

April / May 2021

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Brockport Community,

As we near the end of the 2020-21 school year, I reflect upon the lessons learned and the many obstacles we have overcome. While all of us would have preferred a traditional year, 2020-21 has provided countless challenges and has required our administrators, teachers and staff to explore new ways to safely instruct and connect with our students.

Although in-person instruction will continue to be the best way to educate our children and meet their social-emotional needs, remote learning has been a viable tool during the pandemic. Through remote learning, staff safely connected with students and families in ways they may not have previously. Siblings, parents and other relatives joined in on conversations and lessons. Classes watched families get new pets, and students shared a glimpse into their everyday lives.

In addition, we have used technology in ways we never imagined. Videos were regularly produced to highlight learning and special events within our schools. Spectators were able to view athletic competitions from their homes. Art shows and musical performances were recorded and widely shared. Our youngest students learned how to connect with their class and join in group activities remotely. Students creatively used technology to design and share projects, view class notes, meet with teachers and have individual and personalized music lessons.

I am proud of the many accomplishments we have achieved and the resiliency of our students, staff and families.

As we work toward a return to a traditional year, we will take what we have learned in 2020-21 and incorporate the successes into our routines.

For the 2021-22 budget vote and Board election, we will return to in-person voting. Our annual vote will take place on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. at our Technology and Training Center. Absentee ballots are available upon request for those wishing to vote remotely by calling the BCSD Business office at (585) 637-1820. Unfortunately, we are unable to resume our Senior Citizen Breakfast but hope to return to this tradition in 2022.

**To our Class of 2021:**

This is not what your senior year should look like. I applaud your perseverance and dedication to continue with your studies and remain optimistic about your future. We have many end-of-year activities scheduled to acknowledge your accomplishments and pay tribute to your many successes while at Brockport. I look forward to celebrating with you and your families.

Thank you for your continued patience, partnership and support throughout this year. Stay well, and I look forward to seeing you on campus.

Sincerely,



Sean C Bruno  
Superintendent of Schools

SPECIAL  
BUDGET  
EDITION!

## BUDGET



TUESDAY  
MAY 18, 2021

6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Technology and Training Center

Public Budget  
Hearing:

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

7 p.m.

Hill School Cafeteria



# GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

Brockport teacher Miss. Wharram was recently presented with the Golden Apple Award by News 8! Miss. Wharram teaches first grade at Ginther Elementary School and has been with Brockport Central School District since 2013. She was nominated for the award by Liz Hamilton, whose daughter Mackenzie is a fully remote student in Miss. Wharram's class.

"The way that she conducts her class is incredible! While teaching synchronously, she seamlessly flows between the students in the classroom and those on the screen and has been able to foster that same interaction between the students as well," says Hamilton. "Silvia also takes the time to check in with the students' parents to see how things are going for the virtual aspect of school. This support is so important and much appreciated."

"I love that I make a difference in these kids' lives every single day," says Silvia. "I'm here and dedicated to them, and I would do anything that I possibly can to help them learn and grow, even in this pandemic."

The story aired during the News 8 Sunrise show in March. You can watch the segment on the News 8 website, [Rochesterfirst.com](http://Rochesterfirst.com).

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difference in these kids’  
lives every single day.”**

*- Silvia Wharram,  
Ginther Elementary Teacher*



## BCSD welcomes new Food Service Director

Brockport Central School District has selected Stacey Snyder as the new Food Service Director. Ms. Snyder was approved by Brockport's Board of Education



during a special board meeting held on March 4. Ms. Snyder started her new position on March 29.

"We are excited Ms. Snyder is joining our team," said the Assistant Superintendent for Business Darrin Winkley. Ms. Snyder previously worked for the Webster Central School District as an assistant director of food service and has worked in various positions in her many years in the food service industry. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management from Rochester Institute of Technology. In addition, she has experience in implementing the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and After School Snack Meal Program.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Stacey Snyder to the district.

## Hill Elementary shares the love

Brockport's Hill Elementary School completed their donation drive "Share the Love" for the Golisano Children's Hospital. The Hill School community donated 372 items including clothes, blankets, toys, games, arts and crafts and more. Over \$290 was also collected and donated. When students donated, they received a heart to hang in the window by the Hill office. Within a few weeks the window was filled with LOVE!



# INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## Summer math and literacy program

Brockport Central School District is excited to announce its summer math and literacy program. Students K – 6, receiving Academic Intervention Services, may be eligible to attend. Our summer program will focus on targeting students' skill areas, bridging learning gaps and setting students up for success as we enter the 2021-22 school year.

The instructional program will run Monday through Thursday, July 19 - August 13, 2021, from 8-11 a.m. at Hill Elementary School. Transportation and snacks will be provided.

Reading and writing centers will focus on word study, foundational skills and targeted instruction. Math centers will focus on number sense, fact fluency and flexible thinking through the use of games, number talks and hands-on manipulatives.

The administrative team has started planning for the summer session and is working with teachers to identify students to participate. Additional information will be sent home mid-May to those selected.

## Summer school principals

Andraya Cutaia and Randall Yu have been appointed as the 2020-21 elementary math and literacy summer school principals.

Andraya Cutaia has been a third-grade teacher at Barclay Elementary since 2014 and previously taught fourth grade in Virginia. Cutaia holds an Advanced Certificate in Educational Leadership, a Master's degree in Literacy and Bachelor's degrees in Childhood Inclusive Education and Sociology. She served as the Acting Assistant Principal at Oliver Middle School, Summer School Principal in Virginia and held a variety of teaching leadership roles.

Randall Yu is currently a fifth-grade teacher at Hill Elementary and has worked for the district since 2012. Yu is a Brockport graduate and earned his Bachelor's degree in Childhood Education from SUNY Buffalo and a Master's degree in Childhood Literacy from SUNY Brockport. "I am proud to work in the district and community I grew up in," said Yu. "Family, teaching and coaching (football) have always been a top priority and source of joy in my life." Congratulations on the newest Yu family member!

Both Andraya and Randall look forward to working with our amazing students, staff and families this summer!



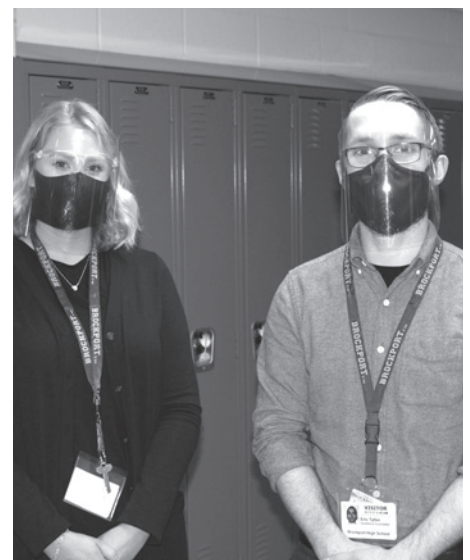
## Equity and Inclusion

*Submitted by Orlando Benzan,  
Equity and Inclusion Support Specialist*

In February, a considerable amount of time was dedicated to the creation of a Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan that was in line with the district's strategic plan. The goal was to map out initiatives that support the work of equity and inclusion for the remainder of the academic year and also identify where we want the district to be in June of 2022 and beyond.

An equity and inclusion survey will be administered by the district in late spring. The survey was created by SUNY Brockport counseling students, Jenna Nersinger and Eric Tytler, who chose to focus on PBIS and culturally responsive learning as they work toward their Master's degrees.

The initial questions were drafted and shared with faculty and staff to gauge if the survey would generate the needed data points. Student leaders then shared their input on the questions and ensured the survey addressed their concerns. The goal of the survey is to have a snapshot of the district's needs regarding equity and inclusion and provide evidence of the work we are doing, as well as areas in need of improvement. Over the summer and into the next school year, we will work to address the needs of our students, faculty and staff to help move the district in a positive direction.



*Pictured are SUNY Brockport students,  
Jenna Nersinger and Eric Tytler.*

# SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

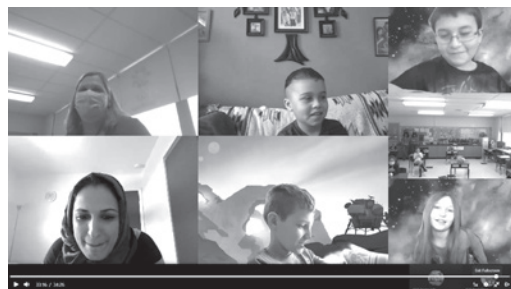


## Ginther celebrates Read Across America week

Students in Mrs. Barber's first grade class were joined by Assemblyman Hawley during the first week of March for Read Across America week! The Assemblyman joined the class virtually to read the Dr. Seuss book, "What Pet Should I Get?" In addition to Mrs. Barber's class, multiple classrooms throughout Assemblyman Hawley's district joined the call. Students had fun trying to guess which pet the characters in the book left the store with and sharing which pet they would have chosen.

## Barclay students explore the world

Special guests from all over the world have been visiting Mrs. Underwood's and Mrs. Quigley's third grade classroom to discuss and describe various cultures. Anosha, a native of Afghanistan, moved to Rochester three years ago. She told the students about the food, clothing, holidays, school, animals and language in Afghanistan. The students were surprised to learn that children have classrooms outside in the villages with only a blackboard, no technology. Part of the third-grade curriculum is learning about cultures from around the world. Other visitors have included Billy from Ireland, Cynthia from Ecuador and Hilde from Norway. Each has shared personal stories that have inspired and educated our students. If you know of someone from Africa or Australia willing to share their story, please email [bridget.quigley@bcs1.org](mailto:bridget.quigley@bcs1.org).



## Hill School lets off some STEAM

Mr. Broughton's fourth-grade STEM classes focused on a three-lesson-unit with marble rollercoasters to explore the science behind rollercoasters. During session one, classes talked about hill size and how that impacts rollercoasters. Session two had students creating loops and discussing centripetal force and how to get marbles to "defy gravity." During the final session, students used their knowledge, experience and creativity to build a coaster with hills and loops and explain how it works.

## OMS focused on end-of-year goals

Oliver Middle School students shared their goals for the second half of the year by placing them between goal posts in the cafeteria. Goals were identified around improvement with reading, writing and math skills as well as homework completion and attending classes during their remote days. The goals were written on footballs and hung by the goal post as a visual reminder for students to continue working hard toward their goals for the next 90 days.



## Brockport NHS helps others

Our Brockport High School National Honor Society members wrote postcards to each student in the high school with messages of encouragement, congratulations and inspirational quotes. The postcards were part of a PBIS initiative to send positive thoughts to others during challenging times. In addition, society members held a blood drive. Thanks to our caring students and staff, they were able to collect 23 units of blood which will impact almost 70 lives! Some of our NHS members also built snow people to spread cheer throughout our community.

## Brockport senior accepts co-op with MICRO

The Finger Lakes Youth Apprenticeship Program held a Signing Day ceremony with career and technical education students focused on Engineering and Metal Fabrication. Brockport Senior Alex Nenni accepted a paid co-op position with MICRO Instruments during the event.

Nenni is in his second year of the Engineering and Metal Fabrication program at the Career and Technical Education Center at WEMOCO. Last year, Alex signed with MICRO Instruments for a shadowing position through the Finger Lakes Youth Apprenticeship Program.



The Signing Day ceremony was modeled after the NFL's Draft Day and featured contract announcements, official signings between students and employers, photo ops and the first steps on their path to exciting careers. The event was held at the Professional Development Center at the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES and was coordinated by Monroe Community College, the Rochester Technology and Manufacturing Association and Act4Education. You can watch a video of the entire program on the [Act4Education Facebook page](#). Congratulations, Alex!

## Electrical students charged over solar opportunity

When it comes to developing skills and gaining first-hand knowledge that can be used after graduation, there is no beating hands-on experience. Students in the Residential and Commercial Electrical program at the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center can attest to that, including BCSD seniors Brandon Barker, Adin Borrelli and Caleb Ignaszak. The class has spent the last few months working on installing roof top solar panels, thanks to donations made by a number of local companies.



This is the first year that students in the program have had the opportunity to work with solar equipment by assembling solar arrays that produce a measurable amount of energy. Brandon was one of the first students to climb onto the mock roof structure and begin assembling the solar arrays. Barker says he definitely plans to continue using the skills he is learning, both in his professional and personal life. "I want to have solar panels on my own house [one day] and don't want to pay somebody else for something I am able to do myself," he says. "This has been a great hands-on learning opportunity!"

This spring, students will have the chance to observe class instructors working with the Operations and Maintenance Department to install an additional 16 roof panels to the roof of the CTE Center.

## CTE students join security team

While there have been restrictions on in-the-field work-based learning opportunities this year, the team at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Career and Technical Education Center has found a new way to provide students with job-related experience. Seniors in the Criminal Justice program at WEMOCO, including BHS students Brock Gossling and Alex Reddick, have been assisting the security team this year.

The students are positioned at posts throughout the campus during arrival and dismissal, geared with radios and security vests. Students can be paired with members of the security team for a "shift" or may be the only person at their station. Responsibilities

consist of traffic control, monitoring hallways, checking for parking passes and adding another security presence on campus.

"Class Sergeant" Gossling wants to enter the field of federal law enforcement following graduation. He says the work-based learning has helped him develop his people skills, and he is glad the school was able to offer this opportunity.

"This opportunity allows students the experience that helps use the skills they're learning in a constructive way," said BOCES2 Safety and Security Coordinator Doug Comanzo. "We've definitely seen their confidence levels increase, and they have begun to take initiative in taking on roles of their own."

## BHS STUDENTS inducted into NTHS

Thirteen Brockport students, studying career and technical programs at WEMOCO, were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. The NTHS is the premier honor organization recognizing career and technical education students who have distinguished themselves in scholarship, leadership, service and character.

### Congratulations to:

Abby Foley (Dental Assisting)

Antonio Collazo (Carpentry)

Ava Enderle (Cosmetology)

Brenna Reiss (Dental Assisting)

Heather Smith (Cosmetology)

Jacob Christ (Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance)

John-Louis Appoloney (Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance)

Kayla Wilson (Digital and Visual Communication)

Kenneth Irwin (Carpentry)

Lael Weiss (Dental Assisting)

Morgan Nesbitt (Child and Family Development)

Nathaniel Bill (Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance)

Nicholas Gonzalez (Exercise Science)

A website dedicated to the National Technical Honor Society, including pictures of the inductees and audio recordings of their recommendation is available on the

[Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES website](#).

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## BHS graduate named Special Olympics Representative

Brockport Class of 2014 graduate, Jacob Booher-Babcock, was unanimously selected as the athlete representative of Special Olympics New York's Law Enforcement Torch Run State Committee.

The Torch Run for Special Olympics New York brings together nearly 6,000 police and peace officers from close to 500 agencies in a 56-leg relay that carries the Flame of Hope across the state each year. This Run—in New York and around the globe—is Special Olympics' largest grassroots fundraiser and public awareness event.

Booher-Babcock began his involvement with Special Olympics NY while attending BCSD. He won the gold medal in the 200M snowshoeing event at the Special Olympics NYS Winter Games in March 2020.



*Booher-Babcock, NYS Special Olympics athlete representative*

## Brockport alum serve as Special Olympics Youth Ambassadors

Courtney Langelotti and Ella Mohney, Brockport alum, are among 30 students in North America who have been selected to serve as Special Olympics U.S. Youth Ambassadors. Both are freshman in the childhood inclusive education program at SUNY Brockport.

After a five-month, three-stage application process that began last March, Langelotti and Mohney were chosen to represent New York as part of the ambassador program's 18-student Class of 2020. Youth advocates in the ambassador program serve as the faces of Special Olympics across the country, spreading messages of inclusion by storytelling on social media, engaging in training and helping to create Special Olympics programs. Some of their work can be seen on the [Special Olympics North America Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.



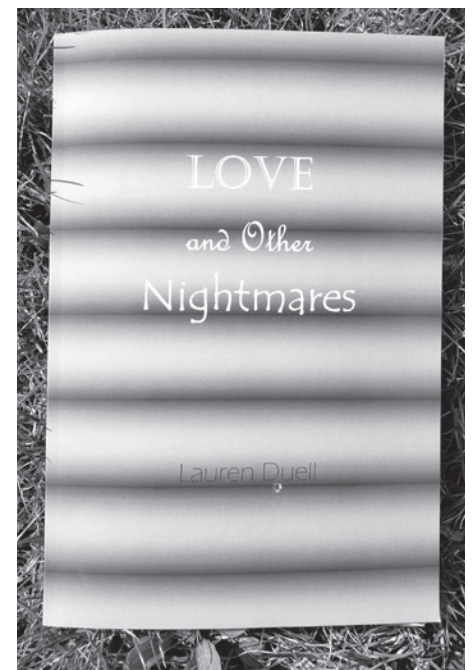
*Mohney and Langelotti, taken prior to COVID-19*

## Brockport graduate publishes book

Lauren Duell, a 2016 Brockport graduate, recently published her first book of poetry, "Love and Other Nightmares."

Duell said she spent five years journaling, trying to make sense of the world as a young adult. The poems helped her to discover meaning and direction. Friends later encouraged her to publish her poems to serve as encouragement for others and to show they are not alone in their feelings. "This book serves as a reminder that (people's) feelings are valid, no matter what those feelings may be," said Duell.

Duell credits BHS English Teacher Katrina Contrera with helping her to build her stories and embrace writing while in her creative writing class in high school. Duell has ideas for additional books in the future, focusing on realistic fiction and mental illness.



*Duell's "Love and Other Nightmares" is available through Barnes and Noble.*

# MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

## Brockport celebrates Music in our Schools

March is recognized as Music in our Schools Month, and Brockport Central School District highlighted the amazing music programs we have for our students in each of our schools. Throughout the month, the district shared video clips from inside music classrooms, whether a second-grade class at Barclay, a virtual one-on-one band lesson at the high school or a chorus rehearsal with middle school students socially distanced in the auditorium.

Brockport Central was once again honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation. This honor was much deserved as the department has gone above and beyond for its students, adapting lessons and rehearsals for both in-person and remote learners. You can watch video segments from music programs throughout our district at: [https://bcs1.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/b\\_c\\_s\\_d\\_celebrates\\_music\\_in\\_our\\_schools](https://bcs1.org/news/what_s_new/b_c_s_d_celebrates_music_in_our_schools)



## OMS performs FrozenKIDS

The OMS Drama Club is thrilled to be working on a virtual production of Disney's FrozenKIDS. The cast began rehearsing remotely in January, learning the music and choreography. Although challenging, it was also informative, and the club learned productive aspects that will be continued in the future. Masked and socially distanced, in-person rehearsals started in February. "The first time we heard them sing together was overwhelming," said Director John Ackers. "It has been a joy to see the acting and dancing come together as we prepared for the final stages." The recorded performance is scheduled to live stream at the beginning of May. Check the [OMS website](#) and the district's social media pages for updated information.



## BHS Tri-M Music Society Ceremony

Brockport's Tri-M Music Society recently welcomed 20 new inductees and renewed membership for existing members. The high school



music students were carefully selected based on scholarship, character, leadership and service. Each has supported the ideals and aspirations of the Tri-M Music Honor Society through continued community service and participation in solo and ensemble performances at BHS and within our community. In addition, BHS English Teacher, Ariel Dickinson, was named an honorary member of the Society for her dedication to Tri-M and for fostering a positive music environment.

Congratulations to the following new members:

- Allison Amoroso
- Caleb Christiansen
- Muriel Coyle
- Ryan Danielak
- Meghan Felice
- Makayla Haibach
- Xia Hoffmann
- Raegan Hughes
- Brad Kleehammer
- Brennan Kuhn
- Lillian LaShomb
- Cole Mesiti
- Mackenzie Monnier
- Joe Nather
- Indigo Pardun
- Lillian Petisi
- Jenna Rivera
- Alex Stoker
- Delaney Szabo
- Jeffrey Xue

# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Due to current restrictions and safety precautions, the 2020-21 athletic seasons were altered from our traditional fall, winter and spring schedule. We are pleased that we have been able to safely offer all of our sports at all levels this year. Our athletes, coaches and families have done an outstanding job ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone. We are so proud of all of our Brockport Blue Devils!

## TEAM HIGHLIGHTS:

### WINTER I SEASON:

#### Boys Varsity Swimming

Seventeen athletes participated in Class B Sectionals this winter. We had 29 best times/scores, 14 boys scored a total of 260 points, and we finished third overall. Nick Dambra finished first in the 200 free with a state qualifying time of 1:45.17 and the second fastest time for Section V. Dambra won the 100 fly with a state qualifying time of 53.18, making him the fourth fastest butterfly competitor in all of Section V.

Dalton Cunningham received a Monroe County Sportsmanship award, and Dambra was named Monroe County Division III swimmer of the year.



#### Varsity Bowling:

Overall, our Boys Varsity Bowling finished third with a record of 10-5 and our Girls Varsity Bowling finished seventh with a record of 4-11. **Highest Averages** were obtained by siblings, Kaylee Stephens (179) and Kaleb Stephens (232).



### WINTER II SEASON:

#### Boys Varsity Basketball:

##### Trident Award and Second Team All County:

Matt Rennie, Team Captain

##### Nat "O" Lester award and Second Team All County:

Ryan Judd, Team Captain

##### Most Improved Player:

Jared Prior

#### Girls Basketball:

Our Varsity Girls Basketball had a phenomenal season with an overall record of 10-4. They lost in the third round of sectionals to Mendon. Our Girls Modified team won their last game at the buzzer, with a huge comeback after an 18-point deficit! An exciting season for all!

##### First Team All County:

Ella Fadale and Ava Velletri

##### Second Team All County:

Gisella Allen and Emma Laureano

##### Division III Player of the Year:

Ella Fadale

#### Varsity Wrestling:

Our Brockport Varsity Wrestling placed fourth at the sectional tournament, with six of our wrestlers placing in the top four!

##### Congratulations:

Dino Battisiti - 2nd

Dan Chatman - Champion

(2nd sectional championship)

Jake Daly - 2nd

Austin Davis - 2nd

Josh Meyerhoefer - 4th



#### Varsity Ice Hockey:

The Brockport Varsity Hockey team ended the season in fourth place with an impressive 8-3-1 record. Senior Jeremiah Rausch lead all of Section V in goals with 19 and third place overall in points with 30.

#### Indoor Track:

The Boys and Girls Indoor Track & Field teams completed a successful season, capped off by outstanding performances at the Section V Championship Meet. The boy's team placed third overall, and the girl's team placed sixth. Freshman Desilets Dubois earned her second Section V title in the 1500m Racewalk. Junior Jacob Miller earned top spot in the 600m run, and Senior Sydney Taylor earned her second Sectional Championship in the high jump with a career best of 5'3".





# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS *(Continued)*



## FALL II SEASON:

The Fall II sports started in the beginning of March and ran through late April. At the time of preparing this newsletter, Football, Competitive Cheer and Volleyball teams were practicing daily and engaging in exciting competitions. Varsity contests were being live-streamed, as we were still under spectator restrictions.

## SPRING SEASON:

Lacrosse, Softball, Baseball, Golf and Track spring registration opened in March and practices started in mid-April with the season extended into June.

## UNIFIED SPORTS:

We are pleased to be able to host unified sports this year. Unified Bowling started in April, and plans for Unified Basketball are underway!



## Scholar Athlete Team Award

Each season, NYSPHSAA recognizes varsity teams and players who excel both athletically and academically. For a team to qualify, 75% of the team must have a term GPA above 90%. Athletes can also qualify individually by obtaining a 90% or higher term GPA. Brockport's Winter Varsity Sports teams earned Scholar Athlete Team Awards with the following impressive averages:

Girls Bowling	90.62
Boys Bowling	90.03
Indoor Track	96.43
Boys Swimming	95.02
Girls Basketball	97.44
Ice Hockey	93.18

# ART HIGHLIGHTS

## BHS senior recognized

Congratulations to BHS senior Pallas Hoffmann for receiving two recognitions from the 2021 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, Northeast Art Region-at-Large. Pallas received an Honorable Mention for her drawing and illustration entry and a Silver Key for her sculpture.

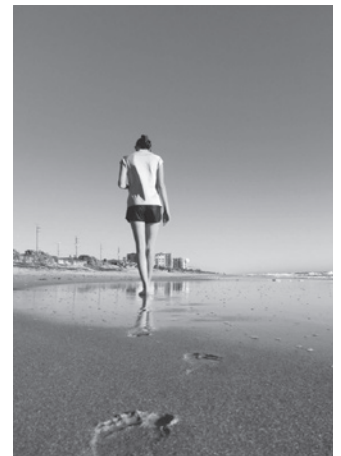


The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their remarkable work to the world through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The awards give students opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication and scholarships. Students across America entered nearly 320,000 original works in 2020 in 28 different categories of art and writing.

## BHS artists featured in NYSATA Art Exhibit

Artwork from two Brockport seniors was selected to be part of the 31st Annual New York State Art Teachers Association Legislative Student Art Exhibit. This exhibit showcases art programs throughout the state and provides an opportunity for K-12 artists to showcase their work and receive statewide recognition.

SharonMarie Bartz's painting, *Impact 1944*, and Anna Wojtas' photograph, *Black and White Beach*, can be viewed on the virtual display on the NYSATA.org website now through the 2021 calendar year. <https://www.nysata.org/legislative-exhibit>



# ART HIGHLIGHTS *(Continued)*

## District Art Show

The Brockport Central School District Art Show is an annual tradition that has been held each spring for over 20 years. Traditionally, the school hosts the event at SUNY Brockport. However, due to continued health and safety precautions, the show will be held virtually this year.

Each of the five schools are gathering artwork from students and creating slideshows and videos to highlight the outstanding work of our many artists. The link to view the District Art Show will be placed on Brockport's website, [www.bcs1.org](http://www.bcs1.org), at the end of May. Check the website and watch our social media pages for updates.



## BCSD art educator receives grant

Jessica Ophardt, Brockport High School Artist Educator, applied for and received a \$2,500 grant from State Farm. Ophardt was one of 40 (out of the first 200) applicants from NY State to receive this grant.

Ophardt plans to incorporate museum/gallery tours through virtual reality programs, as well as regular virtual tours, for BHS artists. This program will bring local and world-renowned galleries and museums into the classrooms through total virtual reality immersion. "If students can't visit art, the art will visit the students, giving them the experience of standing before it, next to it, within it and bringing the work to life," said Ophardt. She also plans to bring local artists who are working in publicly accessible areas to engage students with connections from the Rochester and Buffalo communities. Although the program is currently for students in grades 9-12, she sees potential for cross curricular applications with younger students and applications in other subject areas. Her ultimate goal is to increase networking and involvement in the arts communities for Brockport students and build curiosity, interest and excitement through immersive and hands-on experiences.

## BHS student inspires art

BHS Senior Pallas Hoffmann teamed up with Ginther Art Teacher Katie Snyder to create fun lessons, highlighting the importance of art to kindergarten students, as part of Pallas' independent study. Pallas created a guided drawing video that was shown to each of Mrs. Snyder's kindergarten art classes. When the Chair of the Art Department, Mary Warth, approached Pallas about the kindergarten project, the senior saw it as an opportunity to expand her portfolio and gain more experience before college.

"I like to draw,  
and she helped  
me make a bird!"

- Aria,  
kindergarten student

"I just wanted to help. I remember art was my favorite class in kindergarten, so I tried to keep things interesting and fun for them," says Hoffmann. "I hope to contribute to future generations who will have a greater interest in taking more art classes."

Pallas worked with Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Warth to select and check out books she would use for her videos. Pallas recorded and edited the "how to draw" video demonstrations and showed students the amazing things they can do through their art.



# What's happening with Brockport's BEST Foundation?

Brockport's BEST Foundation would like to sincerely thank all of the BCSD staff for their hard work during this difficult year. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated! We were pleased to be able to provide staff with masks and students with earbuds to support our BCSD community and ensure they have what they need during this time. We look forward to continuing our support of BCSD staff by providing grants – check out our web page for the grant application and previous grants.

We are planning the 4th Annual "Farm To Table To Excellence" event with details to be announced. The event will be arranged based on COVID conditions at that time and will follow required protocols. We look forward to our continued partnership with Kirby's Farm Market.

## Keep in touch with the Brockport BEST Foundation!

✉ [BrockportBESTFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:BrockportBESTFoundation@gmail.com)

🏠 [BrockportBEST.org](http://BrockportBEST.org)

🐦 [@BESTBrockport](https://twitter.com/BESTBrockport)

📘 [BEST in Brockport Foundation](https://www.facebook.com/BESTinBrockportFoundation)



## THANK YOU 2020-2021 PTSA Members

Although our Membership Drive fell short of our 300 member goal, the Brockport PTSA currently has over 220 memberships! The PTSA appreciates the parents, staff, students, community members and businesses who continue to support us.

The PTSA would like to congratulate the **Hill School** for winning the Staff PTSA Membership Challenge with over 54% of their school staff joining the PTSA! The Superintendent's Office sponsored a pizza party for the Hill School's staff. Thanks, Mr. Bruno and all of our district employee members - the PTSA values your show of support.

**We would also like to congratulate the following individual Membership Drive prize winners:** Teacher- Chrissy Ewanow; Community/Family members- Robert Sweeney, Barb Wardwell and Gregg Sargis; and Students- Molly Smock, Lysmarie Barreiro, Brea DeCoste and Maxwell Weaver.

If you are not yet a PTSA member, it's not too late to join! As a reminder, memberships need to be renewed annually (as of September).  
[www.brockportcentralptsa.org/ptsa-membership.html](http://www.brockportcentralptsa.org/ptsa-membership.html)

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## Upcoming PTSA sponsored events

*Be on the lookout for:*

- **"Read Across Brockport"**: Continue to enjoy live and recorded story-time fun with some of your favorite elementary school staff! This event should run through the end of May. Visit our website or Facebook page for more information on accessing videos. A sincere thank-you to those who have helped make literacy fun!
- **Spring sportswear sale:** While getting your summer Brockport gear, you can also support your Brockport PTSA and a local small business! Orders are online only, and pick-up is at the store.
- **Spring district-wide virtual book fair:** Stock up on your summer reading! Orders are online only, and books will be shipped directly to your home.
- **Annual fifth-grade pennant sale:** Celebrate "moving up" to middle school with a pennant featuring your child's anticipated graduation year. More information will come through the Hill School. Orders will be online only and delivered to the school.

## ATTENTION CLASS OF 2021



*The Brockport PTSA and the district would like to recognize and honor our seniors!*

Families, please decorate the door of your home in celebration of your soon-to-be graduate. Photos will be shared on social media to celebrate our AMAZING Brockport students!

*Send your photo to PTSA member Tricia White at [tmwhite27@yahoo.com](mailto:tmwhite27@yahoo.com) by May 20.*



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# BHS Drama Club presents

## Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

The Brockport High School Drama Club is excited to create a production of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's rock opera, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.



One of the most enduring shows of all time, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is a reimagining of the biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, his eleven brothers and the coat of many colors. Told entirely through song, with the help of a main character and narrator, the musical follows preferred son Joseph into slavery, with an Egyptian noble, into jail, interpreting dreams, fighting famine and finally reuniting with his family.

Due to safety protocols, the Drama Club will present a virtual live stream performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The production will work in phases to layer the orchestra, then lyric tracks and finally socially distanced acting and dancing that will line-up with the recorded tracks. Although this will be a different format, the experience will be rewarding and reflect the talent, hard work and excellence of our BHS students.

This student-centered performance will be recorded in May, with the goal of streaming the event in June. Details will be made available on the [BHS website](#) and on social media. We look forward to presenting the timely message of this story: "Any Dream Will Do".

## UPK and kindergarten registration

May 2, 2021, was the deadline to register your child for UPK and kindergarten. If you have not yet received information, please contact Brockport's Registrar Office at (585) 637-1857 or [registrar@bcs1.org](mailto:registrar@bcs1.org).

Frequently asked questions about these programs can be found on the Ginther School's website under "Academics". You may also call (585) 637-1816 for additional information.



## Continuing and Driver Education

Brockport's Continuing and Driver Education programs remain on hold. We will update the district's website and social media pages when information and programs become available.

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