

## 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!



## LaFayette Community Council

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## ◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

### 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.

## ◆ Junior/Senior High School News ◆

### 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.





## ♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

### STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS ♦ FIRST MARKING PERIOD 22/23

#### HIGH HONOR ROLL

##### Grade 7

Braylon Amidon  
Rylee Andersen  
Schuyler Bice  
Marissa Bridgette  
Chevelle Cronin  
Sarah Gano  
Kennedy Harmatuk  
Leah Heath  
Leonard Hickey  
Presley Homer  
David Kostiv  
Jackson Loughlin  
Graham Olin  
Jered 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 Eilm  
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 Gano  
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 Denu  
Davin George  
Kesington Keane  
Aiden Keefe  
Kayleigh Olrich

##### Grade 12

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

## ♦ LaFayette Community News ♦

### LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

#### 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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