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#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

First Day of School Wednesday, September 5

Columbus Day - No School Monday, October 8

# Reflecting on Our Year, Looking Ahead to the Future Celebrating the Class of 2018 - June 24 in Clift Park

The Skaneateles community will celebrate the Class of 2018 in a lakeside ceremony on Sunday, June 24 at 1 p.m. in Clift Park.

This year, 132 students will represent the Class of 2018, as they toss their caps into the air and prepare to leap into the future - college, career and citizenship ready. From the classroom to the stage, in our sports arenas and beyond, this senior class has left a lasting impression.

Gregory Santoro, Skaneateles High School Principal, describes this year's class as "Demonstrating a true sense of family." Santoro added, "They are loyal, dedicated and inspiring. They live the Laker Way."

The 2018 procession will be led by Co-Valedictorians Lucas Rathgeb and Nicole DeRosa, as well as Salutatorian Brady Iles.

Rathgeb will attend Dartmouth College in the fall, with DeRosa attending the Georgia



Co-Valedictorians Lucas Rathgeb (left) and Nicole DeRose (center) will be joined by Salutatorian Brady Iles (right) as they lead the Class of 2018 procession on Sunday, June 24 in Clift Park.

Institute of Technology. Iles will be attending Syracuse University.

Each was honored during the annual Honors Convocation held in May. Turn to page 2 for more details.

To see all of our graduates, turn to pages 4-7. For a listing of their plans following high school, turn to page 12.

## **Board Approves Pat Brown as Waterman Primary Principal**

The Skaneateles Central Schools Board of Education recently approved the appointment of Pat Brown as Waterman Primary School's principal, effective July 1, 2018.

Previously serving as the District's Reading and Humanities Coordinator, Brown has acted as the interim principal of Waterman Primary and State Street Intermediate schools since April.

"I am happy and proud to continue to serve the staff, students and community of Skaneateles," said Brown. "I would like to thank the Board, Mr. Slentz and the selection committees that had so much faith in my ability to lead Waterman School. I would also like to thank the Administration, the teachers, the parents and families and



the students for supporting me through the State Street and Waterman interim principal position. I could not have done it as effectively without all of their help."

The search for State Street Intermediate School's principal is underway. The district hopes to have that appointment finalized by early July.

## Student Achievements Recognized as School Year Draws to a Close Honors Students, NAHS and Tri-M Among Those Recognized with Year-End Gatherings

The accomplishments of more than 70 juniors and seniors were celebrated at the annual Honors Convocation held in the Skaneateles High School cafeteria on Monday, May 14.

Seniors received a variety of awards, including senior distinction awards in every subject area. Fifty-two seniors, who will graduate with Honors and Honors with Distinction, were congratulated and presented with special cords they will wear at graduation.

Six juniors were recognized for their recent induction into the National Technical Honor Society. In addition, more than 20 juniors received plaques, certificates, books and scholarships from colleges and universities that recognize Skaneateles students each year.

Skaneateles High School Principal, Gregory Santoro, welcomed students, family and friends to the Honors Convocation Ceremony before a host of faculty members presented the night's awards.

Music for the evening was provided by members of the High School Orchestra with refreshments provided by the Skaneateles Central Schools food service department.

A full listing of Honors Convocation awards can be found online at www.skanschool.org under the News & Events heading.



All fifty-two seniors that will graduate with Honors and Honors with Distinction were gathered for their annual photo at the Honors Convocation. From pen & paper to canvas, the stage to the field, this year's class is talented!



Pictured above are this year's National Art Honor Society Graduates.

Several new members were inducted into Skaneateles High School's National Art Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society programs during a ceremony held May 23 in the Skaneateles High School library.

A full listing of new members and honorees is listed under latest stories on www.skanschools.org.

The National Art Honor Society recognizes the commitment of students to make art and creativity part of their lives. NAHS is in its fourth year and has grown since it was first formed thanks to the officers graduating this year.

## **Skaneateles Central Schools Celebrate Five Retirements this Spring**

The Skaneateles Central School District is honored to recognize five dedicated members of our staff as retirees this spring.



**KELLY BONNER** 

has worked in the district for 13 years as a counselor at Waterman Primary School.

Bonner will be moving Kelly Bonner to Hilton Head Island and says she will miss the fantastic people she works with and the smiling faces of the students.



**MARGE COOTER** 

has worked in the district for over 18 years, serving several roles including most recently as the Middle School Secretary.

Cooter now looks forward to spending more time with family, doing home projects, traveling and relaxing.



Debra Covell

**DEBRA COVELL** has worked in the district for more than 15 years and has served as the High School Librarian during that time.

Within that role Covell has taught information literacy and promoted reading and poetry - coordinating the first local Poetry Out Loud Competition.



Lori Ruhlman

LORI RUHLMAN has spent more than 25 years as a staff member at SCS, serving as the School Information Officer and Job Shadow Program Coordinator. Ruhlman is excited to have more time with everything and everyone she loves and says she miss working with the students, alumni and staff.



Irene McCarthy

**IRENE MCCARTHY** has worked in the district for 18 years.

McCarthy has worked as a Special Ed aide in Waterman, State Street and the Middle School.

In retirement she is looking forward to spending more time with family and friends and says that she will miss the kids and everyone that she has worked with over the years.

Skaneateles Central Schools congratulates Kelly, Marge, Debra, Lori and Irene on their retirements and wishes them the best in all of their future endeavors!

# Eighth Grade Makes Lasting Memories During 'Celebrate 8' Visit www.skanschools.org for a Full Photo Gallery and Videos

The Skaneateles Middle School eighth grade gathered with family, friends and teachers on June 7 to 'Celebrate 8', as they prepare to move on to Skaneateles High School next school year as the Class of 2022.

The evening's celebration began at 6 p.m., as students arrived with special Class of 2022 t-shirts that were distributed during the day.

Before gathering for dinner, students were welcomed in the High School auditorium by Middle School Principal Mike Caraccio, who presented a special slideshow, student videos and gathered students for a class photo.

Pizza, wings and drinks were then served in the cafeteria from 6:30 to 7 p.m. before moving outside for a host of activities including blow-up life sized foosball, blow-up twister, a blow-up obstacle course, a dunk tank, bingo, vintage games and karaoke.





Students were also treated with an ice cream truck and popcorn in the courtyard before picking up their official Certificate of Middle School Completion.

The day after 'Celebrate 8', the eighth grade went on their end of year trip to Darien Lake.

## **Grit 'n Wit Challenges:**

Skaneateles Middle School took advantage of a beautiful day on the SCS campus for their annual Wellness Day. The staff and Middle School PTC prepared a fantastic day for students including an outdoor picnic lunch as well as several Grit 'n Wit Challenges!





# State Street Students Explore Chittenango Landing

Fourth grade students at State Street Elementary recently spent an afternoon at Chittenango Landing.

The students participated in an archeological dig, visited with "Grandma" on the Erie Canal boat, helped repair cracks in the boat, and looked at goods in the general store.

They also saw dry docks, the saw mill, and watched the blacksmith at work.



## Waterman Students Getting Hands-On this Spring

Students at Waterman Primary School have been busy getting "hands on" this spring.

The kindergarten classes have been caring for eggs over the course of the last month and recently several chicks have hatched! Thank you to the Hughes family for giving us the opportunity to hatch these eggs in our classrooms.

Kindergarten classes have also been studying weather this month.

They have observed and tracked weather, measured temperature with thermometers, measured rain with rain gauges and also measured wind speed with handmade wind gauges.

The students and staff have had such fun with their Smithsonian Science Kits this spring.



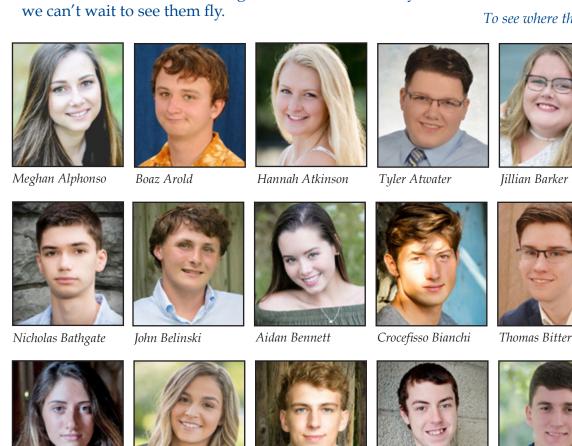
Spring time is a busy time for our youngest learners. The Waterman staff loves to take advantage of the beautiful weather this time of year!



## SALUTING OUR GRADUATES

They've played together, studied together, sung together, excelled together, laughed together, and grown up together. And now they will walk together once more as they take their seats along the shores of Skaneateles Lake at graduation. We salute each and every one of them. We thank them for all they have given the district and the community in their years here. We take pride as we send them off to diverse and exciting adventures. We already miss them;

To see where they are going, go to page 12





Karah Blair



Sarah Blowers



Joseph Brillo



Dylan Bull



Jared Calipari



Melissa Biver

Channa Barnes

Gabriella Capozza



John Carlson



Maggie Carlson



Jessica Casper



Jeremy Castle



Christiana Ciaccio



Julia Cirincione



Natalie Condon



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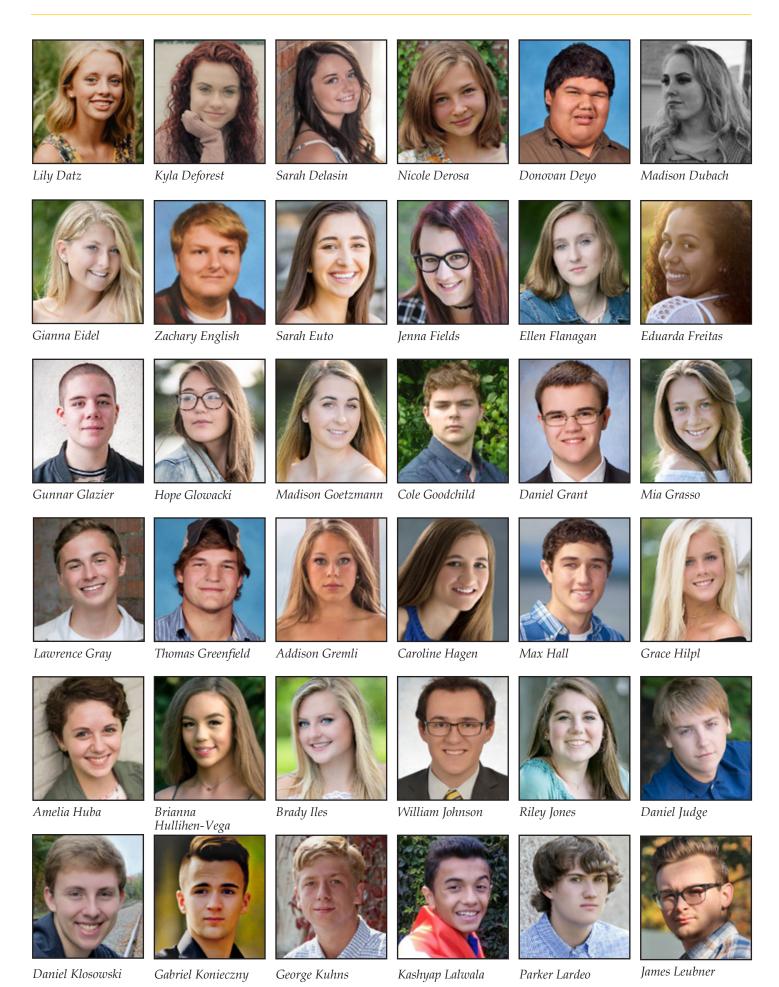
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Christian Daley



Hunter Dart







Tyler Lewis



Marcus Lockhart



Abigail Logan







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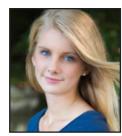
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John Ryan



Veronica Ryan



Sierra Sander



Thomas Scherrer



Tyler Schneider



Heather Short



Rachel Smith



Hannah Stone



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Elizabeth Williams



John Williams



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Hunter Woodruff



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Not Pictured: John Legg and Shannon McGraw

### 'Laker Way Day' Celebrates 2017-2018 School Year

Just prior to Memorial Day Weekend the students, staff and faculty of Skaneateles High School celebrated the 2017-2018 school year with 'Laker Way Day.'

A host of activities and games were provided for students to enjoy each other's company and look back and reflect on this school year.







### State Street Students Visit One Room School House

State Street's fourth grade classes visited the One Room School House this month, and dressed the part perfectly for a wonderful afternoon.



## SHS Earns Gold in US News High School Rankings

The 2018 U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools rankings have been released with Skaneateles High School having earned gold medal status.

Schools are ranked based on their performance on state-required tests and how well they prepare students for college.

The 2018 Best High Schools rankings awarded the top 5,948 public high schools in the country with gold, silver and bronze medals, indicating their level of college readiness.

Of the 5,948 public high schools to achieve a medal, Skaneateles High School ranks 285th in the country and 42nd within New York, posting a college readiness score of 67.3/100.

"We are proud to be considered by the US News Rankings as a Gold School," said Skaneateles High School Principal, Greg Santoro. "Our



students, teachers, and parents work together to provide the path for all of our students to be ready for their next challenge whether it is college, trade school, or employment. Together, our goal is to create opportunities and resources for all of our students to be engaged in the learning process."

Skaneateles High School boasts a graduation rate of 97% and an AP participation rate of 73%, with 90% of those students having passed at least one AP exam.

# **Eighth Graders Experience Annual Career Day**

The Skaneateles Middle School 8th grade took part in their annual Career Day earlier this month. Students were introduced to different careers through energetic community members.

Following a group meeting in the Skaneateles High School Auditorium, the students broke up into several groups to visit and learn what several community members do for their careers.

As a part of the meetings, students also gained knowledge on how each individual got to this point in their career and also discussed how they realized that their chosen career was right for them.

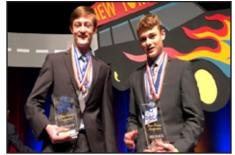
Through props, stories of life experiences and interactive videos, the students were able to interact with each Career Day volunteer to learn about their classroom studies and other experiences connect with future careers.







# Clubs & Activities Continue to Soar and Enjoy Success Odyssey of the Mind, Envirothon & DECA Among Those Making Their Mark this School Year



#### **DECA Takes on States**

A group of 15 SHS students recently participated in the DECA State Career Conference held in Rochester with sophomore students Connor Gell and JP Soderberg (pictured above) advancing to the DECA International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA.

The duo is only the second group to earn a runner-up position at the state competition from Skaneateles, joining Chris Niebhur in 2016.

"The future is bright for DECA," said Coordinator, Dan Mulroy. "The club has seen enrollment increase each year. The club started with 18 students two years ago and had membership of nearly 40 this year, with our sophomores performing extremely well."

### **Odyssey of the Mind Travels to Iowa for World Finals**

The State Street Odyssey of the Mind team consisting of students Matthew Leonardis, Maura Leonardis, Amelia Blados, Nico Moro and Heschel Eidel with coaches Beth Moro and Carey Eidel, competed at the OOTM World Finals at Iowa State University last month placing 21st of 64 teams.

In addition to competing, team members were able to experience many events related to World Finals such as pin trading, parades, parties, fireworks, living in a dorm and eating in a college dining hall. If that wasn't enough, during the five day trip the team was able to squeeze in an afternoon at a water park and a couple hours at the Mall of America before boarding their plane back to Syracuse.

The team would like to thank everyone in the community that made this once in a lifetime experience possible!

Planning is underway for the 2018-2019 OOTM program as next year's synopsis of problems is online at www.odysseyofthemind.com.









#### **Broadcast Club Eyes Launch**

The SHS Broadcast Club is preparing for the 2018-2019 school year.

The club is searching for students interested in photography, film making, writing, editing and media of all types. If interested in participating, please e-mail School Information Officer Dan Kapuscinski at dkapuscinski@skanschools.org.

# **SHS Places Third in NYS Envirothon Competition**



In its 21st year of participation in the New York State Envirothon competition, Skaneateles High School placed third overall of the 45 counties that were represented. This year's competition took place at Hobart & William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY.

The Envirothon competition tests students' knowledge and understanding of natural resource issues within New York State. The spirit of competition is then used to help stimulate the students' interests in environmental concerns and motivate them to further develop their skills and grow into environmentally-aware, actionoriented adults.

This year's Skaneateles team consisted of students Alex Flanagan, Michael Lovier, Jack Lovier, Mila Miller and Nick Piciorek.

## Spring Sports Cap Excellent Season at Skaneateles High School

#### **Skaneateles High School Student Athletes Moving on to Division III Sports**

Twelve members of the Class of '18 will continue their sports journey at various Division III Colleges and Universities in the fall.

Football player Scott Ochsner will attend SUNY Brockport; Cross Bianchi will head to Hobart College, with Jon Ricklefs set to play for St. John Fisher College.

Girls Lacrosse player Abbey Logan will attend Wesleyan University with

Boys Lacrosse player Tyler Priest moving on to St. John Fisher College.

Track teammates Natalie Condon and Mia Grasso will attend Lehigh University and the University of Vermont.

Brahm Malcolm, a member of the Boys Track and Field team, will attend Ithaca College.

Baseball player Tommy Scherrer is set to play at Union College.



Wrestler Joe Brillo will attend RIT.

Boys Soccer player Luke Peterson moves to SUNY ESF while Girls Soccer player Shay McCarthy eyes Stevens Institute of Technology.



Girls Golf finished second at Leagues and in Sectionals. Addison Gremli (left) took third overall in the league tournament.



Patrick Hackler had a team high 81 points with 38 goals on the Boys Lacrosse team this season. The Lakers earned a record of 8-9 on the year.



Girls Lacrosse reached the Section III finals this season, losing to South Jefferson. Riley Brogan led the team in scoring with 98 points and 69 goals. Grace Dower was close behind with 89 points and 55 goals. Riley Pascal made 94 saves on the year.

## **Girls Track Earns OHSL League Championship**

The Skaneateles Lakers Girls Track & Field team won the OHSL League Championship this spring season. All-League selections for the season include Maddie Peterson, Mia Grasso, Brady Iles, Emme Conan, Graeson Landsberg, Eva Vitsaxaki, Melissa Biver, Lyda Buck and Sharla Dart.



#### **Boys Baseball Wins Division**

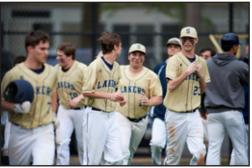
The Skaneateles Lakers Boys Baseball team went 18-3 on the season, winning their division.

The Lakers entered Sectional play on a 10-game winning streak, and would go on to win their first two sectional contests.

Unfortunately, the run ended there, losing to Adirondack in the Semis.

Michael Murphy and Craig Scherrer led the team in hits with 28.

Murphy added four homeruns on



the season while Jimmy Liberatore notched three.

Scherrer, the reigning pitcher of the year, threw one no-hitter this season and a total of 93 strikeouts.

## Skaneateles High School's 2017-2018 Scholar-Athlete Teams

#### **FALL**

Boys Cross Country - 94 Avg. Girls Cross Country - 97 Avg. Boys Golf - 92 Avg. Boys Soccer - 92 Avg. Girls Soccer - 92 Avg. Swimming & Diving - 95 Avg. Girls Tennis - 93 Avg. Volleyball - 92 Avg. WINTER
Boys Basketball - 90 Avg.
Girls Basketball - 94 Avg.
Girls Ice Hockey - 94 Avg.
Girls Indoor Track - 94 Avg.
SPRING
Girls Golf - 93 Avg.
Girls Lacrosse - 92 Avg.
Softball - 94 Avg.
Girls Track & Field - 93 Avg.

## **Artists and Musicians End School Year on a High Note**

**Skaneateles Central Schools Students Stood Out in the Spotlight** 



## **Second Grade Performs Farewell Concert**

The annual Second Grade Farewell Concert is always bittersweet.

On one hand we celebrate a fantastic three years spent at Waterman Primary School, and on the other we say goodbye to the second grade class.

This year's concert, assembled by

Nancy Fortais and the second grade team, featured several numbers in two separate performances.

The first performance was for the students at Waterman and the second for parents the following afternoon.

Good luck to our second graders moving on to State Street next year!



The Darien Lake Music Festival ran

through June 2. Orchestras, bands,

and chorus from around the region

attended over eight days of events.

over four weekends from May 11

Seventh and eighth grade students in Skaneateles Middle School's Band, Chorus and Orchestra programs took part in the Darien Lake Music Festival in May.

Each group attending the festival performed two or three selections for festival judges, while also getting

to spend the afternoon in the park.

"The trip is meant to be an opportunity for students to improve as well as a reward for all of the hard work that the students have put forth throughout the year," said Skaneateles Middle School's General



State Street students once again donated art to Crouse Hospital for their Crouse Health Healing Environment initiative.



Contemporary composer Sean O'Loughlin (left) visited SHS with the help of Corey Riley (right) and the Skaneateles Education Foundation.



The annual District Art Show greeted budget voters in May, highlighting student artwork.



State Street's fourth grade band concert is just one of many performances throughout the district that end the school year.

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# Oh, The Places They'll Go!

#### **Colleges & Universities**

Auburn University
Babson College
Binghamton University
Cayuga Community College (4)
Champlain College
Clemson University

Continental School of Beauty

Dartmouth College
Drexel University (3)

Duke Kun<mark>shan Univer</mark>sity

Elon University (3)
Fairfield University

Finger Lakes Comm. College Fordham University (2)

Georgia Institute of Tech.

High Point University

Hobart/William Smith (3) Ithaca College (2)

Landmark College
Le Moyne College (4)

Lehigh University

Loyola University Maryland U of Maryland, College Park

U of Massachusetts, Amherst

Mercyhurst College MiraCosta College

Monroe Community College U of New Hampshire, Durham U of North Carolina, Wilmington North Carolina State University Onondaga Comm. College (17)

Pepperdine University

Roberts Wesleyan College

Rochester Institute of Tech. (5)

University of Rochester

Saint Joseph's University

Saint Louis University
Saint Michael's College

University of Scranton

Siena College

St. Bonaventure University (2)

St. John Fisher College (5)

Stevens Institute of Technology

Suffolk University

**SUNY Alfred State College** 

SUNY Buffalo State College (2)

SUNY College at Brockport (3)

SUNY College at Cortland (2)

SUNY ESF (2)

SUNY College at Geneseo

SUNY College at Potsdam

SUNY Delhi (3)

SUNY Oswego (2)

SUNY Polytechnic Institute

Syracuse University (7)

Culinary Institute of America

Trinity College

Tufts University

**Union College** 

University of Buffalo (2)

University of Northwestern Ohio

University of Vermont (2)

Villanova University

Virginia Military Institute

Wesleyan University

#### Other

Marines

Apprentice Program

Workforce

### Rotary Foreign Exchange

Austria Japan

Taiwan

### **Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events:**

Sixth Grade Orientation AUGUST 29

Sixth-Eighth Grade Locker Night AUGUST 29

First Day of School SEPTEMBER 5