

# EAGLE EXPRESS

**Lake Shore Central School District Newsletter** 

### **Another Great Year at Lake Shore!**

e are at the end of another challenging but productive school year. As we transition into our summer break, I wanted to take a moment and look back on what we have accomplished and where we are going as we move forward as a destination school district in Western New York.

The most important aspect of any district is the people that make it run, and those who benefit from their dedication to educational excellence. To our faculty, administration, buildings and grounds and cafeteria staff, thank you for making all of our campuses a safe and healthy place for our students to learn, play, and compete. And as I mention the wonderful children that make up our student body, thank you for working hard in the classroom, on the stage, and on our athletic fields – you all have performed magnificently this year!

Our Board of Education set some demanding goals in a number of areas including increased student achievement, installation of new technology, improved communication with internal and external audiences, and improve our efficiencies on all levels from material usage to power consumption. All while ensuring that the district continued to operate on a budget that is reasonable to our community. I have mentioned more than once the termination of the GAP Elimination, and we are looking to once again receiving our fair share of state-promised funding to ease the burden on our tax-payers.

We continued to enhance already high levels of classroom instruction by implementing new technology initiatives, through offering an extensive list of Advanced Placement courses, and supporting a wide variety of extra-curricular activities to create well-rounded students. We also provided significant time and effort to enhancing our curriculum and instructional program that we are confident will enrich student and teacher learning.

Over the course of the past year, we also developed stronger relationships with our stakeholders in the community by working closely with our local and state legislators, educational leadership both locally and in Albany, and community leaders in advocating for sustainable funding for our schools. Additionally, we worked hard to strengthen our bond with the public by showcasing the great work our students are doing through local publications, our website, and more.

Looking forward, we are excited to be launching a new solar program that will further increase our efficiency in power use. Our curriculum and instruction and technology departments are working closely to provide new computers and iPads in classrooms through a grant that Lake Shore was one of a handful of Districts to be awarded.

s the year draws to a close, I'd like to take a s the year draws to a close, I unke to the minute to address the students of Lake Shore specifically. Thank you for your hard work and determination to "Be the Best You" you could be. You have made everyone in this community proud with your academic achievements, your outstanding exploits on our athletic teams, your exquisite refinery in our arts and music programs, and your dedication to giving back to our local charitable organizations through volunteering efforts. Special kudos to the seniors who, through their dedication to excellence, were awarded thousands of dollars in individual gifts from local businesses and benefactors. (Read more about that in this issue of the Eagle Express.) Simply amazing! Each one of you, from Pre-K to graduating seniors, has made a difference to this District and this community.

To the graduates: good luck in your endeavors. You have built a solid foundation here at Lake Shore, it's up to you to continue building on it. I know you will make us proud.

To those moving on to new classrooms or buildings, look to the graduating class of 2016 as role models, those setting the bar to ensure your future excellence at Lake Shore.

### OUR MISSION:

The Lake Shore Central School District in partnership with our students, families and school community will cultivate engaging, diverse, and challenging educational opportunities and learning environments to promote life-long learning and achievement in preparation for high school graduation, college and careers.

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## Top Ten Graduates Announced

The Lake Shore Central School District Class of 2016 graduated on Saturday, June 25. Members of the Class have and earned distinction for their academic strength, athletic achievement, artistic ability, musicality, character, service and fields of study.

The students with the Top Ten Academic Honors are featured in this issue.



**Coco Xíao** Valedictorian

Coco Xiao is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2016 and is the daughter of Mr. Kent Xiao and Mrs. Eva Wong.

While at Lake Shore she was a member of Lambda Sigma, received an Advanced Regents Diploma in Science and was very active in the music program.

Coco plans on attending SUNY Fredonia and continuing her love of music as a part of her studies.

Her advice to underclassmen is "... don't hesitate to do activities you have a passion for. Life's too short for regrets."



**Místíe Keller** Salutatorían

Mistie Keller is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2016 and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig and Judy Keller.

She was captain of the tennis team, was named to the honor roll and was also a member of the National Honor Society.

Mistie will enroll at the University at Buffalo to study psychology and childhood development.

She lists her parents as her inspiration to strive for excellence.

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## Top Ten Graduates Announced





Ranked Third Nick Mruk



Ranked Fourth Kennedy Cymerman



Ranked Fifth Jared Himes



Ranked Sixth Justín Dunlap

#### Nick Mruk

Nick is the son of Peter and Sylvia Mruk. His future plans Jared is the son of Christopher and Kim Himes and will include attending the University at Buffalo to study medicine.

He credits his parents for his success and says he will miss the teachers at Lake Shore and the gym.

He advises underclassmen to "Don't play video games; spend time with family and friends and get ripped. Then you'll be successful."

#### **Jared Himes**

study mechanical engineering through the University at Buffalo Honors Program.

He was a member of the National Honor Society, was a Scholar Athlete, a Section VI Scholar Athlete (Individual Award), and appeared on the honor roll.

He credits his friends for being a strong influence on his high school achievements.

#### **Kennedy Cymerman**

Kennedy is the daughter of Eric and Wendy Cymerman. She will continue her education at Hofstra University where she plans on studying theatre and music performance.

She made the honor roll every quarter and was a member of the National Honor Society.

When it comes to advice for underclassmen, Kennedy says "Get involved! It'll give you so many opportunities and memories that will make your high school experience more enjoyable."

#### **Justin Dunlap**

Justin is the son of Denton and Michelle Dunlap and will be attending SUNY Fredonia in pursuit of an engineering degree.

Justin has been a student of the month for art and cites Mrs. Belliotti as a great inspiration. He will miss art class as he moves on after graduation.

His advice to underclassmen is "Don't stress about what's going to happen in the future, just do your best in the here and now."

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## Top Ten Graduates Announced





Ranked Seventh

Mackenzie Holla



Ranked Eighth Emma Franco



Ranked Ninth

Anna Thomas



Ranked Tenth
Melissa Heppel

#### Mackenzie Holla

Mackenzie is the daughter of Nicole Holla. She plans to attend Hilbert College to study psychology.

She was honored as a student of the month and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Mackenzie cites her mother as her inspiration noting that she did everything to make all four of her children happy. She will miss her "Goin' Bald for Bucks" family and loved to be a part of something that touched so many people.

#### **Anna Thomas**

Anna is the daughter of Christopher and Annmarie Thomas. She will attend St. Bonaventure University to study biology.

She was Captain of the varsity tennis team, a student of the month in business, and a member of the National Honor Society.

She will miss her Academy friends and advises underclassmen to "Not get lost in the sauce."

#### **Emma Franco**

Emma is the daughter of John and Mary Franco. She is moving on to the University at Buffalo for biochemistry and then plans to become a physician's assistant.

She was the President of the Student Government, the Student Representative for the Board of Education and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Emma says she will miss Mrs. Kaminski and being able to plan all of the events and activities that her classmates enjoyed throughout the year.

#### Melissa Heppel

Melissa is the daughter of William and Sandra Heppel. She is headed to Daemen College to become a physician's assistant.

She was an honor roll student, a student of the month in technology and music, a member of the National Honor Society and a Scholar Athlete Nominee.

Her advice to underclassmen is: "There may come a time during your high school career when you want to drop out and just join the circus. Don't. Believe it or not, high school is better than getting eaten by a lion."

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## Senior Scholarship & Awards Night



n Wednesday, June 1, the Lake Shore Senior High School held its NY Bus Sales Award annual Scholarship and Awards night where students accepted over \$50,000 in honors. Thank you to all of the generous contributors that make these awards possible.

NYS Comptroller's Achievement Award

(Erin Atwood, Christopher Beckley, Maxwell Yargeau, Madeline Vail, Elise Jost, Moira Hamilton, Anna Costa, & Dylan Leverenz, & Anna Thomas) certificates

Larry Barreca Memorial Scholarship

(Cory Fiutko) (\$1000.00)

Frank Wiatrowski Memorial Scholarship

(Collin Fiutko) (\$100.00)

Angola Volunteer Fire Company Fellowship Service Award

(Micaela Gzyl, Kaylie Leach) 2 @ (\$250.00 each)

**Highland Hose Auxiliary Scholarship** 

(Melissa Heppel) (\$500.00)

Michael Kolasinski (MJK) Academic Scholarship

(Collin Fiutko) (\$720.00)

North Evans Volunteer Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship

(Jordan Fendinger) (\$600.00)

Norman Backus Memorial Scholarship

(David Kilian) (\$500.00)

Thomas Hock, Kenneth King, Richard Pates, Dennis Small, and

**Dean Todoroff Memorial Scholarship** 

(Kennedy Cymerman) (\$100.00)

**Outstanding Athlete Scholarship** 

(Frederick Eckles III, Kelsey Eggleston)

Scholar Athlete Scholarship

(David Killian, Emily Becker)

LSC Golf Scholarship

(Matthew Budniewski, Nathan Ciciera, Kyle Dearth, Sara Simmons) 4 @

(\$190.00 each)

May Scholarship

(Grace Burbige) (\$50.00)

(Thomas Heller) (\$425.00)

George J. Pierce Memorial Scholarship

(Austin Smith) (\$250.00)

Jack R. Geidel Memorial Scholarship

(Aaron Lin) (\$500.00)

Frederick Garrasi III Memorial Scholarships

Compassionate Mentor (Alexis Addison, Madeline Vail)

2 @ (\$1000.00 each)

Seneca Nation of Indians Senior Incentive Award

(Melanie Gates, Darin John) 2 @ (\$500.00 each)

**Brett Farrell Memorial Scholarship** 

(Kyle Wishman) (\$1000.00)

John Phillip Sousa Awards

(Benjamin Hellert, Madeline Vail) 2 @ (\$125.00 each)

George A. Braun Memorial Scholarship

(Jared Himes) (\$1000.00)

Marine Scholastic Excellence Award

(Kyle Wishman)

Marine Distinguished Athlete Award

(Cory Fiutko, Elisabeth Butlak)

Marine Musical Excellence Award

(Jordan Fendinger)

Joseph A. Drago Memorial Scholarship

(Moira Hamilton) (\$2000.00)

Thomas and Eleanor Chiavetta Family Scholarships

Music (Benjamin Hellert, Madeline Vail) 2 @ (\$250.00 each)

Business (MacKenzie Holla) (\$500.00)

Athletics (Emma Franco) (\$500.00)

**Evans Brant Chamber of Commerce** 

(Anna Costa) (\$500.00)

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## Senior Scholarship & Awards Night



**Evans Township Lions Club Community Service Award** 

(Aaron Lin, Emma Cyphert) 2 @ (\$500.00 each)

**Arion Award** 

(Jared Himes) (\$250.00)

Class of 1985 Memorial Scholarship

(Kelsey Eggleston, Jared Himes) 2 @ (\$375.00) each

Joseph Rutkowski Memorial Scholarship

(Mistie Keller) (\$500.00)

Promise in Science & Technology Scholarship

(Melissa Heppel) (\$300.00)

Science Scholarship

(Noah Michalec) (\$500.00)

The following will receive certificates:

Highest Average in AP Physics - Melissa Heppel

Highest Average in AP Bio - Erin Atwood

Highest Average in Regents Physics – Emily Guest

Connors' Hot Dog Stand Scholarship

(Machala Gzyl, Abigail Easton) 2 @ (\$250.00 each)

L.S.C. - Saint Bonaventure University

(Abigail Easton, Joseph Freidhoff, Anna Thomas & Calista Urbaniak) 4

@ (\$500.00 each)

Lake Shore Art Teachers Scholarship

(Christopher Beckley, Brandon Mawk) 2 @ (\$500.00 each)

**Evans Art Guild Award** 

(Samantha Swinarski) (\$100.00)

Roberta Wolfe-Baer Memorial Art Scholarship

(Shelby Kittinger) (\$500.00)

**Outstanding Dramatist Scholarship** 

(Spencer Carr, Moira Hamilton) 2 @ (\$100.00 each)

Outstanding Achievement in English Language Arts Scholarship

(Moira Hamilton) (\$100.00)

Level 5 Language Awards 3 @ (\$100.00 each)

(French: Moira Hamilton ) (German: Grace Burbige ) (Spanish: MacKen-

zie Holla)

**Student Government Leadership Award** 

(Alexis Addison, Emma Franco, Justin Gajdosz, Moira Hamilton)

**Student Government Leadership Scholarship** 

(Emma Franco) (\$500.00)

Mr. Lake Shore 2016

(Timothy Jakiel)

Stephen Kin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

(Emma Cyphert) (\$1000.00)

Stephen Slowinski Award

(Charles Guadalupe) (\$25.00)

Thomas Cook Award

(Eric Hughes) (\$25.00)

**Triton-Valley Scholarship** 

(Joseph Freidhoff) (\$250.00)

**Coach Maue Memorial Scholarship** 

(Collin Fiutko, Cory Fiutko) 2 @ (\$500.00 each)

**Highest Average in AP Calc** 

(MacKenzie Holla) (\$200.00)

**National School Orchestra Award** 

(Chris Camacho, Coco Xiao) 2 @ (\$100.00 each)

**National School Choral Award** 

(Spencer Carr, Melissa Heppel, Emily Smith) 3 @ (\$100.00 each)

The Director's Award for Band

(Victoria Andrews, Catherine Wolf) 2 @ (\$100.00 each)

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

(Jared Himes) (\$100.00)

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### Academy of Business & Finance holds Graduation



n Wednesday, May 25, Lake Shore celebrated the fifth annual Academy of Business & Finance Graduation on the grounds of the Cradle Beach Camp at Angola-on-the-Lake. Family members, business partners, internship providers, teachers, and administrators joined in the celebration. Jeff Connors, Freshman Seminar Teacher, opened the evening with remarks followed by an invocation from Bonnie Brusk, Director of Youth Services for Cradle Beach Camp.

The ceremony was a culmination for students who completed a rigorous 3-year program based on the National Academy Foundation's curriculum. The Academy integrates career-themed subject matter with project-based learning and students created professional portfolios while completing 130 hours of a paid professional internship. While focused on financial literacy, the students also gained valuable experience in the public forum through speaking engagements and presentations throughout their program.

The Academy of Business and Finance within the Lake Shore Senior High Business Department is a small learning community of students, staff, administrators, community members and business leaders, designed to help promote financial literacy and connect our students with the world of financial services. The curriculum covers banking and credit, financial planning, accounting and delves into areas such as securities, economics, public speaking and insurance.

The keynote speakers for the evening were Lake Shore alumni, Ronnie Thompson and Alexandra Shean, both Class of 2012 Academy graduates. Thompson completed a degree in Electrical Construction and Maintenance Electrician at Alfred State University and now works at Steuben Foods in Elma, NY as an electrician. Shean attended the University at Buffalo and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications. She is currently the Event Coordinator at Pioneer Camp in Angola, NY. Their messages to the students were encouraging and how important the Academy was in their current success.

The students received their Certificates of Financial Studies from The National Academy Foundation before Academy of Business and Finance President Kelly Eggleston addressed the crowd and Advisory Board Chairperson Mary Hosler closed the ceremony.

The Academy would like to thank its business partners and internship providers: AXA Advisors, Evans Bank, The Evans Agency, Farrell & Farrell, Goya Foods Great Lakes, Eagle Systems, Merchants Insurance, Personal Touch Food Service, Marla and Doug Schifano, Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council, Bryant and Stratton College, Erie Community College, and Queen City Professional Services, Claddagh Commission, Cradle Beach Camp, Eagles Landing, Evans Community Development, Evans Police Department, Lake Shore Buildings and Grounds, Lake Shore Primary Care, Lake Shore Technology Department, Operation Pets, Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, St. Colombian's on the Lake, and the Zielinski Agency.

Pictured above (L-R) - Bottom Row: Ms. Heather Boncore, Counselor, David Kilian, Jewels Correa, Allison Frankino, Mackenzie Holla, Arron Lin.

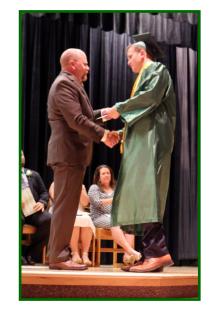
Top Row: Mrs. Wishman, Teacher, Victoria Andrews, Mr. Gerken, Teacher, Kelsey Eggleston, Abigail Easton, Anna Thomas, Frank Gelster, Jenell Gerow, Nicholas Paluch, Anna Costa, Calista Urbaniak, Elise Jost, Woodrow Wojdula, Mistie Keller, Zakary Utley, Dylan Leverenz, Eric Hughes, Mrs. Schifano, Director.

Congratulations to all of the 2016 Academy graduates!

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## **Smiles at Senior High Graduation**

















See more pictures at www.lakeshorecsd.org

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### **Latimore Honored for BOE Service**



t the June 7 Board of Education meeting, Cindy Latimore was honored for her 12 years of service to the Lake Shore Central School District, including five years as Board President and two as Vice President. Mrs. Latimore was instrumental in supporting many positive changes during her tenure with the Board was very active with the New York State School Board Association as well as the Erie County Association of School Boards. She served on many committees including the ECASB Legislative Team, the Budget and Finance Team, and was also a NYSSBA Voting Delegate.

Mrs. Latimore is one of the founding members of the Boys & Girls Club of Lake Shore and was on the advisory board from 2008-2015. She continues to work at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute as an RN in the blood and bone marrow transplant unit.

The Board recognized her service by presenting her with a commemorative clock. She will be missed by our school community, and we are indebted to her dedication to providing a high-quality education for all of the children at Cindy Latimore, Board Vice President Carla Lake Shore



Above (L-R): Board President Jennifer Michalec, Thompson, and Superintendent James Przepasniak.

### **District Wins Safety Award**

he Lake Shore Central School District is has once again received the Utica National Insurance Group's "School Safety Excellence Award" for 2016 at the Titanium with Honors level. This marks the 10th straight year Lake Shore has been a recipient of this accolade. The award is presented annually and recognizes school districts' safety efforts as they work to keep students, staff and visitors safe.



Above (L-R): Assistant Superintendent, Daniel Pacos; Secretary to Mr. Pacos, Sue Kowal; Director of Buildings and Grounds, John Wilson, and Superintendent James Przepasniak.

"The safety of our students, faculty and staff is our first priority here at Lake Shore," said James Przepasniak, superintendent of the Lake Shore Central School District. "We take the greatest care to ensure that everyone can enjoy the many facilities we offer from educational and athletic programs to activities open to the entire community. It is a pleasure to be recognized for the hard work everyone in the District does on a daily basis to make our schools and grounds safe for all to use."

Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award Program has three levels – titanium, platinum, and gold – in which schools can earn a meritorious distinction by meeting specific criteria to enhance overall safety. Through the program, schools with their own transportation, schools with contract transportation and BOCES are evaluated. Categories include bullying prevention programs, playground safety, and other areas, and are measured using specific, quantifiable surveys.

Lake Shore was one of 145 school districts and BOCES locations in New York State to receive recognition in the program this year.

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## **Blodgett - Excellence in Music Education**



Above (L-R): Superintendent James Przepasniak and Eric Blodgett.

Eric Blodgett has been named a recipient of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Erie County Music Educators Association Award for Excellence in Music Education. This award was given to Eric Blodgett to recognize his hard work and dedication to the profession and his passion for fostering the love of music within our students. The award was presented at the BPO's Celebration of Music Education Concert at Kleinhan's Music Hall on May 14, 2016.

In his 21 years of teaching at Lake Shore, he has served as the Music Department Chairman, has directed the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Musical Pit, Pep and Marching Bands, and instrumental lessons. He spent four years as the district's Elementary Band Director before assuming the High School responsibilities in 1999.

Mr. Blodgett received the Lake Shore Board of Education Outstanding Service Award in 2011, was recognized as one of the top 25 teachers in Western NY by Business First in 2013, and has been included in "Who's Who Among American High School Teachers." He has served as ECMEA Librarian, Chairperson for ECMEA and NYSSMA events and groups, has hosted All-County performances at Lake Shore, is a former member of the Maelstrom Percussion Ensemble, and ran a successful private percussion studio working with students from all over Erie County for over 20 years.

### **District Participates in Staff Development**

n June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 150 K-8 teachers and principals convened for professional development and reflection at the J.T. Waugh Elementary Auditorium.

The topic was the *Blueprint for Improved Results for Students with Disabilities* which was recently released by the Office of Special Education at NYSED.

This Blueprint was developed in consultation with stakeholders and is consistent with the mission of NYSED, Office of Special Education - supported by all offices within NYSED - to ensure that students with disabilities have the opportunities to benefit from high quality instruction, to reach the same standards as all students, and to leave school prepared to successfully transition to post-school learning, living and employment. As rigor and expectations for all students in New York State have increased, policy and practices must be adjusted to support students with disabilities to meet these challenges.

This Blueprint will be used by the State to develop State

policy and guidance and for schools to review their policies and practices to support students with disabilities.

School districts and schools are asked to use these principles to review practice and to identify areas where improvement is needed.



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## Smiles at Kindergarten and Fifth Grade Moving Up Day

### A.J. Schmidt Elementary













J.T. Waugh Elementary

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	March 17, May 26, February 24, 23, 22, 21  Approved by Board of Education action												ctio	on on March 15, 2016.								Holida				
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