

**Auburn**  
Enlarged City School District  
*Home of the Maroons*

# the **MAROON** monthly



AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Auburn High School Graduation, Class of 2020**  
**Holland Stadium, June 26, 2020**



On June 16, AHS senior class members continued the tradition of returning to their respective elementary schools to participate in a “**graduation drive through parade**” with police escorts. Teachers and staff greeted them outside the buildings, waving and offering congratulations as they drove by.



## **Auburn Junior High School End of Year Web Page** **Link: [AJHS Class of 2020](#)**

Watch the Virtual Student Awards Presentation, a Message from Mr. Oliver, the National Junior Honor Society Inductees, the 8th Grade “My Three Words” Video, 8th Grade Art Gallery, and 8th Grade Baby Pictures. Also included are the 7th and 8th Grade Yearbooks and the AJHS Staff Yearbook.



# TOP TEN list



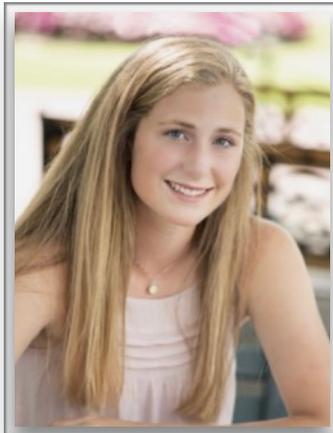
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University of Rochester



2) Jadan Hand  
Salutatorian  
Colgate University



3) Cameron Defendorf  
University of Buffalo



4) Claire Netti  
Canisius College



5) Joseph Leonti  
Hobart/William Smith



6) Claire Brundage  
Bucknell University



7) Claire Alexander  
LeMoyne College



8) Alexis Calkins  
Villanova University



9) Clarence VanOstrand  
Colgate University



10) William Clark  
United States Naval Academy

**Links:** [The AHS Class of 2020 Graduation Video Gallery](#)  
[The Class of 2020 Future Plans & National Decision Day Videos](#)

**ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP**

**Keanna Mason** is planning on attending Monroe Community College

**Joshua Smalley** is planning on attending SUNY Morrisville/Fredonia and pursuing a career in Computer Science

**COE SCHOLARSHIP: AHS Seniors and Alumni**

**Andrew Bishuk** is planning on attending Keuka College and pursuing a career as Research Professor

**Kailee Brooks** is planning on attending American University and pursuing a career in Neuroscience

**Claire Brundage** is attending Bucknell University and pursuing a career in Business

**La'Ronica Craven** is attending Wells College and pursuing a career in Psychology

**Carrissa Hlywa** is planning on attending Rochester Institute of Technology and pursuing a career as a Physician's Assistant

**Ana Quispe Yeren** is planning on attending University of Buffalo and pursuing a career in Pediatric Anesthesiology

**Kurtis Reilley** is attending Binghamton University and pursuing a career in Law.

**Miranda Reilley** is planning on attending University of Buffalo and pursuing a career in Physical Therapy.

**CHARLES E. MAIN SCHOLARSHIP: AHS Seniors and Alumni**

**Andrew Bishuk** is planning on attending Keuka College and pursuing a career as Research Professor

**Claire Brundage** is attending Bucknell University and pursuing a career in Business

**Katherine Brundage** is attending Dartmouth College and pursuing a career in Biology/Neuroscience

**Cameron Defendorf** is planning on attending University of Buffalo and pursuing a career in Teaching

**Ellie Fraher** is attending Siena College and pursuing a career in Nursing

**Megan Fuller** is attending St. John Fisher College and pursuing a career in Law

**Madison Hall** is planning on attending Baruch College of the CUNY and pursuing a career in Writing

**Abigail Marinelli** is planning on attending SUNY College at Brockport and pursuing a career in Athletic Training

**Caroline Netti** is attending Canisius College and pursuing a career in Occupational Therapy

**Marlee Solomon** is planning on attending St. Bonaventure University and pursuing a career in Physical Education

**Joshua Whiting** is attending University of Buffalo and pursuing a career in Aerospace Engineering

**Zachary Wlad** is planning on attending University of Rochester and pursuing a career in Business or Law

**Auburn Enlarged City School District Retirees  
2019-20 School Year**

*Congratulations!*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yrs. of Service</b>	<b>Title - Building</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Position - Auburn High School</b>
Kathleen Austin	29	Science Teacher
Judith Coye	33.25	Science Teacher
Louis Rood	12	Maintenance Mechanic
Diana Jacobs	15	English Teacher
Theresa Millus	18	Custodial Worker
Marc Breault	31	Bldg. Maintenance Mechanic
BethAnn Butera	30	Special Education Teacher
<b>Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Position - Casey Park</b>
Kathleen Salerno	31.5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher
Linda Hennick	25	Teacher Aide
Michele Dorsey	20	Teacher Aide
<b>Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Position - Genesee</b>
Ellisa Eldred	23.5	Reading Teacher
Kenneth Sargent	21	Speech Therapist
<b>Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Position - Herman</b>
Margaret Stanton	32	Speech Therapist
Linda Pearce	22	Teacher Aide
<b>Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Position - Owasco</b>
Sandra Odell	20	Reading Teacher
<b>Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Position- Seward</b>
Susan Fennessy	30	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
<b>Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Position- Tubman</b>
Sandra VanGiesen	13	Purchasing/Tax Collector
Lawrence Garuccio	16	Director of Facilities III
John DiMatteo	34	Bldg. Maintenance Mechanic
<b>Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Position - Tyburn</b>
Darlene Lattimore	21	Teacher Aide

## Music Seniors Farewell

*By Claire Brundage, Orchestra Club President,  
Senior Class 2020*

The Covid-19 pandemic stole many novelty high school moments from seniors. For the Auburn High Orchestra, this included the annual Farewell Concert usually held every May designed to recognize the seniors of the orchestra. I, along with the rest of my classmates in orchestra, looked forward to this concert because we would have performed our senior piece. While school was still in session, we spent hours choosing the perfect song and stayed after school to rehearse it. But unlike every single class before us, we never got the chance to perform it.

Our orchestra teacher, Mrs. Kinney, would not stand for allowing us to miss out on such an important senior memory. The idea of performing a senior piece virtually was first proposed on a Zoom meeting with all of the orchestra seniors. At first, we found it difficult to see how playing a song virtually would even logistically work. Mrs. Kinney enlisted the help of Mrs. Lawrence to help edit the video when the time came, and the excitement began. We held many Zoom meetings before things started to come together, as we had to figure out how each individual recording would be in sync with one another, had to work on tempo, sound balance, recording and sending audio and video tracks, etc.

The final product is fantastic. Retired English teacher, Mrs. Jacobs, helped us to adjust the audio and made sure that the recordings all blended together nicely. Despite not being able to play our song in person at our farewell concert, I can gladly say that every orchestra senior who participated in this project is content with the outcome.

We want to thank several underclassmen for stepping in to help us to produce the video. The huge shoutout goes to Fiona Chisholm on violin and voice, Miguel Gonzalez on cello, Leah Howard on violin, Ryan Packard on viola, Benjamin Porten on viola, Jackson Siddall on bass, and Jane Sullivan on cello.

The 2020 Orchestra Seniors Farewell was performed by Orchestra Seniors: Claire Brundage, violin; Ian Chisholm, viola and voice; Patrick Connelly, cello; Madison Hall, violin; Erin Kennedy, cello and voice; Dante Liberatore, voice; Brianna Packard, viola; Kayden Perry, cello; and Jacob Roy, piano. We thank everyone that has helped us on our journey through our orchestra career and especially Mrs. Kinney, who has always gone above and beyond as our teacher to make sure that we get recognition for our hard work.

The Senior Farewell was broadcast at the annual Scholarship ceremony, which was virtual this year as well. You can watch the Senior Farewell video project using these links:

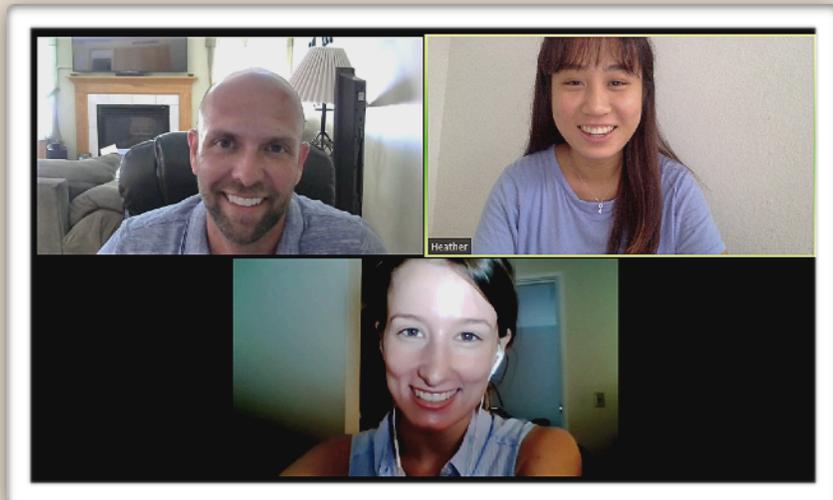
[AHS Music Seniors Farewell Concert](#)

[AHS Music Senior Farewell Video](#)



## Auburn H.S. Science Teacher Helps University of Rochester's iGEM Team Develop Synthetic Biology Curriculum for High School Students

When our team members reflected back on our own high school education, we found ourselves wishing that we had learned more about synthetic biology. We've made it our goal to expand the science resources available to high school science teachers in order to inspire the next generation of scientists and synthetic biologists. But we knew that we couldn't do it alone and that we would need the help of passionate science teachers from nearby schools.



University of Rochester Noyce Master Teaching Fellow and Auburn H.S. AP Biology teacher Mr. Crawford graciously offered to meet with our team to discuss ways to teach high school students about synthetic biology, a rapidly growing field in biological and medical research. During our Zoom call on June 8th, Mr. Crawford expressed how learning about synthetic biology in AP biology and living environment can get students excited about the biological applications of what they are learning in the classroom. He also gave the team ideas about how to create material that is easy for high school teachers to integrate into their biology curriculum. Our team appreciates Mr. Crawford sharing his expertise with us. We look forward to working with Mr. Crawford this summer as he will be giving the team valuable feedback on the synthetic biology materials that we create!

The University of Rochester iGEM (international Genetic Engineered Machines) Competition team is a group of 12 undergraduates who solve real world problems using synthetic biology. Synthetic biology is a field of science which redesigns and engineers existing biological parts (i.e. DNA sequences, enzymes, gene pathways, and much more) to give new functions to an organism which, overall, would benefit society in one way or another.

To learn more about the iGEM Competition, visit: <https://2020.igem.org> To learn more about University of Rochester's iGEM Team, visit: <https://2020.igem.org/Team:Rochester#>

## Summer Food Program

The Summer Feeding Program at Genesee Elementary School will be starting July 6th for ALL students and families within the Auburn Enlarged City School District.



Grab and Go lunches will be served between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM Monday through Friday throughout the summer. The Food Bank of Central NY will be providing the lunches for students and the United Methodist Church in Auburn will be providing the lunches for adults. We appreciate our partnership with the Food Bank of Central NY and thank the volunteers of the United Methodist Church for the organization of these lunches. This program will run Monday through Friday throughout the summer with it ending on Friday, August 28, 2020.

### Food Box Distribution

**Who:** Available to ALL students/families of the Auburn Enlarged City School District

**What:** 20 lb. Produce Box and 20 lb. Combination Meat and Dairy Food Box (300 each)

**When:** Every Wednesday starting at 9:15AM (expected to continue throughout the summer)

**Where:** Auburn High School, 250 Lake Ave.

The Auburn Enlarged City School District thanks and appreciates the Food Bank of Central NY, the Auburn Police Department, and the countless volunteers who have allowed the district to provide these food boxes for district families.

### Food Bank of CNY

Through a grant funded by the Food Bank of Central NY, the school district was able to have 120 cases of food delivered to Genesee Elementary School. Nine educators volunteered to put together a total of 359 bags of food for district families.

## Casey Park Clubs

### LEGO Robotics:

Our robotics team consisted of six students in fifth and sixth grade. Some of our team members attend summer STEAM Camp at our local BOCES. They use the skills that they learn at the camp to bring back to our team for competition. This year's theme was eco-friendly cities. Students first built a small city of Legos to use to complete their challenge. Once their city was built they then built and coded a robot to complete assigned missions. They were able to build attachments for their robots to ensure that it was able to complete tasks. Along with the Lego building and Robot, students had to complete a long-term problem. This year they decided to focus on solar powered crosswalks throughout the City of Auburn. They thought that each school should have a solar powered crosswalk that would blink lights to alert drivers that students would be crossing. The lights would be solar powered to keep them eco-friendly.

### STEM Club:

Our STEM club typically consists of fourth and fifth grade students. The students complete a long-term problem that solves an issue somewhere in the world. Last year students created a clean water system for various countries. They were able to purchase supplies based on their country's income and location in the world. They then created a filtration system for their country that we tested. The club also completes weekly tasks using Robots, Legos, Brainflakes, 3D printer pen, and much more. The kids had to use their critical thinking, creativity, and teamwork skills to complete challenging tasks that they were given.



### Technology Club:

Casey Park Technology Club consisted of 2 students in each class from 4th grade thru 6th grade. These students were trained as Technology Jedi's to be the Technology Mentors in each classroom. They were training with mastery on how to use basic functions on the Promethean Boards in the class and how to help Teachers and students use the Promethean Board and Chrome books.



### Odyssey of the Mind:

The Casey Park Odyssey of the Mind Team (OM) consisted of six students from 3rd grade. They all collaborated on a long-term project that they picked. This year's problem was an OM Classic called **The Effective Detective**. This amazing group of kids picked to solve the mystery behind the **Mary Celeste Ghost Ship**. The detective needed to investigate different types of information pertaining to the mystery behind the **Mary Celeste** crew disappearance while incorporating a "red herring" clue to distract the detective. This creative skit had to include several other pieces like an intellectual battle with the supervillain while solving the ship's mystery.

The kids worked hard on their solution to the problem but were not able to compete at Regionals this year due to COVID 19 school closures. They are excited to return next year and showcase their accomplishments in the years to come.



## Summer Reading UPDATES

Avoid the “summer slide” by reading just 15 minutes a day! Visit your elementary school’s library webpage and click on the Library/Innovation Lab link to access some great resources.

- Click on [AUBURN READS](#) for links to author and reading websites. Click on the Summer Reading link at the top of the page to find out about this year’s 2020 Summer Reading Program, *Imagine Your Story*.
- Click on [SEYMOUR LIBRARY](#) to access the website for Seymour Library. Check their website frequently to stay up-to-date on New York State’s summer reading program. They are hoping to begin online programs this month.
- Click on [READING/VISITING AUTHOR](#) to find many choices for books and stories online.
- Click on [AJHS/AHS Library Summer Newsletter](#) for Summer Mindfulness reading links



## Young Entrepreneur Heads to National Competition

Genesee Elementary School sixth grade student Johntae Smith was the youngest participant in the year-long Young Entrepreneur Academy (YEA) held for the first time in Auburn at Cayuga Community College. Smith and his business partner, Alexander Church, an eight grade student at Union Springs Middle School, launched a business called EZ-Carries. Their main product is a 3D printed water bottle holder that clips to crutches, canes, walkers and wheelchairs. The boys pitched their business idea virtually to an investor panel and were awarded the top grant of \$1,000 to put toward their business. They will be heading to the YEA Saunders National Conference and Competition at the end of August, where they will compete for \$50,000 in college scholarships.

Started in 2004, the YEA! (yeausa.org) program takes students ages 11-18 through the process of starting and launching a real business or social movement over the course of an academic year. By the end of the class, students own and operate fully-formed and functioning businesses, which may be carried on after their graduation from the program. Former Senator Michael Nozzolio, through his organization, Locate Finger Lakes, sponsored this year’s class.

Five other Auburn students also completed the YEA! Program this year. Madison Chambers, a junior at Auburn High School, developed a non-profit organization called Sports 4 All ([www.sports-for-all.org](http://www.sports-for-all.org)) that will offer free cleats, sports equipment and scholarships to those in need. Madison placed third in the competition and was awarded \$250 by the investors.

Other Auburn students who completed the program and started their own business include Clara Neuman, an eighth grader at AJHS, Becca Brewer, a ninth grade student at Auburn High School, Kayden Parry and Helena Evans-Murphy, both seniors at Auburn High School.



L-R: Becca Brewer, Kayden Parry, Clara Neuman, Helena Evans-Murphy, Madison Chambers, and Johntae Smith

## “We’ll Make a Way Out of No Way”

For the past six years, Genesee fourth grade students have participated in a research and song-writing project with musicians Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino, who go by the name, Magpie.



This project focuses on Harriet Tubman’s life in Auburn. During the first two weeks of June, over twenty Genesee fourth grade students and six teachers participated virtually in this research and song-writing project. Prior to the start of the project, fourth grade teachers Beth Robinson, Alison Donofrio and Mike Falzarano delivered a packet to each student’s home. The packet included a timeline of Tubman’s life, lyrics to the songs created by 4th graders from the past six years and primary source documents. Each student also received a small apple pie, which they ate together at the first meeting while Mrs. Mlod, librarian at Genesee, read the book “An Apple for Harriet Tubman.”

Music teachers Justina Taylor and Erin Woodworth also participated in the project. Part of the research included zooms with Kimberly Szewczyk, Park Ranger for the Tubman National Historical Park, as well as noted author and Tubman scholar Kate Clifford Larson.

Two zoom sessions were held each day of the second week, during which students brainstormed lyrics for the song. The title they chose is “We’ll Make a Way Out of No Way”. It means doing something that others don’t think you can do. It is a phrase that has been used by African Americans for a long time.

After finishing the lyrics, Magpie created a melody to accompany the lyrics. Normally the students would be recorded as a group; this year each student met with one of the six teachers in a zoom meeting and was recorded singing the lyrics while listening to music on headphones.

The students decided to dedicate the song to George Perry Floyd and all of the frontline healthcare workers.

A zoom celebration was held on June 19th (Juneteenth) at which time the students and teachers were able to hear the final product, which required an audio engineer to combine each individual student’s performance with that of the musicians.

The students’ dedication and perseverance, as well as the support of Martha Swan of the organization, John Brown Lives! and the Harriet Tubman Boosters made this project a success.

You can hear the song at the website: [auburnhistory.org](http://auburnhistory.org).

# Have a Wonderful Summer Vacation

## BMI Notification for 2020 – 2021 School Year

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index, or "BMI." The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to be part of the survey; we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier.

If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return this form to:

Caren Radell RN, Nursing Supervisor  
78 Thornton Ave.  
Auburn, NY 13021

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2020-2021 School Survey.

Print Child's Name

Date

Print Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

7/2020

**CASEY PARK SCHOOL** celebrated our Kindergarteners & 6th Graders moving up with outside socially distant celebrations where our students received a certificate for a job well done. Casey Park staff wished our past students and retirees farewell with a drive through celebration to honor their hard work.



## PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

Dear Parents, Guardians, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Auburn Enlarged City School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to the AECSD Facilities Department, Attn: Eric L. Francisco, CBO, Director of Facilities, the Auburn Enlarged City School District pesticide representative, at: 78 Thornton Avenue, Auburn, NY 13021 or email to [marycregg@aecsd.education](mailto:marycregg@aecsd.education).

### Auburn Enlarged City School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification

School Building Name (Circle all that apply):		
* Auburn High School	* Herman Avenue Elementary School	
* Auburn Junior High School	* Owasco Elementary School	
* Casey Park Elementary School	* William H. Seward Elementary School	
* Genesee Elementary School	* Harriet Tubman Administrative Offices	
Name:		Address:
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	E-mail Address:

**Notification requests must be received by AECSD each school year to stay current. If you have requested notification in the past, you will need to re-submit your request using the form above.** Feel free to contact Eric L. Francisco, CBO, Director of Facilities, the Auburn Enlarged City School District pesticide representative, at 315-255-8853 for further information on these requirements.



**EVERYONE COUNTS!** The U.S. Census 2020 is happening now, and the 2020 Census count impacts the federal funds that our community will receive for programs and services that are critical for our students. For more information, please visit our U.S. Census 2020 page on our website: [www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education)

# July 2020

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## Protecting Our Planet through Chemistry Contest Winners!

Natalie Sperduti from Owasco Elementary and Sly Taylor from Auburn High School have won both the local and National Chemist Celebrate Earth Week, CCEW, Illustrated Poetry Contest sponsored by the American Chemical Society, ACS.



Our ACS Auburn High School Chemistry STEM club partners with the CNYACS and is ACS sponsored. These students, Natalie Sperduti in the K-2 division and Sly Taylor in the 9-12 division were first place winners in the CNYACS competition where their work qualified and were sent to the National CCEW Illustrated Poetry Contest for judging. They then won the National ACS CCEW Illustrated Poetry Contest in their age divisions. The contest theme was "Protecting Our Planet through Chemistry." They were judged on Scientific accuracy, Artistic Merit, Poem Message, Originality, Creativity, and Presentation.

**Mrs. Prin Furst**  
AHS Chemistry Teacher



The earth that we share, so beautiful  
We've caused harm, so we must be dutiful  
Using chemistry, our scientific  
advancements  
Applying them to Earth's troubles,  
making enhancements  
With sun to fuel technology,  
And working together  
in the name of ecology

Sly Taylor, Auburn High School, Grade 11  
Drawing Program used: FireAlpaca

Natalie Sperduti, Owasco Elementary School, Grade 2



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

- Do you reside in the Auburn Enlarged City School District (AECSD)?
- Will your child be five years old on or before December 1, 2020?
- Have you completed Part I of the Kindergarten Registration process by submitting your registration packet to the AECSD?

### ★ Remote Registration Process for New Students During COVID-19

Online student registration is currently open for new students enrolling in pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Like many school districts, Auburn Enlarged City School District is adapting to the ever-changing environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Registration Process that will be followed during this time is online.

Please register your students using the enrollment form located at the following link:

<https://www.familyid.com/programs/auburn-csd-2020-2021-student-registration>

### Genesee Elementary

244 Genesee Street (315) 255-8678

### Casey Park Elementary

101 Pulaski Street (315) 255-8798

### Herman Avenue Elementary

2 North Herman Avenue (315) 255-8718

### Seward Elementary

52 Metcalf Drive (315) 255-8638

### Owasco Elementary

66 Letchworth Street (315) 255-8721

★ We will not have a formal Kindergarten registration like we typically do in each building this spring due to COVID-19.

### Questions?

For more information please contact Tina Brechue, AECSD Central Registration Pre-K through 12th grade, at (315) 255-8825 or email: [tinabrechue@aecsd.education](mailto:tinabrechue@aecsd.education)

Check the website for future updates:

[www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education)



## PreSchool Open Enrollment Now Open!

### Accepting Registration Packets for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2020-2021 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is an integral component of our District, and includes a UPK program for our 4-year-old learners and a 3PK program for 3-year-olds. Together, these programs offer comprehensive educational services to Auburn School District residents who will be 3 or 4-years of age on or before December 1, 2020, and are available at **no cost** for eligible children.

A list of our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program locations (sites) is below, and contains information regarding which sites offer 3PK and/or UPK, and which sites provide full-day and/or half-day programs. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are welcomed and encouraged to visit any of these participating sites before completing your registration packet. Kindly contact the site to arrange a visit.



Site	Program *	Full/Half Day*	Contact
Cayuga Community College – 81 Wall St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-294-8603
Cayuga Onondaga BOCES – 1879 W. Genesee St. Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0075
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency - 89 York St. and sites at several AECSD schools	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-0038
Early Childhood Center – 1110 Corporate Dr.	UPK	Full-day	315-255-0233
E. John Gavras Center – 182 North St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-255-2746
Montessori School of the Finger Lakes – 6734 Pine Ridge Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-2225
YMCA – 27 William St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-253-5304

*\*Program offerings, and full/half day classes per site are subject to change*

Interested Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may pick up a 2020-2021 registration packet at any of the UPK sites listed above, at all Auburn Elementary schools, or at our Administrative Offices. Registration packets can also be downloaded from the AECSD website: [www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education).

**Need more information about the 2020-2021 Universal Pre-Kindergarten?**  
**Please contact Tina Brechue at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.**



# #FixAndFundIt

**The Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee has put this website together as a way to get information out to the community regarding the Foundation Aid issues affecting the district.**  
**For more information please visit: [fixandfundit.org](http://fixandfundit.org)**

## New Central Registration Center for New Students

Effective immediately, the Auburn Enlarged City School District will begin registering new students at its Central Registration office, located in the Harriet Tubman Administration Building at 78 Thornton Ave.

Any new families that have moved into the school district and need to register their children for any grade level, Pre-K through 12th grade, may do so at the new Central Registration office between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

“Having a Central Registration office should make the registration process much easier for families moving into the district, and we are excited to provide this customer service,” said Camille Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.



### ATTENTION:

All events and activities are subject to change. Please check the website for the latest updates: [www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education)

### Follow us on Twitter!



- District: @AuburnECSD
- AHS: @auburn\_ahs
- AJHS: @auburn\_jrhigh
- Casey: @auburn\_casey
- Genesee: @auburn\_genesee
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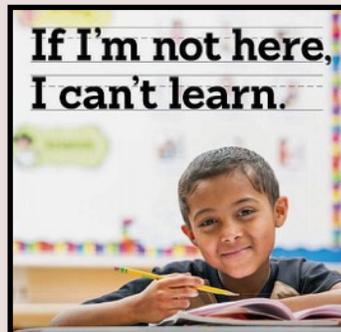
### NEW YORK STATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

You can go online to find out if any sexual offenders live near you. The New York State Sex Offender Registry is available at [www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm) whereby you can search for Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.



For more information, please contact Tina Brechue  
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### ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Missing just a few days of school a month can hurt a child's math and reading skills or even their chance of graduating. Please help us reduce chronic absence.

Find out more at:

[www.everystudentpresent.org/parents](http://www.everystudentpresent.org/parents)

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.



### Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

Students who are applying to colleges, please be aware that procedures for the confidentiality of student records within the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) have recently changed. FERPA permits school officials to disclose all education records, including disciplinary records, to another institution at which the student seeks or intends to enroll. This now also applies to post-secondary institutions (colleges), upon request.

## Auburn's 2020 Section III Scholar Athletes

Each year, every school in Section III is allowed a male and female athlete to represent them as Scholar-Athletes. The award is earned by the male & female with the highest average, who has earned a minimum of two varsity letters in their senior year, and who has played a minimum of two years of both sports. The selections are confirmed by the Coaches Nominating Committee and the Athletic Director, and each recipient is presented plaques and \$100 scholarships by Section III. Congratulations to Claire Netti and Will Clark for being selected as Auburn's 2020 Section III Scholar Athletes.



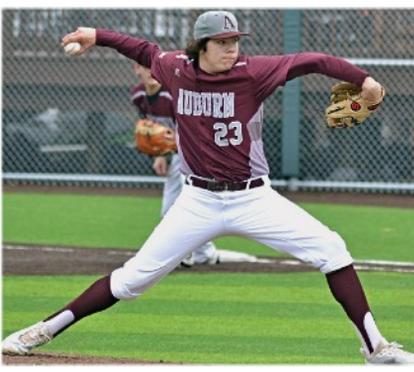
**Will Clark**



**Claire Netti**



## Auburn High senior baseball player Jacob Sanders was recently awarded the annual Tony Devivo Memorial Scholarship.



**Jacob Sanders**

This scholarship is given by the Syracuse chapter of umpires association. The scholarship, which awards a \$500 check to those that achieve in academics, athletics, community service, and volunteering. Jake will head to SUNY Oswego in the fall to study business administration and play baseball for the Lakers.

*John Turcsik*

### The New York State Office of Children and Family Services Prevent & Report Child Abuse

To report Child Abuse call the Statewide Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-800-342-3720 or visit: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/>

Do You Suspect Abuse or Maltreatment? Report it Now! Call our Statewide Toll Free Number: 1-800-342-3720

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call TDD/TTY at 1-800-638-5163 or have your Video Relay System provider call 1-800-342-3720

If you believe that a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or your local police department.



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