

# Cobblestones



## Summer Hours

Summer hours for school offices are 8am-2pm. Parents, students and community members are encouraged to make an appointment or call ahead before stopping in. MS/HS main office: (585) 591-1551 ext. 2001. Elementary main office: (585) 591-1551 ext. 1831.



## Find District News and Updates on Twitter

Community members, parents and students can find the District on Twitter using @Alex\_Schools. The District Twitter feed is located on the homepage of the District website: alexandercsd.org.



## CLASS OF 1979 REUNION

The Alexander Class of 1979 is having their 40 year class reunion on August 31. For more information, please call (585) 219-4061.



The mission of the Alexander Central School District is to challenge students to be confident, contributing learners within a structured, safe and caring environment.

## Class of 2019 Top Ten Seniors CONGRATULATIONS!



*Front row from left to right: Nicholas Allen (Valedictorian), Kolbee Koch (Salutatorian), Summer Jeschke-Dean, Madison Bykowski and Paige Cummings. Back row from left to right: Jessica Scharlau, Mary Kochmanski, Connlan Hotnich, McKenna Moran and Katie Stanley.*

## Nicholas Allen, Valedictorian



Nicholas Allen, the son of Daniel and Susan Allen, is an exceptional scholar and active member of the Alexander community achieving highly in a variety of endeavors. Nicholas's cumulative weighted grade point average of 102 has earned him the distinction of being named Alexander High School's Valedictorian of the Class of 2019.

In the classroom, Nicholas has undertaken many academic challenges striving to make the most of his time at Alexander. Taking a variety of college level classes including fifteen AP exams, eight of which were self-studied, he has taken the most rigorous program available to him. In addition to his studies at Alexander, Nicholas was also enrolled at Genesee Community College (GCC) taking classes through the college's Accelerated College Enrollment (ACE) program beginning in middle school and ending his senior year. This culminated

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# Alexander Central School District

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**Catherine Huber, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent

**Tim Batzel**  
Business Administrator  
Supervisor, Buildings & Grounds

**Shannon Whitcombe**  
Principal, Secondary School

**Gretchen Rosales**  
Asst. Principal, Secondary School

**Matthew Stroud**  
Principal, Elementary School

**Kathy Busch**  
Director, Pupil Personnel

**Ryan Keating**  
Director, Curriculum &  
Instruction

**Robert Adams**  
Director, Athletics

**Matthew Perry**  
Director, Technology

**Shea Schreiber**  
Supervisor, Transportation

**Jim Tyx**  
Supervisor, Food Service

*Dear Alexander families,*



We have so much to celebrate in Alexander! In each of our newsletters, at our concerts, on the field and in the classrooms, the many accomplishments of our students are highlighted and celebrated. Thank you to all of our faculty, staff and administrators for creating the conditions every day for our students to thrive. As a community, we are proud of our students and their many successes.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to thank our community for your support of our budget. Your support allows us to maintain programs and staff to continue to provide the best experience possible for all of our students. Congratulations to Brian Paris who will start his second term on the Board as of July 1.

As the year winds down and we head into summer, please take time to rest and recharge. Enjoy the time spent with family and friends. Reflect on the year that was and dream about what the next year will hold.

See you in September!  
Dr. Huber

## Live Thankful for Every Moment

*by Shannon Whitcombe, MS/HS Principal*



At the end of a school year, everyone seems to be counting down the days until summer vacation. Once summer vacation begins, we dread the countdown to the end of summer. This kind of "countdown mentality" has me thinking about what we're actually counting. Whether we're waiting for something to end or for something to start, in the process we're missing something important- living in the moment.

As a community, we've experienced a handful of truly difficult losses over the past few years. From the loss of an energetic and vivacious student to the untimely deaths of a beloved Assistant Principal and his son, we've seen firsthand that every day at every moment we have something to value.

This summer I hope that you are safe and thoughtful, you care for the people and the world around you and embrace every day you are given. As Muhammad Ali said, "Don't count the days. Make the days count."



## ALEXANDER GOALS 2017-2021

### Teaching and Learning

- ◆ All students will read at grade level by the end of third grade.
- ◆ All students will demonstrate increased levels of proficiency and mastery on standardized measures.
- ◆ All administrators/faculty/staff will engage in collaborative processes to move the work of the District forward.
- ◆ All administrators/faculty/staff will focus on creating the conditions for student



### Learning Environment

- ◆ Our technology infrastructure will continue to evolve in order to support teaching, learning, and collaboration.
- ◆ Policy review work will ensure fair and consistent organizational practices.
- ◆ Fiscally responsible budgets will be developed to support the work of our District.
- ◆ Our next capital project will be planned and initiated.



in Nicholas graduating from GCC with both an Associate in Applied Science degree in Computer Information Systems and an Associate in Science degree in Liberal Arts & Science with a concentration in Physics. He earned these degrees several weeks before earning his high school diploma and maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average at GCC.

Outside of the classroom, Nicholas excels in a number of extracurricular activities including participation in Alexander High School's music program. Nicholas has performed at the national level singing with the NAFME All-National Honor Ensembles Mixed Choir. He has founded and led groups such as the Alexander Jazz Experience (AJE) and performed and arranged for ensembles such as the Genesee Valley Wind Ensemble (GVWE). Nicholas acted in lead roles in Alexander's musicals including the production of *Guys and Dolls*. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and founder of the Alexander High School Math Team which placed third as a team in their first year competing against local high schools while Nicholas placed first overall individually. At GCC, Nicholas placed first in New York State among other two-year college students competing in the NYSMATYC math competition.

Nicholas is also a three-sport athlete. He was the team captain for Alexander's Varsity Boys Cross Country, Varsity Boys Swimming and Varsity Boys Track & Field teams. He has run cross country and track since his sophomore year and has swam since his 7th grade year. He was a sectional competitor in all three sports for multiple years and was named a Genesee Region All-Star in Track & Field for winning the Genesee Region title for the 4x400m relay his junior year. After graduation, Nicholas plans on working his fifth summer as a lifeguard at Splashtown Darien Lake before he attends Princeton University in the fall, pursuing a degree in Computer Science.

## Kolbee Koch, Salutatorian



Son of Shannon and Robert Koch, brother to Kaylee and Kelsee, Kolbee has been a part of ACS since his kindergarten year. Throughout high school, Kolbee has been involved extensively at ACS. He was involved with the Mock Trial Team for all four years of high school and was captain of the team for three of those years. In addition, he has participated with the Scholastic Bowl competition at GCC for four

years, the team winning the competition this year. Kolbee also took part in the Math Team and went to state finals both years of his involvement in the club.

Kolbee's favorite memories of ACS are getting stuck in the recycling bin in fifth grade, cheerleading for the volleyball team in animal onesies, having the middle schoolers think he was cool for doing the worm at school dances and, most importantly, being silly with the people he cares about. He'd like to thank his parents for always supporting him. Kolbee will be attending the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida where he will major in Software Engineering and minor in Business Administration.

## Summer Jeschke-Dean

### Ranked Third



Summer has lived in Alexander with her mom, Cindy, her entire life. In the past years at Alexander, she has participated in National Honor Society, SADD/Donate Life Club, College and Career Club and the Genesee County Youth Court.

This fall, Summer plans on attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for Environmental Engineering with a minor or double major in Chemistry. She hopes to pursue a career involving the upcycling and the engineering of environmentally friendly materials.

## Madison Bykowski

### Ranked Fourth



Madison Bykowski is the daughter of Michael Bykowski and Tracy Hastings and sister of Jacob Bykowski. During her time at Alexander, Madison was a scholar athlete playing basketball, soccer and softball. She was also involved with the school's Yearbook Club and National Junior Honor Society. Through her academic endeavors and hard work, she earned the

President's Award along with many other academic excellence, leadership and distinction awards.

During her high school soccer season, Madison was a team captain and also earned the Varsity Club Award her senior year. For basketball, she received the Most Improved Player Award, the Most Valuable Player Award and Athlete of the Month recognition two consecutive years. In softball she was named an All-Star for the 2018 season and Player of the Week. During both soccer and basketball, Madison was selected as an Exceptional Senior. After graduating, Madison plans to attend Genesee Community College to play softball and then transfer to a four year school. Madison is considering majoring in Engineering or a field pertaining to animals as she would like to one day open her own business.

## Paige Cummings

### Ranked Fifth



Paige Cummings is ranked fifth in her graduating class at Alexander High School. Paige is the daughter of Doug and Karen Cummings and sister to Madison and Nathan Cummings.

In her time at Alexander, Paige was involved in sports, clubs, community service and working during the school year. She was a two sport Scholar Athlete playing soccer and softball, and participated in Yearbook Club and the National Honor Society.

Throughout her high school years, Paige has received various academic honors such as awards for academic distinction, leadership and progress and the President's Award for academic excellence. Aside from academics, Paige has also strived for success in sports. Paige has been playing softball since she was in elementary school and has since been named a team captain in both her sophomore and senior years. Paige would like to thank her coaches and teammates for an amazing few years and the countless memories they've given her. After graduation, Paige will be attending Binghamton University to earn a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering in hopes of working in the aerospace industry.

## Jessica Scharlau

### Ranked Sixth



Jessica Scharlau is the daughter of Jerome and Stacy Scharlau. She has participated in basketball, soccer, Art Club and National Honor Society and has worked backstage for productions. Jessica has also participated in her youth group. She volunteers with the Challenger Sports Program where she helps students with disabilities play various sports. Jessica has volunteered with baseball, basketball, dance, swimming and tennis. Jessica also volunteers at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy where she bags food for local people during Thanksgiving while also helping in her church's religious education program.

Jessica has received awards for leadership in science and distinction in art. In sports she has received the Coach's Award in basketball as well as the Manus Christi Award from the Diocese of Buffalo. Her plans after graduating are to attend Genesee Community College for two years and then transfer to Upstate Medical University to pursue a career in Radiation Therapy.

## Mary Kochmanski

### Ranked Seventh



Mary Kochmanski, daughter of John and Marie Kochmanski who reside in Darien, will be heading to the University at Buffalo this fall. She has been accepted into the Biomedical Engineering Program. Mary has been given the opportunity to take numerous college credit classes while attending Alexander. She has enjoyed competing in Mock Trial for 4 years.

She has also participated in the Math Club, Scholastic Bowl, Art Club and Upward Bound.

Mary would like to thank her family for all the encouragement and support they have provided. She appreciates all the dedication from her teachers. They have gone the extra mile to assure her understanding of advanced studies and helped her obtain positive results. Mary is very excited to achieve her dreams in the future.

## Connlan Hotnich

### Ranked Eighth



Connlan Hotnich is the son of Julie and Ed Nichols and Sean Hotnich. Throughout his high school tenure, he has served as Vice President of Drama Club for three years, President of Ski Club for three years, President of the Alexander Jazz Experience, President of NJHS and NHS and has also been Class President the last two years. Connlan is involved in the Big Buddy Program, acts as the announcer for Varsity Softball and has been involved with peer tutoring and the panel for the Capital Improvement Project Vote. In 2018, Connlan was selected for the Genesee Youth Bureau Recognition Award. Other awards he has won include the John Philip Sousa Band Director's Award and Perfect Attendance Award his sophomore year. Connlan has also been involved with his church (Northgate FMC) throughout high school, helping on their tech team, instructing at the summer camp and working as an assistant leader for the Middle School Youth Group.

Connlan has exhibited a passion for music throughout high school with his involvement in numerous All-Counties, Area All-States, and NYSSMA All-State last year for chorus. He also participates in numerous community music groups such as the Genesee Valley Wind Ensemble, the Alexander Jazz Experience, the Batavia Swing Band, the Marilla Marching Band and sings with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra as well as many other school music groups. He hopes to continue this musical passion throughout the rest of his life. Connlan is also involved with Boy Scouts in Batavia (Troop 6069) where he is Senior Patrol Leader and hopes to finish his Eagle Scout this summer before heading off to college. This summer, Connlan plans to work at McDonald's for his summer job, take several vacations, finish his Eagle Scout project and enjoy his last summer before heading off to college at Syracuse University. He will be attending the Whitman School of Management for Marketing Management with a minor in Political Science.

## McKenna Moran

### Ranked Ninth



McKenna Moran is the daughter of Jay and Sandy Konfederath Moran of Darien and sister of Collin Moran. A scholar athlete, McKenna has played volleyball, softball and basketball for Alexander. She is a percussionist in the school band, joined the Yearbook Club as a senior and has been involved in Student Council for several years currently serving as Sergeant at Arms for her class. In 2018, she traveled to Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands with Alexander's Travel Club.

McKenna's passion in life is art. She won the Alexander High School Art Contest in her sophomore and senior years and was voted the "Most Artistic" student in the senior class. Thanks to the influence of the wonderful teachers at Alexander, McKenna has



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decided to combine her love of art with teaching. Following graduation, McKenna plans to attend Buffalo State College to major in Art Education.

## Katie Stanley

*Ranked Tenth*



Kathryn Stanley is the daughter of Jim and Diane Steel and sister of Ashley Stanley. Kathryn has participated in activities both in and outside of school. She has been a part of National Honor Society, College and Careers Club and SADD Club. Outside of school, she has participated in a nationally competitive dance team.

Kathryn has volunteered at the local SPCA, Alexander Fire Department, Alexander Elementary School, schools for those with disabilities, hospitals and nursing homes.

Kathryn is an accomplished, competitive dancer at Elite Dance Company. She has been dancing since she was 7 years old and dance is her passion. She has competed with her peers as well as being a soloist. Dance has played an important role in shaping the person she has become. The experiences go beyond costumes and choreography. She has learned valuable life skills such as time management, dedication, confidence and determination. Kathryn is attending the University at Buffalo to pursue a dual major in biomedical engineering and dance. She is excited to pursue a career and continue her education in both of these fields.

## ACS Celebrates Teachers



*Ms. Whitcombe and Ms. Rosales pass out special treats for all of Alexander's hard working and highly valued teachers.*

Alexander teachers were honored during Teacher Appreciation Week during the month of May. As an act of gratitude for the excellence in educational instruction exhibited by Alexander teachers, Ms. Whitcombe and Ms. Rosales ventured through the MS/HS buildings distributing snacks and words of thanks to ACS's dedicated teachers. "It is a small gesture of our endless

appreciation for everything teachers do to make Alexander Middle and High School so special," said Ms. Whitcombe.

Alexander High School ranked in the top 10% of all high schools in the United States out of more than 23,000 high schools ranked nationally by the US News and World Report in 2019, earning the Silver Medal status. "This type of recognition cannot happen without fantastic educators, P-12, who give their heart and soul to their profession," exclaimed Ms. Whitcombe. Thank you Alexander teachers!

## Updates From the Outdoor Classroom *by Ellie Jinks*

The Alexander Outdoor Classroom is always open to the Alexander community. Spring is an especially good time to visit as many of the native plants in our gardens begin to bloom. Our annual spring clean up took place on May 11. Volunteers, including area Master Gardeners, raked and weeded. Students in fifth grade and the high school AP biology class have been donating their time to weed and mulch. Keeping up with weeding was challenging this year due to the wet weather.

The Outdoor Classroom Committee hosted an ice cream social in May as part of the Alexander Community Block Party. In addition to enjoying free ice cream sundaes, community members engaged in activities at some of the Outdoor Classroom stations. High school students manned a face painting station. Thank you to Blondies Sip 'n Dip in Batavia for donating the ice cream.

Preschool children in our District were invited to a story hour in the Outdoor Classroom on June 5. Children listened to a story, played in the Outdoor Classroom stations and made a healthy snack. Each child received a free book and planted a bean seed to take home and watch grow.

This summer, the District Summer Recreation Program will again take place in the Outdoor Classroom. Participants will be engaged in a variety of outdoor activities including tending the vegetable plants in the raised beds and cooking.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us maintain the Outdoor Classroom. Those who are willing to help with filling bird feeders, tree trimming, gardening, station maintenance and construction would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, email Ellie Jinks at [ejinks@alexandercsd.org](mailto:ejinks@alexandercsd.org). Weeders are especially appreciated during the summer months. Feel free to stop in the Outdoor Classroom at any time. If you are interested in learning more about the Alexander Outdoor Classroom, visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/alexandercsd.org/outdoorclassroom>.





# The Enchanted Bookshop

The annual PTA play took place March 8 and 9 in the District auditorium under the direction of Kathy Weil. The cast of 25 fourth, fifth and sixth grade students put on an outstanding performance of The Enchanted Bookshop. "I am so proud of the fourth, fifth and sixth graders of the cast and the older students who worked behind the scenes. What a talented group they are!" said Ms. Weil. "I am so honored to work with them and the parents who step up to assist and I hope everyone is looking forward to next year's production." Well done all cast members, crew and volunteers for another successful PTA production!

**Director**.....Kathy Weil

## Cast

Margie..... Paige Bryant  
 Bombalurina..... Alyssa Adair  
 Mom.....Chloe Henning  
 Tammy..... Natalie Hamm  
 June.....Gavriel Burkhardt  
 Robin Hood..... Anna Holt  
 Tom Sawyer..... Vincent Dimick  
 Sherlock Holmes..... Adam Dolph  
 Dorothy..... Ella Bodnarskyj  
 Cowardly Lion.....Bridget Ripstein  
 Heidi..... Payton DeLelys  
 Pollyanna..... Anabelle Wessel  
 Book Fairy..... Riley Wall  
 Lady In Red/  
 Maid Marion..... Cora Whitcombe  
 Fagin.....Jacob Knoepfler  
 Long John Silver..... Jacob Brooks  
 Officer Ketchum.....Drake Orr  
 Fingers..... Annabella Nicastro  
 Edie.....Catrina Bubel  
 Doctor Dolittle..... Avery Wade  
 Queen of Hearts...Jayna Krzyzanowski  
 Maleficent..... Melanie Bump  
 Wicked Witch.....Bridgett McPhee  
 Cowboy Woody.....CJ Summers  
 Understudy..... Tucker Wall

## Lighting Crew

Hunter Doran  
 Regan McPhee  
 Matthew Wirth  
 Chase Graham  
 Imogene Plitt  
 Annie Slenker

## Backstage Crew

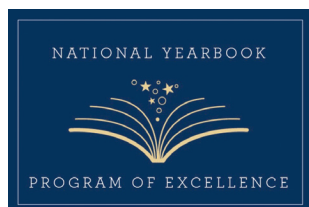
Leanne Dolph  
 Jasmine Wessel  
 Kathryn McClellan  
 Olivia DeLelys

## Sound Crew

Trinity Reynolds  
 Jason Lowe  
 Lexi Reynolds



## Alexander Yearbook Club Named Jostens 2019 National Yearbook Program of Excellence



The work of the Alexander Yearbook Club has been recognized by Jostens, one of the leading national yearbook companies, for the representative and engaging yearbook they deliver to the Alexander school community. According to Jostens, selection for the award is based upon rating in three categories including "creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school engagement and successfully managing the yearbook creation process."

The Yearbook Club is led by Advisor Christine Long. Staff members for the 2018/19 school year are Kelsey Kautz (photographer), McKenzie Nichols (photographer) and MacNeil Ruston (design). Senior yearbook representatives include Haley Alvord, Madison Bykowski, Paige Cummings, Riley LaFreniere, Olivia Lippold, Ellie Lochren, Paige Miller, McKenna Moran, Ashley Ohlson, Jennifer Pickard, Maci Riggs and Miah Urban. Underclassmen representatives include Taylor Fletcher, Madison Phillips and Natalie Whitmore. "This yearbook is a product of community effort. Students, parents, grandparents, teachers, administration, coaches and Alexander residents contributed to the success of this yearbook," said Ms. Long. "I am so proud of the work we have accomplished. My hope is that we carry on this meaningful tradition for many years to come."



# ACS Tech Class Participates In National Project to Assist the Visually Impaired

Mr. Hollwedel's Tech 8 class partnered with the University of Colorado Boulder and the New York State School for the Blind for the Build A Better Book initiative. According to the Build A Better Book program, "The Build a Better Book project works with school and library Makerspaces to engage youth in the design and fabrication of inclusive media, including picture books, games and graphics."

ACS students used 3D printing to develop book illustrations and games that can be felt and manipulated using touch rather than sight.

Dawn Weber of the Blind School Education Department, and former student of Mr. Hollwedel's 34 years ago, served as the liaison between both schools and provided some of the braille for the projects along with other key insights for the best development of each design. With the support of MS/HS Principal Ms. Whitcombe and Curriculum



*Manipulative game of memory.*

Director Ryan Keating, Tech 8 students visited students from the NYS School for the Blind to deliver the projects and interact with those who benefit directly from the meaningful work of Build A Better Book.

"From watching the interaction of all students from both schools, which was priceless, it is my earnest passion to see this continue into next year and the years to follow," said Mr. Hollwedel. "It was reported that students from both schools were still talking about the experience days later. This event truly touched the lives of both of our schools from the students to the adults."



*Book illustrations designed to feel rather than see.*



*Thank you cards from students of the NYS School for the Blind.*

## *Monkey See, Monkey Do...Acts of Kindness Start With You*



Elementary school faculty and staff kicked off Kindness Month in April by greeting students in the morning with smiles, words of encouragement, music and signs that bared messages such as "Being kind rules!" and "Be the reason someone smiles today." Students responded to the morning greeting with enthusiasm as one student exclaimed, "This might be the best Monday ever!" Another student commented, "I woke up in a bad mood until I got to school." Thank you faculty and staff for demonstrating acts and words of kindness that make positive impacts in the lives of our students.



*Congratulations  
Alexander Central School*



*photo provided by MCA Studios*



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# Spring Scholar-Athletes

The following teams were named NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete teams: Varsity Girls Track and Field, Varsity Tennis, Varsity Softball, Varsity Baseball and Varsity Boys Track and Field. To be eligible for the distinction, 75% of the team's roster must receive a total GPA of 90% and above. The athletes pictured participated on a Scholar-Athlete team and maintained a 90% or higher average during their season earning the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete title for the Spring 2018 season.

## Varsity Softball



*Front Row: Cianna Kusmierski, Mikayla Hickey and McKenna Moran. Back Row: Taylor Fletcher, Samantha Sawyer, Lindsay Czechowski and Madison Bykowski. Not pictured: Paige Cummings.*

## Varsity Girls Track and Field



*Front Row: Claire Slenker, Charlie Stefani, Marissa George and Mackenzie Donovan. Back Row: Kathleen Nolan, Jordan Schmidt, Nicole Hume, Cayna Bliss and Katarina Luker. Not pictured: Hailee Lowe.*

## Varsity Tennis



*Front Row: Shannon Breton, Anna Slenker, Eden Dodge, Lexi Reynolds, Andrew Young and Jay Morrison. Back Row: Abigail Bykowski, Alyssa Dudley, Emily Antonucci, Jason Lowe, Dominic Lamitina and Chase Graham. Not pictured: Trinity Amico and Ethan Stroud.*

## Varsity Baseball



*Front Row: Josh Kramer, Josh Kelsey, Jacob Jasen, JJ Goodenbury and Dylan Busch. Back Row: Carson Wright, Adam Hess, Noah Henry, Ryan Davis and Evan Whitmore. Not pictured: Hayden Walton.*

## Varsity Boys Track and Field



*Front Row: Daniel Santullo, Anthony Delsordo, Nate Luker, Colton Judd and Dalton James. Back Row: Liam Crawford, Bryce Davis, Ethan Heineman and Lowell Chamberlain. Not pictured: Nick Allen, Jett Davis and Ian Edmonds.*





## Spring Athletics Recap ...

### Congratulations Genesee Region Champions Teams:

Varsity Baseball Varsity Golf Varsity Boys Track & Field

#### March Athletes of the Month



Varsity Boys Track & Field: Ethan Heineman • Varsity Tennis: Lexie Reynolds • Varsity Softball: Carson Marzolf • Varsity Girls Track & Field: Cayna Bliss • Varsity Baseball: Josh Kramer

#### Signing Day



Ryan Davis signs with D'Youville College Division III Basketball Team

#### April Athletes of the Month



Varsity Baseball: Ryan Davis • Varsity Softball: Lindsay Czechowski • Varsity Tennis: Alyssa Dudley • Varsity Girls Track & Field: Hailee Lowe • Varsity Boys Track & Field: Bryce Davis

#### May Athletes of the Month



Varsity Girls Track & Field: Nicole Hume • Varsity Boys Track & Field: Nick Allen • Varsity Tennis: Eden Dodge • Varsity Baseball: Adam Hess • Varsity Softball: Mikayla Hickey (not pictured).

#### Spring Genesee Region All-Stars



At Right, Alexander coaches honor Transportation Coordinator Shea Schreiber at the Genesee Region dinner for her commitment to meeting the transportation needs of the athletic department throughout the year.

At Left, Girls Track & Field: Nicole Hume, Jordan Schmidt and Hailee Lowe • Boys Track & Field: Bryce Davis, Brayden Woods and Liam Crauford • Baseball: Ryan Davis, Adam Hess and Tyrone Woods • Softball: Lindsay Czechowski, Jordyn Cecere and Kayla Yax • Golf: Dominic Nicastro (not pictured).

#### Ms. Schreiber Honored





## Congratulations Alexander BOCES Career & Tech Program Graduates



## BOCES Signing Day Demonstrates High Employability in the Skilled Trades

Graduating Alexander senior Jake Day accepted full-time employment with Sloat Tire Shop during Genesee Valley Educational Partnership's first annual BOCES Signing Day. Todd Sloat of Sloat Tire was a student in the BOCES Career and Technical Program as well as his son. An avid supporter of the Program, Sloat shared that Jake's strong work ethic, ability to learn quickly and follow directions led to the collective decision on behalf of the Sloat team to continue working with day after graduation. Congratulations Jake!



*Jake Day is pictured with his parents, Alexander and BOCES administrators and Todd Sloat. Photo Credit: Maggie Fitzgibbon*

## Student of the Month



Alexander senior Noah Henry was honored with the Student of the Month for his exemplary work in the Justice Academy Program at Genesee Valley Education Partnership. Student of the Month recognitions are determined by academic effort and accomplishment, positive attitude, social engagement and overall success in GVEP programs. Congratulations Noah!



# Third Quarter Honor Roll Students

## Grade 6

Acquard, Ty  
Bodnarskyj, Ella  
Bryant, Paige  
Bubel, Devin  
Bubel, Kara  
Dundon, Sydney  
Foss, Nathan  
Gerhardt, Malory  
Goodenbury, Faith  
Harder, Teagan  
Kelly, Rachel  
Natalizia, Kristian  
O'Geen, Alexis  
Pietrzykowski, Emily  
Pohl, Dylan  
Sawyer, Melissa  
Scimia, Gia  
St. Clair, Aleisha  
Szymkowiak, Lillian  
Thompson, Kristen  
Wall, Riley  
Weber, Raegan

## Grade 7

Auricchio, Anthony  
Bezon, Clayton  
Burkhardt, Olivia  
Burns, Morgan  
Bykowski, Holly  
Chase, Sara  
Christie, Allionna  
Dodge, Alexis  
Dodge, Gabriel  
Dunbar, Owen  
Edmonds, Carter  
Frieday, Hailey  
Fuller, Madison  
Green, Katelyn  
Hamm, Aubrey  
Henning, Riley  
Johnson, Brittany  
Koch, Austin  
Kohl, Penelope  
Kramer, Alyssa  
Kwiatek, Dominic  
Lippold, Paige  
Luker, Angelina  
Marchisin, William  
Murray, Nora  
Pellegrino, Sofia  
Penkszyk, Austin  
Powell, Riley  
Radder, Lillian

Reeves, Isabella  
Roetzer, Karly  
Saile, Maia  
Schmieder, Shannon  
Shepard, Carley  
Staba, Oscar  
Wright, Aaliyah

## Grade 8

Ball, Justin  
Baumgardner, Grace  
Bennett, Andrew  
Davis, Jett  
Davis, Sarah  
DeLelys, Olivia  
Dolph, Leanne  
Feldmann, Bryce  
Ferraro, Emma  
Kiebzak, Kira  
Konfederath, Emily  
LaDuke, Sally  
Leitten, Haylie  
McClellan, Kathryn  
Mullen, Jadyn  
Pohl, Melanie  
Pulliam, Andrew  
Rieser-Klier, Paige  
Salemi, Zachary  
Stroud, Mya  
Thompson, Connor  
Webb, Marissa  
Wessel, Jasmine  
Wolfley, Parker  
Wozniak, Becca  
Wright, Madalyn  
Yax, Julia

## Grade 9

Amico, Trinity  
Caudill, Zachary  
Donovan, Mackenzie  
Edmonds, Ian  
Frieday, Matthew  
Graham, Chase  
Kabel, Samantha  
Kautz, Adeline  
Kelly, Allison  
Kramer, Emma  
Lamitina, Isabella  
Luker, Katarina  
Plitt, Imogene  
Saile, Neva  
Sawyer, Samantha  
Schum, Courtney  
Scroger, Ethan  
Slenker, Anna  
Summers, Krystie  
Wuest, Erika

## Grade 10

Breton, Shannon  
Daley, Lydia  
Dodge, Eden  
George, Marissa  
Hickey, Mikayla  
Hume, Nicole  
Judd, Colton  
Kochmanski, Anne Marie  
Kwiatkowski, Chloe  
Lamitina, Dominic  
Merle, Mya  
Merle, Rylie  
Morrison, Jay  
Pellegrino, Maleina

Przybylski, Kiersten  
Raines, Emma  
Young, Andrew

## Grade 11

Alvord, Mitchel  
Atkinson, Michael  
Bliss, Cayna  
Busch, Dylan  
Bykowski, Abigail  
Chamberlain, Lowell  
Crawford, Liam  
Davis, Bryce  
DeVries, Joshua  
Fletcher, Taylor  
Heineman, Ethan  
Hess, Adam  
James, Dalton  
Kusmierski, Cianna  
Lowe, Hailee  
Luker, Nathaniel  
Lyons, Kameron  
Mower, Hannah  
Mullen, Camryn  
Nolan, Kathleen  
Olszewski, Nicole  
O'Neill, Garrett  
Pope, Jacob  
Santullo, Daniel  
Schmieder, Lauren  
Slenker, Claire  
Smith, Faith  
Sotir, Vincent  
Stothers, Ian  
Stroud, Ethan  
Ulrich, Holly  
Walton, Hayden  
Whitmore, Evan  
Wright, Carson

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Allen, Nicholas  
Alvord, Haley  
Antonucci, Emily  
Basso, Eve  
Bykowski, Madison  
Cummings, Paige  
Czechowski, Lindsay  
Davis, Ryan  
Delsordo, Anthony  
Dudley, Alyssa  
Fazzio Jr., Robert  
Goodenbury, John  
Henry, Noah  
Hotnich, Connlan  
Jasen, Jacob  
Jeschke-Dean, Summer  
Kelsey, Joshua  
Koch, Kolbee  
Kochmanski, Mary  
Kramer, Joshua  
Lowe, Jason  
Miller, Paige  
Moran, McKenna  
O'Neill, Kennedy  
Pattridge, Thomas  
Pickard, Jennifer  
Przybylski, Jacob  
Reynolds, Alexandra  
Riggs, Macie  
Scharlau, Jessica  
Schmidt, Jordan  
Stanley, Kathryn  
Stefani, Charlie  
Strang III, Donald  
Ward, Issak  
Young, Lauren

## Drive Your Tractor to School Day 2019



In celebration of Alexander's agricultural community, students drove their tractors to school and displayed them with pride.



# Recognizing Our Accomplishments As We Plan for Tomorrow's Success

by Matthew Stroud, Elementary Principal

At the beginning of the school year, the adults and students in the elementary building were given some challenges- one for the adults and one for the students. As adults, we were challenged to choose to respond as laid out in this thought from Kein Carleo, "Responsibility is not something that is given. It is something you take; you have a choice. It has far less to do with your ability, and far greater to do with your response. Do you possess the ability? Respond. Always choose to respond." Students were challenged to rise to the challenge of living out the character traits that we looked at this year as we tried to be a CHAMPION, demonstrating Courage, Honor, [a positive] Attitude, Motivation, Integrity, Optimism and [doing what is] Necessary. We have seen a lot of great examples from both adults and students, and we have been and continue to be proud to celebrate these victories this year.

We have had over 50 students recognized by staff members as recipients of a CHAMPION referral. These students have done things like take time from their own recess to sit with a lonely student from a different class or grade level, bring in their own green and gold shirt to share with a brand new student who started on a green and gold day, helping struggling students choose appropriate books in the library, giving up a coat on a cold day when we had an unexpected fire drill, standing up to other students who were not being kind to someone and cleaning up in the cafeteria even if they didn't make the mess. These are just a few of the reasons that students were recognized, and we are all very proud of these students and the examples they were to all of us this year.

Adults in the building have also been responding to the challenge. We have had several people this year who were recognized by their peers for giving up their own time to help in a different classroom, taking time to share resources and teach a colleague how to try



something new, utilizing new instructional practices or materials in their classroom and volunteering to take on some new responsibilities in the building. Additionally, at different points in the year there have been many people who have come to me with ideas or resources for new opportunities for our students, who have offered to lead exciting trips, developed new activities that pushed and challenged our students and offered new experiences for our kids. Our students have held conversations with authors from across the country, participated in community events, have had their work chosen to be included in published anthologies and have been involved in numerous other exciting and enriching opportunities.

I am beyond grateful and proud of the way that everyone here stepped up to the plate and took a big swing at the challenges that came our way. We hit so many home runs and I have enjoyed seeing all of the bold first steps and the success that so many people have had. At a recent faculty meeting, I shared what I am already looking forward to focusing on next year as we continue to respond to needs and see our kids become CHAMPIONS. We will continue the work that we engaged in this year in our responses to different needs and in challenging the students to be CHAMPIONS. We will also continue our work in revising and improving our curriculum to meet the ever-changing needs of our students to equip them for success, and we will do all of that to fulfill the vision of the elementary building as a unified team. As always, we will work to create and implement systems that support students in their learning. We appreciate your support as a part of the team, and all of the work that you do with and for us as a school. Enjoy the summer, and I will see you all again in the fall.

*Alexander Students Remember Beloved Assistant Principal and Teacher, Steve Dedoszak*



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*Students honor Mr. Dedoszak by wearing purple, the color Mr. Dedoszak wore every Thursday.*



# Alexander Elementary Students Honor Veterans During Annual Patriotic Program

The second grade team hosted their annual Patriotic Program in May. Students sang songs that paid tribute to the men and women of our Armed Forces. They prepared for the event by learning the history and meaning of the musical selections they performed. Veterans and community members attended the Patriotic Program and enjoyed an evening filled with spoken verse, song and acts of appreciation for United States service members. Students also traveled to the NYS Veterans Home to honor residents with their presentation.



## Congratulations PTA Award Winners

The following MS/HS students were awarded the PTA Student Achievement Award based upon their outstanding effort, progress and dedication in class:

ALVORD, MACIE	METZ, DAKOTA
ATKINSON, MICHAEL	MURRAY, NORA
BEGIERS, BRADLEY	PICKARD, JENNIFER
BRYANT, PAIGE	ROBERTS, JARED
CEREFIN, EMILY	SAILE, NEVA
DELSORDO, ANTHONY	SCHUM, COURTNEY
DIOGUARDI, HAYLEE	SEYMOUR, COURTNEY
FAZZIO, ROBERT	SHEPARD, CARLEY
GERHARDT, MALORY	SMITH, KASEY
GIBSON, BRENNAN	SPRING, AARON
HARDER, TEAGAN	STANLEY, ASHLEY
KWIATEK, ISAAC	STEFANI, STEVIE
KELLY, RACHEL	VANEGAS, JOSE
LANEY, JAKE	WAGNER, GAGE
LIPPOLD, PAIGE	WOLFLEY, PARKER
LOCHREN, KHLOE	
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### PTA Call for Volunteers

by Allison Porter



The Alexander PTA is calling on volunteers to continue the PTA's meaningful work next school year. The PTA hosts a number of events throughout the school year and the help of community members and parents is what makes it all possible. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact PTA president Sara Fernaays at [saradfernaays@gmail.com](mailto:saradfernaays@gmail.com).

The Alexander PTA is very grateful for your support! Thank you to everyone who purchased items from the Henry's Candy Sale and/or made desserts to shower our faculty and staff in love at the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. We appreciate you!

We are also happy to report a successful Spring Book Fair in the Elementary School. PTA members were pleased to hand out many "You've Been Caught Reading" certificates to students for free books and bought \$25 worth of new books for each classroom.

Be sure to "like" us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on our upcoming meeting dates and events (search: Alexander Central School PTA).



We are proud to announce that the Alexander Summer Recreation Program has continued to grow with over one hundred participants this year! The program runs from July 1 to August 1, Monday through Thursday with drop off time at 8:50am and sign out time at 12:30pm each day. This year we are welcoming K-6th graders. Our objective is to provide

our students with a safe place to learn and have fun with educational experiences throughout the summer. Every day, all students experience swim lessons, outdoor activities and time in the Outdoor Classroom. The field trips scheduled this year include Niagara Falls, Letchworth and Niagara Climbing, while tentative trips to Hybrid Ninja Academy, a Batavia Muckdog's game and Greg's-U Pick farm are in the works. We also will have several special guests joining us this year including Mr. Hamm with STEAM activities, Mrs. Erin Saile with clay pottery, Ms. Diemert with "Be a Champion" character ed and Mr. Mark Rust and Mr. Klinzar offering varying musical experiences. We are excited for yet another fantastic summer!

### Library News

Volunteers are needed to build more Little Free Libraries to place around Alexander Schools. With lots of great ideas and a plethora of donated books, volunteers are being called on to make more Little Free Libraries available to Alexander residents.

A huge thank you to those who donated books for the elementary school. The book drive was held to provide students with new reading materials over the summer. The initiative was motivated by the hope that students will continue to read during their summer break. Thank you Alexander parents for the great response.

Plans for the 2021 Europe trip are underway. The trip will delve into the history of the Holocaust and participants will travel to Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic. Anyone interested in learning more about the 2021 trip are encouraged to contact MS/HS Librarian Kristie Miller at [kmiller@alexandercsd.org](mailto:kmiller@alexandercsd.org).

