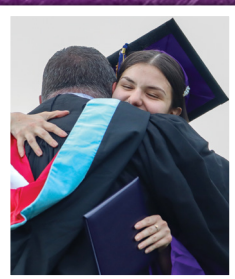


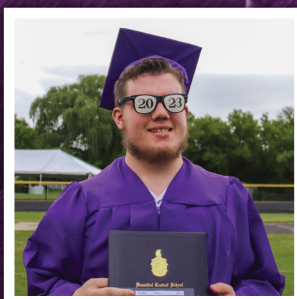
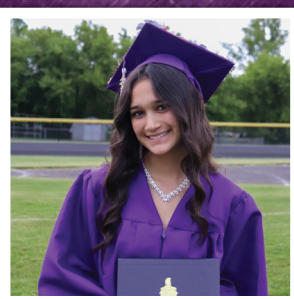
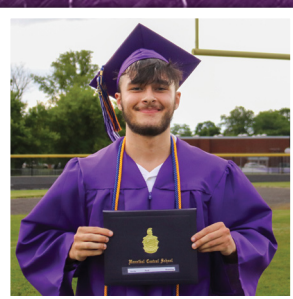


# HANNIBAL

## Central School District



*Congratulations*  
**CLASS OF**  
**2023**



### Hannibal UPK students shine on graduation day

With their first year of schooling complete, Hannibal's youngest Warriors recently celebrated the milestone achievement during the UPK graduation ceremony.

The Fairley Elementary School gymnasium was packed with family members to celebrate each UPK student as they received their diplomas and performed some songs and dances. UPK teachers thanked the students, their families and the TAs for their commitment and dedication throughout the academic year. Superintendent Christopher Staats and Principal Amy Bird also shared words of encouragement for the students and expressed their gratitude for everyone who made the school year such a success.



*Hannibal UPK students perform songs during their graduation ceremony.*



*A Hannibal UPK student is all smiles as he accepts his diploma.*

**PURPLE PRIDE IS DISTRICT WIDE!**





## Fairley's Healthy Family Night draws hundreds of attendees

Fun, fitness, nutrition and health were in focus during Fairley Elementary School's Healthy Family Night.

The annual event, which drew hundreds of attendees, provided families with several resources to promote healthy minds and bodies. Area agencies and organizations set up booths to promote their services while also distributing pamphlets and other informational material.

"We are so grateful to the community groups and agencies who made Healthy Family Night possible," said Hannibal Central School District psychologist Brittany Meier, who helped coordinate the event. "Our families were able to access a ton of great resources all in one place, and we couldn't have done it without our community partners, staff and volunteers."

In addition to the community resources available, families also had an opportunity to participate in yoga sessions, play games, purchase books at the book fair, and win prizes in raffle drawings.

"It was another successful event for our HCSD community," Meier said. "We're already looking forward to doing it again next year!"



*A student tosses a bean bag while playing cornhole at Healthy Family Night.*



*A Hannibal student practices bowling in the small gymnasium during Healthy Family Night.*

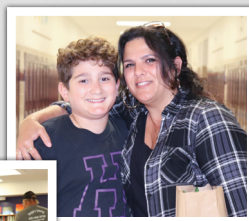
## Hannibal students exhibit work during DMK on Display

After demonstrating incredible work all year long, Dennis M. Kenney Middle School students recently had a chance to showcase their efforts during DMK on Display.

Throughout the evening, students and their families explored the school, admiring a wide array of projects. Everything from artwork to grown plants to historical projects were on display. Even the refreshments were made by students in the family and consumer science class.

Following the exhibition of student work, a talent show took place in the cafeteria where students performed skits, songs and dance routines.

According to DMK Principal Shawn Morgan, the evening served as an excellent platform for parents to witness the results of the incredible learning journey their children embarked on in September.



## Hannibal artists create masterpieces through Raku firing



*A Hannibal High School ceramics student gets ready to place the lid on a barrel during the Raku firing process.*

A ceramics lesson recently made its way from the classroom to the outdoors as Hannibal High School students transformed their pottery through Raku firing.

The ancient art technique turned dozens of clay pieces into unique ceramic products, all with different glazes and finishes. In a matter of minutes, the student-sculpted clay was heated in a kiln to 1,800 degrees, added to a barrel where it was deprived of oxygen, then the glowing hot pieces were cooled in a bucket of water. The result was as unique as each student who created the work.

"This was such an amazing event to watch the process play out," said high school art teacher Lauren Siskavich. "The students were able to see their work transform instantly, and they were not disappointed; the finished work was absolutely incredible!"



*Some of the finished pieces of pottery cool off after being subjected to extreme heat and deprived of oxygen through Raku firing.*





## MEET THIS YEAR'S VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN



### VALEDICTORIAN

**Lena Turaj**

Hannibal High School senior Lena Turaj propelled herself to the top of this year's graduating class with hard work and an internal drive to excel.

Turaj, the daughter of Katarzyna Gonciarz and Daniel Turaj, said she has used a fear of failure

as a motivator in her life. "I think that my success comes from the fear of failure and wanting to always reach for something better," Turaj said. "I think it helps drive me to be a better student."

That mentality earned her the title of valedictorian of Hannibal's senior class, and there is no doubt she will take it with her to her next chapter at SUNY Brockport. Turaj plans on majoring in neuroscience and will also play soccer for the Golden Eagles. Ultimately, she would like to attend medical school and become a pediatric neurologist.

As Turaj reflected on her time at Hannibal, she noted she was grateful to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities and organizations. She was a three-sport athlete, playing soccer and both indoor and outdoor track and field. Additionally, Turaj was a member of varsity club, band, theater, and Section III SAAC.

"The school district has provided me with an immense amount of opportunities that have allowed me to develop into the student and person I am today," Turaj said. "I have had support from all areas that allow me to branch out and better myself."

Turaj encouraged her classmates to embrace opportunities and branch out as well.

"Don't be afraid to try new things, it allows you to find what you really love to do, and sometimes you gotta fake it till you make it," she said.



### SALUTATORIAN

**Chloe Joyce**

For Hannibal High School salutatorian Chloe Joyce, adversity has translated into opportunity, disability has become ability, and ordinary has become extraordinary thanks to an attitude of perseverance.

Although Chloe — daughter of Brian and Cari Joyce — was born with scoliosis and is unable to walk, she has not let that affect her goals as she has excelled academically and musically to earn the title of class salutatorian.

"If I had not persevered through all of the times that it got hard, I would have been nowhere near where I am today," Joyce said as she also credited her family for her success. "They are my biggest supporters and fans and they have always encouraged me to work hard, be courageous and kind."

Joyce took more than a dozen college credit courses during her high school years, setting herself up for success at the next level. In the fall, she will attend SUNY Oswego to study communications and psychology. She noted those fields will yield plenty of career opportunities for her in the future.

While Joyce was eager to look ahead, she also took some time to reflect on her high school years. She was involved in band, served as a class officer and was a member of National Honor Society. Those experiences, she said, have impacted her life.

"Hannibal has shaped me in so many ways," Joyce said. "One of the biggest lessons that I learned from them is to not be afraid to try new things and to step outside of my comfort zone. I want to be known as the girl who tried new things and did not give up even though it would have been easier to do so."

## Awards ceremony recognizes DMK students

After a school year filled with growth and achievement, Dennis M. Kenney Middle School students were recently recognized during a year-end awards ceremony.

Students and their families filled the high school auditorium as DMK Principal Shawn Morgan congratulated the award recipients for their perseverance, dedication and effort in every academic area.

"These students have worked very hard inside

and outside the classroom and deserve special recognition for their efforts," Morgan said. "This is your child's moment that they earned. We are so proud of everything they have accomplished."

DMK teachers were on hand to present an award certificate to each recipient denoting their achievements. Special area awards were also presented, along with the Henry Parsons Memorial Award — to Max Stoia — for his work ethic and effort.



DMK student Reagan Bonoffski accepts an award during a year-end recognition ceremony.





## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2023!

Mandy Lee Allen  
Sandy Jo Allen  
Alexis Haley Arnold  
Emily Elizabeth Barbeau  
Madison Louise Bergman  
Drew Alan Butterfield III  
Rosa Marie Caperna  
Emmalyne Elizabeth Case  
Alyssa Lynn Craver  
Chloe Jean Deeley  
Logan Ronald Donhauser  
Krysta Ann Earle  
Shawna Marie Elleman  
Kiley Elizabeth Emmons  
Samantha Helen Emmons  
Jacob Micheal Graff  
Gavin Joseph Griffin  
Alex Michael Hall  
Todd Carter Halsdorf II

Dackoda Jasyk Harris  
Ann Peyton Hayden  
Santos Ezequiel Hernandez  
Cole Leonard Hess  
Shaiden Samuel Hollenway  
Nevin Paul Horning  
Lavender Rose Howland  
Alexis Lee Hull  
Jordan Jerry Clement Hutton  
James George Jolliffe Jr.  
Chloe Tanna Joyce  
Zaiah Adam Kaylor  
Michael Ashton Kelly  
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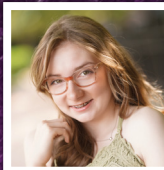
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Rose Marie Mills  
Evan Michael Mulderig  
Douglas Henry Nilsen  
Isaac Robert Nilsen  
Jayden Steven Otis  
Darian Shea Palmer  
Cameron Loren Piquet  
Shawn Douglas Pitcher  
Jacob Carlton Remillard  
Madison Nicole Ruggio  
Katrina Lynn Ryder  
Ethan Ryan Sanders  
Alex Charles Scott  
Brielle Anne-Marie Shear  
Abigail Jaden Smith  
Colin-Lee David Smith

Elizabeth Ann Smith  
Kendan Gary Smith  
Michael James Soper  
Taylor Lynn Stevens  
Samuel James Stone  
Tristan Marina Summerville  
Trinity Raven Taylor  
Ethan Micheal Thibault  
Morgan Elizabeth Tihy  
Hailey Elizabeth Trumble  
Lena Kaya Turaj  
Camrynn Alexis Utter  
Noah Allan Waldron  
Alexander Michael Wilder  
Sora Yakushinji  
Alison Elizabeth Zaleski

## HANNIBAL TOP 10!



**LENA  
TURAJ**



**CHLOE  
JOYCE**



**MANDY  
ALLEN**



**SANDY  
ALLEN**



**EMILY  
BARBEAU**



**COLE  
HESS**



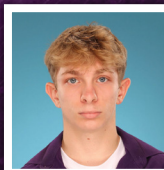
**GEORGANNE  
MELUCCI**



**JACOB  
REMILLARD**



**KATRINA  
RYDER**



**ALEXANDER  
WILDER**

## CONGRATULATIONS to our Retirees!

**LISA C. BAILEY**  
*Middle School Teacher*

**BARBARA DOWNING**  
*Teaching Assistant*

**FLOYD CARLEY**  
*School Bus Driver*

**KATHLEEN FRANCIS**  
*Science Teacher*

**CYNTHIA CLOVER**  
*English Teacher*

**MICHAEL MCGILL**  
*Mathematics Teacher*

**LINDA DAVIS**  
*Food Service Helper*

**JOSEPH THORECK**  
*School Bus Driver*



*Thank You*

for your years of service and contributions to our Warrior family!





## Awards, scholarships presented to Hannibal High School students



*Trinity Taylor and James Jolliffe Jr. are presented with the President's Award for Outstanding Achievement.*



*Hannibal High School seniors Alex Scott and Ann Hayden accept the Air Force Technology Award during a recent scholarship night.*

As Hannibal High School upperclassmen prepare for their next steps, dozens recently received scholarships and awards to help them pursue their future.

The annual awards ceremony, held in the school gymnasium, recognized seniors and select juniors for academic success, character, and community contributions. Thousands of dollars were awarded throughout the evening thanks to local organizations, agencies, community members and other scholarship supporters.

"Each award recipient is being recognized tonight for the hard work and self-discipline that ultimately leads to achievement and lifelong success," said Hannibal High School Executive Principal Meredith Furlong. "We are so very proud of you. Congratulations!"

The following students earned one or more scholarships/awards during the ceremony: Lena Turaj, Chloe Joyce, Katrina Ryder, Georganne Melucci, Emily Barbeau, Cole Hess, Jacob Remillard, James Jolliffe Jr., Trinity Taylor, Alexander Wilder, Madison Bergman, Alex Hall, Ann Hayden, Alex Scott, Sandy Allen, Tristan Summerville, Sean Taylor, Gavin Griffin, Alexis Arnold, Santos Hernandez, Mandy Allen, Shaiden Hollenway, Sora Yakushinji, Kiley Emmons, Samantha Emmons, Camrynn Utter, Todd Halsdorf II, Noah Waldron, Nevin Horning, Brielle Shear, Chloe Knopp, Skylar Blake and Chloe Kerst.

## Hannibal fifth-graders build hovercrafts during STEM lesson

Building upon their classroom studies of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, Dennis M. Kenney fifth-graders recently assembled and raced hovercrafts during a daylong lesson.

The Hovercraft Project, spearheaded by Matthew Chase, provides students with an opportunity to develop their teamwork, leadership and communication skills while also bringing complex academic subjects to the forefront. Through the project, students use inquiry-based learning while practicing all subjects concurrently.

"We also weave the idea of personal value into the entire experience," Chase said. "If each student understands that they are valuable, they have more confidence to contribute to their team. And if they work as a team, they have

the potential to build something awesome."

That teamwork and self-confidence was evident as students built the hovercrafts. They measured and cut materials and once assembled, created hypotheses and tested out the hovercrafts using different variables to achieve the best results.

"Our students really enjoyed this project and were able to incorporate classroom lessons and important life skills such as teamwork," said DMK Principal Shawn Morgan. "They not only learned a lot, but they had a great time as well."

The Hovercraft Project was brought to the HCSD in partnership with the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's Arts-in-Education program.



*Dennis M. Kenney Middle School fifth-graders race hovercrafts in the gymnasium during a STEM project.*





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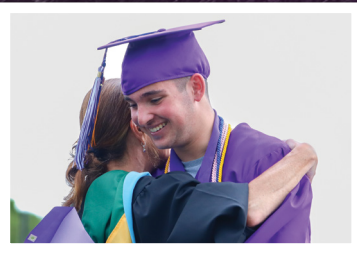
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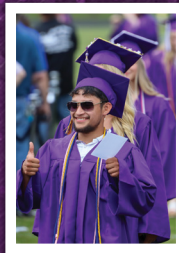
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### *Our students come first!*

*We are dedicated to maximizing the potential of each individual student. Our educational programs and experiences are purposefully designed to position our students for success. With the support of parents, faculty, staff, administration, community members and the Board of Education, each student will become a confident, responsible and proud graduate of the Hannibal Central School District.*



*Congratulations*  
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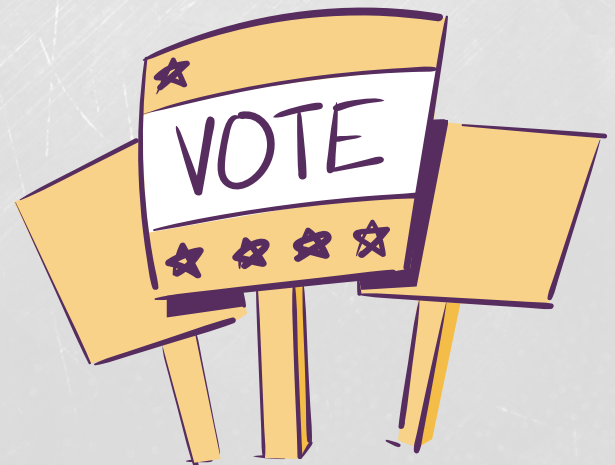


## Distinguished Warrior

Nominations are being sought to recognize notable Hannibal High School alumni, staff members and community members to be enshrined as Distinguished Hannibal Warriors.

The initiative, essentially a wall of fame, is aimed at honoring a distinguished alumni, faculty or community member who has contributed to the community and/or school district, achieved distinction for their work and set the standards for others to emulate.

To nominate a Distinguished Hannibal Warrior, or for additional information, please visit [www.hannibalcsd.org/distinguishedwarrior](http://www.hannibalcsd.org/distinguishedwarrior).



*Check out our social media pages for more photos and information about district-wide events.*

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