

Congratulations to the class of 2024

Awards and Scholarships - Commencement 2024

In the fall of their junior year, students take the **PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test**. Over 1.3 million students took the 2022 Test. From the 50,000 highest scorers nationwide, about 34,000 students were commended for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT. I am pleased to announce that the students receiving such recognition as National Merit Commended Scholars are:

Isabella Arroyo, Johnson (Jack) Balk, Andrew Falkenberg and Caroline McSwain

In early September two Skaneateles high scorers were notified that they had qualified as Semifinalists. To be considered for a National Merit Scholarship, Semifinalists must advance to Finalist standing in the competition by meeting high academic standards. In February 15,000 Semifinalists were notified that they had advanced from Semifinalist to Finalist standing. We are delighted to announce that **Keady Azzam and Colton Sears** are among this group of distinguished High School Senior finalists.

National Merit Scholarship winners are the Finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The number of winners named in each state is proportional to the state's percentage of the nation's graduating high school seniors.

We are elated to announce that **Colton Sears** was selected as a 2024 National Merit Scholarship Award winner! I am pleased to announce the recipient of a National Merit Scholarship, along with the rest of our scholarship awards.

THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP: COLTON SEARS

THE HENRY BRYANT SCHOLARSHIP: This award is given to a member of the senior class, who is of good, moral character and who demonstrates the values, dedication and appreciation of music exemplified by the person for whom this award is named. The recipient shall have been involved in at least two extracurricular activities during their four years in high school; a minimum of three years will have been served in band, orchestra, or chorus. This year's recipient is **Braden Gryzlo**

THE ROBERT J. CHECCO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship has been established by Mrs. Checco to be awarded to a student who demonstrates academic excellence and is actively involved in extracurricular activities This year's recipient is **Jocelyn Daley**

THE SKANEATELES GRANGE-GEORGE M. TALCOTT PRIZE is to be awarded to the student who has shown outstanding ability during this year in family and consumer science. This year's recipient is **Sheridan Mercado**

CRYSTAL SMITH SCHOLARSHIP: The intent of this scholarship, as a living memorial, is to encourage a student to pursue a career in Nursing and /or health care. This scholarship is being established by the community of Mottville, in memory of Crystal Smith. Crystal was a Skaneateles graduate who enjoyed a successful high school, college and professional Nursing career. She pursued her continued education in the health field to strive as an educator. She felt that teaching gave her an opportunity to develop core values that remain important today. She stressed commitment, dedication, achievement, and excellence. This year's recipient is **Skyler Simmons**

THE SKANEATELES PTC SCHOLARSHIP: This award is given to a senior who has a commitment to volunteer work and shows academic promise in the student's chosen field of study at college. The elementary, middle and high school Parent-Teacher committees provide the scholarship fund. This year's recipient is **Colton Sears**

THE RICHARD C. HUTCHINS JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship was established by the Richard Covington Hutchins family and the senior class of 1983. This award goes to a senior who is actively involved in community service in and out of school. This year's recipient is **Agnes Collins**

GAIL FRANCES PITMAN YAUS SCHOLARSHIP: This award was established to award a senior who works or has worked on a farm in the area. The recipient also possesses a demonstrated commitment to excellence academically and has been involved in school or community activities. This year's recipient is **Louis Richards**

THE CLARENCE M. AUSTIN SCHOLARSHIP: a scholarship in a designated amount each year for four years is awarded to a student who demonstrates academic excellence, character, leadership and service. This year's recipient is **Alyssa Franciamone**

THE HOWARD L. ZELLINGER SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship awarded over four years is given in memory of Howard L. Zellinger, a local engineer. The recipient must be attending an accredited college or university and intends to major in engineering. He or she must be a student of good moral character and demonstrated academic ability. This year's recipient is **Maxwell McConochy**

THE MIGNON BOYD ALLYN SCHOLARSHIP: This award is given to a graduating female student of good standing who has displayed an interest and love of music and the arts. This year's recipient is **Olivia Eller**

THE SONJA FINCH ALLYN SCHOLARSHIP: This award is given to a graduating female student of good standing who has excelled in a foreign language. This year's recipient is **Clare Keady**

FINGER LAKES GLASS, WINDOW AND DOOR BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP:

Finger Lakes Glass, Window and Door Baseball Scholarship (The FLGWD) Baseball Scholarship is intended for a graduating student athlete that the coaching staff believes will ultimately become a successful contributing member to his community as an adult. This year's recipient is **Keelan Marren**

THE SKANEATELES GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: is awarded to a senior who is accepted to a two year or four year school or trade school and is majoring in environmental studies, conservation, horticulture or agriculture. The recipient should be involved in extracurricular activities related to conservation, horticulture or agriculture. This year's recipient is **Caroline McSwain**

THE SKANEATELES TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: This year, the STA is awarding two seniors. The money for these awards comes from voluntary contributions from Skaneateles teachers. This year's recipients were chosen on the basis of scholarship, accomplishment, and their stated commitment to a career in teaching. This year's recipients are **Anasofia Cirinicione and Cydney Pitman**

SAM CIRAOLLO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP– IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP: Through the generosity of one's time and commitment to supporting others in our local communities, a scholarship is given in memory of Sam Ciruolo, a SCS Health Instructor. Using his class as a platform for community service, including such organizations as the American Red Cross, students had an opportunity to recognize, they too can make a difference in the lives of others. Today we acknowledge a dedicated senior who has given of themselves and is interested in pursuing a career in a health related field. This year's recipient is **Jenna DeWolf**

THE IDA GLEASON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: PEACE, INC., a family resource center, would like to recognize a graduating senior with the IDA GLEASON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. Mrs. Gleason was an active volunteer in her community, always helping others, never without a smile. This year's recipient has those qualities, and will be furthering his/her college education. This year's recipient is **Regan Barnes**

ST. MARY'S OF THE LAKE LANGUAGE AWARD: This award is presented in memory of Father McMahan to the student in the senior class who has shown outstanding ability in Latin. This year's recipient is **Clare Keady**

THE LESLIE K. FELDMANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship has been established in memory of Leslie Feldmann, a 1982 Skaneateles graduate. Leslie was a woman of substance who had a passion for medicine dedicating her life to caring for critically injured or ill patients as both an intensive care nurse and emergency medevac professional. The winner must be pursuing a nursing degree or any other degree in the healthcare profession. This year's recipients are **Alaina Walker & Catherine Vernak**

STEVEN M. KRAUSE SCHOLARSHIP: Applicants must be a graduating student who has an interest in design and architecture and has made community service a priority. This year's recipient is **Jack Harvey**

HILLROM SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Applicants must be children, step-children of current or former employees of the Skaneateles Falls facility of Hillrom/Welch Allyn who were employed prior to 12/31/21. Academic achievement, financial need, volunteerism, extracurricular activities, leadership, and character should all be factors in assessing the student applications, with a preference for those planning to study science, technology, engineering, liberal arts and mathematics (STEAM) at a 2 or 4 year college/university. This year's recipient is **George Isserlis**

THE STEPHEN MASTERS AND ELAINE WITHEY MEMORIAL AWARD is awarded in memory of Stephen Masters and Elaine Withey who graduated with the Class of 1972 from Skaneateles High School. The recipient of the award must be entering a two or four year program in a health profession, and possess the following attributes: a good sense of humor, good sportsmanship, positive attitude and perseverance. This year's recipient is **David Petercsak**

THE LIONS CLUB BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AWARD: This award has been established by the Skaneateles Lions Club to be awarded to the senior boy and girl who have shown outstanding achievement while attending the Occupational Educational Program in Auburn. This year's recipients are **McKenna Thomas & Anthony Casper**

THE LIONS CLUB NURSING AWARD: This award is given to a student who plans on a career in nursing or related fields. This year's recipient is **Catherine Vernak**

THE LIONS CLUB SPECIAL EFFORT AND SERVICE AWARD: This award is given to a student who has shown special effort, perseverance, and overall growth scholastically. This year's recipient is **Nathaniel Patterson**

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP: The Skaneateles Rotary Club scholarship is given to a student this year who exhibited excellence in scholarship, community service, character and leadership. This year's recipient is **Ellie Walsh**

CAYUGA COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: This award is given to a student who has demonstrated an active involvement in a group, organization or club, in school or the community that demonstrates service to others. This year's recipient is **Caroline McSwain**

THE SKANEATELES LIONS CLUB "WE SERVE" SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated volunteerism and community service throughout their high school career. This year's recipient is **Dominick Caraccio**

THE SKANEATELES NURSERY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: The Skaneateles Nursery School provides a foundation for lifelong learning and would like to help a former student continue that learning at the collegiate level. This year's recipient is **Ellie Walsh**

THE SKANEATELES GEORGE E. DAVIS-MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: This scholarship award is given annually by the Skaneateles Police Department and the Davis family to a graduating senior girl or boy who is pursuing a career in law enforcement, fireman, corrections or serves public in a volunteer capacity, shows leadership, displays citizenship and is the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a police officer. This year's recipient is **Max Major**

FIREMEN'S LADIES AUXILIARY SENIOR AWARD: This award is given to seniors in the Skaneateles Central School graduating class who are children of a Skaneateles fireman or a member of the Skaneateles Firemen Auxiliary. The applicant will be judged on the basis of: character, initiative, future plans which will result in the greatest personal growth and potential for community service. This year's recipient is **Cameron Hertzendorf**

THE SKANEATELES BOYS' HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship is awarded for excellence and sportsmanship. This year's recipient is **Jack Torrey**

BOYS SOCCER BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship has been established to honor Coach Aaron Moss, a former player and head coach at Skaneateles High School. This award goes to a senior boy who played varsity soccer at Skaneateles HS, who has demonstrated commitment and excellence as a student and as a citizen, and who is actively involved in one or more school/community activities. This year's recipient is **Devon Gryzlo**

TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY BOOSTERS: This scholarship is awarded to outstanding senior athletes who participated in either indoor or outdoor track, or cross country in their senior year and are planning on attending college next year. This award goes not to the fastest or the strongest athlete, but to who best expresses the most meaningful impact that the sport has had on them. This year's recipients are **Patrick Hagen and Caroline McSwain**

AMERICAN LEGION STEEN FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship is given in memory of Eric E. Steen, who grew up on a farm located just past Warrens, Wisconsin. Eric served 24 years in the United States Army campaigns in Panama, Haiti and Iraq. Eric retired from the US Army as a Master Sergeant. This year's recipient is **Caroline McSwain**

AMERICAN LEGION JOHN MANILLA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: A lifelong resident of Skaneateles, John H. Manilla graduated from Skaneateles Central High School and attended Arnold College. In 1942, John left college to enlist in the 8th Army Air Force and was stationed outside of London, England. He served his nation proudly as a waist

gunner on a B-17, flying 33 combat missions over enemy territory. After the war, he graduated from the State University of New York at Delhi. Upon graduation, he started the John H. Manilla Construction Company which he owned and ran for 50 years. The Scholarship was established to encourage graduating High School students to enter a vocational trade career. This year's recipient is **Will Hyatt**

LADIES AUXILIARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Seniors qualifying for this scholarship should be in excellent academic standing, have a record of quality community service and be pursuing college in the fall. This year's recipient is **Caroline McSwain**

PAUL NETTLE CLASS OF 1973 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship is given in memory of Paul Nettle - Class of 1973 on behalf of his family. Paul was a spectacular human being who grew up in Skaneateles. As a student, Paul was the definition of "well liked". This scholarship is given to a student who is recognized as a strong servant leader and who is generous and has deep compassion and caring for the human condition and humanity. This year's recipients are: **Devon Gryzlo and Caitlin Day**

LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MEG SULLIVAN STROCKO: This scholarship has been established to honor the life and accomplishments of Meg Sullivan Stocko. The recipient is a graduate in good standing, and plans to pursue a career in the field of medicine. The recipient has demonstrated a commitment and excellence as a student and as a citizen and has demonstrated strong school/community service above and beyond the required. The recipient is also actively involved in one or more school / community activities. This year's recipient is: **Reese Gaidis**

THE SKANEATELES CENTRAL SCHOOL ENDOWMENT:

KELLOGG-MAPSTONE-ALLYN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS: The Skaneateles Central School Endowment Foundation is pleased to announce that through the help of an anonymous benefactor, endowment scholarships will be awarded to this year's seniors. The award is based upon character, scholarship record, and industry and community service. The Borchert Fund was set up to benefit the Fayetteville-Manlius School District and the Skaneateles School District. Mr. and Mrs. Borchert were longtime summer residents in the Skaneateles area. This year's Endowment Foundation recipients are:

**Isabella Arroyo
Keady Azzam
Thomas Cattalani
Andrew Falkenberg
Charles Girzadas
Ethan Goldberger
Braden Gryzlo
Patrick Hagen
Clare Keady**

**Margaret Lootens
Elsa Marshall
Maxwell McConochy
Caroline McSwain
Ryan Persampieri
David Petercsak
Finnegan Ryan
Tatum Ryan
Colton Sears
Hailey Teasdale-Edwards
Jack Torrey
Braeden Weeks**

THE WALTER AND CECILE BORCHERT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

**Luke Alaniz
Tyler Dell
Morgan Foster
Skylar Withey**