



### The 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement at Greenville Central School

Greenville Central School held the 84<sup>th</sup> annual Commencement ceremony on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> with 90 students receiving their diplomas. Valedictorian, Camryn Benjamin, and Salutatorian, Andrea Esposito, both spoke to their fellow classmates expressing gratitude for the past thirteen years together and spoke eloquently of their future potential in the world. Ms. Benjamin and Ms. Esposito also spoke of the influence their families have had on who they are today and thanked everyone who supported them throughout their lives. A special diploma was presented to family of Vincent Greco who passed away in December of 2011. Mr. Greco and Ms. Carolan accepted the diploma and thanked the community for their support and for remembering their son. Several students were acknowledged for their receipt of graduation awards held at a prior ceremony and High School Principal, Mr. Laster, thanked the many area businesses and community members who provided the many student scholarships. The class of 2012 received their diplomas from Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr. President of the Board of Education and Ms. Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent of Schools. Congratulations to the Class of 2012!



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### **Eighth Grade Graduation**

Family and friends filled the High School Auditorium at Greenville on June 21<sup>st</sup> as eighth grade students participated in their graduation ceremony. All students received certificates from Mr. Reeve, Middle School Principal, and individual students were recognized for their academic achievements in specific subject areas, the Triple “C” Award, the New York State Comptroller Achievement Award, and the Knights of Pythias Award. National Junior Honor Society President, Jacob Gorneau, spoke to his classmates about their time in the middle school and the challenges facing them in the high school. During the ceremony students also viewed a slide show of photos taken during their three years in the Middle School. Congratulations to the Class of 2015!



### **Fifth Grade Advancement Ceremony**

Fifth grade students at Scott M. Ellis Elementary participated in an Advancement Ceremony on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Individual students were recognized for their academic and extra-curricular achievements and all students received Certificates of Advancement. Students were also welcomed to the Middle School by their new Principal, Mr. Reeve.

Awards were presented in the following categories: NYSSMA, Physical Education Students of the Year, Perfect Attendance, Math Awards, Art Students of the Year, Spelling Bee, Ernest Bell Scholarship Award, New York State Attorney General Triple “C” Award, President’s Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and the President’s Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence. Congratulations to the Class of 2019!

### **GCS Freshmen Give Back to the Community**

The GCS Freshman class has had a busy year. Early in the school year the activity committee decided to set a goal of planning one event each year that would positively impact our local communities. On May 5, the Class of 2015 held its First Annual Big Spring Cleanout Carwash and Tag Sale. The carwash was a free-will offering for the Class of 2015 treasury. Funds from the tag sale were earmarked for donation to the Greenville Food Pantry as part of the original goal of making a difference in the community. On May 24<sup>th</sup> Ms. Barbara Soldner, Greenville Food Pantry Representative accepted a donation of \$200 from members of the Class of 2015. Students learned from Ms. Soldner that the need in our community is significant and the value of their donation is multiplied substantially when the local food pantry is able to use donations to purchase goods through the regional food bank.



### June Board of Education Accolades

During the June 11<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting several individuals were recognized for their contributions to the District.

Congratulations to Senior Camryn Benjamin and Wendy Ward for the CASDA Scholar Recognition Program. Camryn said, “Ms. Ward’s continuous support and unselfishness are what make her a remarkable teacher and individual. My learning experience has truly been enriched by her wisdom.”

A presentation to retirees included:

- James Crossett retires with thirty-four years of service to the children of the Greenville Central School District as an Art Teacher.
- Kathryn McAneny retires with twenty-five years of service to the children of Greenville Central School District as a Social Studies Teacher.
- Gail Richmond retires with thirty-three years of service to the children of the Greenville Central School District as a Music Teacher.
- Wendy Ward retires with thirty-one years of service to the children of the Greenville Central School District as a Math Teacher.
- Nancy Beers retires with over twelve years of service to the children of the Greenville Central School District as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.
- Laraine Farricker retires with twenty-five years of service to the children of the Greenville Central School District serving in many capacities and retiring as secretary to the Assistant Superintendent of Business.
- Marilyn Nevins retires with eleven years of service to the children of the Greenville Central School District as a Food Service employee.

Several individuals were also recognized for their appointment to Tenure:

Susan Somers, Michael Flagg, Faith Bowers, Nicole Susser, Benjamin Katagiri, Kristi Bullis, Audrey Hynes, and Brian Reeve.



### Greenville Teacher Honored by Columbia-Greene Workforce Investment Board

Greenville High School's Special Education Teacher, Sandra Arnone was honored on June 6, 2012 for her years of contribution creating and running the Hometown Graphics club at the school. Ms. Arnone is retiring as the club's Advisor after more than 12 years of running the in-school business that is funded in part by the Columbia-Greene Workforce Investment Board.

The WIB chair, Karen Schoonmaker, Chair of the Greene County Legislature, Wayne Speenburgh, Greenville Legislator Kevin Lewis, and High School Principal Mr. Michael Laster were on hand with other school and workforce officials, as well as the students to offer Ms. Arnone their congratulations and thanks.

The Hometown Graphics club combines career planning and work readiness preparation activities for the club's students from 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. A major activity of the club is operating the in-school business that designs and produces graphic materials needed by the school community. This includes handbills for plays and concerts as well as brochures, posters, business cards and buttons. As students are promoted from year to year they take on different responsibilities in operating the business and in instructing new club members. In their senior year many of the students also participate in a paid internship outside of the Hometown Graphics business.

At the ceremony, Karen Schoonmaker, thanked Ms. Arnone for her contribution in enriching her students lives. "Hometown Graphics is one of the best programs ever funded by the WIB. The success students have upon graduation is remarkable, with the majority continuing their education in college or obtaining full-time employment with a career path in place." Ms. Schoonmaker concluded by saying, "Although we know Hometown Graphics will continue to thrive under our new leader, Mr. Chris Drumma, we also know that all of the students taught by Ms. Arnone throughout the years will always appreciate and never forget the positive impact she had on their lives."



### Fifth Grade Spelling Bee

Students in fifth grade participated in classroom spelling bees with the top twelve spellers competing in the finals on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Madison Bell, Caila Benning, Bergen Criswell, Melody Datri, Garrett deLong, Camryn Elwyn, Jude Kappel, Dylan Licata, Lydia Mardas, Laura Morse, Ashlynn Peck, and Travis Wilson were given words in advance of the spell-off and their classmates and audience members cheered throughout the competition. A tie for third place included Jude Kappel and Madison Bell, Laura Morse finished second, and Garrett deLong was the overall winner, correctly spelling "virus." The goal of this process is to improve spelling and word study as well as to prepare students for participation in the annual Scripps Spelling Bee at the Middle School. Congratulations to all our fifth grade students for their efforts to improve their spelling.

**National Flag Day at Scott M. Ellis**

Students at Scott M. Ellis demonstrated their respect for our nation's flag at a school-wide assembly on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Students, teachers, and parents gathered on the front lawn to celebrate flag day with the event being led by Barbara Soldner. Ms. Soldner met with our kindergarten students in advance of the ceremony explaining how to show respect and care for the flag. During the assembly fourth and fifth grade band students, under the direction of Christine Wegrzyn, played the "Star Spangled Banner" while the Greenville American Legion Color Guard held our attention. Janine Rochler and Alicia Lewis, music teachers at Scott M. Ellis, led the entire student body in singing several patriotic songs. The event was a great opportunity to learn about our country and celebrate our nation's flag.



June 27<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday Evening

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
Greenville Central Schools  
High School Library

Join interested parents and community members to begin the advocacy process in advance of the NYS Budget process for next year!

Featured speaker:  
Mr. Chad Radock  
Statewide Coordinator  
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