



# Southern Cayuga CSD Newsletter

July 2022

## *Congratulations Class of 2022*



Heather Adsitt  
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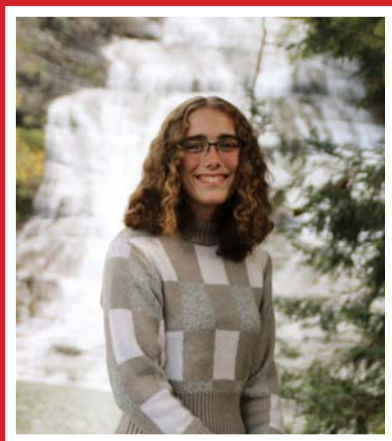
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Molleigh Johnson  
Alexander Keeney  
Faith Keller

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Elisabeth Kreydatus  
Henry Letona Gomez  
Jarred Marshall  
Haley Mayeu  
Charles Miller  
Cullen Miller  
Katheryn Montalvo  
Robyn Morgan  
Jacob Myers  
Jeremy Osterhout

Beverly Perez  
Hamilton Perez  
Ryan Pinckney  
Jason Prince  
James Rejman  
Caylee Reynolds  
Mikeya Richardson  
Colby Sellen  
Blake Signor  
Emma Smith-Dennis  
Brian VanArnum

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Marissa Wiemann  
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**Valedictorian  
Julia Gloss**

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**Salutatorian  
Molleigh Johnson**

For seniors Julia Gloss and Molleigh Johnson, years of hard work and dedication have paid off as the two were recently named Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Southern Cayuga Central School District class of 2022.

Gloss and Johnson stayed busy during their time at Southern Cayuga CSD. Gloss participated in cross country, indoor and outdoor track, National Honor Society, leadership team, student council and held a class officer position. Johnson was also in National Honor Society, on the track team, played volleyball and was on the yearbook committee.

Gloss, who plans on heading to the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) as an undeclared engineering major, wanted to thank her parents for their support throughout her life.

“I want to thank my parents for all the little ways they supported me, driving me to sports practices and SAT prep. And also my friends for making sure I still had fun during school,” said Gloss.

Johnson, who is headed to Alfred State College to major in construction engineering technology, also wanted to thank her parents for their unwavering support.

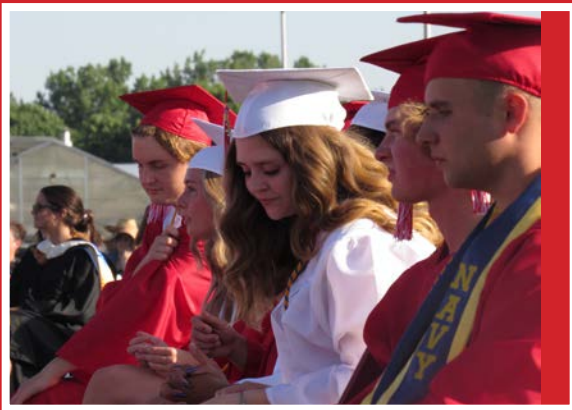
“My parents have always been really supportive, not only while I have been in school, but with what I decided to do for college,” said Johnson.

Both students collectively wanted to also thank their math teacher, Ashley Houseknecht, who they said went above and beyond to make sure they understood the material. Johnson and Gloss also said having a female role model in the math field was extremely inspiring.

Gloss’ weighted GPA was 100.30, while Johnson held a weighted GPA of 97.73.



# Class of 2022<sup>1</sup>





# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **Betty & Clarence Chamberlain Scholarship/Order of Eastern Star**

Masih Ghazanfari  
Julia Gloss

## **Caroline (Granny) Redmond Award**

Beverly Perez Vasquez

## **Cayuga Masonic Lodge #221 Scholarship**

Molleigh Johnson

## **Charles Volbrecht Jr. Community Service**

Audrey Brown  
Masih Ghazanfari

## **Class of 1984 Memorial**

Beverly Perez Vazquez  
Brian VanArnum

## **Claude Steffenhagen Scholarship**

Julia Gloss

## **COSBA Outstanding Student Award**

Julia Gloss

## **Dedra Ryerson Memorial Award**

Jacob Myers

## **Eileen N. Fitzgerald Memorial Award**

Jacob Myers  
Beverly Perez Vazquez

## **Emily L. Richardson Memorial Art Award**

Nathanael Hand

## **FB Lorax Scholarship**

Julia Gloss  
Louis Hasenjager

## **Frank Sr. & Virginia Turek Scholarship**

Sophia Bennett  
Louis Hasenjager  
James Rejman

## **George Peter Service Award**

Sophia Bennett

## **Gerald R. Warner Scholarship Award**

Alyssa Gavurnik

## **Herman Weisman Memorial Award**

Julia Gloss

## **Horace Grier Memorial Award**

Charles Miller

## **Howard & Elizabeth Lacey Scholarship**

Sophia Bennett  
Audrey Brown  
Masih Ghazanfari  
Julia Gloss  
Molleigh Johnson  
Cullen Miller  
Colby Sellen  
Blake Signor

## **Jamie Connell Memorial**

Beverly Perez Vasquez

## **Kindergarten Trust**

Sophie Bennett  
Audrey Brown  
Avrey Colton  
Lauren Collier  
Julia Gloss  
Taylor Green  
Louis Hasenjager  
Molleigh Johnson  
Colby Sellen  
Blake Signor  
Daniel Wilbur  
Marissa Wiemann

## **Kirk & John Faist Memorial Award**

Sophia Bennett





**Ladies Auxillary of the Knights of Columbus  
Council #207**

Blake Signor

**Maroney-DiSanto Service Award**

Audrey Brown  
Colby Sellen

**Melissa Hill Koontz Memorial Scholarship**

Audrey Brown  
Jacob Myers  
Daniel Wilbur

**Patrick & Patricia Lacey Memorial Award**

Audrey Brown  
Masih Ghazanfari  
Marissa Wiemann

**Margaret “Peg” Herstine Memorial Award**

Beverly Perez Vazquez

**Ross Reeves Memorial**

Masih Ghazanfari  
Robyn Morgan  
Beverly Perez Vazquez  
Brian VanArnum

**SC Booster Club Male & Female Athlete**

Aidan Brown  
Julia Gloss

**SC Scholarship Foundation**

Audrey Brown  
Zachary Denman  
Julia Gloss  
Marissa Wiemann

**SCCS Faculty Award**

Masih Ghazanfari

**SCCS PTO**

Audrey Brown  
Masih Ghazanfari  
Julia Gloss

**SCTA Scholarship**

Beverly Perez Vazquez

**Sherwood Scholarship**

Sophia Bennett  
Audrey Brown  
Masih Ghazanfari  
Julia Gloss  
Emma Smith-Dennis

**Sons of the American Legion**

Colby Sellen  
Blake Signor

**VFW Citizenship Award**

Sophia Bennett  
Colby Sellen

**VFW Community Service**

Sophia Bennett

**Cayuga Veterans Scholarship**

Masih Ghazanfari

**Walter T. Conley Post 1107**

Jacob Myers  
Beverly Perez Vazquez

  
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# SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION



## SOUTHERN CAYUGA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

In its 32 year, the Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation (SCSF) Board of Directors is delighted to introduce our 2022 scholarship recipients. Thanks to the continued, strong support of its generous community members, the Foundation was once again able to provide financial awards to Southern Cayuga Central School (SCCS) district students – including class of 2022 graduates, as well as qualifying district alumni – with an historic contribution of 16 individual scholarships totaling \$16,200. Throughout its history, the Foundation has made 341 awards, and has generated more than \$300,000 in financial support.

Southern Cayuga Central School seniors and district graduates pursuing college or other continuing education this year submitted 27 Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation award applications. The applicant pool was very strong and with the increasing costs of higher education, as well as student cost of living, the financial need in the community remains great. This year's recipients have notably displayed tremendous work ethic and resilience by prioritizing their educational endeavors despite the trials and tribulations of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Every dollar of Foundation scholarship has been raised by incredible, supportive, members of this community who believe in the value of continuing education for our district's youth,” said SCSF president, Carin Kopp. “Despite the challenges that everyone has faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, our community members have showcased their loyalty to and support of the bright, hard-working students of Southern Cayuga Central School – in high school and beyond.”

Given the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, awareness and fundraising efforts over the past two years have been led by a newly-developed digital campaign that is centered around the Foundation's new website ([southerncayugascholarship.org](http://southerncayugascholarship.org)) and Facebook page (@southerncayugascholarships). The Facebook campaign, which has grown its audience incrementally since its inception, has served as a primary awareness and communications alternative to the Phonathon that, for so many years, brought students and community members together in dialogue around the importance and logistics that surround annual support.

Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation award applicants are evaluated on their academic record, their demonstration of community service and commitment to work, as well as their thoughtful completion of an essay. The George Peter Service Award\* is made in memory of a founding Scholarship Foundation board member whose legacy was a lifetime of dedicated and selfless service to others, and countless contributions of time, energy, expertise, and enthusiasm to many organizations. A student awarded the George Peter Service Award has demonstrated his or her own commitment to service to their school and to the wider community. This year's George Peter Service Award was granted to Sophia Bennett ('22).

This past year, the Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation was the recipient of a one-time donation in memory of a person who was a resident in Southern Cayuga. One year ago, on June 15 of 2021, we lost a beloved Southern Cayuga teacher. Margaret “Peg” Herstine began teaching Spanish at SCCS in 1986. She helped start the Foreign Language Club to encourage students' interest in language, which led to escorting students to Europe and Mexico over Spring Break for many years. Even after retiring due to health issues, Peg went back to teach part time, assisting students





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learning English. In memory of Peg Herstine and her love of teaching and languages, Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation has selected Beverly Perez ('22), who plans to pursue a degree in early childhood education, to be the recipient of a scholarship\*\* in Peg's memory.

The *Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation* Board of Directors proudly introduces all of its 2022 award recipients:

### SCCS Class of 2022

Sophia Bennett \*

Audrey Brown

Zachary Denman

Julia Gloss

Beverly Perez \*\*

Marissa Wiemann

### SCCS Alumni

Bridget Davis ('21)

Kaley Driscoll ('20)

Daniel Groth ('21)

Bridget Hastings ('21)

Wisteria Kirk ('21)

Catherine Kopp ('19)

Kelsey LaFave (20')

Kylie Rejman ('21)

Molly Rejman ('21)

Benjamin Stiadle ('21)

If you are interested in learning more about the Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation, please visit <https://southerncayugascholarship.org> or follow @southerncayugascholarships on Facebook.





## Junior/Senior High School

Luke Carnicelli,  
*Jr/Sr HS Principal*

### Southern Cayuga Jr/Sr High School **Ranked #1 in Cayuga County by U.S. News and World Report**

U.S. News and World Report recently released its 2022 edition of “Best High Schools,” which recognizes high-achieving public, magnet and charter schools across the country. A total of 17,843 high schools across the country and 1,325 high schools in NYS were reviewed as a part of the survey. Schools with a national rank within the top 40% nationally are listed as among the country’s “Best” high schools.

Southern Cayuga Jr/Sr High School was ranked 362 (top 27%) in NYS and 3,983 (top 22%) across the country. These marks rank Southern Cayuga Jr/Sr High School as #1 in the Cayuga County/Auburn, NY area for the third consecutive year. Data measures used to rank our school includes the following areas... 29% percent of students took at least one AP exam, 94% are proficient in math, 92% are proficient in ELA, and 94% of students graduated on time. Data from this year’s edition of “Best High Schools” came from the 2019 & 2020 school year, which was interrupted by the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020.

According the U.S. News & World Report, the criteria for ranking on the annual “Best High Schools” list includes College Readiness (the proportion of a school’s 12th graders that took and passed AP exams.)

exams), State Assessment Proficiency (overall performance on state assessments that are required for graduation), State Assessment Performance (how overall student performance compared with what U.S. News predicted for a school with its demographic characteristics in its state), College Curriculum Breadth (12th graders who took and passed multiple AP exams), Underserved Student Performance (assessing learning outcomes among several student subgroups), and Graduation Rate (the proportion of students who graduated on time in 2020).

For more information on how U.S. News & World Report ranks high schools, please go to the following website... <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/articles/how-us-news-calculated-the-rankings>.

And for more information on how Southern Cayuga Jr/Sr High School ranks among other area schools, please go to the following website... <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/new-york/districts/southern-cayuga-central-school-district/southern-cayuga-7-12-secondary-school-14090>

This information suggests that our students are performing at proficient rates in high school and are gaining the necessary skills to be successful in their post-secondary planning including college, workforce, or military. Students continue to perform at high levels given the challenges to our educational structures due to the Pandemic.

We are very proud of this level of student achievement for the entire school system and for our school community, as it represents a K-12 effort. This accolade notes the exceptional perseverance, focus, and achievement on the part of our students and staff.





## SCCS Athletics

Caitlin Wasielewski, AP/AD

Spring was an exciting time for our student athletes! We had several successes and much to celebrate!

Our varsity baseball team is young, but put together several wins. Issac Brozon and Parker Cullen were named to the IAC Small School North team.

Our softball team had an amazing season, one of the best in recent years. They beat Marathon and Whitney Point for the first time in several years. They qualified for sectionals and played hard throughout their game. Avrey Colton and Reilly Dingy were named IAC Small School North All Stars. Ellie Brozon was named the IAC Small School North MVP, as well as an ESPN Ithaca Athlete of the Week.

Our tennis team also had an exceptional season. The doubles pairs of Mary Kate Vitale and Colby Sellen, as well as Louie Hasenjager and Aiden Saville competed in sectionals.

The golf team had an impressive outing this season. Brandon Vanacore medaled at IAC's and qualified for sectionals. He was also named the IAC Small School North MVP and an ESPN Ithaca Athlete of the Week.

The boys and girls track and field team had many personal bests throughout the season. The 4x400 relay team of Charli Bennett, Julia Gloss, Norah McCarthy, and Circe Perez qualified for state qualifiers. Dan Davis qualified for state qualifiers as well in the shot put. Charli Bennett will be going to state qualifiers for the high jump. Charli Bennett also broke the school record for high jump. The new record is 5' 2"!

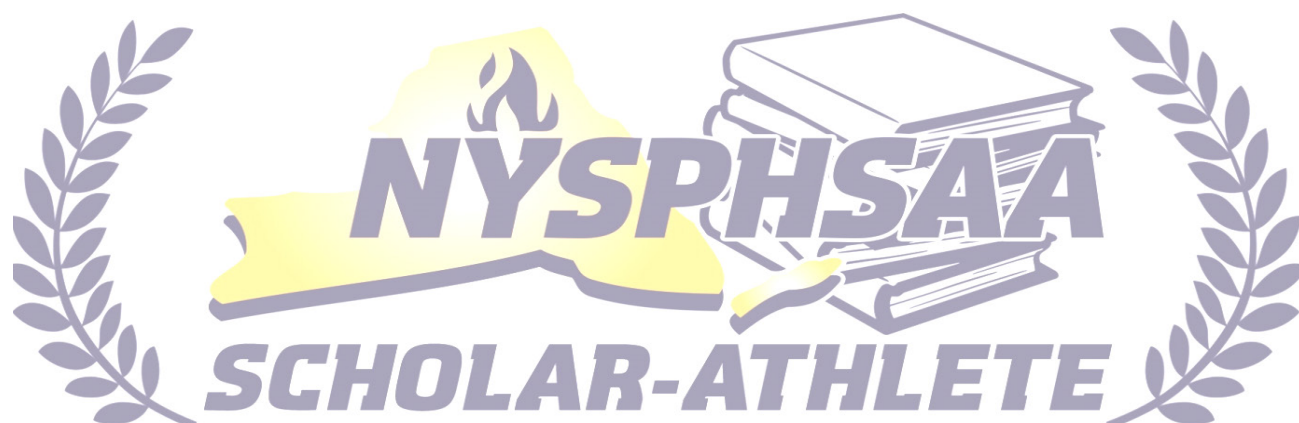
Students are currently signing up for fall sports. Information about fall sports will be sent out around the end of June and beginning of July for any family with a student who indicated interest in a fall sport. We look forward to carrying the success of this current school year over to the 2022-2023 school year.

Go Chiefs!

Follow us on Twitter to see pictures and videos of our athletes @SCAthletics2



Congratulations Chief Tennis team!! 8th place overall and 1st place ranking for first year player Aiden Saville!!



Peter Angotti  
Lia Bartolotta  
Charli Bennett  
Sophia Bennett  
Isaac Brozon  
Cate Burroughs  
Ellie Burroughs  
Nora Burroughs  
Avrey Colton  
Parker Cullen  
Dan Davis  
Tyler Figueroa  
Nolan Gans  
Masih Ghazanfari  
Julia Gloss  
Taylor Green  
Ava Haratine  
Louis Hasenjager  
JD Hauptfleisch  
David Hayden  
Molleigh Johnson  
Ben Kermidas  
Rachel Landon  
Cennedi McCarthy  
Norah McCarthy  
Charlie Miller

Tai Moon  
Circe Perez  
Beverly PerezVazquez  
Aiden Saville  
Colby Sellen  
Ryne Shelton  
Kaya Shelton  
Ryland Thayer  
Lauren Thompson  
Lilianna Van De Water  
Brandon Vanacore  
Mary Kate Vitale  
Loralei Weber  
Abigail White



Spring 2022 Scholar Athlete Teams:  
Girls Varsity Outdoor Track 96.49  
Varsity Tennis 95.82  
Varsity Baseball 91.54  
Varsity Golf 91.22  
Boys Varsity Outdoor Track 90.48



## National Honor Society

On Wednesday, May 18, 2022, over 35 collective Southern Cayuga Jr/Sr High School students were inducted into our Jr HS (grades 7-9) and Sr HS (grades 10-12) National Honor Society Chapters. For induction into NJHS & NHS, these exemplary students maintained an overall GPA of 90% or better, received recommendations from their teachers and filled out resumes with their activities. The final step of the application process was to write an extended response based on the five pillars of the National Honor Society: scholarship, character, leadership, service, and citizenship. This is not an easy list to accomplish, but our inductees worked diligently to fulfill their goals. All inductees and members of NJHS & NHS made a conscious decision to strive for academic and personal excellence.

Our school would like to congratulate all the inductees as well as all the current NHS members for their outstanding achievements in and out of the classroom over the past few years. We would also like to congratulate the family members of our inductees, for all their guidance and support.



### **Congratulations to our new NJHS members!**

Caleb Littlejohn  
Hailey Anguish  
Emma Bailey  
Reagan Binns  
Charles Gloss  
Bristol Hill  
Kaeleigh Kessler  
Natalie Kulis  
Audrey Larsen  
Logan Littlejohn  
Daegan Miller  
Samantha Morgan  
Timothy Morris  
Talia Pallokat  
Zada Quimby  
Jacob Turek  
Peyton Tyrrell  
Victor Van De Water  
Sophia Vitale  
Mackenzie Whitten



### **Congratulations to our new NHS members!**

Lia Bartolotta  
Tyler Figueroa  
James Hauptfleisch  
Cameron Lester  
Willow Marsh  
Norah McCarthy  
Tae Moon  
Circe Perez  
Alex Reuter  
Aiden Saville  
Natalee Sims  
Elisa Soch  
Ryland Thayer  
Lilianna Van De Water  
Mary Kate Vitale  
Fred Weber  
Payton Youngers

## Southern Cayuga Band Program

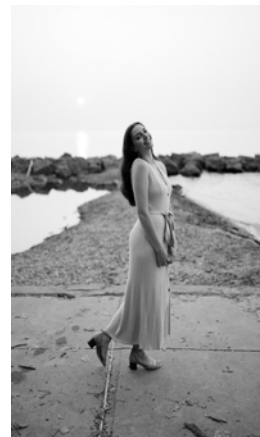
**March 18-20:** Two band students participated on secondary instruments for SCCS's production of Mamma Mia! The Musical, Aiden Saville (alto saxophone) played piano keyboard, while Norah McCarthy (bassoon) played bass guitar.

**March 25-26:** Select students participated in the Cayuga County All-County band under the direction of Stephen Salem. Congrats to all who participated! Julia Gloss (percussion), JD Hauptfleisch (trumpet), Justin Jillson (tuba), Rachel Landon (clarinet), Ana Marsh (bari saxophone), Norah McCarthy (bassoon), Kylah Rossbach (tenor saxophone), Aiden Saville (alto saxophone), Katie Turek (alto saxophone), Lilianna Van de Water (flute).

**March 2022:** The seventh-grade general music class composed 1-page reports highlighting women throughout music history, highlighting the celebration of Women's History Month and Music in and out Schools Month!

**May 4:** Twenty three students in grades 7-12 participated in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) solo festival! All students playing levels 1-4 received top rankings of either Excellent or Outstanding! Congratulations to all who participated!

The SCCS Band program hosted their Spring concert June 9 at 6pm in the Southern Cayuga auditorium. This concert featured all of our instrumentalists in a number of ensembles including Jazz Ensemble, select chamber music, Middle School band and High School band!



Elissa May Murphy is an active music educator and woodwind specialist (flutes, clarinets, saxophones) working in a variety of musical and teaching settings as a soloist, chamber artist, and adjudicator in the classical, theatrical, and new music idioms.

Elissa is a New York State Certified Music Educator with a Master of Arts in Music Education from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, and Bachelor of Music degrees in Music Business and Flute Performance from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam. Primary instructors include Dr. Christopher Azzara (Music Education), Carol 'Kickie' Britt (Music Business), Kenneth Andrews (Flute), and Selma Moore (Flute).







## Mamma Mia: Backstage, Onstage and Beyond

Written By: Elaine Meyers March 27, 2022

For the hundreds of community members who would never miss a Southern Cayuga School District musical production, this year's Mamma Mia delivered our anticipated theatrical hit. The quality of the staging, actors' performance, musical and dance precision surpassed all expectations this past March 18, 19 and 20.

I was anxious to meet the play's director and talk to students who worked onstage and backstage to learn the secrets of their continued success. As with all my conversations, I came away fascinated by the talent of faculty and the creativity and teamwork of our students. I also learned that talents and interests developed during these productions can impact students long after they graduate.

This year's production innovation began with the casting process. I met Director Jennifer Diana, the Junior and Senior High School Music and Choral teacher, when I came to observe a rehearsal two weeks before Mamma Mia's opening. I was intrigued when she told me that she did not announce her choice of musical prior to auditions. "When students are not limited to a specific musical, they choose numbers that give me a much better sense of their singing range and ability. They also cannot select a song to be sung by a specific role—reducing a sense of competition for perceived 'starring' characters. There was no disappointment when, after auditions, I gathered the students and announced the selection of the Mamma Mia cast. Everyone genuinely applauded each casting decision, and we had a team ready to make this the best production of Mamma Mia regardless of their role onstage or off."



## Engineering Students

The engineering students in Mr. Gregg's STEAM 7 class took a look into space these past couple weeks, more specifically the modern day Space X program. During this exploration the students visited the planetarium and watched the Mars inside SpaceX documentary featuring Elon Musk's space program and the enduring measures they took to create reusable rockets in hopes to one day land and colonize mars.

Students had the opportunity to create and launch their own personal Este Wizard model rockets on campus, learning the ins and outs of how rockets work.

In conclusion to the rocketry and discovering mars unit, students were challenged with limited supplies and time to create a lunar landing pod that would parachute from 12 feet and land safely and accurately preserving a raw egg within. The classes were not only impressively successful with this mission, but completed it demonstrating teamwork, communication and applying the engineering process.





## Planetarium

What a great May and June we had in the Planetarium! We had many visits from our Emily Howland students as well as those from neighboring districts taking advantage of the space. Not only were students treated to spectacular shows and presentations in the dome, but they were also able to utilize some of the great technologies that SCCS has to offer. Some were able to interact 'in space' through our Virtual Reality Goggles, while others read books and explored space through an interactive solar system Augmented Reality display. We look forward to expanding on opportunities for students when they visit the Planetarium in the future!



## Fifth and Sixth Grade Early Morning Robotics Clubs

This spring fifth and sixth grade students were able to participate in an Early Morning Robotics program. Throughout the 10-week program, students built robots with Lego Mindstorm EV3 kits and participated in coding challenges with these robots. Some students even took the robots home to share what they have learned with their families. We were also able to explore Virtual Reality with our VR Goggles. During the last session, teams were given limited supplies to construct a boat that would float, move (with the help of a fan) and then make modifications to increase the speed of their boat. We had such a great time, and these 'engineers' showed so much interest and enthusiasm, that we will be offering an early morning STEAM Club, for next year's sixth grade students twice a week. This program will run from October through the end of May! Our SCCS STEAM program has many aspiring students! We cannot wait to see what this group of students will offer to the SCCS community!



## History Club Takes Field Trip to Opendore Museum and Seward House Museum

By: Steven Baumes

On Tuesday May 17th, students in History Club participated in the club's first field trip to the Opendore Museum in Sherwood and the Seward House Museum in Auburn. Students learned the history of both the Howland's and the Seward's, as well as the history of the unique collection of belongings and historical artifacts at each museum. Students were guided at both museums by experts on each respective location.

After the field trip, students provided some of their thoughts/reflections about the trip at the History Club meeting:

- Abby W.: "It was really cool to see how the Seward House looked long ago when the family lived there. The different items/souvenirs they had on display were very interesting!" "It was interesting to learn about the Women's Suffrage movement and Emily Howland's involvement at Opendore!"
- Kylah P.: "I like how the paintings/portraits looked realistic and had meanings behind them!"
- Renee M.: "Getting to view the different items that the families had from around the world was very interesting!"
- Charlie G.: "I enjoyed touring around the Seward House and Opendore!"
- Reagan B.: "I enjoyed observing the interesting artifacts that the Seward Family used in their day to day lives!"
- Audrey L.: "The Seward House and Opendore were fun! It was cool to see what the Seward family used in their time!"
- Jacob S. "I really enjoyed going to the Seward House and learning about the bigger extent of John Wilkes Booth's Plan!"

A special thank you to Mr. Carnicelli, the SCCS Transportation Department, and the staff at both museums, Opendore and Seward House for allowing our students this fantastic opportunity!





## Exploring Philadelphia

On April 22 Southern Cayuga seniors traveled to Philadelphia to explore the city.

Students visited the National Constitution Center, a hands-on, interactive museum that highlights the evolution of Constitutional rights over time.

“[A] bill of rights is what the people are entitled to against every government on earth, general or particular, and what no just government should refuse.”

- Thomas Jefferson, December 20, 1787

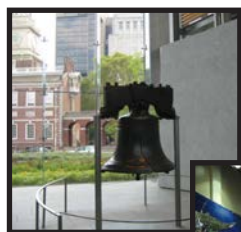
The group visited the LOVE sculpture, a work of art by Robert Indiana. The sculpture is in John F. Kennedy Plaza, better known as LOVE Park.

On a walking tour of the city, students visited the 72 stone steps leading to the entrance of the Philadelphia Museum of Art known as the Rocky Steps, all 375 of them, totalling 29,029 feet.

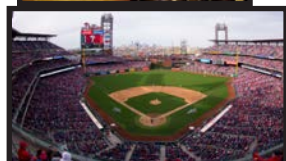
Students spent the evening at Citizens Bank Stadium, having the opportunity to watch the Philadelphia Phillies play the Milwaukee Brewers.

The next day, students toured Independence Hall the birth place of America. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were both signed inside the building. Students continued on to visit the Liberty Bell. Tradition tells on July 8, 1776, with the ringing of the Liberty Bell it summoned the the citizens of Philadelphia to hear the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence by Colonel John Nixon. Students then spent the afternoon at Adventure Aquarium, an underwater world with over 15,000 aquatic animals, including the largest collection of sharks in the Northeast.

It was wonderful to see the students experience a new city and take another step toward normalcy after COVID.



pictures from google







# FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

## New York State FFA Convention

The 97th annual New York FFA Convention, held May 12th-14th in Syracuse, recorded approximately 3,000 members and guests. Members of the state's largest agricultural youth leadership organization spent the week attending leadership workshops, participating in events and activities, being recognized for their achievements, and serving in projects that better communities of the New York FFA Association.

In addition to participating in tours, workshops, service projects, and sessions, students were recognized for their accomplishments during one of six general sessions. The following members of the Southern Cayuga FFA chapter were recognized:

**Empire Degree** - Sophia Bennett and James Rejman, were awarded the Empire FFA Degree in at the 97th annual New York FFA State Convention. The Empire FFA Degree is the highest degree bestowed by the New York FFA. The Empire FFA Degree recognizes FFA members who have received the Chapter degree, been active FFA members for at least two years, completed at least four semesters of agricultural science at or above the ninth-grade level, maintained a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program, demonstrated their leadership skills, and have shown a commitment to the FFA through involvement at the chapter level and above. Sophie and James, were one of only 145 FFA members across the state to receive this esteemed degree.

**Junior Tool ID Contest** – Four students from the Southern Cayuga FFA Chapter competed in the Junior Tool ID. Junior Tool ID contest challenges members to identify commonly used tools in the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources industry. Over 100 students across the state competed in this contest, and we had two students place in the top 10! Chase Sheils placed 7th and Bryce David placed 10th.

**Chapter Delegates** Delegate members from across New York gathered to share ideas and perspectives that will propel the FFA organization forward. Two to five delegates came from each of the organization's chapters to participate in the conversation and vote to create changes to benefit members. This year Alexander Keeney and Cennedi McCarthy represented the Southern Cayuga FFA in delegate duties.

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture education. For more information regarding FFA, please visit either [www.nysffa.org](http://www.nysffa.org) or [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org).

**Summer of Supervised Agricultural Experience** Throughout the summer, 25 members of the Southern Cayuga FFA chapter will immerse themselves into Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE).

A Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program involves practical agricultural activities performed by students outside of scheduled classroom and laboratory time. SAEs provide a method in agricultural education for students to receive real-world career experiences in an area of agriculture that they are most interested in. Therefore, the programs are student-lead and instructor/advisor-supervised. Every year, members create goals and strive to achieve them to further grow their knowledge and skills in their selected agriculture activity.

The programs range from paid placements on farm to service-learning in the community to school-based research. We want to highlight some of the SAE's our members are participating in. Check out the highlights:

## Caring for Community Cemeteries

Bryce David and Brooke Nasholts are working together to care for five local cemeteries throughout the summer and fall months. The five cemeteries include East Venice, East Genoa, Evergreen, Ledyard United Methodist, and Scipio Rural Cemetery. To care for these cemeteries, Brooke and Bryce perform lawn maintenance such as mowing and weeding, as well as care for headstones by cleaning and repairing when necessary. Although this is Brooke's first summer caring for the cemeteries, it is not a new service for Bryce and his family. Bryce's mother, Tammy Pettit-David, grew up caring for cemeteries with her father. The care and attention put into these local cemeteries was instilled at a young age for Tammy. Ultimately, this led to her family's involvement, as well as other youth in the community. This service project is fulfilling knowing that the care and attention Bryce and Brooke put into the graveyards are ensuring that one can visit and recognize where their loved one lies.

One goal that Bryce and Brooke have this summer is to commit to caring for one to two more local cemeteries.

## Serving up Sundaes

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Mary Kate Vitale will greet you with a smile, then serve you up a delicious ice cream at Seb's Green Shutters. This is Mary Kate's second summer in her paid placement SAE, making her an expert at building a sweet sundae and blending a rich milkshake.

Mary Kate's goal for this summer is to create new items for the menu (i.e sundae) with co-workers.

## Walking the Colored Shavings

Norah McCarthy and Cennedi McCarthy have been working and competing with dairy cattle from McGarr Farms through 4-H projects. Now they are taking their knowledge and experience into their FFA projects. They plan to show dairy cattle throughout the summer at various state Holstein shows, with the goal to earn enough points and recognition to take them to NILE or World Dairy Expo to walk the colored shavings with their pristine cattle in the fall.

As members continue to participate and grow their SAE's, members will have the opportunity to gain recognition from the New York FFA Association and National FFA Association through proficiency awards and degrees. These are just a few highlights, Ms. Wasson will be visiting and supervising this summer. Stay up to date on the projects of our members by viewing our SAE Spotlight's on the Southern Cayuga FFA & Agricultural Education page on Facebook.





## Agriculture Fair

WOW! We had so much fun sharing about agriculture (after two years without an ag fair), from animals to plants to equipment to food, with all of our PreK-6th grade students, during the Agriculture Fair

Our students shared facts, stories, and lots of smiles throughout the day.

Thank you to all the families and community members who made this event possible!





## 2022 Southern Cayuga Thank-A-Farmer Award



In 2021, the Thank-A-Farmer recognition award was created and implemented by the Southern Cayuga FFA, as our way of thanking local farmers for everything they do for our FFA Chapter and community all year round. Farmers, like our 2022 nominees, never ask for anything and work tirelessly all year, and this is our way of showing our appreciation. Our membership and the community had a lot to say about the farmers' determination and dedication with their involvement in agriculture.

This year, our membership nominated 8 farms in our school community, including: Aurora Ridge Dairy, LLC, Fessenden Dairy & Tender Loving Compost, Green Hill Dairy, Osterhoudt Farms, Sunnyside Farms, Scipio Springs Dairy, Turek Farms and Vansridge Dairy.

We recognize that farmers need to start the day with a nourishing meal to work all day, preparing and caring for the land and crops for the future of their farm and our community. So we filled bags with a breakfast meal that included New Hope Mills pancake mix, Sherwood Road Sugar Shack maple syrup, Thomas Nooks & Crannies, Chobani Yogurt, Land O' Lakes butter, Wegmans coffee, whipped cream, Pillsbury cinnamon rolls and Chobani Coffee Creamer -- they earned it!





# FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA EVENTS

## Senior FFA Graduates

I am enthusiastic to watch these Seniors graduate.

They will hold a special place in my heart as my first FFA Freshman class! I have witnessed them achieve and overcome so many things throughout these four years.



A photograph of four students (three boys and one girl) standing in front of a red wall with a white 'M' logo that says 'SOUTHERN CAYUGA'. They are all wearing blue FFA jackets. Above them is the word 'Seniors' in a large, white, cursive font, and to the right is the FFA emblem.

*Alex, Sophie, JD & Louie:*

Throughout the past four years, you all have grown as leaders in FFA. I hope that you continue to ignite your passions and spark actions of change throughout your future endeavors.

*- Ms. Wasson*

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CONGRATULATIONS



Four circular inset photos of the students: Sophie Bennett, Louis Hasenjaeger, Alexander Keeney, and James Rejman. Each photo shows the student in a blue FFA jacket standing in front of the same red wall and 'M' logo.

*Sophie Bennett*      *Louis Hasenjaeger*      *Alexander Keeney*      *James Rejman*

To my first FFA Freshman class,  
It's hard to believe that it is your graduation day. I remember meeting you all my first year of teaching. You were so young, shy, yet full of life! Here you are about to take on big adventures and new experiences. You are ready for this! I am so proud of everything that you all have accomplished to get here. May you all continue to accomplish your goals in life and reach your dreams. Congratulations!  
Sincerely,  
Ms. Wasson





## FFA Annual Awards & Banquet

The Southern Cayuga Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held its 55th annual awards ceremony Friday, June 10th at the Jr./Sr. High School under the leadership of Advisor Ms. Wasson.

Awards were presented as follows — Congratulations to all!

### Discovery Degree

The FFA Discovery Degree is awarded to 7th and 8th grade FFA members who have successfully completed the 7th and 8th grade agriculture course, have attended FFA meetings, and have shown interest in pursuing the FFA in the coming high school years.

2022 Recipients include: Emma Bailey, Cate Burroughs, Benjamin Kulis, Logan Littlejohn, Eleanor Miller, Talia Pallokat, Chase Sheils, Jake Sellen, Jacob Turek, Brianna White and Mackenzie Whitten

### Greenhand Degree

The Greenhand Degree is the first degree of membership earned in high school in the FFA. To earn a Greenhand Degree, you must have satisfactorily planned or started a SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience), have learned and be able to explain the meaning of the FFA Creed, know the FFA Motto, know the duties and responsibilities of FFA members, and understand the aims and purposes of the FFA.

2022 Recipients include: Charli Bennett, Bryce David, Deirdre Hastings, Brooke Nasholts, Alycia Orona, Monica Rejman, Preston Reynolds and Aiden Saville.

### Chapter Degree

The Chapter FFA Degree is the second degree of high school membership for an FFA member. One must have received the Greenhand Degree, have a SAE, have knowledge of the chapter's program of activities, participated in at least three local activities, and demonstrate progress in their SAE area.

2022 Recipients include: Ellen Burroughs, Norah McCarthy, Circe Perez, and Tyler Sheils

### Honorary FFA Member Award

The Honorary FFA Member Award is the highest award the FFA can give to a non-FFA member. This year's Honorary FFA Member is Mrs. Shelly Kulis.

Mrs. Kulis's office moved down towards the agricultural facilities at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, and she became a part of the program and FFA immediately. Mrs. Kulis provides a helping hand with her knowledge of technology, immersion in the agriculture industry, and crafty/creative ideas. Overall, she has a true passion for agriculture and understands all the benefits of being part of the FFA has to offer to students.





## DUI Crash Re-enacted For SCCS High Schoolers

By Masih Ghazanfari

Southern Cayuga High School hosted a mock DUI drill Thursday, May 26, 2022 in the school parking lot on the north end of the campus.

The event, sponsored by the SCCS forensics class taught by Michelle Shaw, had local first responders and student actors recreate a two-vehicle accident caused by a driver who was driving while intoxicated.

Members of several local fire departments, the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department, Sher-tleff Funeral Home and Lifenet of New York, the medivac helicopter, participated in the enactment.

Students watched as first responders extracted the mock victims from their vehicles and treated the survivors. First responders narrated to students the sequence of events that ensued after they arrived at the accident scene.

A Cayuga County Assistant District Attorney explained to students the legal repercussions of the driver's choices.

First responders re-enacted the extraction of victims from vehicles using extrication tools, and then "treated" the survivors before loading them into an ambulance. One victim "required" Medevac helicopter transport to a hospital and was loaded onto a helicopter. The helicopter had landed on the athletic field behind the school.



## Driver's Education Class

Our summer Driver's Education class is taught by Greg Otis. Driving lessons are taught in a formal program that helps to prepare new drivers to obtain a learner's permit or driver's license. Each year one of the special guests in Mr. Otis' class is Venice Enterprise Trucking. They are invited to speak with the young drivers and they also allow students to practice operating a motor vehicle safely around a tractor and trailer truck. Each student takes a turn learning about truck limitations, including the 'no zone' from the driver's seat. We would like to extend a special thank you to Venice Enterprise Trucking, along with the other special guests throughout the course including the Stop DWI Coordinator and King Ferry Fire and Rescue.

Thank you for assisting our students in becoming safe licensed drivers!



*Thank you for being patiente as students work on their driving skills.*



## May Scholastic Book Fair

by Carissa Smith  
District Library

May 2-6 marked the arrival of the Scholastic Book Fair to Southern Cayuga CSD. While COVID put a pause on the fair in 2020 and 2021, it returned this year in full swing, this being the most successful fair Southern Cayuga has ever hosted. The total sales raised amounted to \$9,575, setting a new record for the school. The profits earned amounted to \$4,787 in Scholastic Dollars, which will be used to buy new books for classroom libraries for all elementary grade levels.

While the main goal of a Scholastic Book Fair is to raise funds, the focus this year was getting books in the hands of kids. Thanks to the generosity of the Hazard Free Library, the Aurora Public Library, the Anne Frank Tree Committee, and our community, we were able to do just that. Over \$3,000 was raised for All for Books, Scholastic's program that helps connect more books with kids and kids with books. Every Southern Cayuga Student in Grades Pre-K through 8 was given \$5 to spend at the fair using the All for Books fund. The All for Books money collected will also help readers beyond our school and community. Scholastic Book Fairs matches monetary donations with a donation of up to \$1 million in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children through organizations such as the Kids in Need Foundation.

This year, popular items included journals, pens, graphic novels, picture books, and STEM-focused books. During Community Night on May 4th, families were able to purchase toys, cookbooks, adult bestsellers, and school supplies. Several parents purchased books from teachers' classroom library wish-lists or gift cards to support our teachers. Over 70 people attended the fair on Community Night.

The success of a book fair is dependent on its volunteers, and this year we had some amazing ones.

High school students gave up a free period to run cash registers, help students create wish lists, and direct elementary students to the correct shelves. Adult volunteers included Got Book? Readers, who went above and beyond in helping the book fair run smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who shopped, volunteered, promoted, and supported our Scholastic Book Fair. I would personally like to thank Emily Howland Library Teacher Assistant Michelle Lawrence for her support and hard work as the co-chairperson for the Scholastic Book Fair. I can't wait to see what next year has in store!







## Emily Howland

### Elementary

Boyan Mnahoncak, *Elementary*

*Principal*

Emily Howland families,

Our students have worked incredibly hard to prepare and take the math, ELA and science tests this school year! Thanks to the large number of snack donations from our families, and to our SCCS PTO, all students testing were able to receive snacks for each test session!

As we approached the end of the school year, there were many exciting events for our students. On June 10, we will celebrated Anne Frank's birthday. We celebrated by reading books to our students, hosted a meaningful gathering and enjoy delicious popsicles with our students.

I am so excited to announce that Emily Howland will be inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame this fall. Our SCCSD students and staff have been working on the development of a picture book to honor the history and accomplishments of the incredible Emily Howland. Students have worked very hard to design pictures for the book!

During the last week of school, Emily Howland had in person assemblies for each grade level to celebrate students' achievements. Parents and guardians will be invited to celebrate all the hard work our students have done this year!

We ended our year with a lot of fun! Field day was coming back! On this day, students and staff will participated in multiple fun outdoor activities!

As always, reading is strongly encouraged for each student over the summer. The Aurora and Hazard libraries are giving away free books to all students at school! In June, they set up an outdoor story walk for students to enjoy during recess. Additionally, we will be reinstating our Got Book summer reading initiative! Students will be encouraged to read and log their minutes which will be shared at the beginning of next year so that we can celebrate students' success and participation in summer reading!



**Happy  
Birthday  
Anne  
Frank!**







## UPK-A Pirate's Life for Me!

Yo Ho, Yo Ho, A Pirate's Life for Me! Pre -k students headed to the high seas as Pirates for 'P' day as they continue their Alphabet Countdown to the end of the year. Students brainstormed, planned and implemented activities throughout the day using their imagination and a lot of clever ideas for a swashbuckling



## Kindergarten

Kindergarteners has been having fun with numbers and addition and subtraction facts. We have used sidewalk chalk outside on these sunny warm days to show our awesome writing of numbers 0-20! We also had fun solving and writing number sentences that were on balloons! Isn't that crazy!? It seems like just yesterday that we were new to this Kindergarten stuff and now we are mathematicians! Time flies when you are having fun!





## First Grade

The first grade teachers have been so thankful to have a full year of in-person school this year! Our first graders have been excited for their learning and have shown true resiliency during these unprecedented times. We've progressed in reading from deciphering the difference between words and letters, to reading decodable text about the Super Kids! We've progressed in math from writing numbers 1-5 to double digit addition! To end the year we get to go on our first field trip to the zoo to give a hands-on experience connected to our Science Unit on Animal SuperPowers. Their progress, pride, and love for school has truly been amazing to watch!

## Second Grade

The second grade students of Emily Howland had the wonderful opportunity to learn about climate science and renewable energy at the Ithaca Sciencenter. They worked with buddies in a hands-on, inquiry-based engineering project by exploring how to capture the energy of the wind. Our second grade engineers built and tested windmills that they made from simple materials to see how wind and energy can be turned into rotational motion and do work for us. This experience broadened our understanding of energy use, where energy comes from and how we can use wind to do work. Super cool! Our second graders then were able to explore many amazing science exhibits and even hold a snake! We always look forward to and learn so much from our time at the Ithaca Sciencenter!



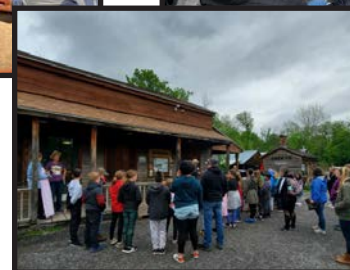
## Third Grade

Third grade just finished our ELA units on Space! We studied the Solar System, galaxies, and learned all about astronomers and astronauts. Students worked together to research a planet and created presentations to teach their peers! 3rd graders even took a trip to the Planetarium to watch A Magic Tree House Adventure Movie. We also got to explore space virtually with VR Goggles! It was out of this world!



## Fourth Grade

Fourth grade students at Emily Howland took a trip to the Camillus Erie Canal Park! Students were able to learn more about the Erie Canal and make connections to what they have learned about the Canal in social studies. Students participated in 3 stations, which included a model lock demonstration & hike, a visit to the 1850s Sims Store, and a boat ride on the enlarged canal!





## Fifth Grade

What are human rights, and how do real people and fictional characters respond when those rights are challenged? Fifth graders have been engaging in a joint ELA and Social Studies project, learning about the life of Esperanza Muñoz, through the fictionalized novel *Esperanza Rising*, written by her granddaughter, Pam Muñoz Ryan. Students built their knowledge about human rights through a close reading of the introduction and selected articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), a document written in 1948 by members of the United Nations. We then paired our work by looking at Esperanza's life through the lens of the human rights which were challenged as she grew up with her family in Mexico and rural California during the early 1930s. Students created, illustrated, and shared their own vision of many of the rights outlined in the UDHR. Ask your child to tell you about Esperanza's life. What did they learn? What were they moved by? "When you lie down on the land, can you feel its heart beating?"

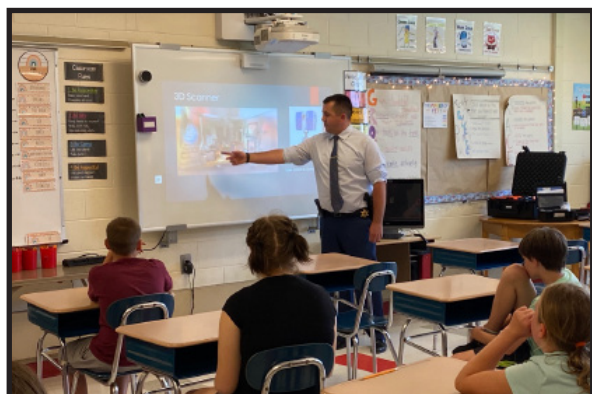


## Sixth Grade

On June 3, sixth graders had a visit from the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department. Students listened to presenters Detective Baim, Sergeant Ellinwood and Detective Guarnieri speak about their positions.

Students learned about fingerprinting, crime scene investigation and how detectives can reconstruct an accident using math.

Students also talked about the use of social media and how to use it appropriately.





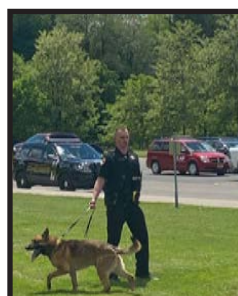
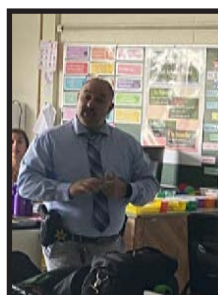
## Career Day

On June 3, Emily Howland Elementary students participated in a career day. It was a great opportunity to explore different careers and envision possibilities for the future. Career day helps students connect what they are learning in school with the workplace.

Students listened to speakers describe their careers, and what type of the education is required for each career.

We greatly appreciate all of the wonderful presenters for volunteering to be with us.

Dr. Ryan Donahoe- Director of Rehabilitation Services at ACH  
 Tyler Pallokat- Owner and Operator Truck Company  
 Kayla Mayberry- Accountant/Highway Department  
 Steven Crane- Commissioning Engineer- Data Centers  
 Dr. Goodale- Veterinarian  
 Melissa Hulme- Pottery Decorator/Painter at Mackenzie-Childs  
 Caitlyn Green- Nurse  
 Dr. Laura Figueroa- Entomologist (Specialist in Bees)  
 Mike Nolan- Truck Driver  
 Gordie Morgan- Hydrologist USGS  
 Dave Harvatine- Dairy Herd Manager  
 Gerry Rockwell- Farrier  
 Judy Moody - Veterinarian services and Career Day Event Support  
 Mary Ellen Charter- Veterinarian services  
 Dr. Carolyn Kokko- Veterinarian services  
 Detective Baim- Cayuga County Sheriff's Department  
 Sergeant Ellenwood- Cayuga County Sheriff's Department  
 Detective Guarnieri- Cayuga County Sheriff's Department  
 Lee Goodale- Insulation Contractor  
 Perry Ground - Talking Turtle Storytelling  
 Coordination of Storytelling-Natalie Kimbrough and Elaine Myers Supported by the Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project  
 Detective Lt. Franklin Cayuga County Sheriff's Department  
 Deputy Slobe and his canine partner Pitt Cayuga County Sheriff's Department  
 Joe Sliker- Renovus Solar





## Who rocks the house? Southern Cayuga rocks the house And when we rock the house We rock it all the way down!

Imagine 30 third through sixth grade students excitedly cheering for their favorite school. Thanks to eager and willing students, this is a reality for Emily Howland. As one of the first extracurricular activities offered this school year for our younger students, Elementary Math Coaches Amanda Tengi and Cristiane Lourenco were excited to welcome thirty students to the cheerleading squad twice a week for six weeks this spring.

The squad has learned about teamwork, the importance of staying in sync and the basics of the sport. The budding cheerleaders are excited to come to practice every day and learn arm motion drills and show off their moves with Southern Cayuga cheers.

The students have grown as athletes and as supportive teammates. The cheerleaders are working hard and having so much fun preparing to cheer on their classmates who are playing on the extracurricular baseball team. This has been a great opportunity to provide a structured, safe and fun space for students to grow their confidence and social skills.

And remember Southern Cayuga is **Boom Dynamite!**







# ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE



**Patrick Jensen,**  
*Superintendent*  
**Update, Safety Plans, &  
Grant Funding**

Over the next month, the 2020 voter approved capital project will wrap up with the installation of a new secured entrance at the elementary school, along with campus-wide electrical upgrades. The main entrance of the elementary school will be closed for the next month, you may wish to call the elementary office in advance of any trips to the school.

On March 11, 2021, the federal government approved the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which provided short-term funding to local schools to address learning loss for students. Southern Cayuga will continue to use the funds to provide direct services to students through an expanded summer school program, the hiring of intervention coaches, a mental health therapist, ELL teacher, and extra-curricular/ intramural activities for elementary students. The updated Southern Cayuga CSD ARPA Plan has been posted to our webpage for public review. If you have questions about the plan, please contact me.

The updated School Safety Plan is now available on our district webpage. The safety and pandemic plans are open for public review and located under the district tab on the webpage. I'm pleased to report a sharp decline of covid-related illness within our school community over the past two months and anticipate a return to normal operations in the fall. If you have questions about either plan, please contact me.

If over the summer, you should find yourself in need of covid tests, give the district office a call at 364-7211 or stop by during business hours.



**Michael Fall,**  
*Director of Technology*  
**School Bus Wifi now available to  
Students**

School Bus Broadband Connectivity is an exciting approach to enhanced learning opportunities for students nationwide. The last bell of the day no longer means an end to instructional activities. Leading technology firms are pioneering alternatives to traditional campus bound instruction. These same firms have conducted numerous studies focused on re-capturing lost instructional time. Transportation to and from school has been identified as idle time with untapped learning potential. An average thirty-minute bus ride can easily yield the equivalent of one day's instruction over a five-day period under ideal circumstances.

The leadership at Southern Cayuga is excited to announce SCCS buses and vehicles are now equipped with broadband connections. In August of 2021, SCCS submitted an application requesting school transportation broadband as part of the FCC Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program. ECF program coordinators awarded Southern Cayuga's request in January of 2022. In April of 2022, vehicles and buses, dedicated to student transport, received the latest in rural school broadband technology.

The district's 1:1 device initiative serves as a solid foundation for digital curriculum delivery. Bus based broadband further expands the capabilities of those districts fortunate enough to have a 1:1 program. The ability to complete curriculum assignments and access digital material is available during transport for SCCS students in grades five through twelve. The FCC itself recognizes the importance of broadband connectivity. The \$7.17 billion government investment in digital content delivery and the belief that all Americans should have equitable access is alive and well in Aurora, NY. Southern Cayuga is committed to adopting technologies that enhance the student experience and prepare our learners with 21st century skills.



## Loretta Van Horn

Assistant Superintendent for  
Business & Operations

**Thank you!**

I want to first say thank you to the community for their continued support of the Board of Education/Budget vote. We saw a wonderful turnout and the overwhelming support is very much appreciated. The budget passed with incredible support of over 70%. I congratulate the winners of the three Board of Education seats, Matthew Bennett, Janet Lehman and Heather Rejman.

I also want to thank you all for your patience and assistance during our bus fuel issues. With your assistance we were able to get students home with no issues. We are also very thankful to our neighboring school districts, Union Springs and Lansing for their willingness to loan SCCS buses to transport students safely to and from school until our buses were road ready again.

We also extend a special thank you to the Town of Venice for assisting with our fuel needs, it was much appreciated. The Southern Cayuga Central School is truly fortunate to have a supportive community and helpful neighbors who surround us.



## Outstanding Staff Member

Congratulations to Southern Cayuga's Matt Krebs who was recently recognized as an outstanding staff member among the nine component districts of the Cayuga Onondaga BOCES.

Matt was honored at the Cayuga Onadaga BOCES awards night, an annual event held at the Inns of Aurora in late May for his service to the district. Matt is the transportation dispatcher, a role that has expanded greatly since the start of the pandemic.

Matt not only builds the bus routes; he also trains the drivers. Matt dedication to the district and willingness to step up and be helpful to not only the community but to other transportation employees. Matt is greatly appreciated by Southern Cayuga.





## Nutritious School Meals Contribute To Student Achievement

Throughout the pandemic, nutritious school meals have contributed to student achievement, supported America's families and provided a critical safety net during economic hardships. With the help of federal child nutrition waivers, school nutrition professionals have ensured safe and consistent access to healthy meals for students. School meal programs now endure acute supply chain, labor, financial and regulatory challenges.

**Congress and USDA have opted to not continue child nutrition waivers allowing districts to offer free meals to all students for the 2022-2023 school year.**

**What does this mean for your family?** *Parents will need to fill out free and reduced meal price applications* for the 2022-2023 school year and must qualify for free meals. This will ensure that your child's benefits continue, will affect any future PEBT payments and will help with tuition and test assistance. The Food Service Department does not receive money from the General Fund and relies on meal reimbursements for our program. As in the past, we will allow meals to be purchased only with cash or funds on account, ***no charging will be allowed***. The district will be setting meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year soon.

**More information to follow soon including updated Free and Reduced Applications and guidelines for 2022-2023.**



## Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registrations for the 2022-2023

It's that time of year! We are accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year for both Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten.

Children who will turn four (4) on or before December 1, 2022 are eligible to attend our Pre-Kindergarten program.

For Kindergarten a child must be five (5) years old on or before December 1, 2022 in order to be eligible to attend school. Under the current law, a child who turns six(6) after December 1, 2022 must begin school no later than the first day of school the following September.

If you are interested in having your child attend the UPK program or enroll them in Kindergarten, please contact the Emily Howland Elementary School office at 315-364-7098 ext 3500 or the district registrar at 315-364-7111 x2114





## *Immunization Requirements For School Attendance*

### *Parents/Guardians*

*In preparation for the 2022/2023 school year, the Cayuga County Health Department will be hosting several clinics over the summer months for children in need of immunizations required for school attendance.*

***\*\* Please note that in order for your student to attend school OR remain in school (children who are unvaccinated or overdue) MUST receive at least their first dose of all required vaccinations within the first 14 days from the start of school. If they are not received your student will not be allowed back to school. \*\****

*Please call the Cayuga County Health Department to make an appointment as there are several opportunities available throughout the summer months*

*Cayuga County Health Department  
8 Dill Street  
Auburn, NY 13021  
315-253-1560*

*Have a great summer*

*Anne Reynolds RN High School Nurse*

*Jessica Hurd, LPN Emily Howland School Nurse*



# immunizations



## Get Your School Vaccines!



All students are **required** to have certain vaccines before entering school to help protect against whooping cough, measles, mumps, polio, tetanus, hepatitis B, rubella, HIB, pneumococcal disease, chickenpox, diphtheria and meningococcal disease.

The Cayuga County Health Department is offering the following clinics to make sure your kids are ready to go **BACK TO SCHOOL**:

Friday, 7/22/22	Thursday, 7/28/22	Wednesday, 8/24/22	Thursday, 8/25/22
Kindergarten through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade vaccines	Kindergarten through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade vaccines	Kindergarten through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade vaccines	Kindergarten through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade vaccines
Where: Cayuga County Health Department 8 Dill Street, Auburn	Where: Cayuga County Health Department 8 Dill Street, Auburn	Where: Cayuga County Health Department 8 Dill Street, Auburn	Where: Cayuga County Health Department 8 Dill Street, Auburn
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Appointments are required.

Contact the CCHD at (315) 253-1560 to reserve your spot.

Parent/guardian must be present for student to get vaccinated.

Please bring a copy of your child's insurance card(s).

If you do not have insurance, your child will still be vaccinated.



Questions?

Call the Cayuga County Health Department at (315) 253-1560.



## ¡Obtenga sus vacunas escolares!



Todos los estudiantes deben tener ciertas vacunas antes de ingresar a la escuela para ayudarlos a protegerse contra la tos ferina, el sarampión, las paperas, la poliomielitis, el tétanos, la hepatitis B, la rubéola, HIB, la enfermedad neumocócica, la varicela, la difteria y la enfermedad meningocócica.

El Departamento de Salud del Condado de Cayuga ofrece las siguientes clínicas para asegurarse de que sus hijos estén listos para **REGRESAR A LA ESCUELA**:

Viernes, 7/22/22	Jueves, 7/28/22	Miércoles, 8/24/22	Jueves, 8/25/22
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Se requieren citas.

Comuníquese con CCHD al (315) 253-1560 para reservar su lugar.

El padre/tutor debe estar presente para que el estudiante sea vacunado.

Traiga una copia de la(s) tarjeta(s) de seguro de su hijo.

Si no tiene seguro, su hijo aún será vacunado.



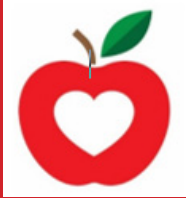
¿Preguntas?

Llame al Departamento de Salud del Condado de Cayuga al (315) 253-1560.



## KING FERRY FOOD PANTRY

Neighbors helping neighbors



Located in the Ag Wing at  
Southern Cayuga High School

Open from 9 am - 12 noon on the  
First and Third Saturday of each month.

Do you know of a neighbor who is  
homebound or in need of the services  
of King Ferry Food Pantry?

Contact us at (315) 497-2049 or email  
kingferryfoodpantry1@gmail.com

King Ferry Food Pantry, Inc.  
PO Box 242, King Ferry, NY 13081

Learn more about us at:  
facebook.com/KingFerryFoodPantry/  
or kingferryfoodpantry.org

We wish to thank the community for all of their sup-  
port of the food pantry.  
Have a happy and safe 2022!



## If you have runaway zucchini plants don't let it go to waste -

By donating your garden abundance to the  
King Ferry Food Pantry, you will be contrib-  
uting to the health of our community! Pro-  
duce may be dropped off at the pantry (Ag  
wing of Southern Cayuga High School) be-  
tween 8-8:30 AM on the 1st. and 3rd. Satur-  
days of each month or contact Debbie Patrick  
at (315) 497-2049.



Dear Families,

During this challenging time, our teachers and students need more help than ever. No matter what school looks like, Box Tops for Education is a fast and easy way for you to help out from home.

When you buy participating products and use the Box Tops mobile app scan your store receipt, and the app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your e-receipts and earn Box Tops. Twice a year, our school gets a check! Your earnings may seem small, but they really do add up. The more people who participate, the bigger the impact we can make. So let's give our teachers the support they need and help give more kids the opportunity to dream. Little by little, we can help make a big difference. DON'T HAVE THE APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT TODAY! SCAN THIS QR CODE



## Efforts of SCCS High School Help Neighbors in Need Dorothy M. Ainsworth, a volunteer at the KFFP

Out for a Sunday drive? Make it a point to drive by the gardens outside the Agricultural Sciences wing of the SCCS Jr./Sr. High School (but please, no picking the produce). The gardens are planted each spring, and are maintained by junior and senior high students working under the direction of, Ms. Halee Wasson, the Agricultural Sciences educator and FFA Advisor. The gardens offer the students an opportunity to apply classroom instruction (e.g. plant science) in the development of real life skills – plant and food production. In undertaking this activity, students learn more about where their food comes from, how to grow it for their own use, and the many creative ways in which it can be prepared. Importantly, they experience the positive impact of their labors on the community: Fruit and vegetables are provided to the King Ferry Food Pantry (KFFP) clientele. Indeed, produce picked on a pantry morning will often be on a family's table later that day reflecting the "Farm to Table" concept. Having grown up on a dairy farm in central PA, and having been an avid participant at the local Farmer's Market, Halee remains a strong advocate for locally grown food. She explained that Farmer's Markets give people a basic understanding of how food is grown and help to support local businesses. "Know your farmer, know your food."

When asked about deciding what produce will be grown at the school gardens each year, Halee explained that the garden supervisors (students Sophia Bennett, Charlie Bennett and Preston Reynolds) work with Debbie Patrick (Executive Director of the KFFP) to select specific plants that will be plentiful and remain productive for the season. Spicy peppers, a favorite of some pantry clientele, are usually included. No short cuts here though! All the plants are started from seeds early in the spring and then transplanted to the elevated gardens. Many thanks to the Bennett Family for providing labor. In addition to plants used in the gardens, seedlings and mature plants are grown in the greenhouse and are available for purchase by the public (M-Th 2:30-5:30 until June 24th or until gone). What a great way to support our students, our educators and our community! Interested in helping the pantry? Why not plant an extra row of vegetables and donate them to the KFFP (Ag wing) at 8:30 AM when it is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month?



Ms. Wasson, Agricultural Sciences Educator, oversees students assisting with garden production



Charlie Bennett, a student supervisor that helps prepare elevated garden beds on a Saturday morning.



## HAZARD LIBRARY

Phone: 315.364.7975

[www.HazardLibrary.org](http://www.HazardLibrary.org)

[librarian@hazardlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@hazardlibrary.org)

Facebook Hazard Library Association

Hazard Library is open to the public on the following days and times:

Tuesdays 9-12 and 2-7

Thursdays 9-12 and 2-7

Saturdays 9-1

Hazard Library has had a busy spring! At our Annual Meeting on April 25 we honored Linda Bush who retired at the end of April after serving as our Library Assistant since 2002. We thank her for her years of dedicated service and all of her great ideas. She will be greatly missed.

Also, at our Annual Meeting we unveiled our plans to relocate and build a new library at the southern end of Opendore (2978 State Route 34B in Sherwood). Stop in at the library to see the architectural drawings of the proposed new building.

We welcome Karen Phillips as our new Library Assistant as of June 1.

We are gearing up for Summer Reading with the theme "Read Beyond the Beaten Path". We encourage everyone to try reading something new and different this summer. We will continue our tradition of "Science on the Lawn" on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM from July 12-Aug 16 and "Ukulele Camp" on Thursdays at 10:00 AM from July 14-Aug 18. We will hold an art workshop (with Mary Beth Dolan) on drawing animals on Thursday July 28 at 10:00 AM in lieu of "Ukulele Camp".

Our science programs will include:

- July 12 – Learn navigation with Captain Jack
- July 19 - All About Balloons with Clowning Around
- July 26 – Bees with Robert Koslowski
- Aug 2 – Watersheds with Nancy Hart
- Aug 9 – Chemistry with Teresa Schichler
- Aug 16 – Engineering and Building with Lisa Semenza

Save the date! Our Annual Book Sale at the Popular Ridge Fire Department will return for another 2 weeks this summer from July 30-Aug 13. Volunteers are always needed – call 315-364-7975 to find out how you can help. We will be collecting books at the Old Emily Howland School until July 20.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



## AURORA FREE LIBRARY

Phone: 315.364.8074

[www.aurorafreelibrary.org](http://www.aurorafreelibrary.org)

email: [staff@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:staff@aurorafreelibrary.org)

Current Hours

Mondays and Fridays 3 - 7

Wednesdays 10 - 6 and Saturdays 10 - 2

We offer outside contactless pickup of materials as well as express browsing.

Check out our ebooks and eaudiobooks with the Overdrive(or Libby) App. All you need is a library card, click on Patron Login on our website or visit the library. If you need help with downloading, let us know by calling or emailing us. Look at our page <https://aurorafreelibrary.org/digital-downloads> to access Tumblebooks for Kids, Job, Genealogy and Mango Language Learning resources.

- Southern Cayuga Book Club continues to meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in a hybrid format at Opendore. Call 315-364-7975 for more information.

### Summer Events (Check website/Facebook for locations)

#### Adopt a Stuffed Reading Buddy starting June 27

6/30 Cupcake Wars for ages 10 and up at 7 pm (call or email library to register)

- 7/6 The Bubbleman at 7 pm (Rootbeer Floats at 6:30 pm)
- 7/11 Movie Night at 8 pm
- 7/13 Panloco Steel Drum Band at 7 pm
- 7/27 Rev Theatre The Fisherman and His Wife at 7 pm

**Cornell Cooperative Extension Tiny Home**  
7/19 and 7/20 for storytime, escape rooms, STEAM activities and an Open House (check website for times)

## Abstract Pull Painting Workshop

7/26 at 7 pm

**Zero Waste Fun Activities** Week of August 1st with Alyssa Gunderson

**Teddy Bears' Picnic** 8/13 with Lily Silly Puppets and puppet making workshop at 12:30 pm. Bring your Favorite Bear and a lunch at noon. Prizes for all bears!

**Tween Book Club (ages 9 and up)** will discuss and do activities about Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library on July 12 and Chasing Vermeer on August 9. Stop by for a book and to register

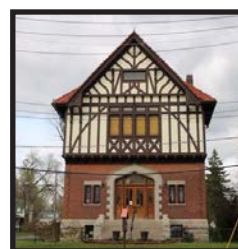
Check our website/Facebook for more details on other activities including:

Summer Reading Programs, Take and Make Art Bags, Movie Nights, Ice Cream Raffles, Drop-In Activities & more!

- Storytime meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am through July
- Book Club meets on first Wednesdays of the month at 7 pm at Opendore

**Save the dates:** Route 90 Book Sale last weekend of July and Book Lovers' Ball is October 7th at the Inns of Aurora.

If you or someone you know is homebound, uncomfortable using the online catalog or do not want to come into the building, please let us know. We will find a way to get you what you need.







# UPCOMING EVENTS

## September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Jr/Sr HS Visitation Day 2-4 pm	2	3 Food Pantry Open 9-noon
4	5	6	7 First Day of School	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Food Pantry Open 9-noon
18	19	20	21 K-12 Open House/ Curriculum Night, 6-8 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



### Southern Cayuga CSD

#### NOW HIRING - VARIOUS POSITIONS

RN TO RIDE THE BUS WITH A STUDENT  
 BUS DRIVERS  
 SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS  
 SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL BUS ATTENDANTS  
 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS  
 SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANTS  
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 SUBSTITUTE CLEANERS  
 TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT  
VACANCIES OR TO APPLY ONLINE:**

[www.southerncayuga.org](http://www.southerncayuga.org)

**Southern Cayuga Central School**  
**2384 State Route 34B, Aurora NY 13026**

[www.southerncayuga.org](http://www.southerncayuga.org)

**Reminder:** Wifi is available in the District  
Office parking lot for students

### BOOSTER CLOTHING SALE

SCCS apparel is available at The Printery in Auburn or through The Printery store online.

Go to <https://www.theprinteryny.com>, select the store tab, and then select the Southern Cayuga Chiefs. Individual teams have their own store set up with clothing for team members only.



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