

2003 valedictorian and salutatorian named

Alexandra Paul, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Paul of Gansevoort, has been named valedictorian of the class of 2003 at Saratoga Springs High School.

The salutatorian is Bryan Manz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Manz of Saratoga Springs.



Alexandra Paul
Valedictorian

Alexandra majored in Latin, math, science and Spanish while attending the high school. She was a member of the Key Club, National Honor Society and Peer Tutoring. She plans to attend the Leadership in Medicine Program at Union College/Albany Medical College to pursue a career in pediatric medicine.

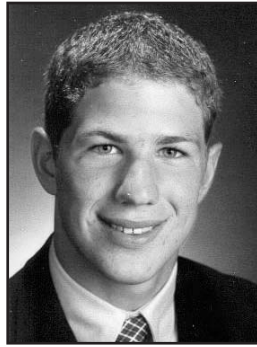
Bryan majored in math and science during his four years at the high school. He was a member of the National Honor Society, the boys' varsity lacrosse team and boys' varsity football team. He plans to attend Cornell University to pursue a business career.

The other top 10 students in the Class of 2003 are:

▶ David Chudzicki, son of Mr. Mark Chudzicki of Feura Bush and Ms. Judy Halstead of Saratoga Springs. He will attend Swarthmore College.

▶ Elizabeth Minkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Minkel of Saratoga Springs. She will attend Amherst College.

▶ Jonathan Hatlee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crayford Hatlee of Greenfield Center. He will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



Bryan Manz
Salutatorian

Most school construction nearing completion

It's another busy summer for construction in the Saratoga Springs schools, as one of the largest and most comprehensive school projects in the state nears completion.

By the time students return to school in September, the majority of additions and renovations in the \$68.5 million bond project approved by district voters in June 2000 are expected to be completed.

Completion of the first phase – additions and renovations that revamped the former two-grade Maple Avenue Middle School into a school for grades six through eight – was celebrated on April 30 with a rededication program.

Progress at other sites includes:

ELEMENTARY:

With the exception of the Lake Avenue Elementary School, additions and renovations at the elementary schools are scheduled for completion by September. Renovations at Lake Avenue began in December 2002, several months later than at the other five schools, and are not due for completion until September 2004.

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▶ Catherine Ruggiero, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Ruggiero of Middle Grove. She will attend St. Lawrence University.

▶ Christopher Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Carter of Saratoga Springs. He will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

▶ Elizabeth Corey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Corey of Ballston Spa. She will attend Wheaton College.

▶ Sarah Markus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Markus of Greenfield Center. She will attend Dartmouth College.

▶ Amy McQuigge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McQuigge of Gansevoort. She will attend St. Lawrence University.

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HIGH SCHOOL:

Most facilities at the high school will be ready for students when they return in September, including the new library, media and technology center, cafeteria, and main entrance. The new gym and classroom wing were completed during the 2002-03 school year. The final phase of classroom renovations, affecting 21 classrooms, is expected to be completed in November. Following completion of that phase, work will begin on renovating the West Circular Street wing of the former junior high for use as administrative offices.

TRANSPORTATION & MAINTENANCE:

Work is under way on the new Transportation and Maintenance Facility, an \$8.6 million project approved by district voters in February 2002. The 39,575-square-foot facility will be located on a 14.9-acre site in the W.J. Grande Industrial Park near Geyser Road. The building will replace an undersized, outdated bus garage near the Division Street Elementary School. Completion is scheduled for January 2004.

“We’ve been very pleased with our progress on all phases of our districtwide project,” said Dr. John E. MacFadden, superintendent of schools. “We’d like to thank our students, faculty, staff, administration and community for their cooperation, patience and understanding in accommodating to all the adjustments that needed to be made as we have moved through each phase of construction. We’re looking forward to the successful completion of all our construction projects.”

New facilities named to honor longtime faculty and Board of Education trustees

Two key additions that are centerpieces of the districtwide construction and renovation project have been named in honor of longtime faculty and Board of Education trustees.

On June 26, the new library, media and technology center at the high school was named in honor of M. Sandra Lewis, a 12-year member of the Board of Education who just completed her final term.



M. Sandra Lewis



Alayne and Henry Trombley

During the April 30 rededication at the Maple Avenue Middle School, the new auditorium was named for Alayne and Henry Trombley. Before their retirements, the Trombleys’ combined service as music educators for the district totaled more than 60 years. Since retiring from teaching, Mr. Trombley also served for 12 years on the school board, completing his final term in June.

“We believe these are fitting tributes to Mrs. Lewis and the Trombleys, who have devoted untold hours to helping the students in our district obtain the best education possible,” said Dr. John E. MacFadden, superintendent of schools. “We hope our community will remember the outstanding contributions of these dedicated individuals when they use our new facilities.”

Groundbreakings held for new bus garage, Greenfield School



The last two in a series of groundbreaking programs were held June 5 at the site of the new transportation and maintenance facility and April 8 at the Greenfield Elementary School. At far left, Board of Education members break ground at the bus garage site. At right, Mary DeMarco, Greenfield town historian, discusses the history of the Greenfield school. Beginning in October 2001, ceremonies were held at each school.

Strong performance for OM team at World Finals

The award-winning Odyssey of the Mind team from the Maple Avenue Middle School is already planning ahead for next year following a strong performance at the World Finals in Ames, Iowa, May 30 and 31. An outstanding year of competition that also included first-place finishes in regional and state contests has left the team and the coaches ready for more.

For the second consecutive year, the team's outstanding project earned members a trip to the world finals, where they finished 11th out of 54 teams in their division.

Team members Kyle Harakal, Maggie McQueenie, Jacob Glover, Rachel Snider, Ross Snider and Zachary Padovani were coached by Laura and Pat Monroe-Duprey.



Coach Pat Monroe-Duprey, foreground, anxiously awaits the judges' decision with his team at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.

"We were all very pleased with the outcome," said Ms. Monroe-Duprey. "We couldn't be prouder of them."

During the regional and state competitions, the team received the

Ranatra Fusca Award, the most prestigious honor bestowed by OM. The award is given for exceptional creativity in problem-solving.

At the regional, state and world competition, the sixth- and eighth-graders performed an original skit about the creation of the Easter Island statues in the South Pacific.

The Odyssey of the Mind program involves teamwork, risk-taking, cooperation and the development of thinking skills. Teams of five to seven students, led by one or more coaches, pool their talents to develop innovative solutions to problems.



Ariana Vacs-Renwick accepts a trophy and plaque June 23 from David Sterns of the Saratoga Jaycees in honor of her first-place finish in the regional spelling bee sponsored by the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES. Ariana is a seventh-grader at the Maple Avenue Middle School.

"Who Done It?"



Emily Walton, left, interrogates Elizabeth Olson during a mock inquest at the Division Street Elementary School. The program involved the school's entire fourth-grade, with students from the academic enrichment program portraying most of the roles of witnesses, defendants and lawyers, and other students serving as the jury. BOCES enrichment teacher Lynn Calhoun coordinated the event, which related to literature read by students this year.

Academic Achievement



One hundred and fifteen high school seniors who earned averages of 90 percent or better for seven consecutive semesters are the recipients of Academic Achievement Awards. These outstanding students are:

Christina Anuszewski, Annie Anzalone, Melissa Armer, Emily Armstrong, Serenity Banden, Bryson Barnes, Michael Barrett, Jessmyn Bartow, Nicole Beaubriand, Andrea Bedrey, Ashley Benjamin, Kathleen Bethel, John Bishop, Adam Braim, Christopher Brandt, Kelsey Breen, Jamee Bresee, Carissa Brooks, Meagan Brown, Brittany Burton, Jacqueline Burton, Carol Callesano, Christopher Carter, Christopher Casey, Charles Charbonneau, David Chudzicki, Lindsay Clark, Elizabeth Corey, Jonathan Crimmins, Bridget Crowley, Giovanna Cucolo, Joanna Culkun, Danielle Cumm, Timothy Daley, Ryan Darmofal, Bonniejo Dingmon, Jodi Dziendziel and Sarah Falvo.

Also, Kali Files, Erika Flichtbeil, Julie Fredette, Amanda Gaige, Mabel Gailor, Edmund Girzone, Kristyn Gizzi, John Glotzbecker, Christina Goldsmith, Sean Haggerty, Christopher Hahm, Amanda Harnden, Jonathan Hatlee, Kerry Henley, Ashley Hennigan, Sarah Hensley-Lapham, Katherine Hinman, Sarah Hughes, Sarah Humiston, Brandon Johnson, Susan Johnson, Jeffrey Kirkland, Michael Laurent, Kyle LeRoy, Alicia Lewis, Kaylan Livsey, Christopher Makenzie, Bryan Manz, Sarah Markus, Allison McNamara, Amy McQuigge, Amber Menshausen, Elizabeth Minkel, Casian Monaco, Nathaniel Moore, Erin Morine, Sara Jo Natale, Stefanie Nochisaki and Joseph Nolan.

Also, Amanda Orcutt, Jarrod Orszulak, Linda Pabst, Michael Parillo, Vanessa Parisi, Alexandra Paul, Meredith Perry, Ian Pickus, Lauren Pritchard, Bradlea Raga, Shaun Rooney, Michael Rosebrook, Rachel Rubenstein, Catherine Ruggiero, Nicholas Russell, Kathryn Saville, Daniel Sibilia, Jarryd Stauch, Sara Stawarz, Cheryl Stover, Patricia Sutton, James Tarlton, Chantal Thomas, Phillip Titolo, Corey Trauscht, Cody Ture, Daniel Van Wagenen, Leah Vigneau, Gregory Walsh, Sarah Weaver (Hall), Brittany Welsh, Steven Whaley, Valerie Wolf, Charles Woolley, Erin Yakush, Christopher Ying, Anthony Zacharakis and Evan Zimmerman.

District honors retirees and 25-year employees



RETIREES

The school district honored 51 retirees and 16 staff members with 25 years of service during the annual Retirement and Local Service Recognition Program at the Holiday Inn on June 19. Retirees include Maryann Adam, Donna Armer, Barbara Ashbee, Thomas Ashbee, Gerald Bloom, Anna Bombard, Joseph Bosela, Arlene Bracken, Margaret Bradley, Beatrice Braim, Judith Brunner, John Butterfield, Mary Butterfield, Michael J. Carney, Joyce Cole, Barbara Collins, Linda Cooley, Barbara Corsale, Gail Craver, Bonnie Deiss, Judith DiRocco, Gregory Erwin, Mildred Feeny, J. Michael Gonroff, Robert Guglielmo, Marilyn Hafensteiner, Dagmar Helenek, Blasé Iuliano, Carol Keller, Sandra Kilmer, L. Gail Kyler, Martha LaDue, Maria Lasher, Judith Latte, Kathleen Lauritzen, Marilyn Madden, Diane Malphurs, Cheryl Mazierski, Lawrence McGourty, Sr., Linda McKinney, Mary P. Meaney, Barbara Muller, Milton Nelson, Janet Parker, Betsey Porter, Patricia Putaski, Carol

Schultz, Janice Szot, Maxine Tucker, Michael Veitch and Edith Ward. Also honored were these 25-year employees: Mary Assey, Dale Atherton-Ely, Duane Brown, Thomas Cantiello, Jacqueline Ernst, Karen Erwin, Dona Hudak-Satterlee, Michelle Hunt, Sharyn Kalinkewicz, Rose Marie Koch, Margaret Kuenzel, Elizabeth Miller, Margaret Morris, Barbara Shields, Susan Smith and Lynn Wanser.



Incoming sophomore Sarah Woods, second from left, created five pieces of art which she donated to decorate a children's area at the Saratoga Center for the Family. Holding the framed art, left to right, are Loretta Somerville of the center's staff; Sarah; Janis Kelleher-Dawsey, art department head for the school district; Krystina Konanec of the center's staff; and Melissa Woods, Sarah's mother.



★ Seniors **Jessica Pennell** and **John Glotzbecker** have been named as the 2003 recipients of the prestigious **Yaddo Medals**. The awards have been presented at graduation each year since 1912 to one boy and one girl from the graduating class who have excelled in scholarship and school citizenship during four years of high school.

★ The high school **Drama Club's** production of "**Oklahoma!**" in March has been selected by the Schenectady Light Opera Company as the best high school show in the greater Capital District region. This is the second time the club has earned the prestigious award. **John Christensen**, who played the role of Judd, was selected by the opera company as best actor for the entire region. The play was directed by **Bob Berenis**.

★ **Third-graders** from the **Division Street Elementary School** expressed their support for American troops this spring by sending letters of support and care packages.

★ A team from the high school was one of only two from New York State to participate in the National Science Bowl held in Washington, D.C., in May. Led by coach **Steven Cotts**, a high school physics teacher, the students were among 365 from 66 high schools across the country who qualified for the prestigious competition. The students are seniors **Sarah Markus** (captain), **David Chudzicki**, **Jonathan Hatlee**, and **Casian Monaco**, and junior **Nathan Molteni**. The team qualified for the national contest by placing first in a regional competition held in March. This is the third consecutive year a team from the high school has qualified for the national event.

★ Students and teachers from the high school's **NASA Club** plan to travel to Arizona State University next fall to participate in a project related to the search for water on Mars. The local group will be joined by students and a teacher from Chekhov, Russia, who are participating in the project, according to

advisor and science teacher **Charles Kuenzel**.

★ Art created by six students from the high school was chosen for the 12th Annual Regional Juried High School Art Exhibition, which opened May 3 at the Hyde Collection in Glens Falls. The students are **Ashley Burke**, **Michael Mooney**, **Rachel Poccia** (two pieces), **Tony Liu**, **Ian Till** and **Erica Parker**.

★ Four performing groups from the Saratoga Springs High School won awards for outstanding performances during the All American Music Festival in Orlando from April 4 to 7. The **Chamber Orchestra**, directed by **Brenda Vredenburg**, placed first in the division and first overall. A solo trophy was awarded to Concertmistress **Stephanie Ross**. The **Jazz Band**, directed by **Mark Beaubriand**, placed first in the division and first overall. The most outstanding solo trophy for jazz was awarded to **Bryson Barnes**, who plays trumpet. The **Choraliers**, directed by **Jeffrey Vredenburg**, were also first in the division. The **Symphonic Band**, directed by Beaubriand, placed second in the division.

★ Five athletic teams at the Saratoga Springs High School have been recognized by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association as scholar-athlete teams for the 2003 spring season. They are girls' lacrosse, coached by **Susan Hoffman**; boys' lacrosse, coached by **Bill Battaglia**; boys' track and field, coached by **Bob Hill**; girls' track and field, coached by **Linda Kranick**; and boys' tennis, coached by **Damian Fantauzzi**. Teams must achieve a grade point average of at least 90 percent to qualify. A total of 23 interscholastic teams won the prestigious award during the 2002-03 school year.

★ **Alex Strauss** has been selected to participate in the 2003-04 U.S. Speedskating Program at the Olympic Education Center, located at Northern Michigan University. Strauss, a member of the Class of 2003, is one of only 15 speedskaters selected for the program.

★ Research completed by **Adam English**, a former student in the high school's science research course, has been published in "Northeastern Geology and Environmental Sciences," a journal for earth and environmental sciences. English is a student at SUNY Fredonia.



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Some of the 24 high school students who participated in the Adirondack Community College Business Day on May 5 display their awards in the photo above. Award winners included Tom DeMarco, Shawn Rooney, Dan VanWagenen, Valerie Wilson and Valerie Wolf, who placed second in the team test competition. Sarah Allen placed first and Josh Roberts placed third in Introduction to Occupations. In Business Analysis/Business Computer Applications, Valerie Wolf placed first, Shawn Rooney took second place and Dan VanWagenen placed third. Mike Phillips placed fifth in business math and Ashley Watson placed fifth in Keyboard Formatting. Chelsea Anderson, Megan Burns, John Cannone, Tom DeMarco and Kelly Rossley placed fourth in the display competition.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE CELEBRATION

Elementary students around the district gave a special salute to the flag during Flag Day programs in June. At top right, a skydiver descends to the grounds of the Dorothy Nolan Elementary School while his flag unfurls beneath him. At bottom right, Geyser Road Elementary School students dressed in matching flag tees listen intently to a presentation.



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