

# 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.



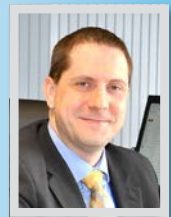
Male and female athletes of year, Kennedy Izzo and Brian Norsen stand on either side of Athletic Director Richard Gray.

## 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 Biryła**, 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 Poliseno**, 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.

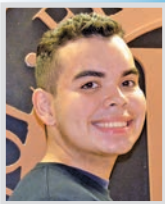


## #1 Valedictorian

### 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:**

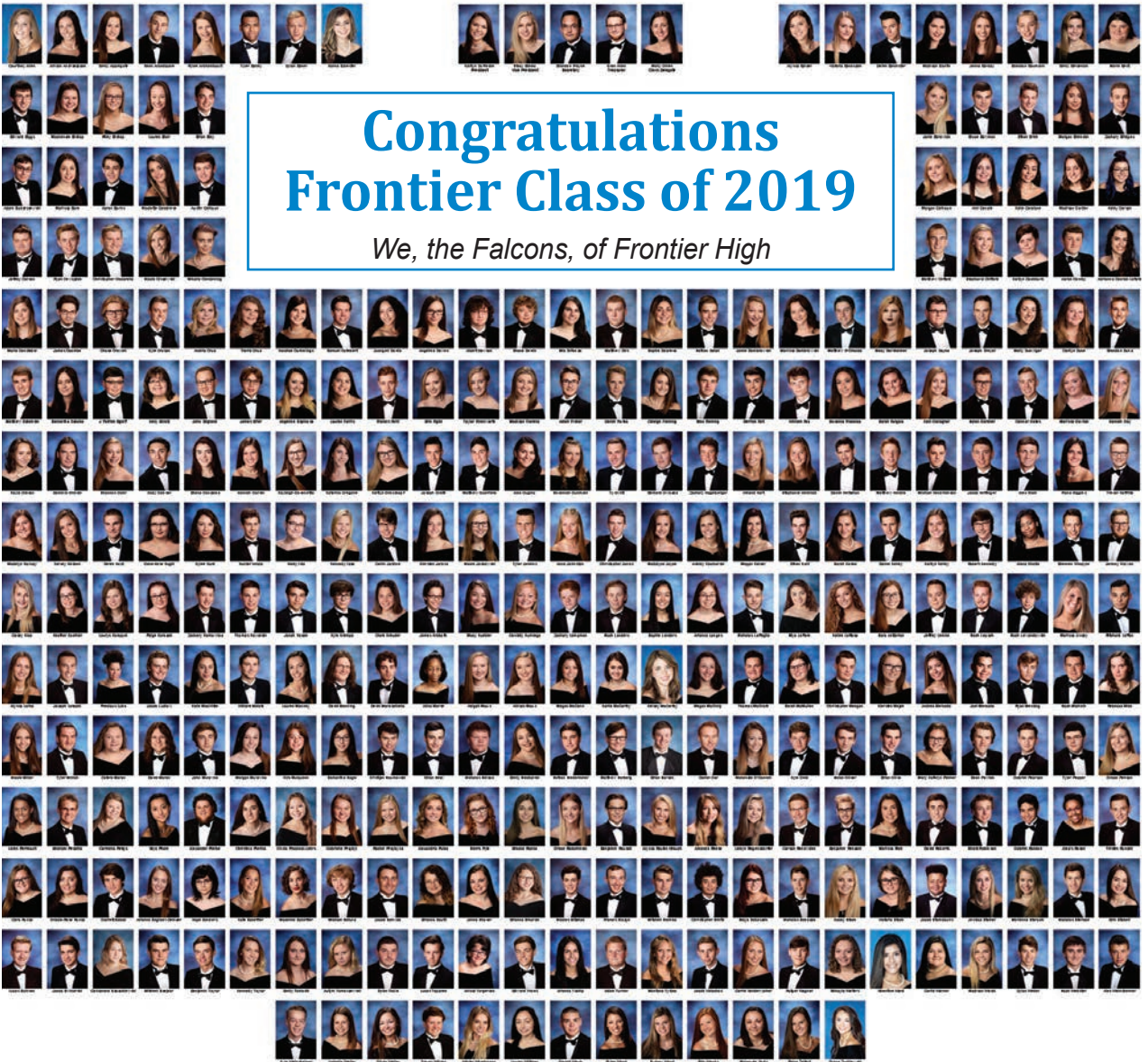
Being a proud member of the unofficial bottle flipping association and finishing third in our tournament. I've made friends that I know will last a lifetime. I've learned about sportsmanship and good character that I will take with me the rest of my life.

**Parents:** Paul and Irene D'Orlando





Victor Afonin  
Courtney E. Allen  
Evan Orlowski Allen  
Allison Andrzejczak  
Emily Mae Applegate  
Sean Arcadiapane  
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  
Morgan E. Breindel  
Zachary Bridges  
Adam Budziszewski  
Marissa N. Bure  
Aaron Jacob Burns  
Nicolette M. Calabrese  
Austin M. Calhoun  
Morgan Calhoun  
Carly A. Caligiuri  
Ami Canale  
Kaile M. Carcione  
Madison Carder  
Haley M. Carson  
Jeffrey G. Carson  
Ryan M. Chwojak  
Christopher Joseph Ciccarella  
Nicole Ciszewski  
Kristin M. Clark  
Trent Clark  
Mikaila Christine Clendenning  
Matthew Ryan Clifford  
Stephanie Katharine Clifford  
Kaitlyn Cockburn  
Michele Colin  
Raegan V. Compise  
Aaron Conmy  
Adrianna Conrad-LaFord  
Maria G. Constable  
James Richard Coombe  
Peter John Cordwell Jr.  
Chase R. Crowell  
Kyle Crusan  
Tierra Cruz  
Michael Cullio  
Kandice Cummings  
Samuel B. Cuthbert  
Matthew P. D'Orlando  
Juangeli Canosha Davila Vellon  
Angelina Grace Dawes  
Albert M. Dawson Jr.  
Shane Devlin  
Mia K. DiFonzo  
Matthew Orion Dils  
Sophia Vera Dobrevna  
Nathan Dolan  
Jamie Dombrowski  
Jeffrey Dombrowski  
Marissa May Dombrowski  
Macy Dorschheim  
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 Egloff Jr.  
Kelly Jane Elliott  
John R. England  
James W. Erler  
Angeline L. Espinosa  
Lauren Elizabeth Farris  
Francis Anthony Ferri  
Erin P. Figiel  
Taylor F. Fillenwarth  
Madison Fiorello  
Adam Fisher  
Daniel James Fiuato  
Caleigh A. Fleming  
Max M. Fleming  
Derrick R. Foit  
William Fox  
Savanna Fraccica  
Brandon Frayne  
Sarah Rose Furgala  
Kailli M. Gallagher



## Congratulations Frontier Class of 2019

We, the Falcons, of Frontier High

Nolan Gardner  
Connor James Gates  
Marissa C. Gawlak  
Hannah Gay  
Makaela B. Gibbons  
Molly Marjorie Gillen  
Bailey Glenn  
Dominic Glinski  
Shannon Gohr  
Kody Matthew Gonser  
Elena M. Gonzalez  
Hannah Gorski  
Kayleigh Elizabeth Govenetto  
Katarina K. Gregoire  
Brendan W. Gnsanti  
Kaitlyn Grosskopf  
Joseph Groth  
Matthew Guerriero  
Alea Virginia Gugino  
Joseph M. Gullmain  
Savannah Rose Gullmain  
Ty Gwitt  
Bernard Gwozdz  
Lauren Elizabeth Haak  
Zachary Hagelberger  
Adrina N. Harris  
Ireland Hart  
Alexa Rose Heffner  
Stephanie S. Heimlich  
Matthew E. Hendra  
Michael Hendrickson  
Tyler Hepinstall  
Jacob Hettlinger  
Alex Hiam

Fiona Higgins  
Trevor Hoffritz  
Madelyn R. Horucy  
Kelsey A. Hosken  
Derek T. Host  
Genevieve Hugill  
Kylee Hurd  
Hunter Imiola  
Haley Isla  
Jonathan Ivon  
Kennedy Izzo  
Grace Elisabeth Janney  
Collin D. Jardine  
Kiersten N. Jaskowski  
Nicole M. Jaskowski  
Tyler C. Jenkins  
Timothy Joseph Johnson  
Anna K. Johnston  
Christopher Paul Jones  
Madalyne Elizabeth Joyce  
Joshua Thomas Kacalski  
Ashley Kacmarski  
Justin Kaiser  
Megan Alexis Kaiser  
Ethan A. Kait  
Sarah Kaska  
Angela C. Kelley  
Daniel Kelley  
Kaitlyn J. Kelley  
Griffin D. Kelly  
Robert B. Kennedy  
Alana Mary Khatib  
Brennen Kilcoyne  
Jeremy Kiawon  
Casey Lyn Kloc

Laurny E. Koepfel  
Paige Nevaeh Korczak  
Zackary A. Kormowicz  
Thomas Kowalski  
Jonah R. Kozak  
Kyle J. Krempa  
Clare Marie Kreuder  
James Kroboth  
Macy Kuebler  
Cassidy M. Kumiega  
Zachary C. Lampman  
Noah Landers  
Sophie M. Landers  
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 Lixwell  
Richard Lofton  
Alyssa Anne Lorka  
Joseph Lotocki  
Andrew Loveless  
Jacob Ludlow  
Ryan J. Mackert  
Kaile MacVittie  
Willard Carl Malott  
Lauren Katherine Manney  
David M. Manning

Devin A. Maraschiello  
Alina D. Marsh  
Abigail K. Maus  
Allison Maus  
Megan McCann  
Karlee K. McCarthy  
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  
Dillian 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  
Nicholas J. Sterlace  
Erin L. Stoberl  
Lucas Sullivan  
Jacob M. Swinarski  
Cassandra Szczublewski  
Mitchell Ryan Szejnar  
Benjamin J. Taylor

Gabriel M. Rondon  
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  
Brianna M. Sikorski  
Nicolas J. Sitzer  
Francis G. Slazyk  
Mitchell A. Slomba  
Christopher Manuel Smith  
Maya A. Sobaszek  
Nicholas James Sobczak  
Kacey Elizabeth Stack  
Victoria Stack  
Jacob Stamboulis  
Jessica M. Stamer  
McKenna Staruch  
Nicholas J. Sterlace  
Erin L. Stoberl  
Lucas Sullivan  
Jacob M. Swinarski  
Cassandra Szczublewski  
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  
Autym Wischmann  
Lauren Maria Wittmer  
Gerald Wruk  
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

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



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

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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!



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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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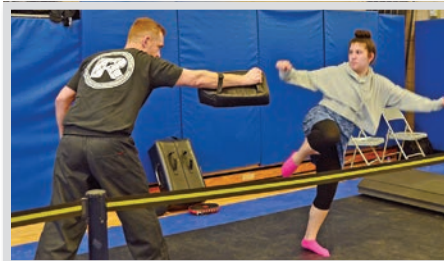
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**Class of 1999  
20-Year Reunion****Friday, July 19, 2019 at 7 p.m.**

Pearl Street Grill &amp; Brewery

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at [Frontierfalcon1999@gmail.com](mailto:Frontierfalcon1999@gmail.com) for  
more information.**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."

**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.

