

## Psychology Students Visit Syracuse University



Due to COVID restrictions, it's been more than three years since Psychology students in Mr. Fox's class have been able to visit Syracuse University. On October 12th the tradition took place once again. Students experienced a full day of academic activities, starting with a meet and greet with head SUPA Psychologist Dr. Larry Lewandowski. Dr. Lewandowski shared insight about the course and provided students with a personal look into the clinical world of psychology. From there, students made (...continued on page 2)

## New Opportunities for Big Picture Students



Our internship experiences are back to pre-Covid levels. Many students are leaving the building to learn from adult experts in the role of mentors sharing knowledge and teaching skills.

We have students like Maddy Quick and Ryan Cawley who have returned to sites that have been amazing partners for us in the past, Tanglewood Riding Stables and Sauve Brothers Body Shop, respectively. Another long time mentor/mentoring site has been Deb at (...continued on page 2)

## Legend of Learning



Congratulations to **Ms. Amanda Reppi**, Art Teacher at Grimshaw Elementary, who was selected as the October 2022 Legend of Learning!

A staff member who nominated Amanda shared the following: "Amanda has an amazing passion for what she does, both for the art and for the students. She is always willing to help staff members make projects in the

classroom possible and support the curriculum through art. Students love to visit with her because she makes them feel special and important. She always wants the best for all students. She truly cares about their well being. She recently helped me to identify students who would benefit from receiving art supplies from the Backpack Buddies program. She is also involved in Paige's Butterfly Run as well as the Corporate Challenge and helps to organize the participation of other staff members. She is an amazing artist, wonderful teacher, and great colleague. It is an honor to be able to work with her."

Amanda - Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence!

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## ◆ LaFayette District News ◆



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Welcome to November! October flew by with several great community and school events: Apple Fest, the Grimshaw Walk-A-Thon, Big Picture Senior Thesis Project Presentations, Homecoming, and the Grimshaw Elementary Halloween Parade. Thank you to our students, staff, families, and community members for participating in these great events.

During the month of October, CNY celebrated the news that a large microchip factory operated by Micron will be building a manufacturing facility north of the city

of Syracuse. One of the driving forces behind Micron's decision to call CNY home was the strength of area schools, colleges, and universities. Local news sources referenced that Onondaga Community College will provide a training pipeline for Micron jobs. LaFayette is proud to offer over 16 college credit courses, many of which are offered through OCC. Students also have the chance to spend time on the OCC College campus and we are part of the OCC Advantage Program. This provides a college preparation and scholarship program that allows LaFayette students to attend OCC tuition free.

The preparation for welcoming large employers such as Micron, Amazon and infrastructure projects will require heavy involvement from the building trades and other career fields. LaFayette is proud to coordinate internships in several areas that will have a direct connection to the trades and careers through Big Picture School and OCM BOCES Career and Technical Education. We currently have upwards of 36 students leaving our Big Picture School every Tuesday and Thursday for internship opportunities. We also have twenty students enrolled in CTE programs at OCM BOCES with students participating in programs such as heavy equipment, welding, culinary, and cosmetology. For comparison purposes, during my first year in the district we had as few as five students enrolled in OCM BOCES CTE programs. I am proud of our schools for connecting our students directly with the workforce.

As we look forward to these great opportunities for our students and for CNY in general, there are several conversations happening with school leaders on how we can best prepare our students for these careers. This is an exciting time for our local community. We are also working with our students to build character traits, social and emotional learning skills, and mental health awareness to make sure that they are prepared to meet a variety of demands in their future careers and life in general. The past few years have been challenging to say the least, but we are well positioned for a bright and positive future. Certainly, we could not do any of this without such a strong and supportive community. Thank you for cheering on our students towards a bright and promising future! Go Lancers!

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a trip up to the quad and a lecture hall nearby. They sat in on a full lecture with other college students on the topic of "learning." After a short tour of the quad, students made way down the hill to Bird library where they met up with research librarian Emily Hart, who introduced students to the resources that would be available to them as Syracuse students. *Photo Credit: Sue Bang*

### New Opportunities for BP Students

Biscotti's. Deb has worked with so many of our students and Lucian is the current student at Biscotti's.

A few new mentors and sites for us are the Onondaga Nation Arena, Allen Tool Phoenix and Apizza Regionale. Jace is working with his mentor April, cooking up some delicious food and a strong partnership. Freshman Oliver Newell is at Allen Tool Phoenix and Braxtin has found another place to make pizza at Apizza Regionale. Not only do students attend internship days and work alongside their mentor, they are also working on developing an internship project. Students need to practice their skills and expand their knowledge through additional project work.

These learning experiences are shared through our student presentations and exhibitions. Our 101s (freshman) had their first exhibitions this month. They did a fantastic job standing up and presenting their experiences with the advisory, parents and panel. Our 401s (seniors) also presented their project proposals to a panel. The Senior Thesis Project Proposal day is always a fun way to kick off the start of the year. Students are professionally dressed and pitch their year long project ideas to a panel of community members. The panel provides feedback on the idea and leads to possible mentors and ways to extend or connect the project to other initiatives. This year our seniors and our panel were outstanding!

We are always looking for new mentors, new internship opportunities and ways to connect and support our community. Please let us know if you have any leads in these areas.

## ◆ LaFayette Community News ◆

### LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Soccer:** 2022 Soccer concluded on Saturday, October 22nd, thanks to all the kids that participated! A special thanks to the coaches, Kevin Morel (PreK-2), Tom Schwartz (5/6), Eric Mangold (5/6), Arif Karicic (3/4), Kurt Shafer (3/4) and Fabiola Carrillo (3/4). A big thanks to all the PreK-2 helpers: Coach Eric Culver, Owen Simmons, Mike Bestul, Tristen Costello, Andre Vonderweidt and Frankie Lopez. We appreciate our 3/4 and 5/6 game referees: Kevin Morel, Colin Morel and Ben Ryan. We had several other volunteers that helped throughout all the programs, thank you all for your time and efforts!

#### APPLE FESTIVAL

THANKS to all the fantastic volunteers at the LCC booth. The kids and adults enjoyed the two days of making and selling pizzas, knots, popcorn and drinks. Our sincere gratitude to all patrons that stopped at the LCC booth. It was a fundraising success and an enjoyable time!

#### YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Wrestling:** The wrestling youth program registration will be open in early November. Practices will start the first week of December. The wrestling season runs from December 2022 - early March 2023. More information will be posted on the Town of LaFayette website and LaFayette Community Council Facebook page.

**Basketball:** The basketball youth program registration will be open in early November. The programs offered will be determined by the registration numbers and coach volunteers. More information will be posted on the Town of LaFayette website and LaFayette Community Council Facebook page.

**Volleyball:** Information about volleyball will be provided in early 2023.

If you are interested and able to help with the youth sports programs, **AND WE DO NEED VOLUNTEERS**, please contact LCC at 315-677-7272. Thank you.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Men's Basketball:** Currently in session. Monday evenings through June 12, 2023 at Grimshaw Elementary, 7:00-9:00 PM. Basketball will not be held when the school is closed for holiday, school breaks, snow days or youth events. Paper registrations are available at the sessions. \$20 Registration fee (cash or check) to sign up and includes all sessions through June 12, 2023

**Co-Ed Volleyball:** Co-Ed Adult Volleyball will begin on Friday, November 4th and will end on June 16, 2023 at Grimshaw Elementary, from 7:30-9:30.. Volleyball will not be held when the school is closed for holiday, school breaks, snow days or youth events. Registration forms will be available on Friday, November 4, 2022. Fee for 2022-2023 season is \$20 cash or check..

**Ski Program:** The LaFayette Community Council ski/snowboard program provides residents access to ski passes at discounted rates. Many different options are offered. Some packages include lessons. There will be two information and registration sign-up nights: Thursday, October 27, 2022 and Thursday, November 3, 2022, both 6:00-7:30 PM at the Community Room in the Town Hall. Documents will be available for individuals/families to complete on those evenings. There will be no transportation provided for Friday night skiing. Participants under the age of 18 will need to have an adult responsible for them. More information may be found on the Town of LaFayette webpage: <https://www.townoflafayette.com/skiing.html>

**If you are able to help with any of the LCC programs – AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP - please contact LCC! We cannot offer these programs without volunteers. Thank you.**

Updates on all LCC programs can be found on the Town's web site under the "Community Council" tab. Information is also posted on LaFayette Community Council Facebook page and the Town's social media outlets (Twitter, Facebook). When possible, notices will also be provided through the LaFayette School District.

#### LCC Contact Information

Call **315-677-7272** please leave a message/ask a question and a board member will return your call. (Messages are retrieved at least twice a week.)

E-mail: [lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.com](mailto:lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.com)

24/7 on the Town's web site: [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com) under the "Depts." (Departments) tab

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## November IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3 School Bus Drills
- 7 GAPS Meeting 6pm
- 8 **NO SCHOOL**
- 9 ONS Picture Retake Day  
NHS Induction Ceremony 7pm
- 10 GS Picture Retake Day
- 11 **NO SCHOOL**
- 15 JSHS Picture Retake Day
- 16 BOE Meeting 5:30pm
- 18 **GS/ONS Half Day**
- 22 ONS Harvest Dinner
- 23-25 **NO SCHOOL**

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