



Central School District

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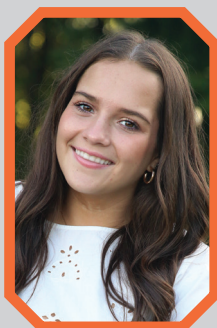
Class of 2025 Top Ten

Valedictorian

Stephanie Atlas

College:
University of
South Florida

Major:
Political
Science



Salutatorian

Jacqueline Thompson

College:
Ithaca
College

Major:
Politics



#3 Cole Mainville

College:
SUNY Geneseo

Major:
Neuroscience



#4 Paul Gast

College:
University at Buffalo

Major:
Biology



#5 Benjamin Vanderlinden

College:
University at Buffalo

Major:
Mechanical Engineering



#6 Elijah Rahelich

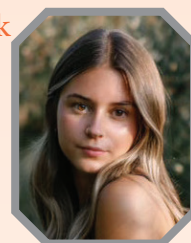
College:
Niagara University

Major:
Accounting



#7 Aleena Adamczyk

College:
Daemen University
Major:
Physician Assistant



#8 Natalia Ward

College:
SUNY Niagara

Major:
Psychology



#9 Isabella Behnke

College:
Daemen University

Major:
Physician Assistant



#10 Emily Phillips

College:
Gannon University

Major:
Health Science/
Physician Assistant



Best Wishes to all 2025 Graduates

A Message from Your Superintendent

Dear Wilson Community,

As we close another school year, I am filled with immense pride and admiration for the Class of 2025. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of our graduates for reaching this important milestone. Graduation is more than a ceremony, it is a celebration of perseverance, growth, and the bright future that lies ahead. This moment represents years of hard work, perseverance, and growth, not only in academics but also in character, leadership, and resilience.



To our graduates: Your journey through school has prepared you for a future full of promise and opportunity. You have faced challenges with resilience and emerged stronger, wiser, and ready to take your next steps. You've learned to adapt, to collaborate, and to rise above challenges, skills that will serve you well no matter where your path leads next. Whether you're heading to college, joining the workforce, enlisting in military service, or exploring other avenues, know that you carry with you the values and education that will guide you toward continued success. Know that we believe in you and are proud of you.

To the families, teachers, staff, and community partners: Thank you for the unwavering support, encouragement, and care you have shown these students. Your role in their journey has been invaluable. This celebration is as much yours as it is your graduate's.

Graduates, as you embark on this next chapter, remember that learning never ends, kindness always matters, and your potential is limitless. We are proud of all you have accomplished, and even more excited for what you will do next.

Graduation is not an end, but a beginning. I encourage each of you to continue learning, growing, and making a difference in the world. Carry with you the values, friendships, and lessons that have shaped you, and always remember, that you are a part of Wilson Central School District's legacy.

Congratulations, Class of 2025! The future is yours.

Sincerely,

Timothy Carter
Superintendent

Flag Day Parade



Wilson Rocks!

On a sunny, but slightly chilly Sunday afternoon in March, the High School Music Department hosted another successful Wilson Rocks concert!

For the second consecutive year, the music organized the concert that showcased all of the school's musical talent on the stage of The Ontario House (aka Stone Jug) in Youngstown.

The concert featured a lineup of high school music ensembles as well as groups consisting of current students, alumni, teachers and other special guests!



Heroes in our Midst

Southern Tier Soccer coach Andrew Pihlblad says he would have died if not for the quick actions of Wilson soccer coach Paul Herrmann and several Wilson spectators.

Coach Herrmann says it was during the second half of the June 4th match-up at Wilson High School when he noticed Pihlblad laying on the side of the field. "He was face down and not moving. He looked like he was having a seizure and not breathing. I yelled to my son Keegan to call 911 and I yelled for help. I realized he was in a very bad place immediately."



Wilson Soccer Coach,
Paul Herrmann



Mr. Carter and Mr. Pihlblad joined in recognizing the Soccer Team.

Several people including Corey Harmon, nurse Tara Johnson and former student Morgan McInnis raced to Pihlblad's side and began administering CPR. School secretary Claire Simpson rushed into the high school to grab the AED. "911 talked us through it and I somehow was able to stay calm and do what needed to be done thanks to the training we do," says Herrmann. "I can't tell you how relieved I was when the EMTs showed up and he woke up. I just kept thinking Thank God. It was so crazy and after it was over, I couldn't stop crying. I get goosebumps now talking about it."

Paramedics arrived on the scene shortly after, transporting Pihlblad to Buffalo General, where he was released a week later. "I would have died without the CPR and the AED," says Pihlblad. "I wouldn't be here without their actions. I can't thank them all enough." Coach Herrmann says he plans to create a team bonding activity for his players centered around learning CPR. "I think it was a very sobering moment for all of us and just goes to show how important it is to learn this skill. You can literally save someone's life."

Herrmann, Johnson, McInnis, Simpson, first responders, and the Soccer Team were recognized for their efforts and presented with Lifesaver Awards by Superintendent Carter during the Board of Education meeting on June 24.

NYSSB

The NYSSB recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in English and one or more world languages. The intent of the NYSSB is to encourage the study of languages, to identify high school graduates with language and biliteracy skills for employers, to provide universities with additional information about applicants seeking admission and placement, to prepare students with twenty-first-century skills, to recognize the value of language instruction, and to affirm the value of diversity in a multilingual society. Successful candidates will earn three points in English and three points in each world language from a point's matrix, which includes course grades, national and state exams, transcripts, and culminating projects. The NYSSB takes the form of a Seal on the student's diploma and a medallion worn at graduation.



Congratulations to the following students:

Aleena Adamczyk, Stephanie Atlas, Isabella Behnke, McKenzie Elia, Colton Frerichs, Paul Gast, Alexander Gentile, Keegan Herrmann, Ella Ingwersen, Madelynne Jowdy, Ava Mielke, Parker Milley, Kamryn Myers, Emily Phillips, Riley Robinson, Emily Shackelford, Marisa Schultz, Jessica Sparatorico, Benjamin Vanderlinden, Natalia Ward, Lillie Wilson, Austin Woodward.

Suessical On Stage

In January, the High School and Middle School Music Department put on a very entertaining performance of Seussical the Musical.

The musical is inspired by the classic children's stories written by Dr. Seuss, and incorporates his most beloved and recognizable characters, such as The Cat in the Hat and Horton the Elephant, into one exciting story.

Its story incorporates elements of loyalty, friendship and love as Horton and Gertrude McFuzz work together against all odds to save The Whos and bring peace and unity back to the Jungle of Nool.

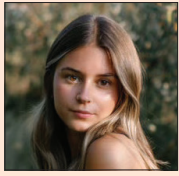
Cast and crew did a great job bringing this story to life and the production was a success!



Photo courtesy of David St. Onge



Congratulations Wilson Class of 2025!



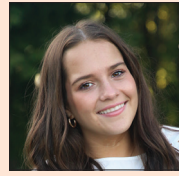
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Alessi



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Stephanie
Atlas



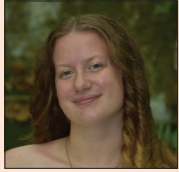
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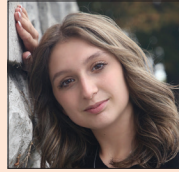
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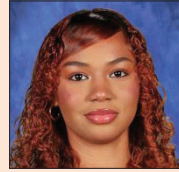
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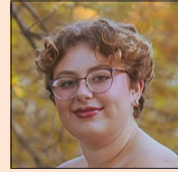
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Cooper



Alyssa
Cornelia



Layla
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Melissa
DiPasquale



Tyler
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Kristen
DuPont



Tyler
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Madison
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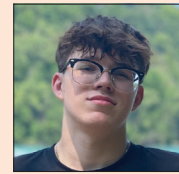
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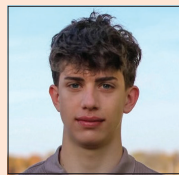
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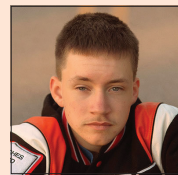
Colton
Frerichs



Paul
Gast III



Alexander
Gentile



Tyler
Goff-Brown



Hayley
Hadsell



Kyle
Hammers



Jaylin
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Keegan
Herrmann



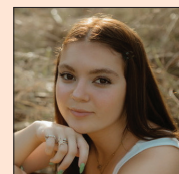
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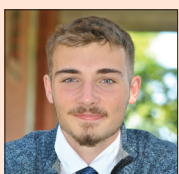
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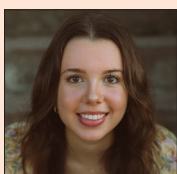
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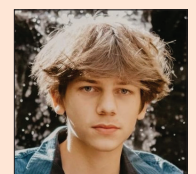
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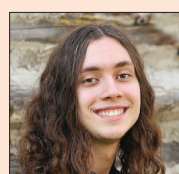
Arthur
Lawson III



Eva
Loncar



Dominick
Lopez



Cole
Mainville



Andrea
Martin



Timmon
Mattice



Hamza
Merrick



Congratulations Wilson Class of 2025!



Ava
Mielke



Parker
Milley



Kamryn
Myers



Taylor
Newman



Nicholas
Palermo



Danielle
Pearce



Emily
Phillips



Max
Pytlik



Elijah
Rahelich



Riley
Robinson



Jaydan
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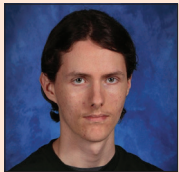
Cheyenne
Ryder



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Sauer



Marisa
Schultz



Derek
Schwarzmuller



Parker
Selbert



Emily
Schakelford



Evelyn
Smoyer



Jessica
Spatorico



Jacob
Stephenson



Jacqueline
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Benjamin
VanderLinden



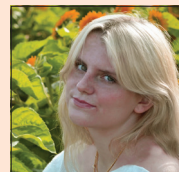
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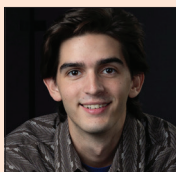
Mackenzie
Wienckowski



Lillie
Wilson



Austin
Woodward



Tyler
Woolson



Military Bound Senior



Rayn Cooper - Navy



Encouraging Driver's Safety

For the second consecutive year, Juniors and Seniors participated in a Traffic Safety Fair in early May.

The various demonstrations aimed to remind the students about safe driving tips and behaviors ahead of prom.

EMS personnel from Wilson and South Wilson volunteer fire companies demonstrated a response to a mock-crash scene.

Some students also had the opportunity to strap on some firefighter gear to smash windows and first responders also used the "jaws of life" both to show how someone would be pulled out of a vehicle after a car accident.

Personnel from the State Department of Transportation also spoke to students to discuss best safety practices for driving through construction zones. A few even got to sit in the driver's seat of the big yellow truck on hand!

Following the outdoor demonstrations, Niagara County Assistant District Attorneys did presentations on different charges and the ripple effects of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. They also shared real stories about tragic DUI and reckless driving cases.

In the gym, personnel from the Niagara County Sheriff's Office set up interactive stations including distracted driving simulations.



Jazz on the Green



Little Free Library Big Tribute to Late Educator and Wilson Resident



On May 30, what would have been Patricia C. Attfield's 78th birthday, her family, school staff, and students gathered outside Wilson High School to dedicate a Little Free Library in her memory. A beloved teacher at Victory Christian School and passionate reader, Attfield inspired many in the Wilson community. Her daughter, Beth Pyskaty, a longtime educator who now works as AFL/CIO Liaison & Campaign Coordinator for United Way of Greater Niagara, led the project after years of searching for a fitting tribute. With support from the United Way of Greater Niagara and Superintendent Tim Carter, the library was placed on Lake Street in front of the High School and will be maintained by Wilson Laker Book Club and High School English Teacher Mrs. Gallagher.

Lasagna Love

The Interact Club at our Wilson Central School District is affiliated with the Central Niagara Rotary Club. The Interact Club's motto is "service above self" and the students in the club are consistently looking for ways to help others.

One of the ways that we found we could help our Wilson community is through the Lasagna Love program. Funded through Rotary, we were able to purchase supplies for our Lasagna Love project.

Mrs. Aloisio, one of the Interact Advisors, made her authentic homemade sauce. Students Maddy Freatman, Anna Henry, Sophie Everest, Emily Shackleford and Natalie Shackleford, under the leadership of Mrs. Aloisio assembled the lasagnas and prepared them for the families.

Also included with the lasagna were loaves of bread, salad, and dessert.

Mr. Benton, our Middle School principal, dropped off the lasagna dinners to six various families in our community.

This was a meaningful and gratifying experience for the students and all involved. They all agreed that this was something they would like to do again in the future. The Interact Club is proud to continue serving our community.



Middle School Students Create the First 'Legends and Lore' Historical Marker in Niagara County

Wilson Middle School eighth graders Teddy Andrews, Ethan Dietz, Jamison Geier, Calvin Lawson, Brynn Lepsch, and Lilianna Woodward collaborated on the creation of a new historical marker to install in the community.

For several years Social Studies teachers Brett Sippel and Jim Alderman have collaborated with librarian Maureen Mahar to build more emphasis on local history into their curriculum.



Starting in seventh grade, the students investigated the little-known tale of Luther Wilson, son of Wilson founder Reuben Wilson, who saved a herd of cows from British soldiers in the 1800s. Their work led to the installation of Niagara County's first Legends and Lore marker, located near the pavilion at Calvin E. Krueger Park in the Village of Wilson.

The students conducted extensive research using local archives and applied for a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, crafting the final marker inscription themselves.

The project also earned them credit toward the New York State Seal of Civic Readiness. Mr. Sippel is very proud of the students for taking on this project, and creating a lasting tribute that local members of the community and visitors from all around the world may enjoy for decades to come.

Mr. Sippel and the students offer their thanks to the following, for their support of the project: The William G. Pomeroy Foundation, The Village of Wilson and the Department of Public Works, Charles Horton and Maureen Mahar.

Wilson Students at NYS SkillsUSA

Three Wilson CSD students, who attend Orleans/Niagara BOCES, took home medals at the New York State SkillsUSA competition.

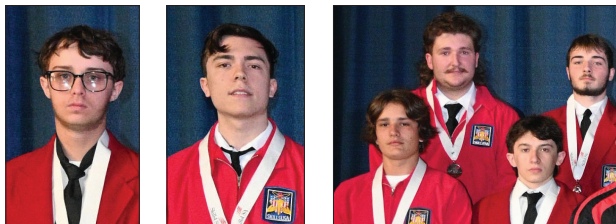
Congratulations go to:

Kyle Hammers (Diesel Tech/Heavy Equipment) who took home a silver medal in the Power Equipment technology competition. Competitors performed tasks representative of those encountered in a dealership's service department. The hands-on stations included many aspects of two-stroke, four-stroke, compact diesel engines, and battery-powered equipment and their associated mechanical, hydraulic, and electrical systems.

Joey Dane Jones (Building Maintenance and Management) along with teammates Jacob Albert (North Tonawanda), James Cashatt (Niagara Wheatfield) and Sean Wellsby (Starpoint), received a silver medal in the Team Works competition. Each team wrote a project completion action plan and presented their plan as one of the key elements of the competition. During the construction project, the team demonstrated their ability to work together by using their carpentry, roofing, electrical, plumbing, and masonry skills.

Sean Kropp (Computer Technology) took home a silver medal in the Technology Computer Applications competition. Competitors demonstrated installation, configuration, and use of Windows, Mac OSX, and Linux Professional Operating Systems and one or more integrated office suite packages including email, word processing, spreadsheet applications, database applications, web page development, money management applications, presentations applications, internet browser applications, etc.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student to excel and empowers its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. Many of the students winning medals have the opportunity to move on to the National competition in Atlanta, Georgia in June.



Congratulations 2024-2025 Retirees

Congratulations to our retirees! We thank all these wonderful members of the WCS family for their years of service to the district. You will be missed!



Marcia Adonnino
Claudia Andres
Julia Jeffords
Mary Johnson
Frances Kruzicke
Maureen Mahar
Margaret Thompson

Showcasing Our Writers



The 2nd Annual Young Writers Showcase took place Thursday, April 24, 2025. Over 100 entries were on display, featuring work written by students in grades 6-12. In addition to the showcase, nine students read or performed their written pieces, over 150 free books were given away and a basket raffle was held to benefit the HS Laker Book Club.

This showcase was created to allow students to display their favorite piece that they created over the school year. We want to celebrate each student's strengths and interests!

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A Day of Service

On March 11, students at the High School stepped out of their regular classes to participate in the school's first-ever Day of Service, organized by the High School Shared Decision Team. The event, inspired by WWII's "Candy Bomber" Colonel Gail Halvorsen and his motto "From little things come big things," encouraged students to engage in small acts of kindness with meaningful community impact.

"The overview for the Day of Service is the idea that small acts of kindness really have a lasting impact on others," said High School Principal Paul Galgovich.

Throughout the day, students rotated through their choice of three out of 18 service stations that benefited local groups and causes. Projects included transforming t-shirts into grocery bags for FeedMore WNY, assembling peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Salvation Army and Friends of Night People Food Pantry, creating craft kits for the Wilson Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt, and decorating motivational signs for classrooms.

In total, 79 t-shirt bags, 969 PB&J sandwiches, 15 signs and 248 craft kits were made.

A highlight of the day was junior Donna Clark's leadership in a station that wound up assembling 290 paracord lanyards for Operation Gratitude, an organization that supports service members and first responders. The cause is personal for Donna, whose family has served in the military; she similarly plans to join the Air Force after graduation.

The day began with a motivational talk by speaker Duncan Kirkwood, who spoke about resilience and service. Several students, senior Emily Phillips, expressed enjoyment and appreciated the opportunity to engage in community service.

"My biggest takeaway from today was how simple and easy it was and how many opportunities there are to help out in the community and be a part of it that we didn't realize before," said Emily.

