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AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Excellence Recognized at Auburn High School's Top Ten Dinner and Award Ceremony

On February 28, Auburn High School celebrated the outstanding academic achievements of the ten students in the Class of 2019 with the highest four-year grade point averages. Together with their families and school personnel, the students were honored for their commitment to excellence at a dinner banquet at Highland Park Golf Club.

The Auburn Enlarged City School District is extremely proud of the extraordinary academic success of these students. Their combined four-year academic average is 99%, and their average SAT score is 1420. Each one of them has earned at least a full year of college credits already by challenging themselves through Auburn High School's Advanced Placement courses, Project Lead the Way Engineering and Biomedical Sciences coursework, and dual enrollment opportunities through Cayuga Community College.

In addition to their academic prowess, eight of these students have played at least one varsity sport throughout high school. The other two are involved in serious dance competition in a local dance company that requires the same time commitment that the varsity athletes make in their respective sports. Among the students in the Top Ten of the Class of 2019, four of them



### Auburn High School's Class of 2019 Top Ten

Front L-R: William Liccion, Meghan Wiseman, Ashley Reilly, Reilly Graney, Hailey Wilkinson; Back L-R: Gabrielle Wagner, Jacob Lupo, Matthew Bergan, Olivia Morgan, Zachary Moore

are the captains of their varsity athletic teams, one is the Senior Class President, four of them are board members of the Auburn High School Student Government Organization, and one of them is the President of our local chapter of the National Honor Society. One member of the Top Ten is one of the most accomplished musicians ever to attend Auburn High School, and another is one of the most talented artists we have ever had. While these students are clearly leaders in the classroom, it is quite evident that they are gifted in so many other facets of life as well.

To show appreciation for the students' dedication to their education, several local organizations and businesses

provided them with generous gifts including the Auburn High School Student Government Organization, the Auburn Administrators' Association, Mesa Grande Taqueria, Taco Bell, Walmart, Moe's Southwest Grill, and Wegmans.

The members of Auburn High School's Top Ten in the Class of 2019 are Matthew Bergan, Reilly Graney, William Liccion, Jacob Lupo, Zachary Moore, Olivia Morgan, Ashley Reilly, Gabrielle Wagner, Hailey Wilkinson, and Meghan Wiseman. Congratulations to these students and their families!

*Brian Morgan*

Auburn High School Principal



*save the date*

AJHS Musical Production  
"Annie Get Your Gun"

Friday, April 5th @ 7:30PM  
Saturday, April 6th @ 7:30PM  
Sunday, April 7th @ 2:00PM

## #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)

# Auburn Schools Raise Funds for a Well in Africa!



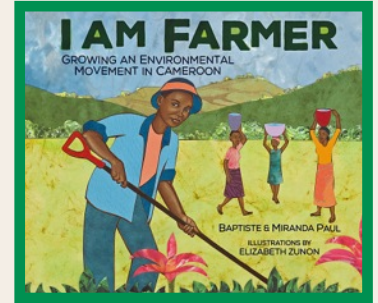
## Farmer Tantoh Presentation

Farmer Tantoh will explain through photos and videos, the fascinating story of how the well funded by our community was built:

**Tuesday, March 26th  
6:00-7:30PM**

**Genesee Elementary School**  
(Refreshments provided after the program)

## "I Am Farmer" Book Tour Community Event



There will be an evening program with the Pauls and Farmer Tantoh open to the community, thanks to sponsorship by the Auburn Education Foundation.

- Thursday, March 28th
- The Hilton Garden Inn Auburn from 5:30-7:30 PM
- A student environmental "Maker Fair" will be held from 5:30-6:00PM,
- The guests will speak from 6:00-7:00PM and will autograph books, which will be available for sale, from 7:00-7:30PM.



It started with a handful of change, but by the end of January, contributions from students at all seven Auburn schools and the Auburn community

totaled over \$4,700 - enough to fund the installation of a well at Farmer Tantoh's Eco-Lodge in Cameroon, Africa. Farmer Tantoh is the subject of a recently published book written by Miranda and Baptiste Paul titled "I Am Farmer: Growing an Environmental Movement in Cameroon."



Both the Pauls and Farmer Tantoh will be visiting the five Auburn Elementary Schools the week of March 25th.

To read more about the visiting authors, as well as learn about the well fundraiser and how it was installed, visit:

[www.auburngoesglobal.org](http://www.auburngoesglobal.org).

As educators in the Auburn School District coordinating the fundraiser for the well, we thought it would be powerful for our students if we spent time with Farmer Tantoh, learning about his mission to bring clean water and gardens to small villages in Cameroon as well as learning about the culture of the country in Africa known as "Little Africa." We recorded our experiences in text, photos and videos on our blog, [www.auburngoesglobal.org](http://www.auburngoesglobal.org), and responded to dozens of questions posted on the blog by our students. We visited a gorilla sanctuary, participated in an International Peace Foundation program, visited several schools and spent two days at a farm where we harvested, cooked, and ate huckleberry, cassava, chicken, papaya, plantains and even cooked grubs! Throughout the trip, we were inspired by Farmer and his motto "If you don't have what you need, use what you have."

We are very excited for our students and the community to meet him at the end of March!



Anne Mlod, School Librarian, Genesee Elementary School  
Victoria Calarco, School Librarian, Owasco Elementary School  
Jessica Rice, Art Educator, Herman Ave./Genesee Elementary Schools

# Future Business Leaders of America



## Spring District Competition Winners Friday, February 8, 2019

Auburn High School's Future Business Leaders of America tested their business knowledge during a regional competition and scored several awards. Club members traveled to Bryant & Stratton College in Syracuse to compete against other central New York chapters of FBLA. Students took objective and performance based exams that tested their general knowledge in a range of business areas. Congratulations to all members for competing!

*Catherine Casaletta*  
*FBLA Advisor / Business Education Teacher*

### ACCOUNTING 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alisa Sheridan

### ACCOUNTING 2

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Nikki Gray  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Nate Serling  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Abby Micglire

### ADVERTISING

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Will Clark

### BUSINESS

### CALCULATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Max Bergan

### BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Elizabeth Diego

### CLIENT SERVICES

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Elizabeth Diego

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Will Clark

### IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alisa Sheridan

### MANG DECISION MAKING

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Daisy Townsend

### MARKETING

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Nate Serling  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jada Hackett

### PUBLIC SPEAKING 1

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Amelia Bartolotta

### PUBLIC SPEAKING 2

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jada Hackett

### SPORTS &

### ENTERTAINMENT MANG

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kieran Scanlan





# Music Department News



Since the early 1970's, the month of March has been officially designated as a celebration of "Music In Our Schools" not only in New York State, but across the country. In conjunction with "MIOSM" the **AHS Music Department is presenting a combined concert on Wednesday, March 6th featuring all ensembles (band, chorus, orchestra).** The programming includes a variety of popular and traditional literature. The finale of the concert features all ensembles performing simultaneously! The music for this year's finale is Selections from the Broadway version of "Tommy" by the WHO. The choice of this music coincides with both the 50th anniversary of Woodstock & the 50th anniversary of the original release of "Tommy."



"MIOSM" also brings the culmination of many Honors Ensembles that included student-performers from the AHS Music Department: **Area All-State Band:** Olivia Morgan, Thomas Pilbeam (alternate); **Syracuse University Youth Honors Wind Ensemble:** Olivia Morgan; **Eastman (U of R) High School**

**Honors Band:** Kasey Gleason, Amber Pidlypchak, Thomas Pilbeam; **CCMEA All-County Band:** Olivia Morgan, Amber Pidlypchak, Avry Zank, Carly Chappell, Kasey Gleason, Elizabeth Moriarity, Lucy Noble, Nyree Jennings, Rory Allen, Caleb Lounsbury, Thomas Pilbeam, Ethan Hickman, Aiden Diego, Jenna Nila, Chris Hawkins; **Area All-State Orchestra:** Patrick Connelly, Vienna McCall, Brianna Packard (alternate); **Oswego County All-County Orchestra:** Ryan Stechuchak, Tony Gao, Natalia Smith, Ben Porten, Brianna Packard, Patrick Connelly, Vienna McCall; **Auburn Chamber Orchestra:** Natalia Smith, Brianna Packard, Patrick Connelly, Vienna McCall; **Junior High Area All-State Orchestra:** Fiona Chisholm, Jackson Siddall; **All-State Mixed Chorus:** Aaron Baim; **Area All-State Mixed Chorus:** Baylee Kennedy, Aaron Baim, Luke Mock; **Jr High Area All-State Chorus:** Ella Boedicker, Avry Zank, Ida Kavanagh; **Cayuga County All-County Chorus:** Baylee Kennedy, Skyler Starrett, Ella Boedicker, Jordyn McCandless, Jenna Nila, Ayden Kowalsky, Hope Palmer, Luke Mock, Cameron Defendorf, Dante Liberatore, Noah Rigby, Tim Sullivan. Students were selected for the various ensembles as a result of a rigorous audition process. The audition included performing an advanced level solo which was in turn evaluated by a certified judge.



## The AHS Pep Band!

The AHS Band Program added a new performing ensemble this year! The AHS Pep Band made multiple appearances at AHS Girls Varsity Basketball games

supporting our student-athletes while highlighting the performance skills of our student-musicians! The Pep Band could be heard during time-outs, between quarters, half-time, etc.

The music performed by the Pep Band draws from similar popular music selections often heard at NCAA basketball games. The ensemble looks forward to expanding their performance opportunities during the 2019-20 Winter sports season.

*Michael A. Miller*

*Auburn High School, Director of Bands*



photo credit: John Miller

## Students Thrive in Experiential Program

by Sarah Parisi, FACS Teacher, AJHS

Business, Civics, Government: these sound like topics in a high school Social Studies class, which they likely are, but this year they've been the focus of the 8th grade Family and Consumer Sciences class at Auburn Junior High School. Sound boring enough? Not a chance. These subjects come to life for middle school students in a hands-on, entrepreneurial simulation program called Enterprise America, compliments of WCNY of Syracuse, NY. Over a ten week span, the program brings students together in collaborative business groups to create business goals, develop payroll and expense budgets, establish marketing plans, and set prices for products and services. Students practice civic skills like voting for a Mayor and a Judge to help run City Hall in the mock city, deposit and withdraw money in the bank, and take out health insurance with their pay. Essentially, students take out a loan for their businesses and work as employees with specific job titles to pay off their loans during the field trip portion of the program. The breadth of soft skills lessons range from public speaking and professionalism to business casual dress codes, giving students the experiences they need to develop background knowledge for the real world. This program involves parents, as well, as they supervise each business and IT operations during the field trip. While the field trip may seem like the zenith of the program, the students seem to enjoy the time and talents they perform working in groups. Early adolescents crave group involvement and belonging, and they thrive on hands-on, experiential learning which can impress their memories longer than strictly cognitive tasks, making Enterprise America a developmentally fitting program for middle school students.



*Abby Carr, Manager of the Community Cafe, introduces her business and tells Citizens the type of products and services they'll receive at the restaurant.*



## Herman Avenue School Plays "Minute to Win it!"

As part of the building's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program, the Herman Avenue students were able to collect over 500 "gotchas" over the past several weeks. As a result, the students earned themselves a chance to participate in the school's version of *Minute to Win It*. In *Minute to Win It*, competitors need to complete a challenging and funny task within one minute. The kids and adults had a very exciting time.



*These students from Mrs. Tabone's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class are competing in "Face the Cookie". Here, the students have one minute to get a cookie from their forehead to their mouth. Sounds easy, but try it with no hands!*

# PreSchool Open Enrollment Now Open!

## Accepting Registration Packets for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2019-2020 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, 2019, 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	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-1743, ext. 2303 or 315-294-8603
Cayuga Onondaga BOCES	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-253-0361, ext.7675
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-0038, ext. 260
Early Childhood Center	UPK	Full-day	315-255-0233
E. John Gavras Center	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-255-2746
Montessori School of the Fingerlakes	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-2225
YMCA	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-253-5304, ext. 113

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

Interested Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may pick up a 2019-2020 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).

### Do you have a child who will be 5-years of age on or before December 1, 2019? Accepting Applications for the 2019-2020 Kindergarten program!

Stop by and pick up a registration packet at any of the 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 2019-2020 Universal Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten programs? Please contact Mary Cregg at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.**



# VOLLEYBALL



## @ Casey Park Elementary School

As a culminating activity to the Volleyball unit in 5th and 6th grade, Casey Park staff participated in a friendly volleyball game against 5th and 6th grade students. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase everything they have learned throughout the unit. The students certainly challenged the staff to some great volleys! A lot of fun was had by all.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

**If I'm not here,  
I can't learn.**



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)

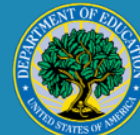
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- Genesee: @auburn\_genesee
- Herman: @auburn\_herman
- Owasco: @auburn\_owasco
- Seward: @auburn\_seward



## 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.

## 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.

# March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2019 	April 2019 	 <p>never let go of your <b>DREAMS</b></p>	 <p><b>DON'T QUIT</b></p>	For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: <a href="http://www.aecsd.education">www.aecsd.education</a>	1  <p>nothing looks as good as healthy feels</p>	2  <p>nothing looks as good as healthy feels</p>
3 American Red Cross Month (www.redcross.org)	4 JV/VARSITY SPORTS Spring Tryouts District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman	5 	6 NEW Ash Wednesday AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM Music in Our Schools Concert AHS 7:00PM	7 Genesee PTP Mtg. 6:00PM	8 International Women's Day	9 
Harriet Tubman Day  Daylight Saving Time Begins	10 Herman PTO Mtg. 4:30PM PTA Meeting Seward 6:00PM Owasco OPT Mtg 6:30PM	11 AJHS Spring Sports Physicals Boys 2:20PM Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	12 Casey PTO Mtg. 5:30PM AJHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 7:00PM	13 FIRST Seward Community Cafe 5:30-7:30PM HS End Marking Period 4	14 NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day AJHS Snow Ball Dance 6:00-8:00PM	15 
16 St. Patrick's Day 	17 ECHOES Performance Grade 7 & 8 @ AJHS 8:00AM ECHOES Performance Grade 6 @ AJHS 9:30AM	18 	19 FULL AJHS Title 1 Parent Meeting 5PM Library AJHS Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:00PM First Day of Spring	20 AJHS Spring Sports Physicals Girls 2:20PM	21 OCMEA All-County Orchestra HS Report Cards World Water Day	22 OCMEA All-County Orchestra AJHS Brooks Gibbs Assembly
23 	24 MODIFIED SPORTS Spring Tryouts	25 Farmer Tanto Presentation 6:00-7:30PM Genesee Elementary Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	26 AHS Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:00PM	27 LAST "I Am Farmer" Book Tour Community Event 5:30-7:30PM Hilton Garden Inn	28 CCMEA All-County @ Weedsport	29 CCMEA All-County @ Weedsport
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## AEF Class of 2019 Alumni Hall of Distinction

Auburn Education Foundation proudly announces members of the **Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction Class of 2019**. The Hall of Distinction was established to recognize, honor and celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic, professional, personal, and /or civic achievements and to inspire students to pursue a path towards personal success.

**Michael Lynch – East High 1969** – evolutionary biologist and leader in the study of evolution at the Center for Mechanism of Evolution at Arizona State University  
**Brian McKeon- Auburn High School 1981**– senior national security official with over 30 years of federal government experience, including top positions at the White House, the Pentagon and the U.S. Senate

**Tricia Purdy Messinger- Auburn High School 1996** – Senior Vice President and head of UnitedHealth Groups External Affairs, a top five Fortune 500 Company

**Julie Jordan DiPalma- Auburn High School 1997** – award-winning owner of Law Offices of Jordan DiPalma, specializing in special injury and wrongful death litigation

**John Liberatore- Auburn High School 2003**- PhD from Eastman School of Music, assistant professor of composition and theory at Notre Dame University, renowned composer and pianist

**These five distinguished alumni will be honored for their achievements and inducted into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction at an hors d'oeuvres and dessert reception Friday, May 17th, 7:00 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn. Tickets are \$35 and are available on the website [auburneducationfoundation.org](http://auburneducationfoundation.org) or checks can be mailed to AEF, PO Box 592, Auburn, NY 13021**



## AJHS International Club

AJHS International Club made spring rolls and dumpling noodle soup. They also tried out dining with chop sticks. L-R: Cassandra Curcie, Beccalyn Brewer, Brianna Dixon, Mya Wejko, Nora Kelley, Clara Neuman, and Mr. Drastal, club advisor.



### Alumni Return to Genesee Elementary

On January 7th, the Genesee Alumni Scholarship Committee held its first scholarship information night for current seniors who were Genesee students in 6th grade. The students watched their 6th grade video while enjoying pizza and learning about the Alumni Scholarship. This is the seventh year of the scholarship, which has been awarded to twenty-one former Genesee students, totaling \$8,000 to date. Three scholarships of \$500 will be awarded at the Auburn High School awards ceremony in June. Each former student received an information packet, and applications are also available in the guidance office and on the "scholarship" tab of our website, [www.cardboardforcollege.com](http://www.cardboardforcollege.com). This year's scholarships will be handed out by Kassidi Streeter, a Senior at Syracuse University who will be graduating in May, who was one of our scholarship recipients in 2015!

*(L to R) Taylor Loving, Logan Neese, Daisy Townsend, Nathan Nedza, Tyler Rajaphoumy, Kaleb Cook, Jerry White, Nicholas Sartain, Jeannie Sargent, Demetria Strachan, Angelique Brown, Kiara Heiler*



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