

Seventh
ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

2019-2020



SOLDIERS AND SAILORS PARK

FRIDAY EVENING

JUNE 26, 2020

SIX O'CLOCK

PROGRAM

Processional – “Pomp and Circumstance” Music Department

Pledge of Allegiance Amethyst Scherer
Senior Class President

Welcome..... Mr. Theodore Kawryga
High School Principal

Salutatory AddressIsabella Masi
Salutatorian

~ Presentation of Senior Time Capsule ~

Superintendent Remarks Dr. Joseph Natale
Superintendent

Valedictory AddressVon Baker
Valedictorian

~ Presentation of Awards ~

~ Staff Tribute to Seniors ~

BOE President RemarksMr. Neil Clark
President, Board of Education

Presentation of DiplomasDr. Joseph Natale &
Mr. Neil Clark
Superintendent & President, Board of Education

Tassel CeremonyAmethyst Scherer

Alma Mater Seniors and Audience

Recessional – “The Masterpiece”Music Department

CLASS OF 2020

Cassandra Lee Abare %
Christopher J. Abare % ~ #
Mackenzie Madison Arndt
Sydney Marie Arndt
Von Robert Edward Baker x ^
Skyler Jacob Barker % ~
Jacqueline F. Blakeslee o
Quincy Rahiem Bonneau % ~ #
Jeb Richard Brundage @
Dylan R. Corapi o ~
Serena M. Dager ~
Ethan John Darling
James Patrick Dudar @
Isaiah Dunn %
Jaden Jeffrey Etherton %
Adam Alan Feagles @
Chad Joseph Gallt % ~
Cameron Grenert % ~
Christian M. Hallenbeck %
Shian Taneil Harmon % ~
Savana Rose Harris %
Siara LeeAnn Hellijas % ~
Kaylih Marie Herringshaw %
Ashley Hopson
Christopher Michael Hurteau % ~

Derek Robert Jans
Abigail Lynn Johnson % ~
Sarah Lynn King x ~
Gabrielle Michelle LaCoppola % ~ #
Benjamin M. Littrell @
Isabella Renée Masi o
Christopher James Mayton % ~
Adrien Matthew Mosenthin ~
Kelly Anne Marie O'Connor ~
Kenidee Noel Oare o ~ #
Austin Michael Pettengill o
Justin R. Phillips @
Trinity Mae Rathbun o
Amethyst Gabriella Scherer % ~
William B. Schoff @
Ashlee Lynn Shelmandine % ~
Dustin Joseph Smith %
Mackenzie Lynn Smith % ~
Shyanne Smith
Ashton Ray Spicci % ~
Andrea Jade Spraker % ~
Rebecca Trumble o
Rebecca Walther %
Robert Jeffrey Williams o

x Regents with Advanced Designation and Honors

o Regents with Advanced Designation

= Mastery in Math

^ Mastery in Science

* STEM Pathway in Science

+ Regents with Honors

% Regents Diploma

CTE Endorsement

~ CDOS Certification

@ Enrolled in PTECH Program

Silver Cords represent Top Ten

Red/Black Cords represent National Honor Society

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

VALEDICTORIAN

\$125 given by Mr. Kyle O'Brien

SALUTATORIAN

\$100 given by the Mr. Adam Heroth

HIGHEST AVERAGE FOR A MATH MAJOR

\$50 given by Christine Parry

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN STATISTICS

\$25 given by Scott Miles

MADELYN PERRY MEMORIAL MATH AWARD

\$25 from the Scholarship Fund to the senior who has been successful in math through hard work and exceptional perseverance

HIGHEST FOUR YEAR AVERAGE IN SOCIAL STUDIES

\$25 given by Mrs. Kristie Sinner

HIGHEST FIVE YEAR AVERAGE IN MATH

\$50 given by Ann & Robert Drummond

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN COMPUTER SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS

\$50 given by Ann & Robert Drummond

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT

\$50 given by Johanna Sweet

HIGHEST FIVE AVERAGE FOR A SCIENCE

\$25 given by the W. Davis Insurance Agency

HIGHEST FOUR YEAR AVERAGE IN ELA

\$50 given by Mrs. April Stalteri

OUTSTANDING WORK IN CHEMISTRY

\$25 given by Dr. Keba

INDUSTRIOUS WORK IN PHYSICS

\$100 given by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hart

INDUSTRIOUS WORK IN SCIENCE

\$100 given by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hart

HIGHEST SENIOR AVERAGE IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

\$20 given by Rose & John Sammons in memory of Dorothy Battisti

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN SENIOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY

\$50 given by David & Patricia Talaba

DEMONSTRATES A PASSION FOR SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE

\$50 given by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sammons

PURSUING A DEGREE IN THE MEDICAL FIELD

\$150 given by David & Bonnie Geddes in memory of Clifford & Gina Heroth

OUTSTANDING CIVIC CONTRIBUTION

\$25 given by Mrs. Breanna Handy

MOHAWK VALLEY TOWNS BOWLING AWARD

2- \$50 each given by Mohawk Valley Bowling Association

CTE & WORKFORCE AWARD

\$100 given to a senior who attended CTE and will be entering the workforce given by Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Kawryga

CTE & CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD

\$100 given to a senior who attended CTE and will be continuing their education given by Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Kawryga

ST. JOHNSVILLE CIVIC CLUB AWARD

4- \$250 given to students furthering their education in Memory of Roland Swartz

SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP

2- \$100 awards given by Marianne Seeley and Sheila Kelly in Memory of Ronnie Seeley

DALE A. BOUDRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$50 to a senior who will be furthering their education, while also possessing a love of the outdoors and desire to help others.

SENIOR ART AWARD

\$50 given by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Drummond

DEDICATED ATHLETE IN THE SENIOR CLASS

2- \$50 each given by OESJ Booster Club

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COURSES AWARD

\$50 given by Deborah Conte to a student who has taken courses in Environmental Conservation, taken the class seriously, and excelled.

GRADUATE FURTHERING THEIR EDUCATION

\$20 given by Rose & John Sammons in memory of Floyd Battisti

SCHOOL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PERSEVERANCE AWARD

\$125 given by Stephanie Bonk, Kate Yoder, Darlene Marchland-Clifford, and Deborah Conte to a student who shows great involvement in their school community, is helpful to fellow students, and shows perseverance.

SENIOR PERSEVERANCE

2- \$50 given by Mrs. Deborah Conte to the senior persevering through difficulties & obstacles to graduate

SENIOR PERSEVERANCE

\$20 given by John & Rose Sammons to a senior who has always tried their best and never gave up.

STUDENT WHO HAS OVERCOME ADVERSITY TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OTHERS

\$100 given Anonymously

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

\$50 given by Theodore and Jeanine Kawryga

PERSEVERANCE THROUGHOUT HIGH SCHOOL

2- \$50 given by Kyle O'Brien and C & J Heating to the senior who has attained graduation through hard work, perseverance, and determination

PERSEVERANCE IN PERSONAL, PHYSICAL & ACADEMIC LIFE

\$50 given by Dorothy & Jacque Mosher, Sr. and dedicated to the parents and teachers who have assisted these students in achieving their goals

RESPECT FOR FACULTY & SCHOOL

\$50 each given by the Family of Suzanne Battisti to a senior boy & girl who through 4 years of high school have shown greatest respect for faculty & school

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

\$25 given by Mary & Paul Gutowski & Family in memory of Joseph Pachut, Sr.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

\$50 given by Mr. Kyle O'Brien

EARLY ADMIT AWARD

\$50 given by Mrs. Christina Van to a student who has shown maturity, dedication and focus in their post-secondary goals.

SENIOR KINDNESS

\$100 given by Mrs. Deborah Conte to the senior who demonstrates the qualities of kindness, caring for others, respect, responsibility & the will to succeed no matter what

BEST SCHOOL CITIZEN-BOY

\$100 given by Dr. Joseph Natale

BEST SCHOOL CITIZEN-GIRL

\$100 given by Mr. & Mrs. John Burkhart

ELIZABETH CADY STANTON AWARD

\$50 given by the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium

GERALD GRAY MUSIC AWARD

2- \$20 awards given in memory of Gerald Gray to a senior who has demonstrated a commitment to OESJ and the music program

RONALD JOHNSON MEMORIAL AWARD

\$50 each given to two senior boys from the friends of Ronald Johnson demonstrating good sportsmanship

OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

\$50 each given by Donald & Linda Hoffman in memory of Paul Hoffman to a student demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship in volleyball.

SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT

\$100 from the Scholarship Fund given to the graduating senior who has achieved graduation through exemplary effort

SENIOR INCENTIVE

\$100 from the Scholarship Fund award to the graduating senior who has shown the greatest amount of individual initiative throughout the year

SCHOLASTIC IMPROVEMENT

\$100 from the Scholarship Fund given to a graduating senior whose scholastic average has improved to the greatest degree over their four-year high school career

MOHAWK VALLEY VENDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

\$100 from Mohawk Valley Vending to one of the top 5 academically ranked seniors who has attained graduation through hard work, perseverance and determination

ANN & JOE FRANCISCO MEMORIAL AWARD

\$100 given by John & Christine Battisti in memory of Ann & Joe Francisco to a deserving senior who exhibits dependability, responsibility and is attending a four-year college to major in education or general studies

RUTH COONLEY MEMORIAL AWARD

\$100 given by the estate of Ruth Coonley to the graduating senior who intends to pursue a career in the teaching field

HEAD START PARENT COMMITTEE AWARD

\$100 award to a senior furthering his or her education in the field of early childhood education, social work or health services

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

\$100 given by Adirondack Packing & Supply

ST. JOHNSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS/PERSONNEL

2- \$100.00 given in to seniors who have demonstrated positive characteristics of personal responsibility, motivation and consideration toward others in honor of all retired teachers and personnel

MYRA & ORVA HAMMOND MEMORIAL AWARD

\$100 each to two seniors with the best overall high school attendance record

ST. JOHNSVILLE EMS AWARD

\$200 given by St. Johnsville EMS in memory of Joan Conboy. Joan was a very strong women and longtime supporter of the St. Johnsville Ambulance Corp. She was referred as a full-time volunteer who served countless Boards, Associations and Committees

ST. JOHNSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARD

2- \$100 given to graduating seniors, preferably a family member of a fireman. The students' must demonstrate good citizenship and volunteerism

D.H. ROBBINS PTO AWARDS

\$100 each to two seniors who attended D. H. Robbins Elementary and demonstrate the character traits of honesty, self-discipline, generosity, friendship, and cooperation recognition of high school scholastic achievements and active participation in the community.

GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AWARD

\$50 is awarded to a senior who has chosen to pursue a career in a human services related field

GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AWARD

\$100 in memory of Mildred Walrath, Grace Christian Church Organist, is awarded to a senior who has chosen to further their education while also having a passion for music.

ST. JOHNSVILLE MASONIC LODGE #611 AWARD

\$200.00 awards in memory of William Finch, to a student who plans to pursue a career in agriculture or science. This student must be in good academic standing with a "B" or above average in science or agriculture, be dedicated and responsible, have a strong work ethic, and participate in school or community activities.

ALL-COUNTY MUSIC AWARDS

The Fulton County Music Educators Association is awarding \$50 each in scholarships to seniors who have demonstrated the most consistent involvement in the local school's musical organizations and county-sponsored musical activities

DIRECTOR'S AWARD

2- \$25 given to competent musicians who use various talents, including musicianship, that contributes to the success of OESJ Music Ensembles.

MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

3- \$20 given to students who achieved while overcoming obstacles or unusual circumstances. These talented students also use their gifts to help others achieve and serve as an inspiration to others.

SENIOR MUSICIAN RECOGNITION

\$10 given to Seniors who have reached and maintained music success throughout their HS years at OESJ.

VALLEY CHORALAIRES AWARD

\$25 given to a senior with four years of choral experience and who displays the highest degree of excellence. St. Johnsville Business Girls Award

BUSINESS GIRLS AWARD

3- \$50 given to a senior who has majored in business, technology or a CTE course. This student should be considerate, diligent and enthusiastic in his/her studies. This award is in memory of Molly Battisti and Cathy Sefchek

DETERMINATION AWARD

\$200 each given by the OESJ Administrators Professional Association to a student who has been determined to succeed in high school and to graduate by overcoming obstacles in his/her everyday life.

SHERILYNN JOHNSON ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL AWARD

\$100 scholarship from Sheri's family to the student going into the nursing/medical field as Sheri was a dedicated and compassionate Registered Nurse

BEN CONTE "PAY IT FORWARD" SCHOLARSHIP

\$250 award representing the kindness and help displayed by one of our students. Mr. Conte was always there for everyone. He believed if you helped others, that kindness would come back to you.

DAR GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

\$250 based on dependability, service, leadership and patriotism

FOUNDATION OF FMCC AWARD

\$250 to a graduating senior with at least a B average and will be attending FMCC

ST. JOHNSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

\$200 each to a senior boy & girl furthering their education

MORRIS J. EDWARDS LEGION POST #168

\$250 scholarships each to two graduating seniors. They are given to honor the Veterans of Post #168 called the "Forever Young" Group. All veterans gave something. This group gave everything—their lives. Preference is given to an immediate family member of any living or deceased veteran.

ST. JOHNSVILLE YOUTH CENTER

\$250 each to four seniors in memory of Andrew Susi & Dennis Frasier

MONTGOMERY COUNTY STOP DWI SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 given by Montgomery County Stop DWI

BARBARA LOMANTO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 to a senior going on to higher education. This student has put forth the effort to their best in academics and school activities and shown kindness and a spirit of giving to fellow classmates, teachers and school staff.

HAZEL TIMMERMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 given to a senior pursuing a career in the field of nursing

JOYCE BERRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 given to a graduate showing a deep interest and intent in computer science. The student should have demonstrated a desire to investigate, to learn and a mastery of technology.

CSEA LOCAL 818 AWARD

\$200 given to a student related to a CSEA member

JUSTIN D. SNELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 given by the Class of 1998 to any graduating senior, with the preference given to those entering the fields of Criminal Justice or Social Studies. Students must hold at least a B(85) or better average throughout high school. Extracurricular activities, hobbies, qualities, and interests similar to those of the late Justin Snell will be taken into account.

CORNELIUS & KATHERINE HOFFMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 to a deserving student going on to higher education

JOHN E. & LOUISE W. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 to a worthy & promising student who will be going on to higher education. Louise was a St. Johnsville Board of Education member from 1991-1999.

SHERIFF RONALD R. EMERY MEMORIAL AWARD

\$1000 given in memory of the 1955 St. Johnsville graduate and former Montgomery County Sheriff, who had a lifelong commitment to serving others. The \$1,000 award is given by his loving family to a graduating senior that shares that call to service by pursuing a career in the field of criminal justice.

MARY L. WEAVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 given to a senior based on career goals, community service and extracurricular activities

SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

This program is funded by the NYS Lottery and is giving three awards to seniors with the highest Regents scores. They are being awarded \$1500 & 2- \$500 respectively

LEWIS M. & MABEL C. FOWLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 each donated by the Fowler Foundation, granted to deserving students based on: professional promise, academic achievement, need, ability in extra-curricular activities, personality and worth of character.

OESJ ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONALS

\$1000, \$500, \$300, 2- \$100 respectively to graduating seniors based on scholastic average, scholarship and character

STOWELL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

\$2,500 given by Valerie Stowell-Hart to a senior pursuing higher education and demonstrates leadership in school community or in the communities of Oppenheim-St. Johnsville

CAPEK FAMILY FOUNDATION

\$4000 given by the Capek Family granted to a graduating senior accepted and enrolled into a two or four-year college and majoring in a STEM related field

C.T.W. SCHOLARSHIPS

\$1100 each given by the C.T.W. Fund, Inc., a charitable not-for-profit corporation based on math & science regents and need.

MERITS & CERTIFICATES

HCCC COLLEGE NOW- Von Baker, Isabella Masi, Rebecca Trumble

JOHN PHILIP SOUZA MUSIC AWARD- Von Baker, Isabella Masi

Given through the United States Marine Corp. This is the highest music award given to a High school musician based on music ability, dedication, responsibility and respect.

SCHOLARS' & TEACHERS' RECOGNITION-Von Baker & DiAnne Mott

A recognition dinner honoring a top student and the teacher who has had the most influence on the student.

GLIMMERGLASS MUSIC FESTIVAL AWARD- Amethyst Scherer

Given to a music student achieving excellence in music.

OFFICE OF NYS COMPTROLLER, THOMAS DINAPOLI- Von Baker, Isabella Masi

Recognition to a student for their hard work, dedication and success

TRIPLE "C" AWARD- Von Baker, Isabella Masi

A recognition of strength of Character, your Courage, and your remarkable Commitment to bettering yourself.

CTE Ben Conte Pay if Forward Scholarship- Christopher Abare

***The Oppenheim-Ephratah-St.Johnsville Central School District
would like to congratulate all the award and scholarship winners.***

***We also extend our gratitude to the many individuals, families, businesses and
organizations who have made generous donations to make these awards and
scholarships possible.***

CLASS OFFICERS

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OESJ Alma Mater

Down through the years
We will stand true to you
Our OESJ Alma Mater
Traditions joining where
The waters meet
Future journeys to complete

The colors we will fly
Red, gray and black
Will lead the pack
Rich history we will hold
Of victories yet untold

Down through the years
We will stand true to you
Our OESJ Alma Mater
We will forever sing our faithful song
For the wolves will howl strong!





Acknowledgements

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