July 2016

UNION FREE SCHOOL
DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

class of 2016
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Valedictorian

Natalie Ciaccia
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Ryan Kulesa

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Evan Hall
Sarah Hassan
Autumn Hellinger
Dalton Henry
Dustin Howard
Jordyn Keeck-Beach
Benjamin Kehrli
Ryan Kulesa
Shana Lavier
Caitlyn Mackay
Zachary Masca
Alyssa Murphy
Terrance Nichols Jr.
Alexis Orr
Adriana Perretta
Jake Richards
Brandon Ross
Julie Rybka
Joseph Schaaf
Robert Sharpe
Juliana Spinella
Makenzie Stevens
Jenna Topa
Courtney Tramacera
Michael Wheeler
Christian Zampa
Dear School Community Member,

We are proud to present the 2016 issue of our annual “Awards Winning Newsletter.” We hope that you will enjoy reading about the wonderful academic and extra-curricular success of our Elementary and Jr.-Sr. High School students.

Our School District Newsletter is mailed to school district residents and is also available on our school district website at www.newyorkmills.org.

The New York Mills school community has every reason to be proud of the outstanding efforts of our K-12 students during the 2016-17 school year. On behalf of our board of education, administration, faculty, and staff, we wish you a restful, safe, and enjoyable summer. We look forward to another productive and activity filled school year in September.

Sincerely,

Kathy Houghton
Superintendent of Schools

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**Highest Achiever Students 2015-2016**

**2nd Grade**
- Lindzee Brush
- Liam Mahardy
- Sadie Lubey
- Kathryn Matyjas
- Nathaneal Dzwonkowski

**3rd Grade**
- Heidi Cilbrith
- Arianna Piazza
- Alexa Grande
- Zachary Matyjas
- Mia Robert
- Sara Bailey
- Kash Henkle

**4th Grade**
- Victoria Odarchuk
- Katherine Eliason
- Hailey Mahardy
- Jayla Jordan
- Rocco LaBella

**5th Grade**
- Lily Comenale
- Nathan Bristol
- Emily Pollock
- Kiarra Jones
- Darren Lin

**6th Grade**
- Jemma Jordan
- Danil Donchuk
- Joseph Odarchuk
- Madelyn McCoy
- Noah Diskin
- Francesca Borrometi

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**Best Wishes for a Happy Retirement!**

Sandy Pearsall with the Class of 2016 as first graders!

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Helene Ross  
Charlie Ferguson  
Sandy Pearsall
**Student Awards**

**Junior Class Awards**

Kseniya Avrusevich, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Vladimir Avrusevich has been awarded with the **LeMoyne College Heights Award**. LeMoyne College offers the opportunity to receive a $12,500 annual scholarship, which is renewable for up to four years. In addition, Kseniya has also received the **RIT computing medal**. Computing medal recipients who are admitted as a full-time undergraduate student at RIT are guaranteed to receive an RIT Computing Medal scholarship worth $3,000 per year.

Katelyn DiViccaro, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward DiViccaro, has been nominated for the **University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award**. This award was named in honor of two of Rochester’s most significant pioneers of social justice. Upon application, Katelyn will be automatically considered for this scholarship, which is worth at least $10,000 per year (totaling at least $40,000 over four years.)

Kenneth Egan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Egan has been awarded the **Clarkson Leadership Award**, for which the recipient earns a scholarship of $60,000 over four years. In addition, Ken has received the **University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology**. Recognition as a nominee of the Xerox Award is an outstanding opportunity that would be worth at least $10,000 per year (totaling at least $40,000 over four years) upon acceptance to the University of Rochester.

Christina Malinowski, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Malinowski, has received the University of **Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award**. This is given in recognition of the achievements of an outstanding science and math student. Christina has also earned the **Elmira College Key Award**. This scholarship, should Christina apply and be accepted, would award her with $60,000 over a four-year period.

Elizabeth McAllister, daughter of Mr. Jesse McAllister has received the **Sage Colleges Student Sage Award**. Elizabeth is guaranteed a minimum of $5,000 toward tuition at Russell Sage College or Sage College of Albany with a possible total scholarship of $15,000. This scholarship is available for up to four years of study.

Janlynn McCoy, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McCoy has earned the **Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award** for outstanding contributions she has made as a student and a leader. As a recipient, she is awarded a $40,000 Scholarship for Leaders ($10,000 per year) for four years of study at Wells College.

John Mitchell, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Mitchell Sr., has received the **Sage Colleges Student Sage Award**. John is guaranteed a minimum of $5,000 toward tuition at Russell Sage College or Sage College of Albany with a possible total scholarship of $15,000. This scholarship is available for up to four years of study.

Rachel Siegel, daughter of Ms. Gail Siegel, has been awarded with the RPI **Rensselaer Medal** which is awarded to a secondary student who has distinguished him/herself in mathematics and science. In addition, she has also received the **Rochester Institute of Technology Innovation & Creativity Award**, which qualifies her for an annual scholarship worth $7,000.

Claudia Spost, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Spost has received the **Clarkson Achievement Award**, which earns her a scholarship of $12,000 per year and a total of $48,000 over four years upon acceptance to Clarkson University. Claudia has also earned the **University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award**. If Claudia applies and is accepted to the University of Rochester, she will be considered for a scholarship worth at least $10,000 per year (totaling at least $40,000 over four years).
Student Awards

Andrew Albert
New York State Education Department for Academic Excellence
December Optimist Youth of Month

Cassidy Albright
Keuka College Board of Trustees Scholarship
ViTel Net Technology in memory of Matt Larkin
Big Moose Open/Casper Chiropractic
Anonymous Athletic Scholarship

Griffin Baur
Utica College Fieldwork Program Award
Central NY Firemen’s Association
Nicholas T. Radomski Memorial Scholarship
ViTel Net Technology in memory of Matt Larkin
Big Moose Open Casper Chiropractic
New York Mills Volunteer Fire Department

Stephen Briody
Utica College Fieldwork Program Award
Sheriff Robert Maciol Award
Town of Whitestown Police Benevolent Assoc.

Austin Cady
NY State Corrections Police Benevolent Assoc.
Harry J. Snyder Memorial
Friends of Matt Larkin Memorial Scholarship
Marauder Athletic Boosters

Natalie Ciaccia
New York State Education Department for Academic Excellence
New York Mills Stage & Theatre Award
May Optimist Youth of Month

Michael Copperwheat
Marauders Athletic Boosters
Gary Hadfield Principals Award
March Optimist Youth of Month

Megan Crist
Marauder Athletic Boosters
New York Mills PTSA
Etude Music Club
Student Council Dan Everson Award
NY State Senate Youth Leadership Recognition Award
January Optimist Youth of Month

Shawn Essafi
MAD Boosters
New York Mills Stage & Theatre Award
Student Council Dan Everson Award
New York Mills Volunteer Fire Department
September Optimist Youth of Month

Abigail Fitzgerald
North Utica/Whitestown Rotary
Jackie Lawler Memorial Healthcare Award

Amanda Fitzgerald
Burrstone Bassett Memorial Recognition Award

Brianna Fuccillo
Nicholas T. Radomski Memorial Scholarship
Marauder Athletic Boosters
New York Mills Optimist Senior Award
New York Mills PTSA
Etude Music Club
Thread of Life Thrift Store
NY State Senate Youth Leadership Recognition Award
February Optimist Youth of Month

Sarah Hassan
Utica College Fieldwork Program Award

Dalton Henry
Utica College Fieldwork Program Award

Dustin Howard
Thelma Russ Memorial Scholarship

Jordyn Keeck-Beach
MAD Boosters
New York Mills PTSA
New York Mills Stage & Theatre
Roma Viel Memorial Scholarship
Utica College Planned Fieldwork Program
April Optimist Youth of Month

Benjamin Kehrli
Friends of Matt Larkin Memorial
New York Mills Volunteer Fire Department
These members of the senior class received the following awards.

**Ryan Kulesa**
- New York Mills Optimist Joseph Schmidt Memorial President’s Plus Scholarship
- Empire State Scholarship
- Fine Art Scholarship
- UVA Early Start Scholarship
- June Optimist Youth of Month

**Caitlyn Mackay**
- SUNY Poly Progressive Achievement Award
- Friends of Matt Larkin Memorial Burrstone Basset Memorial Award
- Marauder Athletic Boosters

**Terrance Nichols**
- Pop Warner Football Award
- Anonymous Athletic Scholarship

**Alexis Orr**
- New York Mills PTSO
- New York Mills Stage & Theatre Award

**Adriana Perretta**
- New York Mills Teacher Association Scholarship
- October Optimist Youth of Month

**Brandon Ross**
- Mayor John Pietryka Memorial Award
- Walter Miga Memorial Award

**Julie Rybka**
- NY State Corrections Police Benevolent Assoc.

**Joseph Schaaf**
- John Emmett Memorial Scholarship

**Makenzie Stevens**
- Friends of Matt Larkin Memorial
- Delta Kappa Gamma Society

**Courtney Tramacera**
- ViTel Net Technology in memory of Matt Larkin
- Miga Mentor Tutor of the Year
- November Optimist Youth of Month

**Christian Zampa**
- Myrna Black Memorial Scholarship
- American Red Cross Award

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**High Honor Graduates**
*(95% - 100%)*

- **Valedictorian** - Andrew Albert
- **Salutatorian** - Natalie Ciaccia
- Stephen Briody
- Brianna Fuccillo
- Ryan Kulesa
- Courtney Tramacera

**Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation**

Andrew Albert *
Cassidy Albright
Griffin Baur
Stephen Briody *
Austin Cady
Natalie Ciaccia *
Michael Copperwheat III
Megan Crist
Shawn Essafi *
Brianna Fuccillo*
Dalton Henry
Ryan Kulesa*
Courtney Tramacera
Adriana Perretta
Christian Zampa

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**Honor Graduates**
*(90% - 94%)*

- Cassidy Albright
- Griffin Baur
- Austin Cady
- Michael Copperwheat III
- Hannah Cornish
- Shawn Essafi
- Abigail Fitzgerald
- Amanda Fitzgerald
- Shana Lavier
- Caitlyn Mackay
- Terrance Nichols Jr.
- Adriana Perretta
- Christian Zampa

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**Regents Diploma with Honors**

Hannah Cornish
Jordyn Keeck-Beach
Shana Lavier

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**New York Mills Graduating Class of 2016**

* With Honors
**Optimist Youth of the Month**

**April**

The Optimist Club of New York Mills has named Jordyn Keeck-Beach as Youth of the Month for April. Jordyn is the daughter of Dana Cudhea of Yorkville and Shane Beach of Eagle Bay and is a member of the New York Mills Class of 2016.

Jordyn is a past Student of the Month and has been inducted into our chapters of the National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society.

Jordyn has been active in a variety of roles within our school and has held many leadership positions within the activities. Jordyn was elected Student Council Historian for the 2015-16 school year and has served as class vice president in past years. She has also been elected treasurer of our drama club and chorus for three years and for our yearbook for two years. Jordyn was also our PTSO corresponding secretary for two years. As a Board Member of the New York State Council on Student Leadership and Activities, she is the first student from New York Mills to represent our school at such a high level. Last summer she traveled to New Mexico for the National Association of Student Council national leadership conference in New Mexico, where she worked with and networked with delegates from around the world. She was recently selected by the Utica/Rome Metro League of Women Voters to attend the Students Inside Albany Conference to be held this summer. A talented singer and actress, she has held lead roles in our musicals each year since 8th grade including Mrs. Potts in Beauty and the Beast and, most recently, Tracy in Hairspray. Jordyn has also participated in JV and Varsity Field Hockey, Cheerleading, Varsity Track and Field and was a Varsity Basketball manager.

Jordyn works part-time at McDonald’s where she was not only named Employee of the Month as a sophomore, but serves as a crew trainer. She also works as a babysitter.

Jordyn plans to pursue a career as an elementary teacher. This year she is participating in a bridge program with Utica College. In the morning she takes classes on the UC campus and then spends the afternoons taking classes at our high school. Jordyn plans to continue her education at Utica College in the fall. Jordyn cares about her school and community and has worked consistently for the betterment of those around her. She strives for success in all aspects of her life and has a bright future ahead of her.

**May**

Natalie Ciaccia, a member of the New York Mills Junior/Senior High School Class of 2016, was named the New York Mills Optimist Youth of the Month for May. Natalie is the daughter of Vincent and Roseanne Ciaccia of New Hartford.

Natalie is a high honor roll student who has been inducted into our chapters of the Junior and High School National Honor Societies. She has also been recognized as Student of the Month every year since seventh grade and as a junior was awarded scholarships to both RPI and Clarkson University.

Natalie has participated in a large number of activities throughout high school, ranging from athletics to the arts, to student government and other organizations. Natalie has been elected Vice President of the Class of 2016 for the past two years. Her involvement in leadership activities also includes representing our school as Youth Ambassador at the Hugh O’Brien Leadership conference, attending the NYSCLSA Conference, and as one of our two student advisors on Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi’s Youth Advisory Panel. A talented clarinet player, Natalie has availed herself to all that our music department has to offer from chorus to concert, jazz, spirit and marching bands. She has been an active participant in our drama club and often runs the lights and sounds boards for our musical events. In addition, Natalie is a two-year member of the yearbook and newspaper staffs and the prom committee, the former of which she served as Treasurer. For the past four years, Natalie has been a member of our Varsity Club and has participated on our Varsity Cross Country and Track and Field teams. She has been named Most Improved Player for each of the sports. Natalie has spent countless hours as a tutor to a number of middle and high school students and has represented our school in the Healthcare Olympiad and Colgate Seminar. She is an active member of her church and the Maronite Youth Organization, for which she has been the vice president for the past three years. Other volunteer activities include singing in a local nursing home, working at the PTSO craft fair, working in the gift shop at a local hospital, volunteering at Camp Hollise and participating the Heart Run and Walk and Relay for Life. Natalie also has a part-time job at a local store.

Natalie plans to pursue a career in the engineering field and will attend Binghamton University in the fall. Natalie’s dedication to her school and community has been endless and the positive impact that she will leave behind will last for many years. We wish her well in her future.
The Optimist Club of New York Mills has named Ryan Kulesa as Youth of the Month for June. Ryan is the son of David and Robin Kulesa and is a member of the New York Mills Jr. & Sr. High School Class of 2016.

Ryan has been named to High Honor Roll consistently throughout high school as well as has been recognized as Student of the Month. He was inducted into our National Junior Honor Society in 8th grade and our National Honor Society in 11th grade.

Ryan’s extracurricular involvement includes athletics and tutoring. He played on our JV Basketball team has been a multiple-year member of our Varsity Cross Country and Track and Field teams. In addition, Ryan has played summer AAU Basketball for many years. During the past two years, Ryan has been an invaluable tutor and mentor for our 7th graders, with whom he spent countless hours working during his study hall. He holds a job washing dishes at Twin Ponds.

Ryan has been very active within his church communities. He has devoted many hours to help run an area church festival. Additional activities within church also include multiple-year membership in the youth group, attending the youth convention and participating in the winter retreat. Ryan also spearheaded the implementation of and led a Bible Club for fellow students and delivered sermons at a local church. He has also volunteered at a summer church-run camp and wrote a book about God in which he discusses inspiration.

Ryan plans to attend the University of Valley Forge in the fall to pursue a career in pastoral ministry with a concentration in preaching. Ryan has been an important part of our school and has touched the lives of those of us within the community in a positive way. We look forward to witnessing him take the steps needed in order to make his dreams become reality.

2015-2016 High Honor Roll Students

The following students were on the High Honor Roll for at least two trimesters & will be recognized at the “Success is Sweet” Celebration.

2nd Grade: Madelyn Bates, Cody Berge, Steven Bouse, Abbey Calhoun, Jaden Clifford, Brooke Coffin, Tyreke Cornett, Skylar DesMarais, Nevaeh Kimble, Liam Mahardy, Kathryn Matyjas, Sadie Lubey, Noah Beckwith, Asah Bova, Lindzee Brush, Maggie Copperwheat, Madison Dobson, Nathaneal Dzwonkowski, Austin Exton, Cameron Smith

3rd Grade: Selen Bilal, Emily Cognetti, Gabriella Dietz, Alexa Grande, Rose Jeff, Zachary Matyjas, Arianna Piazza, Kathryn Williams, Heidi Cilbrith, Sean Clifford Jr., Julianna Dreidel, Yuvaraj Patel, Mia Roberts, Andrew Sosa, Kash Henkle, Kaylee Frank, Abigail Pavlus, Emma Countryman, Matthew Fairbrother

4th Grade: Lenna Comenale, Hailey Mahardy, Vincent Martell, Brady Prince, Victoria Odarchuk, Nicholas Chaffee, Katherine Eliason, Jayla Jordan, Timothy Kirilko, Lauren Kulpa, Rocco LaBella, Alivia Rizzo, Xander McCoy, Emily Pavlus

5th Grade: Kole Bates, Hailey Cornish, Darren Lin, Emily Pollock, Kiarra Jones, Lily Comenale, Allison Herrman, Thomas Malinowski, Julie Roberts

6th Grade: Michaela Downs, Jacob Edwards, Jemma Jordan, Olivia Liccardo, Nicholas Mitchell, Joseph Odarchuk, Francesca Borrometi, Logan Copperwheat, Isabella Cornish, Noah Diskin, Danil Donchuk, Emma Kistner, Ta’Naiya Manolescu, Marc Fellows, Ethan Hurst, Kara Osika, Samantha Paparella

7th and 8th Grade Building Leaders of Tomorrow

Five students from 7th grade and six students from 8th grade were selected by their teachers as Building Leaders of Tomorrow (BLT) Award Winners. This program was started by our Building Leadership Team (BLT) several years ago to recognize top students at the junior high level. Students were nominated based on academics, effort, attendance and citizenship. Winners were treated to lunch at Moose River and parents were invited to attend.

Congratulations to the following students:

7th Grade
McKenzie Brush
Victor Lee
Sophia Lin
Hannah Mahardy
Maria Maloney

8th Grade
Olivia Achen-Tebsherany
Alesya Avrusevich
Rachel Downs
Nina Fellone
Alexis Gyor
Kiley Lyons
School News

Varsity Baseball

The New York Mills Varsity Baseball Team had another good season posting a record of (11-3) league and (18-4) overall in the Center State Conference. On May 26, 2016 the Marauders were ranked #5 in New York State. On May 5, 2016 the Marauders had the opportunity to play at Double Day Field in Cooperstown, N.Y. against #2 Heuvelton who they defeated 5-2. In the Month of May, the Marauders went on to win 12 games losing just two. In Sectional play the Marauders went 2-1 defeating Remsen and Madison, losing to Oriskany in the Sectional semi-final. The team was led by seniors Griffin Baur, Dalton Henry, Brandon Ross, Mike Copperwheat, Terry Nichols and Brian Coughlin. The other players who contributed to the successful season are: Rob Maciol, Nick Briggs, Jake Venarro, Joe Marchese, Alex Matrassi and Matt Centolella. Three Players were voted 1st Team Center State Conference All-Stars: Dalton Henry, Catcher, with a Batting average of .429; Griffin Baur, Pitcher, with a Batting average of .414; and Brandon Ross, Infielder, with a Batting average of .397. Three players were also voted Center State Conference 2nd Team All-Stars: Nick Briggs, Infielder/Outfielder, with a Batting average of .295; Jake Venarro, Pitcher, with a record of 6-0; and Terry Nichols, Infielder.

Varsity Softball

The 2016 varsity softball squad improved greatly from the beginning of the season until the final game.

Several team and individual goals were accomplished. These include: offensive and defensive improvements, team chemistry, a better understanding of softball and four important wins. The highlights this season were a comeback win over Remsen and Madison, losing just two. In Sectional play the Marauders went 2-1 defeating Remsen and Madison, losing to Oriskany in the Sectional semi-final. The team was led by seniors Griffin Baur, Dalton Henry, Brandon Ross, Mike Copperwheat, Terry Nichols and Brian Coughlin. The other players who contributed to the successful season are: Rob Maciol, Nick Briggs, Jake Venarro, Joe Marchese, Alex Matrassi and Matt Centolella. Three Players were voted 1st Team Center State Conference All-Stars: Dalton Henry, Catcher, with a Batting average of .429; Griffin Baur, Pitcher, with a Batting average of .414; and Brandon Ross, Infielder, with a Batting average of .397. Three players were also voted Center State Conference 2nd Team All-Stars: Nick Briggs, Infielder/Outfielder, with a Batting average of .295; Jake Venarro, Pitcher, with a record of 6-0; and Terry Nichols, Infielder.

The future is very bright for the softball team as 10 girls are expected to return. The Lady Marauders will participate at a summer league in New Hartford in order to begin preparing for 2017. This was by far one of the most coachable groups Coach Smith has worked within his 30 years of coaching softball.

Track and Field

Boys and Girls Varsity Invitationals

Ed Wadas Whitesboro Invite
Boys 12th Place, Girls 4th Place

Oneida Invite
Boys 23rd Place, Girls 10th Place

Vestal Golden Bear Invite
Boys 21st Place, Girls 18th Place

CSC Championship
Boys 5th Place, Girls 1st place League Champs

Sectionals
Boys 8th Place, Girls 1st Place Section III Champs

The Track & Field Team had a great year and set many new school records including Austin Cady 3000m Steeplechase 10:55.50 Ben Kehrlir Pentathlon 2016 points Abbey Copperwheat 800m 2:29.32 Sarah Sharpe 1500m 4:57.59 Sarah Sharpe 2000m Steeplechase 7:48.20 Sarah Sharpe 3000m 10:41.99 Michaela Marrero Pentathlon 1483 points Natalie Ciaccia, Sarah Sharpe, 4x400m Relay 4:29.37 Megan Crist, Abbey Copperwheat Natalie Ciaccia, Abbey Copperwheat, 4x800m Relay 10:26.35 Megan Crist, Sarah Sharpe

The 2016 Track & Field team was young and looks to have a bright future. The team set many personal records as well as improvements from the beginning of the season. The Girls were the 2016 CSC Champions and Sectional Champions.

Golf

The 2016 New York Mills Boys Golf Team just finished another outstanding season. Their league record was 8-2 and overall record was 10-2.

One highlight of the year was beating rival Oriskany in both matches played. Another bright spot was the team’s 2nd place finish in the Section 3 golf tournament held at Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club. Dalton Brown, a senior on the team, qualified for the State Qualifier At Colgate University: Seven Oaks Golf Course. Dalton’s fine play allowed him to participate in both the second and third day of state qualifying; a difficult and rare feat.

To end the season, Dalton Brown and Cameron Soja finished 3rd out of 22 schools in the 2-man CSC team tournament; Dalton shot a 75, good enough for 3rd place overall. This year’s golf team consisted of: Dalton Brown, Cameron Soja, Kenny Egan, Anthony Mitchell, Zach Hassan, Ryan Sharpe, Nick Acee, Robert Kinville, and Dhruvkumar Patel.

Adriana Perretta, and Sarah Sharpe.

The New York Mills Track & Field Team performed well at Sectionals with the girls team bringing home the title. The last Sectional Championship in track was 2005.

Sarah Sharpe represented New York Mills in the New Balance Outdoor Track Nationals 1500m in Greensboro, North Carolina on June 18, 2016.

Thank you to all the seniors and you will be missed. Senior included Andrew Albert, Austin Cady, Evan Hall, Ben Kehrlir, Natalie Ciaccia, Megan Crist, Abbey Fitzgerald, Amanda Fitzgerald, Caitlyn Mackay, Alexis Orr, Adriana Perretta, and Makenzie Stevens.
Students of the Month

The students selected as "Students of the Month" will continue to be recognized this year. A vote will take place each month and there will be one winner for each grade level (7-11). Students will be judged on the following:


June 2016

Christina Malinowski  Grade 11
Paul Ward, Jr.  Grade 10
Nicholas Despins  Grade 9
Jordyn Stevens  Grade 8
Lesya Voloshchuk  Grade 7

Kids of Character Awards

The following 3-6 students were selected as Kids of Character at New York Mills Elementary School. This award is given for following The Marauder Way on a regular basis.

APRIL Kids of Character Awards

Grade 3 – Rose Jeff and Siena Lorraine
Grade 4 – Katherine Eliason and Talan Marchese
Grade 5 – Nathan Alford and Isaiah Sobolewski
Grade 6 – Ethan Hurst and Nicholas Mitchell

JUNE Kids of Character Awards

Grade 3 – Matthew Fairbrother and Allison Meagher
Grade 4 – Samantha Jordan and Nixie Lorraine
Grade 5 – Benjamin Boccardo and Sophia Van Dusen
Grade 6 – Torie Bullen and Isabella Cornish

Class Of 2022 Sixth Grade Graduates

Mr. Kuhn’s Class
Kaylee Anderson
Ian Bailey
Ariellah Bova
Torie Bullen
Kaileigh Carman
Wyatt Daniels
Abdul-Qiyam Darrell
Azriel Diaz
Michaela Downs
Jacob Edwards
Emily Hutching
Jemma Jordan
Mackenzie Kulawy
Ciara Lape
Brady Lenahan
Olivia Liccardo
Cambria Litzinger
Connor McCarthy
Nicholas McCarthy
Joseph Mitchell
Kara Osika
Max Sinker
Antonio Talerico
Jesse VanEtten

Mrs. Sacco’s Class
Olivia Beaulieu
Francesca Borrometi
Emma Clements
Logan Copperheath
Isabella Cornish
Noah Diskin
Danil Donchuk
Marc Fellows
Charity Fransman-Stevens
Josemiguel Gahan
Logan Henkle
Ethan Hurst
Lily Hynes
Makayla Jones
Emma Kistner
Ta’Naiya Manolescu
Madelyn McCoy
Samatha Paparella
Isiah Potter
Dylan Saunders
Jack Scibior
Caleb Sigal
Sean Sobolewski
Isaiah Thomas
Bryan Tramacera

Career and Technical Honor Society Inductees

Christopher Cirasuolo and Danyel Savage were inducted into the Career and Technical Honor Society in a ceremony at the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Learning Center on May 24. Congratulations Christ and Danyel!

Congratulations Awardees!

Terrance Nichols winner of the National Athletic Administrators Chapter 3 Section 3 scholar-athlete 2016 essay winner and Andrew Albert and Brianna Fuccillo 2016 Section 3 senior scholar-athlete award winner.
Great Minds Lunch Lecture

This fall, the science department began the “Great Minds Lunch Lecture” series. Science students in grades 9-12 were offered the chance to deliver a 15 minute lecture about any science, math, engineering, or technology subject that they enjoyed learning about. Students were required to research the topic themselves, prepare a presentation, practice the presentation with at least two science teachers, and then invite fellow students to sign up to attend their lecture. This opportunity allowed students to showcase their love and knowledge of STEM topics. Student speakers this year included seniors Natalie Ciaccia, Ryan Kulesa, Andrew Albert, and Brianna Fuccillo, junior John Mitchell, and freshman Kaitlyn Kulway. Alumnus and current University of Rochester student George Albert also returned to make an appearance at the lecture series once to explain his computer-based neuron density research project and then a second time to share the results of his research project. George said that he loved coming back to present his work with students, not only to share his love of science but to show them the potential they have for the future. The science department is looking forward to hosting the lecture series again next year! If any alumni are interested in presenting, please contact Mr. Eramo at meramo@newyorkmills.org.

Physics Bowl

The second annual regional Physics Bowl took place this spring at Westmoreland high school. Mr. Eramo’s Physics students competed against students from Proctor and Westmoreland in an academic face off consisting of trivia style questions, a relay race, Pictionary and lastly, an engineering challenge all centered around physics concepts. Our students worked together as a team as a chance at victory came down to the final event. While our team was not victorious, we had a great time spending our afternoon doing science and flexing our academic might!

Physics Class Visits Six Flags

For the third year in a row, Mr. Eramo’s Physics class attended Six Flags to study the physics of roller coasters. Students rode such towering rides as the Man of Steel, the Boomerang, and even the Human Pendulum, all while calculating their velocity, acceleration, energy, and power. Even after a long day of having fun, students worked tirelessly on the bus ride home finishing their labs, working together to find a solution to the problems laid out before them. The trip was a great way to cap off an amazing year in physics!

Periodic Table Challenge

It started off as a joke between classes, but it grew into a competition. This spring, Mr. Eramo’s 8th grade science students and Miss Foote’s boys’ chemistry lab class faced off in a periodic table challenge! Students had to know element symbols, oxidation states, Lewis dot structures, and subatomic particle values. In the end, the boys were victorious, and they won the prized half-moon cookies. Since this competition was so fun, it could happen periodically.

Students Compete at Griffiss Air Force Base

For the fourth year in a row, students at New York Mills competed in the Air Force Research Labs Engineering Competition at Griffiss Air Force Base. Brianna Fuccillo and Rachel Siegel spent their spring break, accompanied by Mr. Eramo and Mrs. Gates, working with engineers, scientists, and PhD students to investigate the digital footprint one leaves behind while surfing the internet and internet security. To culminate the weeklong competition, Brianna and Rachel had to present their findings to a board of engineers during a presentation. It was a great experience for our students to learn new concepts and to get a glimpse of career possibilities in science and engineering.

Great Minds Lunch Lecture
**Science Dissection**

For the 6th year, Mrs. Gates’ AP Biology class and other seniors visited Miss Foote’s 7th grade science class to dissect the frog. Seniors are put with groups of 7th graders to guide the young students in the dissection. The 7th graders always love when the seniors come in, and they always feel like they have learned about anatomy and the seniors are able to showcase their skills and knowledge they’ve acquired. At the end of the experience, 7th graders write a thank you note to their senior leaders, which the seniors receive just before they graduate. Many 7th graders are inspired by the seniors and can’t wait to be a senior and dissect with future 7th graders!

**Leave a Lasting Legacy**

The New York Mills UFSD School Foundation is proud to announce the second round of commemorative bricks ordering is now open. Brick prices start at just $50 and they are a great way to leave behind a memory of your time (or a family member's time) at New York Mills School. In order to have your order placed in this second round, please order by August 26, 2016. Please contact Gary Porcelli or Steve King with any questions or just mail the order form below to the New York Mills UFSD School Foundation c/o the District Office.

**Kids of Character Awards**

The following 3-6 students were selected as Kids of Character at New York Mills Elementary School. This award is given for following The Marauder Way on a regular basis.

**MAY Kids of Character Awards**

**Grade 3** – Jasmene Duymaz and Abigail Pavlus
**Grade 4** – Cardin Chau and Angelina Mateo-Rauscher
**Grade 5** – Emily Angell and Emily Pollock
**Grade 6** – Francesca Borrometi and Abdul Darrell
Sixth Grade Special Recognitions

**National Physical Fitness Award**
- Ian Bailey
- Emma Clements
- Wyatt Daniels
- Abdul-Qiyam Darrell
- Azriel Diaz
- Michaela Downs
- Lily Hynes
- Emma Kistner
- Olivia Liccardo
- Ta’Naiya Manolescu
- Samantha Paparella
- Bryan Tramacera

**Top Five High Academic Achievers**
- Francesca Borrometi
- Isabella Cornish
- Noah Diskin
- Danil Donchuk
- Joseph Ordarchuk

**PTSO Citizenship Award**
- Jacob Edwards
- Bryan Tramacera

**State of New York Office of the State Comptroller**
- Ethan Hurst
- Olivia Liccardo

**CSEA Union Local 1000 Scholarship Award**
- Noah Diskin

**New York State Triple “C” Award**
- Isabella Cornish
- Connor McCarthy

**Presidential Physical Fitness Award**
- Olivia Beaulieu
- Logan Copperwheat
- Makayla Jones
- Cambria Litzinger
- Connor McCarthy
- Joseph Ordarchuk
- Kara Osika