

NYS MILLS

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UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

class of 2016 Honor Graduates



Andrew Albert
Valedictorian



Natalie Ciaccia
Salutatorian



Stephen Briody



Megan Crist



Brianna Fuccillo



Ryan Kulesa



*Courtney
Tramacera*

Class of 2016

Andrew Albert
Cassidy Albright
Alexis Alsheimer
Griffin Baur
Lindsey Boucher
Stephen Briody
Dalton Brown
Austin Cady
Natalie Ciaccia

Michael Copperwheat III
Hannah Cornish
Megan Crist
Vincent DeAngelo
Shawn Essafi
Abigail Fitzgerald
Amanda Fitzgerald
Brianna Fuccillo
Adam Ganim

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



Superintendent's Message

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

Highest Achiever Students 2015-2016

2nd Grade

Lindzee Brush
Liam Mahardy
Sadie Lubey
Kathryn Matyjas
Nathaneal Dzwonkowski

5th Grade

Lily Comenale
Nathan Bristol
Emily Pollock
Kiarra Jones
Darren Lin

3rd Grade

Heidi Cilbrith
Arianna Piazza
Alexa Grande
Zachary Matyjas
Mia Robert
Sara Bailey
Kash Henkle

6th Grade

Jemma Jordan
Danil Donchuk
Joseph Odarchuk
Madelyn McCoy
Noah Diskin
Francesca Borrometi

4th Grade

Victoria Odarchuk
Katherine Eliason
Hailey Mahardy
Jayla Jordan
Rocco LaBella

Best Wishes
for a Happy
Retirement!



Sandy Pearsall with the
Class of 2016 as first graders!



Helene Ross



Charlie Ferguson



Sandy Pearsall





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 DiViccario, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward DiViccario, 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



Senior Class Awards



These members of the senior class received the following 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 PTSO
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 PTSO
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 PTSO
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

New York Mills Graduating Class of 2016



Student Awards

Senior Class Awards

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

Class of 2016 Honor Graduates

High Honor Graduates (95% - 100%)

Valedictorian - Andrew Albert
Salutatorian - Natalie Ciaccia
Stephen Briody
Megan Crist
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*
Caitlyn Mackay
Adriana Perretta*
Julie Rybka
Courtney Tramacera
Christian Zampa

* With Honors

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

Regents Diploma with Honors

Hannah Cornish
Jordyn Keeck-Beach
Shana Lavier



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 Keeck-Beach

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 had 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.

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 Ciaccia

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 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 Kulesa

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, Yuvraj 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 Gyore
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 two very competitive games to end the season vs. State ranked opponents. Senior Brittany Fucillo was an outstanding leader on and off the field. Juniors Chloe Cattadorris and Alyssa Fucillo led the marauders offensively and defensively.

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 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.

The Track & Field Team had a great year and set many new school records including Austin Cady 3000m Steeplechase 10:55.50 Ben Kehrlri 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

Andrew Albert, Austin Cady, Jackson Collins, and Ben Kehrlri earned CSC All-Stars for the boys. For the girls CSC all-stars included Rachel Beaulieu, Natalie Ciaccia, Abbey Copperwheat, Megan Crist, Caitlyn Mackay, Christina Malinowski

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 Kehrlri, 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:

1. Academic effort
2. Positive attitude
3. Respectful behavior
4. School involvement
5. Community involvement

June 2016



Christina Malinowski
Grade 11



Paul Ward, Jr.
Grade 10



Nicholas Despina
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 Mitchell
Joseph Odarchuk
Kara Osika
Max Sinkler
Antonio Talerico
Jesse VanEtten

Mrs. Sacco's Class

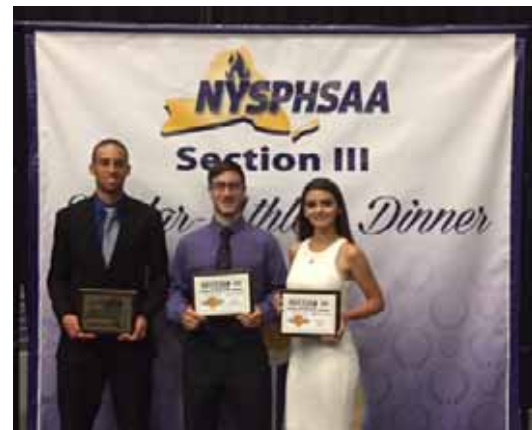
Olivia Beaulieu
Francesca Borrometi
Emma Clements
Logan Copperwheat
Isabella Cornish
Noah Diskin
Danil Donchuk
Marc Fellows
Charity Fransman-Stevens
Josemiguel Gahan
Logan Henkle
Ethan Hurst
Lily Hynes
Makayla Jones
Emma Kistner
Ta'Naiya Manolescu
Madelyn McCoy
Samantha Paparella
Isiah Potter
Dylan Saunders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

Career and Technical Honor Society Inductees

Christopher Cirusuolo 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.





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

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.



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 Borrrometi and Abdul Darrell





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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 Odarchuk

Presidential Physical Fitness Award

Olivia Beaulieu
Logan Copperwheat
Makayla Jones
Cambria Litzinger
Connor McCarthy
Joseph Ordarchuk
Kara Osika

PTSO Citizenship Award

Jacob Edwards
Bryan Tramacera

State of New York Office of the State Comptroller

Ethan Hurst
Olivia Liccardo

New York State Triple “C” Award

Isabella Cornish
Connor McCarthy

CSEA Union Local 1000 Scholarship Award

Noah Diskin

