



EAST ROCHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT School District News

Summer 2021

2020-21: Celebrating us ALL

The 2020-21 school year was anything but traditional. Yet, there were many elements experienced during traditional years that were evident this year. Determination. Eagerness. Pride. Joy. Emotions felt at the end of any school year were stronger than ever this spring, for both teachers, students and families in the district.

"Both the teachers and Ms. Capuano Philp understood that our fifth graders deserved for us to think outside the box and give them an appropriate send off!" - Fifth-grade parent Molly Rountree

Our schools were able to celebrate our students through modified events, many in person. Fifth grade students paraded in their vehicles through campus, while teachers and staff cheered them on; field days were held for students by grade levels, with secondary students being recognized during modified "moving up day" celebrations; seniors gathered at Legion Eyer Park for a senior picnic day, signing yearbooks and sharing memories from the past thirteen years of school; the annual awards ceremony was held as it traditionally is, in the auditorium, recognizing juniors and seniors who received scholarships and awards; the senior class drove their cars for a parade through town, where community members showed support for the Class of 2021 with posters and cheering... and this is just a sampling of the events that took place for ER students this spring. #WeAreER

"This year was different but the celebration and recognition was perfect based on our situation. I'm looking forward to next year moving into the Middle Level Academy." - Fifth-grade graduate Kennedy Walton



"Even though our celebrations were modified this year, we are grateful that we had the ability to come together as a school community and show support for our children." - Elementary School Principal Marisa Capuano Philp

"The senior awards ceremony truly exemplifies what great kids we have in ER. It was awesome to see them receive accolades for academic achievement, character, work ethic, community service, athletic, artistic and extracurricular achievements." - MLA Assistant Principal Kevin Cafalone



"The car parade was a lot of fun last year and this year! [As PTA Treasurer] I've received a lot of feedback both years saying we should continue that for the graduating seniors." - Senior parent Amber Johnson

Our District's Mission

The Mission of the East Rochester School District is to prepare students to be college and career ready and to provide a quality education in a safe environment where all students develop the abilities, attitudes and values necessary for responsible, productive citizenship.

Our Vision

The Vision of the East Rochester School District is that students will learn through the highest quality instruction which recognizes each student's strengths, talents, interests, learning styles and rates of learning, using developmentally appropriate methods.

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Message from the Superintendent



ER School Community,

We've successfully completed the 2020-21 school year! Thank you for welcoming me in as Superintendent during what was an uncertain time and for navigating the ups and downs of the COVID-19 pandemic together. I am so happy to be here and have been impressed throughout the year at the strength and determination shown by our amazing students, families and staff members. I look forward to what lies ahead for us, as a district.

One of the initial tasks I've taken on as Superintendent, has been to develop a process to establish district goals so that we can better track outcomes for students. This work will culminate in a formal goals document entitled ER Education Plan 2022-27, that we anticipate will receive final Board of Education approval in December of 2021.

As I engaged in entry plan meetings from July through December, I heard from school community members about what was important to them about our school. We also discussed areas where we can improve as a district. Taking that information, I worked with our administrative team to formulate the four guiding principles outlined below. These principles will support the district's long-standing vision and mission statements, while providing a template for targeted goals that we will use to gauge the effectiveness of our work with students.

1. **Targeted Academic Success**
2. **Social and Emotional Stability**
3. **Engagement in Education**
4. **Alignment of Support Systems**

This summer, our administrative team and our teacher leaders will prepare to work on developing department and grade level goals with our entire staff upon returning to school in the fall. These goals will be established in a manner that can be easily identified, measured and adapted so that we can continue to monitor our efforts on a regular basis and increase our success rates with students over time.

To that end, as we engage in this work, the district remains committed to whole child development that is based in equity and inclusion for all. Our ongoing curriculum review process will align with NYSED guidance, frameworks and learning standards to ensure educational equity and access for all students. Our hope is that, through our curriculum, we can cultivate the unique gifts and talents of every student by unlocking their potential to contribute to our global community.

Stay safe and have a fun summer. I look forward to seeing you again in the fall!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. M. Haugh'.

Jim Haugh
Superintendent of Schools



Tradition Lives On

Students from the Class of 2021 gathered in the auditorium at the beginning of June to celebrate the Moving Up Day Court! The event was held in-person this year, with a limited number of guests in attendance and a livestream available for others to join virtually.

During the ceremony, senior class advisor Janine Burns presented the Court winners with sashes as she announced them one by one to the stage. This year's court included: Julia Michalski (MUD Princess), Zoe Zutes (MUD Princess), Rachel Wilke (MUD Princess), Sam Slater (MUD Prince), Andrew Weltman (MUD Prince), Jacob Mercado (MUD Prince), Russell Domm (MUD King), Samantha Funk (MUD Queen) and Emma Henrichs (MUD Bishop).

MUD Bishop Henrichs crowned Russell and Samantha during the ceremony. Emma began by detailing reasons Samantha deserves the title of MUD Queen, including her academic and athletic

accomplishments and her outstanding character and leadership skills. Emma continues to recognize Russell's leadership skills as a scholar athlete and how his ability to inspire others, both on and off the field, earns him the honor of the MUD King title.

At the end of the ceremony, the Class of 2021 carried out the ER tradition of passing the spade along. The class also chose sophomore Teddy Emmings to take on the role of leading the ER student section, known as the "cockpit".



The Class of 2021 Graduates

Amany F. Aziz
Bradley Bauer*
Lyubov P. Blaga
Yana V. Blaga
Darliree Brumeld
John Burkin
Ashtyn Carr-Pieramico
Kendall J. Caton
Joshua Clayton
Alexander S. Connard*
Samantha K. Connell
Miller S. Crayton
Valerie Rose Davis
Paije Denby
Sean G. Dermody
Charles Michael Domm*
Russell T. Domm
Mckenna K. Dow
Paige Elias*
Cameron Fiorino
Michael A. Firlit
Sydney S. Freiburger*
Samantha F. Funk
Xzavier Gillespie
Seth M. Grant

Robert Grayson III
Hannah M. Griffith
Emma Lee Irene Henrichs
Erin R. Hogan
Evelyse Johnson
Nevaeh B. Johnson
Madalyn M. Kinney
Lydian Ledbetter*
Paulina Hope Lexer
Brody Lockwood
Marissa A. Lopez
Connor W. Mapes
Kevin Marcial
Elizabeth M. McCarthy
Janai Kadijah McCullough*
North Travis McDermott
Xavier Saphan Mek
Jacob Christopher Mercado
Julia G. Michalski*
Andrew D. Morabito
Jacob Glen Mosher-Todd
Jenna Nicole Nasca
Jalen A. Patterson
Jackson Peters
Destiny F. Proulx-Kier

Ethan Rogers
Morgan S. Russell*
Vincent R. SanFilippo
Jyoti Sanford
Melissa Seaborn
Zachariah Nicole Singletary
Miles R. Sirois
Samuel Thomas Slater
Tyler John Slocum
Sarah A. Stone
Max B. Wagner
Spencer Wagner
Andrew J. Weltman
James T. Wiater
Rachel Lynn Wilke
Cory Jax Wilkinson
Eric Wilson, Jr.
Zoe Alexis Wilson
Jackson Wing
Kyleigh R. Young
Lukas C. Zalewski*
Emily Ziebarth
Zoe Zutes

*With honors: 90% or higher on all required Regents exams.

Coming Together for Graduation



"My message today is of gratitude and reflection. This class has embodied flexibility, resourcefulness, independence, initiative and resilience all in your own individual ways. The fear experienced by your families, our faculty and staff, the community and quite frankly myself, as your superintendent, regarding how you would succeed and about what you weren't going to have this year, was replaced by YOUR graciousness, YOUR gratitude YOUR resilience and YOUR initiative and YOUR acceptance."

These words from Superintendent Jim Haugh resonated deeply this year with not only graduates, but their families and loved ones, as the Class of 2021 gathered together for graduation after an uncertain and ever changing school year.

After many changes in guidelines from New York State that led to a number of revised plans for graduation, families were able to gather inside the high school auditorium for the commencement the morning of Saturday, June 26.

High School Principal Casey van Harssel offered words of advice throughout his commencement speech, encouraging graduates to consider the benefits that come from taking a risk. Challenging the universal rule of "don't talk to strangers," van Harssel states that even our best friends were, at one time, strangers to us. "Talking to a stranger is not just advantageous to you, but to the person you are engaging in a conversation with...We can learn from interactions with people who may have perspectives that are different from our own."

Valedictorian Chuck Domm and Salutatorian Zoe Zutes also gave speeches, thanking their peers who became friends during the years spent together, and inspiring their classmates to make an impact as they become the people they want to be. "Some say that the pandemic has made relationships suffer, but the class of 2021 has never been closer," said Zoe, after detailing some of the hurdles the class has overcome together throughout their time in ER. Chuck mirrored this sentiment, saying "All of the knowledge we took in during high school will no doubt be valuable to us as we move forward in life. However, I think that the most important thing we have learned over the last four years is how to support each other."

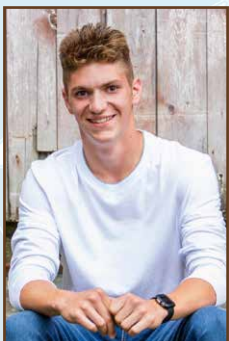
A recording of the ceremony can be viewed on the ERUFSD website, on Facebook and on Twitter. Congratulations to the Class of 2021!



East Rochester High School Class of 2021

Top 10 Graduates

East Rochester High School is proud to announce the Top 10 academic students of the Class of 2021. These students have shown their dedication to academics, extracurricular activities and the ER community.



Charles Domm

Charles Domm - Valedictorian
Zoe Zutes - Salutatorian
Julia Michalski
Sydney Freiburger
Paige Elias
Russell Domm
Samantha Funk
Emma Henrichs
Alexander Connard
Destiny Proulx-Kier



Zoe Zutes

Congratulations to the Top Ten Seniors for the Class of 2021! We're so proud of you, and we know you have bright, exciting futures ahead.

Spring Sports Sectional Champs!

East Rochester Schools had the honor of hosting the Section V Class B2 Championship track and field sectionals on Saturday, June 12. 19 teams competed, with 25 ER athletes competing in 27 events and 15 ER athletes placing. "Our team goal



has always been for each team member to perform better than before, regardless of what place that may bring," says Coach Bob Hendy. "Every team member saw personal improvement over the course of the season." At Sectionals, ER saw two event champions: Samantha Lewis in the pentathlon and Manny Sepulveda in the triple jump. Both athlete's performances were also new school records. The boys' team finished third overall and the girls' team finished eleventh overall.

Samantha Lewis earned her fifth sectional title of the 2020-21 school year with her win in the pentathlon event! Samantha was selected as first team All League for the Pentathlon for the Wayne Finger Lakes Athletic as second team All League for the shot put event, alongside teammate Zoe Zutes who was selected as first team All League for the shot put!

"Drive, determination and leadership - the three qualities that can sum up Sam Lewis, both on and off the track," says Coach Nicole Caruso. "COVID hit hard last summer, and so did Lewis. She definitely helped to make ER the 'Home of Champions' this year. I cannot wait to see what her Senior year holds for her!"

Manny Sepulveda was selected as first team All League in the Triple Jump for the Wayne- Finger Lakes Athletic League, as well as third team All League for the 100m & 4 x 100 relay, while teammate Jacen Mitchell was selected first team All League for the Wayne Finger Lakes Athletic League for the 400 meter hurdles.

Manny- sectional champion, league champion and school record holder- was also selected as the Track and Field MVP. Samantha Lewis- sectional champion, league champion and school record holder- was selected as the Track and Field MVP. Additionally, Zoe Zute was selected as the Track & Field's Ideal Teammate.

East Rochester brought home yet another sectional block this spring, when the Boys Tennis team defeated Alexander 5-0 in the Section V Class C2 Tennis Sectional Finals.

The event was held at ER on Friday, June 11 and was the team's seventh consecutive Sectional Finals appearance and fourth win. Previous wins included 2014, 2016 and 2018, making this year's final competition the third appearance at a Class C Sectional Finals match for most of the team and the fourth time for Seniors Russ and Chuck Domm.



"Most of this team came together in the spring of 2018. That year they avenged the sectional final loss from the previous season against Avon. At that moment, as mostly freshmen, they knew that they had a dynasty in the making. But, things happen..." says Coach Ed Mandera. "The next year they lost their number 1 player to a season ending injury but still were co-champions in the Wayne county league and lost the Sectional Final 3-2. The following year Covid ended the season. So this year, the 4 core members from that 2018 team and the rest from the 2019 team were determined and destined to win the league with the ultimate goal being another Sectional Championship. Bookending their careers with Sectional Wins. Which they did, destiny fulfilled."

In addition to the team winning the sectional block, Chuck Domm placed first in Singles, Russ Domm and Ian Szemcsak placed second in Doubles, and Max Wagner and Andrew Weltman placed third in Doubles.

If your son or daughter is interested in registering for fall sports, have them visit the Athletics tab on the district website and register on the "Athletic Eligibility Registration" subpage.



Volleyball Team Recognized for Sportsmanship

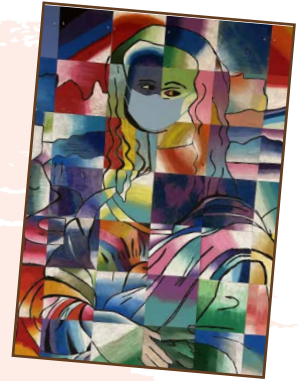
The East Rochester Girls Varsity Volleyball program was selected as a recipient of the Class C Volleyball Sportsmanship Award this spring. Congratulations to our ladies, who show hard work, dedication and kindness both on and off the court.





Shining a Light on Student Artwork

The Art awards initiative was set up several years ago to recognize students and promote the Visual Arts program in the district. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the ER Art Show featuring artwork from students in grades 2-12 went virtual this year! Two art show videos were released this spring, the first in March and the second in June. Each show featured artwork from students throughout the district. District art teachers selected student artwork from all grade levels to be recognized this year. The virtual presentations can be viewed on ER district website, under the What's New tab, and the selected artwork will be featured in the 2021-22 school calendar!



Students recognized during the 2020-21 school year include:

- **Adrianna West** - Class of 2031
- **Rinoa Nam** - Class of 2031
- **Aria Parrotta** - Class of 2031
- **Noralie Stahl** - Class of 2030
- **Mayet Shoda** - Class of 2030
- **Kira Morgan** - Class of 2030
- **Lilyana Allen** - Class of 2029
- **Lily Sabatini** - Class of 2029
- **Jake Herb** - Class of 2029
- **Ava Scahill** - Class of 2028
- **Max Bennett** - Class of 2028
- **Caroline Hendy** - Class of 2028
- **Elizabeth Grbic** - Class of 2027
- **Micah Lambert** - Class of 2027
- **Eliza Page** - Class of 2026
- **Grace Cotsonas** - Class of 2026
- **Zebrell Grant-Jackson** - Class of 2025
- **Jaiyde Jones** - Class of 2025
- **Nia Robinson** - Class of 2024
- **Camryn LaDue** - Class of 2024
- **Baden Wright** - Class of 2024
- **Khoa Pham** - Class of 2024
- **MorgaCherrone** - Class of 2023
- **Cleo McDermott** - Class of 2023
- **Aubrea Broker** - Class of 2022
- **Lyubov Blaga** - Class of 2021
- **Darliree Brumfield** - Class of 2021

Help wanted at the PTA!

The East Rochester Parent Teacher Association is currently seeking a Fundraising Coordinator, a Secretary and a Vice President. If any of the positions below interests you, please reach out to an ERPTA member because we'd love to hear from you!

Fundraising Coordinator: We're seeking an upbeat, detail-oriented parent to coordinate our fundraising efforts this year. The ideal candidate is able to motivate students and parents, can think on their feet, and can handle last-minute surprises without becoming overwhelmed.

Secretary: If you're the type of person who documents everything, we have the perfect role for you. You'll get to put your stellar recordkeeping skills and attention to detail to good use as our parent group secretary. You must have good listening and computer skills- and extra credit if you can follow what is on TV and play Candy Crush at the same time!

Vice President: You'll learn behind-the-scenes intel and be part of decision making on important issues throughout the year. You'll help the president get things done- kind of like a superhero's sidekick, but without the silly costume.

Contact the PTA:

Email: erpta2020@gmail.com

Join the PTA online: astrochester.memberhub.store

Follow us on Facebook: [ERPTA](https://www.facebook.com/ERPTA)

School Supplies Made Easy

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box. School supplies delivered directly to your home address- It doesn't get any easier! Purchase backpacks and lunchboxes, avoid crowds, and find teacher approved supply lists by searching for East Rochester Elementary under "school name." Ordering is now available online at schooltoolbox.com or by calling 800-952-1119.

Live Music Returns!

The ER music department was excited to once again be able to host live performances in the high school auditorium this June! Students were able to close out the year with a middle school vocal and instrumental concert, as well as a high school vocal and instrumental concert. Each performer was allowed up to two guests, and those who could not attend in person were able to view the performances via livestream.

This year also saw the return of the Electric Coffeehouse, which ran virtually last year. Students were able to perform musical numbers- ranging from blues to rock to an original hip hop piece- in front of a crowd of friends and family. Students joined together for acts, swapping out between the microphone and various instruments, forming different groups for performances that had the crowd clapping and singing along!



Senior Awards

Susan B. Gonzalez Memorial Award- **Paije Denby**
 Diversity Ambassador's Scholarship Award-
Zachariah Singletary
 The Never Forget your Own in Memory of Jamison
 Mandile- **Russell Domm**
 Dr. Howard Maffucci Leadership and Vision in
 Technology Award- **Alexander Connard**
 Bill Boyce Baseball Award- **Samuel Slater**
 Lionel Courtemanche Award- **Sarah Stone** and
Jackson Peters
 Outstanding Girl Athlete Award Heidi Prong Award-
Zoe Zutes
 Sonny Reid Award- **Russell Domm and Zoe Zutes**
 Nicholas Morabito III School Spirit Award- **Paulina Lexer**
 New York State Scholarship for Academic
 Excellence- **Charles Domm, Julia Michalski**
 and **Zoe Zutes**
 The East Rochester American Legion Post 1917-
Paige Elias
 The Marcia and James Kowen Award- **Julia Michalski**
 Nicholas and Patricia Morabito Award- **Valerie Davis**
 Paul J. Cimicata Memorial Music Award-
Sydney Freiberger
 The Mr. Warren Knapp Excellence in Mathematical
 Studies Award- **Sydney Freiberger**
 Ann Marie VanGelder Scholarship- **Cameron Fiorino**
 The Harriet Babcock Memorial Prize-
Darliee Brumfield
 The East Rochester Chamber of Commerce Award-
Max Wagner
 Josephine Furman Clark Prize- **Amany Aziz**

Elizabeth Ann Clay Memorial Award- **Charles Domm**
 and **Emma Henrichs**
 William T. Clay Memorial Science Award-
Zachariah Singletary and **Lukas Zalewski**
 The Alex Pacilio Memorial Award- **Destiny Proulx-Kier**
 East Rochester High School Senior Class
 Scholarship- **Sarah Stone**
 East Rochester PTA Prizes-
Cameron Fiorino and Elizabeth McCarthy
 East Rochester Retired Teachers' Prize-
Janai McCullough and Russell Domm
 Mark Byron Furman Prizes- **Kyleigh Young** and
Zoe Wilson
 East Rochester Teachers' Association Prizes-
Morgan Russell and Jackson Wing
 Frank W. King Firemen's Memorial Scholarship-
Zoe Zutes
 Francis, Julio, and Katherine Marcucci Memorial
 Award- **Andrew Weltman**
 The Antonio and Adelia Naccarella Memorial Award-
Paige Elias
 Dexter Perkins History Prize- **Amany Aziz**
 St. Nicola Society Prize for Excellence in Art-
Lyubov Blaga
 Leonard Shieffelin Memorial Award- **Connor Mapes**
 John Reitz Student Leadership and Helping Skills
 Award- **Kendall Caton**
 Harold E. and Phyllis M. Shurn Memorial Award-
James Wiater
 The Reginald E. Spring Memorial Technology
 Award- **Brody Lockwood**

The Obourn Award
 given in honor and
 remembrance of Lewis C.
 Obourn and Constance
 O'Brien Obourn-
Samantha Funk
 Joseph M. Yacono
 Memorial Award-
Spencer Wagner
 Carmella Loria Reading Award- **Kyleigh Young**
 Lucile S. Saunders Prize- **Samantha Connell**
 East Rochester Music Department Teachers' Award
 for Vocal Music- **Sydney Freiberger**
 Louis Armstrong Award-
Sydney Freiberger and James Wiater
 Susan Lee Mancuso Scholarship- **Zoe Zutes**
 Hagreen Family Award- **Destiny Proulx-Kier**
 The Frederic Ferrin Public Service Award-
Charles Domm
 The East Rochester CSEA Scholarship Award-
Lydian Ledbetter
 The David Rovitelli Vision in Technology Award-
Emma Henrichs
 Samuel J. Brody Memorial Scholarship Award-
Lukas Zalewski
 Cindy Pittinaro Memorial Prize- **Alexander Connard**
 East Rochester Rotary Club Scholarship-
Julia Michalski and Max Wagner
 Alex Bosso Memorial Award- **Charles Domm** and
Russell Domm
 The M & T Bank Scholarship Award- **Zoe Zutes**



East Rochester recognizes 2021's Outstanding Senior

Senior Janai McCullough has been laying the groundwork for the change that is needed in both our school and society through her leadership and advocacy efforts- earning her the title of Monroe County Board of Cooperative Educational Services' Outstanding Senior for the East Rochester Class of 2021.

Janai, who joined the district in eighth grade, has not only shown strong academic abilities throughout her years in East Rochester but has also taken an active role in spreading cultural awareness. As a founding member of the ER Diversity Ambassadors, she is striving to make a more culturally responsive school environment through open and honest dialogue with students and staff. Whether it is an 11-year-old sixth-grade student or a veteran teacher, all are comfortable asking Janai questions about race, racism and speaking their own truth to her.

Janai has also volunteered time as a student representative on the district code of conduct committee. At the direction of the superintendent, the group she is working with has been tasked with updating the code of conduct to be more culturally responsive and inclusive.

Janai shows tremendous work ethic, skill and character every day during her accelerated and rigorous academic program, which includes a job-shadowing opportunity through the Monroe One BOCES New Visions: Medical Professions program. Though she rarely struggles to master academic content, when faced with a challenge, she will seek help and put in the extra effort to find success. She has proven to be responsible and resilient in her studies and this has earned her the respect of her teachers and peers.

Janai has also shown leadership, dedication and reliability on her volleyball and track and field teams, as well as the time she spends mentoring freshmen. People around Janai describe her focus and drive as contagious and call her a natural born leader.

Her leadership ability, passion, dedication and intellect will take her to high places.



Chem Students Win Award

Congratulations to Juniors Lily Funk, Riley Wing and London Jones on earning the Chemistry Achievement Award, awarded by the Rochester Section, Inc. of the American Chemical Society. Lily, Riley and London were amongst the top 10% of all Chem students in the Rochester area!



Congrats NTHS Inductees!

Six East Rochester students who participate in programs at the Monroe One Eastern Monroe Career Center were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society this spring! Three juniors were inducted into the society for the first time, joining three seniors who were inducted for their second year. Congratulations to juniors Francisco Palumbo (Construction Trades), Cadence Murray (Cosmetology) and, Christopher Briggs (PC Repair and Network Cabling) and seniors Madalyn Kinney (Professional Health Careers), James Wiater (Trade Electricity) and, Kyleigh Young (Professional Health Careers).

Urban Suburban Awards

Urban Suburban students throughout Monroe County were recognized on June 17, during the Urban Suburban Virtual Awards Ceremony.

The Urban Suburban Awards Ceremony began 11 years ago, as program staff reviewed report cards of students in the program and saw their academic achievements. This year, the virtual ceremony was hosted by alumnus Mr. Carlton Wilcox and Urban Suburban staff members, Mrs. Tawanda Johnson, Ms. Shateela Hill, Mrs. Monique Devries, Mrs. Bonnie Eaton and Mrs. Felicia Smith. The ceremony began with a speech from Monroe One Superintendent Dan White.

Student awards were presented to 30 East Rochester students enrolled in the Urban Suburban program.

Core Four Awards were presented to students with an average grade for three marking periods of 80-89 in all four core subjects: math, science, english and social studies. ER students receiving Core Four Awards include: Jeremy Blanchard, Jeffiah Clark, Michael Daniels, Armonnee DeLaPerriere-Moore, Kasey Fernaays, Tiana Gunner, Marlo Henry, Jason Hernandez, Jayden Jones, Kelani Langhorne, Janai McCullough, Jacen Mitchell, Mya Samuels, Jamir Thomas, Zachariah Thomas.

Academic Achievement Awards were presented to students with an average grade for three marking periods of 90-94 in all four core subjects. ER students receiving Academic Achievement Awards include: Treasure Chambers, Kiara Coleman, Cheyenne DeLaPerriere-Moore, Daja James, Destiny June, Gabriela Melo, Clinton Robinson, Nia Robinson, Zachaiah Singletary, Caleb Wilcox.

Academic Excellence Awards were presented to students with an average grade for three marking periods of 95 or higher in all four core subjects. ER students receiving Academic Excellence Awards include: Elise Smith, Kayla Blackman, Liat Mekonnen, Marie Mekoyo-Bakou.

Principal Awards were presented to students in any grade level who participate with classmates, teachers and school leaders in an effort to reduce minority group isolation, work to the best of their ability to achieve academic excellence and demonstrate good citizenship. ER MLA/High School Principal Casey van Harssele honored 8th grade student Elise Smith with the Principal Award at the Middle School Level, detailing her dedication to the music programs at ER, as well as the girls volleyball and basketball teams, all while maintaining academic excellence. Dr. van Harssele also honored senior Jalen Paterson with the Principal Award at the High School level, recognizing his positive attitude and his drive in both his academics, extracurricular activities and athletics.

Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic Golf Tournament Returns

After a one year hiatus due to COVID-19, the East Rochester Alumni Foundation is happy to announce the 2021 Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic Golf Tournament is set for Friday, August 6. A major change for this year's tournament includes a new venue. The site this year will be Ravenwood Golf Club, a spectacular golf facility located in Victor, NY. <https://www.ravenwoodgolf.com/> The response to the change in venue has been "overwhelmingly positive" according to ER Alumni Foundation President Tom Quinzi. Unfortunately, registration is already closed but sponsorship and donation opportunities are still available. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to support the ERAF please respond to Tom Quinzi at tquinzi@gmail.com for more information.

In addition, members of the East Rochester Alumni foundation will once again be selling raffle tickets for any Cleveland Browns home game at First Energy Stadium in Cleveland which includes 4 City or Lake Club seats. These tickets are generously donated by David A. Jenkins (ERHS Class of 1991) Executive VP and Chief Operating Officer of the Cleveland Browns. The donation is \$20 per ticket and only 250 will be sold. If interested in purchasing a ticket please email chris.argento@yahoo.com

Congratulations to ER's Five Retirees

Congratulations to our retirees, and thank you for the time you dedicated to help make ER soar!

Lori Pritchard, 7-12 English Teacher

Shannon Dunn, Teacher Assistant

Kim Flynn, Teacher Assistant

Paul Girouard, Teacher Assistant

Josette Wegman, Audio Visual Assistant

Summer Swim Pass Information

The Kate Gleason Pool will be open to East Rochester Union Free School District residents this summer! Swim passes are now available for purchase online, at <https://erschools.cr3.schooltoday.com/public/home/>. Season swim passes are available for a one-time fee that allows unlimited access to swimming from Tuesday, July 6 through Sunday, August 22. A punch pass provides 15 open swim passes. Family passes can only be used for immediate family members. Children must be at least 6 years old to attend open swim time unaccompanied. Open swim hours will be held Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. through 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon through four p.m. More information is available on the district website, under Athletics.

New Alumni Foundation Grants

**Fun in the Sun
Outdoor Stage and Seating for 2021 Graduation
Buses for Senior trip to Sea Breeze**

The Alumni Foundation is still meeting virtually and welcomes your grant requests. The Grant Application packet can be found on our website, <http://erschools.org/alumni>.



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Elementary Reading Challenge

Help your child avoid the "summer slide" by participating in our "Be a Learning Animal!" summer learning challenge. Chromebooks will be provided to all students so that they can participate during the summer months, with student participation tracked from June 28 to August 13. Students who achieve 60-90 minutes per week for ELA and 60-90

minutes per week for Math will receive a special animal certificate emailed to their school email account. Each time a student earns an animal certificate, they can upload a photo to the "Be a Learning Animal" Wall of Fame! It is so important for children to continue to read and practice math facts over the summer months. Let's make it fun!

2020-21 Yearbook Dedication

Each year, the district selects a Yearbook Dedication Recipient and a Yearbook Recognition Recipient at the MLA and the high school level. The senior class chooses recipients for the Senior High School, based on the influence each has had on the lives of the seniors throughout their high school years. The recipients have helped seniors to learn, grow and thrive during their time at East Rochester High School. This year's High School Yearbook Dedication went to Mrs. Larson. Her teaching style is loved by everyone that takes her class and they appreciate that she is always willing to help with anything they don't understand. The Yearbook Recognition went to Mr. Domm. His endless support shown to students has made him someone that they can always go to when they need advice or just someone to confide in. He has made ER into a livelier and more positive place.

Students and staff select the MLA recipients, based on their dedication to MLA. This year's yearbook was dedicated to the school's TAs, Ms. Schutterop, Ms. Stiller-Saiger, Ms. Burns and Ms. DeVito. "This year's MLA yearbook went to our kind, patient, hardworking and amazingly talented MLA TA's," says MLA Yearbook Advisor Laura Baliva. "This school would not function without them!"



Note: Students in the Class of 2022 can find a senior packet on the High School website with information on senior portraits for next year's yearbook!

UPK/K registration

ERUFSD is enrolling children for its UPK and Kindergarten programs for the 2021-2022 school year. Children who are four years old on December 1, 2021 are eligible to register for Pre-K and children who are five years old on December 1, 2021 are eligible to register for Kindergarten. The district also offers a Young K full-day program for students who are young at the grade level, to provide a bridge year between the half-day Pre-K program and full-day Kindergarten program. If you have any questions, please call the District Registrar, Jennifer Flanagan, at (585) 248-6328. If you need a registration packet, please email the District Registrar at er.registrar@erschools.org.