

# 135<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Processional: “Pomp & Circumstance”	Edward Elgar <i>OFA Commencement Band</i>
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Thomas Dragon <i>National Honor Soc. President</i>
The Star Spangled Banner	Key / Smith <i>Chamber Singers</i>
Presentation of Awards	Ronald M. Pierce
Awarding of the Weiss Scholarships in Memory of Harry A., Elizabeth L., and William M. Weiss	Gene Cvik <i>Vice President Board of Education</i>
Student Speakers:	
Student Council President	Colin Lounsberry
Salutatorian	Thomas Dragon
Class of 2008 President	Gene Nolis
Valedictorian	Katharine Mead
Alma Mater	Bliss / Regan <i>Chamber Singers</i>
Principal’s Recognition	Ronald M. Pierce
Presentation of Class of 2008 to the Board of Education	Dr. William C. Russell <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>
Presentation of Diplomas	Ronald M. Pierce Thomas Beatty Bernard C. Dolan, Jr. Dr. William C. Russell
“Make Them Hear You” From Ragtime the musical	Stephen Flaherty/ arranged by Jeff Funk <i>Senior Choir Members</i>
Recessional: “Hampton Court”	John Prescott <i>OFA Commencement Band</i>

# CLASS OF 2008

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Valedictorian  
Salutatorian

Katharine Nathalie Mead  
Thomas Marshall Dragon

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## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Gene M. Nolis  
Elizabeth Joy Coghill  
Joel William Hambalek  
Colin Parker Evans

## SENIOR CLASS ADVISORS

Tracy Bartlow  
Stacey Warner

Math  
Math

## STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Colin Westrom Lounsberry  
Kristin Marie Frampton  
Katharine Nathalie Mead  
Elise Felicia Thornley

## FACULTY CLASS MARSHALLS

Tracy Bartlow - Mathematics  
Christen Baumbach - Special Education  
Stephen Bingley - Science  
Jill Clark - Principal, OAMS  
Robert Devan - Guidance  
Kimberly Hahne - Guidance  
Kathy Lawrence - Art  
Jason Luke - Social Studies

Kimberley Ripic - English  
Diana Rodgers - Special Education  
Steven Smithers - Business/Technology  
Steven Virkler - Health/Physical Education  
Erin Walsh - Language  
Stacey Warner - Mathematics  
Thomas Westcott - Guidance

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OFA Commencement Band  
Directed by Daniel Fabricius

OFA Chamber Singers  
Directed by Lisa Winans

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All are welcome to the reception in front of the OFA immediately following graduation exercises.  
Refreshments will be provided.

# **OWEGO FREE ACADEMY REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH HONORS**

Price Alastair Bingham  
Colin Parker Evans  
Hannah Gabrielle Hogan

## **ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH HONORS**

Aaron Michael Barnhart  
Jessica Lynn Brookes  
Elizabeth Joy Coghill  
Mark William Dempksi  
Thomas Marshall Dragon  
John Colgan Keough  
Adam Robert Kushner  
Elizabeth Rose Leonard  
Justin Adam Livingston  
Colin Westrom Lounsberry

Joshua Francis Malia  
Kathryn Anne Malia  
Alicia Marie Marhefka  
Kaitlin T. Maynard  
Ian Alistair McPhail  
Katharine Nathalie Mead  
Trang Nguyen  
Gene M. Nolis  
Courtney Suzanne Plew  
Emily Christina Price

Evan W. Rogers  
Nicholas David Stevens  
Elise Felicia Thornley  
Samantha Erin Townsend  
Kristina Marie Vail  
Catherine Henrietta Van Hall  
Britny Lee Wainwright  
Tyler Raymond Watkins  
Kaylee Helene Wold

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS**

Matthew Lloyd Arnold  
Katerina Joy Arvanitis  
Dominic Matthew Baratta  
Aaron Michael Barnhart  
Kirsten Renee Boland  
Jessica Lynn Brookes  
Ariel Mary Cacciaglia  
Elizabeth Joy Coghill  
Joseph M. Dekar  
Mark William Dempksi  
Thomas Marshall Dragon  
Amanda Rae Duffy  
Elizabeth Anne Ealy  
Colin Parker Evans  
Kristin Marie Frampton  
Mia Nichole Gatto  
Kendal A. Hilliker

Hannah Gabrielle Hogan  
Breanna Jean Horton  
Kaitlyn Michelle Howard  
Kerry Ann Kane  
Adam Robert Kushner  
Elizabeth Rose Leonard  
Kelsey Sullivan Lewis  
Nichole Christine Liberty  
Colin Westrom Lounsberry  
Joshua Francis Malia  
Kathryn Anne Malia  
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Ian Alistair McPhail  
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Gene M. Nolis

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Evan W. Rogers  
Kyle Joseph Slavetskas  
Nicholas David Stevens  
Kenneth Duncan Taggart  
Kara Lindsey Telfer  
Christie Amber Testa  
Elise Felicia Thornley  
Samantha Erin Townsend  
Kristina Marie Vail  
Catherine Henrietta Van Hall  
Britny Lee Wainwright  
Sara Michelle Wasileski  
Tyler Raymond Watkins  
Kaylee Helene Wold

# CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMA CLASS OF 2008

Emina Alesevic  
Sonnie May Alexander  
Amanda Elizabeth Alvarez  
Matthew Lloyd Arnold  
Phillip Michael Arnold  
Katerina Joy Arvanitis  
Nicole A. Avila  
Dominic Matthew Baratta  
Aaron Michael Barnhart  
Jason Conrad Beauvais  
Timothy Stephen Bebel  
Joshua Justin Bennett  
Justin David Bensley  
Kari Ann Bensley  
Orenda Kay Benson  
Kaitlyn Marie Betz  
Price Alastair Bingham  
Kirsten Renee Boland  
Jordan Leah Bradley  
Daniel Lee Brainard  
Ashleigh Mikail Bridges  
Thomas Matthew Brock  
Jessica Lynn Brookes  
Jacob Cain Burdick  
Ariel Mary Cacciaglia  
Courtney Lyn Carlson  
Alanna M. Cerretani  
Brittany Louise Chamberlain  
Elizabeth Joy Coghill  
Aubrey Lee Cole  
John Anthony Conklin  
Matthew Dillon Cron  
Daniel P. D'Abbracci  
Joseph M. Dekar  
Leanna Rae Dellinger  
Mark William DempSKI  
Daniel Lee Dillman  
Hamilton David Donnelly  
Thomas Marshall Dragon  
Amanda Rae Duffy  
Shane Richard Dupuis  
Elizabeth Anne Ealy  
Corey Travis Ely  
Richard Eliot Engelhard  
Audrey Rose Espe  
Colin Parker Evans  
Lauren Mackenzie Farwell  
Brittany Rose Ferencik  
Breighanne Filippelli  
Christopher Thomas Fish-Johnson  
William Francis Foos  
William Thomas Foster  
Kristin Marie Frampton

Bailey R. Fuller  
Aubrey Richelle Gatto  
Mia Nichole Gatto  
Andrew Joseph Gilmore  
Ashley Nicole Gower  
Daniel Igor Grechka  
Michael Charles Greene  
Nicholas Frank Gregg  
Michael Augustin Grinfeld  
Matthew James Guagliardo  
Joel William Hambalek  
Emily Rae Haus  
John Robert Heeter  
Quintin Lawrence Hellmann  
Kendal A. Hilliker  
Aaron Eric Hillyard  
Hannah Gabrielle Hogan  
Whitney LeAnne Hoke  
Jillian Renae Holden  
Kourtnei Ellen Homan  
Breanna Jean Horton  
Kaitlyn Michelle Howard  
Crystal Ann Hoyt  
Tommi Rae Hunter  
Craig Steven Jochum, Jr.  
Randy Lee Johns  
Kerry Ann Kane  
Evelyn Karpel  
John Colgan Keough  
Leanne Elizabeth Kies  
Stephen Neil King  
Kyla Elise Knapp  
Lindsay Michele Knaul  
Kyle J. Kuligowski  
Adam Robert Kushner  
Jeffrey Todd Kyzer  
Dustin Blue Larson  
Rachael Marie Latier  
Elizabeth Rose Leonard  
James Francis Lepkowski  
Jeffrey Allen Letscher  
Katie Lin Lewis  
Kelsey Sullivan Lewis  
Nichole Christine Liberty  
Sean F. Linehan  
Andrew Thomas Lisak  
Caroline Angela Livermore  
Justin Adam Livingston  
Heather Caitlyn Long  
Colin Westrom Lounsberry  
Craig Michael Lozier  
Alisha Mahmood  
Anthony Joseph Malarkey

Joshua Francis Malia  
Kathryn Anne Malia  
Alicia Marie Marhefka  
Kaitlin T. Maynard  
Ian Alistair McPhail  
Katharine Nathalie Mead  
Todd Patrick Monseur  
Kristy Elizabeth Motsko  
Chelsea Marie Mott  
Stevie Michelle Mott  
Shannon Rose Murphy  
Trang Nguyen  
Gene M. Nolis  
Meghan Cathryn Pass  
Kayla Nicole Pauly  
Chad Michael Pedro  
Chad Jordan Phillips  
Courtney Suzanne Plew  
Stephanie Nicole Poole  
Emily Christina Price  
Melissa Kathryn Riley  
Tonia Leigh Rinn  
Brittney K. Riveras  
Evan W. Rogers  
Anthony Nicco Romeo  
Adam James Scott  
Samantha Rose Sharp  
Caleb Martin Simerson  
Jessica Michelle Simmons  
Robert Eugene Slack  
Kyle Joseph Slavetskias  
Connor Bryant-Lee Smith  
Jeffery J. Smith  
Samuel Joseph Smith  
Joshua Leigh Souto

Alexander Byron Spencer  
Joelle E. Stack  
Brittany Doris Stamper  
Megan Elizabeth Stanley  
Robert William Staudt, Jr.  
Nicholas David Stevens  
Daniel John Thomas Stewart  
Kathryn Lynnette Stewart  
Monica Marie Storms  
Amanda Lynne Strohl  
Kenneth Duncan Taggart  
Kara Lindsey Telfer  
David Teran Pulford  
Christie Amber Testa  
Elise Felicia Thornley  
Samantha Erin Townsend  
Kristina Marie Vail  
Catherine Henrietta Van Hall  
Cody Allen Varga  
Henry Charles Wagstaff IV  
Richard Edwin Wagstaff  
Britny Lee Wainwright  
Jacob Howard Warner  
Sara Michelle Wasileski  
Tyler Raymond Watkins  
Zachary Alexander Watkins  
Alycia Marie Wells  
Bradley Daniel White  
Bonnie Jean Wilcox  
Derrick Lloyd Williams  
Evan Jay Williams  
Jared Robert Winters  
Kaylee Helene Wold  
Peter Michael Zimmer  
Daniel Zukich

## **FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT**

Mati Dreier      Germany

Congratulations to our 2008 Graduates

\*\*Because of the early publication of this commencement program,  
it should not be considered an official listing of graduates. Late changes are inevitable.\*\*

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Emina Alesevic	Tompkins Cortland Community College
Sonnie May Alexander	Broome Community College
Amanda Elizabeth Alvarez	Tompkins Cortland Community College
Matthew Lloyd Arnold	Broome Community College
Phillip Michael Arnold	Davis College
Katerina Joy Arvanitis	Tompkins Cortland Community College
Dominic Matthew Baratta	University at Buffalo
Aaron Michael Barnhart	Misericordia University, PA
Jason Conrad Beauvais	Tompkins Cortland Community College
Joshua Justin Bennett	Broome Community College
Justin David Bensley	Tompkins Cortland Community College
Orenda Kay Benson	SUNY Albany
Kaitlyn Marie Betz	Broome Community College
Price Alastair Bingham	University of Maryland, MD
Kirsten Renee Boland	SUNY Cortland
Jordan Leah Bradley	Broome Community College
Daniel Lee Brainard	Hartwick College
AshLeigh Mikail Bridges	Broome Community College
Jessica Lynn Brookes	Marywood University, PA
Jacob Cain Burdick	Mansfield University, PA
Ariel Mary Cacciaglia	Culinary Institute of America at Hyde Park
Courtney Lyn Carlson	Broome Community College
Alanna M. Cerretani	Tompkins Cortland Community College
Elizabeth Joy Coghill	Elmira College
John Anthony Conklin	Broome Community College
Matthew Dillon Cron	Broome Community College
Daniel P. D'Abbracci	Broome Community College
Joseph M. Dekar	Elmira College
Leanna Rae Dellinger	Wells College
Mark William DempSKI	Penn State - The Behrend College, PA
Daniel Lee Dillman	Broome Community College
Hamilton David Donnelly	Broome Community College
Thomas Marshall Dragon	Cornell University
Amanda Rae Duffy	Mount Saint Mary College
Elizabeth Anne Ealy	Ithaca College
Corey Travis Ely	SUNY Dehli
Richard Eliot Engelhard	Marietta College, OH
Audrey Rose Espe	Broome Community College
Colin Parker Evans	Wells College
Brittany Rose Ferencik	Adelphi University
Breighanne Filippelli	SUNY Dehli
William Thomas Foster	SUNY Brockport
Kristin Marie Frampton	SUNY Cortland
Bailey R. Fuller	Empire State College
Aubrey Richelle Gatto	Tompkins Cortland Community College
Mia Nichole Gatto	Point Park Univ. Conserv.Perform. Arts, PA
Andrew Joseph Gilmore	Broome Community College
Daniel Igor Grechka	Broome Community College
Michael Charles Greene	Alfred State College
Nicholas Frank Gregg	SUNY Oneonta
Matthew James Guagliardo	Mansfield University, PA
Joel William Hambalek	Niagara University
John Robert Heeter	Broome Community College
Kendal A. Hilliker	SUNY Oneonta

Hannah Gabrielle Hogan  
Whitney LeAnne Hoke  
Jillian Renae Holden  
Kourtni Ellen Homan  
Breanna Jean Horton  
Kaitlyn Michelle Howard  
Tommi Rae Hunter  
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Kyla Elise Knapp  
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Samantha Rose Sharp  
Jessica Michelle Simmons  
Robert Eugene Slack  
Kyle Joseph Slavetskask  
Connor Bryant-Lee Smith

Broome Community College  
Geneva College, PA  
Broome Community College  
Keuka College  
Alfred State College  
Alfred State College  
Raritan Valley Com. College, NJ  
Clarkson University  
Broome Community College  
SUNY Fredonia  
SUNY Potsdam  
St. Anselm College, NH  
SUNY Fredonia  
Mount Vernon Nazarene University, OH  
Tompkins Cortland Community College  
Mohawk Valley Community College  
Broome Community College  
University at Buffalo  
Tompkins Cortland Community College  
Broome Community College  
Alfred University  
Pratt Munson William Proctor  
Broome Community College  
Broome Community College  
Broome Community College  
SUNY Plattsburgh  
Tompkins Cortland Community College  
Tompkins Cortland Community College  
Cornell University  
Tompkins Cortland Community College  
SUNY Delhi  
US Naval Academy, MD  
SUNY Geneseo  
Houghton College  
Binghamton University  
SUNY Geneseo  
Brown University, RI  
University of Colorado, CO  
Broome Community College  
Broome Community College  
Morrisville State College  
Ithaca College  
Ithaca College  
Elmira College  
SUNY Cortland  
Broome Community College  
Broome Community College  
University at Buffalo  
Chatham University, PA  
Tompkins Cortland Community College  
SUNY Plattsburgh  
Broome Community College  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Broome Community College  
Broome Community College  
SUNY Morrisville  
Misericordia University, PA  
SUNY Delhi

Jeffery J. Smith	Broome Community College
Joshua Leigh Souto	SUNY Morrisville
Alexander Byron Spencer	Tompkins Cortland Community College
Megan Elizabeth Stanley	Broome Community College
Robert William Staudt, Jr.	Broome Community College
Nicholas David Stevens	University of Rochester
Daniel John Thomas Stewart	Broome Community College
Kathryn Lynnette Stewart	Broome Community College
Monica Marie Storms	Utica College
Amanda Lynne Strohl	Broome Community College
Kenneth Duncan Taggart	Broome Community College
Kara Lindsey Telfer	St. Bonaventure University
David Teran Pulford	Broome Community College
Christie Amber Testa	Virginia Tech, VA
Elise Felicia Thornley	Binghamton University
Samantha Erin Townsend	SUNY Albany
Kristina Marie Vail	Elmira College
Catherine Henrietta Van Hall	SUNY Albany
Cody Allen Varga	Broome Community College
Henry Charles Wagstaff IV	Broome Community College
Richard Edwin Wagstaff	Lincoln Technical Institute, MD
Britny Lee Wainwright	Alfred University
Jacob Howard Warner	SUNY Cortland
Sara Michelle Wasileski	SUNY Buffalo State College
Tyler Raymond Watkins	Brandeis University
Zachary Alexander Watkins	Tompkins Cortland Community College
Alycia Marie Wells	Tompkins Cortland Community College
Bradley Daniel White	Broome Community College
Bonnie Jean Wilcox	Austin Community College, TX
Derrick Lloyd Williams	Broome Community College
Evan Jay Williams	Finger Lakes Community College
Jared Robert Winters	Tompkins Cortland Community College
Kaylee Helene Wold	Binghamton University
Peter Michael Zimmer	BT-BOCES
Daniel Zukich	Broome Community College

**Note: This information is based on the Spring Senior Survey turned in by students.**

**UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY**  
**Annapolis, MD**

Joshua Francis Malia

**UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES**

Emily Rae Haus  
Caleb Martin Simerson  
Samuel Joseph Smith

US Marine Corps  
US Marine Corps  
US Marine Corps

**CLASS OF 2008 – EMPLOYMENT**

Thomas Matthew Brock  
Brittany Louise Chamberlain  
Aubrey Lee Cole (Peace Corps)  
Ashley Nicole Gower  
Aaron Eric Hillyard

Crystal Ann Hoyt  
Dustin Blue Larson  
Jeffrey Allen Letscher  
Justin Adam Livingston  
Heather Caitlyn Long  
Brittany Doris Stamper

## OWEGO FREE ACADEMY FACULTY

Pierce, Ronald	Principal
Beatty, Thomas	Vice Principal
Palladino, Joseph	Athletic Director
Alexander, Tonya	English
Anderson, Antonio	Science
Bartlow, Tracy	Mathematics
Baumbach, Christen	Special Education
Baur, Sue	Librarian
Beck, Joan	Health/Wellness
Bingley, Steven	Science
Bliznik, Pat	Vocal Music
Brown, Terri	Social Studies
Buchta, Dave	Math TA
Bullock, Shelly	Social Studies
Camin, Susan	Art
Casterline, Heather	Science
Cirbus, Melanie	Social Studies
Coppens, Laura	Special Education
DeRito, Amy	Special Education
Devan, Robert	Guidance Counselor
Evans, Christopher	English
Fabricius, Dan	Instrumental Music
Finnessey, Timothy	Language
Fox, René	Special Education
Francisco, Ken	Social Studies
Greenman, Holly	Social Studies
Gregor, Christine	Mathematics
Hahne, Kimberly	Guidance Counselor
Hawkins, Judith	English
Heidel, Jessica	Special Education
Heimbuecher, Theresa	Business
Hill, Garth	Special Education
Hizny, Kimberly	Mathematics
Kinney, Brian	Science
Kmetz, Mark	Technology
Konrad, Annamaria	Science
Kucharski, Gene	Mathematics
Lawrence, Kathleen	Art
Luke, Jason	Social Studies
McNeil, Jamie	Technology
Melby, Barbara	Science
Mills, Stephanie	English
Moran, Jesse	Mathematics
Murphy, Melanie	Art
Oddo, Michael	Technology

Orton, Rebecca	English
Ozkan, Carole	English Second Language TA
Passapera, Dr. Annette	Language
Purtell, Karen	Social Studies
Ripic, Kim	English
Rizzi, Carrie	Physical Ed./Aquatics
Rodgers, Diana	Special Education
Rose, Dr. Mary Sue	School Psychologist
Russell, David	Science
Russell, Lisa	English
Saltino, Robin	Special Education
Scotto, Michael	English
Skiff, Toni, R.N.	School Nurse
Swindell, Tim	Social Studies
Turshman, Jane	Mathematics
VanDewark, Shannon	Special Education
VanHouten, Maryann	Physical Education
Virkler, Steve	Physical Education
Walsh, Erin	Language
Warner, Stacey	Mathematics
Westcott, Thomas	Guidance Counselor
Westervelt, Jason	Physical Education/Aquatics
Winans, Lisa	Vocal Music

## **OFA SCHOOL STAFF**

Dan Brink	Head Custodian
Elizabeth Buchmann	Clerk Typist
Pam Donovan	Stenographer
Marilyn Randesi	Clerk Typist
Francine Reynolds	Clerk Typist
Anita Slocum	Clerk Typist
Marie Ward	Clerk Typist

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

David Barton (President)  
Gene Cvik (Vice President)  
John Crosby  
Lee Dunham  
John Gatto  
Becky Goodrich  
William Riddleberger

## **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

Ronald M. Pierce	Principal, OFA
Jill Clark	Principal, OAMS
Joseph DiCosimo	Principal, AES
Laurie McKeveny	Principal, OES

## **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. William C. Russell	Superintendent of Schools
Bernard C. Dolan, Jr.	Associate Superintendent
Thomas Comerford, III	Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Randy Pryor	School Business Official
Robert Farrell	Chief Information Officer
Anthony Quaranta	Supervisor of Transportation
Tony Clark	Supervisor of Facilities
Betsey Bacelli	Supervisor of Food Services

# WEISS SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Harry A. Weiss was a San Francisco businessman who, as a youth, lived in Owego and attended Owego Free Academy.

Mr. Weiss died in 1957 and in accordance with his will, a trust fund was established in memory of his family and to honor Owego Free Academy graduates.

In accordance to his will, graduating seniors entering the fields of teaching, science, or engineering are considered for this award. Today's commencement exercises will see twenty-six graduates receiving a \$1,000 scholarship.

To date, 781 graduates have been awarded over \$603,213 in scholarship money.

## WEISS SCHOLARSHIPS - 2008

Dominic Matthew Baratta  
Aaron Michael Barnhart  
Jessica Lynn Brookes  
Jacob Cain Burdick  
Mark William Dempski  
Amanda Rae Duffy  
Elizabeth Anne Ealy  
Colin Parker Evans  
Kendal A. Hilliker  
Kaitlyn Michelle Howard  
Adam Robert Kushner  
Elizabeth Rose Leonard  
Nichole Christine Liberty

Joshua Francis Malia  
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Courtney Suzanne Plew  
Tonia Leigh Rinn  
Kara Lindsey Telfer  
Christie Amber Testa  
Elise Felicia Thornley  
Samantha Erin Townsend  
Kristina Marie Vail  
Britny Lee Wainwright  
Tyler Raymond Watkins

# The Golden Rule Scholarship

The Golden Rule Scholarship fund, which has been a longstanding scholarship in the Owego-Apalachin School District, received an additional \$2.2 million dollar gift from Dorothy R. Ryan last year. Ms. Ryan was a member of the Owego Free Academy Class of 1939 and a long time Owego resident. After her graduation from OFA, she attended Ridley Business School in Binghamton before entering the workforce in the Owego community.

Today's commencement exercise will see 102 applicants honored for their academic achievements. Based upon the criteria set forth by the Board of Education, 64 seniors will be recognized for their mastery level achievement while attending OFA. In addition, 38 seniors will receive \$500 for their successful academic achievements.

## Golden Rule Scholarships - \$1000 Awards

Katerina Joy Arvanitis  
Dominic Matthew Baratta  
Aaron Michael Barnhart  
Price Alastair Bingham  
Kirsten Renee Boland  
Jessica Lynn Brookes  
Jacob Cain Burdick  
Ariel Mary Cacciaglia  
Courtney Lyn Carlson  
Elizabeth Joy Coghill  
Joseph M. Dekar  
Leanna Rae Dellinger  
Mark William DempSKI  
Thomas Marshall Dragon  
Amanda Rae Duffy  
Elizabeth Anne Ealy  
Colin Parker Evans  
Brittany Rose Ferencik  
Bailey R. Fuller  
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Mia Nichole Gatto  
Matthew James Guagliardo

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Kara Lindsey Telfer  
Christie Amber Testa  
Elise Felicia Thornley  
Samantha Erin Townsend  
Kristina Marie Vail  
Catherine Henrietta Van Hall  
Britny Lee Wainwright  
Jacob Howard Warner  
Sara Michelle Wasileski  
Tyler Raymond Watkins  
Evan Jay Williams  
Kaylee Helene Wold

## Golden Rule Scholarships - \$500 Awards

Sonnie May Alexander  
Phillip Michael Arnold  
Joshua Justin Bennett  
Justin David Bensley  
Orenda Kay Benson  
Kaitlyn Marie Betz  
Jordan Leah Bradley  
AshLeigh Mikail Bridges  
Alanna M. Cerretani  
John Anthony Conklin  
Daniel Lee Dillman  
Hamilton David Donnelly  
Corey Travis Ely

Audrey Rose Espe  
Nicholas Frank Gregg  
Joel William Hambalek  
John Robert Heeter  
Kourtnei Ellen Homan  
Kyle J. Kuligowski  
Jeffrey Todd Kyzer  
Katie Lin Lewis  
Sean F. Linehan  
Andrew Thomas Lisak  
Anthony Joseph Malarkey  
Kristy Elizabeth Motsko  
Meghan Cathryn Pass

Kayla Nicole Pauly  
Chad Michael Pedro  
Brittney K. Riveras  
Samantha Rose Sharp  
Jeffery J. Smith  
Robert William Staudt, Jr.  
David Teran Pulford  
Cody Allen Varga  
Zachary Alexander Watkins  
Alycia Marie Wells  
Bonnie Jean Wilcox  
Daniel Zukich

## **Finkle Rosenberg Scholarship**

An OFA graduate, Miss Finkle Rosenberg, was a long-time active contributor to the civic and educational life of the Owego community. She was an educator in the Owego-Apalachin Central School District for 40 years. She also served on the Owego-Apalachin Board of Education for 14 years.

Miss Rosenberg, who died in 2006, provided for a scholarship fund that has been established in her memory. It was her desire to honor an Owego Free Academy graduate who plans on entering the field of education.

The recipient of this annual scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00 is:

Kristin Marie Frampton

# 2008 Graduation Scholarship Awards

BCC Harvey M. Foster Memorial Scholarship

Beatrice E. Alger Memorial Scholarship(2)

Charles Bilbrey Memorial  
Cooper Family Foundation Scholarship  
CSEA Local Chapter 804/Region #5  
Duane G. Fiocca Memorial Scholarship  
Guthrie Health Professions  
Harold E. Newcomb Memorial Scholarship  
Kwiatkowski Memorial Scholarship  
Leaders of Tomorrow – NYS Lottery  
Michael Babcock Memorial Scholarship  
Mildred Faulkner Truman Scholarship(3)

Moe Miller Memorial Scholarship  
NYS Credit Union League  
OATA Scholarship(3)

OBPW Club: In memory of Barb Fink  
and In memory of Mary Mead  
Owego Kiwanis Alan Bishop Memorial Scholarship  
Owego Kiwanis Betty Richards Memorial Scholarship  
Owego Rotary Scholarship  
Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship  
Senator Thomas Libous Student Community Service Award

Sheldon E. Guile Memorial Scholarships(2)

Southside Stagecoach

William M. Shorten Memorial Scholarship

Departmental Awards:

Art—Britny Wainwright  
Business—Tommi Hunter  
English—Elise Thornley  
Language—Nicholas Stevens  
Mathematics—Thomas Dragon

Music—Tyler Watkins  
Science—Thomas Dragon  
Social Studies—Elise Thornley  
Technology—Dominic Baratta  
Physical Education—Colin Lounsberry

Daniel Dillman  
Kelsey Lewis  
Chelsea Mott  
Lindsay Knaul  
Elise Thornley  
Joseph Dekar  
Kenneth Taggart  
Whitney Hoke  
Gene Nolis  
Aaron Barnhart  
Colin Evans  
Thomas Dragon  
Matthew Arnold  
Ariel Cacciaglia  
Kendal Hilliker  
Britny Wainwright  
Breanna Horton  
Thomas Dragon  
Jessica Brookes  
Kara Telfer  
Sara Wasileski  
Courtney Carlson  
Heather Long  
Thomas Dragon  
Katharine Mead  
Colin Lounsberry  
Katharine Mead  
Kaitlyn Howard  
Sara Wasileski  
Leanna Dellinger  
Jacob Warner  
Hamilton Donnelly  
Matthew Guagliardo  
Kayla Pauly  
Daniel Zukich  
Kaitlyn Howard

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### ORGANIZATION

#### Art Awards

Aubrey Cole  
Hayden Bell  
James Lepkowski

#### Varsity "O" Awards

Phillip Arnold  
Katerina Arvanitis  
Nicole Avila  
Jason Beauvais  
Joshua Bennett  
Justin Bensley  
Daniel Brainard  
Ashleigh Bridges  
Jacob Burdick  
Alanna Cerretani  
John Conklin  
Thomas Dragon  
Amanda Duffy  
Audrey Espe  
Brittany Ferencik  
Ashley Gower  
Daniel Grechka  
Matthew Guagliardo  
Kendal Hilliker  
Whitney Hoke  
Jillian Holden  
Kourtni Homan  
Breanna Horton

Randy Johns  
Kerry Kane  
John Keough  
Leanne Kies  
Kyla Knapp  
Lindsay Knaul  
Kyle Kuligowski  
Dustin Larson  
James Lepkowski  
Kelsey Lewis  
Sean Linehan  
Andrew Lisak  
Alisha Mahmood  
AJ Malarkey  
Joshua Malia  
Kathryn Malia  
Alicia Marhefka  
Ian McPhail  
Katharine Mead  
Gene Nolis  
Meghan Pass  
Kayla Pauly  
Emily Price

Melissa Riley  
Brittney Riveras  
Evan Rogers  
Caleb Simerson  
Robert Slack  
Jeffery Smith  
Joshua Souto  
Alexander Spencer  
Nicholas Stevens  
Kathryn Stewart  
Monica Storms  
Kara Telfer  
David Teran Pulford  
Christie Testa  
Elise Thornley  
Kristina Vail  
Britny Wainwright  
Jacob Warner  
Jared Winters  
Kaylee Wold  
Daniel Zukich

#### STAC Scholar Athletes

Hayden Bell  
Bridget Bleiler  
Jessica Burrell  
Kiley Davis  
Laura Dragon  
Thomas Dragon  
Ethan Farabaugh  
Marina Fagnoli  
Kendal Hilliker  
Reid Jones  
James Kapuscinski

John Keough  
Alicia Klemmt  
Kelly Lavender  
Colin Lounsberry  
Katharine Mead  
Felicity Ratway  
Mandy Spadine  
Tyler Spadine  
Nicholas Stevens  
Morgan Vail

**NYS Scholar All-State Football  
 US Air Force Scholastic Award**

**US Air Force Technology Award**

**US Air Force Student Athlete Award**

**US Army Scholar Athlete Award**

**USMC Distinguished Athlete**

**USMC Music Award**

**USMC Scholastic Award**

**Honor Society Award**

**Kiwanis - Key Club  
 Rotary – Interact Club  
 Owego - Apalachin Service Unit  
 of the Salvation Army  
 Friendship Masonic Lodge**

**Owego Business & Professional  
 Women's Club of Owego  
 Apalachin Lions' Club**

**Jarid Michael Henry Memorial  
 OFA Booster Club**

**Attorney General's Triple "C"**

**NYS Comptroller Achievement  
 Owego Elks Citizenship Scholarship  
 Owego Elks Member Award  
 National Choral Award  
 Tioga County Music Educators  
 Association**

**Louis Armstrong Jazz Award  
 John Philip Sousa Award  
 NYSSMA**

**OFA Outstanding Singer Award**

**OA Music Boosters  
 Pomona Grange Art Award  
 Spirit Jug  
 Cathie Schubert Memorial Scholarship  
 Dr. Esther Coe Farnham Memorial**

Colin Lounsberry  
 Thomas Dragon  
 Katharine Mead  
 Adam Kushner  
 Kaylee Wold  
 Thomas Dragon  
 Brittany Ferencik  
 John Keough  
 Brittany Ferencik  
 Elise Thornley  
 Daniel Brainard  
 Aaron Barnhart  
 Kaitlyn Howard  
 Colin Lounsberry  
 Nicholas Stevens  
 Samantha Watson  
 Eric Chang  
 Katharine Mead  
 Jillian Strauss  
 Jacob Burdick  
 Elizabeth Ealy  
 Hannah Hogan  
 Joshua Bennett

Elizabeth Coghill  
 Thomas Dragon  
 Sara Wasileski  
 Samantha Townsend  
 Breanna Horton  
 Jeffery Smith  
 Gene Nolis  
 Sonnie Alexander  
 Colin Lounsberry  
 Joshua Malia  
 Amanda Duffy  
 Jessica Brookes  
 Jacob Burdick  
 Kerry Kane  
 Stephen King  
 Jessica Brookes  
 Nicholas Stevens  
 Nicholas Stevens  
 Jordan Schreiner  
 Amy Czuhanych  
 Kerry Kane  
 Nicholas Stevens  
 Tyler Watkins  
 Brian Ives  
 Jed Kovalovsky  
 Kerry Kane  
 Amanda Duffy  
 Jacob Burdick  
 Jacquelyn Dunlap  
 Emily Price  
 Breanna Horton  
 Katharine Mead

**Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post # 1371**  
**VFW**  
**Apalachin Fire Dept. Auxiliary**  
**Lourdes Hospital Auxiliary**

**ADSIP**

**American Legion Girls' State**

**Tioga Post # 401 American Legion**  
**Tioga Unit # 401 American Legion Auxiliary**  
**The Partners**  
**Substitutes United of Broome**  
**David Williams Award**  
**Southern Tier Technology Educators Association**  
**Friends of the Coburn Library**  
**Louis D. Hyde**  
**Riverview Manor**  
**The Frank G. Paul Medal for Excellence in Math & Science**

**BCC Alumni Association**

**President's Award for Educational Excellence**

Aaron Barnhart  
Jessica Brookes  
Ariel Cacciaglia  
Elizabeth Coghill  
Mark Dempski  
Thomas Dragon  
Amanda Duffy  
Colin Evans  
John Keough

Adam Kushner  
Elizabeth Leonard  
Kelsey Lewis  
Colin Lounsberry  
Joshua Malia  
Kathryn Malia  
Alicia Marhefka  
Kaitlin Maynard  
Ian McPhail

Nicholas Stevens  
Elizabeth Ealy  
Ariel Cacciaglia  
Kaitlyn Howard  
Ian McPhail  
Kristina Vail  
Elizabeth Ealy  
Audrey Espe  
Bailey Fuller  
Kourtni Homan  
Breanna Horton  
Lindsay Knaul  
Rachel Latier  
Kelsey Lewis  
Courtney Plew  
Kathryn Stewart  
Monica Storms  
Sara Wasileski  
Emily Ludovici  
Amanda Todd  
Thomas Dragon  
Adam Kushner  
Katharine Mead  
Elizabeth Leonard  
Dominic Baratta  
Christie Testa  
Jessica Brookes  
Katharine Mead  
Amanda Duffy  
Joseph Dekar  
Christie Testa  
Hannah Hogan  
Kelsey Lewis

Katharine Mead  
Trang Nguyen  
Gene Nolis  
Nicholas Stevens  
Christie Testa  
Samantha Townsend  
Britny Wainwright  
Tyler Watkins  
Kaylee Wold

**President's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement**

Kat Arvanitis  
Dominic Baratta  
Courtney Carlson  
Joseph Dekar  
Elizabeth Ealy  
Mia Gatto

Matthew Guagliardo  
Kendal Hilliker  
Breanna Horton  
Kaitlin Howard  
Kerry Kane  
Lindsay Knaul

Tonia Rinn  
Kyle Slavtetskas  
Monica Storms  
Kenneth Taggart  
Jacob Warner  
Sara Wasileski

**National Merit Commendation**

Katharine Mead  
Nicholas Stevens

**President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence (BOCES)  
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement(BOCES)**

Heather Long  
Corey Ely  
Michael Greene  
Brittany Chamberlain  
Crystal Hoyt  
Emily Haus  
Jessica Casolite  
Hamilton Donnelly  
Corey Ely  
Robert Fay  
Michael Greene

**BOCES Awards**

Aaron Hillyard  
Brittany Chamberlain  
Sara Wasileski  
Kristina Vail  
Thomas Dragon  
Jessica Brookes  
Thomas Dragon  
Colin Lounsberry  
Joshua Malia  
Katharine Mead  
Nicholas Stevens  
Kaylee Wold

**BOCES Scholarship  
Elsie Nichols Award  
Margery Clark Award  
John Shearer Memorial  
B-T Counselors Association  
New York State Scholarship Academic Excellence**

Aaron Hillyard  
Kendal Hilliker  
Kelsey Lewis  
Craig Jochum  
Thomas Dragon

**OA Bus Drivers Association  
Bob Dizer Memorial  
Wal-Mart  
United Food Workers  
Daughters of American Revolution**

**OA Dollars for Scholars**

Aaron Barnhart  
Kirsten Boland  
Jessica Brookes  
Jacob Burdick  
Ariel Cacciaglia  
Courtney Carlson (Scott Smith &  
Son)  
Mark Dempski  
Thomas Dragon  
Elizabeth Ealy  
Colin Evans  
Joel Hambalek  
Leanne Kies

Kyla Knapp  
Kelsey Lewis  
Alicia Marhefka  
Katharine Mead (Agway)  
Gene Nolis (Bassett)  
Meghan Pass  
Kyle Slavetskas  
Nicholas Stevens  
Kenneth Taggart  
Kara Telfer  
Britny Wainwright  
Sara Wasileski (Bassett)  
Tyler Watkins

**OA Foundation for Excellence/  
Joseph N. Marzo Memorial**

Kara Telfer  
Sara Wasileski  
Kyla Knapp  
Jessica Brookes

**Syracuse University Project Advance**

Price Bingham  
Jessica Brookes  
Thomas Dragon  
Bailey Fuller  
Breanna Horton  
Tommi Hunter  
Evelyn Karpel  
Elizabeth Leonard  
Kelsey Lewis  
Alicia Marhefka  
Kaitlin Maynard  
Evan Rogers  
Christie Testa  
Elise Thornley  
Kristina Vail  
Britny Wainwright  
Tyler Watkins

**Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal**

Kelly Lavender  
Tristan Wells

**University of Rochester Humanities/Social Science Award**

Jennifer Murray

**University of Rochester Science Award**

Katie Silvanic

**University of Rochester Xerox Technology Award**

Eric Sargent

**University of Rochester Kodak Young Leaders Award**

Reid Jones

**RYLA Youth Leadership**

Kiley Davis

Jessica Hernandez

**Elmira Key Award**

Lindsay Schneider

Jennifer Murray

**Russell Sage College Award**

Sarah Jane Hammer

Alicia Klemmt