

COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF 2023

HERKIMER CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, June 23, 2023
6:00 PM

PROGRAM

Prelude..... Symphonic Band

*Processional.....The Graduating Class of 2023

Master of Ceremonies..... Ms. Mary Tomaso
Principal

The National Anthem..... Abigail Polus

Welcome..... Mrs. Kathleen Carney
Superintendent of Schools

Comments..... Mr. Brian Crandall
President, Board of Education

Introduction of Speakers..... Ms. Mary Tomaso
Principal

Class President..... Madison Gargas

Class Salutatorian..... Joshua Leskovar

Class Valedictorian and Student Council President..... Izabella Vredenburg

Presentation of Diplomas..... Mrs. Carolyn Saugh
High School Counselor
Mr. Brian Crandall
President, Board of Education

Flying Free by Don Besig..... Chamber Choir
Flute soloist: Caitlin Berg

Alma Mater..... Kendall Biamonte

*Recessional.....The Class of 2023

**Bag Pipe Ensemble from the Mohawk Frasers*

**PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AT YOUR SEATS UNTIL
ALL GRADUATES HAVE LEFT THE AREA.**

Herkimer Central School District Graduates

*Hannah Grace Allison
Matthew M. Audycki
*David J. Bass
Logan J. Beach
Isaiah J. Becker
Thea Marie Becker
*Kendall E. Biamonte
McKayla M. Biando
Penelope P. Boncella
*Bailey C. Bray
Justin Bruce
♦Trent Bunker
Nicholas R. Caruso
Kiarra Lyn Cisco
Logan Eric David Coonradt
*Melia Marie Couchman
♦*Anthony Carlton DeMars
*Bella Michaela Denapole
♦IshaJune Deubel
*Julia Kaye Dorantes
Charity Lynn Dygert
Skyler R. Everson
~Charlotte Fahrenkrog
Ti'yanna Whitneylee Fowler
*Madison Elizabeth Gargas
Joseph D. Gillard
Hunter B. Hartman
D'Jon Jefferson Harvey
♦Aaron Lawrence Haywood
Blake Benjamin Heaton
*Emily Madison Herringshaw
Gavin W. Hobart
♦Madisen M. Hoffman
Dominick E. Hutchins
Kelsee Ann Ingerham
Anthony Jenkins-Rodriguez
Patrick Keady-Dooley
*Jacob P. Lamanna
*Lilliana C. Langdon
*Joshua C. Leskovar
*Noah J. Lewis
Trent Sydney Floyd Linder
Christina Loomis
♦Gianni M. Luce
Alana N. Maher
Lucas E. Malinowski
Emily L. Marquissee
*Caden P. Marusic
FayLee R. Mashtare
Hannah E. Minguela
Torri May Nalaskowski
Zachary Natividad
Taylor Parmon
♦Nicholas S. Petucci
Jessi M. Pfaff
Ryan M. Pierce
*Abigail Polus
Jovanna F. Pugliese
Sara Ann Rhodes
Savannah M. Rice
*Jenna A. Riesel
Laci Siearra Rios
Alaina C. Salamon
James J. Scalise
Natalie A. Scanlon
Emily Shephard
Robert D. Stone III
♦Abigail L. Streeter
Deyana M. Verenich
Collin James Vivlamore
*Izabella Jane Vredenburg
*Logan K. Williams
♦*Lyla Williams
*Oksana Marina Yudchits
*Ann Zi Yan Zhao

*National Honor Society
~Foreign Exchange Student
♦National Technical Honor Society

Herkimer Junior/Senior High School

Graduation Awards 2023

ACADEMIC H AWARD

is awarded to students who earned an average of 90 or above in each of their classes this year.

HANNAH ALLISON
DAVID BASS
KENDALL BIAMONTE
PENELOPE BONCELLA
BAILEY BRAY
TRENT BUNKER

MELIA COUCHMAN
ANTHONY DeMARS
BELLA DENAPOLE
JULIA DORANTES
AARON HAYWOOD
EMILY HERRINGSHAW

LILLIANA LANGDON
JOSHUA LESKOVAR
NOAH LEWIS
CADEN MARUSIC
TORRI NALASKOWSKI
ABIGAIL POLUS

JENNA RIESEL
ROBERT STONE III
IZABELLA VREDENBURG
LYLA WILLIAMS

ADIRONDACK BANK "COMMUNITY SPIRIT" AWARD

is an award of recognition of attitude - an award of effort, not of accomplishment. This award is meant to recognize the willingness to strive for achievement in spite of obstacles or adversity.

JULIA DORANTES

JOSEPH AIELLO SCHOLARSHIP

is given to a worthy student enrolled in an institute of higher learning in any area of study.

BELLA DENAPOLE

THE JOHN AINSWORTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

is given to a student pursuing an apprenticeship, especially in the utilities sector.

TRENT BUNKER

AIR FORCE RECRUITING SERVICE MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE AWARD

for outstanding academic achievement.

JOSHUA LESKOVAR
IZABELLA VREDENBURG

AIR FORCE RECRUITING SERVICE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AWARD

for outstanding academic achievement.

TRENT BUNKER
NICHOLAS PETUCCI

AIR FORCE RECRUITING SERVICE "STUDENT-ATHLETE" AWARD

for commitment to excel in academics and athletics.

MELIA COUCHMAN
JOSHUA LESKOVAR

ALFRED UNIVERSITY KAZUO INAMORI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND THE CERAMIC ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK AWARD (*Junior*)

for outstanding academic achievement in high school mathematics, science and English, as well as being an outstanding citizen in school and community.

JAYDEN CRANDALL

ALFRED UNIVERSITY "OUTSIDE OF ORDINARY" AWARD (*Junior*)

DANIELLE GILBERT

AMERICAN RED CROSS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

is awarded to a graduating senior who is an active participant in the high school's blood drive program.

LILLIANA LANGDON
JACOB LAMANNA

ANTHONY M. ENEA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

given to a senior going into any military service or trade school that has participated in varsity sports.

NICHOLAS PETUCCI

ARION AWARD (*Junior*)

is awarded to a student who excels in music in their junior year.

JAYDEN CRANDALL

THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ AWARD

is given to an outstanding senior jazz musician.

GAVIN HOBART

MICHAEL J. BABCOCK MEMORIAL AWARD

is awarded to a personable senior pursuing a challenging post-secondary program, who exhibits a positive attitude and an avid interest in sports and/or music.

JOSHUA LESKOVAR

BAUSCH & LOMB MEDAL (*Junior*)

- High achievement and rigor in science classes
- High PSAT Math and/or SAT Math scores
- Positive contributions to their school and within the larger community

ALYX McARTHUR

2023 ELIZABETH ANN and MABEL BOND O'DONNELL SCHOLARSHIP

is given to a graduating female student selected by the school, given by the Charles H. Bassett Youth Foundation, Inc.

MELIA COUCHMAN
JULIA DORANTES
LILLIANA LANGDON
IZABELLA VREDENBURG

JOHN BERNIER MEMORIAL AWARD

is awarded to a student who has played varsity football for at least two years and shows academic potential to engage in secondary study at an accredited school.

ZACHARY PETUCCI

BONNIE SCHOLAR AWARD (Junior)

is given in honor of academic excellence and the exhibition of and dedication to St. Bonaventure University's core values.

KYLE CARNEY
NICHOLAS LAMANNA
DON ZHAO

THE JAMIE BURROUGHS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

is awarded based on merit, exemplifying overall good character including being respectful of teachers, coaches and fellow students, and demonstrates a "team" connection in all aspects of high school life.

LILLIANA LANGDON

CARL VANDELINDER CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARD

is given to a student pursuing a career in criminal justice.

CHARITY DYGERT

RACHEL CARSON HEALTHY PLANET AWARD

awarded to a student who is passionate and committed to improving their community through sustainability.

TORRI NALASKOWSKI

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (Junior)

is given in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities and academic achievement.

PETER MOSNY

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARD (Junior)

is given in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities and outstanding academic promise.

KYLE CARNEY

CLASS OF 1959 AWARD

is awarded to a student pursuing a career in environmental science or engineering.

CADEN MARUSIC

CLASS OF 1965 FRANCIS "CHICK" VENNERA AWARD

awarded to students who excel in the performing arts. Given by the Vennera and Guido families.

KENDALL BIAMONTE
IESHAJUNE DEUBEL
GAVIN HOBART
ABIGAIL POLUS

CLASS OF 1999 AWARD IN MEMORY OF GEORGE SPOHR

is awarded to a student pursuing a career in journalism or communications.

LILLIANA LANGDON

CLASS OF 1999 AWARD IN MEMORY OF TAMARA RICE & DIANNA CAPESE STREETER

is awarded to a student pursuing a career in human services.

ANN ZHAO

COLLEGE BOARD RURAL AND SMALL TOWN AWARD

students are recognized for this award if they have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, have excelled on the PSAT or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams and attend High School in a Rural area or small town.

JOSHUA LESKOVAR

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION/MELE FAMILY FUND MATH & SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

is given to a graduating senior based on excellence in math, science or humanities.

OKSANA YUDCHITS

THE PHYLLIS T. CURTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

is given to a graduating senior who is pursuing a college degree in either early childhood education or the culinary arts.

NATALIE SCANLON

2023 DAR GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

is an award that is chosen by teachers and fellow students for demonstrating the following qualities: dependability, service to others, leadership and patriotism. Sponsored by the local chapter of NSDAR, Henderson - General Nicholas Herkimer Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

JOSHUA LESKOVAR

DIRECTOR'S AWARD - INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

is given to a senior who is outstanding in instrumental music.

KENDALL BIAMONTE

DIRECTOR'S AWARD - VOCAL MUSIC

is given to a senior who is outstanding in vocal music.

ABIGAIL POLUS**DRAMA BOOSTER CLUB AWARD**

is awarded to students who demonstrate achievement in the dramatic arts.

**ANTHONY DeMARS
MADISON GARGAS****THE DANNY DUNN SCHOLARSHIP**

is awarded to a graduate who exemplifies leadership who will enter a health related field.

OKSANA YUDCHITS**EAST HERKIMER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY AWARD**

awarded to a conscientious and hardworking senior who is conscientious and hardworking in and outside of school. The recipient should be of good character, honest, respectful and take pride in their actions. Student should reside in the Town of Herkimer.

EMILY SHEPHARD**EAST HERKIMER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARD**

is given to one young man and one young woman from the Town of Herkimer (East Herkimer) for community service.

**ROBERT STONE III
ABAGAIL STREETER****THE JOHN FALLON JR. MUSIC AWARD**

is given for outstanding achievement in the field of music during the four high school years.

KENDALL BIAMONTE**FREDERICK DOUGLASS and SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD (*Junior*)**

- Demonstrated commitment to understanding difficult social issues
- Leadership and dedication to community action
- Strong grades and rigorous courses taken in the humanities and social sciences

LESLIE XIAO**GABRIEL'S AUTHENTIC SELF AWARD**

is given in honor of Patricia and Colonel Anthony J. Gabriel, Jr. Awarded to a student who has evolved into his/her authentic self and is true to him/herself in thoughts, words, actions and representation.

PENELOPE BONCELLA**THE CONNOR GAGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

is given to a student who is most improved in mathematics or puts forth the most effort in mathematics.

JACOB LAMANNA**THE DOROTHY GALLO SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD**

is awarded to a deserving graduating student or student(s).

ANN ZHAO**PATRICK GILMORE AWARD**

is given for outstanding contributions to the band.

HANNAH MINGUELA**DOMINICK GRANDE AWARD**

is given to an all around student who is active in the community - one young man or one young woman.

JACOB LAMANNA**L. JAMES HAGEN, JR. PRIZE**

is awarded for best attendance. Recipient name is to be added to the plaque in the library.

IZABELLA VREDENBURG**GRETCHEN HALLER MEMORIAL MUSIC AWARD**

is given to a senior who has excelled in singing, speech or piano.

LILLIANA LANGDON**HERKIMER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDS (*Underclassmen*)**

is awarded to a student at each grade level who demonstrates outstanding achievement, effort and character.

**CHRISTOPHER FARRELL
JOHNNY XIAO****HERKIMER CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION SALUTATORIAN AWARD**

given by the Herkimer Central School Board of Education to the Salutatorian.

JOSHUA LESKOVAR**HERKIMER CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION VALEDICTORIAN AWARD**

given by the Herkimer Central School Board of Education to the Valedictorian.

IZABELLA VREDENBURG

HERKIMER CITIZENS ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

is awarded based on school citizenship, scholarship and athletics.

**BAILEY BRAY
CADEN MARUSIC**

HERKIMER COUNTY CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

is presented to a graduating senior who is planning on pursuing a career in either government or politics.

JULIA DORANTES

HERKIMER COUNTY MUSIC EDUCATORS AWARD

**BAND - KENDALL BIAMONTE
CHORUS - ABIGAIL POLUS**

HERKIMER ELKS LODGE MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF FRANCIS O. GABLER, PAST PRINCIPAL OF HERKIMER HIGH SCHOOL

is given to a young man who is involved in the community, with a GPA of at least 2.5 and entering a community college.

LOGAN WILLIAMS

HERKIMER ELKS LODGE MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF JOAN NOONAN, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE HERKIMER LADY ELKS

is given to a young woman who is involved in the community, with a GPA of at least 2.5 and entering a community college.

EMILY HERRINGSHAW

HERKIMER FACULTY ASSOCIATION AWARD

is awarded to a senior pursuing a career in teaching.

MELIA COUCHMAN

HERKIMER FACULTY ASSOCIATION JOSEPH LIDANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

is awarded to a senior who best exemplifies service and the other characteristics which typified Mr. Lidano's career.

EMILY HERRINGSHAW

HERKIMER HIGH SCHOOL COACHES APPRECIATION AWARD

**JACOB LAMANNA
ABIGAIL POLUS**

HERKIMER HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP

is awarded to a senior(s) varsity soccer player in recognition of all past soccer players and their achievements.

**CHARITY DYGERT
NOAH LEWIS**

HERKIMER PERMANENT FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION FUND AWARD

is an award that shall be given to a child of a firefighter who has given up precious time for the call of duty.

NATALIE SCANLON

HERKIMER POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION AWARD

is an award that shall be given to a child of a Police Officer or Retired Police Officer or to a student who is pursuing a career in law enforcement.

CHARITY DYGERT

HERKIMER REGION COLLEGE & CAREER SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (BOCES)

given to students with a concentration in career or technical classes.

EMILY MARQUISSEE

HERKIMER TOOL & MACHINING F. ELLIS GREEN, JR. MEMORIAL AWARD

is given to a student planning to pursue training in a technical or trade program.

NICHOLAS PETUCCI

HERKIMER VARSITY LETTER AWARD

is awarded to senior athlete(s) who have earned the most varsity letters throughout their career at Herkimer Central School District.

**MELIA COUCHMAN
JOSHUA LESKOVAR**

SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF PEARL M. KLOCK

is awarded based on citizenship, responsibility and is respectful of others.

CADEN MARUSIC

THE LARRY KNAPP ART SCHOLARSHIP - MOST IMPROVED

is given to a graduating senior, deemed most improved in the field of art.

HANNAH MINGUELA

THE LARRY KNAPP ART SCHOLARSHIP - MOST OUTSTANDING

is given to an outstanding art student in the senior class.

LYLA WILLIAMS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 579 AWARD

is awarded by the Knights of Columbus.

BAILEY BRAY**THE PAUL KUCERAK BUSINESS AWARD**

is awarded to a student with an average between the grade point of 75-85 going to Herkimer College, pursuing a career in the business field.

LUCAS MALINOWSKI**THE JEFF LaBRECHE SCHOLARSHIP**

is awarded to a senior that exhibits the characteristics of a great wrestler. Dedication, commitment, courage, sacrifice and a great work ethic. Given by Mrs. LaBreche and Rudy Scialdo.

CHARITY DYGERT**KAY TURNER LADD SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

is given by the Class of 1974 to a student going into Elementary Education.

MADISON GARGAS**THE CLEMENTE J. LAMANNA SPORTS AWARD**

is to be given to outstanding male athletes in the sports of baseball and football.

**BASEBALL - LUCAS MALINOWSKI
FOOTBALL - ZACHARY PETUCCI****LANGUAGE CLUB AWARD**

is awarded for best work in foreign language.

GAVIN HOBART**LeMOYNE COLLEGE HEIGHTS AWARD (Junior)**

recognizes students who are reaching for the "heights" in the classroom and service to their school and community.

LESLIE XIAO**THE CONNOR ARTHUR LYNKEY ATHLETE/CHARACTER MEMORIAL AWARD**

given to a student who has a strong commitment to academics, athletics, leadership, and community.

HANNAH ALLISON**THE MICHAEL R. MALINOWSKI LITTLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP**

is given to a person who has dedicated his or her time to helping children in baseball on and off the field and has supported the Little League program and it's growth in the community.

LUCAS MALINOWSKI**THE JOHN "CORKY" McGUIRE ANNUAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD****CHARITY DYGERT
JOSHUA LESKOVAR****MEMORIAL GIFT FROM THE CLASS OF 1968**

is given to a senior showing good citizenship who will attend Herkimer College.

EMILY HERRINGSHAW**MEMORIAL GIFT FROM THE CLASS OF 2011**

is awarded to a senior that possess the characteristics of the Class of 2011 - unique, compassionate, perseverance and most importantly involved with class functions/fundraisers.

BAILEY BRAY**THE PETER MERENA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

is given in memory of the deceased members of the Class of 1963.

ANTHONY DeMARS**MICHAEL PLISECK POST, VFW AUXILIARY AWARD IN MEMORY OF JULIA REALS**

is given to a senior who has a family member in the military (active or retired) and who also volunteers in the community.

THEA BECKER**MICHAEL PLISECK POST, VFW PRIZE - CITIZENSHIP/RESPONSIBILITY**

is awarded for citizenship and fulfillment of everyday responsibility.

KIARRA CISCO**MICHAEL PLISECK POST, VFW PRIZE - INDUSTRIAL ARTS**

is awarded for best work in Industrial Arts.

**JOSHUA LESKOVAR
CADEN MARUSIC****MOHAWK VALLEY TOWNS BOWLING ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK AWARD**

to a senior boy or girl who shows leadership qualities, good association with other bowlers and shows an interest in continuing bowling after graduation.

ROBERT STONE III

RALPH D. & MARY F. MOORE PRIZE (*Underclassman*)

is awarded to a student excelling in biology.

SHANE MAXON

MUSIC BOOSTERS AWARD

for students selected by the music department for their contributions to the music program.

CHORUS - ABIGAIL POLUS
CHORUS - LOGAN WILLIAMS
BAND - HANNAH ALLISON
BAND - GAVIN HOBART

THE ELSIE AND SAUL MYERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

is given to a college bound graduating senior who best combines athletic and scholarship achievement with a demonstrated commitment to community involvement.

JOSHUA LESKOVAR

NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY (*BOCES*)

is awarded to students who have been inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

TRENT BUNKER
ANTHONY DeMARS
IESHAJUNE DEUBEL

AARON HAYWOOD
MADISEN HOFFMAN
GIANNI LUCE

NICHOLAS PETUCCI
ABAGAIL STREETER
LYLA WILLIAMS

NYSATA DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP AWARD

is given to a student who has demonstrated excellence in art.

FAYLEE MASHTARE

NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERALS TRIPLE "C" AWARD

recognizes students for their courage, commitment, and character.

JOSHUA LESKOVAR
IZABELLA VREDENBURG

NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

in recognition of academic excellence, hard work, dedication and success.

KIARRA CISCO
TORRI NALASKOWSKI

NEW YORK STATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

based on regents scores.

LILLIANA LANGDON
JOSHUA LESKOVAR
IZABELLA VREDENBURG

NEW YORK STATE SENATE'S YOUTH LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION AWARD (*Junior*)

awarded to outstanding students who will become future leaders.

KYLE CARNEY

NINA'S LEGACY AWARD

is given to a female graduate showing the most growth in leadership and school service during the high school years. This award is given in memory of Nina Sponburg.

EMILY MARQUISSEE

ONEIDA-MADISON-HERKIMER SCHOOL BOARDS INSTITUTE STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD (*Junior*)

in recognition of exemplary character and academic achievement.

JOHN CAMPAGNA

ONEIDA-MADISON-HERKIMER SCHOOL BOARDS INSTITUTE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (*Junior*)

the Student Achievement Awards are presented to high-school juniors who have demonstrated a positive attitude, which reflects initiative, a sense of responsibility and an ability to interact with others, including peers and faculty.

ZOEY CALDWELL

THE TERRY OWEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

is awarded to a senior who has demonstrated perseverance and determination throughout high school, in pursuit of independence and hard-earned success. In the spirit of Mr. Owen, an interest in education, history, and/or politics may also be recognized.

SKYLER EVERSON

POLISH COMMUNITY HOME PRIZE

is awarded to a senior female with the highest average in courses at the Career Tech Center.

LYLA WILLIAMS

POLISH COMMUNITY HOME PRIZE IN MEMORY OF WALTER CZURYLA

is awarded to a senior male with the highest average in courses at the Career Tech Center.

AARON HAYWOOD

EVA M. PORTER PRIZE

is given for best work in chemistry and physics.

JOSHUA LESKOVAR**PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

is awarded to students graduating with a minimum 90 overall average, from the President of the United States.

HANNAH ALLISON**DAVID BASS****KENDALL BIAMONTE****PENELOPE BONCELLA****BAILEY BRAY****ANTHONY DeMARS****BELLA DENAPOLE****JULIA DORANTES****MADISON GARGAS****EMILY HERRINGSHAW****JACOB LAMANNA****LILLIANA LANGDON****JOSHUA LESKOVAR****NOAH LEWIS****CADEN MARUSIC****ABIGAIL POLUS****JENNA RIESEL****IZABELLA VREDENBURG****LOGAN WILLIAMS****LYLA WILLIAMS****OKSANA YUDCHITS****ANN ZHAO****PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

is awarded to students graduating with a minimum 85 overall average, from the President of the United States.

TRENT BUNKER**KIARRA CISCO****SKYLER EVERSON****GAVIN HOBART****GIANNI LUCE****LUCAS MALINOWSKI****EMILY MARQUISSEE****TORRI NALASKOWSKI****NICHOLAS PETUCCI****LACI RIOS****ROBERT STONE III****RIT SCIENCE and MATH AWARD (*Junior*)**

award is given to a student with superior grades in science and/or math related classes. Interest in pursuing college level coursework in science and or math, or in science and or math in other areas such as Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, Technology or Computing.

DIRK SALAMON**RIT WOMEN in STEM AWARD (*Junior*)**

recognizes outstanding high school juniors who are female, female-identifying, or non binary who has distinguished themselves academically in science and math related classes. Has an interest in pursuing college level course work in science, math, computing engineering, technology, or health sciences.

VICTORIA STAPF**THE MRS. ROMA VIEL MEMORIAL AWARD**

is given to a senior who exemplifies the characteristics and ideas of Mrs. Viel - kindness and generosity to everyone she met, perseverance in the face of difficulties and challenges, a positive attitude, a hard worker, and having a love for life.

KELSEE INGERHAM**THE RONALD W. OLDFIELD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

awarded to a student in the top ten of the Class of 2023; one who has achieved excellence in academic studies, extra-curricular activities and a team player.

JENNA RIESEL**RONALD J. WIERNICKI ATHLETIC AWARD**

is presented to a senior who lettered for at least three years in baseball or softball, who exhibits Ron's qualities of good citizenship, leadership and team player who will be attending college in the fall.

**BASEBALL - ROBERT STONE III
FOOTBALL - DAVID BASS****RONNIE SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

is given to a student going into the field of nursing, preference to a student in respiratory therapy and involvement/interest in music.

LILLIANA LANGDON**ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD**

is a Rotary International program designed to recognize and enhance leadership skills among selected young people.

HANNAH ALLISON**RPI MEDAL (*Junior*)**

is awarded for best work in science & math.

VICTORIA STAPF**RUTH MYERS ROSENBERG PLAQUE**

is awarded to the outstanding male and female school citizens, selected by students and faculty, names to be added to plaque.

**BAILEY BRAY
GAVIN HOBART****SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE REGION 8 AWARD**

awarded by SAANYS.

ANTHONY DeMARS

2023 STUDENT SAGE RECOGNITION AWARD (Junior)

is given by Sage College's Scholarship Committee to juniors who have excelled academically and who have served their community.

ZOEY CALDWELL
CASSANDRA LARZELERE
KAITHLYN MERETTE

SEAL OF BILITERACY

recognizes high school graduates who have attended a high level of proficiency in English and one or more world languages.

HANNAH ALLISON	BELLA DENAPOLE	LILLIANA LANGDON
KENDALL BIAMONTE	JULIA DORANTES	JOSHUA LESKOVAR
BAILEY BRAY	MADISON GARGAS	JENNA RIESEL
MELIA COUCHMAN	GAVIN HOBART	IZABELLA VREDENBURG

SEAL OF CIVICS READINESS

The Seal of Civic Readiness is a formal recognition that a student has attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic experiences. The Seal of Civic Readiness distinction will be placed on a student's diploma.

KIARRA CISCO
JACOB LAMANNA
TORRI NALASKOWSKI

SENIOR ATHLETIC AWARD

HANNAH ALLISON	MELIA COUCHMAN	EMILY MARQUISSEE
DAVID BASS	CHARITY DYGERT	HANNAH MINGUELA
BAILEY BRAY	JACOB LAMANNA	ABIGAIL POLUS
TRENT BUNKER	JOSHUA LESKOVAR	ROBERT STONE III
NICHOLAS CARUSO		

SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH JOSEPH

is awarded for best work in foreign language.

KENDALL BIAMONTE

JACK M. and HELEN C. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

is given to a graduating senior for scholarship.

TORRI NALASKOWSKI

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARD

(Herkimer Chapter) is given for outstanding work in American history.

JOSHUA LESKOVAR

THE JOHN PHILIP SOUSA BAND AWARD

is given to the outstanding senior instrumentalist.

GAVIN HOBART

A. WALTER SUITER & MARY GRACE SUITER SCHOLARSHIP

is provided by the will of the late Dr. A. Walter Suiter bequeathing to the Board of Education income to be used as a prize to be awarded to the valedictorian.

IZABELLA VREDENBURG

294 TEAMSTERS CARE SCHOLARSHIP

CHARITY DYGERT

TEMPLE BETH JOSEPH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

is given to a graduating senior for outstanding citizenship and academic ability.

LILLIANA LANGDON

THE NICHOLAS J. TRIMBOLI & BERTHA L. TRIMBOLI SCHOLARSHIP & INCENTIVE AWARD

is awarded to a senior pursuing the field of journalism or communications.

BAILEY BRAY

THE DALE TURNER AWARD

awarded to a student with an eclectic personality, who is creative, kind and encouraging.

GIANNI LUCE

MARCY G. ULMAN BAND AWARD

is given to a male and female who shall be members of both the marching band and concert band, be good musicians, good academic students, and be active in band functions. Recipients are voted on by members of the band.

GAVIN HOBART
SAVANNAH RICE

U.S. FIGURE SKATING GRADUATING SENIORS AWARD

the U.S. Figure Skating Graduating Seniors Award recognizes the hard work of student athletes who have participated in figure skating throughout high school; awards are given at the Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze, level based off a skater's level of competitive achievement, in high school. Selection of this award speaks to a skater's continued commitment to succeeding in their athletic and academic endeavors. Jenna received a Gold rating.

JENNA RIESEL

UNIVERSITY of ALBANY MULTICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS AWARD (Junior)

awarded to students who are actively involved in school and community activities. Eligible scholars are upstate New York high school juniors of African American, Asian American, Latino(a), and Native American multicultural heritage entering their senior year in the Fall of 2023 with an 88 (B+) or higher GPA.

DON ZHAO

UTICA UNIVERSITY JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (Junior)

is awarded to high school juniors who show academic promise and would contribute to the Utica University community.

**CHRISTIAN ALLEN
CAMERON VOCE**

UTICA UNIVERSITY EDUCATORS PREPARATION PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

is awarded to graduating seniors who will attend Utica University in the fall. The scholarship is donated to our school for its supervision of Utica University students in planned teaching experiences during the 2022-2023 academic year.

**HANNAH ALLISON
JULIA DORANTES**

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARD

for winning the local Voice of Democracy Speech Contest, and placing fourth in the regional competition. This year's theme was "What a Veteran Means to Me".

IZABELLA VREDENBURG

ERMATRUDE MOORE WATSON FUND

is to be given to the outstanding senior pursuing a business program.

NOAH LEWIS

WELLS COLLEGE 21st CENTURY LEADERSHIP AWARD

given in recognition of the outstanding contributions made as a student and a leader.

ALEX COLLIS

THE BARBARA A. WHITNEY SCHOLARSHIP

is given to the graduating senior who strived to achieve to their potential. This student also is known by faculty and students to be of good character by his/her relationship with faculty, peers and by his/her efforts in civic activities helping the community as a whole to be a better place.

CADEN MARUSIC

THE FRANCIS A. WILCOX EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP (MVCC)

was established in his memory by his family. The purpose of the Full-Tuition Exceptional Student Scholarship is to attract academically strong students and to maintain an enriched environment for all students.

JENNA RIESEL

WILKES UNIVERSITY COLONEL EMERGING LEADER AWARD (Junior)

in recognition of outstanding achievement in academics and extracurricular activities.

**ARRISSA BUNKER
AUBREY LEWIS**

WILLIAM E. BUSACKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The William E. Busacker Scholarship Award provides a scholarship to a student who has demonstrated leadership in causes that promote change to the status-quo, compassion for the less-fortunate, animal rights or other issues.

EMILY MARQUISSEE

DR. SAMUEL WOLTAG MEMORIAL AWARD

is awarded for best work in instrumental music.

GAVIN HOBART

WOODY HERMAN AWARD

is awarded for outstanding contributions to the jazz ensemble.

EMILY HERRINGSHAW

WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE'S STEM LEADERSHIP BOOK AWARD (Junior)

awarded annually to honor and recognize high achieving young people in their junior year of high school.

- Strong academic achievement with a focus on coursework in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- Commitment to leadership and engagement with their school and community
- Collaboration, innovation, and problem-solving skills
- Success in hands-on and/or project-based learning

ALYX McARTHUR

WAYNE ZAWTOCKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

is given in memory of Wayne Zawtocky to a student selected by the faculty who has been accepted to a four year college to study physical education, health, or sports medicine.

ABIGAIL POLUS

XEROX AWARD (Junior)

is awarded for a strong interest in innovation and/or information technology and a high level of achievement in this area.

PETER MOSNY

ZAWTOCKI-YAVORNITZKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

this award is dedicated by the Zawtocky-Yavornitzki family members who graduated from Herkimer High School. This award is to be selected by the faculty to one male and one female scholar-athlete who best emulates the Herkimer "Magician" spirit of pride and excellence in the classroom, playing field and in the community and who has been accepted to a four year college.

**BAILEY BRAY
JACOB LAMANNA**

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ALMA MATER

By Irene Welk and Max Kapp

Where the silvery Mohawk's flowing,
As it wends its peaceful way,
There's a spot of fondest memory
To Alumni, young, or gray,
There, our dear old Alma Mater
Stands throned midst hills of green,
As the white clouds bend above her,
She's the fairest ever seen.
Oh, her sons and daughters love her
With a love that knows no end,
And with garlands fair entwine her
As her honor they defend.
For her ivy walls are sacred
To the scenes of glad spent days,
And our voices rise in parting
As we sing her endless praise.