordinator Shane Digan said via email that this year's winners were determined based on per capita calculations (pounds per student). Our Recylin' Raiders collected a total of 786.8 pounds of film plastic in the Elementary Division for a winning average of 3.934 pounds per student!

GMU congratulates the nearby Morris Central School District for winning the Middle/High School Division (246.8 total pounds; 1.634 per student).

The Challenge was originally scheduled to run through April 1, but the COVID-19 pandemic suspended the contest as schools across the state closed in March for health and safety reasons. GMU Art Teacher and Recylin' Raiders team leader Ashley Hughes said our students collected more than 900 pounds of film plastic in two months.

Last year, GMU accounted for 1,821 of the 4,000 pounds collected during the Challenge en route to winning both the Elementary (6.78 pounds per capita) and MS/HS (1.88 ppc) divisions.

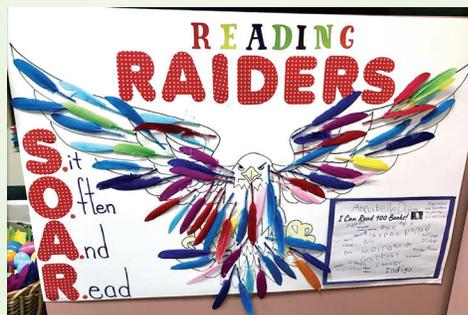
Hughes said students who collected film plastic after schools closed may save it for next year's contest or recycle it through OCCA and participating grocery stores. Examples of film plastic are grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, Ziploc/Baggies, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags and cereal bags.

Flag Day!

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton wants to thank the Class of 2020 for its generous Class Gift to our district. Much like our awesome seniors, these GMU flags will be flying high for years to come and we will never forget them!



GMU makes reading easy as pie!



Sit Often And Read . . . that was the challenge academic support teacher Elisa Heggenstaller gave Gilbertsville-Mount Upton first-graders on October 25, 2019.

The First-Grade Raiders' SOAR Reading Challenge asked students of Karen Hill and Debra Davies to read books with their families at home, then bring them to school to re-read them in class. Kids received one sticker for every book and a prize-filled egg plus a feather for our Eagle poster for every 10.

First-graders who hit 100 books this year earned the right to throw a pie

at a teacher's face, too! Since school was closed, though, Mrs. Heggenstaller had to do this to herself—and we posted the videos on our Facebook page to prove it.

Mrs. Heggenstaller recently reported the final SOAR stats for the 30 first-graders who signed up for the challenge. Eight students read 100 or more books, 10 read 50-85, three made it to the 30s, three hit the 20s, and six read 2-20 books. The grand total of books read was 1,717!

All 30 kids practiced their reading while having fun and have shown lots of improvement in fluency, word-attack skills and reading with expression during the challenge. A Second-Grade Challenge is already in the works and it will include writing, so stay tuned!



Helpful Online Resources Available



The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District website offers a variety of online resources designed to help students, parents, faculty and staff every day.

Our School Counseling page has been updated with information on how families can schedule virtual counseling sessions with Lisa Ruland (grades PK-6) and Clara Tanner (7-12), educational materials, stress-relieving activities, self-care plans and more.

We've also created an Online Learning page featuring learning platforms, teacher pages and links to free educational websites, including the GMU School Library.

Links to these pages are also posted on our Coronavirus Information page and in the drop-down menu under the STUDENT header on our home page. Information on Internet providers who can help and the importance of Social Distancing are also featured on our Coronavirus Information page.

Need to contact a teacher or other staff member directly? Use the Staff Directory drop-down link under the PARENT and STAFF headers on our home page to email them.

Please refer to the Quick Guide below for instant access to these valuable online resources.

Online Resources Quick Guide

- GMU Website (home page): <https://www.gmuksd.org>
- Coronavirus Information: <https://www.gmuksd.org/CoronavirusInformation.aspx>
- Online Learning: <https://www.gmuksd.org/OnlineLearning.aspx>
- School Counseling: <https://www.gmuksd.org/GMUCounseling.aspx>
- School Library: <https://opalsgmu.dcmoboces.com/bin/home>
- Staff Directory: <https://www.gmuksd.org/StaffDirectory.aspx>

GMU delivered while school was closed

After schools closed in March, the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District started delivering food to families with students in its free and reduced-cost meals program on March 18 and kept going until the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

GMU covered student needs by delivering five days' worth of food to qualifying students every Monday during the closure. GMU followed all standard operating procedures and safety guidelines related to food deliveries, which came at no cost to families.

Updates regarding food deliveries during the 2020-2021 school year, if any, will be shared via our website (<https://www.gmuksd.org/>), our social media pages (@GMU Central on Facebook and Twitter) and telephone calls.



Pope inducted into National Technical Honor Society!

Congratulations to GMU graduate Chelsea Pope, who was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on June 10!

Chelsea was part of the Culinary Arts Program at DCMO BOCES as a GMU senior during the 2019-2020 school year. She plans to major in Baking and Pastry at Paul Smith's College this fall.

To be considered for NTHS inductions, students must submit an essay, a resume and three recommendations. GPA, attendance, community service and involvement in extracurricular activities also help determine NTHS eligibility of students, who are also subject to an interview process.



NTHS recognizes and celebrates the knowledge, skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship and leadership of its inductees. Visit this link online to see the entire 2019-2020 NTHS Induction Ceremony on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/3Y6k9V1kQR8?t=1>

Great job, Chelsea!

Newman, Talbot earn Scholar Recognition awards



Congratulations to Gilbertsville-Mount Upton graduate Ethan Newman and mentor Lynne Talbot, who were honored during the annual Business and Education Partnership Scholar Recognition Program on June 10!

Ethan continuously exemplified integrity and selflessness as a hardworking student who is kind, responsible and determined. He is a true leader who has a keen ability to empathize with others, as evidenced by his numerous leadership roles in school and extensive community involvement.

Ethan was a two-sport athlete and musician who participates in several extracurricular activities offered by our school and

community. He is the definition of a well-rounded student who exemplifies all the qualities of a GMU Raider during the school day, after hours in the community and in his personal time. An asset to our school and community, we are confident Ethan will continue to thrive as a positive role model in all that he pursues.

Ethan praised GMU mentor award-winner Lynne Talbot with the following: “Mrs. Talbot has been an excellent mentor to me throughout my high school years. She has taught me to be persistent, even when classes are hard, which many math classes are. She has helped me with questions about school and life after school, willing to give any advice that’ll help me succeed and make the best decisions.

“Most importantly, though, she will talk to and help anyone who seems to be having a rough day, showing me through her own example how to be a compassionate, understanding, and caring person – something the world always needs more of. Thank you, Mrs. Talbot.”

Ethan and Lynne were formally recognized during an annual event that typically takes place at SUNY Oneonta’s Hunt Union, but the 2020 ceremony was streamed live via YouTube because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit this link online for more information, including a list of this year’s honorees: <https://www.dcmoboces.com/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=5PUBY2&dasi=330Y>



Welcome to the Section IV Hall of Fame!

Congratulations to Jim Johnson and Jessica Talbot on their Section IV Hall of Fame inductions March 7!

The former Gilbertsville-Mount Upton standouts were honored between Section IV Class D basketball championship games at SUNY Oneonta’s Dewar Arena. They joined official Jamie O’Donnell and former Davenport stars Samantha Meyerhoff and Chelsea Haight during the ceremony.

The five were part of a 24-member Class of 2020 that was officially inducted into the Section IV Hall of Fame on the morning of March 7 in Binghamton.



GMU welcomes 15 to National Honor Society

The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District celebrated its 2020 National Honor Society inductees with a virtual ceremony in late April.

National Honor Society members must consistently maintain an cumulative academic average of 90 or higher, exhibit excellent leadership skills, live every day with high moral character, and thrive on the service to others.

Our new NHS members are Anika Christensen, Angelina Correll, Kailah Davis, Maya Farwell, Zach Grabo, Morgan Keuhn, Ashlyn Marron, Dylan McVey, Kyle Meyers, Nicole Meyers, Madeline Pain, Dalton Proskine, Lauren Radwan, Isaiah Stockdale and Skye Wilson.

A huge congratulations to you all!! You have worked so hard to get to this point and we are all so proud of you!

Visit our Facebook page to see photos of our 2020 NHS inductees: <https://www.facebook.com/GMUCentral/>

You also can watch our video announcement on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsDrZTSuiO0>



Anika Christensen



Angelina Correll



Kailah Davis



Maya Farwell



Zach Grabo



Morgan Keuhn



Ashlyn Marron



Dylan McVey



Kyle Meyers



Nicole Meyers



Madeline Pain



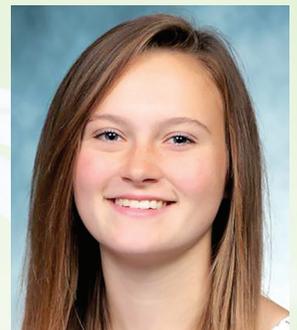
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Isaiah Stockdale



Skye Wilson

We are so proud of you!

Smith, Hinman lead GMU's top five seniors

The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District is proud to announce the top five academic students in its Class of 2020.

GMU's graduating class was led by Valedictorian Sadra Smith and Salutatorian Sawyer Hinman. Vanessa Nelson, Ethan Charron and Ethan Newman rounded out GMU's top five seniors, who were formally recognized for their academic excellence during GMU's Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony on June 26.

Valedictorian Sadra Smith

The daughter of Claudette Newman and Larry Smith of Gilbertsville, GMU Class of 2020 Valedictorian Sadra Smith is an outstanding and hardworking young woman who is responsible, driven, and empathetic. She participated in Student Council, Mock Trial, Varsity Soccer and the National Honor Society at GMU, holding leadership positions such as Soccer Team Captain and NHS Vice President.

GMU's Senior of the Month in October 2019, Sadra always takes the extra step to help others and thrives in everything she does. She is an exemplary Peer Mentor who stands out as a positive role model. Academically, she completed several Tompkins Cortland Community College courses, such as TC3 Pre-Calculus, TC3 Accounting, TC3 Biology, and TC3 Spanish.

Sadra's work ethic, patience and determination are unparalleled. Her highly developed skillset is the reason she excels in academics, extracurricular activities and at Muddy River Dairy, LLC, where she has worked for the last two years.

Sadra plans to study Agriculture in the fall at a college to be determined. We are confident that Sadra will make a tremendous impact after graduation and wish her nothing but the best.

Salutatorian Sawyer Hinman

The son of Mark Hinman and Lavonne Warner of Mount Upton, GMU Class of 2020 Salutatorian Sawyer Hinman is an exceptional young man who is kind, helpful and detail-oriented. In addition to attaining the second-highest academic average at GMU, Sawyer was involved with Spanish Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Band, Jazz Band, and Chorus.



CLASS OF 2020 TOP FIVE SENIORS

Valedictorian
Sadra Smith

Salutatorian
Sawyer Hinman

Vanessa Nelson

Ethan Charron

Ethan Newman

Sawyer is also very passionate about volunteering for his church and has worked its fair booth for the past three summers. His work ethic and compassion have grown as a result of simply helping others.

Academically, Sawyer excelled in a variety of challenging advanced and college-level courses, giving him a well-rounded high school experience. He plans to study Computer Engineering at Binghamton University and hopes to become a computer engineer. We have no doubt that Sawyer will be very successful in his future endeavors.

Vanessa Nelson

The daughter of Jay Reach of Mount Upton and Tanya Nelson of Otego, Vanessa Nelson ranked third academically at GMU, where she served as President of Language Club, Vice President of Student Council, Symphonic Band and the Class of 2020, and Secretary of Student Council and National Honor Society.

She is a remarkable, creative, caring, and compassionate young woman who plays three musical instruments: clarinet, trumpet, and saxophone. GMU's Senior of the Month in February 2020, Vanessa also played junior varsity, varsity, and summer-league basketball and participated in SADD and Mock Trial.

Vanessa challenged herself academically throughout high school by taking numerous advanced and college-level courses. Additionally, she passed along her patience, love, and acceptance to children as a Summer Recreation Counselor last summer.

With ambitions to help the less fortunate, provide justice, and spread kindness, profound success is surely in her future. Her path will continue this fall as a student at Valencia College in Central Florida.

Ethan Charron

The son of Charlene and Alfred Charron III of Mount Upton, Ethan Charron had the fourth-highest average in the Class of 2020 and continuously exemplified perseverance and ambition. The Student Council President was part of National Honor Society, Spanish Club, New York State School Music Association, and All-County. He also earned Senior of the Month honors in May 2020.

Ethan has dedicated time to his church as well, attending classes, writing to the Bishop and volunteering in completing the Confirmation process. A team player who gained valuable work experience this past summer at GMU, Ethan has formed strong, meaningful relationships while making a positive impact in the community.

Several TC3 advanced and college-level courses have prepared Ethan to take on an even greater challenge as a Computer Science major at Clarkson University this fall. We believe it's evident that this hardworking, determined individual has everything required to make it big.

Ethan Newman

The son of Claudette Newman and Larry Smith of Gilbertsville, Ethan Newman closed GMU's top-five seniors list as a kind, responsible, and determined young man who exemplifies integrity.

Named Senior of the Month in January 2020, Ethan expanded his education through a plethora of extracurricular opportunities—Mock Trial, National Honor Society, Varsity Basketball and Varsity Soccer, to name a few. He also completed many advanced and college-level courses to ensure a well-rounded educational experience.

Ethan's commitment to community service is clear through his volunteer work with the local Baptist church, which included a mission trip to Honduras. We are confident Ethan will keep making enormous strides in his education, which will continue this fall as a Business major at the University at Albany.

Congratulations!

GMU sends 18 to All-County Fest

Congratulations to all of our talented students who took part in the All-County Music Festival on March 7 at the Cooperstown Central School District.

All-County participants are selected through an audition process to represent their school districts in a festival featuring the finest musicians in Otsego County. An elementary concert (grades 5-6) was followed by a concert for students in grades 7-12.

The following students represented GMU and music teachers William Gilchrest, Anne Monaco and Deanna Perkosky.



Elementary Band (l-r): Kyle Keuhn, Alivia Plows, Jeffrey Barnes, Lillian Perrine.



Elementary Chorus (l-r): Madison Lockwood, Kylee O'Connell, Jenna Carpenter.



Senior High Chorus (l-r): Anika Christensen, Tavian Raymond, Emily Hammond, Gavin Bonczkowski.



Junior High Band (l-r): Front row, Alyssa Sorochinsky, Emma Peck, Avriel Correll; Back row, Dante Manwarren, Tait Christensen, Connor Eberly, Brennan Finch.

All-County Music standouts!

Congratulations to all of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton students who participated in the All-County Music Festival in Worcester on February 1!



First photo (left-to-right): Apolonia Drapaniotis, Rene Posner, Theodore Sharkey, Maya Farwell, Anika Christensen and Lauren Radwan.



Second photo (l-r): Brendon Eastman, Ariana Cornell, Lindsay Turnbull, Avriel Correll, Hannah Bonczkowski, Alyssa Sorochinsky, Emma Peck and Tait Christensen.





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



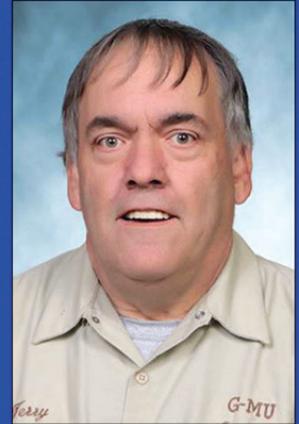
STEPHEN CIMINERI
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MARGARET LACKOS
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NANCY PARSHALL
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THERESA BENNETT
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DEBRA DAVIES
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DORT IANNELLO
10 YEARS!

Second Quarter Standouts!



Gilbertsville-Mount Upton celebrated student achievements for the second-quarter marking period in late February at the MS/HS Auditorium.

Grades PK-2 Soaring Eagle Awards

February—Citizenship

- **Pre-K:** Xavier Lange, Athena Palmatier.
- **Kindergarten:** Allison Boyce, Eleanor Hauptfleisch, Zachary McWeeney.
- **First Grade:** Alexander Breslau, Willard Covington, Annabelle DiGiorgi, Malorie Longcor.
- **Second Grade:** Jack DiGiorgi, Dylan Ostrander.

Grades 3-6

High Honor Roll

- **Sixth Grade:** Alice Dibble, Olivia Fletcher, Bailey Howard, Kyle Keuhn, Mackenzi Marron, Dannaka Rasmussen, Latham Retz.

Honor Roll

- **Fifth Grade:** Hailey Brannick, Taylor French, Mia Mantellassi, Peyton Norton.
- **Sixth Grade:** Jeffrey Barnes, Ryan Davis, Sean Downey, Ioannis Drapaniotis, Maya Eberly, Natalie Gross, Cecelia Katalinas, Jade Lindroth, Emili Jade Luna, Kira Nolan, Kylee O'Connell, Trenton Odell, Lillian Perrine, Alivia Plows, Blake SanSoucie, Paige Smith, Alivia Vitek, Kaylin Williams, Adam Yasser.

Soaring Eagles Awards

December – Respect

- **Third Grade:** Damien Miller.
- **Fourth Grade:** Luke Gross, Zachary Page.
- **Fifth Grade:** Shane Carney.



- **Sixth Grade:** Natalie Gross, Kaylin Williams.

January – Creativity

- **Third Grade:** Caden Champion, Emma Schmitt.
- **Fourth Grade:** Delaney Dunnigan, Zayde Palmatier.
- **Fifth Grade:** Mia Mantellassi.
- **Sixth Grade:** Madison Lockwood, Emili Luna.

February – Citizenship

- **Third Grade:** Austin Cuozzo, Cole Wilson.
- **Fourth Grade:** Robert Lindroth, Destiny Wright.
- **Fifth Grade:** Payton Behnke.
- **Sixth Grade:** Jade Lindroth, Mackenzi Marron.

Work Ethic Awards

- **Third Grade:** Pacey Behnke, Kristin Gee, Damian Miller, Logan Panek, Kayden Peck.
- **Fourth Grade:** Gabriella Barnes, Daisy Crisell, Carrie Doyle, Zackery Page, Zayde Palmatier, Sophia Parslow, Koda Stockdale, Gavin Underwood.
- **Fifth Grade:** Payton Behnke, Hailey Brannick, Shane Carney, Alexis Davis, Taylor French, Brandon Kendall, Mia Mantellassi, William Vaccaro.
- **Sixth Grade:** Jeffrey Barnes, Ryan Davis, Alice Dibble, Olivia Fletcher, Bailey Howard, Cecelia Katalinas, Mackenzi Marron, Kira Nolan, Kylee O'Connell, Trenton Odell, Alivia Plows, Dannaka Rasmussen, Paige Smith, Alivia Vitek, Kaylin Williams, Adam Yasser.

Pride of the Raiders!

Congratulations to Gilbertsville-Mount Upton students in grades 7-12 who earned academic and character awards for the second quarter in February!

High Honor Awards

Mackenzie Barnes, Gavin Bonczkowski, Hannah Bonczkowski, Savannah Bresee, Ethan Charron, Anika Christensen, Tait Christensen, Ariana Cornell, Angelina Correll, Leah Cotton, Quinn Covington, Apolonia Drapaniotis, Connor Eberly, Maya Farwell, Kaitlyn Fuller, Rebecca Fuller, Kaleigh Gee, Zachary Grabo, Emily Hammond, Kendra Hammond, Devon Hartwell, Fiona Held, Olivia Held, Sawyer Hinman, Morgan Keuhn, Ashlyn Marron, Nicole Meyers, Vanessa Nelson, Ethan Newman, Madeline Pain, Emma Peck, Megan Perrine, Samuel Piedmonte, Rene Posner, Dalton Proskine, Lauren Radwan, Tavian Raymond, Zan SanSoucie, Theodore Sharkey, Sadra Smith, Alyssa Sorochinsky, Ella Thatford, Kacie Turnbull, Hailee Walrod, Skye Wilson, Airyana Wright.

Honor Awards

Tammy Barnes, Kadence Canfield, Mackenzie Cherry, Carly Davis, Corbin Demmon, Kyra Demmon, Lane Dibble, Taylor Gager, Logan Lenhardt, Kross Lund, Matthew Manwarren, Ryan McCall, Dylan McVey, Thomas Mealey, Kyli Odell, Natalie Raymond, Alivia Retz, Colin Schultes, Ella Stockdale, Isaiah Stockdale, Andrew Stone, Payton Talbot, Lindsay Turnbull, Trista Vaccaro, Kali Wilcox, Brian Wilson.

Work Ethic Awards

Mackenzie Barnes, Leah Cotton, Taylor Gager, Devon Hartwell, Skylar Lindroth, Kyle MacNeil, Ella Thatford, Trista Vaccaro.

Soaring Eagles Awards

Citizenship: Tait Christensen, Ariana Cornell, Brendon Eastman, Emma Lund, Ella Thatford.

Creativity: Kadence Canfield, Kyra Demmon, Skylar Lindroth, Andrew Stone.

Respect: Mackenzie Barnes, Devon Hartwell, Emma Peck, Alyssa Sorochinsky.

GMU Senior of the Month



Vanessa Nelson, February 2020

Vanessa Nelson is a funny, courageous young woman. Some describe her as an introvert, but she is always willing to go out of her way to help people.

Teachers say Vanessa has a curious mind that likes to look at things in a new way. Vanessa is Vice President of HS Student Council, Vice President of the Class of 2020, and a member of National Honor Society. Her senior-year schedule boasts several Tompkins Cortland Community College classes, such as College Success Seminar, Economics, Government, and Biology. She also takes career explorations, yearbook, band, and jazz band.

Vanessa is a well-rounded Lady Raider who has played junior varsity, varsity and summer-league basketball. Besides sports, she has varied musical talents and plays three instruments – clarinet, trumpet, and saxophone! Vanessa plays first chair clarinet in symphonic band and second alto saxophone in jazz band. She is also the Symphonic Band Vice President.

One of Vanessa's favorite hobbies is watching movies and discussing them with friends. In addition, she has worked as a summer counselor for the Town of Butternuts.

After graduation, Vanessa is planning to move to Florida to attend Valencia College in Central Florida.

All the best, Vanessa!



Isaiah Stockdale, March 2020

Isaiah Stockdale has joined our Gilbertsville-Mount Upton family twice! Isaiah and his family moved from Oneonta to Gilbertsville the summer before his seventh-grade year, then ventured to North Carolina after his freshman year. The Stockdales returned to Gilbertsville during the mid-winter of his junior year.

Isaiah was busy in North Carolina, serving with his church's youth ministry and working at a local orphanage in Charlotte. His youth group played soccer and shared meals and bible study with the children. He also ran lights and sound for his church's weekly worship band.

Isaiah also took Drama I and II at his North Carolina high school, starring in its production of A Christmas Carol and co-directing the drama, Almost, Maine. He also competed for the school's JV boys basketball and varsity cross country teams.

Kind and thoughtful come to mind when describing Isaiah, a loyal friend with a listening ear. He is genuinely nice and will always go out of his way to selflessly help others.

Isaiah has served with his local church on mission trips, most notably one to Baltimore. He also has twice attended a week-long retreat called Triennium, at Purdue University, with his church.

Isaiah has been active on GMU's stage, too. He starred in The Lion, the Witch and

the Wardrobe; Aida; and, most recently, The Addams Family.

Isaiah, who just finished his senior season of varsity basketball, maintains a rigorous academic schedule with three sciences: TC3 Biology, TC3 Chemistry and Integrated Science. He is also on the yearbook staff.

Isaiah plans on attending Tompkins Cortland Community College in the fall to major in psychology and school counseling.

We wish you all the best!



Savannah Bresee, April 2020

Savannah Bresee has been described by her teachers as a caring person – she is thoughtful of her words and actions, and she is quick to prompt her peers to give another person the benefit of the doubt. She has integrity and quiet confidence.

Savannah's academic record speaks for itself: honor and high honor roll throughout all of high school. She is a hard-working student and, instead of coasting through her senior year, she chose to enroll in three dual-enrollment college-credit classes: TC3 Accounting, Chemistry, and College Success. This is a testimony to her work ethic and her drive to succeed. As a self-advocate, she asks for help when needed and takes the advice of trusted adults. Savannah simply doesn't take the easy way out.

Savannah also succeeds at time management. She is a well-rounded student who is the Treasurer of SADD, and she shines

on the basketball court. Chosen as captain of the girls basketball team, Savannah has garnered the respect of both students and adults.

She also volunteers at her Church, cooking, serving meals and providing childcare – all while holding down a part-time job during the school year.

Savannah is an avid reader, which speaks to her inquisitive and bright mind. Her future plans include attending college – possibly at SUNY Oneonta – and studying a field that serves others as nursing, social work and criminal justice are in the mix.

We wish you the best of luck, Savannah!



Ethan Charron, May 2020

Ethan Charron is a quiet leader who has been described as “someone who doesn’t speak often, but his actions certainly do.” He is a team player and a hard worker, always ready to lend a helping hand.

GMU’s Student Council President, Ethan also has served as National Honor Society Treasurer for two years and is a member of Spanish Club. He is always pushing himself to be challenged academically and otherwise with a busy senior-year schedule that includes enrollment in Career Exploration, TC3 College Success, TC3 Biology, TC3 Pre-Calculus, TC3 Accounting, TC3 Government and Economics, Jazz Band and Symphonic Band.

A talented musician with many awards, Ethan plays First Chair Trumpet in Sym-

phonic Band and Lead Trumpet in Jazz Band. He is also an active member of his church. Last year, he received the Butternut Valley Grange Award and the Clarkson School Scholars Award.

Ethan is planning to attend Clarkson University to study Computer Science.

Good luck, Ethan!



Kyli Odell, June 2020

Kyli Odell is a dynamic, multi-faceted young woman who is a natural leader. Those who know her best have described her as “crazy silly,” someone who makes her classmates laugh and puts smiles on their faces.

Kyli is busy as elected President of NHS and the Senior Class of 2020. She has a tre-

mendous amount of school spirit, attending dances, events and Spirit Week happenings. She has emerged as a true leader of her class during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping all of our seniors work out their graduation plans in these uncertain times.

NHS Advisor Cierra Stafford describes Kyli as always willing to help. She stated, “Kyli always plays a key role in fundraising events and sets a positive example for the group. She is very organized and on top of her duties. As the Class President, she has key speaking roles at assemblies and always rises to the challenge, even when she’s nervous. She’s a strong leader, not afraid to speak up when needed.”

As a hobby, Kyli enjoys horses. In fact, her family has said that “it’s her obsession.” Her love of horses has allowed her to compete as part of an equestrian team in horse shows in Western Pleasure, Hunt Seat, and Hunter Jumper. Kyli enjoys trail riding with her horses, too. She also enjoys hunting and fishing.

This year, Kyli is enrolled in TC3 Economics and American Government, as well as Physics. A kind and compassionate person, Kyli is planning to attend SUNY Morrisville for Nursing in the fall and plans to become a Registered Nurse. This speaks to her desire to help people and make the world a better place.

We wish you all the best, Kyli!

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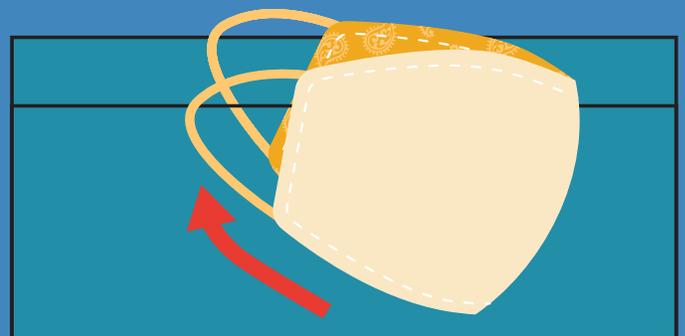


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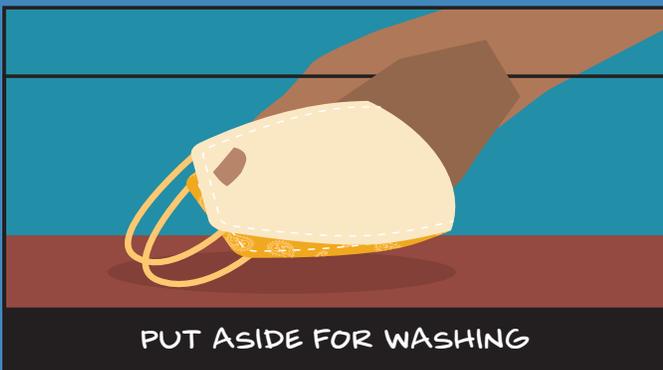
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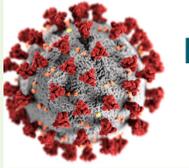
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What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.



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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

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