



# HOLLEY DIMENSION

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## Congratulations to Holley's Graduating Class of 2021

Fifty-eight seniors graduated from Holley Middle School/High School (MS/HS) on June 26. All students wore red caps and gowns as they filed into the MS/HS Auditorium and found their seats on stage. Thirty-two graduates headed off to higher education, 12 joined the workforce, six enlisted in the military, two were undecided and one joined AmeriCorps. Graduates received over \$30,000 in local scholarships and awards, and they are eligible for up to \$350,000 in specific college scholarships.

Class of 2021 President Callie Updike started the ceremony. In her Salutatorian speech, she acknowledged fellow senior Evan Valentine,

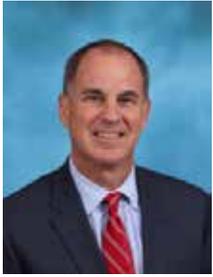
who died of cancer in February 2021. "Keep Evan's memory alive," she said. "Keep fighting, like he did. Don't let the world stop you." Valedictorian Allyson Skehan also mentioned Valentine in her speech. "Evan reminded us to live in the moment," she said. "He also taught us to make a difference in the world." Vice President Karl (K.J.) Biedlingmaier presented the class gift of a donation to the Holley music department in memory of Valentine, who was passionate about music. The Senior Ensemble sang "Don't Worry About Me" to honor Valentine. Students wore orange ribbons on their graduation gowns to memorialize

Valentine and his battle with leukemia, as well as "Evan Strong" emblems ironed on their caps. An orange carnation was in each flower arrangement on stage to represent Valentine, too. A gown was draped over the chair he would have sat in at graduation. His parents, Neal and Diane Valentine, were given his diploma in a special presentation. Diane addressed the graduates and talked about how they supported Evan's family during his battle with cancer and how thankful they all were for that support. "You have shown what kind of adults you are already," she said. "I don't think the world is ready for you!"

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# A Message from the Superintendent



Greetings Holley Families,

It's hard to believe, but we've reached the finish line. We're at the end of what has been the most remarkable school year that any of us can remember!

From a summer of uncertainty in 2020 to opening school in September with a hybrid learning system none of us could have ever imagined, then bringing back students more fully in-person this spring, we've sure been through a lot of changes. However, through it all, the spirit and perseverance of Holley students and staff made it all work. We have a long way to go to get to a place where we want to be, but I know we're on the right path.

This summer, we're hosting a learning academy ("Camp Rising Hawk") at Holley Elementary School for students entering grades 1-9. Given the loss of learning over the past 15-16

months or so, we believe that this will be a way to address some of those gaps in student achievement. However, keeping students reading and engaged in learning activities over the summer will also be very important as we prepare for next year. We're also looking at ways to enhance our ability to meet students' learning needs for the 2021-22 school year by increasing our before- and after-school help sessions, offering more intervention programs for students who are behind, and adding some staff to help our younger learners.

Our plan for the 2021-22 school year is to be back 100% in-person, five days a week. We just received new guidance from the NYS Department of Health concerning the end of the 2020-21 school year and for summer school programs and camps. However, we haven't received anything official from NYS about how school will be conducted in the fall. Hopefully, that will arrive soon so we can communicate expectations to families and our staff.

We were very excited to have most of our traditional programs and activities back this

spring in-person, even if they looked a little different. From field days, concerts and a Flag Day event to having award assemblies and "moving up" ceremonies, we were happy to celebrate our students' successes in a way we couldn't last year. We were able to have our graduation ceremony in traditional fashion on June 26 in the MS/HS Auditorium. We looked forward to that event as not only a way to recognize the amazing achievements of the Class of 2021 and all they've endured and accomplished during their final two years at Holley CSD, but also as a symbol for all of us to commence - to move on to better days ahead!

Have a safe, healthy and happy summer, and once again, thank you for your continued support of the Holley Central School District!

Brian Bartalo  
Superintendent of Schools

## 2021-22 Budget Passes and Board Members Elected

On May 18, Holley voters passed the budget with 359 yes votes and 137 no votes. The Purchase of Replacement School Buses proposition passed with 338 yes votes and 160 no votes. The budget for the Holley Community Free Library passed with 358 yes votes and 141 no votes.

Holley voters also elected Brian McKeon (301 votes), Anne Smith (298 votes) and Salvatore De Luca Jr. (258 votes) to the Board of Education (BOE) for three-year terms, and Tracy Van Ameron (241 votes) to the BOE to complete the remainder of John Heise's term.

The district congratulates Brian, Anne, Sal and Tracy on their elections, and thanks the voters for supporting our budget and propositions.

## Tenured Teachers

At the May 18 Board of Education meeting, five Holley teachers were granted tenure. Elementary school teachers Tristin Rider and Kelsey Yantz, physical education teachers Jeff Cumpston and Lori Passarell, and art teacher Ken Clause completed the four-year process to become tenured teachers for the district.



*Congratulations to all!*

# Dedication Ceremony in Honor of John Heise

In honor of long-time Holley educator and Board of Education (BOE) member John Heise who died suddenly in December 2020, the Holley Middle School/High School (MS/HS) Library was named the John P. Heise Memorial Library in a dedication ceremony on June 21. MS/HS Principal Susan Cory

welcomed invited guests in the MS/HS foyer outside the library. Heise's son, Kevin, and wife, Sandy, spoke about John's love of reading and impact on the Holley community. BOE President Robin Silvis led the library dedication ceremony and gave closing remarks before guests moved to the MS/HS

Dining Hall for refreshments, which included cookies decorated as open books. A red rocking chair was also dedicated to Heise and will be placed in the Holley Elementary School Library. His legacy will live on in both school libraries, a fitting tribute to a man who was dedicated to learning.



## Retirees Honored at Board Meeting

On June 21, six Holley faculty and staff members were honored at the monthly Board of Education meeting for their years spent working in education. Administrative assistant Roxanne Wagner, art teacher Brandi Zavitz, Spanish teacher Kathy Monks, elementary teacher Sheri Viscardi, school counselor Wanda Farrell, and office clerk Sue Morreall retired this year. Congratulations to all of you on your retirements!



# ES Students Walk Across America

by Lori Passarell, Physical Education Teacher

For the month of May, the whole elementary school participated in a Walk Across America. During physical education classes, we walked all around the Holley CSD campus. We followed the Oregon-Trans America trail that is about 5,000 miles long. We tracked our steps and successfully completed our trek from Oregon City, OR to Yorktown, VA. We even had enough steps to journey to Holley, NY! We learned some interesting facts (thanks to teacher Cheryl Kipp) about the history of the Oregon Trail. One fun fact is that children had to walk about 15 miles every day as they travelled westward to Oregon; at night, they had to do their schoolwork! Thank you for everyone who participated. We had some fun walking adventures!



## Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony

Sixty-two sixth graders received certificates of graduation on June 22 as they left their elementary school days behind. They nervously smiled for photos with ES Principal Karri Schiavone as they proudly crossed the stage to "move up" to seventh grade. Students also received numerous awards for their involvement in school activities and academic achievements. Congratulations to these students and keep an eye on the future Class of 2027!



## Flag Day Celebration

You may have seen a parade of Holley Elementary students and staff dressed in red, white and blue walking through the village on June 14. They were celebrating Flag Day for the 64<sup>th</sup> year. Students conducted the assembly part of Flag Day through Zoom, then lined up for the parade, where they walked a loop from the Elementary School to the village square and back. The Flag Day program is a wonderful way for Holley Elementary to show their patriotic pride!



## Crushing it During COVID-19

by Melanie Richards, English Teacher

Ninth grade teachers wanted to recognize students who "crushed it during COVID-19." These students put forth their best effort in all their classes, adjusted to the hybrid or remote model of learning, and proved themselves to be model students. These 29 students really shined during a challenging year, showing their perseverance and grit. The Ninth Grade Team is proud of all they have accomplished. Congratulations!

Students recognized for "crushing it" are: Elijah Lang, Gabe Lindsey, Nicholas VanLogten, Caitlin Dobri, Akiyah Zadorecky, Mason Merriam, Jasmine Apicella, Lily Knopp, Jaxson Schicker, Isabella Samons, Grace Fuller, Layne Walker, Leigha Walker, Cavan Bennage, Lorenzo Zaragoza, Julia Scroope, Dylan Boyko, Isabella Thom, Hayli Kuellertz, Aiden Zadorecky, Harlee Schicker, Luminara Virgilio, Cece Farruggia, Molly Welch, Ruthie Patton, Riley Knopp, Riley Weader and Gabriella Houseknecht.

# Holley Students Attend TBF at the MS/HS Library

by Lisa Osur, MS/HS Library Media Specialist

On Saturday, May 15, nine Holley MS/HS students and two chaperones attended a virtual Teen Book Festival (TBF) in our very own school library. The festival was canceled in 2020, but Holley students have been attending TBF since 2014, so we attended virtually this year.

We designed and ordered t-shirts, planned a large list of food, activities and fun, and then gathered to rearrange the library furniture and get comfy. We watched the Opening Ceremonies together and then attended a number of sessions throughout the day, split between the library or computer lab, allowing two options for each session. TBF connects young people with authors they love, and the festival introduces them to new authors they might want to read; most of their books were on display in our library, with many checked out as the day progressed.

Some of the students decorated old hollowed-out books to hide their treasures within their own bookshelves, and others played board games. Several wrote and read, and we all ate lots of food. We had pizza for lunch, made milkshakes, and baked and decorated cupcakes. We had a blast!



# AMPED Class Attends In-House Fieldtrip

by Jim Di Sessa and Whitney Lagas, AMPED Teachers

Our AMPED class participated in the 2021 Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Foundation Capitol Hill Challenge. It is a stock market stimulation game. Student teams are given \$100,000 to invest. In the AMPED class, we are making connections to how math can help with our investment decisions. As part of their program, SIFMA arranges for a member of Congress to speak to students about financial literacy, the role of Congress and other topics that are of interest to students. Congressman Chris Jacobs spoke to Holley students via Zoom, since they were unable to go on a fieldtrip this year.



# Summer Meals: July 7-Aug. 9

Summer meals will be distributed starting Wednesday, July 7, and then weekly on Mondays through August 9. Like last year, meals will be grab & go in the elementary back bus loop from 8-11 a.m. each week. Meals will be distributed in bulk (breakfast and lunch) for multiple days on Wednesday, July 7, and each Monday thereafter. Dates of the successive distribution pick-ups are July 12, 19, 26 and August 2, 9. There will be no opportunity to eat in the cafeteria this summer.



## Holley-Kendall Marching Band Gives Field Performance

The Holley-Kendall Marching Band held a Spring Showcase on June 16 in the Holley Hawks Stadium. Eight students comprise the color guard and 19 students make up the band. Holley-Kendall Marching Band Director Zach Busch led the presentation, with students demonstrating the marching steps they've learned and performing music and routines they've memorized. The color guard performed on the track while the band performed on the field. Awards were handed out to students and seniors were recognized. It was great to hear live music on a nice evening outside!



## Maihofer Honored at Volleyball Game

On April 8, the Holley JV and Varsity Girls' Volleyball teams honored Jason Maihofer posthumously. Maihofer, who died suddenly in June 2020, was a special education teacher for 25 years at HCSD and a long-time game timekeeper for the volleyball teams. His sons, Colin and Ian, attended the ceremony and received a certificate of appreciation for Maihofer's dedication to the volleyball team. A 25-second period of silence was observed to honor the number of years he worked for the district.

In a statement from the team, they talked about the impact Maihofer had on the district. "Mr. Maihofer was a genuine and kind person, and he was always so supportive of Holley students and coworkers. He reached out to everyone, and he always made you feel listened to and valued when speaking to him. He will truly be missed in the Holley community."



## Senior Walk

Holley seniors completed their "Senior Walk" on June 15. Wearing their graduation gowns and signs listing their post-graduation plans, seniors walked through the halls of the MS/HS, cheered on by the underclassmen, faculty and staff. Seniors also walked through the hallways of the Elementary School as they greeted teachers from their elementary school days. This is the fifth year Holley CSD has hosted a Senior Walk for students.

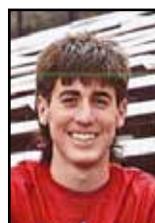
# Holley Students and Food Service Director Honored for Orleans County Recognition Awards

Seven Holley students were honored by the Orleans County Youth Board. Andrew Drechsel, Tatum Gagne, Megan Harrington, Kohl Morgan, Allison Trowbridge, Charles Turpyn and Evan Valentine received the 2021 Youth Recognition Awards. These students are positive role models, perform outstanding service for their communities, or assume extraordinary roles within their families. Students were nominated for this award by community members who live or work in Orleans County.

HCSD Food Service Director Vickie Scroger was honored with the 2021 Helen R. Brinsmaid Memorial Youth Worker Award. Scroger was recognized for feeding students within the district and celebrating their accomplishments, activities and holidays in creative ways. She recognizes all students who participate in athletics during Homecoming week, creates musical-themed menus the week of the annual high school musical, and provides sports banquet meals at cost so all athletes and their

families can attend. During the pandemic when school was closed to students, she provided breakfasts and lunches daily for families to pick up, and occasionally included treats like homemade cookies or plastic eggs filled with candy. She genuinely cares for students and will do anything for them.

To read their nominations, visit [orleans county youth recognition | Orleans Hub](#).



## College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that **Cora Bennage** was accepted to SUNY Brockport into the Delta College program and **Erin Kelly** was accepted to SUNY Brockport. Congratulations!

## Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to **Amya Cancino** for winning the KFC Scholarship!

## CTE Recognitions

Congratulations to **Emma Lavender** for earning the Workforce Competency Credential in her culinary class at WEMOCO! She will also be part of a leadership team for next year.



Congratulations to **Alexandra Mendoza** for earning the Workforce Competency Credential in her phlebotomy class at WEMOCO! She also completed the requirements as set forth by the National Healthcareer Association as a Certified Phlebotomy Technician.



Senior Allyson Skehan won an award from the Monroe 2–Orleans Educational Foundation Board at the Make All The Difference Scholarship Reception on June 3 at the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Professional Development Center in Spencerport. Allyson was a student in the Cosmetology program at the Career and Technical Education Center.

*Congratulations, Allyson!*



On May 6, Holley seniors assembled at the Hawk Stadium to obtain their senior signs. They formed a "21" in the bleachers and posed for photos.

# Kindergarten Graduation

On June 16, kindergarten students invited their families into their classrooms to show off everything they've learned this year before moving on to first grade in the fall. Each family had a time slot to visit, with only a few families in classrooms at one time. Students enjoyed a snack and beverage while watching a slideshow about them. Many students talked about what they wanted to be when they grow up, read their writing examples and presented their artwork to their families (masked) hugs before the final days of school. A few teachers wore scanned copies of their students' artwork on their dresses. Good luck in first grade!



# Pre-K End of Year Program

Amie Callen and Alexa Downey's Pre-K P.M. class held their graduation ceremony on June 17. Thirteen students performed nine songs. Congratulations to the Pre-K graduates!



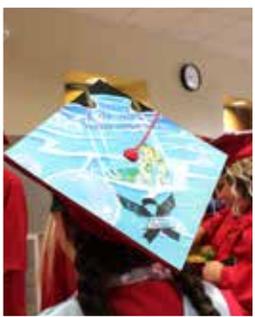
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# Congratulations to Holley's Graduating Class of 2021

Substitute teacher Donald McCall gave the commencement address. He worked for 30 years as a middle school science teacher for Geneva City Schools before moving to Holley four years ago, when he began substitute teaching for the district as his way to give back to his community. Seniors presented him with a "graduation proposal" (like a "promposal") when they asked him to speak at graduation. McCall told graduates he couldn't find evidence of any other substitute teacher giving a commencement address, so they were making history. "I invested in you, and you invested in me," he said. "You accepted me as a teacher, not a sub." He told students to remove labels and create their own opinions about people. He gave the example of testing different

brands of toilet paper against each other. "They're made of the same ingredients, but each has their own value, like one is stronger, another is more absorbent, and this one is the most flushable," said McCall. "People are much the same way – find their value, without labels."

Graduates were acknowledged with awards from Senior Class Advisor Suzanne Lepkowski. After Holley staff announced the graduates' names and future plans, MS/HS Principal Susan Cory posed with the graduates after giving them their diplomas. Superintendent Brian Bartalo and the Board of Education members offered handshakes to the graduates on their way back to their seats. Graduates adjourned to the MS/HS Gym for the traditional cap toss photo.



# Holley Students Witness the Results of Unwise Decisions

On June 4, Holley seniors attended an assembly and mock accident scene to understand the results of driving while under the influence of alcohol and drugs. After watching a video of a party that their classmates attended, students transferred to the parking lot, where two vehicles had collided. One student had crashed through the windshield of one vehicle and the remaining students were trapped and appeared unresponsive in both vehicles. Students portraying the victims of the accident were made up to look like they were injured.

Local law enforcement, first responders and fire departments responded. Emergency responders enacted what they would do at the scene of a two-car motor vehicle crash with injuries and a fatality. The fire department worked to free the victims from the vehicles. The driver of one car was questioned by a sheriff's deputy and put through a field sobriety test before he was handcuffed and placed in the back of the deputy's vehicle. After students were evaluated by ambulance and fire department



personnel, two were loaded onto stretchers and placed in ambulances. The coroner had the "deceased" student's mother identify him before he was zipped into a body bag.

Students filed back into the MS/HS Auditorium to witness the re-enactment of the arraignment and sentencing hearing against the "arrested" student in front of a judge. Orleans County District Attorney Joe Cardone presented the charges against the student to Gaines Town Justice Bruce Schmidt while Public Defender Robert Zickl negotiated for his client. Schmidt talked through the legal ramifications in a case like this. The student was planning to enlist in the military after graduation, but Schmidt informed him that the armed forces wouldn't accept anyone who has pending charges against them, especially felony charges of vehicular manslaughter and DUI. He also issued an order of protection for the victim's family, which never expires, so the student could not have any kind of contact with the victim's family. Cardone stressed to students that it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to use marijuana. "Use good judgement, do the right thing, and contact someone for help if you or

your friends are too impaired to drive," said Cardone.

Holley firefighter Tina Reed started the mock accident program 26 years ago. Her 19-year-old cousin died after falling asleep at the wheel. He drank two beers at a party before driving home, but additional fatigue from working all day caused him to hit a tree and snap his neck. "Think before you drink," said Reed. "Have an open relationship with your parents so that you can call for help at any age." She reiterated that it is illegal to drive while under the influence of marijuana. "Think, be responsible, but enjoy your life," she said.

Renee Biedlingmaier, who portrayed the mother of the "deceased" student, addressed her son's classmates. "Your parents will be mad at you if they have to pick you up late at night, but they'd rather pick you up than go to the morgue," she said.

Principal Susan Cory urged students to think before they get behind the wheel. "Make good choices," she said.



# TOP 10 SENIORS HONORED

The Top 10 Seniors were honored at the Academic Excellence Awards Dinner on June 15 at White Birch Golf Course. Pictured below, front row, from left, Hayley Skidmore, Erin Kelly, Valedictorian Allyson Skehan, Amya-Omar Cancino and Brandi Heffernan; back row, from left, Kasey DeFrank, Karl Biedlingmaier, Andrew Drechsel and Salutatorian Callie Updike. Missing from photo: Annalise Tinkous. Congratulations to the 2021 Top 10 Graduating Seniors!

## Allyson Skehan

- **Valedictorian**
- **Future Plans** – Genesee Community College (GCC) to pursue a degree in business
- **Awards & Recognition** – Scholar Athlete for fall and winter; placed 1st in the SkillsUSA local competition and 5th at the state level
- **High School Activities** – Three-sport Varsity athlete with letters in soccer, cheerleading and track; Captain of soccer and track; Vice President of National Honor Society; National Technical Honor Society; Co-Secretary of the Class of 2021; Concert Band and Choir; Rotary Interact Club; school musicals; attended Cosmetology program at CTE
- **Parents** – Roderick & Beth Skehan

## Callie Updike

- **Salutatorian**
- **Future Plans** – Columbia University to pursue a degree in comparative literature
- **High School Activities** – National Honor Society; President of the Class of 2021; President of Student Council; President of Rotary Interact Club; Concert Band and Choir; Marching Band; GSA; school musicals; performed with RPO Chorale; ran American Red Cross Blood drives
- **Parents** – Daniel & Caryn Updike

## Annalise Tinkous

- **Future Plans** – GCC to pursue a degree in fine arts
- **High School Activities** – National Honor Society; Concert Choir
- **Parents** – Gordon Tinkous II & Joey Habersack-Tinkous

## Erin Kelly

- **Future Plans** – SUNY Brockport to pursue her undergraduate degree, then University at Buffalo to pursue a degree in dentistry
- **High School Activities** – National Honor Society; Concert Band; attended Dental Assisting program at CTE
- **Parents** – Michael & Lori Kelly

## Hayley Skidmore

- **Future Plans** – St. John Fisher College to pursue a degree in environmental studies
- **High School Activities** – National Honor Society; Co-Secretary of the Class of 2021; three-sport Varsity athlete; Rotary Interact Club
- **Parents** – Frederick & Jennifer Probst

## Andrew (A.J.) Drechsel

- **Future Plans** – SUNY Brockport to pursue a degree in education
- **Awards & Recognition** – Recipient of the 2021 Orleans County Youth Bureau Award; Eagle Scout rank
- **High School Activities** – National Honor Society; four-sport Varsity athlete with letters in soccer, basketball, golf and football; Concert Choir; Rotary Interact Club; 4-H; volunteered at county food distribution sites
- **Parents** – Trina Lorentz-Lang & Scott Lang

## Amya-Omar Cancino

- **Future Plans** – University at Buffalo to pursue a degree in social sciences
- **High School Activities** – Treasurer of National Honor Society; three-sport Varsity athlete with letters in soccer, cheerleading and track
- **Parent** – Wendy Barczak-Gomez

## Kasey DeFrank

- **Future Plans** – St. John Fisher College to pursue a degree in criminology/psychology
- **High School Activities** – National Honor Society; Varsity cheerleader; Yearbook Club; Concert Band; dancer at Lisa's Dance Boutique
- **Parents** – Glenn & Kimberly DeFrank

## Karl (K.J.) Biedlingmaier

- **Future Plans** – undecided
- **High School Activities** – National Honor Society; Vice President of the Class of 2021; three-sport Varsity athlete with letters in soccer, basketball and track; Concert Choir; Rotary Interact Club; black belt in karate
- **Parents** – Karl & Renee Biedlingmaier

## Brandi Heffernan

- **Future Plans** – Monroe Community College to pursue a degree in pre-med studies
- **High School Activities** – National Honor Society; Concert Choir and Band; Rotary Interact Club; Varsity volleyball
- **Parents** – Kendall & Pamela Heffernan



# Prom 2021 at Plantation Party House on June 4



# Holley Announces Third Quarter Honor Roll for MS/HS

The Middle School/High School has announced the honor roll and high honor roll for the third marking period. High honors are for all students who maintain a grade average of 89.5 percent or higher. Honors are for students who maintain a grade average of 84.5 to 89.4 percent. The following students received these honors.

## HIGH HONOR ROLL

**Seventh Grade:** Allison Alcott, Dawson Arnold, Landyn Burch, Skylar Gallagher, Elena Girangaya, Annalee Ham, Carissa Klossner, Lauralrene Kretschmer, Nora Lindsay, Hunter Pachla, Kohle Pachla, Alanna Reed, Jax Richards-Dyson, Kevin Robinson Jr., Alexis Salamone, Joshua Silpoch, Aaliyah Stephens, Logan Stoick, and Alexis Van Ameron.

**Eighth Grade:** Kylee Dann, Natalie Foose, Donovan Hendrick-Hayes, Cora Hudzinski, Ernest LaPlante, Colin Liese, Prestyn McMillion, Abigail Merkley, Allison Merle, Alexia Renner, Kaden Rheinwald, Brenden Sargent, Owen Schultz, Maggie Skehan, Julianna Thomas, Alivia Wolf, Zoey Wolf and Lyndsay Young.

**Ninth Grade:** Jasmine Apicella, Cavan Bennage, Dylan Boyko, Caitlin Dobri, Grace Fuller, Anthony GianCursio, Keon Houghton, Gabriella Houseknecht, Hayli Kuellertz, Gabriel Lindsay,

Mason Merriam, Kayla Neale, Ruthie Patton, Isabella Samons, Harlee Schicker, Julia Scroope, Isabella Thom, Layne Walker, Leigha Walker, Ryleigh Weader, Michael Wolfe, Aiden Zadorecky, Akiyah Zadorecky and Lorenzo Zaragoza.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Matthew Barlow, Cameron Bates, Morgan Blosenbauer, Alejandro Buchiere, James Burch, Erin DeFrank, Hunter Kaminski, Sarah Kelly, Shannon Kelly, Sara Kingdollar, Miles Lammes, Casey Onisk, Ava Quincey, Elise Quincey, Katelyn Randall, Ryan SanFilippo, Lily Sprague, Lydia Sprague and Reese Worrock.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Kirsstin Althoff, Harleigh Andrews, Cora Bennage, Adriana Botello, Brooke Boyko, Kalen Brady, Thomas Dobri, Tatum Gagne', Rachel Kinsey, Grace McKeon, Mason Neale, Libbie Pecora, Leah Rheinwald, Deanna Schubmehl and Abigail Tanis.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Abigail Bubb, Julia Buck, Amya-Omar Cancino, Kasey DeFrank, Hope Diaz, Andrew Drechsel, Brandi Heffernan, Briana Heffernan, Rachael Howard, Erin Kelly, Skyla Milazzo, Kayleigh Neale, Nathan Nothnagle, Halee Passarell, Jakob Silpoch, Allyson Skehan, Madelyn St. John, Annalise Tinkous, Antonio Torres, Allison Trowbridge and Callie Updike.

## HONOR ROLL

**Seventh Grade:** Jordan Anderson, Caleb Donley, Maizy Ehrhardt, Brody Fiorito, Adrianna Houseknecht, Layla Jones, Rhiannon Kaminski, Lily Newman, Lon Odle and Skyler Zava.

**Eighth Grade:** Lea Brightly, Randy Dash Jr., Xavier Garcia, Elizabeth Kinsey, Koryn Neale, Gabriel Stevens and Ari Warner.

**Ninth Grade:** Jailyn Bishop, Emma Brady, Dakota Burch, Alexys Harner, Elijah Lang, Griffin Riedman, Karissa Robinson, Madison Schicker, Brenden Trowbridge and Luminara Virgilio.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Riley Allen, Drew Carlston, Ryan Frank, Rhiannon Kaminski, Roman Odeychuk, Jesse Patterson, Joseph Silpoch, Andrew Thomas and Cameron Walker.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Zane Christakes, Cam Engert, Cassandra Heaster, Emma Lavender, Hayley Lipke, Lewis Monk, Broek Ostrom and Kayla Pagano.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Wyatt Kuhn, Shashona MacPhee, Alexandra Mendoza, Jazmin Mounts, Kayden Servais, Jared Strathearn, Robert Torres and Charles Turpyn.

## Students' Musical Skills on Display in Spring Concerts

After a school year full of music classes and lessons done both virtually and in-person in small groups, it was a welcome relief to finally be able to conduct some live performances as entire ensembles in June. Band and chorus students were able to perform in the MS/HS Auditorium or Gym for their families and friends. The Elementary Spring Concert was on June 8, with Beginner Band, Elementary Choir and Concert

Band performing, comprised of students in grades 4-6. The Middle School Spring Concert was on June 21, featuring students in grades 7-8 performing in the MS Choir and Band. The High School Spring concert was on June 17, with students in grades 9-12 performing in Concert Choir and Band. Well done!



# Future Phlebotomists Gain Work Experience

by Amy LaGambino, CTE Outreach Assistant

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) Phlebotomy and Laboratory Science students have a new opportunity: phlebotomy training at a local collection station. It's a unique experience for high school students. Holley senior Alexandra Mendoza is one of four students participating in this first-ever cooperative work option.

In order to qualify for the professional phlebotomy certification exam, candidates must complete 30 successful blood draws (or "sticks") on live patients. In the CTE classroom lab at WEMOCO, there are state-of-the-art IV practice arms that have simulated blood to help prepare students for live draws. Teacher Jim Payne said, "Students have translated well the skills learned on the phlebotomy training arm, which allowed them to begin successfully drawing patients' blood on the first day at the collection site." Mendoza spent one full week working with a trainer at a collection site, which is the same process that new hires follow in this workplace.

One nice feature of the IV practice arms is that their veins are easy to find, and they do not have any personal issues. In real-life draws, students faced numerous challenges, which they translated into useful lessons. During their internships, there were babies who needed to have blood drawn, adults who were incapable of cooperating, patients who needed draws done from their hands and someone who fainted. As Mendoza said, "Many people come in and right away say they are either a hard stick or that their veins roll."



Right from the beginning, the skills Mendoza brought from the classroom were recognized and praised. Her trainer said, "Wow, you actually know how to tie a tourniquet!" Although she had to identify herself as a trainee for each blood draw, she had many compliments praising her for providing a painless needle stick. One patient told the trainer that she wants Mendoza for all her future blood draws!

Students felt confident with their skills at drawing blood, but they learned from the internship that they excel at another skill – making patients feel at ease. Their trainers pointed out that their demeanors were good for dealing with the public. Mendoza is a people person, and she loved the interaction with patients. She shared that she kept patients talking, calmly explaining each step in the process so they were never startled.

Being in a real workplace was a "confidence booster," according to Mendoza. "I now know I can do this," she said. For her, the onsite week affirmed her goal to pursue phlebotomy professionally. She shared that it was amazing to put the theory and simulations she's experienced in class to action in real life. Mendoza plans to attend college in the future, but first, she intends to enter the workforce as a phlebotomist after high school graduation.

As noted earlier, 30 successful "sticks" must be verified before a potential phlebotomist can take the certification exam. In her one-week assignment, Mendoza had more than 120 successful sticks – a measure of success for her skills and for this new CTE partnership.

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## National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Induction Ceremony occurred on May 26 via Zoom. Fourteen students in seventh through ninth grade were inducted based on their application to the faculty selection committee and maintenance of a 90 percent or higher academic average. To be inducted, students must demonstrate the five qualities of NJHS membership: character, citizenship, leadership, scholarship and service.

The ceremony began on Zoom with four current NJHS members, new inductees, Principal Susan Cory and NJHS Advisor Whitney Lagas attending. Lagas lit the ceremonial candles and current members described each of the qualities of membership. The new members were sworn in

as a group. After the ceremony, students received their certificates from Principal Cory and signed their name in the book that maintains a record of every NJHS inductee since 1989.

Cory ended the induction ceremony with a brief message to students and their parents. "Be strong and carry on goodness to build our community," she said. "Always keep trying to show the world your amazing qualities."

New NJHS inductees are: Dawson Arnold, Grace Fuller, Xavier Garcia, Elena Girangaya, Annalee Ham, Gabby Houseknecht, Carissa Klossner, Hunter Pachla, Kohle Pachla, Alanna Reed, Jax Richards-Dyson, Alexis Salamone, Alexis Van Ameron and Ari Warner.

Current NJHS members are: Jasmine Apicella, Cavan Bennage, Jailyn Bishop, Frances Caraballo-Vazquez, Caitlin Dobri, Gary Falls, Isabella Emery, Natalie Foose, Cora Hudzinski, Hunter Johnson, Elizabeth Kinsey, Hayli Kuellertz, Gabe Lindsay, Carter McGuire, Abigail Merkley, Allison Merle, Kayla Neale, Casey Onisk, Ruthie Patton, Alexia Renner, Kaden Rheinwald, Karissa Robinson, Isabella Samons, Brenden Sargent, Harlee Schicker, Madison Schicker, Owen Schultz, Julia Scroope, Maggie Skehan, Isabella Thom, Julianna Thomas, Ronald Thorn, Hailey VanGelder, Layne Walker, Leigha Walker, Ryleigh Weader, Alivia Wolf and Zoey Wolf.

# Geometry in Construction Class Installs Poultry Barn at H4H

Students in the Geometry in Construction class traveled to Homesteads for Hope (H4H) in Ogden, NY on June 4 and 7 to install their final project. They combined their math and construction skills to build a 16' x 20' poultry barn for H4H this year. This is the second project they have completed for H4H, which is a non-profit community farm that provides an all-inclusive place for young adults of all abilities to learn, work, live and grow.

Math teacher Russ Albright and technology teacher Dylan Sharpe co-teach Geometry in Construction, with students rotating between math days and building days each week. There are 13 students in this year's class, with the majority in 10th grade. The class helps students learn how math concepts can be applied to real-world problems to create solutions.

In the fall, students went on a fieldtrip to the H4H farm so they could better understand how the organization operates and where the barn would be placed on the property. By housing animals like chickens in the barn, it will provide new opportunities for young adults to care for animals on the farm. The barn installation is part of the Phase I plan for H4H.

The barn features a double-shed roof, with three large windows towards the top of the upper roof, providing plenty of natural light. Half of the barn will be used for animals and the other half for



storage. The barn has a more modern look to it, as compared to the traditional barns that are currently located on the H4H property. A metal skin siding will be added to the barn once it is in place. Students planned for the project by working on a scale model of the barn. The barn was staged on a specially built platform at school before it was dismantled and transported to H4H to be installed permanently.

As students and faculty worked on framing up the barn in extremely warm conditions, Albright told students, "It's not the most beautiful (barn), but it will work." Student Ryan Frank fired back with, "That's okay, we're not the most beautiful, but we'll work." This spirit of teamwork could be seen as students worked in pairs to measure, cut and align boards before nailing them in place.

The skills students learn in this class will be carried with them beyond high school to be used in future jobs or home projects. "Students enjoy this class because they can see the real-world application of math," said Albright. "Many students who don't traditionally perform well in math class are performing much better in this class." The scores from previous year's Regents Exams continue to show that Geometry in Construction students score better than traditional geometry class students. Regardless of how students perform on any geometry test, they leave class feeling proud of completing a community service project that helps others.



# Students of the Month for March, April and May

Holley Central Schools recognizes Students of the Month in grades Pre-K-12. Elementary students are nominated from each classroom, and middle and high school students are nominated in each subject area, all on a monthly basis. All cohorts of students are included in the nominations. At the ES, each student receives a certificate with their photo on it and the nomination from their teacher written on it. Photos of the elementary students are displayed in the hallway near the ES Library. MS/HS Red and White Hawks receive a certificate, nomination form and snack voucher. When they assemble in the MS/HS Foyer for a group photo, their nominations are read aloud, and photos are later displayed in the Music Department hallway. MS/HS Silver Hawks receive a certificate, nomination form and coupon for a free treat that is hand-delivered by Matt Hennard or Kristina Tese.

Once each month, students of the month from grades Pre-K-6 have breakfast together (Red and White Hawk cohorts) with the principals in the Elementary Café. Proper social distancing procedures are followed at these breakfasts, including the use of transparent dividers at tables so that students may safely eat together in small groups. Breakfast is supplied by Food Service Director Vickie Scroger and her cafeteria staff.

Photos of Students of the Month are on our district Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/holleycsd/](http://www.facebook.com/holleycsd/). For a complete list of students who were nominated for Student of the Month, visit [www.holleycsd.org/StudentsoftheMonth.aspx](http://www.holleycsd.org/StudentsoftheMonth.aspx).

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for March: Matthew Eden, Akiyah Zadorecky, Emma Lavender, Dylan Clemons, Hayley Lipke, Callie Updike, Shashona MacPhee, Jazmin Mounts, Hailey VanGelder, Jose Angel-Valentin, Grace Fuller, Tyler Gallagher, Kacey Flow, Aubrie McCarthy, Adalyn Newton, Sadie Tinkous, Anna Peters, Kadence Boyce, Kady Clark, Luke Heisler, Evelyn

Zingo, Leah Pasch, Sophia Satter, Annalee Tillinghast, Mason Gray, Grace Cater, Gunner Knight, Aiden Walker, Cayden VanGelder, Trent Walker, Lillian O'Brien, Angelina Paniccia, Arthur Boggs, Noah Patten, Isabella Wiczorek, Cadence Girangaya, Zhoe Biaselli, Luciano Andrako, Riley Bishop, Liam Payne, Ryatt Ross and Hayden Gallert.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for April: Amelia Wright, Cooper Hale, Ava Kingdollar, Isabella Wheeler, Payton Schmidt, Cameron Jenkins, Givanni Fallato, Theresa Haight, Khloe Gurslin, MacKenzie Townsend, Max Girangaya, Kayden Wahl, Gianna Canne, Bryce Gibaud, Paysen Soehner, Baylee Lowe, Maizen Kruger, Kaitlyn Dodson, Andrew Walch, Peyton Caufield, Matthew Armstrong, Brooke Heisler, Matteo Caterisano, Karlee Sanders, Hunter Sommerfeldt, Harrison Flanagan, Ryan Clawson, Gabriel Gomez-Buzard, Maelanni Rivera, Layla Collins, Rocco Pellegrino, Isabelle MacGregor, Camila Buchiere, Alyssa Armstrong, Aiyana Galanti, Vincent Golisano, Justin Van Ameron, Kyle Surowy, Tia Hoffarth and Prestyn McMillion.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for May: Lydia George, Emma Merrill, Tommy Hasek, Chase Robinson, Hudson Ashton, Lachlan Murphy, Isaiah Hewitt, Jesse Rivera, Eowynn Snell, Kady Clark, Robert Scroope, Ruthie Davis, Grayson Kelley, Olivia Rebis, Reece Passarell, Lilliana Gerringer, Josiah Oliver, Lilyanna Lorback, Carsyn Mogle, Angel Vazquez-Mendoza, Araceli Williams, Trent Walker, Kendall Gurslin, Enzo Mignano, Carson Baker, Sophia Dagger, Evan Stonewell, Violet Kipp, Andrew Stevens, Bella Klafehn, Evan Lasal, Amelia Bellanca, Spencer Weller, Nolan Blake, Kassidee Motzel, Lily Naylor, Danny Echevarria, Erin DeFrank and Alexis Salamone.





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# DISTRICT CALENDAR

The Board of Education approved the following dates for the 2021-22 school year:

**School Opens – Sept. 8**

**Half Day for Staff Development – Sept. 24**

**Staff Development – No School for Students – Oct. 8**

**Columbus Day – No School Oct. 11**

**Veterans Day – No School Nov. 11**

**Half Day for ES Students & Parent/Teacher Conferences – Nov. 23**

**Thanksgiving Recess – No School Nov. 24-26**

**Half Day for Staff Development – Dec. 10**

**Holiday Recess – No School Dec. 24-31**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed – No School Jan. 17**

**Midterm & Regents exams – Jan. 25-28**

**Half Day for Staff Development – Jan. 28**

**Mid-Winter Recess – No School Feb. 21-25**

**Half Day for Staff Development – March 11**

**Staff Development – No School for Students – April 8**

**Spring Recess – No School – April 15-22**

**Memorial Day – No School – May 30**

**Final & Regents exams – June 14-17, 21-23**

**Juneteenth – No School – June 20**

**Last day of school for students – June 23**

**Regents rating day/last day for teachers – June 24**

**High School Graduation – June 25**