

Cohoes High School Alumni Association









Summer 2018

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Class of 2018 Awards at Cohoes Middle School and Awards Night At Cohoes HIgh School

Principal Brian Wood hosted the evening. Opening remarks from Superintendent Jennifer Spring, and Mayor Shawn Morse congratulated the Class of 2018 and wished them well in their transition to future endeavors.

Presentation of Honor Medals and National Honor Society and Medals and Pins were presented with the aid of Assistant Principals, Laura Tarko and Thomas Kostrzebski.

Once again, the stage was filled with this year's Honor Roll Students. Graduates were honored for four years of hard work maintaining a high average.



Valedictorian

Salutatorian Tyler Dion



Elizabeth Jewett

Honorable Mention Abigail Monson

\$1000 Alexis Derby

\$1000 Abigail Grant





Natali Ricci

Francis St. Onge Memorial Scholarship Award

Madelon K. Hickey Memorial

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent St. Onge

Presented by

Amount Winner

\$ 6000 Natalie Ricci



Dorothy Gilchrest Memorial Award

Mrs. Joyce Vellutino

Mrs. Joyce Vellutino

\$1000 Elizabeth Jewett



Alexis Derby

Abigail Grant

Shirley Ashley Kirk **Memorial Award**

Marie Tessier Memorial French Language Award

William Shahen Memorial **Science Award**

Mrs. Joyce Vellutino

Mrs. Carol Connelly

Mrs. Barbara McDonald

\$1000

Alexandria Weihrich

\$1000 Thomas Ascenzi



Thomas Ascenzi

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- Table	Agnes Holleran English Memorial Award	Mrs. Jude Pingelski	\$1000	Tyler Dion	
William Powers	Leo Heslin Memorial Science Award	Mrs. Joan Andrejko	\$1000	Kelsey Savaria	Alexandria Weihrich
	James T. Shea Memorial Scholarship Award	Ms. Laura Carlo	\$ 300	Emily Garner	
	Frank X. Kennedy Memorial Civics Scholarship Award	Ms. April Kennedy	\$ 350	Joseph Ritchie	
Falicia Peterson	James V. Marra Memorial Scholarship Award	Mrs. Barbara McDonald	\$ 500	Elizabeth Jewett	Kelsey Savaria
	Mabel Gilman Memorial Award	Mrs. Barbara McDonald	\$ 500	Elizabeth Jewett	
	Sondra M. Heins School Spirit Memorial Award	Mrs. Barbara McDonald	\$ 500	George Brown	
Dejah DeFreest	Beatrice Poinsel Global Studies Scholarship	Mrs. Mary Grimaldi	\$1000	Emily Monson	Emily Garner
	Cohoes High School Alumni in Memorium Award	Mrs. Colleen McDonald	\$1000	Abigal Munson	
	Mildred B. Donk Class of 1948 Memorial Math Award	Mrs. Arianna Hirschman	\$1000	Elizabeth Jewett	T T
Taylor Johnston	Lillian Dibble Memorial Award	Mrs. Sue Shanahan	\$ 300	Taylor Johnston	Joseph Ritchie
	Joan Andrejko Honorarium Award	Mrs. Rosemary Zandri	\$ 500	Emily Goldup	
	Barbara Marra McDonald Community Service Award	Mrs. Joan Andrejko	\$ 500	Dejah DeFreest	
Emily Goldup	Sara Lees Memorial Award	Mr. William Reu	\$300	William Powers	Brandon Charette
	Women in "STEM" Award	Mrs. Arianna Hirschman	\$2000	Falicia Peterson	
	Joseph Archambeault "5th Ward" Memorial Award	Mr. Steve Napier	\$500	Brandon Charette	
George Brown	Helen Frament Memorial Math & Science Award	Mr William Reu	\$1000	Elizabeth Jewett	Abigail Munson

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Destiny Dugan

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John David Desmond Award	Mr. & Mrs Jeremy McDonald	\$ 500	Ryan Frangie
Engineering&Technology Achievement Award	Mrs. Joyce Vellutino	\$1000	William Powers
Jeanne Tessier Bartnick Business Award	Mrs. Carol Connelly	\$ 500	Daniel Buchanan
Jean Hebert Messier Memorial Award	Mrs. Frances Kellogg	\$1000	Daniel Buchanan
Jean Ann Green Thibodeau Health Care Award	Ms. Kaitlyn Wood & Ms. Theresa Thibodeau	\$1000	Julianne Wilkinson





Alexandria Weihrich

Jean Ann Green Thibodeau Health Care Award	Ms. Kaitlyn Wood & Ms. Theresa Thibodeau	\$1000	Julianne Wilkinson
Dr. Donald Duclos Memorial Award	Mrs. Catherine Duclos	\$ 500	Destiny Dugan
Mary Dotter & Mary Sausville	Mr. William Reu	\$ 250	Megan Lynch





Daniel **Buchanan**

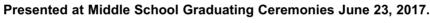


Julianne Wilkinson



Megan Lynch

Cohoes Middle School Community Service Awards





Community Service Scholarship Award I

Community Service

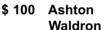
Scholarship Award II

Mrs. Joan Andreiko

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Awards cont'd from Page 1

The following morning at Cohoes Middle School Graduation, two Community Service Awards were presented to Ashton Waldron and Shea Bryant by Mrs. Joan Andrejko.

Community Arts Award

Through the generosity of our Alumni, we were able to award twenty nine thousand two hundred dollars to the graduating students of the of Cohoes High School and Cohoes Middle School.

The Spindle City Historical Society

The Society has published it's third book "Cohoes Revisited". It is available at several locations including Marra's in Cohoes. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the book or receiving the quarterly newsletter, please contact Danielle Cherniak at cherniak@nycap.rr.com or 237-5618 or www.spindlecity.org. Monthly meetings are held at The Visitors Center at 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, NY 12047 on the last Wednesday of the month. Subscribe to the 'snail mail or e-mail version of their newsletter.

<u>PRESIDENTS</u> <u>CORNER</u>

Another year has gone by and we had a very successful Awards Night on June 21,2018 at The Cohoes High School auditorium.

The Alumni Association presented 30 awards, thanks to the wonderful support of you the donors to the CHS Alumni Association. In total the awards were \$29,200 distributed to 24 students. Great job everyone. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

Things are good in Cohoes everything seems to be moving along smoothly.

We did have a fire on Remsen Street across the street from our drug store. A resident of Main Street was using his grill to forge a sword as he saw on TV. The wind came up, sparks flew and all the buildings from Dr. Herold's building south down to but not including the garage on the corner of Remsen and Columbia Street burned down.

Sparks were flying up Remsen Street and Smith's Restaurant had damage to it's roof.

All is good again and back to normal.

It is sad to announce that Miriam Biskin passed away this year. I never had Miriam Biskin as a teacher although I knew her through the years as a customer. One day she came in the store and asked me if I would like to be President of the CHS Alumni Association. My reply was I did not know we had one but sure I am willing to take it over.

Sometime before that we that we hosted the CHS "The Fabulous Fifties Reunion". Michaels Banquet House, Smith's Restaurant and the Elk' Club in Cohoes were venues for a week-end celebration.

We were organized and pulled this group together to form the Alumni Association. It grew as we reached out to people in each class to come join us.

Hope you can join us at the Picnic, September 16th at the Ukrainian Park in Cohoes.

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

STUDENTS GET FUTURE-READY THIS SUMMER!

Last fall, the Cohoes City School

District was awarded the Smart Transfer Early College in the High School grant. Cohoes was one of only two school districts in New York State to receive this grant, which supports selected students as they pursue a Regents diploma and 60 college credits before graduation, all at not cost to families. Cohoes has branded the Smart Transfer Grant as the Cohoes Future-Ready Pathways program. The four Future-Ready Pathways include: Computers. Engineering and Technology. Health Sciences and Human Services, Early Childhood and Adolescent Education, and Business and Communications. Students will choose a Pathway at the end of their sophomore year to prepare for further study (through HVCC and University at Albany) or employment in a related field.

Earlier this summer, 50 students in grades 9 and 10 took courses through Hudson Valley Community College. As part of becoming Future-Ready, students are matched with a career mentor and are supported in extended learning during the school year. This summer, students were thrilled to host Deputy Commissioner for Higher Education for the State Education Department, John D'Agati (pictured). If you are interested in serving as a career mentor to one of our Future-Ready students, please contact Superintendent Spring at jspring@cohoes.org.



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Class of 1959 Ladies **Lunch Date at Deacon Blues**

Standing: Mona Plummer & Fran Aveta. Seated: Anita DeChiaro, Diane Lipka, Gail Lindeman, Gail Monast & Arlene Sorriento.

Ladies of '59 Out & About Again

rear: Gail Monast, Diane Lipka, Barbara Bourgeois, Aggie Searles, Gail Ropelewski & Fran Aveta. front: Mona Pummer &Theresa La Civita.



Miriam Newell Biskin

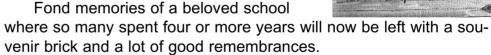
We are sad to of our long time Chairwoman Miriam at 98

years of age. She graduated from Cohoes High School and NYState Teachers College at Albany. She held BA's in History and English. Department at Cohoes High retiring after 37 years. Miriam was a prolific writer and authored many children's articles and two books. As an accompished pianist, she loved entertaining her friends and neighbors. Irving was the love of her life and she nursed him through his illneses including a massive stroke.

Hopefully they are together again.

"KEVENY TO BE RAZED ON WEDNES-DAY" That was the headline on Tuesday November 4, 2003 in the Troy Record.

That news left many alma mater in the report the passing sad because their school finally was to become a parking lot.



Keveny was founded by the Reverend Thomas Keveny in 1860 as a parish school adjacent to St..Bernard's Church. In 1927, it moved to a new three story building on Ontario Street across from She taught and chaired the English the church and was named Keveny Memorial Academy in honor of it's founder. It housed grades 1 through 12, but eventually became a high school. Cohoes Public School 8th graders also were schooled here for a short time in the fifties.

> By the sixties, enrollment reached 600, in1981 it dropped to 300 and bottomed out at 125 in the 86-87 school year. In June 1986, the Roman Catholic Diocese closed the school.

> Neglect had caused the ceilings and roof to cave in and the exterior bricks were decaying.

This short history of Keveny Memorial Academy was taken from an account by the Troy Record provided by Ann McAteer Cavosie, a Keveny 1956 graduate.

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in memory or honor of:

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Class of '54

Class of '71

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Deceased Classmates '54 '55 Barbara McDonald Award Joan Andreiko Award

in memory

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Janice Connors, Donna DeCicco, Patregtnani Family Deceased Classmates '66

Class of '48

Mary Russo Archambeault '56. Deceased Classmates '56

Class of '63 Class of '77 William Shahen Alice, Jocelyn, Janet, Mary Dell Ferguson Deceased Classmates '47 Hon. Frank X. Kennedy Award Class of '58

Mary Dotter & Mary Sausville Award. Sara Lees Award Robert Stopera '48 Jean Cardegna Bouleris

Class of '56 John T. Shea Award Ron Ghetti '53

Deceased Classmates '48

Sara Lees Eleanor Rettinger Class of '61 Class of '60 Class of '60 Class of '49

Deceased Classmates '73'74'75

Lillian Dibble

Maureen Shea Shannon '54 Evelyn Woroski Roberts '52

Please accept our sincere apologies if you have donated in memory of a loved one or a friend and your donation was not acknowledged. This newsletter is published in mid January and August of each year. Your donation may not be included because we have already gone to press.

Catered by Babe's Cafe & Catering Service

Join us at our 18th Annual Picnic

CHS ALUMNI PICNIC



Sunday, September 16, 2018 at Ukrainian Club Hall 1 Pulaski Avenue Cohoes, NY



Early reservations will be greatly appreciated!

Clam Chowder Baked ziti **Potato Salad**

Corn on the Cob Hamburgers & **Hot Dogs**

Macaroni Salad Sausage with **Peppers & Onions**

Soda, Beer, Wine & Coffee

Strawberry Short cake will be served at 3 PM Prior to 50/50 raffle

\$25.00 Prepay by Sept. 8, 2018

RESERVATION FORMS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM OUR ON LINE NEWSLETTER AT COHOES.ORG OR CALL 518-235-1402

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ATTENTION COHOES AND KEVENY ALUMNI

A special meeting of the Alumni Association will be held September 6, 2018 at 6:30 PM at Barbara McDonald's home, 60 Simmons Avenue, Cohoes. This meeting Is important as we have to make some decisions concerning officers and directors the Alumni Association. We also have to do some final planning for the Alumni Picnic to be held September 16, 2018 At the Ukrainian Club, 1 Pulaski Avenue, Cohoes, NY

The Classes of Cohoes High SCHOOL and Keveny Memorial Academy

Reunion Organizers Unite!

Let's help one another to make our CHS and KMA reunion parties the great successes that we all want them to be. Network with and learn from alumni who have already organized reunions. Advise and encourage those who are just getting started or are considering doing so. Pass along your expertise! Lots of research has already been done, so why invent the same wheel over and over again? Maybe we can even join forces to negotiate the best rates from venues, caterers, bands, DJs, etc. Or even combine multiple reunions? Together we can get the biggest bangs for our reunion bucks. If nothing else please provide Steve with contact information for your CHS or KMA class's reunion organizer so that we have a central repository for this valuable information.

All who are interested in providing or obtaining reunion advice please contact Steve Rock (CHS Class of '76) at 845-621-2373 or Steve_Rock_0916@yahoo.com.

"The Bunch" have suspended luncheon for the Summer. They will resume again at Noon on the second Wednesday of October 2018

The Out to Lunch Bunch

"The Out to Lunch Bunch" meet every second Wednesday of the month, October through June at Smith's Restaurant on Remsen Street, Van Schaick Island Country Club or Babe's Restaurant on Bedford Street. The venue is rotated monthly. A varied light lunch menu is available. Please, if you do decide to attend, call and to see where the luncheon will be held.

Call Barbara at 518-237-9645 bmcdona1@nycap.rr.com or Rose at 518-237-3435 e-mail rozz360@aol.com

Cohoes High School Class of 1963



"Fab Fifty" was the theme for the fiftieth anniversary of the class of 1963. They gathered at the Ukrainian Club in Cohoes on July 27th. A great time was had by all along with a promise to do it again in 2063.



Mr.& Mrs. Paul Dame with Fred Stemp

Mr.& Mrs. Louis Langlais & Mr.& Mrs. Steve Kuber



Marty Cronin & Steve Kuber



Ann Falato & Tina Zandri



Fred Stemp & Bill Pecak

Keveny Memorial Academy & Cohoes High School tee shirts and sweatshirts are available at Marra's Pharmacy.

Choose medium weight, light gray Jerzee pulllover sweatshirt, dark blue or gray zip front sweatshirt, blue tee. Included is CHS Alumni lettering an. Your <u>first name</u> and class year. Logo is approximately 4"X6". Blue hats embroidered with a tiger and CHS Alumni logo.



Full Zipper front style sweatshirt with hood

Size- S, M, L, XL_Blue or athletic heather @\$30.00

Size-XXL Blue or athletic heather

@\$31.00_{_____}

Size- XXXL Blue or athletic heather

<u>@</u>\$33.00





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Navy or athletic heather sweatshirt.

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Size- XXL______@\$25.00_____







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A LOOK BACK AT 2002

Annual CHS Alumni Picnic at Lanthier's Grove

Where did sixteen years go??? Some of us are still here, and others have gone to their eternal rewards.



Joanne Lajeuness Radliff, Bob Clark & Arnie Radliff



Alice Brooks Vautrin & Joan Kopcza Andrejko



Charlie Prock & John Mendel



Joyce Palka Vellutino, Frank Vellutino & Shirley St.Onge



Emily Mendel Kosek, Stan Kosek & John Mendel



Barbara Marra McDonald & John McDonald



Pat & Bill Reu



Frank X. Kennedy & April Kennedy



Marge Goode Klippel, Al Feldman, Carolyn Senez Koval, Joe Koval & Joe Freije



Agnes Lanou & Frank Lanou

front right:
Leo Charbonneau,
Rose VaughnValenti
rear right: Shirley
Charbonneau,
Bill Reu, Calvin
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We are still trying to contact class representatives from the late 60's through 2018. Contact us at one of the numbers or E-mail us at one of the addresses above. We would like to talk to you. If you know of someone who would like to recieve the newsletter, let us know.

Please notify us when you change your address. This newsletter is free to anyone who would like to receive it. All we need is your address. Help us meet our goal of making these awards an annual helping hand to our college-bound seniors.

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