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VALEDICTORIAN: ABI SELFRIDGE

Abigail Kathleen Selfridge, daughter of Ritchie and Tami Selfridge, has been named valedictorian of the Bainbridge-Guilford Class of 2019. Containing a multitude of extremely intelligent and hardworking students, the Class

of 2019 was especially competitive. During her years in high school, Abigail was able to set herself apart by taking advantage of the numerous concurrent enrollment classes offered through both Tompkins Cortland Community College and SUNY Broome, as well as several AP courses. This achievement hasn't come easy, but it has been a goal of Abigail's from a young age. Ever since her brother, Benjamin Roosa, was named the Bainbridge-Guilford Class of 2010 valedictorian, Abigail has aspired to earn the same honor.

While being valedictorian in and of itself is a monumental feat, Abigail's involvement in countless extracurricular activities makes this accomplishment even more impressive. She has been a four year member on the Varsity Volleyball team, where she led the Bobcats to back-to-back New York State Championship titles, and was two-time NYS Volleyball Tournament Class D MVP, NYS Volleyball Class D All-State First Team selection, and WCDO Volleyball Player of the Year. In addition to this, she received the NYS Volleyball Sportsmanship Award this past year. During her time at Bainbridge-Guilford, Abigail was also a five year member of the girls' Varsity Basketball team, where she helped lead the Bobcats to five consecutive MAC League championships, was a three time MAC League MVP, was named BCANY Section 4 Class C Player of the Year, and earned several All-State honors. Additionally, Abigail is a member of the 1,000 point club, ending her career with a total of 1,772 points; making her the second highest scorer in Bainbridge-Guilford history. This past year, Abigail also surpassed 1,000 rebounds. Over the years, Abigail has also been a member of the B-G softball and track teams. Outside of athletics, Abigail has been an active member of Student Council, where she has served as treasurer for the past three years, Senior Honor Society, and YES! Leads, as well as Band, Orchestra and Chorus throughout her time in high school.

Abigail would like to thank everyone who has helped her throughout this amazing journey. Without the immense support offered by her family, her teachers, her friends, her coaches, and all of the many encouraging community members, she recognizes that she would not be the student, athlete or person she is today. She has been truly blessed to have grown up in such a tight knit community where she is surrounded by so many caring people who have taught her extremely important life lessons. As she begins the next chapter of her life, Abigail will proudly represent those who have helped her to become the person she is today. She would especially like to thank her parents, who have sacrificed so much for her success. She would also like to thank her older siblings, Allison and Benjamin, for being exceptional role models, her younger sister, Erica, for being a great teammate and always pushing her to do her best, and lastly, Mrs. Wallace, whom Abigail had the pleasure of meeting in church and since has become a caring and dedicated supporter in all that she does.

Following graduation, Abigail plans on furthering her education at Clarion University. She intends on being a member of the Golden Eagle's volleyball team for her four years of college eligibility while also being a full time student, enrolling in Clarion's "two in five" program. This program will allow Abigail to earn a bachelor's degree in nutrition and fitness within her first three years at Clarion and a master's degree in athletic training in the following two years. After college, Abigail plans on becoming a certified nutritionist where a majority of her work will be directed towards helping others to make better decisions about their eating habits, which will in turn enable people to live healthy and active lives as well-uninhibited by preventable health issues that could hinder their quality of life. She is hopeful that her efforts as a nutritionist will help her patients live healthful lives so they can focus on their own potential and dreams.

SALUTATORIAN: JARED PRUSKOWSKI

Jared Ryan Pruskowski, son of John Pruskowski and Heather Pruskowski, has been named the Salutatorian of the Bainbridge-Guilford Class of 2019. He has reached high

levels of academic achievement through a rigorous course load and maintaining Principal's Honor Roll throughout the entirety of his high school career. These classes have allowed Jared to stay mentally challenged throughout his time at Bainbridge-Guilford and have even earned him enough credits to graduate with an Associate's degree from TC3.

Jared has stayed particularly involved in extracurricular activities as he is the President of the High School Honor Society and has been a serving officer since his sophomore year. He also takes an active role in other clubs and groups such as Honor Society, Speech and Debate, Mock Trial, Quiz bowl, and a plethora of others. Jared even joined the school's Drama Club for his senior year where he was Demetrius in their production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Sports have always kept him busy as well, as he has been a three-sport student for the majority of his time at Bainbridge-Guilford—his favorites being tennis and golf. It hasn't always been easy for him to balance all of the activities he participates in outside of school with his academics, but hard work, determination and the amazing support of others have seen him through to success in most of his ventures.

Jared's high school career wouldn't be complete though without his love and enjoyment for music and his Alto Saxophone. Jared has participated in many bands including Concert Band, Jazz Band, Winter Marching Band, and the Old Times Community Band. Jared is even undertaking the role of Drum Major for this year's Junior and Senior High Marching Band. Music has allowed Jared a moments respite from his packed everyday life and he is so incredibly grateful for all of the amazing opportunities our truly unique music department offers.

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LORRAINE PORTER, **ELEMENTARY** MATH TEACHER

Lorraine Porter began her career in 1980 as a "leave replacement" for Chris Granan and has

been here ever since! She started in the Guilford building as a 4th, 5th and 6th grade math teacher. While in Guilford, Lorraine was afforded many wonderful opportunities, some of which included teaching an enrichment program and computer literacy. She also became the "Head Teacher" in the Guilford building for a few years which included administrative responsibilities as well as teaching. This role continued until the "realignment" took place.

Lorraine then came to Greenlawn and taught a self-contained 4th grade for about 10 years. She was given an opportunity to work along side Gary Scott as a full time Tech Coordinator, which eventually became a part time position and is when she began teaching AIS math. This was a role that Lorraine had for many years.

In the later portion of Lorraine's career, she developed the Elementary Computer STEM program as well as two tour of duties in 5th grade math. She has been teaching 5th grade math for the last three years.

As far as extra-curricular activities, Lorraine has been a JV Softball coach, Jr. High Volleyball coach, and both a coach and coordinator of the Odyssey of the Mind program. She has also been a scorekeeper for volleyball, basketball, and softball. She was active in the BGTA, serving as union treasurer for a number of years.

The highlights of her career include working with Gary Scott in the field of technology and she appreciates the opportunities and experiences afforded to her by the district.

In retirement, she wants to keep active by playing pickleball and going to the gym, as well as staying current on new technology.



Across the hallway from me is a bright pink door covered with lyrics from a song by Ricky Martin. These lyrics promote love, acceptance, and equal-

KAREN MERTZ, JR.-SR. HS SPANISH TEACHER

ity. The woman who teaches behind that bright pink door is Karen Mertz. I remember

the first time I really got to meet Karen. I was in the main office meeting with the principal and she came in to bring him treats from Costa Rica. Karen immediately congratulated me on my new job, and gave me a hug. I barely even knew her and she was already taking me under her wing, making me part of her B-G family. Later that afternoon, as I was getting a tour of the building, I walked by that bright pink door for the first time. After



my hug and reading that door, I knew I was in the right place.

As my first year at Bainbridge comes to an end, so does Karen's final year. After much thought Karen made the tough decision to start her next chapter of life and will be joining her husband, Larry, in retirement. Karen's career spans 37 years, each year having been spent right here at Bainbridge-Guilford. In 1982, when Karen Limner was offered the Spanish position at B-G, she happily accepted. The next task however, was finding somewhere to live, as she was not from the area. The Mertz household, being just down the street from the Jr.-Sr. High School, conveniently had a room available and I guess it's safe to say we all know what came from that. Karen and Larry settled in Sidney. They had two sons, Michael and Patrick, who are also graduates of Bainbridge-Guilford. Karen fully embraced Bainbridge-Guilford as her home, making her peers and students her second family. In speaking with Karen I have learned that her students are her "babies," treating them as they are her own children.

In the classroom, Karen is truly amazing. She has been and continues to be a leader in Spanish education. She still, in her final year at B-G, is creating new and exciting activities to engage her students, never losing her enthusiasm for language and teaching. In fact, that enthusiasm goes beyond being a Spanish teacher; she is a teacher of life. As I said before, the lyrics on her bright pink door promote love, acceptance, and equality. These are life lessons that Karen brings into the classroom with culture, music, life experiences, and more. In addition, she takes students abroad to other countries, opening their eyes to the world around them, again helping students to be accepting members of their global society. Outside of the classroom, Karen continues to instill those values as she works with students in Spanish Club, Odyssey of the Mind, Honor Society, Life Beyond High School and more. Karen's devotion and dedication to B-G is, and forever will be engrained, in our school and community.

As Karen enters retirement, I have no doubt that she will continue to be a part of life at B-G and the Spanish education world. However, I am sure she and Larry will be making more time for themselves, taking trips to Montana and abroad visiting family and friends. - Heather Nickerson

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JIM MOSHER, ELEMENTARY SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

Jim Mosher was hired as a special education teacher at the high school from 1984-85. After that year, he taught 6th grade at Guilford until the realignment of Guilford and Greenlawn Elementary

Schools. During his early years at Greenlawn, Jim taught 6th grade math for six years. Then when 6th grade was moved to the middle school/high school, he continued to teach 6th grade math for two more years. From 1998 until retirement, Jim taught math and science and since 2012, social studies for both 5th and 6th grade.

Throughout Jim's teaching career he coached many sports. Thirty-two of those years were football (all levels)! He spent 19 years coaching JV or Varsity baseball, 10 years modified basketball and even 1 year wrestling.

Jim has plans to travel and continue coaching. We wish him well on his retirement!



MIA MACPHERSON, TEACHER AIDE

Mrs. Mia MacPherson has decided to retire after 27 years as a classroom aide for Bainbridge-Guilford. She began in January 1992 and has spent all of her career at the Greenlawn building. Mia is

also a B-G alumni graduating with the class of 1973.

Mia was actively involved with students and had a special bond with the students she worked closely with. Throughout her career she showed compassion and a love for the students she worked with. She could be seen working with students in classrooms, going to specials, monitoring breakfast and lunches and supervising recesses. She always kept in touch with the students she worked with throughout their time at Greenlawn and beyond.

During her years at B-G Mia was involved with numerous book fairs, Family Fun Night, Tools for Schools, BGSSA Scholarship committee, and creating the aides yearly budget.

She has shown patience and kindness with everyone over the years. She would surprise people with knitted blankets at baby showers, baked goods, countless quotes she would find and giving cards of encouragement.

The Bainbridge-Guilford community has always been special to Mia. She and her husband have raised her two sons here and continues to be involved in the local community. Upon retirement she will spend more time at her lake house during the summer months. We wish you well in retirement and thank you for your years of service. We wish you all the best!



JODY PAOLETTI, ELEMENTARY ART TEACHER

This year we will bidding a fond farewell to Jodi Paoletti as she retires after 21 years teaching the students of our district about many aspects of Art and Art History. She has been working with Greenlawn and Guilford

students since 1998.

Before beginning at B-G, she worked for five years for Saratoga County Head Start. Jody was then able to fill a maternity leave in Walton and then a longer two and a half year leave position teaching Art in grades K-12 in Downsville, NY. She also spent a few months working at the alternative high school in Harpursville. When she came to B-G, she was living in Sidney with her young son, Tyler.

During her tenure at B-G, Jody has enjoyed running an Art Club and decorating our halls with a student art show each spring. This allowed students to display some of their finest work from the year for all to enjoy. Mrs. Paoletti then gives art supplies and certificates as prizes for the art show winners at Moving Up Day. Another special thing she has done is help students have the fun experience of building sets and performing in plays each year. When asked what she would most remember and miss, she replied that it would be the wonderful atmosphere at B-G where she has always felt she is a part of our family. She greatly appreciates all of the support that everyone has given her throughout the many struggles and celebrations that life brings.

Mrs. Paoletti plans to continue enjoying reading in her retirement. She reads at least four books every two weeks! However, she is thinking that she is still too young and able-bodied to just stay at home. So after a relaxing summer, she is planning on looking for a new type of job.

She and her husband, Bob, will also continue to enjoy their farm and watching the 21 horses that share it with them! Hopefully she will find more time for trips to visit family in Glens Falls, too!

We hope that you enjoy your retirement and will be able to come back and visit occasionally. We will miss you and all of the artistic inspiration you have passed along to so many in our school community!

LORI SHAFER, BUS DRIVER

Lori Shafer is retiring after 10 years driving school bus here at B-G. She came to B-G after driving for the Sidney school district for seven years. Lori has unofficially adopted nearly every student that has stepped on her bus! She truly cares for each and every one and goes above and beyond to make their trips on her bus as pleasant as possible. During her retirement she plans on taking lots of weekend trips, working on her "Hobby Farm" over in Guilford and doing some substitute bus driving.

Congratulation Lori and thanks for all of your help!

VICKIE ANDERSON, JR.-SR. HS SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

Unlike Alexander Hamilton, Victoria (Vickie) Anderson does not care about her legacy. She does care, however, about her students and loves them regardless of their background, their academic abilities, or their interest in history. For 25 years, she dedicated her time to the students of B-G. Even those who didn't find history appealing, found they could still take away something significant from her teachings because it wasn't so much about the names or the dates, but rather the stories that took place. To quote a recent student, "first we learned the stories, then we learned how to relate the stories, and then we learned how to write our own." This is just one of the cases that speaks to how Vickie assists students in developing themselves through the study of history.

Vickie grew up on the east end of Long Island and moved upstate in 1978 to attend SUNY Oneonta where she pursued a degree in education and met Jeffrey whom she married in 1983. Upon graduating she began her career at Deposit High School where she taught for 12 years. In November of 1994 Bainbridge-Guilford was lucky to welcome her and she has remained since mentoring countless young people into adulthood.

There are three things that always stand out in Vickie's classroom an open door policy, her passion for history, and more times than not, good food. It is a place that nurtures both educational and personal growth as students and as people. Not only does she treat students with humility and respect, but also with a high standard that holds them accountable for their work and pushes them to leave better than they came.

Never one to shy away from responsibility, but also not one to seek acknowledgement for accomplishments, she held many roles throughout her career. Teacher and mentor came before all and students always came first. Vickie's contributions extended past those in the classroom, as she actively served in other roles such as Life Beyond High School team member, 11th grade advisor, 12th grade advisor, LINKS team member, Odyssey of the Mind coach and, most notably, advisor to High School Student Council. During her several years as Sr. High student council advisor she mentored and championed any student who sought an opportunity to become a leader. There was a place in student council for all. She showed how leadership can be exhibited in many ways and the most powerful acts are those that go without notice.

Even after her daughters, Cassandra and Caitlin, graduated from B-G in 2008 and 2011 respectively, Vickie and her husband Jeff supported the Booster Club and can be found (and easily heard) proudly cheering on B-G teams from the sidelines. The students playing are all her students regardless and she is never shy in letting all know of her support.

Vickie is sad to leave her students behind and hopeful that many visit often, but is looking forward to more time for travels to the homes of family and friends, cooking, and activities with her friend Auggie. As her time at B-G ends, the advice she gave will live on. "Take care of the rocks in your life and only worry about the two most important tests." Best wishes to her from the Bainbridge-Guilford community!

DON RIVENBURG, MECHANIC

Don Rivenburg is retiring after over 18 years with the B-G district! For the past five years Don has been a "one-man show" at the bus garage. Maintaining 20-24 school buses, vans, dump trucks and pickups with the occasional tractor or lawn mower thrown in for good measure! Each school bus is inspected by a NYS DOT inspector every six months. Over the course of these past five years, Don has averaged less than one failure per year! That is a major accomplishment considering the scope and depth of these inspections. Prior to B-G, he worked at DCMO BOCES and Unatego CSD and has a total of 34 years of service. Don intends to enjoy time with his grandchildren, mow some lawns and maybe try to relax a bit during his retirement.

Thank you very much for your hard work Don! It truly has been appreciated.



BARBARA RYAN, LTA

Barbara Ryan began her career here at B-G as a substitute aide in 2005. In 2006 she started as a 1-1 aide in Guilford supporting Josh Conover, Eileen Bianchi, and Heather Pain until

2010. Barbara then started at Greenlawn as an aide in the Life Skills classroom supporting Andy Duesler. Since 2011 Barbara has been actively involved with the Angel Tree Christmas Program supporting local children with gifts. In 2016 she earned her LTA certification and in 2017 she was a founding member of the Bobcat Boutique, which is another means of helping our students with their needs. Barbara has also started the Unsung Hero Scholarship for B-G graduates. She currently supports the fourth grade team and student body.

Barbara has always bonded with students and has made a good connection with them. She presents a positive approach when dealing with challenging behaviors and situations. Over the years Barbara would use her own money if a student needed clothing or sneakers. Barbara is an excellent example of caring, and selflessness to our school and community.

Barbara is looking forward to retirement and spending time with her family in her new home in Cazenovia, NY.



EILEEN BIANCHI, ELEMENTARY GRADE 1 TEACHER

Eileen Bianchi will be moving on to new adventures after 20 years as a first grade teacher at Guilford Elementary. Eileen is from a family of teachers. Her grandmother was a teacher in the early

1900's, both parents taught collectively for 54 years, and her daughter Amy continues the family tradition.

Eileen was a graduate of Oswego State University with a degree in Elementary Education. She received a reading certificate at Millersville University in Pennsylvania as well as a masters degree in reading from Oneonta State University.

Eileen's experience spans over 31 years, including nursery school through 12th grade with the exception of 7th and 8th. She worked for Literacy Volunteers and co-authored a book about reading with children that was published for Head Start families. She taught for 4 years in Lebanon, PA before moving to Bainbridge. Eileen returned to teaching in New York State when Kid's College opened in Bainbridge and she taught there one year while working on her master's degree. Her next seven-year adventure was at Unatego School District where she was a Chapter 1/PSEN reading and math teacher. She also taught first grade, multi-age, and second grade. In 1999, Eileen accepted a first grade teaching position at Guilford Elementary School. We have been fortunate to have her for the past 20 years!

Eileen is originally from Cortland. She married her high school sweetheart, Joseph, and has been happily married for 41 years. They have two children, John and Amy. Amy continued the family tradition and married her high school sweetheart Matt Henchey. All three are B-G grads! Eileen and Joseph have two beautiful grandchildren, Melody and James.

Eileen's philosophy is embedded in her Responsive Classroom approach to teaching. She believes school is the best part of the children's day and that school is a happy and joyful place where children feel nurtured, safe and respected. School is a place where they want to come and work, learn, and have fun! Eileen believes all children can learn when given what they need!

Eileen is excited to use the time in retirement for gardening, landscaping, and organizing at her new Guilford home with her husband who recently retired. She will have plenty of time for sewing, crafting, and visiting her grandchildren. She and Joseph have SU Football and Basketball tickets so Syracuse will be in their travel itinerary a lot!

GO ORANGE!

We wish Eileen and Joseph the best of luck in retirement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Board of Education, the staff, students and entire school community, I would like to say, "Thank you!" for your support with the 2019-2020 Bainbridge-Guilford Central School budget. Our district will continue to provide our students with a top-notch education because of your efforts and support in and out of school. I am very proud of our 2019-2020 budget in that we are able to maintain our staff, programs and course offerings.

Recently, the District hosted its second Safety Forum. The evening gave the district the opportunity to communicate to parents and community members all that we do at B-G to keep our students and staff safe. Attendees heard from the Board of Education, district administrators and law enforcement, as well as got the opportunity to meet our new School Resource Officer. We at B-G continue to be aggressive in our approach to school safety.

It is hard to believe that the 2018-2019 school year is coming to an end. Our seniors will be walking across the graduation stage in a few weeks to part for lands far and wide. We wish this outstanding group of young women and men well on their future endeavors. If you ever doubt that America's youth are anything other than outstanding, please send some time with our seniors.

This summer our school campus will continue to see construction work inside the buildings as Phase 2 of the Capital Project kicks into high gear. The change from last summer will be that the focus will be interior work versus outside work. We will be running drivers' education, and the summer feeding programs will again occur at the Guilford Klee House on Main Street and the Bainbridge Presbyterian Church.

I look forward to a very bright future for our students here at B-G. With your continued support our students will continue to shine in an ever changing world. Have a great summer, and as always my door is open. Please feel free to stop by, call the school at 967-6321, or email me at tryan@bgcsd.org. Have a great summer!

-Timothy Ryan, Superintendent

News From Greenlawn!

Greenlawn Elementary has been a busy place! We have completed the NYS Assessments, enjoyed the weather with some much needed brain breaks, and enjoyed preparing the Greenlawn garden for planting.

Greenlawn students were able to enjoy trips to the Delaware Valley Humane Society this year. During these trips, students were able to read with the animals and give them attention and TLC. Thank you to the Delaware Valley Humane Society for allowing us to share our students and spend time with their beautiful animals. We look forward to continuing with this opportunity next year.



As the school year approaches it's end, our students are getting ready to enjoy some great field trip opportunities. Thank-you to B-G and PTO for supporting our field trips—some of these include 2nd grade—already enjoyed a trip to Anderson Center, Multi-Age—Chenango Valley State Park, Ms. Boeltz and Mr. Duesler- Animal Adventure, 4th grade already enjoyed their trip to the Farmer's Museum, and 5th grade to Camp Shankitunk for their campout. Greenlawn staff really appreciate all of the opportunities that are provided for these students.

We look forward to our end of the year celebrations that include the Honor Society Induction, town pool days, Summer Olympics, 6th grade Graduation and Moving-Up Day.

-Jennifer Henderson, Principal

A Message from the Guilford Elementary School Principal

At Guilford Elementary, tis the season for exciting events, traditional celebrations, and anticipated transitions. I hope many families and friends will join us at these special celebrations as we close out another school year.

As I write this letter I cannot help but to think of the cliché, how time flies. It feels like only weeks ago I welcomed students back for a brand new school year and yet already I am planning our end of the year activities. Over the past ten months I have watched our youngest B-G children grow into amazing, inquisitive learners, with curious minds and adventurous spirits soaking up all that our teachers had to offer. I am so proud of each and every student for their academic growth but more importantly for their social growth. A large part of our work at Guilford is teaching students how to be good students, good citizens, and good learners and so I am reminded of the excerpt, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, by Robert Fulghum, which I'd like to share with you.

All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sand pile at school. These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life-learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out in the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup-they all die. So do we. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned—the biggest word of all—LOOK. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living. Take any one of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if we all - the whole world - had cookies and milk at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had as a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out in the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

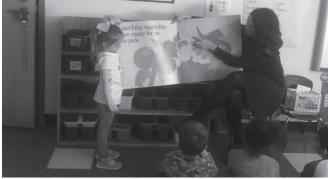
I sincerely thank all our wonderful parents, grandparents, friends, and community members for supporting our students, staff, and programs here at Guilford Elementary. I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer. September will be here before we know it. -Linda Maynard, Principal

Springtime in the UPK

Springtime has brought new life and growth to the UPK students. In March we learned about baby bunnies from our Agriculture in the classroom visitors and before Spring-break we watched anxiously for our eggs to mature and hatch. We made predictions and then fostered our new baby chicks until they were ready to head back to the farm. We also became better readers during the last two months. We have worked on reading books as a whole class, with partners and also independently. We are enjoying our movement outside on the new playground and are working on becoming strong thinkers within our classroom.











Music instrument rental for this year is due. Please send to Mrs. Bunting-Cliffe or Mr. Jenkins by June 14.

Youth Soccer Sign-Ups for Fall 2019

It's time to register for the Fall Youth Soccer Program. There will be a registration table in the Greenlawn Elementary School lobby June 19 and 20, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. All students entering grades K-6 in

September are invited to register for this loague A latter and registration

this league. A letter and registration form will come home with your child on or before June 7. Please DO NOT send your registration form and money to school. If you cannot make one of the registration nights, follow the instructions in the letter for registering your child. **Your child MUST be registered by July 31 to play fall soccer.** You can contact us by email at youthsoccerbg@gmail.com for information on registration or follow the Bainbridge-Guilford Youth Soccer Facebook page.



A Message from the Jr.-Sr. High School Principal

We have had another successful school year. Our Girls' Volleyball team went back to back as they were crowned Class D State Champions for the second year in a row. They are now the first and second team at B-G to earn a state championship. Many of our other sports, both at the team level and individually, did well or showed great improvement. Additionally, the new clubs: Mock Trial, Academic Challenge, Forensics and the Ag Club were well received and highly attended by our students.

Academically, we have 25 seniors finishing with over 24 college credits and six students eligible to graduate in May with an Associate's Degree from Tompkins Cortland Community College before graduating from B-G in June. Senior students Aubrey Bronson, Tannar Cliffe, Rhianna Shew, and Tommy Tompkins have graduated mid-year. Additionally we have many seniors who earned scholarships to their respective colleges. Colleges and Universities our seniors will be attending include: SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Broome, Clarion University, Clarkson University, Colorado State University, Cornell University, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Delhi, SUNY ESF, University of Florida, SUNY Geneseo, Houghton College, LeMoyne College, SUNY Plattsburg, Marywood University, University of Miami, Mohawk Valley Community College, Norfolk Southern, SUNY Oneonta, St. John Fisher College, College of St. Rose, and Wells College

We want to thank our families and community for their continued support. Your attendance at year ending ceremonies, concerts and parades is phenomenal! Also, we greatly appreciate the monetary support given to our students in the form of awards and scholarships amounting to thousands of dollars. Thank you!

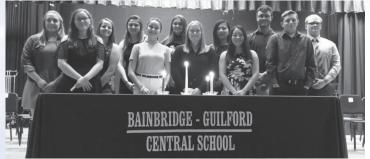
Phase 2 of the Capital Project will begin this summer thus access to the building may be limited but should be much better than last summer as much of the work is inside.

As our students move into summer, we remind them to read a book, work a summer job, volunteer service to others, prepare and train for sports, which start in mid-August, practice their instrument and have fun!

As school comes to a close, please return all information requests sent to you and look for more correspondence throughout summer. Student schedules will be sent home near the end of August. Finally, we wish all our students and families a safe and enjoyable summer!

- William Zakrajsek, Principal

Congratulations Newly Inducted Senior National Honor Society Members!



On Thursday, April 25 the Myrtle Pagett Chapter of the Senior National Honor Society inducted new members. The students were chosen based on their superior academic record, their service to school and community, their leadership qualities and their upstanding character.

Honor Society member Kristen Chambers welcomed the attendees and introduced current members who spoke about scholarship, service, leadership and character—the cornerstones of Honor Society.

Guest speaker Ms. Victoria Anderson congratulated the new and old members and gave them some great life advice to follow.

Mr. Bill Zakrajsek presented the new inductees with their NHS pin and card and also thanked the students and their parents/guardians for their hard work and support of education. He also gave a moving tribute to Ms. Anderson and Ms. Karen Mertz, Honor Society advisor, in recognition of their pending retirements.

A reception was held afterwards for all members and their guests. The new members of NHS are seniors Makenzie Drown, Morgan Neidig and Kori Thornton; juniors Samantha Ceresna, Courtney Gilbert, Nathaniel Henry, Colby Hotaling, Zachary Ladd, Alli Miller and Hannah Sprow. Honorary inductees are exchange students Laura D'Hervé and Ayana Sakaguchi.

Congratulations to new members and thank you to the current members for all they have done this year to be of service to B-G and the community.

Bainbridge-Guilford Honors Scholars

Wednesday evening, May 29, saw over 200 Bainbridge-Guilford students honored at the Thirtieth Honors Reception Ceremony. Criteria for this distinction were that the student be in grades 7-12; make the honor roll three out of three honor rolls with an overall average of 85+.

A reception followed the awards ceremony, served to students and their parents by teachers and staff. Students were recognized by their class advisors: Mrs. LaFever (7th Grade), Mr. Waymire (8th Grade), Ms. Filor (9th grade), Ms. Lori Miller (10th grade), Ms. McCandless (11th grade), and Mr. Grigoli (12th grade).

Mr. Zakrajsek did an outstanding job with M.C. duties, and the Board of Education, was represented by Mrs. Emily Hall.

Students achieving this kind of academic success well deserve the recognition they were given.

Jr. Honor Society!



The Virginia Butler Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society inducted thirteen new members on Friday, April 26, 2019. In order to be eligible for induction into the National Junior Honor Society, students must maintain an average of 90 or better and demonstrate exemplary service, leadership, character and citizenship. Students are rated by teachers and staff based on their observations and on written essays completed by the students. Once inducted, students must complete a total of 30 hours of community service within the year, however many students go above and beyond this requirement. The eight current members of the National Junior Honor Society have already accumulated a total of 261 hours of community service both within the school and the community.

This year's inductees are: Lainelle Brazee, Lucas Carlin, Kaitlyn Curtis, Lillyann Finch, Tara Fitzgerald, Nolan Hawkins, Anthony Ladd, Garrett O'Hara, Donna Palmatier, Jordyn Parsons, Marek Rajner, Mackenzie Terebo, and Connor Vredenburgh. Congratulations on this wonderful accomplishment.

Thank You!

Our Prom and Post-Prom events are successful due in part to the contributions and assistance from the B-G staff and the B-G community. It truly does take a village . . . The Bainbridge-Guilford Class of 2020 would especially like to thank:

The Afton River Club, The Bainbridge-Guilford Teachers

Association, The Bainbridge-Guilford Board of Education, Bobby K Inc., Coca-Cola, Laureen Scott-Treacy, Frank Treacy, Rhett Genung and Ryan Revoir of Rock-Star Dee-Jays, Jodie Ives, Pine Ridge Grocery, Joe and Vinny's Pizzeria, Kyle Fuller and the B-G Transportation Department, the B-G custodial staff, and Wegman's Supermarkets. A special shout out goes to the creative contributions of Israel Lorimer and Alyssa Hardy, who always make our decor look outstanding.

I also have to acknowledge our Prom and Post-Prom chaperones who give up their own time to work these crazy

hours, to set-up everything, who help to make both events run perfectly and without whom, these events could not happen: Teresa Burnett, Cindy Cifone, John Grigoli, Amy LaFever, Colleen Davis, Paul Jenkins, Bonnie Scherhaufer, Alyssa Hardy, Heather Nickerson, Nicole Rowley, Jen Sienko, Pat Yaddow, Nick Mayo, Sarah Nezelek, Daren Terpstra, Dan Demer, Bill Zakrajsek, Emily Hall, Rebecca Sullivan, and Shelly Bartow.

- Lindsay McCandless, Jr. Class Advisor



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Jr.-Sr. High School Students of the Month

Bainbridge-Guilford Jr.-Sr. High School is proud to announce our students of the month. Students of the Month will receive a \$5 gift card from Rosa's Pizzeria.

To be eligible for this honor, students must be passing all subjects, demonstrate consistent kindness to others, be actively involved in school or community activities, show pride in the school and community and be an upstanding student in all aspects. We would like to congratulate these students for their hard work and effort to be both good students and good citizens!

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7th Grade: Lukas McKown 8th Grade: Kaitlyn Curtis 9th Grade: Corey Lindsey

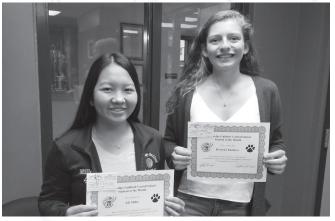
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8th Grade: Nolan Hawkins 7th Grade: Madalynn Gaias 9th Grade: Riley Hurlburt 10th Grade: Hannah Goldswer



11th Grade: Samantha Ceresna12th Grade: Alan Terzo10th Grade: Jayson Oefelein



11th Grade: Alli Miller 12th Grade: Kristen Chambers





12TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Daniel Bartle Zamira Caldwell **Dadeon Canfield** Tannar Cliffe McKeyli Decker Makenzie Drown Aubrey Fox Erica Frost Gina Haddad Jacob Hotchkin Andrew Miller Kaylee Miller **Thomas Palmatier Kyleigh Pedersen** Jared Pruskowski **Brendan Roefs** Abigail Selfridge Alan Terzo Kori Thornton Alexander Tranvaag Gabriel Watson

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Damien Borowski Alexis Carr Kristen Chambers Marissa Cuozzo Kassidy Davy **Gwenyth Germond** Leah Gregory Matraca Harmon **Olivia Hawkins Alexis Haynes** Rose McKay Zoe Mever **Alexis Nichols** Ashley Oliver Nickolas Petrutoni Montana Pikul Katelyn Porter **Devon Scherhaufer Rowan Sherrick Rhianna Shew Tommy Thomas**

HONOR ROLL

Mason Brown Gavin Farrell Joshua Gaias Parker Lord Kiersten Merwin Haley Morse Morgan Neidig Nathan Oliver Ayana Sakaguchi Evan Seymour Damian Stafford

11TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Samantha Ceresna Nathaniel Henry Colby Hotaling Alli Miller Lauren Womelsdorf

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Makenna Cole Elizabeth DuMond Courtney Gilbert Shelby Haynes Tracy O'Connor Jadyn Olcott Mariah Olcott Samantha Sherman Hannah Sprow

HONOR ROLL

Justin Butts NanaJo Capobianco **Cameron Craver** Isabelle Decker **Justice Franklin** Autumn Giles **Daniel Hager** Eian Hall Victoria Henry Zachary Ladd Macie Leizear Parker Luca Chevenne Northrop Kaitlyn Parry Aliva Pickens Gabriel Sherman Hannah Spencer



10TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Alexis Brown Cody Buchman Makenna Clark Lisa Gao Sasha Lamoree Abigail Minturn Eric Nowak Taylor Parsons Ryan Porter Katrien Roefs Erica Selfridge

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Bree Barber Sara Cannistra Abbey Delello Jonathan England Damien Farberman Parker Finch Garrett Ives Dalani Johnson **Brandon Loucks** Nicole McKay **Tamera Miller** Jayson Oefelein Carlene Palmer **Josephine Porter** Caleb Presley Michaela Roach Trevor Ross John Scheuerman Emmalynne Sherman Trent Thornton **Owen Walley Daniel Warner** Nicholas Williams

HONOR ROLL

Thomas Auer MacKenzee Barton Kyla Boecke Dustin Collier Logan Dailey Justin Dibble Tanner Eckert Hannah Goldswer Jakob Heath



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Matthew Kanzer Conner King Thomas Lord Michael Manley Omar Mohamed Ashley Page Chelsie Palmer Kisten VanDermark

9TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Kira Davidson Seamus Nolan

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Matika Bartle Hughes Nolan Burns Savannah Carlin Owen Drown Reese Elwood Ethan Gregory Valerie Haddad Lance Jones Corey Lindsey Autumn Madugno Abigail Wombacker

HONOR ROLL

Makayla Boice Kayden Gombach Anthonylouis Grigoli Damien Madsen Haley Ross Gabriel Sheehan-Pease Summer Wasiura Kaylee Williams

8TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Celeste Baldwin Lucas Carlin Marek Rajner

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Hayley Baker Jose Bivar Lainelle Brazee Lorelli Cervantes Kaitlyn Curtis Lillyann Finch Tara Fitzgerald Catherine Fuller Nolan Hawkins Cassandra Koster Eden Oefelein Jordyn Parsons Mackenzie Terebo Connor Vredenburgh

HONOR ROLL

Joseph Cannistra Ketcher Graham **Rileigh Hacker** Katheryna Ireland Samuel Johnson Taylor Kazmirski Anthony Ladd Autumn Loucks Karim Meghani Garrett O'Hara **Donna Palmatier** Marley Pohli Johnathan Reynolds Konnor Schmidt Trent Sullivan Ilias Wilson Sierra Zaremba

7TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Brianna Bartow Maddie Blake Macaela Burns Ethne Degan Madalynn Gaias Johnna Henderson Isabelle Johnson Easton Porter Julian Pruskowski Sage Pruskowski

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Madalyn Brown Lindsey Chambers Gabriella Cuozzo **Brendan DeForest Collin Dicks** Joseph Doyle Alyssa Finch **Cohn Foster** Levi Gregory Sophia Grigoli JoshLynn Hall William Hunter Giovanni Johnson Alaina Maxson Osias Mealing Cadence Medlar Sakeena Meghani Aliana Reyes Cooper Sienko

HONOR ROLL

Olivia Briggs Gavin Gifford Nathan Goodrich Nathan Kanzer Joslynn Kopec Kevin Lang Lukas McKown Nickolas McKown Makayla Nelson Olivia Nichols Adriana Petrutoni Jeremiah Rowe Damon Seymour Arashdeep Singh

Congratulations

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Lifelong Activities Class Helps DEC!



On Friday April 12 Mr. Cirigliano's Health/Wellness Class and Lifelong Activities Class assisted the DEC in stocking the Guilford Lake. Over

the course of a two hour time frame the 12 students bucketed in over 1,800 fish, consisting of 1-2 year old rainbow trout and 2-3 year old brown trout. The hatchery that delivered the fish appreciated very much the help that they were able to give. The students worked together for most of the time to form a chain to get the fish to the water by carefully handing each other buckets of fish down to the water.

Once the fish were in and the truck pulled away the students were rewarded by being able to fish the lake for the remainder of our time. Many students caught fish and were even able to help a few locals take some fish home who were unable to catch any. Altogether the students caught upwards of 20 trout.

We should be very proud of our students for a job well done and a special thank you to Mr. Autera for helping to chaperone the trip and a special thank you to Corey Lindsey for taking the pictures.

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Jr. Iron Chef Competition!



On March 30 a team of middle school students from the Bainbridge-Guilford LPP Program participated in the Junior Iron Chef Competition at Cobleskill College. Team members included Lilly Finch, Cassandra Koster, Olivia Briggs, Alyssa Finch and



was coached by B-G LPP Advocate Pat Yaddow.

Students selected the Hungry Hippos as their team name. Middle School students were challenged with the task of creating a healthy recipe that included at least two colorful fruits or vegetables and at least two items from the USDA Commodity List. There were strict guidelines regarding items that students could not use and limits for how much sodium and saturated fat that the recipe could contain. The recipe had to be a brunch item that could be easily served in the school Cafeteria. Students researched different recipes to get ideas and decided on *Fruit Roll Ups*.

Over a two-month period, students stayed afterschool many times to practice their recipe and to work on their poster for the competition. Even though students worked hard to master their recipe, it was not all business in the kitchen. Students informed judges that their favorite part about the process was singing and dancing in the kitchen while they worked. Needless to say, we shared many laughs along the way.

On the day of the competition there were 14 teams total for the Middle School Category and there was a panel of 6 judges. The judging criteria included the poster, oral presentation, taste, visual presentation, food service friendly, creativity and use of colorful/commodity ingredients. The overall team scores of the competition ranged from 324.55-444.35. Our Hungry Hippos team scored 379.05 and placed 8th overall.

We are so proud of all of our students that participated in the competition. We cannot wait to attend again next year. Great job everyone! We would like to give a shout out to Mrs. Miller for her help and support along the way. We could not have done it without you!

Envirothon Team Competes 2019 CNY Regional Envirothon

Bainbridge-Guilford participated in the Regional Envirothon Competition at Friends of Rogers Environmental Education Center in Sherburne, NY on April 24. Our team, the Fire Breathing Rubber Duckies, included returning member Hannah Sprow, and three new members, Matika Bartle Hughes, Abbey Delello, and Sasha Lamoree. The team placed third in Chenango County.

We are very proud of their hard work and look forward to working with them next year!



2018-2019 B-G Envirothon Team, l.-r.: Abbey Delello, Sasha Lamoree, Hannah Sprow, Matika Bartle Hughes



The Fire Breathing Rubber Duckies posing with their 3rd place plaque, l.-r.: Abbey Delello, Sasha Lamoree, Hannah Sprow, Matika Bartle Hughes



The team working together to answer questions at the Wildlife Station, l.-r.: Matika Bartle Hughes, Abbey Delello, Hannah Sprow, Sasha Lamoree

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New York City



On Friday, May 3 many of the 10th grade students attended the annual trip to New York City. Students went to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, and had some time to explore Times Square.

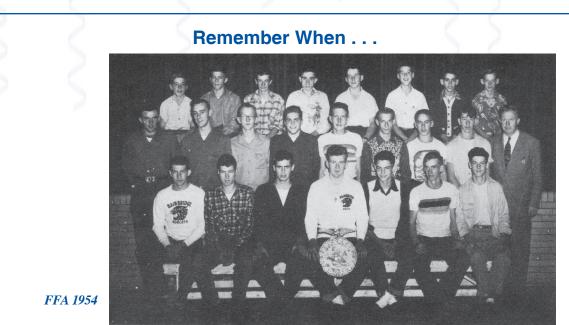
New SUNY Broome Fast Forward Class



This year Bainbridge-Guilford was able to offer another college bearing class to students. ECE110 Introduction to Early Education is taught by Lori Miller and introduces students to the growth and development of children between birth and age 8 as well as introducing them to developmentally appropriate practices to be used when teaching students in this age group. The course provides an overview of career options in professional education, learning theories, family involvement, and contemporary issues in education including diversity.

Students are required to observe 8-10 hours during the semester and complete a minimum of four hours of community service with children from ages between birth and eight years old. This is being accomplished in conjunction with teachers at Greenlawn and Guilford and has been a won-

derful collaboration effort. During this observation time students will also be planning and conducting a short lesson utilizing the knowledge they have acquired during the semester as well as helping with activities at the Guilford Play Day in June.



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Alumni Spotlight – The Morris Sisters!



We are Sharon Morris and Kimberly Morris-Schinn, sisters who graduated from B-G and now both work at Greenlawn Elementary.

Sharon graduated from high school in 1988 and went to Wells College for her undergraduate degree. She received her Masters in Education in Boston, then went on

to receive further certification in special education and administration. She taught both special education and kindergarten on Cape Cod before moving back to Bainbridge and becoming an RTI teacher. Her son, Ethan, is currently a 3rd grader and is a wonderful addition to our Greenlawn student body.

I (Kimberly) graduated from B-G in 1992 and then from Wells College in 1996. I received my Masters from Binghamton University and have been loving teaching 2nd and 3rd grade multi-age ever since! My husband Michael and I have a daughter, Aubrey, who is currently a 4th grader at Greenlawn and a son, Eli, who will be beginning kindergarten at Guilford in the Fall. We are all thrilled that Sharon and Ethan are here with us at school and the older cousins were even able to enjoy a year together in multi-age!

Our brother, Adam, graduated from B-G in 1999. Our Mom, Rosemary Morris, has been substitute teaching in our building over the past two years. We love having her in the Greenlawn school with us!

In high school, Sharon and I both enjoyed playing tennis, serving on Student Council, being a member of Mock Trial, and being a part of the music program. Sharon played the violin and I played the flute. Art and French were favorite classes of mine and English and Social Studies were Sharon's. In the summers, we were both members of the B-G Marching Band as part of the color guard.

As a faculty member, I serve as LINKS co-chair, am part of BGA Dollars for Scholars, work on creating a PARP month for Greenlawn students as well as Family Fun Night, coach Odyssey of the Mind and Girls on the Run, and am an active member of the BGTA. Sharon is a youth soccer coach for both indoor and outdoor, is a member of the data and assessment team, and is an active member of the BGTA by raising money for the Angel Fund and running the concession stand during football season. Yay B-G!

June Regents Schedule

MONDAY, JUNE 3

• 8:00 a.m. - Global History and Geography II

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

- 8:00 a.m. U.S. History and Government
- 12:00 p.m. Living Environment

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

- 8:00 a.m. English Language Arts (ELA)
- 12:00 p.m. Algebra I

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

- 8:00 a.m. Transition Exam in Global History & Geography
- 12:00 p.m. Earth Science

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

- 8:00 a.m. Geometry
- 12:00 p.m. Algebra II

MONDAY, JUNE 24

• No regents testing this day.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

- 8:00 a.m. Chemistry
- 12:00 p.m. Physics

** There may be some Local Finals given during regent's week, students will be notified by their teachers.

BUS SCHEDULE FOR REGENTS WEEK JUNE 18-25

- From June 18-25, the buses will run as follows:
- Regular bus run in the morning
- 11:30 a.m. pick up students at Guilford bus garage
- 12:00 Noon pick up students at High School to be taken back to Guilford bus garage
- Regular bus run at end of school day

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Summer Food Rocks! Find Sites Serving Summer Meals



2019-20 The USDA will be teaming up with Bainbridge Guilford CSD to offer a Summer Feeding Program that Is Free for All children 18 and Under, Special needs children to age 21.

Summer Feeding Will Be: Monday thru Friday July 1st thru August 9th Closed July 4th

Bainbridge Site: Presbyterian Church 3 Church St. Bainbridge

Breakfast 8:00-9:30 And Lunch 11:00-1:00

Guilford Site: 1240 Cty Rt. 35 Main Street Guilford (The Old Klee House next to the Stone Church)

Breakfast 8:00-9:00 And Lunch 10:30-12:00 Adult Breakfast \$2.00 and Lunch \$3.00

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It hasn't always been a straight and narrow road to success for Jared, but the unwavering support of his friends and loved ones have always gotten him through. The immense support he has received from fellow students, his Father John and his Stepmother Lizzette, and many caring teachers have been incalculable to his success. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Grigoli, Mr. Jenkins, Mrs. Hardy, Mr. Northrup, Mrs. Slack, Mr. Terpstra, Mrs. Mertz, and Mrs. LaFever for always challenging him to improve academically and pushing him to be the best possible person he could be. A special thanks also go out to his closest friends Gabe Watson, Alex Tranvaag, Dadeon Canfield, Erica Frost, Hannah Sprow and Josephine Porter. The support of all of these individuals has helped him through some incredibly trying times and he will forever be grateful for all of them.

Jared is planning on attending Binghamton University for Industrial Engineering this fall and hopes to go on to live out the American Dream to the best of his ability.

ZAMIRA CALDWELL

Zamira Caldwell has earned the thirdhighest academic average for the B-G Class of 2019.

She has been a member of the school's Chorus and Orchestra and has held many

leadership positions throughout her high school career: Vice President of her class, Student Council Officer-at-Large, and Spanish Club Treasurer and President. Currently, Zamira is the Treasurer of YES! Leads, and Vice President for National Honor Society and Student Council.

She also devotes herself to service. Some of Zamira's favorite activities include organizing the annual Student Council Food Drive, volunteering at youth sporting events, mentoring for the Liberty Partnership Program, being a counselor for the fifthgrade campout, encouraging healthy lifestyles through YES! Leads, and working as a caregiver at the town's Summer Youth Recreation Program.

Zamira has made a name for herself as a scholar-athlete in Volleyball, Track and Field, Basketball, and Softball, which she pursued during their season and the off-season. She is especially proud of her accomplishments through Volleyball: leading her team to two back-to-back State titles and being recognized as a member of the Class D All-Tournament Team, 3rd All-State Team, and League All-Star Team.

In addition to her current enrollment in the New Visions Allied Health Program at DCMO BOCES, Zamira has taken online and dual enrollment classes through TC3 and AP courses since her sophomore year.

In the fall, Zamira will pursue pre-pharmacy to begin her path towards becoming a pharmacist.

TANNAR CLIFFE

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Tannar Cliffe has earned the fourthhighest academic average in the class of 2019. Tannar has been on the Principal's Honor Roll throughout high school and is a member of the Senior Honor Society. He has received several spirit awards as well as a kindness award. He was selected by the Bainbridge Rotary for his leadership potential to attend RYLA, and this year he was selected as an Akshar All-Star for his personal integrity, hard work and willingness to help others.

Tannar is a talented musician, participating in orchestra and chorus, as well as attending Area All-County for many years. For the past three years he was a member of the B-G Envirothon team that placed first at the county level and competed at the state level. He also played tennis and has volunteered with the Bainbridge Lion's Club, assisting with local projects.

Tannar has an interest in wildlife and the environment. Through his photography and field work he has developed a program on monarch butterflies that he has presented to many local and state groups. It is this passion that he will be pursuing in the fall at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse where he will be studying wildlife biology.

ERICA FROST



Erica Frost achieved the fifth-highest average for the class of 2019 at Bainbridge-Guilford Central School. She has challenged herself throughout high school with numerous college and AP level courses. Erica is also

involved in many activities at B-G, including band, orchestra, chorus, drum majoring for marching/pep band, jazz band, pops choir, and playing an important role in YES! Leads.

Erica is a very active member of YES! Leads. She joined the club in her 10th grade year. She is a part of the advisory board and the action squad. These two extra commitments are groups that do planning and organization for the club. She has devoted many hours outside of school into improving and adding to YES! Leads. Erica also attended the Youth to Youth conference the summer before her junior year where she attended workshops in Rhode Island and brought what she learned back to her school. This conference is how she was invited into the action squad and advisory board.

Erica has also shown an extreme passion for music throughout her high school career, which is represented by her participation in the New York State School Music Association solo competition, All County band and chorus, Area All-State, and Conference All State, which is one of her largest music accomplishments thus far. Outside of school she has also gone on an American Music Abroad tour where she played music around Europe, and has attended the Crane Youth Music Camp for the two summers prior to her junior year. Aside from that, she also is very active in community bands around the area, and plays in the Catskill Valley Wind Ensemble and Binghamton Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Erica will be attending the University of Miami/Frost School of Music next fall to study Music Therapy. She hopes to pursue a career in this field after college as it is her ultimate goal to help those in need through music.



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B-G High School Artists Featured in Community



The high school art program has been busy this spring. Nine students designed and painted canoe paddles for the Jericho Arts Council sponsored event *Regatta Row*. They used acrylic paint and their imagination to create beautiful works of art that were auctioned off this spring. Congratulations to participating artists Madison Fairchild, Gavin Farrell, Hannah Goldswer, Olivia Hawkins, Nicole McKay, Raven Moore, Kyleigh Pedersen, Emma Sherman, and Rowan Sherrick for their outstanding work.

In addition, the B-G junior senior high school art program hosted an art exhibit at the Sidney Memorial Public Library for the month of May. 38 pieces of work were on display, made by students in grades 8-12. Media included paper collages, acrylic paintings, watercolors, drawings, and linocut prints and span a variety of subject matter. Students put hours of work into perfecting their craftsmanship and should be commended for their efforts. Ms. Hardy would like to thank the Sidney Memorial Public Library for hosting the show, and students Ashley Oliver and Kyleigh Pedersen who went above and beyond to help prepare for the show.

