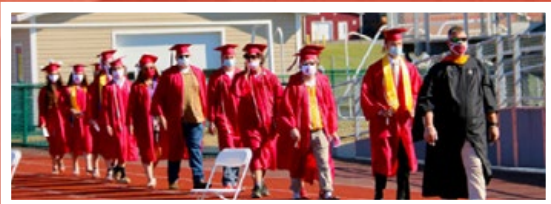
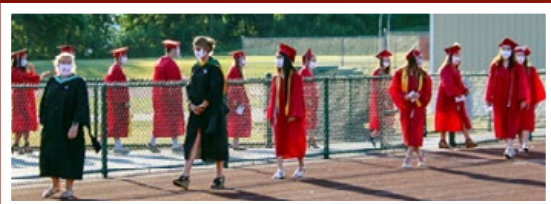




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GRB Admins Recognize High Honor Graduates



Fifty-three G. Ray Bodley High School seniors have been named high honor graduates.

The recognition came after those students achieved an overall average of at least 89.5 throughout their four years studying at

Principal Donna Parkhurst led the charge with other GRB administrators and staff members as they practiced social distancing and stood by as each high honor graduate and their families pulled up to the front of the high school, selected a bouquet of red and white carnations, their high honor graduate pin, a commemorative program and a package of cupcakes from Kathy's Cakes & Specialty Treats. Families were provided the opportunity to take photos before the next high honor graduate got out of his or her vehicle.

GRB's Class of 2020 high honor graduate honorees are: Annaliese Archer, Nathaniel Archer, Rebecca Bailey, Brittney Baum, Lyle Beeman, Mackenzie Birdsell, Alexander Blaine, Taylor Bonoffski, Koji Burdic, Samuel Cary, Harry Chen, Dawson Curtis, Vita Marie Dean, Alexander Dedich, Bernadette DeMott, Julie Duval, Jacob Fauler, Kaylee Foster, Cole French, Anthony Galletta, Ryan Gerth, Madison Gilmore, Seth Grimshaw, Heidie Hall, Trevor Hartle-Knapp, Laura Hayden, Chloe Hurlbut-Shepard, Jessica Hyman, Kayleigh LaBeef, Sydney Lawson, Jadon Lee, Alexis Lighthall, Faith Mazzaroppi, Alicia Merritt, Macy Middleton, Leah O'Hanlon, Nicholas Parrish, Madison Pepper, Samantha Perkins, Emily Porter, Mandee Price, Hayden Sachel, Anna-Carole Samson, Devon Seale, Cassandra Seaton, Andrew Smith, Jacob Summerville, Mark Tallents, Nevaeh Tucker, Courtney Weaver, Kira Whitehead, Hayden Williamson and Ronde Wood.

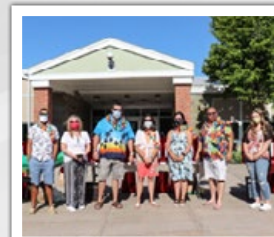
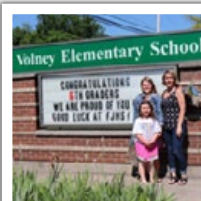
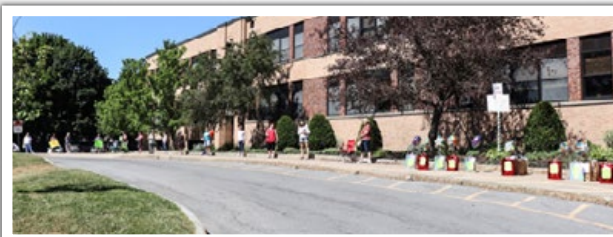
GRB. That group of honorees represent about 23 percent of the overall class of 2020.

While high school administrators would typically transform the GRB gymnasium into a banquet hall and celebrate all together, the staff got creative to still recognize each high honor graduate despite the current COVID-19 pandemic closing school buildings to protect the health and safety of students and staff. GRB staff have prided themselves on keeping traditions alive during the challenging times, just as they had for the high honor graduates.

Congratulations FCSD Retirees!

Thomas Greer	Director of Personnel
Debbie H. Stuetz	Secondary Assistant Principal
Elizabeth Conners. Exec. Dir. of Instruction & Assessment	
Arthur Babcock.....	Teaching Assistant
Mary Ann DeMar	Elementary Literacy Teacher
David Derouchie	Technology Teacher
Paul Dorsey	Elementary Teacher
Scott Earl	Elementary Teacher
Christopher Harvey	Physical Education Teacher
Lucy Hawthorne	Elementary Teacher
Sharon Jackson.....	Teaching Assistant
Thomas Nami.....	Music Teacher
Kathleen Schrecengost.....	Teaching Assistant
Terry VanBuren	Elementary Teacher
Thomas Ward	Science Teacher
Julie Wood	Elementary Teacher
Julie Aldrich.....	Teacher Aide
Patricia Holmes.....	Bus Driver
Rebecca Kinney	Cleaner
Carol Loughrey	Teacher Aide
Jacqueline Meeker.....	Teacher Aide
Sharon Moore	Bus Driver
Michelle Overton	Teacher Aide
Renaeh Vehrs.....	Adult Education Instructor

Sixth-graders Moving On Up, Elementary Schools Host Drive-through Ceremonies



Fulton Eighth-graders Recognized at Virtual Moving Up Ceremony

Eighth-graders were recognized during a virtual moving up ceremony that can be viewed from the district Facebook page or YouTube channel.

"For the last two years, our eighth-graders have put in the work, they've grown tremendously, and now they're going to be moving to the high school, which is one step toward the real world," said Fulton Junior High School Principal Marc Copani. "All of us in the junior high family are sad to see your children move on, but we wish them well, and we know they're going to be successful."

Many awards were presented to students across departments. The Triple "C" Award, which recognizes students who demonstrate courage, commitment and character, was awarded to Hailey Tussey.

The Presidential Award for educational excellence is an award that recognizes students that excel in the classroom.

The following students earned this distinction: Geena Abbott, Jacob Atwater, Paige Ball, Nicholas Barbagallo, Laura Bartlett, Rylee Bartlett, Olivia Bauer, Anna Bednarz, Rashad Bigelow, Matthew Brown, Tyler Bryant, Jamie Burdekin, Lauren Bush, Alexis Bush, Dakoda Capozzi, Charlie Chen, Cameron Connolly, Collin Cunningham, Gavin Doty, Tyler Drake, Owen Dumouchel, Harper Ells, Annabella Epolito, Molly Evans, Gabriela Farnham, Trenton Farrands, Cameren Fragale, Olivia Frataccia, Natalie Frost, Kayla Frost, Mason Fuller, Dianna Hagan, Alexa Halstead, Kyle Hood, Avalon Hotchkiss, Beverly Hotchkiss, Payton Hotchkiss, Bryanna Howard, Grace Hutton, Grant Johnson, Emma Kerfien, Zoey Kerr, Grace Kilpatrick, Jacob King, Joshua King, Dawson Krause, Aiden LaBreck, Joely LaPage,

John LaPlante, McKenna Lawson, Grady Marshall, Rebekah May, Daniela Mendez-Rodriguez, Natalie Miller, Abigail Miner, Breanna Murphy, Reese Niver, Riley Niver, Brady Niver, Ciara Okoniewski, Grace Olon, Ciara Orr, Derrick Orr, Layne Osborn, Ellie Parkhurst, Carleigh Patterson, Theodore Pederson, Moira Percival, Dominick Reidell, Ethan Rogan, Cody Romanowicz, Gabriella Runge, Leanna Rupert, Evelyn Rupert, Vincent Salerno, Madelyn Sands, Alyssa Sawyer, Adyson Shepard, Rylee Spencer, Kobe St. Onge, Evan Standish, Ashley Taplin, Wyatt Tarbe, Rosalind Taylor, Aiden Trude, Douglas VanSanford, Anthony Warner, Sebastian Warthen, Abigail Waters and Jaya Whitehead.



GRB Announces Co-Valedictorians for the Class of 2020

G. Ray Bodley High School's top two students of the Class of 2020 are Emily Porter and Sam Cary.

High school administrators decided that since the two seniors' grade point averages were just .06 percent apart, Porter and Cary would be named co-valedictorians. Principal Donna Parkhurst said she couldn't be prouder of GRB's top two students for all their academic, social and community achievements.

The tradition of Parkhurst handing carnations in the school colors of red and white didn't fade, as Porter and Cary then met GRB administrators outside of the high school. Everyone practiced social distancing measures.



Nearly 1.4M in Scholarships Awarded to GRB students

The annual G. Ray Bodley High School awards ceremony provided several students with the collective scholarship and monetary assistance up to nearly \$1.4 million in support of their educational dreams.

A first-of-its-kind virtual event, the traditional ceremony was divided into three nights to announce book award and scholarship winners, department honors and the top 25 students of each class.

GRB Principal Donna Parkhurst said the recognized students have not only excelled in their knowledge, they also have become leaders in their community.

"Our students and honorees have distinguished themselves as role models for their peers because of their character, work ethic and talents," she said. "The staff at G. Ray Bodley High School have observed them on the fields and courts, on the stage, and in the classroom dedicating themselves to consistently doing their best. On behalf of the staff and administration, I wish to thank you and your family members for bringing pride to G. Ray Bodley High School and to the Fulton community. We wish you continued success."

GRB administration then announced several students who received accolades for their leadership, dedication, academic achievement, character, perseverance and community service. For their efforts, recipients earned either a book, monetary award or scholarship commitment.

Some of the notable honors include: The Challenge Award, with a \$100 check sponsored by the Fulton Teachers' Association, to Alexis Loomis because she had shown exceptional growth in the last four years; The Attorney General Triple "C" Award to Reagan LaPage and Alexis Ingersoll because they had embodied commitment, character and courage; The Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology to junior Anthony Epolito because of his strong interest in IT. Epolito's award came with a scholarship commitment up to \$40,000 throughout four years to the University of Rochester.

Scholarships up to \$160,000 to Clarkson University were awarded, as were two for up to \$80,000 each to Elmira College, among several additional honors for students.

The second virtual awards night featured presenters from each department who honored students for their academic improvements, achievements and excellence throughout the 2019-2020 school year and beyond.

Recognized on night three were the following top 25 students of each class:

Top 25 freshmen: Megan Acker, Riley Lunn, Ryan Carroll, Harper McClave, Sabrina Carvey, Kyra Merritt, Sam Cotton, Olivia Metcalf, Madelyn Delano, Iz Moxley, Ava Demars, Bryce Noel, Ethan Demars, William Patterson V., Braeden DePoint, Alexis Pettit, Tanner Emmons, Nicholas Shaw, Rose LaDue, Shayla Sykes,

Mali Lamanna, Caitlin Todt, Sutter Lewin, Laura-Anne Vayo and Reagan Lunn.

Top 25 sophomores: Quinn Backenstross, Joann LeVe, Claire Broderick, Abigail Mainville, Isabella Cary, Madison Majeski, Mackenzie Coant, Rebekah Manwaring, Shawn Cornell, Lydia Mirabito, Megan Flint, Channing Noel, Quincy Gagnon, De'Nayah Orr, Lydia Gigliotti, Jolie Painter, Quinn Halstead, Grace Porter, Alexis Ingersoll, Nicolas Schremp, Mary Jerred, Rebecca Stone, Paige Kingsley, Christina Tallents and Melin Lamanna.

Top 25 juniors: Justin Atwater, Jacob Holmes, Sidney Bradshaw, Kaylee Hutchins, Brandi Carr, Jessica LaPage, Bryce Carroll, Samantha McRae, Zach Eggleton, Hope Mirabito, Malie Follet, Devon Nicholson, Olivia Forsyth, Alexa Patterson, Skyler Gibson, Sean Prock, Lauren Goss, Emma Weaver, Emily Grant, Brenna Wells, Kyleigh Halligan, Akeyva Wright, Olivia Hawthorne, Alena Wright and Ella Henderson.

Top 25 seniors: Nathaniel Archer, Alexis Lighthall, Rebecca Bailey, Alicia Merritt, Brittney Baum, Leah O'Hanlon, Samuel Cary, Emily Porter, Harry Chen, Mandee Price, Kaylee Foster, Hayden Sachel, Madison Gilmore, Anna-Carole Samson, Heidie Hall, Devon Seale, Trevor Hartle-Knapp, Andrew Smith, Chloe Hurlbut-Shepard, Jacob Summerville, Jessica Hyman, Mark Tallents, Sydney Lawson, Kira Whitehead and Jadon Lee.

FCSD Celebrates Kindergraduates!



A virtual celebration of our "kindergraduates" can be viewed on the FCSD Facebook page

FCSD Graduation Parade



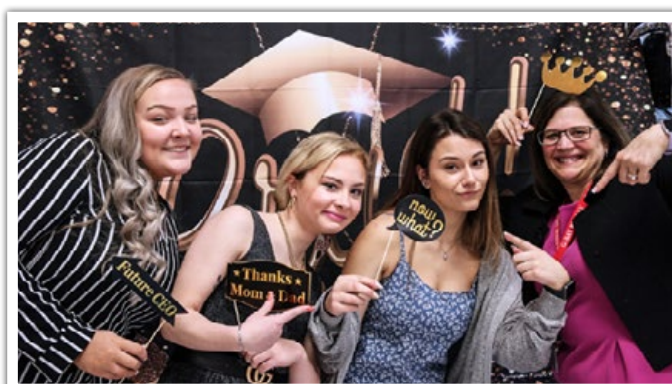
GRB Seniors Celebrate 100 Days to Graduation

Many G. Ray Bodley High School class of 2020 gathered together for a family-style breakfast in the school cafeteria to celebrate having just 100 days to graduation.

The celebration of accomplishments, overcoming odds and a growth of learning and friendships prompted the seniors to dress to impress, enjoy a fulfilling breakfast, play trivia and Minute-to-Win-It games and recalling fond memories.

Senior Class Advisor Jen Killian told crowd members that they should be proud of themselves, as this is “a great time in your lives.” GRB Principal Donna Parkhurst echoed those sentiments.

Attendees also signed a pledge banner, which reaffirmed their commitment to graduate in June.



FCSD Honors Senior Athletes

In it's first-ever virtual athletic recognition ceremony, the Fulton City School District recently honored all senior athletes from G. Ray Bodley High School.

GRB's Class of 2020 senior athletes were honored for the time they spent playing on sports' teams, and for their academic and leadership strengths, among other highlights. Christopher Ells, Fulton City School District Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, said when opportunities such as spring sports had been taken away due to the coronavirus pandemic, the athletes and supporters chose to rise above in their response, coming out even stronger.

“Now, more than ever, we look at our athletic program as a positive influence on us all,” he said. “We eagerly await the return to the arenas that provide us with

so much energy, enthusiasm, friendship and pride.”

Ells recognized the following teams for their sectional accomplishments: girls' bowling, the swimming and diving team and the wrestling team. Each team member will receive a special plaque from the Fulton Athletic Booster Club.

Guest speaker and former FCSD physical education teacher and coach, Mike Conners, said the challenging times have taught the athletes about adversity, “the ultimate lesson we learn through athletics.” While it's not about being the greatest athlete, Conners said much strength and resilience comes from being a great teammate and a champion in life. “We have the satisfaction of knowing our journey still continues,” he said.

Meanwhile, Ells praised coaches who have reached out to the student athletes for

workouts, to keep the momentum going.

Awardees include: Fan of the Year (Greg Hackett), Barney Naioti Leadership Award (Brittney Baum and Sam Cary), Joe Castiglia Effort Award (Ashley Jackson and Jadon Lee), Gene Adams Most Improved Athlete (Alyssa Kurak and Seth Grimshaw), Sox Stuber Sportsmanship (Alicia Merritt and Hayden Sachel), Dan McGinnis Senior Athlete of the Year (Madison Gilmore, Cam Galvin and Mark Tallents) and Section III Scholar Athlete (Chloe Hurlbut and Sam Cary).

Additional awards were presented in honor of the following: Rick Luciano (Patrick Galvin), Brian Dodge (Laura Hayden), Kunzwiler/Guistina (Hayden Williamson), Dominic Sciacca (Lyle Beeman), Dale Tombs (Anthony Carter), Margaret Beckwith (Madison Gilmore) and Carl Barton (Mark Tallents).

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From the Desk of the Superintendent



Dear FCSD Families & Community Members,

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving the Fulton City School District. As I reflect on the 2019-20 school year, I am so proud of the work and accomplishments by our students, teachers, administrators, staff, parents, and community partners. This year has been unlike any before with the impacts of COVID-19 pervasive across all aspects of our lives. I want to personally thank you for your flexibility, support, perseverance, and understanding during these fluid times.

As you are aware, there are many discussions about school reopening occurring in our community and across the country.

We miss our students and families, and we all look forward to a time when we can be together again in school. However, our highest priority is ensuring the safety of all members of our school community. We know that school will not look the same as it has in years past. As we plan for the 2020-2021 school year, we will communicate information as soon as we receive it.

NYS has provided school districts with the guidelines we need in order to develop plans for three possible varieties of reopening:

- In-person school for all students
- A "hybrid" model that combines in-person school with remote learning
- Remote learning only

By July 31st, each New York State school district is required to submit its own version of each of these three plans. The input from parents, students, faculty, administration, and community members will be critical as we develop the FCSD plan. Information and thoughts will be collected through surveys, focus groups, national and state guidance, work with other regional school districts, and knowledge learned by holding the special education extended school year program in accordance with NYS parameters.

During the first week of August, Governor Cuomo has committed to making a decision on if, when, and how New York State's schools will reopen. We will keep you informed throughout the summer with respect to progress towards opening day.

We look forward to collaborating with you to ensure that we develop plans that meet the needs of our students, families and community, while also meeting NYS Department of Education and public health guidelines. Our goal is to hold focus groups and share a series of surveys to gather thoughts and feedback throughout the process design through implementation and ongoing throughout the year to monitor our progress. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to the success of every child in our school district.

I look forward to the 2020-21 school year and our future accomplishments for every child, every day! Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Respectfully,
Brian T. Pulvino, *Superintendent*

*Have a safe and
enjoyable summer!*

Fulton Students Honored at CiTi Virtual Celebrations

Many Fulton students were honored during end-of-the-year virtual celebrations through the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation.

Celebratory ceremonies were held for career and technical education programs, exceptional education programs, the New Vision program and more. The videos can be viewed on CiTi's YouTube channel @CiTiBOCES.