



# Eagle Express

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*Caroline Gaskin was among the hundreds of people participating in the Senior Parade organized by parents Tara Evans, Danelle Addison, Kim Bovo and Kim Hazard.*

## Graduation 2020



## *Superintendent's Column/by Dr. Charles Galluzzo*

# 2020: A School Year Like No Other

### **Hello Everyone,**

Back in March when the Governor's Executive Order closed schools it looked like it would be for two weeks. Weeks stretched into months and as time went on we adjusted to a system of remote instruction, with periodic drive by and virtual visits to our students.

Continuity of instruction plans were made, a grading system was developed and still a big question loomed: how to honor the 200-some seniors who were marking their final year, without the usual rites of passage—prom, sports banquets, and public honors and recognitions.

This is a creative school-community and alternatives were devised. Four parents spearheaded the organization of a fantastic Senior Parade. Teachers designed virtual art shows, online music performances, and awards recognitions that were posted on youtube.

Seniors were recognized on Moving Up Day by a cadre of teacher and staff volunteers who visited every single graduate's home to deliver caps and gowns, athletic letters and gift bags.

What remained to be done was a graduation ceremony. It was designed and redesigned and redesigned again and again. The result on a sunny, windy Sunday was socially

distant, but not emotionally distant, as we said heartfelt congratulations, good byes and good luck to our seniors.

The next big question is how or if we reopen in the Fall. Like everyone, we will await guidance from the New York State Governor's Office, and health and education officials. Meanwhile, we design and redesign and redesign again and again the procedures and protocols to keep our staff and students safe and healthy, whether instruction is conducted in-person, remotely or as some hybrid of the two.

In the midst of the greatest public health crisis in a century, our school-community continues to rally the best of common sense, creativity and safety protocols to reimagine and "remodel" education for our children.

I thank our community for its support and understanding during these challenging months, our Lake Shore staff for its unwavering commitment and efforts during uncertain times, our students and their families for their sustained efforts during our periods of transition and adjustments, and our Board of Education for its steadfast adherence to ensure quality education and compassionate support for our children and their families and our community at large.

Please take a few minutes to browse these pages and enjoy some of the many fine examples of achievement and caring and giving exemplified by the children of Lake Shore.



# GRADUATION in a Time of Social Distancing

## How we did it ...



**Graduation is a major life event and Lake Shore seniors were not deprived of their milestone moment.**

COVID-19 or not, graduation was going to happen. That was never in question.

The question was, how to do it safely and with adherence to social distancing and restrictions on crowd size.

The answer was to minimize the crowd size and maximize the distance. So, step 1 was to hold two graduation ceremonies,

each with half of the seniors. Step 2 was to hold the event outside, where there was fresh air and space. Step 3 was to maximize distance whenever possible ... including between cars, seen here with one parking space left open between them.

The next pages illustrate how it all played out ...



**Minimizing the crowd, maximizing the distance ...  
and wearing the masks.**



**Above:** Students were called up by row from the parked vehicles and lined up, in masks, maintaining distance between them.

Spectators could tune into an FM frequency to hear all the proceedings on stage.

**At Left:** Rather than asking the audience to leave their vehicles and stand during the Pledge of Allegiance, all remained inside and were asked to lift an arm out the window during the Pledge.



**The High School parking lot provided an outdoor venue that allowed families to remain in vehicles.**



**Above:** Students were allowed to step outside of their vehicles for the traditional crossing of cap tassels to signify graduation at the very end of the ceremony.

**At Left:** Board of Education President Jennifer Michalec presents Paige Cornwall with her diploma. Students had the option to wear masks, or remove them, as they crossed the stage.





***‘These are happy tears,  
so everyone knows.’  
- Maggie Gerlach***

## **Photos capture happy tears and proud moments**



**Above: Zachary Evans, Nicholas Wilson, and Nathaniel Styles, LSHS Class of 2020.**



**No handshakes this year ... Dr. Charles Galluzzo, Superintendent, gives a congratulatory fist bump to graduate Brandy Lynn Rasmus.**



# Meet the 'Top 10'

## Their advice to students ...

**'Always put in your best effort, but do not overwork yourself.'**

**- Samantha Donovan**

**'Do your homework and don't be afraid to ask questions. High school is rough, but you can get through it.'**

**- Hanna Donovan**



### ***Valedictorian***

#### **Samantha Donovan**

**Future plans:** Research in the bio-medical field.

**Anticipated College/Major:** Rochester Institute of Technology to study biomedical engineering.

**Greatest influence:** My twin sister, Hanna. She pushed me to be the best I could be and to try my hardest no matter what.

**Favorite High School Memory:** Going to Universal Orlando with the music department.



### ***Salutatorian***

#### **Hanna Donovan**

**Future plans:** Attend college and see where life takes me.

**Anticipated College/Major:** LeMoyne College, majoring in mathematics.

**Greatest influence:** My sister and best friend, Samantha. She pushed me through the ups and downs of school and life. I admire her ability to stay focused and dedicated to anything she desires. I couldn't have done it without her.

**Favorite High School Memory:** I really can't say, high school had its ups and downs, but I wouldn't want to change anything.



## Class of 2020 'Top 10'



### 3. Sierra Alioto

**Future plans:** I hope to be able to go into a career with photography or another type of media. I want to be able to improve myself as an artist.

**Anticipated College/Major:** SUNY Fredonia to pursue an art major.

**Greatest influence:** My mom. She has been through so much and still moves forward. No matter what, she's put mine and my brother's happiness above her own and has supported me through everything. I couldn't have asked for someone better.

**Favorite High School Memory:** Going on the New York City trip my sophomore year.

**Advice to students:** Very cliché, but just be yourself. Not everyone is going to like you no matter how much you try, whether it's how you present yourself, dress, or something else. But that doesn't matter, as long as you're confident. And all together, just be nice, you don't want to look back and regret the way you were.



### 4. Jenna Kowal

**Future plans:** Doctorate in Astrophysics. I'll likely end up working in a university as a professor and doing some research.

**Anticipated College/Major:** RIT, Physics

**Greatest influence:** There isn't really anyone specific, but I do idolize Neil DeGrasse Tyson.

**Favorite High School Memory:** My first model UN conference. I was so nervous about it but I did just fine. Once it was later and everyone started making joke resolutions it was even better. I still love that we decided Ethiopia would take over Africa and be renamed Wakanda.



### 5. Mary Kromer

**Future plans:** Division 1 hockey at Mercyhurst University.

**Anticipated College/Major:** Mercyhurst University Intelligence Studies program.

**Greatest influence:** My parents

**Favorite High School Memory:** Donating my hair junior year for Bald for Bucks and fire drills in bad weather.

**Advice to students:** It is what it is.





## Class of 2020 'Top 10'



### 6. Jacob Pregitzer

**Future plans:** Go to college and get a job. We'll see what happens from there I guess.

**Anticipated College/Major:** Rochester Institute of Technology to study Engineering

**Greatest influence:** My family and my friends have made the most impact on my life and character. I also influence myself a lot through self-motivation and self-improvement.

**Favorite High School Memory:** My favorite memories from high school are being in the Business Academy, chemistry, soccer, hanging out with friends during the day, and our coronavirus break.

**Advice to students:** Find your passion and become successful in it.



### 7. Nicole Logan

**Future plans:** To become a Nurse Practitioner in 6 years.

**Anticipated College/Major:** I will be attending Gannon University for nursing

**Greatest influence:** My parents definitely

**Favorite High School Memory:** Going to Costa Rica in February 2019.

**Advice to students:** Try not to worry too much, but worry just enough in order to be successful in school.



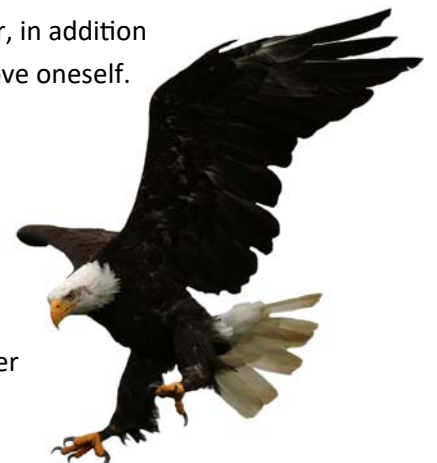
### 8. Logan Wray

**Future plans:** I plan to become an anthropological researcher and find a way to make "anthropology" a word that people don't immediately fall asleep after hearing.

**Greatest influence:** My greatest influences have been my parents. My mother, in addition to teaching me most things, taught me that one should always strive to improve oneself. My father was the person who started my interest in reading for pleasure. They both have been extremely supportive for my whole life.

**Favorite High School Memory:** My favorite high school memory is when the distance team and I braved the frozen wastes of Angola for a 5 mile run, only to come back encased in ice.

**Advice to students:** My advice to students is to find your passions and get after them as hard as you can. Without passion, life is a dull, boring thing. Grab hold of something that makes life worth living and never let go.



## Class of 2020 'Top 10'



### 9. Alexandria Zuidema

**Future plans:** Attending medical school and graduating with an MD degree in order to reach my goal of becoming a pediatrician.

**Anticipated College/Major:** Either RIT or the University of Rochester to major in biomedical sciences.

**Greatest influence:** My greatest influence is my sister because of her constant support and her unwillingness to never doubt or give up on me.

**Favorite High School Memory:** My favorite high school memory includes being on the Cross Country team because I found my passion for running and because of all the adventures. I have also met my best friends and some of the most influential people who have changed my high school experience.

**Advice to students:** My advice is don't limit yourself on what you think you can achieve. Learn to work for what you have always wanted so you can be proud of everything you've accomplished. Refuse to settle for ordinary just because it is easy.



### 10. Stephanie Mruk

**Future plans:** I hope to learn Spanish during college and earn my TESOL certification. I would enjoy teaching English abroad, as well as to immigrants within the United States.

**Anticipated College and Major:** I plan to attend Canisius College and major in Teaching English as a Second Language.

**Greatest influence:** My parents, teachers, and coaches have been my greatest influences. They've always been able to see my potential and push me towards it, and I appreciate all they've done for me.

**Favorite High School Memory:** My favorite high school experience was going to Universal Studios with the music department. We won our competition and I had the best time with my friends in the park.

**Advice to students:** You have to do things that are difficult or uncomfortable to get anywhere in life. If you have a dream, don't give up! Just work harder.





**Alumni Association Outstanding Effort  
and Initiative**  
Zachary Evans

**Alumni Association Achievement Award**  
Carlene Dils, Gavin Ingraio

**Alumni Vocational Award**  
Jacey Addison, Daniel Slotman

**Angola/Lake Shore Central  
Alumni Association Award**  
Stephanie Mruk, Jacob Pregitzer Ruth Lehning

**Humanitarian Award**  
Nicholas Chiappetta, Gretchen Hazard

**William T. Hoag Alumni Scholarship**  
Alexandria Zuidema

**Lake Shore Central Teachers' Association  
Academic Scholarships**  
Zachary Evans, Mary Kromer

**Lake Shore Central Teachers' Association  
Vocational/Technical Scholarship**  
Daniel Slotman

**Angola Volunteer Fire Company  
Fellowship Service Award**  
Jacey Addison, Dayna Sterner

**Arion Award Amanda Leitten Award  
in Mathematical Excellence**  
Hanna Donovan

**Band Booster "Unsung Hero" Award**  
Jenna DiMartino, Katrena Steffen, Emily Thomas,  
Alexandria Zuidema

**Bill Sheehan Memorial Scholarship**  
Samantha Donovan

**Brett Farrell Memorial Scholarship**  
Nicole Logan

# Lake Shore High School Scholarship Awards 2020

**Total Awarded:  
\$55,911.16**

**Brian Galfo Memorial Scholarship**  
Zachary Evans, Yanenowi Logan, Cameron Stacey

**Caitlin Burbige Memorial Scholarship**  
Sarah Bovo, Gavin Ingraio, Mary Kromer

**Coach Ignatowski Memorial Award**  
Mary Kromer, Gavin Mendell

**Connors Hot Dog Stand Scholarship**  
Jenna DiMartino, Lauren Franey, Gavin Ingraio,  
Logan Wray

**CRB25 Scholarship**  
Jacey Addison, Samantha Dils, Madeline Tempski

**Donate Life Club Scholarships**  
Jessica Marinaro, Makayla Pielecha

**Evans Police Benevolent Association  
Scholarship ... Lauren Franey**

**Evans Township  
Lions Club Community Service Award**  
Jenna DiMartino, Nathaniel Styles

**Follow Your Dreams Coach I. Scholarship**  
Mary Kromer

**Frank Wiatrowski Memorial Scholarship**  
Dayna Sterner

**Frederick Garrasi III Memorial Scholarships  
Compassionate Mentor**  
Sarah Bovo, Jacob Pregitzer

**Gary Vassallo II Memorial Scholarships**  
Zachary Evans, Stephanie Mruk

**George A. Braun Memorial Scholarship**  
Jenna DiMartino

**George J. Pierce Memorial Scholarship**  
Summer Irrgang

**Gordon E. & Helen Garland  
Memorial Scholarship ... Colin O'Neill**

**Hellert Family Music Scholarship**  
Summer Irrgang

**Jack R. Geidel Memorial Scholarship**  
Jacob DeAngelis

**Jason Hontz Memorial Scholarships**  
Alexandria Zuidema, Gavin Ingraio

**John Phillip Sousa Award**  
Jacob DeAngelis

**Joseph A. Drago Memorial Scholarship**  
Colin O'Neill

**Joseph Rutkowski Memorial Scholarship**  
Jacob DeAngelis

## Lake Shore High School Scholarship Awards 2020 Continued ...

**Juius M. & Pius Schwert Memorial Scholarship**  
Alexandria Zuidema

**Kim Bounamici Director's Award for Band**  
Dayna Sterner

**Krombein Memorial Scholarship**  
Paige Cornwall

**Lake Shore Art Teachers Award**  
Faith Mikolajczak

**Lake Shore Association  
of Christian Churches Scholarship**  
Nicole Logan

**Lake Shore Eagle Awards**  
Jared Crowden, Kasandra Mayne, Peter Steigert

**LSHS Art Club Award ...** Sierra Alioto

**LSHS Music Booster Scholarship**  
Amanda Leitten

**Larry Barreca Memorial Scholarship**  
Nathaniel Styles

**Level 5 Language Awards**  
French: Sarah Bovo  
German: Logan Wray  
Spanish: Kacie Waliszewski

**Louis Armstrong Jazz Award**  
Jacob DeAngelis

**MAIA Learning Scholarship**  
Yanenowi Logan

**Marjorie Moran Scholarship**  
Jadyn Jones

**Michael Kolasinski Academic Scholarship**  
Sarah Bovo

**Michael Kolasinski Athletic Scholarship**  
Hogaiyo: John

**Music Alumni Scholarship**  
Zachary Evans, Bella Schmidt

**National School Choral Award**  
Chloe Lewandowski

**National School Orchestra Award**  
Samantha Donovan

**Norma Kinney V.F.W. #5798  
Auxiliary Memorial Scholarship**  
Dayna Sterner

**Norman Backus Memorial Award**  
Amanda Leitten

**North Evans Volunteer Fire Company  
& Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship ...** Maela Murtha

**Outstanding Achievement in English Language  
Arts Scholarship ...** Jessica Marinaro

**Outstanding Athlete Award**  
Spencer Kwilos, Mary Kromer

**Phyllis M. Roop Nursing Scholarship**  
Sarah Bovo

**Promise in Science & Technology Scholarship**  
Gillian Barclay

**Renaissance Award:** Colin O'Neill

**Richard and Gail Lisi Memorial Scholarships**  
Faith Mikolajczak, Kacie Waliszewski

**Robert Mackowiak Memorial Scholarship**  
Emily Thomas

**Roberta Wolfe-Baer Memorial Art Scholarship**  
Grace Flickinger

**Salvatore Galante MD Memorial Scholarship**  
Nathaniel Styles

**Scholar Athlete Scholarships**  
Zachary Evans, Alexandria Zuidema

**Seneca Nation of Indians Senior Incentive Award**  
Hailey Haynes, Jadyn Jones

**LSHS Music Department  
Achievement Award ...** Nicholas Chiappetta

**Southern Erie County Counselors Association  
Scholarship ...** Faith Mikolajczak

**Stephen Kin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**  
Jessica Marinaro

**Stevenson Award:** Hanna Donovan

**Student Government Leadership Scholarships**  
Carlene Dils, Jadyn Jones, Eliese Maybee, Maela  
Murtha

**Terry Addison Memorial Scholarship**  
Daniel Slotman

**Thomas and Eleanor Chiavetta  
Family Scholarships**  
Music: Nicholas Chiappetta  
Athletics: Zachary Cervola  
Business: Dayna Sterner  
Character Recognition: Berten Quider

**Thomas Hock, Kenneth King, Richard Pates,  
Dennis Small, Dean Todoroff  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Kacie Waliszewski

**Triple "C" Award ...** Hailey Haynes, Colin O'Neill



## Middle School Presidential Award for Academic Excellence



**Honoring  
Outstanding  
Academic  
Achievement**

### Congratulations to these 8th graders who have made the **Honor Roll for 10 Consecutive Marking Periods**

Isabella Rose Barron  
Gabriella Bartz  
Maya Bauer  
Samson M. Bayer  
Jacob Alan Bevilacqua  
Cooper John Biersbach  
Cierra Morgan Bluff  
Ava Buczynski  
Brayden Alexander Budziszewski  
Autumn Grace Burris  
Mayanna Rayne Chapman

Victoria Renee Cherry  
Haley Jeanne Culver  
Josephine Bernadette DeJoy  
Morgan Faye Gengler  
Cynthia Gene Gifford  
Kaylin Erin Golembiewski  
Reilly Green  
Brooke Elizabeth Hamm  
Lillian Alaina Hroncek  
Mariah Joslyn  
Garrett William Knighton

Katelyn Grace Kowal  
Emma Lily Langdon  
Ellie Shea Nelson  
David Michael Ott III  
Ava Pericak  
Lilly Grace Rohde  
Alexis Riley Saar  
Megan Strickler  
Olivia Louise Sullivan  
Marina Sue Whelan  
Brooke Jean Wholf  
Cameron Joseph Witryk

## Capital Project Highlights



This is a side view of the new addition under construction at the High School. The new addition expands and improves classroom and technology facilities as well as athletic areas.



The Middle School foyer will have a wall of windows (descending from the beam area in this photo) and an interior secure door entry separating the lobby from the classroom areas of the school.





**Left row, from top:** Isabelle Akin, Elliott Catalano, Gavin Silagyi

**Center Row , from top:** Caden Herc, Keegan Green, Marina Whelan

**Top right:** David Ethan Orlowski



**We proudly salute this year's Middle School Citizens of the Month:**

**September**

- 6 Courtney Shappell
- 7 Summer Szalay
- 8 David Ott

**December**

- 6- Caden Herc
- 7- Jillian Zehler
- 8- Marina Whelan

**October**

- 6- Isabelle Akin
- 7- Gaven Silagyi
- 8- Skyler Gierszewski

**January**

- 6- Kayla Friend
- 7- Keegan Green
- 8- Ray Cortes

**November**

- 6- Jake Owczarek
- 7- Lacey Jurain
- 8- Megan Strickler

**February**

- 6 – Elliott Catalano
- 7- David Orlowski
- 8- Morgan Quirk



**Graduating Seniors Aren't the Only Ones Progressing!**

**MOVING ON UP!**

High School graduation is the ultimate capstone of a student's PreK-12 school career, but there are many advancements to celebrate along the way. Hundreds of students were recognized recently for their successful completion of PreK, Kindergarten, 5th grade and 8th grade with fanfare, congratulations and good wishes for success in the next level of their education journey.



Jayla Caldwell with her grandmother at her Universal Pre-K completion celebration. Jayla now advances to Kindergarten this Fall.



It was a triumphant moment for Christopher Hartman as he celebrated his successful completion of grade 5 with A.J. Schmidt teacher Kristina Lewis.



Congratulations to young Nevaya Conant who completed Kindergarten at J.T. Waugh and now moves up to 1st grade!



Highland families and staff enjoyed drive through events celebration students moving up from Kindergarten to 1st grade and 5th graders to the Middle School this Fall.



Speakers presented in an outdoor ceremony at the Middle School's 8th grade drive through celebration for students now moving on to the High School.





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## Families Urged to Keep Children's Doctor Appointments

The last few months have disrupted much of our community and its health care – for many families, that means visits to the pediatrician have been canceled or delayed.

The Erie County Health Department urges parents to keep their child's appointments for checkups and well-child visits. In addition to assessing growth and development and providing vision and hearing screenings, these visits are how kids are kept on the recommended immunization schedule for diseases like measles, chicken pox and the flu.

## Grab-and-Go Meal Pick Up Has Resumed

The Lake Shore Central School District is again providing grab-and-go breakfast and lunch for children up to age 18 through Thursday, August 27.

Meal pick up is provided on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at JT Waugh Elementary School, 100 High St., Angola, and the ECLS on the Seneca Nation Territory. Monday pick up provides meals for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday pick up provides meals for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



*With High School and graduation wrapped up, Hannah Hughson is one of 220 Lake Shore graduates moving on to the next phase of their lives. See more graduation photos inside.*

## UPK Registration is underway!

### Registration Packets at WT Hoag Educational Center

Universal Pre-Kindergarten registration is underway and registration packets are at the William T. Hoag Educational Center, 42 Sunset Blvd., Angola. Here are the details:

To be enrolled in the September 2020 UPK class, a child living in the Lake Shore Central School district must be four years old on or before December 1, 2020.

Proof of age is required at time of registration (A birth certificate, baptismal record, or passport will serve as adequate proof), and an official record of immunizations and proof of district residency. All immunizations must be acquired by the start of school in September. (Students without required immunizations will not be permitted to start school.)

We will have a UPK Visitation – parents and entering students will be invited to visit classrooms and meet the staff before the school year starts. Call 926-2480 if you have questions. We look forward to having you!