

ELLICOTTVILLE CLASS OF 2024 TOP 5 STUDENTS



Brooke Butler Valedictorian

Brooke Butler is the daughter of Linda and Scott Butler. Brooke is graduating as the **Vale**-

dictorian of her class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and a weighted average of 113.89. She has been on high honor roll throughout her high school career. Brooke has served as the President of the class for five years and Treasurer of the ECS Caring Closet for one year. In addition, she is a member of the National Honor Society, Yearbook Club, Student Council, and Peer Tutoring. Brooke is also a former member of Jazz Band, Varsity Golf, and Varsity Track & Field. She is an avid volunteer for the ECS Sports Boosters and many other organizations in the community.

Brooke was the captain of the varsity soccer team for two years. She is also an All West-

ern NY Scholar Athlete, CCAA East League MVP, three time First Team All-Star, and a two time Big 30 All-Star. In her sophomore year, she was Buffalo News' Top 10 players to watch and a Class D 3rd Team All-State.

Outside of Ellicottville, she has been a member of the WNY Flash since the 6th grade, a club soccer team located in East Aurora. Competing all year round and traveling most weekends, her team earned the title of ECNL-RL U17 Ohio Valley Conference Champs. Brooke has also been a part of the NY/PA Corporate Cup Gold Team for 4 years and will captain the team this July.

Brooke has held many jobs; this winter she was a Freestyle Coach at Holiday Valley and is currently working at the Tee Bar.

Brooke will be attending Clarkson University as an Honors Student where she will major in Mathematics/Engineering and continue her soccer career as a Golden Knight. *continued on next page* **IMPORTANT DATES**

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 1/2 day for grades PreK-6 NOON DISMISSAL

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

School Closed

Thursday, June 20, 2024 1/2 day for grades PreK-6

NOON DISMISSAL

Friday, June 21, 2024

1/2 day for grades PreK-6th NOON DISMISSAL

Monday, June 24, 2024

1/2 day for grades PreK-6th NOON DISMISSAL

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 1/2 day for grades PreK-6th NOON DISMISSAL

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, June 28, 2024 GRADUATION CEREMONY 7:00 pm in The Ward



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Keelin Finn Salutatorian

Keelin Finn is the daughter of Matt and Eileen Finn. She is graduating as the Salutatorian of her class

with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. She has attained high honor roll throughout her high school career and has attained a weighted average of 113.82. She was selected to the New Visions: Health Professions Program at the Olean BOCES Center. Keelin has held many leadership roles throughout her high school career; she currently is the President of National Honor Society, and was named as a Captain for the varsity soccer, basketball, and softball teams.

She was the 2023 recipient of the Elmira Key Award Scholarship, Wilkes University Scholarship, and Clarkson University Scholarship, as well as the New York Seal of Biliteracy. She has attended All County Band for the trumpet. She enjoys participating in ECS Caring Closet, Jazz Band, Yearbook Committee, Varsity Club, Spirit Squad, and National Honor Society and is also an active member of her community.

Keelin has worked in the Gin Mill for 4.5 years and has also been employed at the Nightmare Hayrides and the Ellicottville Rodeo.

Keelin will be attending Gannon University as a Pre-Medicine major.



Cameron Kaleta Third in Class

Cameron Kaleta is the daughter of Leanne and John Kaleta. She is graduating third in her class with an Advanced

Regents Diploma with Honors, with a weighted GPA of 112.52. She has achieved high honor roll throughout her high school career, as well as the JCC College Connections Student of the Year, RIT Women in STEM Award, Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, and the George H. Ball Community Achievement Award. She has been a member of various clubs, including: jazz band, the ECS Caring Closet, Year Book, Drama Club, Art Club, Chess Club, National Honor Society, and the World Language Club. She has participated in Varsity Soccer and Track and Field, where she was a captain for both teams, and has volunteered in various charities throughout her community. She will attend Kent State University where she will follow a pre-medical track.



Layla Kerns Fourth in Class

Layla Kerns is the daughter of Michael and Melanie Kerns. Layla is graduating fourth in her class with an Advanced

Regents Diploma with Honors and a weighted average of 112.13. She has served as the Treasurer of her class for three years, President of the ECS Caring Closet for 2 years and Secretary for 3 years prior. She has been the Treasurer of Varsity Club for four years. In addition, Layla is a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, Yearbook Club, and Jazz Band. This year, Layla was a captain of the varsity soccer team.

Layla has been awarded the Seal of Biliteracy and the Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award. She also received the RIT Business and Leadership Award, Clarkson University High School Achievement Award, and the Alfred University Scholastic Engineering Award.

For four and a half years, Layla has worked at Balloons Restaurant. She also enjoys community service and has been a dedicated member of her school and community.

Layla will be attending the University of Cincinnati, as a recipient of the Cincinnatus Century Scholarship, National Outreach Scholarship, College of Engineering and Applied Science General Scholarship, and the College of Engineering and Applied Science National Outreach Scholarship. Here, she will be majoring in Chemical Engineering.



Evan Bauer Fifth in Class

Evan Bauer is the son of Dave and Carolyn Bauer. He is graduating fifth in his class with an Advanced Regents

Diploma. He has a weighted GPA of 111.87. Evan has been a scholar athlete in two sports, soccer and baseball, throughout his high school career. He is a member of National Honor Society. He plays saxophone in the high school band. For his senior year, Evan was accepted into the New Visions medical program where he has excelled. In addition to a busy academic schedule, Evan is a martial artist and enjoys skiing and skateboarding. Evan will attend St. John Fisher where he earned the Trustee's Scholarship for academic excellence. He will be a pre-med major where he will select a field in medicine.



Thank you to the ECS Community for coming out for the 2024/2025 school year budget vote and board member election.

With your support both propositions passed.

Congratulations to newly elected Board Members: Nathan (Nate) Dahlman, Tiffany Frentz & Carla Kruszynski

2023-24 = Another year of success at Ellicottville Central School!

How can it already be June 2024? It seems like it was just yesterday we were starting the 2023-24 school year, and now it is almost over. To say the year passed quickly would be an understatement.

Everywhere you look, there are signs that the 2023-24 year is coming to a close. Middle school students are getting ready to take their final exams; high school students are reviewing and studying for Regents Exams; and elementary students are enjoying their end of the year field trips, picnics and celebrations. We recently enjoyed our Spring concerts with impressive student performances and spring sports are wrapping up the playoff season. Before we know it, the Class of 2024 will have walked across the graduation stage and will no longer be high school students... they will be ECS alumni. And, as they move on with their endeavors, they must remember... Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle!

As always, ECS has demonstrated that it is a school that takes pride in educating and preparing students for the challenges they will encounter; not only at school, but throughout their life. To me, ECS is special in that, the faculty and staff do not simply prepare students for challenges; they prepare students to face challenges head on and experience the feeling of success that is the result of a job well done. From classroom achievements to athletic competitions and everything in between, the students at ECS have once again proven they are an extremely talented and hard-working group. This type and level of success does not "just happen." It is result of a total team effort of the entire school community: parents, family, school staff, and the community at large have all played a vital role in ensuring student success. Now, I realize that I may be a little biased, but I feel that ECS is truly an educational leader when it comes to ensuring student achievement!

As we move through the final weeks of the school year, I have no doubt that students will continue to try their hardest while parents and teachers will provide encouragement to study hard and finish the year strong. I hope that all students are able to enjoy the summer and that they look forward to the 2024-25 school year with excitement. For the graduates, I wish each of you the very best on next phase of your journey in life. No matter what the future holds or the challenges that arise, I can say with certainty that your work and studies at ECS have prepared you for success!

Best Wishes for a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

Robert Miller, Superintendent

CLASS OF 2024 - FUTURE PLANS

Dalayla Alexander	Finger Lakes Community College	Physical Education
Nathan Andrews	University of Northwestern Ohio	High Performance Motor Sports
Jacob Atwater	Alfred State College	Heavy Diesel Technology
Evan Bauer	St. John Fisher College	Bio-Chemistry
William Benatovich	University of Pittsburgh @ Bradford	English Education
Reese Benjamin	Finger Lakes Community College	Fish & Wildlife Technology
Oakley Bradley	Employment	
Brooke Butler	Clarkson University	Mathematics
Christopher Calarco	Genesee Community College	Business Administration
Emmylu Carls	Clemson University	Political Science
Mikaya Carney	Monroe Community College	Dental Hygiene
Abby Chudy	Jamestown Community College	Physical Education
Owen Chudy	Employment	
Shelby Colburn	St. Bonaventure University	Public Health
Gracie Conklin	Florida Atlantic University	Marketing
Sean Crowley	Finger Lakes Community College	Fish & Wildlife Management
Jase Curtis	Employment	
Gwendolyn DeChane	Villa Maria College	Digital Film Making
Adrynn Dederick	Employment	
Edward Doherty	University at Buffalo	Business Administration
Samuel Edwards	Houghton College	Business Administration
Keelin Finn	Gannon University	Pre-Med

Zoe Goode	Jamestown Community College	Nursing
Lennon Halloran	Employment	
Jesse Harber Jr.	Employment	
Aiden Harrington	Alfred State College	Radiology Technology
Benjamin Hogenmiller	Army	
Audrey Hurlburt	Genesee Community College	Tourism & Hospitality Management
Emmett Jacobson- Coolidge	Jamestown Community College	Sports Management
Cameron Kaleta	Kent State	Pre-Med
Layla Kerns	University of Cincinnati	Chemical Engineering
Marley Konarski	Employment	
Morgan Krotz	Pennsylvania State University	Journalism
Emma Lafferty	SUNY Brockport	Science Education
Aaron LoGiudice	Army National Guard	
Jaida Mendell	Hilbert College	Criminal Justice
Alexander Newark	Employment	
Cora Norton	St. Bonaventure University	Psychology
Mason Perks	NY Institute of Massage	Massage Therapy
Allison Pfeffer	SUNY Geneseo	Early Childhood Education
Isaiah Ploetz	Employment	
Madison Potter	Employment	
Skylar Schroeder	Employment	
Hunter Smith	Hilbert College	Psychology
Gabrielle Spross	SUNY Fredonia	Music Education
Dylan Timblin	Employment	
Isabelle Woodmancy	Jamestown Community College	Nursing

BRD QUARTER HIGH HONOR ROLL & HONOR ROLL

January 29 – April 19, 2024

12th Grade

High Honor Roll Dalayla Alexander Evan Bauer William Benatovich Brooke Butler Christopher Calarco Emmylu Carls Abby Chudy Shelby Colburn Jase Curtis Adrvnn Dederick Keelin Finn Zoe Goode Aiden Harrington Cameron Kaleta Layla Kerns Morgan Krotz Emma Lafferty Aaron LoGiudice Cora Norton Allison Pfeffer Gabrielle Spross Isabelle Woodmancy

Honor Roll

Mikaya Carney Owen Chudy Sean Crowley Gwendolyn DeChane Edward Doherty Samuel Edwards Benjamin Hogenmiller Audrey Hurlburt Emmett Jacobson-Coolidge Jaida Mendell Mason Perks Madison Potter Skylar Schroeder Hunter Smith

11th Grade

High Honor Roll Kathryn Bless Jayden Doutt Benjamin Edwards Alivia Fisher Tea Fuller Kade Hilliman Addison John Maddox Johnson Michael Kerns Alarice Krause Courtney Marsh Eve Niesyty Kyle Robinson Cheyenne Rust Siying Sun Sophia Sundeen Adelaide Weber Ava Woodarek

Honor Roll

Hayden Andera Brianna Aronson Owen Doherty Ryan Metzger Ryan Norton Merek Peters Carter Smith

10th Grade

High Honor Roll Faith Burlingame Bianca Bush Grady Byroads Isabelle Coburn Kalyn Crowley Drew Ficek Teaghan Finn Iordan Folts Parker John Harper Klein Jackson Kruszynski Grace Kwagalakwe **Delaney Myers** Anna Nazareth Mackenzie Noga Ande Northrup Jordan O'Connell Makavla Potter Curtis Robison Olivia Tighe Oliver Wedvik Lanie Wilson Skye Wood

Honor Roll

Patrick Andera Kaden Button Kyle Clawges Aiddan Gascon Alexa Liskow Cameron Mendell Daliana Velazquez-Garcia

9th Grade

High Honor Roll Adalynn Andrews Kristen Bless Timothy DeChane III Trinity DeChane Christopher Edwards Ava Fuller Tosh Klein Jaxson LaCroix Jonah Mann Juliana O'Connell Yanieliz Velazquez-Garcia Ava Weber Benjamin Wedvik **Riley Whitmer** Isabella Wilder

Honor Roll

Eli Atwater Coleman Carls Malie Curtis Ainsley Edwards Ella Grundy Kaiser Joesel Eliza Murray Reed Nazareth Jadyn Nevins Ava Pasinski Ellen Quinn Dominic Tirado

8th Grade

High Honor Roll Alison Antholzner Zachary Brennan Rian Johnson Daniel Kruszynski Coleman Milks Nigel Poulin Abigail Rust Cooper Sciara Collin Weber

Honor Roll

Holden Basher Isabella Czamara Keegan Kaleta Sawyer Miller Karle Northrup Meegan Olson Colton Schumacher

7th Grade

High Honor Roll Marjorie Brown Gabriel DeChane Marshall DeChane Carsten Kosinski Cayda Kruszynski Marlee Maynard Andrew Myers Lillian Pearl Camerie Riley Briyona Tarr Stella Tupchik Nicholas Wedvik

Honor Roll

Kaegan Bauer Cooper Coolidge Brody Erlandson Crew Koleta McKenna Mendell Calvin Pearl Whitney Powers Patricia Ross Ella Weber

6th Grade

High Honor Roll Harley Andera Allyana Andrews Myla Brennan Liam Dahlman Rowan Decker Maggie Faulkner Layla Gearhart Thomas Green Ty Howard Clinton Northrup Charlie Norton Reagan Pawlowski Aston Seeley Teagan Siperek

Honor Roll

Kaiya Baker Caleb Czamara Oliver Daniels Joseph Freaney II Mason LaCroix Axel Moore Caelan Myers Skyler Samborski Griffen Sciara Audri Scott Bentley Ward

5th Grade Honor Roll

Mrs. Moore's Class Liberty Bishop Violet Bly Noah Bunk Evelyn Earley

James Helie Caroline Sun Vander Travis

Mr. Smith's Class

Jameson Burlingame Oliver Johnson Shiloh Miller Braylon Van Buren Quinn Kell Jacob Frank

BUG (Bringing Up Grades)

Mrs. Moore's Class Rose Benjamin Liberty Bishop Violet Bly Evelyn Earley Jaelyn Eganski Carly Erlandson James Helie Caroline Sun Amanda Teeft Gunnar Tirado Vander Travis Amelia Winship

Mr. Smith's Class

Robert Blouvet Taylor Erlandson Sophia Joesel Arianah Kelley Jase Moss Carter Potter Theron Rust Leah Studley Isaac Kruse Joanna Klein Isabelle Perkins

Ellicottville Central School District Newsletter

SECOND GRADERS VISIT LOCAL FARMS



In May, the 2nd Grade visited two local farms in our community. The goal of this trip was to learn more about the contribution farmers have in our rural community (our social studies standard). We visited Williams Ranch and Cattle to learn about angus cows. While there, we learned how to

measure a cow by weight and we were able to pet two calves. Miss Williams helped us understand how 2nd grade math and science could lead to a career in Agriculture! Next, we visited Telaak Farms to learn more about dairy farming. While there, we toured the barns and learned more about the technology

involved in 20th century dairy farming. The milk produced by the Telaak cows is sent to Upstate Farms. We enjoyed a delicious cheese stick and milk treat produced from the labor of this farm. A special thanks to all involved in making this such a fantastic day of local learning.

ENVIROTHON

On April 24th, Morgan Krotz, Gabrielle Spross, Oliver Wedvik, Jackson Kruszynski, and Anna Nazareth participated in this years' Cattaraugus County Envirothon competition. Together, the students completed tests in 5 different categories, including wildlife, aquatics, soils, forestry, and current issues, as well as preparing an oral presentation



on Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future. Throughout the school year, the students worked hard studying the material and preparing their oral presentation. Their hard work paid off as the students placed 3rd in this year's competition against 10 teams from neighboring school districts and had the highest score in the current issues test. Congratulations!



Student Council Budget Vote Hot Dog Sale

S tudent Council would like to thank everyone that supported our hot dog sale. Students were able to get all supplies donated by Walmart, Tops, Save A Lot, and BJs! Money raised by Student Council is used to promote Red Ribbon week, Senior Citizen Dinner in December and various other student activities throughout the school year. It was nice to meet community members and this is the first year we were sold out!

SPORT CLASSES FRIENDLY COMPETITION



Sports Marketing, Math in Sports, and History of Sports classes had an end of the year competition at Cascade Lanes in Springville. We enjoyed a Tim and Bonnie's lunch while bowling 2 games. Sports Marketing and Math in Sports ended up in a tie for the win!

"Meeting the Challenge"

DAY AT THE RACES





S ports Marketing and Math in Sports classes enjoyed an educational day at the Buffalo Raceway. We received a behind the scenes tour of the raceway. Students learned everything about the sport of harness racing from harnessing the horses, feeding, shoeing the horses, vet care, to watching a few races. They also learned about all the family friendly activities they have to offer from March to July.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW INDUCTEES

Special Congratulations to our ECS Eagles inducted into the Ellicottville National Honor Society on March 29, 2024, at the Great Valley Firehall. The ceremony was excellent with each student giving an induction speech which displayed their scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The night was accompanied by a delicious meal made by Mrs. Williams and her cooking staff. Students inducted were:

Kathryn Bless, Jayden Doutt, Benjamin Edwards, Téa Fuller, Maddox Johnson, Michael Kerns, Morgan Krotz, Courtney Marsh, Siying Sun and Sophia Sundeen (missing from photo).

These students were joined with last year's members for a wonderful evening of dinner followed by the ceremony. Prior members include: Keelin Finn - President, Emma Lafferty - Vice President, William Benatovich - Secretary, Shelby Colburn - Treasurer, Evan Bauer, Brooke Butler, Emmylu Carls, Abby Chudy, Samuel Edwards, Cameron Kaleta, Layla Kerns, and Gabrielle Spross.



Richardson's College Composition class enjoyed a field trip to the Allegheny National Forest to learn more about the Kinzua Dam. Earlier in the year, they researched the history of the dam and wrote a paper about whether they felt the dam should or should not have been built. The weather was perfect for a quick hike up Bent Run Waterfall.



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ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BANQUET

We are looking forward to a fun and entertaining evening with fellow alumni!

<u>Officers</u> John Burrell, President Nancy Emke Rogan, Vice President Karen Kelly, Secretary Mark Ward, Treasurer Board of Directors Donna Brooks Charles Marsh Diana Olson Meganne Chapman

ELLICOTTVILLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION P. O. BOX 1033 ELLICOTTVILLE, NY. 14731-1033

ECS ALUMNI BANQUET - SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024 SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 5:30PM, DINNER AT 7PM

Tannenbaum Lodge · Upper Holiday Valley · Ellicottville, New York

RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and return this form, along with your check made payable to the ECS Alumni Association at the above address, <u>no later than July 12, 2024</u>. Dinner is \$36.00 per person. If you would prefer to make your reservations and pay online you can go to https://www.ellicottvillealumni.com/ and click on the "Annual Banquet" link.

RESERVATIONS

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		- 11:00 am. Please come		
I am pleased and	d supportive of what	our Association is doing t	to further the educe	ation and careers of ECS graduates.
	Please accept my foll	owing contribution to su	pport the on-going	operation expenses
	of the Associatio	on \$10, \$20, \$50, Other	Amount	·

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

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Mrs. Kathryn Mendell Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum

Dr. Erich Ploetz 6-12 Principal



ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL · MAY 21. 2024

BUDGET VOTE & BOARD MEMBER ELECTION RESULTS BASIC BUDGET -Proposition #1

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND THE SUM OF \$15,663,452 for the 2024/2025 school year budget. The Basic Budget will provide funds for all of the educationally related services and the maintenance of our school building. YES - 199 NO - 23

SCHOOL BUS LEASE -**Proposition #2**

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, is authorized to levy an additional (not to exceed) \$60,000 to lease two (2) 66 passenger IC Bus CE school buses for each of the next five years (five annual payments) commencing with the 2024/2025 school year. YES - 207 NO - 16

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER ELECTION

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be assigned an unexpired term seat immediately following the election on May 21, 2024, and a five-year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029 (seat 1). The candidate with the second-highest number of votes will be assigned a five-year term seat beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2029 (seat 2). The candidate with the third-highest number of votes will be assigned an unexpired term seat immediately following the election on May 21, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2026 (seat 3).

Vote for THREE (3):

 60 votes Gary Abraham 52 votes John Luzier 162 votes Carla Kruszynski (Winner Seat 1 - effective May 21, 2024, and a five- year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029) 115 votes Nathan (Nate) Dahlman (Winner of Seat 3 - May 21, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2026)
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011 Julie 30, 2020)
N/A Brittany Czamara (dropped out of race)
135 votesTiffany Frentz (Winner Seat 2 - five-year term seat beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2029)

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