



FRONTIER NEWS

Summer 2019

HAMBURG, NY 14075



Top Ten Students

Left to right; back row, Derek Host, Michael Schulz, Matthew D'Orlando, Christopher Ciccarella and Joel Mercado, Valedictorian, front row, Lauryn Koepfel, Alea Gugino, Christina Pierino, Adrianna Conrad-Laford and Ami Canale, Salutatorian.

Congratulations Class of 2019!



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Students honored at Athletic Awards Night

Many student athletes were honored for their hard work, skill and dedication during the Athletic Awards Ceremony on May 23.

In addition to the Wall of Fame induction and the naming of the gymnasium after longtime coach Gerald "Jerry" Baldelli, senior baseball player Brian Norsen received the first ever Bob Duffy Scholarship Award from the 1962 Frontier graduate.



Male and female athletes of year, Kennedy Izzo and Brian Norsen stand on either side of Athletic Director Richard Gray.

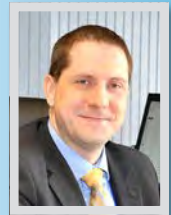


Message from the Superintendent

Dear Frontier Community,

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 and our "top ten" students!!! Graduation is a culmination of years of growth, hard work and dedication. Every single one of our 343 graduating Falcons have earned their rightful place in joining our incredible legion of Frontier alumni. The "top ten" have set themselves apart and deserve special recognition for the many countless hours spent in academic, extra-curricular and philanthropic endeavors. My hope is that you all continue to take chances and carve out your own path. You all make us very proud!

Yours in Blue!!!
Rich



Dr. Richard J. Hughes

Message from the High School Principal

As the year draws to a close for our students and faculty, in many ways it is like hitting the reset button for school administration. The time for reflection at the end of the school year is a critical one, but one that can't last very long. Work has long been underway in planning for the 2019-2020 school year, and the summertime is when many of those details get figured out.

Reflecting on the 2018-2019 school year, I look back and think of some big moments. Homecoming 2018 was one of the greatest events I can recall being involved in. Our Student Government advisors and officers planned a week-long series of events that had the school rocking with enthusiasm. From the "ER" day, to the Powder Puff football game, to the Pep Rally - we definitely had a ton of

fun that week. I still remember getting up at 3:30 in the morning to make my way to Frontier High School to watch the tailgating event for our seniors. Some of my favorite events from this year were the Pep bands playing by Door 8 during the holiday season, my first Unified Basketball game, the Smart Living Fair and the musical, *Chicago*. Events and ideas like these will continue, and simply serve as the catalyst for even more school spirit ideas in the future.

This year, more than anything, was about change. I was getting to know an entire faculty, and a building of about 1,400 students. On the flip side, people didn't know me either. Offices changed. Lockers changed. Teachers changed. So much change in one year is hard for everyone involved, but we have gotten

through it together. As we continue to grow as a school community, it is important to remember that with change comes opportunity. Collectively, this building has the opportunity to become one of the top high schools in New York State. Our teachers are that good. Our students are that special. Our families are that worth it. Our time to do some amazing work starts all over again, and that's the beauty of working in a school. Looking back, we certainly had our fun, but now it's time to get back to work and keep pushing toward making Frontier High School the best school for our families and students.

Sincerely in education,
Daniel A. Charland



Class of 2019 Officers



Treasurer Evan Allen, Vice President Stacy Bielec, President Kaitlyn Dufresne, Delegate Molly Gillen and Secretary Brandon Frayne.

Congratulations 2018-19 Retirees

Suzanne Andelora, Registered Professional Nurse, Middle School; **Elizabeth Aroneseno**, Special Education Teacher, High School; **Susan Biryla**, Teacher Aide, High School; **Maryann Cabarga**, Clerk Typist, Facilities; **Jill Clark**, Bus Attendant, Transportation; **Anna Coventry**, Cleaner, High School; **Thomas Cullen**, Social Worker, Pinehurst/Middle School; **Richard Davis**, Bus Mechanic, Transportation; **Kathryn DeVinney**, Bus Attendant, Transportation; **Lynne DiRosa**, Lunch Monitor, Pinehurst; **David Fox**, Laborer, High School; **Suzanne Gicewicz Touris**, Elementary Teacher, Cloverbank; **Susan Glowacki**, Elementary Teacher, Blasdell; **Deborah Graser**, Cleaner, Middle School; **Deborah Gromek**, Coordinator of Technology, FEC; **James Hourihan**, Head Bus Driver, Transportation; **Denise Konieczko**, Special Education Teacher, Middle School; **Stephen Kresconko**, Laborer, Middle School; **Deborah Livingston**, Clerk Typist, Middle School; **Nancy Piwko**, Cook, Pinehurst; **Diane Polisenio**, Elementary Teacher, Blasdell; **Edward Przybyciel**, Elementary Teacher, Blasdell; **Sharon Przybyciel**, Special Education Teacher, Cloverbank; **Peggy Pylypciw**, Art Teacher, Blasdell; **Maria Smith**, Cleaner, Blasdell; **Thomas Snyder Jr.**, Laborer, High School; **LuAnn Starzynski**, Registered Professional Nurse, District; **Lori Swiatkowski**, Foreign Language Teacher, Middle School; **Richard Tomaszewski**, Custodian, Blasdell; **Colleen Varga**, Teacher Aide, High School; **Diane Zoyhofski**, Bus Attendant, Transportation.

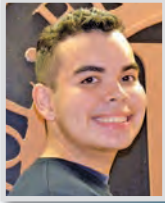


#1 Valedictorian

Joel Mercado

Grade Point Average:
98.56

College Plans:
University at Buffalo,
chemical engineering



Honors and Awards: Hamburg Chamber of Commerce Star Student, Foreign Language Honor Society Hall of Fame, Daniel Acker Scholar at the University at Buffalo, Wegmans Scholarship recipient, 2016 Student of the Month for Science, 2019 Student of the Month for Physical Education, Scholastic Achievement Recognition.

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society, Ski Club, International Club, former clarinet player, participant in the Genome Analysis and Bioinformatics Research Project in collaboration with UB.

Volunteer/Work Experience: Works at Wegmans, volunteer Placement Coordinator at Buffalo Public School #3 as well as service projects through National Honor Society.

Most Memorable Experience: Participating in the Genome Analysis and Bioinformatics Research Project during freshman year. My research group annotated a section of a bacteria's genome and presented in front of UB professors, alumni, parents and students. The incredible experience led me to pursue a career in science.

Parents: Joel Mercado & Marisol Ayala

Scholarship, Scholastic Achievement Recognition.

Extracurricular Activities: Varsity Softball, Hamburg Xtreme Travel Softball, Varsity Basketball, AAU Basketball, Varsity Tennis, Symphonic Orchestra, International Club and National Honor Society.

Volunteer/Work Experience: Babysitting, volunteers at Elderwood Senior Care Center, Big Tree Elementary events and Herman Badillo Bilingual Academy.

Most Memorable Experience: Being a part of the team that won Frontier's first-ever sectional championship in Girls Basketball.

Parents: Dan and Kim Canale

#3 Christina Pierino

Grade Point Average:
97.96

College Plans: Daemen College, art education



Honors and Awards: NNYFLEC Student Recognition Award for outstanding achievement in foreign language, Certificate of Commendation for artist talent and creativity, Student of the Month, Scholastic Achievement Recognition, and recipient of Daemen College's Dean Scholarship and Academic Achievement Scholarship.

Extracurricular Activities: International Club, National Honor Society, Black Belt in Isshinryu Karate, working on second-degree Black Belt.

Volunteer/Work Experience: Works at Hobby Lobby, volunteered with Hamburg YES program since 2012.

Most Memorable Experience: I always looked forward to the Festival of Arts. I have always had so much fun at the art shows at Frontier, drawing with my friends and having other people see your work after all the effort you put into it. It's always nice to see the work created by my classmates.

Parents: Anthony and Terri Pierino

#4 Michael Schulz

Grade Point Average:
97.80

College Plans: State University of New York at Geneseo, neuroscience



Honors and Awards: Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Scholarship Award recipient, French Outstanding Student Award, High Honor Roll, Most Improved Concert Band and Musician Award.

Extracurricular Activities: Tri-M Music Honor Society, Jazz Ensemble, Brass Ensemble.

Volunteer/Work Experience: Volunteered at the Lakeshore Public Library.

What Does Frontier Mean to You?

Frontier is the launch pad for my much longer educational career through college, medical school and beyond.

Parents: Russell and Linda Schulz

#5 Adrianna Conrad-LaFord

Grade Point Average:
97.63

College Plans: Erie Community College South, architectural technology



Honors and Awards: Academic Excellence Scholarship recipient, Student of the Month.

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Tri- M Music Honor Society, Jazz Ensemble, Interior Design Club.

Volunteer/Work Experience: Works at Barnes & Noble, volunteered as an assistant baseball coach for Hamburg Little Cagers, the Hamburg YES Program and at the 2019 Decorator's Showhouse.

Why Are You Proud to be Graduating from Frontier? Frontier is basically where I grew up, a place that allowed me to express myself and create good memories. I have made a lot of great friendships and taken some great trips around the country with the band. The art and music departments have made me who I am today.

Parent: Elizabeth Briceno

#2 Salutatorian

Ami Canale

Grade Point Average:
98.02

College Plans: Lehigh University, civil engineering



Honors and Awards: All Western New York Athlete, NYS Academic Excellence

#6 Lauryn Koeppel

Grade Point Average:
97.60

College Plans: University of Cincinnati, dual major in music education and viola performance



Honors and Awards: New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA), NYSSMA Conference All-State Orchestras, 2018 National School Orchestra Award, Frontier's Most Outstanding Orchestra Musician Awards, Orchard Park Symphony Women's Committee Scholarship, Erie County Music Educators Association Scholarship, Silverman String Scholarship and Founders Music Education Scholarship recipient.

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Southtowns Youth Orchestra, Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra, GBYO 2018 Concert Tour of Europe, Orchard Park Symphony, Frontier High School Symphonic Orchestra principal viola and orchestra librarian, Frontier Pit Orchestra, Bravo Summer Chamber Music Workshop, Foreign Language Spanish Kindergarten Mentor and piano and viola lessons.

Volunteer/Work Experience: Works as a viola lessons instructor and has volunteered with NYSSMA, St. Vincent's Food Pantry and Garden, St. Mary of the Lake Music Ministry and National Honor Society events as well as volunteer performances at area nursing homes, fire companies and events.

What Does Frontier Mean to You? Frontier is a very accepting environment where it is easy to get involved in something. It has been easy to make friends and the teachers care and motivate you. I have been most involved in the music and foreign language departments and have found my passions for music, teaching and Spanish through orchestra, foreign language elementary mentoring club and Spanish class. Even if you are graduating with no clue what your future entails, Frontier prepares you well to go on to further your education.

Parents: John and Karin Koeppel

#7 Alea Gugino

Grade Point Average:
97.35

College Plans: State University of New York at Fredonia, childhood inclusive education



Honors and Awards: Erie County Music Educators Association (ECMEA) All-County Band, New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Area All-State Band, NYSSMA All-State Band, 2019 Student of the Month in English.

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Tri-M Musin Honor Society, Jazz Band, Brass Ensemble, International Club, Spanish Mentor at Blasdell Elementary, League House Softball.

Volunteer/Work Experience: Works at JCPenney and volunteered at NYSSMA, 10 Lives Club and as a Spanish mentor.

Most Memorable Experience: Tailgating before school during Homecoming weekend of my senior year. I spent time with ten of my closest friends starting at 5 a.m., hanging out, chatting and grilling breakfast. It was the happiest I have ever been so early in the morning, all because of my friends. I don't know what I would do without them.

Parents: Angel Slisz and James Gugino

#8 Christopher Ciccarella

Grade Point Average:
97.31

College Plans: Robert Morris University, sports management



Honors and Awards: New York State Academic Excellence Scholarship and Rensselaer Medal Scholarship recipient and High Honor Roll.

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Handball Tournament.

Volunteer/Work Experience: Works at Wegmans and volunteered at various events including Bike MS Bike Rodeo, Santa Land and Frontier Freshman Orientation.

Does Frontier Mean to You? To me Frontier means home. Frontier has been my home for the last 13 years and I am very grateful for it. Part of it is how close

I live, but the other is what it has given me. I've made friends here; I've grown here, and I've learned valuable skills here. Leaving Frontier will be a change, but I'm incredibly thankful for where it has gotten me and I'm ready to take the next step with the skills I've learned.

Parents: Mark and Jennifer Ciccarella

#9 Derek Host

Grade Point Average:
97.29

College Plans: University at Buffalo, biomedical sciences



Honors and Awards: State Championship for Bowling

Extracurricular Activities: Varsity Bowling

Volunteer/Work Experience: Worked at Danny's South and Nick Charlaps.

Most Memorable Experience: I have been a part of the Varsity Bowling team for six years. My most memorable moments are going to States twice and winning the championship once.

Parents: Tomas and Deborah Host

#10 Matt D'Orlando

Grade Point Average:
97.27

College Plans: Binghamton University, undeclared major



Honors and Awards: New York State School Music Association All-State Band, Varsity Baseball Sportsmanship Award.

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Varsity Baseball, Varsity Soccer, Travel Baseball, Jazz Ensemble.

Volunteer/Work Experience: Volunteered at St. Mary's of the Lake.

Most Memorable Experience:

Being a proud member of the unofficial bottle flipping association and finishing third in our tournament. I've made friends that I know will last a lifetime. I've learned about sportsmanship and good character that I will take with me the rest of my life.

Parents: Paul and Irene D'Orlando

Victor Afonin
Courtney E. Allen
Evan Orłowski Allen
Allison Andrzejczak
Emily Mae Applegate
Sean Arcadipane
Rylee Elizabeth Archambault
Tyler J. Bailey
Dylan D. Baker
Hanna Deborah Balester
Alyssa Rose Balzer
Victoria L. Banaszak
Derek J. Bannister
Madison Rose Bantle
Jenna E. Barady
Brandon Baumann
Emily M. Belsenich
Marie Elizabeth Best
Stacy Lynn Bielec
Jacob M. Bigaj
Edward Biggs
MacKenzie Bishop
Riley J. Bishop
Lauren Blair
Brian K. Bley
Gabriel J. Boglev
Janie M. Borowiak
Bruce M. Bowman
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Morgan Calhoun
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Christopher Joseph Ciccarella
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Trent Clark
Mikaila Christine Clendenning
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Stephanie Katharine Clifford
Kaitlyn Cockburn
Michele Colin
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Maria G. Constable
James Richard Coombe
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Kyle Crusan
Tierra Cruz
Michael Cullio
Kandice Cummings
Samuel B. Cuthbert
Matthew P. D'Orlando
Juangel Canoshca Davila Vellon
Angelina Grace Dawes
Albert M. Dawson Jr.
Shane Devlin
Mia K. DiFonzo
Matthew Orion Dilis
Sophia Vera Dobreva
Nathan Dolan
Jamie Dombrowski
Jeffrey Dombrowski
Marissa May Dombrowski
Macy Dorsheimer
Joseph Doyka
Joseph D. Dreyer
Molly Elizabeth Duewiger
Kaitlyn N. Dufresne
Carlynn E. Duke
Brandon Dunz
Ryan Dutcher
Matthew T. Dziamski
Samantha E. Dziulko
John Patrick Egliff Jr.
Kelly Jane Elliott
John R. Englund
James W. Erler
Angeline L. Espinosa
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Francis Anthony Fern
Erin P. Figiel
Taylor F. Fillenwarth
Madison Fiorello
Adam Fisher
Daniel James Flutko
Caleigh A. Fleming
Max M. Fleming
Derrick R. Foit
William Fox
Savanna Fraccica
Brandon Frayne
Sarah Rose Furgala
Kaili M. Gallagher



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Marissa C. Gawlak
Hannah Gay
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Molly Marjorie Gillen
Bailey Glenn
Dominic Glinski
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Kody Matthew Gonsler
Eliena M. Gonzalez
Hannah Gorski
Kayleigh Elizabeth Govenettio
Katarina K. Gregoire
Brendan W. Gnsanti
Kaitlyn Grosskopf
Joseph Groth
Matthew Guerriero
Alea Virginia Gugino
Joseph M. Guilmain
Savannah Rose Guilmain
Ty Gwitt
Bernard Gwozdz
Lauren Elizabeth Haak
Zachary Hagelberger
Adrina N. Harris
Ireland Hart
Alexa Rose Heifner
Stephanie S. Heimlich
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Tyler Hepinstall
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Kelsey A. Hosken
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Kylee Hurd
Hunter Imiola
Haley Isla
Jonathan Ivon
Kennedy Izzo
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Timothy Joseph Johnson
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Ashley Kacmarski
Justin Kaiser
Megan Alexis Kaiser
Ethan A. Kait
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Kaitlyn J. Kelley
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Brennen Kilcoyne
Jeremy Kiawon
Casey Lyn Kloc

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Thomas Kowalski
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Macy Kuebler
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Zachary C. Lampman
Noah Landers
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Arianna C. Langes
Nicholas Hunter LaPaglia
Mya LaPare
Kailee LaRosa
Sara K. LeBarron
Jeffrey S. Lemke
Noah Patrick Lepsch
Noah Robert Lewandowski
William Maxwell Linton
Marissa Livsey
Richard Lofton
Alyssa Anne Lorka
Joseph Lotocki
Andrew Loveless
Jacob Ludlow
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Willard Carl Malott
Lauren Katherine Manney
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Allison Maus
Megan McCann
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Kelsey M. McCarthy
Megan C. McGinty
Thomas P. McGrath
Sarah Rose McMullen
Christopher R. Meegan
Kiersten Mejak
Andrea Marisol Mercado
Joel Emmanuel Mercado
Ryan W. Messing
Noah Michnik
Rebecca Mick
Reilly Mick
Madison Mikac
Nicole Miller
Tyler Millich
Catera A. Moran
David J. Moran
Brenden C. Moyer
John Mulawka
Morgan Elizabeth Mulawka
Kira Michele Mulqueen
Samantha Marie Nagle
Kristjan Naumovski
Dillon Neal
Nicholas Budd Nelson
Emily Lynn Niedbalski
Nathan Niedermeier
Matthew Paul Norberg
Brian P. Norsen

Makenzie Jade O'Connell
Daniel P. Oar
Kyle Okie
Nolan Oliver
Brian Olivo
Mary Kathryn Palmer
Sean Pawlak
Gabriel J. Pearson
Tyler J. Pepper
Grace N. Perison
Loren R. Perreault
Michael Peschio
Carmella Rose Pettys
Mya Pham
Alexander Pierce
Christina Pierino
Olivia L. Procknal-Lahrs
Gabrielle Przybyl
Rachel M. Przybysz
Alexandria Paige Puleo
Sierra Pyle
Brooke M. Radke
Grace E. Radominski
Benjamin Jerome Rausch
Alyssa Mary Rautenstrauch
Amanda Reese
Laikyn Regensdorfer
Kristjan Reinhard
Brandon L. Reinhard
Carson W. Renowden
Benjamin A. Renzoni
Marissa A. Rich
David C. Roberts III
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Alexis Rosen
Tristen Russell
Kyle Russillo
Cara E. Russo
Gracie-Rose M. Russo
Garrett A. Sabad
Arianna Sagliani-Deinzer
Hope Alice Rose Sanders
Kate Scheffler
Madeline Scheffler
Michael Scott Schulz
Jacob E. Schwab
Brianna Scott
Jenna Kristine Shaver
Christina Pierino
Nicolas J. Sitzman
Francis G. Slazyk
Mitchell A. Slomba
Christopher Manuel Smith
Maya A. Sobaszek
Nicholas James Sobczak
Kacey Elizabeth Stack
Victoria Staul
Jacob Stamboulis
Jessica M. Stamer
Mckenna Staruch
Nicholas J. Sterlace
Erin L. Stoberl
Lucas Sullivan
Jacob M. Swinarski
Cassandra Szczebulewski
Mitchell Ryan Szejnar
Benjamin J. Taylor

Kennedy Ann Taylor
Emily M. Tomasik
Autym Tomaszewski
Dylan Toole
Lucas Matthew Toporek
Edward J. Travis IV
Cassidy S. Trawinski
Arianna N. Tschip
Adam Turner
Montana E. Tysiac
Jacob Valachos
Carrie Vanderwalker
Rutger P. Wagner
Mikayla G. Walters
Valentina Anne Ward
Carlie Warner
Madison Andrea Wasik
Dylan M. Weber
Noah Nathaniel Webster
Alex Mark Weinsheimer
Kyle Weinsheimer
Isabelle M. Weller
Olivia Weller
Trevor Edwin Wilson
Winton Wischmann
Lauren Maria Wittmer
Gerald Wnuk
Rylee O. Wood
Sydney Wood
Erin Woods
Makenzie M. Yesis
Paige E. Zalfert
Grace Catherine Zuchlewski

2019 National Honor Society Inductees

Brooke Anderson
Paige Banach
Preston Bova
Elizabeth Brombos
Madison Brunn
Nicholas Carriero
Shaylynn Chambers
Camryn Day
Jayme Dean
Isabella DeMeo
Emily Dreyer
Kaitlyn Eckhert
Hailey Eschberger
Michael Evans
Haley Evertt
Olivia Evtimovski
Madison Freund
Ella Fuller
Shaun Gallagher

Lilly Ganey
Kyra Gawera
Gwyneth Goldowski
Nathaniel Grosskopf
Aneeqa Hartel
Chloe Heinrich
Olivia Heltz
James Henry
Riley Imiola
Jamey Izzo
Emily Jones
Jacquelynn Kelley
Jacqueline Kelly
Evan Kilcoyne
Alyssa Klute
Thomas Kolpack
Robert Kurek
Cameron LaRosa
Victoria Leone

Casey Low
Katherine Mahoney
Haley Mazgaj
Ava McDonnell
Emily McGough
Samantha McLaughlin
Summer McMahon
Brittney McNulty
Emily Morrison
Aaron Myers
Evan O'Brien
Alexis Ochs
Layden Ochs
Cassandra Ohnmeiss
Hannah Olejniczak
Jack Oliver
Samantha Paryz
Joshua Peron
Molly Peron

Madeline Peters
Ainsley Pirotta
Emily Piwko
Emily Przybysz
Abby Regan
Michael Reigle
Kelly Reinhard
Lauren Rinow
Averie Roskwitalski
Madison Santangelo
Janey Schmidt
Julia Schubbe
Kaleigh Schwab
Alexandra Silver
Mikayla Stephens
Madelyn Stoklosa
Brinn Stworzydlak
Aubrie Swaenepoel
Krischiana Taggart

Sadie Tufan
Emma Turner
Zac Ulrich
Christian Velasquez
Olivia Velasquez
Alicia Vogl
Sanna Vollbrecht
Kaitlyn Warren
Victoria Westra
Stephanie Williams
Mitchell Wilson
Julia Wisinski
Mya Wood
Sarah Zakeri
Maddison Zmyslo
Marisa Zoerb

Four Students Headed to Boys State

As a result of their academic achievements and scholastic citizenship at Frontier High School, Robert Burkett, Daniel Novak, Connor O'Brien and Alexander Paul were selected by the American Legion as 2019 Boys State Representatives from Frontier. Robert will be sponsored by ErieCo Post #1586. Daniel, Connor and Alexander will be sponsored by the Hamburg American Legion Post #527.

Boys State is best described as a leadership action program which enables qualified juniors to take part in a practical government course while also working to develop a sense of individual responsibility to the community, state and nation. Boys State will be held from June 27 - July 2 at SUNY Morrisville.



Students Participate in Bioinformatics Genetic Research Program

High School students interested in a career in science were offered an opportunity to participate in the Bioinformatics Genetic Research Program organized by several professors at UB and sponsored by the Erie Niagara Area Health



Chloe Heinrich and Beth Brombos pipette DNA samples into a gel to run the electrophoresis experiment.

Education Center. The students used a computer program called GENI-ACT to manually annotate genes from the bacteria, *Clostridium botulinum*. As part of a research study, the group of fourteen had to be split into a control group and a research group. The research group used many websites such as BLAST and Web Logo to assess the relationship to other organisms and to identify the actual function and location of their gene within the cell. The control group researched the bacteria itself and later researched the functions of the genes that the research group was finding. Both groups stayed after school once a week from January until May to complete their gene research. At the end of April, the two groups worked together to create their

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13th Anniversary of Frontier Ecology Club's Elementary School Project

By Autumn McCourt, Ecology Club Secretary

This year on May 3, over 750 trees were distributed by the Frontier Ecology Club at Pinehurst Elementary School for the Annual Tree project. It all started 12 years ago on April 20, 2007, when the Frontier High School Ecology Club launched a campaign to promote the idea of a sustainable Earth by distributing trees. These trees are given to each and every member of the Frontier district elementary schools. In total, over 10,000 trees have been donated in the past years, all of which are planted locally. The Frontier Ecology Club members do more than just hand out trees, they teach the students how to plant and care for them. They also talk about the importance of recycling, and what they can do in their own neighborhoods to help the environment. The hope is to show youngsters how good it feels to make a difference, and how it can also be fun.

After the presentation, students were encouraged to plant and take care of their

own tree and to share the environmental message with their families, friends, and the world. Without trees, the Earth as we know and love it would be unrecognizable. This is even more of a local issue because of the Emerald Ash borer that has destroyed the local ash tree population and the increased sensitivity to climate change in the Great Lakes region.

The members of the Ecology Club know that it is the students of today who will make the decisions of tomorrow. It is the students of today, who make our future. We hope that this project and its message will stay with the elementary students for the rest of their lives. We hope that they will continue to spread the message about the importance of trees. We also know that this simple act will make the world a greener and better place for all. With that said, don't just hug a tree; plant one, make your environment a place that you would be proud to call home!



Frontier High School Ecology Club Officers:
 President: Taylor Fillenwarth and Kaitlyn Fox
 Vice President: Louis Bowles
 Treasurer: Sara Balla
 Secretary: Autumn McCourt

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research poster for the Capstone Symposium at UB. The students travelled to UB on May 21st to present their posters along with many other schools from western New York. Seven students took advantage of a trip to NYC to visit the DNA Learning Center and attend two STEM presentations at SUNY Stonybrook and SUNY Farmingdale. At the DNA Learning Center, the students ran a gel electrophoresis experiment to analyze DNA - they identified their mystery DNA by matching up the patterned bands under a black light.



From left to right: Sarah England, Chloe Heinrich, Alanna Swanson, Sanna Vollbrecht, Beth Brombos, Maddie Santangelo, Jaclyn Conley, Sam McLaughlin, Nate Grosskopf and Sebastian Baco.



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10th Year for Smart Living Fair

The 10th annual Frontier High School Smart Living fair brought the community, students and faculty together to present the many ways to be healthy in mind and body on April 18. This year's fair included activities like karate with Mr. Frank Rice and Mr. Darren Ristine, swing dancing with Buffalo Swing, Yoga, Reiki relaxation, spinning, knitting, a photo booth and so much more. Community organizations like the SPCA, Yroswell, Hamburg Fire Department and more brought awareness on how to give back to the community. Also present were school groups displaying art, disability awareness, the Decorator's Show House, a money grab booth and more. The event is a student body favorite each year and hitting the 10-year mark it was bigger and better than years before. As always, the event maintained the message of "smart ways to live a healthy lifestyle."



Class of 1999

20-Year Reunion

Friday, July 19, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Pearl Street Grill & Brewery

Please email Carine Kwiatkowski-Gill at Frontierfalcon1999@gmail.com for more information.

Uplifting Season of Unified Basketball

This season has been wonderful for Frontier Unified Basketball. As one of the founding six teams in Section VI four years ago, Frontier has the largest Unified teams in the area with 37 student players, buddies and coaches.

"We pride ourselves on the special relationships that are created from this sport. Spectacular memories have been made and lives have been tremendously impacted because of them," Coach Donald Heppner said.

The team does not measure the season based on wins and losses but rather the smiles, and joy that are felt from the kids who participate. The athletes have also grown and developed tremendously with their basketball skills.

This season got some attention on social media for a nail-biter of a game against Eden. On May 1, Reid Heinrich made a time-running-out, game-tying basket to send the game to overtime. Spectators were on the edge of their seats as the game went back and forth for each team. It ultimately ended in a tie.

"I often brag that I get to coach the best students in the school - and it's true. The students who participate in Unified Basketball are simply amazing. Their wonderful character, kindness, and understanding are clearly shown. Everyday each individual on the team with or without a disability learns something new, including myself," Heppner said.



Jeff Lemke and Timothy Oldman.

