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Tim Terranova, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

## A Message from Our Superintendent

### *Congratulations to the senior class of 2020.*

As you already know, your senior year will go down as one for the ages! As I've said many times, please know that your class will not be defined by the Covid-19 virus and the social distancing that took place this spring. Your legacy will be defined by ALL of your school years and ALL of your accomplishments leading up to the first half of your senior year.

If there is any association to make to the pandemic, it will be a story of resilience and sacrifice. Despite the loss of many experiences that are treasured by seniors, you never wavered in your perseverance, grit and optimism. You maintained your enthusiasm for the unbelievable opportunities that await you in life. Because of this, I believe that, in many ways, the class of 2020 will be one for the ages. Congratulations!



# Congratulations



## to the Class of 2020



“My dear terrified graduates, you are about to enter the most uncertain and thrilling period of your lives.”

— *Lin-Manuel Miranda*



# Class of 2020 Fun Facts

## Three Sets Of Twins

Christopher and Anna Heltz

David and Jacob Kelley

Alexander and Isabel Newton

## One set of triplets

Alan, Gene and John Tolomay

## Most Popular Boys Names

Alexander, Benjamin, Michael, William, and Zachary

## Most Popular Girls Names

Megan, Olivia, and Samantha

## 162 Females and 172 Males

## One Foreign Exchange Student

Giulia Scocchieri from Italy who went home in March

## Class Officers

Ijeoma Nguyen, *President*

Chloe Whittier, *Vice President*

Justin Graham, *Secretary*

Nicholas Mendola, *Treasurer*

## Class Advisors

Tim Caughlin and Eric Waples



# Class Speakers for 2020 Commencement

The Class of 2020 has spoken! The following two incredible seniors were chosen by their peers to be this year's senior class speakers!

Thank you Joseph and Rachael for sharing your voices with the Class of 2020!



**Name** *Joseph Theede*

**Parents** Andrew Theede and Kevin Williams

**Sibling** Ezekiel Theede (VCS Class of 2021)

**School Activities** Football, Wrestling, Track  
and ROC2change

**Future Plans** Studying Psychology at Bucknell University



**Name** *Rachael Link*

**Parents** AnnMarie and Larry Link

**Siblings** Michael (VCS Class of 2015) and  
Kyle Link (VCS Class of 2017)

**School Activities** Robotics, Field Band, VIPE,  
Link Crew, and DECA

**Future Plans** Studying Graphic Design at  
Drexel University



# Congratulations

## 2020 Summa Cum Laude Recipients

The following graduates have achieved summa cum laude status.  
These students had a 97% or better GPA as of January, 2019.



*Olivia Damico*



*Matthew DiRisio*



*Natalie Ginther*



*Akul Gupta*



*Hannah Haines*



*Paige Lind*



*Sophia Milazzo*



*Peyton Miles*



*Tanner Moszak*



*Alexander Newton*



*Jasmyn Pitt Kuek*



*Morgan Usselman*



*Matthew Woodworth*





# Congratulations

## 2020 Magna Cum Laude Recipients

The following graduates have achieved magna cum laude status.  
These students have a 94% to 96.99% GPA. *List continues on page 7*



*Kaiden Andersen*



*Taylor Ashe*



*Zachary Birkemeier*



*Thomas Brei*



*Bailey Chudner*



*Abigail Clar*



*Lily Colucci*



*Gabrielle Constantino*



*Megan Datz*



*Elliott DeHollander*



*Sofia DiCarlo*



*Sydney Flaitz*



*Angelina Galante*



*Justin Graham*



*Grace Guralnick*



*Anna Heltz*



*Christopher Heltz*



*Vanessa Kapiamba*



*Travis Knapp*



*Lauren Kulesa*



*Reed Lautenslager*



*Rachael Link*



*Andrew Martin*



*Brennan Borden McGory*



*Renee Merriman*

# Congratulations

## 2020 Magna Cum Laude Recipients

The following graduates have achieved magna cum laude status.  
These students have a 94% to 96.99% GPA. *Continued from page 6*



*Madelyn Mitchko*



*Georgia Mowers*



*Alexa Natale*



*Aaron Nguyen*



*Ijeoma Nwugwo*



*Aiden O'Neil*



*Brendan Popielec*



*Kelsey Purcell*



*Lucy Qian*



*Olivia Queri*



*Alicia Redington*



*Alexis Rogers*



*Maxwell Ruscio*



*Mitchell Ryczek*



*Rachel Sears*



*Fransheska Serrano*



*Ryan Stark*



*William Stone*



*Brianna Sturgill*



*Elyse Sumarsono*



*Scott Ulatowski*



*John Vander Linden*



*Jenna Venturo*



*Emily Zazulak*



# 2020 IB Diploma Candidates

For two years, the following students have been involved in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program, a special curriculum designed to broaden students' educational experience and challenge them to apply their knowledge and skills through three core elements: theory or knowledge, the extended essay and creativity, activity and service.



*Gabriella Bigger*



*Bailey Chudner*



*Paige Felix*



*Akul Gupta*



*De Ja Ne Pile*

## About IB

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

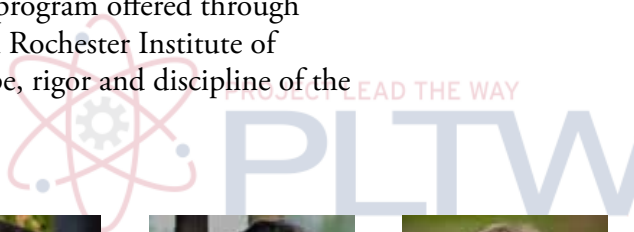
To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.



# Project Lead the Way Graduates

This year, thirty one seniors completed five out of six pre-engineering classes, earning them the honor of wearing the prestigious Project Lead the Way medal at graduation. PLTW is a pre-engineering program offered through the VSH Technology Department. Affiliated with Rochester Institute of Technology, PLTW prepares students for the scope, rigor and discipline of the engineering field. Congratulations!



*Jared Alianell*



*Zachary Berkemeier*



*Michael Bowman*



*Matthew Caggiano*



*Tyler Clarke*



*Elliott DeHollander*



*Kyle Dempsey*



*Thomas Devitt*



*Jacob Estabrooks*



*Jacob Gauthier*



*Bryce Gisondi*



*Nathan Gordon*



*Christopher Heltz*



*Jason Howard*



*Brady Lafferty*



*William Laine*



*Xavier Minnamon*



*Tanner Moszak*



*Alexander Newton*



*Aiden O'Neil*



*Ethan Pealer*



*Brendan Popielec*



*Liam Richards*



*Brendan Scarella*



*Kaitlin Sidare*



*Max Speranza*



*Jaiden Steen*



*Alan Tolomay*



*Scott Ulatowski*



*Jenna Venturo*



*Zachary Winters*

# 2020 Black Scholars Recognized by Urban League

The following seniors were honored by the Urban League of Rochester's 41st Annual Salute to Black Scholars. The program, which identifies Black Scholars from school districts in Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans and Wayne Counties, provides recognition, assistance, and incentives to students who achieve and maintain a "B" or better average throughout high school.

Congratulations to the following VSHS students, and best wishes on all of your future academic pursuits!

In 1980, the SALUTE TO BLACK SCHOLARS was founded by the Urban League of Rochester to recognize outstanding academic achievement among graduating Black high school students. That first year, 56 graduates of Rochester and Monroe County high schools were honored. In the 40 years since, over 10,000 students have been honored as Black Scholars and the program has expanded to include students from school districts in Genesee, Livingston, Ontario, Orleans, and Wayne counties. There are now over 60 high schools from the six-county area involved in the Black Scholars program.

Program eligibility established in 1980 remains much the same. Eligible students earning a B or higher cumulative grade point average are recognized by their respective school district. Final grades are certified by the school districts at the end of seven semesters, during the spring of the senior year. Black Scholars must be in a Regents or above curriculum.



*Vanessa Kapiamba*



*Bryanna Moore*



*Ijeoma Nwugwo*



*De Ja Ne Pile*



*Joseph Theede*



Urban League  
of Rochester, NY



# Class of 2020 Military Enlistees

Congratulations to the following seniors for their commitment to the Armed Forces. Thank you for your service!

*Trevynn Miles*

United States Army

*Daniil Smirnov*

United States Army

*Thomas Devitt*

United States Air Force

*Brianna Sturgill*

United States Air Force

*Dylan Sasso*

National Guard

*Benjamin Abreu*

ROTC

*Paige Lind*

ROTC

*Andrew Magistrado*

ROTC

*Tyler Clarke*

ROTC



*Trevynn Miles*



*Daniil Smirnov*



*Thomas Devitt*



*Brianna Sturgill*



*Dylan Sasso*



*Benjamin Abreu*



*Tyler Clarke*



*Paige Lind*



*Andrew Magistrado*



# VCS Names Top Senior Athletes

The Victor Athletic Department awarded its top two honors to four exceptional student athletes. Congratulations to these outstanding senior athletes.

## **The Barney Lynaugh Award**

Female Athlete of the Year:

*Chloe Whittier*

Girls Basketball, Softball

Male Athlete of the Year:

*Jack McCandless*

Ice Hockey, Boys Lacrosse



*Chloe Whittier*



*Jack McCandless*

## **The Edward D. Ahonen Award**

Female Sportsperson of the Year:

*Olivia Damico*

Girls Soccer

Male Sportsperson of the Year:

*Matthew Caggiano*

Boys Basketball, Boys Lacrosse



*Liv Damico*



*Matt Caggiano*





# DECA Seniors Recognized

Congratulations to the follow seniors for their involvement in DECA!

## Stole Recipients

Students who received the DECA stole participated in both the State Career Development Conference as well as the International Career Development Conference.



*Taylor Ashe*



*Bailey Chudner*



*Abby Clar*



*Angelina Galante*



*Rachael Link*



*Georgia Mowers*



*Isabel Stowell*



*Chloe Whittier*

## Cord Recipients

Students who received the DECA cord participated in the State Career Development Conference.



*Pieter Bartelse*



*Anna Boyer*



*Dan Caverly*



*James Arellano*



*Lily Colucci*



*Madi Cox-Bagley*



*Olivia Damico*



*Arabella Doyen*



*Jake Gauthier*



*Justin Graham*



*Akul Gupta*



*Abby Hannel*



*Paige Lind*



*Mark Oddi*



*Samantha Parisi*



*Connor Powell*



*Lucy Qian*



*Alicia Redington*



*Erin Ritz*



*Mitch Ryczek*



*Cort Sherman*

# Ibero-American Action League Awards Senior

Congratulations to senior Veronica Dominguez. This spring, the Ibero-American Action League of Rochester awarded her with the Greater Rochester Health Foundation's \$500 scholarship from the Hispanic Scholarship Fund.



## About Ibero\*

*Mission Statement: Ibero, a dual-language human services agency, ignites the potential of individuals and families in New York State's Latino Community.*

*Our History: Established in 1968, Ibero has evolved into an agency that serves individuals and families of all ethnic backgrounds, and our unique ability to target the Latino community remains unprecedented in this region. Through our educational programs, we prepare children for school; provide academic, health and social support to youth (and families); work with parents to help them strengthen their family unit, and ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities have a high quality of life.*

\* <https://iaal.org/about/>



# Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Celebrate Graduates

Congratulations to our 2020 VSH Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Technical and Career Center seniors! Seniors who Qualified for the National Technical Honor Society are highlighted in *Blue*.

## Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering



Vincent J. Blackburn



Kyle R. Natrigo



Aiden M. Ruffalo

## Criminal Justice



Joseph T. Wilcox



Alexander J. Debattista



*Joshua R. Hall*

## Animal Science



Samantha M. Appell



Sierra L. Babcock



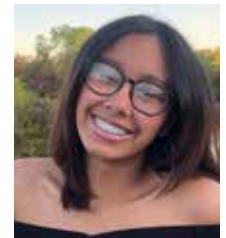
Kymberly L. Camp



David A. Mendez



*McKenzie L. Rickey*



Kiara S. Roman

## Auto Body



Gary A. Effler



Jomari J. Matthews



Jared C. Phillips



Zachary G. Turner



Hunter R. Burdick



Ayden R. Stanley-Barry

## Auto Technology

## Culinary Arts



Evan W. Crombach



Maxwell A. Slezak



Traci E. Moschiano



*Alexa N. Braun*



Caitlyn E. Crane

## New Vision Health Therapy Sciences

## Carpentry



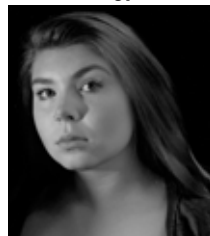
Mason B. Howell

## Computer Technology



*Charles E. Fredericks*

## Cosmetology



*Grace A. Cassidy*

## Health Professions



Evgenia Keri

## New Vision Medical Careers



*Renee J. Merriman*











