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Newsletter of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District

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The sky is the limit
for our Class of 2023!





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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, and empowering individuals to embrace their potential.

Our Vision

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

Our Values

- 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

Congratulations to our Class of 2023!

Our Class of 2023 graduated together on campus June 23! On behalf of our Board of Education and our entire District staff, I would like to congratulate each student and their families on a job well done. We are proud of our graduates and feel honored to have played a role in their personal and academic growth. We wish all of them the best of luck in their future endeavors as they continue their life journeys on a variety of paths.



Before the end of the school year, we celebrated the accomplishments of our Class of 2023 with our annual Senior Walk. This year was a little different as our Pre-K students joined our seniors for their final walk through GMU's hallways, adding a huge dose of cuteness in their mini caps and gowns. What a great way to highlight our senior class while encouraging our younger students to begin thinking about their futures!

Thanks to all of the community members and businesses that sponsored one or more of the awards/scholarships earned by our students this year. We appreciate those who partner with us to make these student-recognition opportunities possible.

Please note that some changes are coming soon!

GMU community member Ray Beach will join our District this school year as a School Resource Officer. We are happy to partner with Upstate Security to add Mr. Beach as an SRO, a position clearly supported by GMU parents/guardians based on a survey conducted during the 2022-2023 school year.

We also began working with our architect to submit plans for our community-approved Capital Project to the New York State Education Department. Most of the Capital Project work will take place next summer, but we are already looking forward to updating our playground and many other areas that are original to our facility, established in 1994.

Finally, I am sure many of you have heard that the state is requiring all districts to convert to electric buses. We do not own any electric buses at the moment and have concerns about the requirements of this initiative. To make sure we remain aware of what this will mean for our District, we have taken advantage of a grant that fully funds a study to determine GMU's energy and infrastructure needs to meet this requirement. The findings will be submitted to NYSED and our local energy department.

As a reminder, our office staff works throughout the summer as we prepare for the start of the 2023-2024 school year in September. Our summer hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Due to meetings and vacation schedules, we recommend calling ahead (607-783-2207) if you need to speak to a specific staff member.

Thank you to all of the staff here at GMU for your dedication during the school year, and to all of our parents/guardians and community members for your continued support. With your help, GMU can continue to offer programs that ensure a high-quality journey – from elementary school through high school graduation – for all of our students.

Have a safe and restful summer!

*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.

2023

August 16, Regular Meeting
September 13, Regular Meeting
October 25, Regular Meeting
November 15, Regular Meeting
December 13, Regular Meeting

2024

January 17, Regular Meeting
February 14, Regular Meeting
March 13, Regular Meeting
April 16, BOCES Vote
May 14, Budget Hearing
May 21, Budget Vote, 12-8 p.m.
May 22, Regular Meeting
June 12, Regular Meeting

Thank you for voting!

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton thanks district residents for voting to approve three propositions and two Board of Education members May 16.

Proposition 1: Proposed School Budget (\$11,050,000), passed with 86 Yes votes to 20 No votes.

Proposition 2: Establishment of Capital Reserve Fund (not to exceed \$750,000), passed with 87 Yes votes to 19 No votes.

Proposition 3: Capital Project (estimated \$5,200,000), passed with 80 Yes votes to 26 No votes.

Proposition 4: Election of Two Board Members, Jed Barnes (94 votes) and Christopher Ostrander (89 votes) were elected to three-year Board of Education terms commencing on July 1, 2023.

Detailed descriptions of each proposition are available on our website.

We also appreciate all of our community members who took the time to visit campus February 7 for our School Bus Vote. Voters approved both propositions by wide yes-to-no margins. Proposition 1 (purchase of two school buses) passed with 61 Yes votes and 17 No votes. Proposition 2 (establishment of Capital Reserve Fund) also passed, 58-19.

Thank you for your support in helping us make the “Quality of the journey” count for everyone.

MOVING UP AT GMU



Held, Bonczkowski highlight GMU's Class of 2023

The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District announced the top five academic students in its Class of 2023 in April. GMU's graduating class was led by Valedictorian *Fiona Held* and Salutatorian *Hannah Bonczkowski*. *Corbin Demmon*, *Kali Wilcox* and *Megan Perrine* rounded out GMU's top five seniors, who were formally recognized for their academic excellence during GMU's Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony on June 23.



TOP FIVE SENIORS

GMU Class of
2023



Valedictorian

Fiona Held

Salutatorian

Hannah Bonczkowski

Corbin Demmon

Kali Wilcox

Megan Perrine

Valedictorian Fiona Held

Fiona Held earned the honor of valedictorian for GMU's Class of 2023 with the highest grade-point average. She consistently excelled in all classes, maintaining high-honor roll status with grades above 90 percent. Fiona was a member of GMU's Quiz Bowl team, Leadership Club, Student Council, Jazz Band, and National Honor Society. She also served as president of the Yearbook Club and the Symphonic Band, and was co-drum major of the GMU Marching Band this year. Among her academic awards are the University of Rochester Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award, the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Award, the Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Award, and the 2022 Student Sage Award. *Fiona* participated in varsity soccer since her freshman year and is a dancer at Holbrook-Wade School of Dance, taking eight classes a week. She also works two jobs, at Badgerface Beauty in Gilbertsville and Buffalo Wild Wings in Oneonta.

Salutatorian Hannah Bonczkowski

Hannah Bonczkowski earned the honor of salutatorian for GMU's Class of 2023 with the second highest grade-point average. She was very active in extracurricular activities, participating in track and field, basketball, soccer, band, chorus, drama club and mock trial. Also co-drum major of the GMU Marching Band this year, *Hannah* had several other leadership positions as a member of Student Council, Leadership Club, and National Honor Society, and was a Catskill Area School Study Council Student Leadership Workshop Student Director. A two-time Class D all-state selection in girls basketball, she also plays AAU basketball and is involved in the 4-H Club and Otsego County Dairy Promotion. *Hannah* plans to attend SUNY Morrisville and major in Communications.

Corbin Demmon

Corbin Demmon earned the third-highest grade-point average for GMU's Class of 2023. In addition to his excellent academic performance and induction into the National Honor Society, *Corbin* also competed as a three-sport varsity athlete (track and field, basketball and soccer), proving his versatility as a community member. He plans to attend Le Moyne College to pursue an education in Computer Science.

Kali Wilcox

Kali Wilcox earned the fourth-highest grade-point average for GMU's Class of 2023. She continued to be a leader inside and outside of school, attending the HOBY Youth Leadership NYE conference and engaging as an active member of National Honor Society and GMU's Mock Trial team. Also a varsity soccer and basketball player, *Kali* attended the New Visions program for law and government, with hopes of becoming a corporate attorney after graduation. *Kali* plans to continue her education at SUNY Oneonta with a focus in Pre-Law and Business.

Megan Perrine

Megan Perrine earned the fifth-highest grade-point average for GMU's Class of 2023. A dedicated student, she prides herself in furthering her education in all areas. She participated in the New Visions Allied Health Program in preparation for college and was very involved in extracurricular activities in and out of school. This varsity and AAU basketball player is a 4-H Club member and served as a District 7 Youth Representative for Holland Lops. *Megan* plans to continue her education in the medical field, with the hope of becoming a doctor who specializes in orthopedics.

Congratulations!



Senior Cherry, mentor McMullen honored

Congratulations to Class of 2023 graduate *MacKenzie Cherry* and mentor Rebecca McMullen, who were honored May 15 during the 2023 Business and Education Partnership Scholar Recognition ceremony at SUNY Oneonta!

Graduating students and teachers in the DCMO and ONC BOCES supervisory areas were recognized for excellence based on scholarship, leadership and school/community service. Each student scholar honoree nominates a mentor who has had a significant and beneficial influence on their education.

CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION AWARDS



Congratulations, again, to our Class of 2023 graduates! The following is a list of awards announced during the June 23 Graduation Ceremony at the auditorium.

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

Fiona Madeline Held-Valedictorian

Fiona will be attending The Binghamton Advantage Program, studying Psychology.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- New York State Education Department Academic Excellence Award
- Alice V. Poole Memorial Award

Hannah Lilley Bonczkowski-Salutatorian

Hannah will be attending SUNY Morrisville, majoring in Journalism and Communication for online media.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- New York State Education Department Academic Excellence Award
- Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Alumni Association Scholarship
- Mount Upton Borden Hose Scholarship
- Gilbertsville Fire Department Scholarship
- Terence & Bridget McCusker Memorial Award
- Tyler Costello Music Memorial Award

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CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION AWARDS

MacKenzie Rae Cherry

MacKenzie will be attending Western Governors University, majoring in Elementary Education.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship
- Clark Foundation Scholarship

Carly Michelle Davis

Carly will be attending Keuka College, majoring in Psychology.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Board of Education Scholarship
- Gordon Hughes Scholarship

Corbin Isaac Demmon

Corbin will be attending Le Moyne College, majoring in Computer Science.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- New York State Education Department Academic Excellence Award
- Thomas & Anne McGovern Kenne Memorial Award
- Patrick F. Kenne Memorial Award

Brennan LaVerne Finch

Brennan will be entering the workforce and is already employed by Catskill Shed Company.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Matt O'Hara Good Citizenship Scholarship

Kendra Mary Jae Hammond

Kendra will be attending Alfred State College of Technology, majoring in Building Construction and Construction Supervision.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- Morris Rotary Club Scholarship
- The Captain James E. Turner, Jr. USNR Scholarship
- Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Alumni Association Scholarship

- The Gordon & Florence Thom Memorial Scholarship
- Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Board of Education Scholarship
- Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Teacher Association Scholarship
- Butternut Valley Grange Award

Erin Elizabeth Hitt

Erin will be attending The College of Saint Rose, majoring in Early Childhood Education & Criminal Justice.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship

Ethan Matthew Joslyn

Ethan will be entering the workforce, in the area of his CTE certification of Conservation.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit

Connor James Lenhardt

Connor will be entering the workforce and is currently employed with Chenango Housing Improvement Program.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit

Teeghan Maris Lent

Teeghan will be entering the workforce, with intention of continuing her education.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- GMU Student Council Award

Kross Michael Alexander Lund

Kross will be entering the workforce, in the area of his CTE certification of Conservation and obtaining his CDL.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Christopher Fuller Memorial Scholarship
- Guilford Historical Society History Award

Dante Wilson Manwarren

Dante will be entering the workforce, in the area of his CTE certification of Welding.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit

CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION AWARDS

Corbin Allen Page

Corbin will be entering the workforce, in the area of his CTE certification of Conservation.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit

Aubree Madison Palmer

Aubree will be attending Keuka College, majoring in Adolescent Education.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship

Megan Aurore Perrine

Megan will be attending Cedar Crest College majoring in Exercise Science.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Alumni Association Scholarship
- The New York State Women INC., Tri County Chapter Scholarship

Kenyon Paul Pickens

Kenyon will be entering the workforce, in the area of his CTE certification in Auto Mechanics.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit

Bianca Taylor Plows

Bianca will be attending Hudson Valley Community College, majoring in Polysomnography.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- The Captain James E. Turner, Jr. USNR Scholarship

Waylon Lawrence Raymond

Waylon will be entering the workforce and has accepted a position at Steele Sales.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit

Kristian Alexandar Stachura

Kristian will be entering the workforce, with interest in obtaining his CDL.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Uncle Bear Memorial Award

Ivy Fiona Stensland

Ivy will be attending SUNY Cobleskill, majoring in Early Childhood Studies.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship
- Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Alumni Association Scholarship
- Larry Pearsall Memorial Award

Ella Reese Stockdale

Ella will be attending SUNY Broome, majoring in Individual Studies.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- Mount Upton Borden Hose Scholarship

Kali Marysa Wilcox

Kali will be attending SUNY Oneonta, majoring in Business Administration.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- Mount Upton Class of 1964 Scholarship

Brian William Wilson

Brian will be attending Clarkson University, majoring in Computer Engineering.

Recipient of:

- Joseph G. Angelino Certificate of Merit
- Senator Peter Oberacker Certificate of Merit
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Scholarship
- Clark Foundation Scholarship
- New York Central Mutual Insurance Company Scholarship
- Tyler Costello Music Memorial Award

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



SENIOR WALK



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.

BOOT SCOOTIN' BOOGIE JUNIOR PROM



FLASH MOB FINALE



YEAR-END AWARDS CEREMONIES | GRADES 7-12

Congratulations to our Grades 7-12 award-winners, who were recognized June 5 at the GMU Auditorium.

GRADE 12

Hannah Bonczkowski

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Class of 2023 Salutatorian
State Comptroller DiNapoli Student Achievement Award
Exceptional Achievement in Academic Writing
STEAM “Maker” Award
Healthy & Physically Active Student Award
Outstanding Achievement in Accounting
Otsego All-County Senior Chorus
Otsego All-County Senior Band
Zone 8 Area All-State Mixed Chorus
2023 Drum Major
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical-Leading Role
2023 Musician of the Year
Participation in GMU Mock Trial Team
Participation in Varsity Soccer-(Scholar Athlete)
Tri Valley All-Star—Soccer—Honorable Mention
Participation in Varsity Basketball-(Scholar Athlete)
Tri Valley All-Star—Basketball—First Team
Section IV—Girls Basketball BCANY All-Star—Honorable Mention
All-State Basketball Team—Class D (7th Team) Selected by the NY State Sportswriters Association
Participation in Varsity Track & Field-(Scholar Athlete)
Three Sport Athlete Award
Three Sport Scholar Athlete

Mackenzie Cherry

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
2023 Scholar Recognition Award
State Comptroller DiNapoli Student Achievement Award
Outstanding Achievement in Career & Financial Management

Carly Davis

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

Silver President’s Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
The Marvelous Mathematician Award

Corbin Demmon

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Varsity Soccer-(Scholar Athlete)
Participation in Varsity Basketball-(Scholar Athlete)

Brennan Finch

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Varsity Cross Country-(Scholar Athlete)
MAC All-Star—Cross Country—Second Team
Participation in Varsity Basketball
Participation in Varsity Track & Field (Scholar Athlete)
Three Sport Athlete Award

Kendra Hammond

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
State Comptroller DiNapoli Student Achievement Award
TC3 Biology “The Nucleus of Biology” Award
El Gordo Award
Principal’s Leadership Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer-(Scholar Athlete)
Participation in Varsity Basketball-(Scholar Athlete)
The Section IV Character Counts Award
Participation in Track & Field (Student Assistant)
Participation in GMU Clay Raiders
Participation in GMU Mock Trial Team

Fiona Held

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Class of 2023 Valedictorian
Gold President’s Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Highest Achieving in PreCalculus
Sustained Excellence in Approaches to Literature

Exceptional Achievement in Academic Writing
Outstanding Critical Analysis in History through Film
Otsego All-County Senior Band
2023 Drum Major
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical-Ensemble Stage Crew
Participation in Varsity Soccer (Scholar Athlete)

Erin Hitt

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical- Ensemble
Participation in Varsity Soccer (Scholar Athlete)

Ethan Joslyn

1st Quarter Honor Roll

Connor Lenhardt

1st Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Teeghan Lent

2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Angie Haynes Art Award
State Comptroller DiNapoli Student Achievement Award
Outstanding Participation in College Government
TC3 Biology “The Endoplasmic Reticulum of Biology” Award
Otsego All-County Senior Chorus
NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level III
Outstanding Senior Choir Member
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical-Leading Role
Participation in Varsity Soccer-(Scholar Athlete)

Kross Lund

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter High Honor
Outstanding Participation in Government and Economics

Dante Manwarren

Office of New York State Attorney
General Triple “C” Award

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YEAR-END AWARDS CEREMONIES | GRADES 7-12

Corbin Page

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

Aubree Palmer

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Rummery Academic Achievement & Improvement Art Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer (Scholar Athlete)
Participation in Varsity Track & Field

Megan Perrine

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

Kenyon Pickens

1st Quarter High Honor

Bianca Plows

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Participation in Varsity Soccer (Scholar Athlete)

Kristian Stachura

2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Varsity Cross Country
MAC All-Star—Cross Country—Second Team
Participation in Varsity Basketball (Scholar Athlete)
Participation in Varsity Track & Field (Scholar Athlete)
Three Sport Athlete Award
Participation in GMU Mock Trial Team

Ivy Stensland

2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Office of New York State Attorney General Triple "C" Award
Principal's Citizenship Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer (Scholar Athlete)
Participation in Varsity Track & Field (Scholar Athlete)

Ella Stockdale

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Excellence in CAD Engineering

Participation in Varsity Soccer (Scholar Athlete)
Participation in Varsity Track & Field (Scholar Athlete)

Kali Wilcox

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

Brian Wilson

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Healthy & Physically Active Student Award
Outstanding Senior Choir Member
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical-Leading Role
Participation in Varsity Cross Country (Scholar Athlete)
Participation in Varsity Basketball (Scholar Athlete)
The Section IV Character Counts Award
Participation in Varsity Track & Field (Scholar Athlete)
Three Sport Athlete Award
Three Sport Scholar Athlete

GRADE 11

Mackenzie Barnes

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
RIT Women in STEAM Award
Principal's Citizenship Award
Highest Achievement in English 11
Participation in Varsity Soccer (Scholar Athlete)
Tri Valley All-Star—Soccer—2nd Team
Participation in Varsity Basketball (Scholar Athlete)
Tri Valley All-Star—Basketball—Honorable Mention
Participation in GMU Clay Raiders

Thomas Breslau

1st Quarter Honor Roll
Outstanding Discussion in Genocide
Participation in GMU Clay Raiders

Leah Cotten

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Principal's Leadership Award
Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award
RIT Humanities and Social Sciences Award
The Marvelous Mathematician Award
Exceptional Achievement in Approaches to Literature
Outstanding Achievement in Career & Financial Management

Abigail Davis

Participation in Varsity Basketball

Taylor Gager

2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter High Honor
University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology
Exceptional Achievement in English 11
Outstanding Participation in US History & Government
The "...how in the world did you think of that?" Art Award

Devon Hartwell

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter High Honor
Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award
Best Effort in Algebra 2
University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award
Outstanding Critical Analysis in History through Film
Participation in Varsity Soccer (Scholar Athlete)
MAC All-Star—Soccer—Honorable Mention
Participation in Varsity Basketball (Scholar Athlete)
Tri Valley All-Star—Basketball—Second Team
The Section IV Character Counts Award
Participation in Varsity Track & Field (Scholar Athlete)
Three Sport Athlete Award
Three Sport Scholar Athlete

Natalie Livelsberger

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

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YEAR-END AWARDS CEREMONIES | GRADES 7-12

Gold President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award

Student Sage Scholar

University of Rochester Susan B. Anthony Award

RIT Science and Math Award

The Marvelous Mathematician Award
Highest Achievement in Approaches to Literature

Highest Achievement in Academic Writing

The "I should probably pay rent to the art room" Award

Participation in GMU Clay Raiders

Rylee Lum

Participation in GMU Clay Raiders

Kyle MacNeill

Outstanding Participation in US History & Government

Participation in GMU Clay Raiders

Andrew Stone

1st Quarter High Honor

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Silver President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Chatham University Healthy Planet Award

RIT Business & Leadership Award

Mckenna Tilley

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Cody Wheeler

1st Quarter Honor Roll

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Morgan Williams

Participation in Varsity Soccer

Participation in Varsity Basketball

The Section IV Character Counts Award

Participation in GMU Clay Raiders

GRADE 10

Ariana Cornell

1st Quarter Honor Roll

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Otsego All-County Senior Chorus

Otsego All-County Senior Band

NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level VI

Zone 8 Area All-State Mixed Chorus

Outstanding Symphonic Band Member

Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical-Leading Role

Participation in Varsity Soccer

Avriel Correll

1st Quarter Honor Roll

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter High Honor

The Sum Participant Math Award

Academic Determination in Earth Science

El Viajero Award

Otsego All-County Senior Chorus

Otsego All-County Senior Band

NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level VI

Zone 8 Area All-State Mixed Chorus

Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical-Title Role

Participation in Varsity Soccer

Participation in Varsity Basketball- (Scholar Athlete)

Participation in Varsity Track & Field- (Scholar Athlete)

Three Sport Athlete Award

Participation in GMU Mock Trial Team

Quinn Covington

1st Quarter Honor Roll

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Outstanding Participation in Global History 2

Chemistry "The Catalyst of Chemistry" Award

Exceptional Writing and Analysis in English 10

El Curioso Award

Kyra Demmon

Participation in Varsity Soccer

Participation in Varsity Basketball

Participation in GMU Mock Trial Team

Serenity Downey

3rd Quarter High Honor

Kaleigh Gee

1st Quarter Honor Roll

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical-Leading Role

Skylar Lindroth

Participation in Varsity Soccer

Participation in GMU Clay Raiders

Paige Nichols

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

The Leveled-Up Math Learner Award

Participation in Varsity Track & Field (Scholar Athlete)

Participation in GMU Clay Raiders

Participation in GMU Mock Trial Team

Noah Pain

Outstanding Participation in Global History 2

Participation in Varsity Cross Country
MAC All-Star—Cross Country—First Team

Participation in Varsity Basketball

Participation in Varsity Track & Field
Three Sport Athlete Award

Emma Alexis Peck

1st Quarter High Honor

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter High Honor

Highest Achievement in English 10

Otsego All-County Senior Band

NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level V

Outstanding Symphonic Band Member
Outstanding Performance in a High

School Musical-Leading Role

Participation in Varsity Soccer (Scholar Athlete)

Participation in Varsity Track & Field- (Scholar Athlete)

Jessica Quiter

The Leveled-Up Math Learner Award

Alyssa Soroichinsky

1st Quarter High Honor

2nd Quarter High Honor

3rd Quarter High Honor

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award

Principal's Leadership Award

Highest Achievement in English 10

Highest Achieving in Algebra 2

Chemistry "The Synthesis Reaction of Chemistry" Award

Otsego All-County Senior Band

NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level III

Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical- Ensemble

Participation in Varsity Soccer (Scholar Athlete)

Participation in Varsity Basketball (Scholar Athlete)

Participation in Varsity Track & Field (Scholar Athlete)

Three Sport Athlete Award

Three Sport Scholar Athlete

Participation in GMU Mock Trial Team

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YEAR-END AWARDS CEREMONIES | GRADES 7-12

Lindsay Turnbull

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
The "You MADE that?!" Art Award
The Greatest Personal Growth Award
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical-Leading Role
Participation in Varsity Basketball
Participation in GMU Clay Raiders

GRADE 9

Jeffrey Barnes

Excellence in Furniture and Design
The Mental Mathinator Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball
Participation in GMU Clay Raiders

Samuel Beach

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

Jenna Carpenter

The Sum Participant Math Award
The "I clean the art room more than Miss Hughes" Award
Participation in Modified Soccer

Ryan Davis

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical-Featured Role
Participation in GMU Mock Trial Team

Alice Dibble

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Silver President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Exceptional Writing and Analysis in English 9
Otsego All-County Junior Chorus
NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level III
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical-Featured Role
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in GMU Mock Trial Team

Sean Downey

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Andrea Favinger

1st Quarter High Honor

2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Gold President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Highest Achievement in English 9
Outstanding Achievement in Computer Applications
The Marvelous Mathematician Award
Otsego All-County Junior Band
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level
Participation in Varsity Cross Country- (Scholar Athlete)
MAC All-Star - Cross Country - First Team
Participation in JV Basketball
Participation in Varsity Track & Field- (Scholar Athlete)
Participation in GMU Mock Trial Team

John Forbes-Conaty

The "I clean the art room more than Miss Hughes" Art Award

Bailey Howard

1st Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter High Honor
The Sum Participant Math Award
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Kyle Keuhn

The Mental Mathinator Award
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Berlynn Lent-Trimble

Participation in Modified Basketball

Jade Lindroth

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball
Participation in GMU Clay Raiders

Madison Lockwood

The Sum Participant Math Award
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball
Participation in Modified Softball

Cecilie "Cameron" Lytle

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Principal's Citizenship Award
Sustained Excellence in English 9
Outstanding Participation in Global History 1
El Trabajador Consistente Award
Living Environment "The Ribosome of Biology Award"

The Sum Participant Math Award
Otsego All-County Junior Band
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level V
Outstanding Symphonic Band Member
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical-Ensemble
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in GMU Mock Trial Team

Mackenzi Marron

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
The Marvelous Mathematician Award
Outstanding Achievement in Computer Applications
Participation in Varsity Basketball (Scholar Athlete)
Participation in GMU Mock Trial Team

Kira Nolan

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
The Marvelous Mathematician Award

Trenton Odell

2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Principal's Leadership Award
Living Environment "The Mitochondria of Biology" Award
The Sum Participant Math Award
Participation in Modified Basketball

Dylan Page

2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor

Lillian Perrine

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Outstanding Participation in Global History 1
The Sum Participant Math Award
Participation in JV Basketball

Alivia Plows

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

Kelsey Quiter

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

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YEAR-END AWARDS CEREMONIES | GRADES 7-12

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball

Dannaka Rasmussen

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
The Marvelous Mathematician Award
Otsego All-County Junior Band
Participation in Varsity Soccer
(Scholar Athlete)
Participation in JV Basketball

Latham Retz

2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
The Leveled-Up Math Learner Award
Living Environment "The Cell Wall and Cell Membrane of Biology" Award
Participation in Varsity Soccer
Participation in Varsity Basketball
(Scholar Athlete)
Participation in GMU Clay Raiders

Blake SanSoucie

Participation in Modified Soccer

Paige Smith

The Leveled-Up Math Learner Award
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball
Participation in GMU Clay Raiders
Participation in GMU Mock Trial Team

Alivia Vitek

2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in JV Basketball

Caleb Wildenstein

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Kaylin Williams

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in Varsity Track & Field

Adam Yasser

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
The Marvelous Mathematician Award
Living Environment "The cell wall and cell membrane of biology" Award
Outstanding Achievement in Computer Applications
Participation in Varsity Cross Country
(Scholar Athlete)

Participation in Varsity Track & Field-
(Scholar Athlete)

GRADE 8

Payton Behnke

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Silver President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
The Boots Bernholtz Academic Award
Exceptional Classroom Contributions in English 8
Outstanding Participation in Social Studies 8
El Luchador Award
Outstanding Achievement in 8th Grade Computers
Board Game Design "Three Amigos" Project Award
Healthy & Physically Active Student Award
Outstanding Concert Band Member
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Shane Carney

2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Morgan Cuozzo

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Alexis Davis

1st Quarter Honor Roll
Outstanding Achievement in Careers 8
Healthy & Physically Active Student Award
Outstanding Concert Band Member
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Devin DeGroat

Board Game Design "Three Amigos" Project Award

Taylor French

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Breanna Gregory

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Gold President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
The Boots Bernholtz Academic Award
Outstanding Participation in Social Studies 8

Best Effort in 8th Grade Math
El Ayudante Award

Outstanding Achievement in Careers 8
Participation in Modified Basketball

Cyrus Hall

Exceptional Writing in English 8
Outstanding Achievement in 8th Grade Computers

Desirae "Alex" Irons

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
Highest Achievement in English 8
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical, Ensemble
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in Modified Track & Field

Brandon Kendall

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Mia "Milo" Mantellassi

1st Quarter Honor Roll

Raymond Nober

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

Peyton Norton

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Highest Achieving in 8th Grade Math
Excellence in Science 8
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in Modified Track & Field

Peyton Townsend

1st Quarter Honor Roll
Outstanding Performance in a High School Musical, Ensemble

Rashaun Wilber

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

GRADE 7

Gabriella Barnes

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Silver President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Outstanding Achievement in Careers 7
Otsego All-County Junior Band
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level III
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

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YEAR-END AWARDS CEREMONIES | GRADES 7-12

Carrie Doyle

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Principal's Leadership Award
Exceptional Classroom Contribution
in English 7
Outstanding Achievement in Careers 7
Outstanding Excellence in 7th Grade
Health
7th Grade Rockstar Art Award
Excellence in Technology
Participation in Modified Soccer

Delaney Dunnigan

Exceptional Writing and Analysis in
English 7

Dakota Eichler

1st Quarter Honor Roll

Jacob Favinger

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Gold President's Education Award for
Outstanding Academic Achievement
Highest Achievement in English 7
Excellence in Science 7
Outstanding Achievement in Careers 7
Otsego All-County Junior Band
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level II
Participation in Modified Cross
Country
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in Modified Track & Field

Marissa Furgison

Participation in Modified Basketball

Joslynn Irons

1st Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Otsego All-County Elementary Chorus
NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level II
Outstanding Junior Choir Member
Outstanding Performance in a High
School Musical, Ensemble

Chance Kilmer

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Outstanding Junior Choir Member
Outstanding Performance in a High
School Musical, Ensemble

Mason Kiser

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter High Honor
Outstanding Participation in Social
Studies 7
Highest Achieving in 7th Grade Math
Excellence in Science 7
Outstanding Achievement in Careers 7
Outstanding Excellence in 7th Grade
Health
Otsego All-County Junior Band
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level III

Taylor Kline

3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Highest Achieving in 7th Grade Math

Robert Lindroth

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter High Honor
Best Effort 7th Grade Math
Excellence in Technology
Participation in Modified Soccer

Hannah Miller

2nd Quarter High Honor
3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Kaden O'Hara

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in JV Basketball

Zackery Page

Excellence in Technology
Outstanding Participation in Social
Studies 7
Participation in Modified Basketball

Zayde Palmatier

3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Participation in Modified Basketball

Sophia Parslow

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level II

Darren Ruiz

Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball

Carter Simonds

1st Quarter Honor Roll
Outstanding Participation in Social
Studies 7
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in Modified Baseball

Koda Stockdale

1st Quarter High Honor
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter High Honor
Principal's Citizenship Award
The Rockstar 7th Grade Artist Award
Outstanding Junior Choir Member
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in Modified Track & Field

Gavin Underwood

1st Quarter Honor Roll
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3rd Quarter High Honor
Excellence in Technology
Otsego All-County Junior Chorus
Participation in Modified Soccer
Participation in Modified Basketball
Participation in Modified Baseball

Jackson Valdez

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

Destiny Wright

Participation in Modified Basketball

Great
Job!

ROCKIN' RAIDERS!

January

Congratulations to all of the GMU elementary school students who earned Soaring Eagle Character Trait and Essential Career Skill Awards for January!



Soaring Eagle Awards—Creativity: *Temperance Ambrose, Allison Boyce, Solomon Carr, Dominick Engel, Henrietta Hall, Logan Kato, Donovan Jones, Chase Macumber, Damien Maine, Makenna Nober, Shane Nober, Athena Palmatier, Bree Peetz, Nicholas Schultes, Summer Walrod.*

Essential Career Skill Awards—Perseverance: *Breuer Barnes, Alexander Breslau, Lucinda Brown, Charles Eastman Cook, Aubrey Doyle, Landon Grabo, Grayson Hitchcock, Aiden Larrabee, Kenna Larsen, Mackenzie Miller, Landyn Rowe, Makenzie Scheumeister, Briella Stone, Shaelyn Webb.*

February

Congratulations to GMU students in grades 5-12 who made our high honor and honor rolls for the second-quarter marking period! Students in grades 5-6 were recognized for their academic achievements February 24 in the GMU Auditorium during our Rockin' Raiders program. Elementary school students also received certificates for earning our Soaring Eagle and Essential Career Skills awards in February.



Soaring Eagle Awards—Citizenship: *Alex Delmar, Harper French, Bryce Gundlach, Evelyn Hauptfleisch, Sofia Henness, Carol Jaycox, Natalie Jipson, Serenity Jones, Garrett Larsen, Shaylynn Nober, Emma Schmitt, Kaylee Stewart, Lawton VanCleaf, Camden Wilcox.*

Essential Skills Awards—Networking: *Shaylynn Demuth, Layton Esposito, Kristin Gee, Melena Hall, Emma Harmyk, Remi Harris, Kali Lanfair, Moira McDonough, Kayden Mills, Autumn Ostrander, Owen Perkosky, Maelie Smith, Lydia Talbot, Wynter Vaccaro.*

Essential Skills Awards—Networking: *Shaylynn Demuth, Layton Esposito, Kristin Gee, Melena Hall, Emma Harmyk, Remi Harris, Kali Lanfair, Moira McDonough, Kayden Mills, Autumn Ostrander, Owen Perkosky, Maelie Smith, Lydia Talbot, Wynter Vaccaro.*

High Honor Roll

Quarterly average of 93-100, with no grade below a 70 and no incompletes.

Grade 5: *Paris Behnke, Tyler Crisell, Jonathan Favinger, Lily Hauptfleisch, Maeleigh Lum, Kaidyn Rowe, Henry Underwood.*

Grade 6: *Kristin Gee, Elias Lytle.*

Grade 7: *Gabriella Barnes, Carrie Doyle, Jacob Favinger, Mason Kiser, Hannah Miller.*

Grade 9: *Samuel Beach, Ryan Davis, Alice Dibble, Andrea Favinger, Cecilie Lytle, Mackenzi Marron, Kira Nolan, Dylan Page, Lillian Perrine, Dannaka Rasmussen, Adam Yasser.*

Grade 10: *Avriel Correll, Quinn Covington, Emma Peck, Alyssa Sorochinsky.*

Grade 11: *Mackenzie Barnes, Leah Cotten, Natalie Livelsberger.*

Grade 12: *Hannah Bonczkowski, Carly Davis, Kendra Hammond, Fiona Held, Teeghan Lent, Aubree Palmer, Megan Perrine, Bianca Plows, Ivy Stensland, Ella Stockdale, Kali Wilcox, Brian Wilson.*

Honor Roll

Quarterly average of 87-92, with no grade below a 70 and no incompletes.

Grade 5: *Hogan Green, Gabriel Lytle, Dylan Ostrander, Kaylee Stewart.*

Grade 6: *Amelia Beckwith, Caden Champion, Cooper Gundlach, Kayden Peck, Bree Peetz, Katie Quiter, Emma Schmitt.*

Grade 7: *Chance Kilmer, Robert Lindroth, Sophia Parslow, Koda Stockdale, Gavin Underwood, Jackson Valdez.*

Grade 8: *Payton Behnke, Shane Carney, Breanna Gregory, Desirae Irons, Brandon Kendall, Raymond Nober, Peyton Norton.*

Grade 9: *Sean Downey, Trenton Odell, Alivia Plows, Kelsey Quiter, Latham Retz, Alivia Vitek, Kaylin Williams.*

Grade 10: *Kaleigh Gee, Paige Nichols, Lindsay Turnbull.*

Grade 11: *Taylor Gager, Devon Hartwell, Andrew Stone, Cody Wheeler.*

Grade 12: *Mackenzie Cherry, Corbin Demmon, Brennan Finch, Erin Hitt, Kross Lund, Corbin Page, Kristian Stachura.*

ROCKIN' RAIDERS!

March

Congratulations to our elementary school students who earned awards during our March Rockin' Raiders program at the auditorium!



Soaring Eagle Awards—Dependable: *Elliot Bankus, Emily Brower, Luke Carr, Evy Covington, Layla Covington, Mia Covington, Emilee Crisell, Aria Delmar, Johnny Favinger, Raegan Fuller, Alice Hanehan, Paisley Harris, Haylee Larabee, Martin Lytle, Kayden Peck, Ellie Wilcox.*

Essential Skill Awards—Handshake: *Maxwell Banta, Suttyn Burchill, Austin Cuozzo, Riley Forgit, Landon Grabo, Hogan Green, Shaw Green, Etta Hall, Ella Hauptfleisch, Jaiden Larson, Faith Rhoden, Mason Turnbull, Summer Walrod, Lyric Webb, John Williams, Presley Young.*

April

Congratulations to the following GMU elementary school students for earning awards during our April Rockin' Raiders assembly!



Soaring Eagle Awards—Empathy: *Alaina Beckwith, Amelia Beckwith, Alexander Breslau, Hunter Crawford, Remi Harris, Lily Hauptfleisch, Donald Krebbeks, Garrett Larsen, Bailee Nober, Shaylynn Nober, Owen Perkosky, Ella Rhoden, Briella Stone, Abigail Yost.*

Essential Skill Awards—Eye Contact: *Guy Barnes, Benjamin Breslau, Rose Brower, Victoria Craver, Lilliana Crawford, Shaylynn Demuth, Danny Favinger, Harper French, Aiden Larrabee, Dylan Ostrander, Athena Palmatier, Logan Panek, Owen Pitcher, Robert Ross, Landyn Rowe.*

May

Congratulations to the following GMU elementary school students for earning awards during our May Rockin' Raiders assembly. Students in grades 5 and 6 who made the high honor roll and honor roll for the third-quarter marking period also received certificates.



Soaring Eagle Awards—Responsibility: *Gianna Barnes, Madelyn Barnes, Brayleigh Barse, Claire Beach, Hadleigh Burchill, Alexis DeGroat, Alexander Delmar, Justin Dickey, Clara Hanehan, Logan Lange, Stephanie Nober, Abbi Lynn Page, Kaidyn Rowe, Makenzie Scheumeister, Aaliyah Seneck, Presley Young.*

Essential Skill Awards—Speak Clearly: *Caden Champion, Indigo Cole, Will Covington, Maverick Davis, Aria Delmar, Bryce Delmar, Montana Fuller, Alice Hanehan, Kenna Larsen, Martin Lytle, Moira McDonough, Makenna Nober, Olivia Perkosky, Sheldon Stanton, Blaine Whitbeck, Jagger Young.*

High Honor Roll

Quarterly average of 93-100, with no grade below a 70 and no incompletes.

Grade 5: *Paris Behnke, Tyler Crisell, Jonathan Favinger, Lily Hauptfleisch, Maeleigh Lum, Kaidyn Rowe.*

Grade 6: *Kristin Gee, Elias Lytle.*

Honor Roll

Quarterly average of 87-92, with no grade below a 70 and no incompletes.

Grade 5: *Melena Hall, Dylan Ostrander, Kaylee Stewart, Henry Underwood.*

Grade 6: *Amelia Beckwith, Pacey Behnke, Austin Cuozzo, Cooper Gundlach, Kayden Peck, Bree Peetz, Katie Quiter, Emily Schermerhorn, Makenzie Scheumeister, Emma Schmitt.*

ROCKIN' RAIDERS FINALE!



Thanks to GMU families and friends for coming to campus June 16 for our last Rockin' Raiders program of the 2022-2023 school year. We celebrated lots of accomplishments before holding a Flag Day event in the courtyard and class celebrations. **Soaring Eagle Awards—Sportsmanship:** Clara Hanehan, Suttyn Burchill, Aiden Larrabee, Serenity Jones, Ellie Wilcox, Shaylynn Demuth, Lyric Webb, Stephanie Nober, Lincoln Hoag, Harper French, Finley Rhone, Guy Barnes, Elliot Bankus, Kenna Larsen, Landyn Rowe, Hadleigh Burchill, Jaxson Zaczek, Zach McWeeney, Danny Favinger, Mila Rhone, Alex Delmar, Gigi Barnes, Etta Hall, Evelyn Covington, Johnny Favinger, Paris Behnke, Pacey Behnke, Kristen Gee.

Essential Skills Awards—Proofread Written Work: Troy Hitt, Suttyn Burchill, Henry Weidman, Damien Maine, Lydia Talbot, Owen Perkosky, Elliot Bankus, Athena Palmatier, Kalli Lanfair, Mila Rhone, Indigo Cole, Gianna Barnes, Dreyquan Menzies, Paris Behnke, Tyler Crisell, Katie Quiter.

Year-End Awards

NYS Association of Health, PE, Recreation & Dance:
Pacey Behnke, Kristin Gee

Clark's Sports Center IMPACT: Jonathan Favinger,
Lily Hauptfleisch

Triple C (Courage, Commitment, Character):
Kaidyn Rowe, Maeleigh Lum

Terry Christian Art: Kristin Gee, Bree Peetz

Joseph Goodrich Music: Landon Grabo, Kristin Gee

2022-2023 Music Awards

Hunter Barnes: NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level I

Amelia Beckwith: Otsego All-County Elementary Band,
NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level II, NYSSMA Instrumental
Solo Level I

Paris Behnke: Otsego All-County Elementary Chorus,
NYSSMA Vocal Solo Level I

Victoria Card: Otsego All-County Elementary Chorus

Tyler Crisell: NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level I

Jonathan Favinger: Otsego All-County Elementary Band,
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level I

Kristin Gee: Otsego All-County Elementary Band,
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level II

Lily Hauptfleisch: NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level I

Eli Lytle: NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level I

Gabriel Lytle: NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Festival

Logan Panek: NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level I

Emma Schmitt: Otsego All-County Elementary Band,
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level I

Kaylee Stewart: Otsego All-County Elementary Chorus

Henry Underwood: Otsego All-County Elementary Chorus,
NYSSMA Instrumental Solo Level I

GMU RAIDERS IN THE NEWS



Clay Raider reaches nationals!

Congratulations to Class of 2023 graduate *Kendra Hammond* on qualifying for the USA High School Clay Target League National Championships, which ran July 7-9 in Mason, Michigan.

Kendra advanced to nationals after finishing third in the New York Female Conference for Varsity Clay Target Shooting on June 10. She was one of 1,718 high school students to qualify for nationals, which featured 259 female competitors.

Thanks to Jim Butler for coaching *Kendra* and the rest of our GMU Clay Raiders!



Three Raiders place at Conservation States

Congratulations to GMU students who participated in the New York State Conservation Competition on May 18 at SUNY Cobleskill.

Morgan Williams led the way with a third-place finish in Maple Production Identification and Knowledge. She also competed in Team Skidsteer Operation, Team Pulp Throw, Jack and Jill Crosscut, and Female Pulp Throw.

Thomas Breslau took fifth in the Chainsaw Speed Cut. He also competed in Tree Felling, Team Pulp Throw, Axe Throwing, and One-Person Pulp Throw.

Corbin Page also earned a fifth-place finish, in the Bow Saw, and competed in the Log Skidder Operation, Tree ID, and Team Peavy Log Roll.



Raiders keep SOARing and ROARing!

Congratulations to the winners of our first-grade SOAR challenge, who read 50 books since March of the 2022-2023 school year.

Madelyn Barnes, Chase Macumber, Harper French, Aaliyah Seneck, Finely Rhone, and Paisley Harris were rewarded with a SOARing Eagle toy, a large feather, and an opportunity to smash a whipped-cream pie into Mrs. Hegginstaller's face!



Two second-graders met the ROAR read and write a review challenge,

too! *Martin Lytle* and *Elliot Bankus* read and wrote book reviews for 10 chapter books since March and were awarded a dinosaur backpack, a writer's journal, a dinosaur pen, a dinosaur grow egg, and a bucket of slime to dump over Mrs. Hegginstaller's head! Martin chose blue slime and Elliot picked yellow to celebrate our GMU Raiders school colors.

Students entering first and second grade next year will be challenged, too, so be sure to practice reading during the summer months. The more kids read at home for fun and family bonding, the stronger their learning brains become!



Homegrown Math!

GMU fifth-graders used a ton of real-life math while the renovating the school garden June 9. Under the guidance of teacher Alicia Cummings, students calculated the perimeter of the old fence and prices of garden beds, designed and determined the volume of the raised beds, measured and placed matting, doubled the height of the fencing, drilled, and more!

Special thanks to Tree Pro Services in Morris for generously donating mulch for the project. We could still use loads of topsoil or well-composted manure to fill our new beds, so if you'd like to help out, let us know!

GMU RAIDERS IN THE NEWS

Summer Reading Challenge!

GMU students in incoming grades K-6 received a Summer Reading Challenge packet in June and partook in summer literacy activities with Mrs. Weidman.

The challenge has been revamped and looks a little different this year! Students must choose at least ONE literacy appetizer, main course, and dessert choice from the menu. Any trackers or forms needed were included in the packet.

Appetizers:

1. Attend at least two story time sessions at the Gilbertsville Free Library (schedule of sessions in packet).
2. Choose at least three tasks from the Summer Reading Bucket List to complete and circle which ones you did.

Main Courses:

1. Read at least 30 books (you can read them on your own or have them read to you) and color in the Summer Reading Log.
2. Read at least five chapter books and record the titles and authors on the Reading Log.



Desserts:

1. Write at least two book reviews about books you read this summer.
2. Visit a library you've never been to and write a few sentences about your experience.

All students who complete the challenge will have the opportunity to attend a reading celebration field trip with Mrs. Weidman in the fall.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Weidman at lweidman@gmucsd.org. Happy reading!

Safety Patrol visits Pennsylvania!

GMU's Safety Patrol students and their chaperones took an end-of-year trip to Pennsylvania that included a picnic lunch at Big Pocono



State Park on the overlook of Camel Back Mountain in East Stroudsburg and loads of fun at Pocono Mountain's Great Wolf Mountain Lodge.

The group also visited Danbury Park and East Stroudsburg University's Schisler Museum and McMunn Planetarium. The last stop before returning home was a local restaurant for dinner!



A BIG THANK YOU!

Thanks to the Daughters of the King from Gilbertsville Christ Church for donating school supplies for our students in March. Sue Beach (left) and Carol Angelone are pictured with the donations.

Another busy year for Technology students

Kenneth Held's Technology students completed several hands-on projects and learning activities during the 2022-2023 school year.

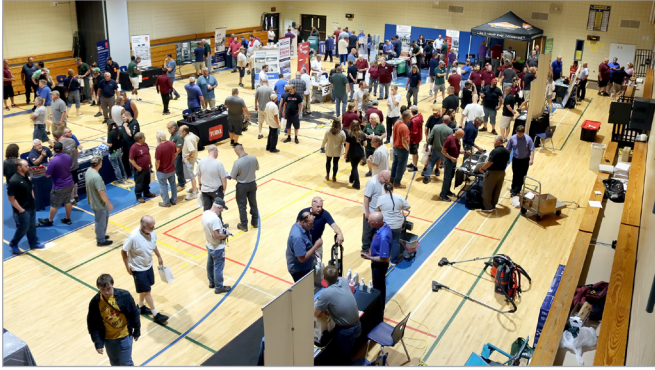
Seventh-graders stayed busy in a variety of ways: measuring; building circuit boards, foot stools, and bird houses; making DC motors and routed signs; soldering; MIG welding; learning technical drawing; and completing a magnetic levitation project. These classroom projects encouraged students to use band saws, sanders, a drill press, hand drills, routers, air nailers, a miter saw, MIG welding equipment, and even a table saw.

Our DDP/CAD class spent time designing drawings using the CAD software. Students earned college credits through Tompkins Cortland Community College while learning the basics of drawing with CAD.

Our furniture class featured individual projects, including two gun cabinets, a desk, shelving units, end tables, jewelry boxes, a beach chair, and more. Students also took time to weld a flower, familiarizing themselves with the basics of MIG and stick welding with the volunteer efforts of local resident and professional welder Sean Schaffer.

Technology students at GMU acquire useful, lifelong skills, as well as a "Yes, we can do it!" attitude.

GMU RAIDERS IN THE NEWS

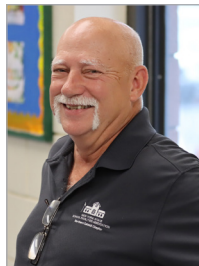


GMU hosts 30th School Facilities Conference

GMU welcomed hundreds of Northern Catskill school employees in the fields of buildings, grounds and maintenance to campus June 28 for the 30th annual New York State School Facilities Association School Conference.

This all-day networking event featured breakfast and a Wilson's Chicken lunch prepared and served by our cafeteria staff, a vendor fair, team building challenges, training sessions, a presentation by Elmira-based Pugh Self Protection & Combatives, a 50-50 drawing, and door prizes.

Special thanks to GMU Director of Facilities Alan Digsby and his staff for organizing and hosting this big event!



Raiders win Small Ensemble at Pageant of Bands!



Congratulations to our bands and color guard on their performances during the 74th annual Sherburne Pageant of Bands, which ran June 1-3 in Sherburne.

GMU earned three top-two finishes in Class D, including the first-place trophy in Small Ensemble with 83 points. Our Raiders also placed second in Jazz Band (81 points) and Drum Line (82.375 points).

Visit our Facebook page to see more photos from the June 3 Sherburne Pageant of Bands Parade and Awards Ceremony.



GMU students have skills!

Congrats to Class of 2023 graduate *Kristian Stachura* on his SkillsUSA presentation during the DCMO BOCES Senior Showcase, which took place May 25 at the Alan D. Pole Campus.

Kristian was one of 16 DCMO BOCES Pole Campus students who qualified for the New York State SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Championships in Syracuse in May. He competed in the Job Interview category for Visual Communications.

GMU also had an award-winner at the Area II Regional SkillsUSA competition February 10 at SUNY Morrisville as *McKenna "Sidney" Tilley* – a DCMO Culinary Program student – earned a trophy in the Restaurant Service Competition. *McKenna* was one of 59 DCMO students competing for 17 trophies.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY ADDS THREE



Congratulations to *Corbin Demmon*, *Alyssa Sorochinsky* and *Brian Wilson* on their inductions into GMU's National Honor Society!

The Raiders recognized the trio for possessing the NHS virtues of Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character with a candle-lighting ceremony May 4 at the auditorium. NHS President *Hannah Bonczkowski* started the event with opening remarks, followed by NHS Vice President *Megan Perrine* leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

NHS Secretary *Carly Davis*, Treasurer *Kendra Hammond* and members *MacKenzie Cherry*, *Leah Cotten*, *Devon Hartwell*, *Fiona Held*, *Natalie Livelsberger*, and *Kali Wilcox* also welcomed the NHS Class of 2023, along with NHS Advisors *Jennifer McDowall* and *Raquel Norton*.

A reception with light refreshments, sponsored by the GMU Booster Club, followed in the cafeteria.

School-Based Health Centers Summer Hours

Bassett Healthcare's School-Based Health Centers will be open weekdays during the summer. Your SBHC-enrolled student can be seen at any SBHC location. Call 844-255-7242 to make an appointment.

Mondays

Cooperstown HS: Through August 28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Delhi MS/HS: Through August 28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Unadilla Valley: Through August 28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesdays

Richfield Springs: Through August 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sherburne-Earlville HS: Through August 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sidney: Through August 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

South Kortright: Through July 25, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesdays

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton: Through August 23, 12 p.m.-12 p.m.

Delhi MS/HS: Through August 23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Laurens: Through July 26, 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

Morris: Through July 26, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Worcester: Through July 26, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Thursdays

Edmeston: Through August 24, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Middleburgh HS: Through July 27, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sidney: Through August 24, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Stamford: Through July 27, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Unadilla Valley: Through August 24, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fridays

Milford: Through August 25, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sherburne-Earlville HS: Through August 25, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Note: All SBHC locations will be open 8/21 and 8/28.

SAVE THE DATES!

August 2023

8/16: Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.

September 2023

9/4: No School (Labor Day) - offices closed

9/5: No School (Staff Development)

9/5: Open House, 5-7 p.m.

9/6: No School (Staff Development)

9/6: G7-12 Musical Auditions

9/7: First Day of School!

9/7: G7-12 Musical Auditions

9/13: Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.

9/29: Rockin' Raiders, 9 a.m.

October 2023

10/3: School Picture Day

10/6: No School (Staff Development)

10/9: No School (Columbus Day)

10/13: Early Dismissal Drill, 2:45 p.m.

10/21: Hartwick Honors Band

10/25: Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.

10/27: Rockin' Raiders, 9 a.m.

10/27: Junior Carnival, 7-9 p.m.

10/28: G7-12 All-County Auditions at Schenevus

November 2023

11/3: Half Day for Students (Staff Development) - noon dismissal

11/9: Half Day for Students (Parent/Teacher Conferences) - noon dismissal

11/9: Veterans Breakfast, time TBA

11/10: No School (Veterans Day observed)

11/10: G7-12 Musical, 7 p.m.

11/11: G7-12 Musical, 2 p.m.

11/15: Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.

11/17: Rockin' Raiders, 9 a.m.

11/17: Area All-State Festival at Walton

11/18: Area All-State Festival at Walton

11/22: No School (Thanksgiving Recess)

11/23: No School (Thanksgiving Recess)

11/24: No School (Thanksgiving Recess) - offices closed

11/30: NYSSMA Conference All-State Festival

GMU RAIDERS IN THE NEWS



NHS award is money in the (food) bank!

Our National Honor Society presented a check for \$5,000 to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York in March!

Pictured from left to right are *Devon Hartwell*, *MacKenzie Cherry*, *Carly Davis*, co-advisor *Raquel Norton*, *Natalie Livelsberger*, *Kendra Hammond*, *Leah Cotton*, co-advisor *Jennifer McDowall*, *Hannah Bonczkowski*, *Fiona Held*, and Regional Food Bank of NENY Chief Executive Officer *Molly Nicol*.

GMU NHS students earned a trophy and the \$5,000 check for winning the Community Foundation of Otsego County's inaugural "Student Voices, Student Choices" competition November 21 at SUNY Oneonta. They received both prizes from CFOC Executive Director Jeff Katz in January, then turned the check over to Nicol today (they're keeping the trophy.)

The NHS check donation will benefit Otsego County's Backpack Program, which serves Gilbertsville-Mount Upton and 11 other local schools through the Regional Food Bank of NENY. Backpack Programs throughout the state discreetly provide hungry children with bags of nutritious and easy-to-prepare food every Friday afternoon, so they have food to eat throughout the weekend.

For more information on the Regional Food Bank of NENY and its Backpack Programs, visit <https://regional-foodbank.net/> online.



Recyclin' Raiders make an impact!

Thanks to everyone in the GMU Community who participated in the 2023 Otsego County Conservation Association's Plastic Film Recycling Challenge.

Our Recyclin' Raiders won the Middle/High School division with 289.9 pounds of recyclable plastic film, and we placed second in the Elementary School division with 794.2 pounds. The MS/HS title marked the fourth year GMU won a division in the OCCA competition, which challenges Otsego County schools to collect plastic film that can only be recycled through take-back programs offered by New York state grocery stores and retailers.

GMU, which also won division titles in 2019, 2021 and 2022, collected a total of 1,084.1 pounds of recyclable plastic film.

Additionally, our second-graders (pictured with Recyclin' Raiders coordinator Ashley Hughes) collected 166 pounds to win GMU's in-school contest among classrooms. Our third-graders were a close second with 135 pounds, followed by our kindergarten kiddos with 115.

Remember, you can start collecting plastic film for proper recycling at home right now for next year's contest. Eligible plastic-film items include bread bags, bubble wrap, case overwrap, cereal bags, dry cleaning bags, grocery bags, ice bags, newspaper sleeves, plastic casings/shrink wraps, produce bags, salt bags, wood pellet bags, and Ziploc/other re-closeable bags.



On the road again!

GMU faculty members (left to right) *Danielle Umbra*, *Ashley Hughes*, *Alicia Cummings* and *Becky Acla* hit the road in June to take part in the annual clean-up of a 2-mile stretch of highway sponsored by the GMU Teachers' Association. Thank you for making our community a little brighter!

THANK YOU, TEACHERS & STAFF!



Becky Acla, ES
Courtney Baker, ES
Abbey Beaver, MS/HS
Tom Bishop, MS/HS
Greg Bonczkowski, MS/HS
Samantha Carrabba, MS/HS
Thomas Connell, MS/HS
Alicia Cummings, ES
Debra Davies, ES
Andrea Delmar, ES
Linda Dickey, ES
Amy Favinger, ES
Rebecca Fuller, ES

William Gilchrest, MS/HS
Elisa Heggenstaller, ES
Lori Heggenstaller, MS/HS
Ken Held, MS/HS
Amy Hoyt, ES
Kimberly Hromada, ES
Ashley Hughes, ES
Katherine Izzo, MS/HS
Matthew Johnson, ES
Tracy Kokell, HS
Jennifer McDowall, MS/HS
Rebecca McMullen, ES
Anne Monaco, ES

Susan Phillippe, ES
Cameron Race, MS/HS
Danielle Rhone, MS/HS
Jeffrey Rhone, MS/HS
Mark Seigers, MS/HS
Shania Speenburgh, MS/HS
Mackenzie Talbot, ES
Darin Trass, ES
Jaclyn Turnbull, ES
Danielle Umbra, ES
Larisa Waghorn, MS/HS
Lauren Weidman, ES
Kaitlyn Woods, MS/HS



GMU recognized its terrific teachers in May as we joined school districts across the country in celebrating National Teacher Appreciation Week!

Elementary School: Becky Acla, Courtney Baker, Alicia Cummings, Debra Davies, Andrea Delmar, Linda Dickey, Amy Favinger, Rebecca Fuller, Elisa Heggenstaller, Amy Hoyt, Kimberly Hromada, Ashley Hughes, Matthew Johnson, Rebecca McMullen, Anne Monaco, Raquel Norton, Susan Phillippe, Mackenzie Talbot, Darin Trass, Jaclyn Turnbull, Danielle Umbra, Lauren Weidman.

Middle and/or High School: Abbey Beaver, Zea Beckwith, Tom Bishop, Greg Bonczkowski, Samantha Carrabba, Thomas Connell, William Gilchrest, Lori Heggenstaller, Ken Held, Katherine Izzo, Tracy Kokell, Jennifer McDowall, Cameron Race, Danielle Rhone, Jeffrey Rhone, Mark Seigers, Shania Speenburgh, Larisa Waghorn, Kaitlyn Woods.

GMU also recognized National School Principals Day (thank you Mrs. Heather Wilcox!) in May, as well as the entire Raiders staff. Special thanks to the GMU Booster Club for bringing in donuts and coffee for everyone to enjoy.

In April, we celebrated Issy Clapp, Jarrin Hayen, Kristy Carey, Deb Ostrander and Brianne Simonds on Administrative Professionals Day, too. Thanks for all that you do at GMU!



Peers pick Weidman, Tom as best of 22-23!

Congratulations to GMU Teacher of the Year Lauren Weidman and Staff Member of the Year Tammy Tom, who highlighted our annual awards ceremony May 5 in the auditorium! The all-school event recognized the best of GMU's faculty and staff during the 2022-2023 school year, as voted on by peers.

Weidman is GMU's Elementary School Literacy Specialist and conducts literary interventions for PK-2 students who struggle with reading. In addition to ensuring that our youngest Raiders learn how to fluently read during the school year, she runs the widely popular Summer Reading Challenge.

Tom is an Elementary School aide who does a little bit of everything at GMU and has earned the trust of students, administration, faculty and others through her dedication, reliability and selflessness.

GMU Superintendent Annette Hammond and Principal Heather Wilcox also honored five employees for reaching service milestones this school year.

30 years: Deb Ostrander, Front Office Secretary

20 years: Becky Acla, Elementary School Teacher; Tom Connell, Middle/High School Teacher

15 years: Kristy Carey, Main Office Secretary; Amy Costello, Elementary School Aide

See photos on our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/GMUCentral!>





Track standouts reach State Qualifiers

Congratulations to *Noah Pain* and *Hannah Bonczkowski* for their season-best outdoor track and field times during the Section 4 State Qualifiers on May 31 at Union-Endicott!

Noah completed his sophomore season with a time of 2 minutes, 48.1 seconds in the 800-meter run, and *Hannah* finished her senior season with a GMU-record time of 1:14.29 in the 400 hurdles.

Noah won the Section 4 Class D championship in 2:06.17 on May 23 at Marathon to reach the State Qualifiers, and *Hannah* earned her spot with a seed time of 1:15.21 earlier in the season.

In addition to these individual achievements, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association has recognized our boys and girls track and field teams as Scholar-Athlete Teams for the 2023 spring sports season. To receive NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete accolades, at least 75 percent of a team's roster must maintain a scholastic average of 90 or better.



Nowhere to go but up!

Congratulations to Class of 2023 graduates *Brennan Finch* and *Hannah Bonczkowski* for breaking GMU school records during their senior season of outdoor track and field!

Both literally climbed to the top June 13, using a ladder to reach the school record board hanging high on the back wall of the gymnasium before sliding their nameplates into Raiders' history.

Brennan completed the 3,000-meter boys steeplechase in 11 minutes, 19.78 seconds during the Tri-Valley League Championships to break Gregory Talbot's 2010 record of 11:42.6.

Hannah reset GMU's 400-meter girls hurdles record with a Fully Automated Time (FAT) of 1:14.29 at the Section 4 State Qualifiers. Nakita Maraglio had held the girls 400 hurdles record since 2008, when she crossed in 1:14.5.



Girls on the Run complete 5K

Congratulations to our Girls on the Run students, who completed a year-ending, 5-kilometer run June 4 at Neahwa Park in Oneonta!

Eighteen GMU girls in grades 3-5 had trained with Kimberly Hromada, Crystal Jipson, and Rebecca Fuller since March to prepare for the big day, running the halls, on the track and in the gym.

Girls on the Run is a positive youth program that encourages girls to be physically active, happy and confident through a fun, experience-based curriculum. GOTR nurtures physical, emotional and social health by teaching girls how to stand up for themselves and to recognize their power and potential while embracing differences and strengths.

Way to go, Raiders!

SPORTS NEWS



Raiders roll on Senior Nights!

Congratulations to our varsity boys and girls basketball teams for their Senior Night victories in February!

Devon Hartwell and *Noah Pain* scored 19 points apiece in a 54-44 win over Roxbury, which followed a Senior Night ceremony honoring *Corbin Demmon*, *Brennan Finch*, *Kristian Stachura* and *Brian Wilson* on February 1.

Two days later, we honored *Hannah Bonczkowski*, *Kendra Hammond* and *Megan Perrine* before GMU's girls cruised to a 48-32 Senior Night win over Edmeston. *Hannah* matched her school record of seven three-point field goals and finished with a game-high 35 points!



All-State Basketball Repeat!

Congratulations to Class of 2023 graduate *Hannah Bonczkowski* on earning her second straight girls basketball all-state selection from the New York State Sportswriters Association!

Hannah averaged 21.6 points during the 2022-2023 season as a senior guard for the Raiders en route to a Seventh Team all-state honor in Class D. Her junior season (2021-2022) ended with an all-state honorable mention in Class D as *Hannah* became GMU's first all-state girls basketball player since at least 2005. Although the NYSSWA has compiled all-state teams for decades, its online archives only date back to 2005.

Hannah plans to continue playing basketball at the college level next season.

Great job, *Hannah*!

Two join Section IV Athletics Hall

Congratulations to Norm Eastwood and Cody Hall on their elections to the Section IV Athletics Hall of Fame! The former standout athletes for Gilbertsville Central and Gilbertsville-Mount Upton, respectively, were formally inducted with 23 others in the Class of 2023 on April 29 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Binghamton.

You can read their official induction bios on our website at <https://www.gmucsd.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=503BUY&dasi=3321>.



GMU Hosts Tri-Valley Relays



FIELD DAY FUN!



MUSIC COMES ALIVE AT GMU



CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL



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

NOTICES

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.

BMI Survey 2023-2024 School Year

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed, and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index (BMI), which helps a doctor or nurse know if the student’s weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low.

Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require the inclusion of BMI and weight-status group in a student’s school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting information about our students’ weight-status groups to the New York State Department of Health.

The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier. Only summary information is sent (no names or information about individual students are included). However, you may choose to have your child’s information excluded from this survey report.

If you do not wish to have your child’s weight-status group information included as part of the Health Department’s survey this school year, please complete and sign the form below and return it to the GMU Health Office, attention Kelly Ingham, RN, BSN.

Please do not include my child’s weight status information in the 2023-2024 School Survey.

Print Child’s Name _____ Date _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

NOTICES

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.

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.



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!

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Mission, Vision, Values

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School

2023-2024 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!"*