

2022 NHS Inductee Ceremony



On Nov. 9, the LaFayette Chapter of National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 13 new members into the organization.

At the induction, NHS President Emily McClary gave a speech comparing the four pillars of honor society to the attributes of an artist: Connecting scholarship with an artist's perseverance; Character with attitude and discipline; Service with a need to create for others, and; Leadership with an artist's ability to inspire.

Physical Education teacher Cheryl Polinsky was selected to be the guest speaker, and she challenged the students to live "Ubuntu," a concept in which one's sense of self is shaped by their relationships with other people. As Cheryl spoke to students, she relayed the following message: "You all have made a positive impact on humanity, that is why you are here. It is not just about getting good grades, though that is important. It is more important to be good humans, to think of others, to serve in your community and to help those around you."

Following Cheryl's speech, the current members joined the new inductees on stage (pictured above). We look forward to seeing all of these students rise to the occasion and meet any challenge given to them, to always think of others, and serve their community. Congratulations to all of our NHS members!

2022 NHS Inductees: Madison Baker, Digby Collingbourne, Emmett Dix, Elizabeth Guzman, Payton Kremers, Mackenzie Loughlin, Ellie McElhannon, Kayleigh Olrich, Daniel Porter, Benjamin Ryan, Amalie Shute, Eva Stivers and Charlotte Virnoche.

Current NHS Members: Justine Borte, Evan Farewell, Andrew Kostiv, Emily McClary, Jordyn Sawkins, Isabella Shenandoah-Kurtz and Olivia Virnoche.

Legend of Learning

Congratulations to Ms. Winonah McCoy, Instructional Specialist at the Onondaga Nation School, who was selected as the November 2022 Legend of Learning!

A staff member who nominated Winonah shared the following: "Winonah does an exceptional job in supporting staff, students, and the community at the Onondaga Nation School. Winonah provides instructional support to staff members and students during ELA class by working with small groups of students on literacy skills, providing instructional strategies and resources for staff members, and making programmatic recommendations to help support student success. Prior to serving as an instructional specialist Ms. McCoy taught for several years and at multiple grade levels. Winonah connects with students and staff in an authentic way, always building caring, connecting relationships. Ms. McCoy is an active member of several school committees including the Restorative Practices Team (RPT), district professional learning committee, ELA committee, coordinator of ONS building cooking/baking competitions and many more. Ms. McCoy was also selected to represent teachers on the New York State Education Department Blue Ribbon Commission and helps provide recommendations on ways to improve education across the state.

Winonah, thank you for your continued commitment to excellence!



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Extending Our Roots



This year, the Onondaga Nation School (ONS) has undertaken a cool enterprise: the “Extending Our Roots” initiative. Conceived by the school’s Restorative Practice Team (RPT), the goal of this initiative is to create and foster relationships that will better help anchor the school to its community, while simultaneously encouraging students to get out and try different activities.

How it works: Each month, 30 minutes are reserved for students in grades Pre-K-5 to choose where they would like to go, and which activity they would like to try. Activities are conceived by both middle school students and staff, and by tapping into individual talents and interests. The activities are broad-ranging; beading, origami, social songs, Spheros (robots that help teach kids how to code), and food science, to name only a few. The result is students from different grade levels joining together to pursue common interests. On these days, the building hums with excitement from the start, and students always finish the day glowing as they head back into their classrooms to share their experiences!

The idea comes from the RPT, and the professional learning community book study “Better Than Carrots and Sticks: Restorative Practice for Positive Classroom Management.” The book study is fueling school-wide initiatives at ONS that cultivate relationships among students, while challenging staff to consider their own relationships within the building as well.

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Successful Financial Aid Night

On Thursday, November 3rd, My Brother’s Keeper, LaFayette guidance office, along with Liberty Partnership, OCC recruiting and financial aid representatives, hosted a FAFSA event for this year’s seniors and their families. We were thrilled with the turnout and the number of completed applications for financial aid. We were lucky enough to have Walt Nowey, Bruce Benedict and Katlyn Arnold cater our event. His culinary program is looking to be successful and gives the students a real world perspective. We would like to thank everyone involved and are looking forward to hosting another event in the spring.



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STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS ◆ FIRST MARKING PERIOD 22/23

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 7

Braylon Amidon
Rylee Andersen
Schuyler Bice
Marissa Bridgette
Chevelle Cronin
Sarah Ganoë
Kennedy Harmatuk
Leah Heath
Leonard Hickey
Presley Homer
David Kostiv
Jackson Loughlin
Graham Olin
Jerod Olrich
Gianna Papworth
Lillian Peios
Ayson Ryan
Hailey Schrader
Madison Shute
Alanna Stanton
Taheton Sullivan
Taylor Thorpe
Mary Wellman

Grade 8

Jeremy Aldrich
Logan Booher
Chloe Chapman
Tristan Costello
Grant Gates
Amanda Johnson
Delilah Johnson
Caden McClary

Cross Newman
Cambria Stanton
Teagan Vossler

Grade 9

Hudson Borchert
Amber Cooper
Amelia Evans
Katherine Fischer
Gisele Greco
Leah Haas
Logan Hazeltine
Landon Kendall
Sophie Olrich
Thomas Somerlot
Sye Stanton

Grade 10

Lillian Andrews
Jason ZBorte
Rayna Casler
Asha Christiana
Carlee Clemens
Caroline Davidson
Spencer Dix
Kalana Dockstader
Shayla Ellm
Kaitlyn Fabend
Isabella Friedman
Alexis Jennings
Isabella Kremers
Kiera Reed
Kayla Tillinghast
Paul Wells
Claire Zehner

Grade 11

Madison Baker
Brooke Branch
Zoey Christoffel
Digby Collingbourne
Emmett Dix
Austin Fellows
Payton Kremers
Mackenzie Loughlin
Ellie McElhannon
Aidan Mott
Aiden Newkirk
Daniel Porter
Benjamin Ryan
Amalie Shute
Madison Simmons
Eva Stivers
Sophia Townsend

Grade 12

Brett Bucktooth, Jr.
Ariel Clarke
Christian DeJoseph
Carson Dockstader
Evan Farewell
Alyssa Fellows
Evan FitzPatrick
Rachel Ganoë
Elizabeth Guzman
Andrew Kostiz
Emily McClary
Isabella Papworth
Jordyn Sawkins

HONOR ROLL

Grade 7

Landon Clemens
Carter Cool
James Herron, Jr.
Coen Kinsella
Brynn Rittenhouse
Levi Seemann
Brody Stout
Alexis Wagner
Caleb Young

Grade 8

Madelynn Amidon
Kaci Armstrong
Tyler Armstrong
Ashtin Carrier
Olivia Coppola
Josephine Davidson
Claire Fischer
Jermiah Griffin
Garrett Keefe
Stella Maroney
Devon Munnell
Ileigh Ossevoort
Harold Ousby, V
Camille Reynolds
Brooke Rugari
Caleb Seemann
Alanna Snyder
Daniel Tinder

Grade 9

Ian Colburn
Kylee Haskins
Lynn Jones
Owen Miltion
Maximus Race
Paityn Sawkins
Caitlin Somerlot

Grade 10

Lily Amidon
Mark Anthony Bestul
Schyler Bucktooth
Rylee Casler
Kaidence Cronin
Cash Homer
Cole Martorella
Lily McElhannon
Ava Shute
Gavin Slishevsky
Ellyse Thompson
Gregory Wheeler

Grade 11

Samuel Denuë
Davin George
Kesington Keane
Aiden Keefe
Kayleigh Olrich

Grade 12

Gabriel Bauer
Chelsea Benjamin
Justine Borte
Jameson Bucktooth
Nataliya Bush
Kara Humphrey
Layla Isaacs
Charlie Jones
Haydin Lyons
Grace McCarthy
Adison McConnell
Isabella Shenandoah-Kurtz
Bryce Stout

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Wrestling: For boys and girls PreK-6. Practices will begin on Tuesday, December 6th and end on Thursday, March 2nd.

Basketball: For boys and girls in grades 1-6. Grades 1-2 will be instructional sessions. Grades 3-6 will have practices and games. Schedules are being coordinated and will be emailed to those that have registered.

Volleyball: Volleyball will begin in March 2023. Registration details will be announced.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Men's Basketball: Currently in session. Monday evenings at Grimshaw 7-9pm. \$20 Registration fee (cash or check payable to LCC) to sign up and includes all sessions through June 12, 2023.

Co-Ed Adult Volleyball: Currently in session at Grimshaw, from 7:30-9:30pm. \$20 Registration fee (cash or check payable to LCC) to sign up and includes all sessions through June 16, 2023.

Ski Program: LCC's Friday night skiing will begin in January 2023. Thank you to all that registered.

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December IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5 GAPS Meeting 6pm
- 7 Grimshaw Winter Concert 7pm
- 9 JSHS End of Marking Period 2
- 13 JSHS Winter Concert 7pm
- 14 BOE Meeting 5:30pm
- 23 ONS New Yea Celebration
- 26-2 Holiday Recess

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