



Cohoes High School Alumni Association



Summer 2019

Volume 20. Issue 1.

Class of 2019 Awards at Cohoes Middle School and Awards Night At Cohoes High School

Principal Brian Wood hosted the evening. Opening remarks from Superintendent Jennifer Spring offered congratulations to the Class of 2019 and wished them well in their transition to future endeavors.

Presentation of Honor Medals and National Honor Society 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 in maintaining a high average.

Valedictorian



**Salutatorian
Marielly Herrera**



**Maggie
Gilligan**

**Honorable Mention
Brianna Forkel**



Awards

Presented by

Amount Winner



**Kyle
Milligan**

**Francis St. Onge Memorial
Scholarship Award**

Mr. William Reu

\$6000 **Kyle Milligan**

Madelon K. Hickey Memorial

Mrs. Josie McDonald

\$1000 **Daniel Santoro**

**Dorothy Gilchrest
Memorial Award**

Mrs. Rosemary Zandri

\$1000 **Adrien Sherman**

**Shirley Ashley Kirk
Memorial Award**

Mrs. Barbara McDonald

\$1000 **Daniel Santoro**

**Marie Tessier Memorial
French Language Award**

Mr. William Reu

\$1000 **Kimberly
Rifenberg**

**William Shahan Memorial
Science Award**

Mrs. Barbara McDonald

\$1000 **Kevin Russell**



**Adrien
Sherman**



**Daniel
Santoro**



**Kevin
Russell**



Awards cont'd Presented by: Amount Winner



**Braelyn
Bourgeois**



**Nathaniel
Dowling**



**Broddy
Bartholomew**



**Leonard
Durocher**



**Kimberly
Rifenberg**



**Evan
Hack**

The Cohoes Savings Foundation

The Cohoes High School Alumni Association is happy to announce the gift of eight thousand dollars to these 2019 Cohoes High School graduates.

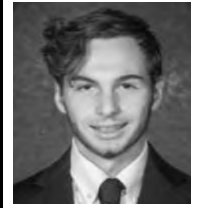
Kayla Donovan Mr. Jeffrey Huneau \$2000

Braelyn Bourgeois Mr. Jeffrey Huneau \$2000

Jacob Almeida Mr. Jeffrey Huneau \$2000

Nathaniel Dowling Mr. Jeffrey Huneau \$2000

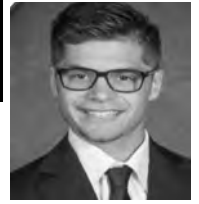
The Alumni Association and the Class of 2019 thank the directors of the Cohoes Savings Foundation for this generous gift.



**Jacob
Almeida**



**Kayla
Donovan**



Agnes Holleran English Memorial Award Mrs. Mary Grimaldi \$1000 Daniel Barnan

Leo Heslin Memorial Mrs. Rosemary Zandri \$1000 Brody Bartholomew Alexander Cioffi

James T. Shea Memorial Scholarship Award Mrs. Barbara McDonald \$ 300 Alexander Cioffi

Frank X. Kennedy Memorial Civics Scholarship Award Ms. April Kennedy \$ 350 Lauren Shanahan

James V. Marra Memorial Scholarship Award Mrs. Barbara McDonald \$ 500 Maggie Gilligan Daniel Baran

Mabel Gilman Memorial Award Mrs. Barbara McDonald \$ 500 Herrera Marielly

Sondra M. Heins School Spirit Memorial Award Mrs. Joan Andrejko \$ 500 Jarron Frangie

Beatrice Poinset Global Studies Scholarship Mrs. Mary Grimaldi \$1000 Aiden Kendrick Maggie Gilligan

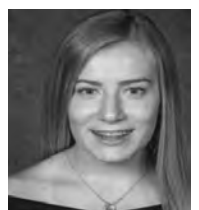
Cohoes High School Alumni in Memorium Award Mrs. Barbara McDonald \$1000 Herrera Marielly

Mildred B. Donk Class of 1948 Memorial Math Award Mr. William Reu \$1000 Maggi Gilligan

Lillian Dibble Memorial Award Mrs. Sue Shanahan \$ 300 Evan Hack Aidan Kendrick



**Daniel
Baran**



**Maggie
Gilligan**



**Aidan
Kendrick**



Jarron Frangie



Paul Jewett



Miah Trombley



Brock Bell



Veronica Van Buskirk



Laura Levitus

Awards cont'd

Presented by:

Amount

Winner

John David Desmond Award

Mr. Jeremy McDonald

\$ 500

Jarron Frangie

"Trade is the Thing"

Mr. Jeremy McDonald

\$1500

Jaylyn Dame

Engineering&Technology Achievement Award

Mr. William Reu

\$1000

Rayan Essoulaimani

Jeanne Tessier Bartnick Business Award

Mr. William Reu

\$1000

Paul Jewett

Jean Hebert Messier Memorial Award

Mrs. Frances Kellogg

\$1000

Leonard Durocher

Jean Ann Green Thibodeau Health Care Award

Ms. Kaitlyn Wood & Ms. Theresa Thibodeau

\$1000

Julie Baker

Dr. Donald Duclos Memorial Award

Mrs. Catherine Duclos

\$ 500

Miah Trombley

Mary Dotter & Mary Sausville Community Arts Award

Mrs. Joan Andrejko

\$ 250

Lauren Shanahan

\$ 250

Miah Trombley

Joan Andrejko Honorarium Award

Mrs. Rosemary Zandri

\$ 500

Alexis Stratton

Barbara Marra McDonald Community Service Award

Mrs. Rosemary Zandri

\$ 500

Laura Levitus

Sara Lees Memorial Award

Mrs. Josie McDonald

\$300

Brock Bell

Women in "STEM" Award

Mrs. Arianna Hirschman

\$2200

Veronica Van Buskirk

Joseph Archambeault "5th Ward" Memorial Award

Mr. Steve Napier

\$500

Amber Robinson



Jaylyn Dame



Rayan Essoulaimani



Lauren Shanahan



Alexis Stratton



Amber Robinson



Julie Baker

Cohoes Middle School

Mary Dotter & Mary Sausville Awards

Presented at Middle School Graduating Ceremonies June 26, 2019.



Community Service Scholarship Award I

Mrs. Joan Andrejko

Crista Spizowski

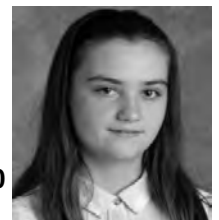
\$ 100

Community Service Scholarship Award II

Mrs. Barbara McDonald

Joseph McCormick V

\$100



PRESIDENTS **CORNER**



Dear alumni,

Thank you for your continued support for the Cohoes High Alumni. We experienced another fabulous awards night at Cohoes High school on June 27th, 2019 awarding \$36,000 to the graduating seniors.

What a wonderful display of support from you the graduates and businesses of Cohoes. Our home town.

Thank you for your generosity and support
Barb McDonald

FROM THE DESK **OF THE** **TREASURER**

There are a few things on my mind. The first being our Annual Picnic. Annual Picnic is an apt description. We have held this event for twenty-two years. It is not a fund raising event. It is social event and is meant to bring all our Alumni together for an afternoon. Being a good idea, it has been copied.

ALL KEVENY AND COHOES ALUMNI ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. There's not a better deal around. Make your reservations on page 6 of this newsletter. **Refunds can be made for good reason.**

Treasurer cont'd

The Annual Meeting will be held at the District Offices in the old St Michael's School at 6:00 PM on Thursday, the 12th of September. Final plans will be made for the Open House at the Middle School to celebrate its 100th Birthday, Saturday September 29th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM.

Our main objective is to increase membership by raising interest of the younger classes. We haven't been able to do this successfully in the past. It is essential bring in new blood. Our membership is running short on people to take care of basics.

I have the task of checking the mail at the pharmacy. I do this daily when it's busy (after the newsletter goes out and before the Annual Picnic). I check for bills and statements, record donations and deposit the checks and money. It becomes a little busier at picnic time and right after the newsletter goes out. Barb and I split this duty while I am away in winter.

Barbara handles setting up new awards and general correspondence. Two of us take care of everything.

I also publish this newsletter with a little help from my friends. This is done twice a year in January and August.

"Thank You" all for 22 successful years.

Bill Reu

Published semi-annually by:

Cohoes High School Alumni Association. P.O. Box 229, Cohoes, NY.

Office at 217 Remsen Street, Cohoes, NY 12047

President Barbara Marra McDonald

Vice-President Rose Couchot Zandri

Secretary Colleen McDonald

Treasurer William Reu

2nd VP Jude Sweeney Pingelski

Editors & Writers: Barbara McDonald, Joan Andrejko, Rose Zandri, Bill Reu, Joyce Palka Vellutino and Helen Rusecki Boivin

Phone: 518-235-1402 or 518-237-9645

E-Mail at: R37P42@aol.com or BMCDONA1@nycap.rr.com

Donations received January 2019 to July 2019**Donated by:**

Joan Andrejko '54
 Robert & Tracy Andrejko
 Joan & Robert Ashley '50 '51
 Sandra Bleser '59
 Gerald Bogdanowicz '53
 Ronald Bowen '65
 Joseph Burke '46
 Kevin Burns '66
 Joan Caldarella '49
 Edward Carboni '50
 Arlene Carnevale '53
 Randy Ceccucci '56
 Lois Comley '50
 Stephen Christopher '44
 Cohoes Savings Foundation
 Joan Coleman '49
 Jerry Colley '59
 Benita Collins '52
 Richard Comley '58

Shelia Connelly '66
 Alan Conners '48
 Paul Daubney '61

Joyce Davey
 Anita DeChiaro '59
 Calvin DeLorimiere '53
 Lorette Deyoe '54

Jean Favreau '52

Harry Flannery '63
 Beverly Garipey '54
 Leo Geleta '41
 Mr. & Mrs. James Gero
 Henry & Joan Gildea '49 '51

Anne Gorsky '59
 John Grego '45
 Edward & Pat Grennon '54 '55
 Marilyn Hervieux

Ariana Hirschman '77
 Bill Jette '65
 April Kennedy
 Marge Klippel '54
 Tom Lajeunesse '66
 Bob Lavigna '63
 Mary Gail Lindeman '59
 Diane Lipka '59
 Donald Lynn
 Maureen Maswich '56

Barbara McDonald '54

Douglas Nadeau '71
 Chris Nolin

in Memory or Honor of:

Mom, Dad & Sister
 Joan Andrejko Award
 Deceased Classmates
 Deceased Classmates '59
 Faculty & Classmates '53
 Deceased Classmates '65
 Elizabeth Burke '50
 Chet Bull, Tom Cavosie
 Phyllis Pucci '50
 Lawrence Fitzgerald
 Domenick Carnevale
 Madelon Hickey Award
 Albert Comley '48
 Marie Tessier, Leo Heslin
 Foundation Scholarship
 Class of '49
 Deceased Classmates '59
 Classmates of '52
 Classmates '58

Patricia Bowen Moryl
 Deceased Classmates '48
 Bill Daubney & Deceased
 Classmates '61
 Edgar Davey, Jr.
 Vincent DeChiaro
 Class of '53
 Joe Leclair '52
 Ed Deyoe '56
 Dr. & Mrs. Metro Myresko
 Steve Sturgeon

Diane Coventry Breault '63
 Gloria Dame '54
 Class of '41
 Engr. & Tech. Award
 Chet Stone '51
 Marilyn Hebert Cantwell
 Joan Clark O'Hara
 Mr. & Mrs. Victor Grego
 Deceased Classmates
 Roy Hervieux
 Helen Berlin
 Stem Award
 Deceased Classmates '65
 Frank X Kennedy Award
 Barbara McDonald Award
 Deceased Classmates '66
 Class of '63
 Class '59
 Frank X Kennedy Award
 Deceased Classmates
 Stephen Mawwich '56
 Patricia Aldrich Palka '57
 Mabel Gilman Award
 Sondra Hines Award
 Donald Nadeau
 Ed & Janet Rigney

Donated by:

Mary Anne Bozud '64

William Olsen '56
 Carol Paskin '56

Warren Philipson '60
 John Piwnica, Jr.
 Margaret Radliff '47
 Edith Reese '58
 Jim & Audrey Rhodes '62
 Mark & Carolina Rock
 Yolanda Romeo
 Edward Rourke '56
 Howard Schermerhorn '50
 Rosemarie Shannon '54
 John Shea
 Arlene Sorriento '59
 Vincent & Joaane St. Onge
 Helen Stopera '48
 Howard Straight '45
 Richard Szmyr '56
 Joan Tolles '50
 Thomas VanBramer '66
 Alice Vautrin
 Dr. Paul Vanbuskirk
 Joyce Vellutino '54
 Peter Vergoni '60
 Lorraine Walsh '49
 Debra Waz
 Millie Weismann '57
 Milt Woroski '54

Rosemarty Zandri

in Memory or Honor of:

Patregnani & Surzyn Family,
 Larry Donlon, Donna Decicco,
 Janice Connors, Etta Lofind,
 Katie Pinke
 Ralph Olsen '51
 Robert Darwak '57,
 Joseph Darwak '61
 Class of '60
 Mildred Donk
 Deceased Classmates '47
 Mildred Donk
 Julian Rhodes '83
 CHS Students
 Frank Romeo
 Lois Santspreer Rourke
 Joan Melesky Schermerhorn '52
 Class '54
 James T. Shea Award
 Ron Ghetti '53
 Francis St. Onge Award
 Robert Stopera, Sr.
 Class of '45
 Sara Lees
 Eleanor Rettinger
 Tommy Shannon
 Mildred Donk
 Leo Heslin Award
 Barbara McDonald Award
 Class of '60
 Class of '49
 Danny Potrala
 Class of '57
 Angelo Colaroutolo,
 Roh Ghetti, Dick Zandri
 Barbara McDonald Award

From the desk of Steve Lackmann**Cohoes High Yearbooks Needed**

As many of you are aware, almost 20 years ago Cohoes High experienced a fire that destroyed the library. Among the casualties were many of our yearbooks.

Over the past years, we've been able to receive donations to help rebuild our collection at the High School. Unfortunately, many of them were 'cut up' with pictures or entire sections missing.

One of the long term goals of the Alumni Association is to digitize these yearbooks for ease of access. In order to do that we need unmodified yearbooks!

We need any pre WW2 yearbooks that are available. We are specifically looking for the following years:

1950 1953 1958 1959 1960 1964

1982 1987 1988 1989 1990 1998

2003 2004 2012

Any and all gratefully accepted !!

Catered by Babe's Cafe & Catering Service

Join us at our
19th Annual Picnic

CHS ALUMNI PICNIC

Sunday, September 15, 2019 at
Ukrainian Club Pavilion
1 Pulaski Avenue
Cohoes, NY

12:00 pm
to
4:30 pm

12:00 pm
to
4:30 pm

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. 7, 2019
RESERVATION FORMS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM OUR ON LINE NEWSLETTER AT
COHOES.ORG OR CALL 518-235-1402

Reservations & Checks for The Alumni Picnic only:

Name: _____ Class _____ School (KMA or CHS) _____ Phone () _____
Street _____ City _____ ST. _____ Zip _____

Guest: _____ Class _____ School (KMA or CHS) _____ Phone () _____
Street _____ City _____ ST. _____ Zip _____

Payable to The CHS Alumni Assn. Amt. enclosed _____
Mail them by 9/7/19 to: CHS Alumni Assn P O Box 229 Cohoes NY 12047

“Coming events”

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 CLASS OF 1954 Invites all to join at the Alumni Picnic on Sept. 15th for the celebration of the 65th anniversary of their graduation from Cohoes High School & Keveny Memorial Academy. Please contact **Rose Couchot Zandri** at 518-237-3435 or **Marge Goode Klippel** at 518-235-6105 for more Information.

THE CLASS OF 1959 Will be joining the Alumni at the Annual Picnic at Ukrainian Club Grove on Sunday the 15th of September From 12:30 PM until 4:30 PM. The event is open to all alumni of Keveny Memorial Academy and Cohoes High School. Bring your favorite chair and visit with people you might not have seen in years. **Jerry Colley** at 518-233-1342 or **Anita Moschini DeChiaro** at 518-237-1633 for more information.

THE CLASS OF 1969 Has opted to hold their 50th reunion with the Alumni at the annual picnic Sunday, September 15, 2019 at Ukrainian Club Grove from 12:30 PM till 4:30 PM. Please contact **Steve Lackman** at 518-928-8714

Please make your reservation early if possible. Form is on page 7.

The
Out to
Lunch
Bunch

“The Bunch” have suspended luncheon for the Summer. They will resume again at Noon on the third Wednesday of October 2019

“The Out to Lunch Bunch” meet every third Wednesday of the month, October through June at the Van Schaick Island Country Club. A varied light lunch menu is available. Please call Barbara or Rose if you decide to attend.

Call Barbara at 518-237-9645 or Rose at 518-237-3435

Cohoes High School Class of 2019

I was sitting here one afternoon thinking of what might go well in the newsletter. It occurred to me that we have never published the Thank You notes we receive from the students. Our graduates are very appreciative of what we award to them. This is but a small sampling from our mail box.

Awards Night rewards over sixty students who received over sixty thousand dollars from local merchants, clubs and organizations. This support of our students is unprecedented. "Cohoes Cares".

A. S. writes: I would like to take the time to thank you for the Award. It was such an honor to receive the Joan Andrejko Honorarium Award.

D.B. writes: I would like to thank the CHS Alumni Assn. for presenting me with the Agnes Holleran English Award. It will be a great help with my college costs. We appreciate everything you do for the graduating class. Once again, thank you for the award and your continuing support.

A. K. writes: I want to thank you all for gifting me the Beatrice Poinset Global Studies Award. I will be attending U Albany to study English. I intend to go on to Law School. The award will help me achieve my goals and pursue my Academic interests. I wanted to thank you and express my deepest gratitude for this award.

L.D. writes: Thank you very much for recognizing me with the Jean Hebert Messier award. I am beyond grateful and honored to be the recipient. This money will help me get through college. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

L. S writes: I would like to send my sincere gratitude for being selected for the Dotter/Sausville Award for Community Arts. This award means a lot to my family and I. The money will be used to fund my Biology studies at Elmira College. Thank you once more.

B.B. writes: It was a nice surprise receiving the Leo Heslin Award. The award money will be used for my tuition.

These are not all the of the thank you notes. I thought it would be nice to acknowledge them. We always enjoy the evening and we would like to say "You're truly welcome".

From all the members of the Cohoes/Keveny Alumni Association

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

Choose medium weight, light gray Jerzee pullover sweatshirt, dark blue or gray zip front sweatshirt, blue polo shirt or a gray pullover sweatshirt. Included is CHS Alumni lettering and bright orange tiger. Your first name and class year is below tiger at no additional charge. Logo is approximately 4"X6". Blue hats embroidered with a tiger and CHS Alumni logo.



Zipper front style sweatshirt with hood in blue or gray

- Size- S, M, L, XL_ Blue ___ Gray ___ @\$27.00 _____
- Size-XXL Blue ___ Gray ___ @\$29.00 _____
- Size- XXXL Blue ___ Gray ___ @\$31.00 _____



Pullover style gray sweatshirt or blue polo shirt.

- Size- S, M, L, XL _____ @\$25.00 _____
- Size- XXL _____ @\$27.00 _____
- Size- XXXL _____ @\$28.00 _____



Keveny Memorial Academy Logo on blue tee shirt.

- Size- S, M, L, XL _____ @\$12.00 _____
- Size- XXL _____ @\$13.00 _____
- Size- XXXL _____ @\$15.00 _____

Blue hat with CHS Alumni & Tiger embroidered on brim. Cohoes High Alumni on rear. Strap adjusts to all sizes. _____ @\$12.00 _____

Please hold at Marra's Pharmacy 217 Remsen St. for pick up. Check here _____

Orders shipped by Priority mail to your home. One item per box. S & H \$8.00 _____

Total enclosed for apparel ordered: \$ _____

Embroidered First name: _____ Class _____ Second shirt: First name _____ Class _____
 Ship to: _____ Street _____
 City _____ ST. _____ Zip _____ Phone() _____
Mail with check or money order to: CHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 229, Cohoes NY. 12047

Remsen Street 2019



Vliet Boulevard water tank

Danielle's Hair Salon

Cafe Monacle is set to open August 15th. Good Luck "No food shortage on Remsen Street"



Table 41 Brewing Good luck Bob

Lucky House Chinese Restaurant



Anthony's Restaraunt opening soon lower Remsen St. Above: New housing,upper ontario & Sargent St

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.spindlecit.org. Monthly meetings are held at The Visitors Center at 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, NY 12047 on the last Wenesday of the month. Subscribe to the "snail mail or e-mail version of their newsletter.



Then

North Remsen Street & Cohoes Theater

Now



Not sure when this was taken. "Three Girls About Town". Melvin Douglas is the star. *below:* 2019 Replacement retail shops and apartments. Lot of



Who said "Nobody goes downtown anymore" Stop down to the concert at Canal Square. Don't forget to bring a chair.



Bernies Shop, Wertime Bldg & New music store



Silliman Park lookin good. It replaced the old church



View south on Remsen Street from the Music Hall



Cohoes High School Alumni Association
P O Box 229
Cohoes NY 12047



Have some class news or an upcoming reunion or event? Call Bill Reu at **518(235-1402)** E-mail at **R37P42@aol.com** or Barbara McDonald at **(518)237-9645** E-mail **BMCDONA1@NYCAP.RR.COM** Trying to get in touch with an old friend? Contact us, and we may be able to help you contact them.

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 receive 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.

The Alumni Association is non-profit and all contributions are tax deductible.

CHS Alumni Association 2019 Dues(January through December)

Name _____	Maiden _____	CHS Alumni Association
Street _____	Class _____	P O Box 229
City _____	St. _____	Cohoes NY 12047
Ph() _____	E-mail address _____	<i>Retain your cancelled check for your tax records.</i>
Donation In Memory of: _____		Dues: \$5.00 _____
		Donation: _____
		Total Enclosed: \$ _____