



## Student accomplishments noted at awards night

By Vanessa Langdon

The school year is officially coming to a close, which signals the annual academic awards ceremony, which was held on Monday evening, June 3 in the G. Ray Bodley auditorium. The awards were numerous with raucous applause as the deserving students walked to the stage, several of them on a regular basis.

There were general awards given for each subject area to students from all four grade levels who have excelled and put forth effort above and beyond the minimum. But the majority of awards were awarded to juniors and seniors in the form of scholarships or other monetary or special recognition awards.

The evening began with a performance of both the national anthem and the school alma mater from two honorees, seniors Alexis Pawlewicz and Amanda Trombly. The first award given was to honor two mock trial participants, seniors Lacey Busky and Steven McDougall, who participated in the club during their freshman year. The second award, the United States Air Force Math and Science Award, was given to juniors Jordyn Stone and Michael Holcomb for their achievements in the two subject areas. Mikayla Guernsey, also a junior, was then awarded the Air Force Scholar Athlete award with juniors Austin Haskins and Justin Purtell receiving the last of the Air Force awards for their excellence in the subject of technology.

The Army Reserves also gave out a scholar athlete award to juniors Danielle Rupert and James Bailey. Junior Jenna Hudson received the first of the Marine awards for her accomplishments both in and out of school. The United States Marine Scholastic Excellence award went to junior Amanda Eggleton and senior Kyle Loftus received the final Marine award for his musical excellence.

Additionally the United States Navy recognized a handful of students for their hard work, the first of which went to senior Cody

Richarson, who received the inspirational leadership award. The Navy's outstanding athlete award went to junior Noah Sorbello. Fellow junior Mariah Whipple received the outstanding scholar award from the Navy.

The English Department, in addition to awarding general class awards does give out a handful of extra special recognitions. The first of these went to junior Jessica Stuphan, who received the Dr. Paul Day Memorial Award for her love of books. The Wellesley Book Award went to Courtney DeLong to recognize her scholastic achievements, exceptional character and contributions to the school and local community. The English Department also recognized Vanessa Langdon, this year's editor of the yearbook for her contributions to the 2013 Fultonian and Casey Ware and Vanessa Langdon for their contributions to The Raider Newspaper.

The Math Department then honored all the star mathematicians who are housed within the halls of GRB. The first math award, the

Lona A. Preston Mathematics Award was given to senior and valedictorian Mary West for achieving the highest grade point average for five years of college track math. Math Club awards were then given to Pat Fink for his first place finish in the singles competition and to the first place team comprised of Hannah Geitner, Kyle Loftus, Julia Spier, and Mary West. They next recognized all members of this school years OCAY League for their participation on such a successful team as they claimed first place in the county. Jordyn Stone, a member of the OCAY team was then received the Rensselaer Medal for her accomplishments in both math and science. The final math award was given to juniors Jordyn Stone and Anthony Semeraro, who received the RIT Computing Medal.

The Science awards began with junior Michael Holcomb receiving the Bausch & Lomb Science award. Senior Mary West received the Robert Rose Memorial Award; and junior Julia Ludington received the  
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Face painting was just one of the many activities at Monday's Bodley Bash, sponsored annually by the GRB Pride Committee. Here art teacher Mrs. Williams puts the finishing touches on Kim Perry as Ryan Castro looks on. (Damien Noel photo)

## In the News

## Science teacher Mr. Gillard: nice guys DO finish first

*Note: due to printing errors, several lines from the dedication of the 2013 Fultonian never made it into the book. Here, in its entirety, is the dedication as written by Fultonian advisor Mr. Senecal.*

The person who said that "nice guys finish last" has obviously never met G. Ray Bodley High School Science teacher and chairman Marty Gillard. Truly one of Bodley's "good guys," he will be finishing at the top of the list when the doors close shut on the 2012-13 school year. After nearly 40 years at dear old GRB, including four as a student, the 1973 graduate leaves a legacy behind that



has had and will continue to have an impact on generations of Fultonians.

Following a year as a permanent substitute in Mexico, Mr. Gillard received a surprise phone call from then Principal Joe Campolieta, and the rest, as they say, is history. "Joe Campolieta knew I was a science major and he called

me," he said of a late summer appointment in 1978. "I saw my curriculum the first day when they handed me a book." Since then the SUNY Cortland graduate has taught general science, regents and non-regents Biology, regents and non-regents Chemistry and AP Biology. Along the way he has also coached football, lacrosse and basketball and is a familiar sight at many Red Raider sporting events as a supervisor. A three-sport athlete himself, Mr. Gillard is also well known throughout the school as the advisor of the GRB Science Club.

As a student his inspiration for Science came from longtime Bodley Science teacher Gary Narewski. A simple philosophy has

served him well during his 35-year tenure at his alma mater; "I like my subject and I'm humble and realistic enough to know that 20 years after my kids are out of my room they probably won't remember the content, but they will remember the interactions."

"I just try to have fun. They (the students) have to prove that they can learn," he added, saying that, "I think my students would say, 'we learned a little Bio, and we had a little fun.'"

And while there are countless memories of the "funny" times within his classroom, a recent event stands out when, "we were showing a movie; it had to do with childbirth, and a girl fainted. I got her onto the floor and I got her sitting there (and turned the movie back on). The girl who was looking at the girl on the floor fainted. We had two faintings in a matter of about two minutes."

When he walks out the door for the final time in June, Mr. Gillard said that he will, "miss the contact with the kids the most by far." As a member of the GRB faculty for parts of five decades, he has witnessed some remarkable changes in students and education, noting that, "the biggest change is all the technological things, and the fact that the kids have hand-held computers."

When it comes to the students themselves he believes that, "kids, to me, are the same. In general, kids are the same." What has changed, however, is, "the whole attitude in society."

"The demographic of our community has changed," the life-long Fulton resident commented. "The general attitude of the students about everything has shifted. They don't value their education like they

should. I don't think they respect themselves enough."

As for his advice to prospective teachers, he recently had the opportunity to speak on that very topic in a forum at St. John Fisher

College. "I told them that being involved in education is both a challenging and rewarding profession," he said. "Some of the upside is that it's a stable environment. The downside is that it requires a lot of education and it's constantly changing."

And just as change is an inevitable part of life, Mr. Gillard is preparing for the major changes that will come with his retirement.

At this point, his post-GRB plans are simple. "My goal is to play golf," he said with a laugh while admitting that Fulton's notorious winter weather will make that a seasonal pursuit. "I bought a camp on Lake Ontario," he added. "I'm going to work on that." He also looks forward to spending time with his family, which includes his wife Peggy, a fellow 1973 GRB grad, and their children Scott, Tim and Lindsay

Looking back over a life at GRB that began in the fall of 1969 as a freshman and will conclude in the spring of 2013 as one of Bodley's most beloved and respected teachers, he was able to sum it all up quite simply. "I'm finally graduating man," he stated. "I've never thought of that. It's scary."

So while this is the last chapter of a long, long ride, it is also the start of a whole new story for a man who will always be first in the hearts of the thousands of students, staff and parents he has encountered along the way. Truly, in this case, the nice guy will indeed finish first.



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Varsity Club 3,4. Ski Club 3,4. Student Senate 2,3,4. Sergeant-at-Arms 2. Treasurer 3. Basketball 1,2,3,4. Captain 2. Football 1,2,3,4. Captain 2. Track 3,4. Class Vice President 1,2. Class Treasurer 2. Class Sergeant-at-arms 3.

The Senior Poll named him as: "Most popular," "Best All-around," "Most Active," and "Biggest Flirt." (from the 1973 Fultonian)

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## Hard work pays off at academic awards evening

Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Humanities Award from the University of Rochester.

The Technology and Art Departments then gave out their awards. Junior Tessa LiVoti received the RIT Innovation and Creativity Award and junior Seth Britton was awarded with the Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology.

The Business Department recognized their students for their contributions to the department. Taylor Rose was awarded for her contributions and dedication to the FBLA organization, junior Jensen Paget and senior Kaylee Palmer received recognition for their role in the success of the Raiders Den this school year.

The next batches of awards were given from various statewide organizations or businesses to students who go above the general educational requirements to help others. Junior Nattalie Castellano received the American Citizen Award for her actions that inspire others to become better citizens. Juniors Kari Holbrook and Angela Paul received the Triple "C" Award from the Attorney General for their outstanding character, and senior Alexis Pawlewicz was awarded the New York State Comptroller Achievement Award. Senior Robert Lagowski was recognized for his educational growth, improvement, and development as the recipient of the President's Award for Educational Achievement. The President's Award for Educational Excellence went to freshman Caleb Almeter, sophomore MaKenna Cealie, Junior Michael Holcomb and senior Mary West for their academic successes.

Senior Teagan Davis, freshman Jonathon Noeller Jr., junior Casey Shannon, and sophomore Zena Stacey were recognized as student volunteers for their work with the

special needs students. Senior Robert Miller III was also recognized for his growth and improvement over his four years of high school.

The Pamela Fallesen award was awarded to Ruth Brown and Wilmer Jimenez for their extraordinary acts of kindness and general caring demeanor. Junior James Martin was awarded the Peter LaFrate Memorial Award for his genuine character and his encouragement of others to do the same. Freshman Caleb Almeter and senior Katelyn Caza were awarded the MacDaniel Memorial Award for their intellectual curiosity.

In addition, junior Tevin Simard was recognized for his leadership skills as the recipient of the Lieutenant Colonel Joseph P. Fuss Outstanding Leadership award. Nicholas Summerville, a junior, was recognized for his leadership and academic achievement by Clarkson University. Junior Casey Shannon was also recognized by Clarkson as the recipient of the Clarkson University High School Leadership Award.

Danielle Rupert and Neal Burke were awarded the Elmira College "Key" Award for their rigorous course work, leadership, and being in the top 10% of the junior class. Junior Amelia Coakley was awarded the Student SAGE award to Russel Sage College for her academic and social leadership. Junior Mackenzie Fanciulli was the 2013 recipi-

ent of the University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award, junior Sarah Halstead received the Wells College 21st Century Leadership award, and finally junior Michael Holcomb received the LeMoyne College Heights award.

All the students recognized worked hard to achieve their level of greatness and have done their duty as role models for the entire student body. Congratulations on your hard work!

## Exchange program

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Student yourself you can take part in welcoming a student from a different country as host family. There are many programs that bring students to our community. One is Rotary Youth Exchange sponsored by local Rotary clubs, a certified program.

There will be a girl from Brazil calling Fulton home next fall. There are also several other programs that sponsor students too. If you feel like you'd like to try being an exchange student, Rotary can help with that too.

It could change your life! For more information to get involved visit [www.rotarydistrict7150youthexchange.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7150youthexchange.org), applications are available online.

*By Kylie Clifford and Mike Schroder*

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# Raiders come up one rally short in softball

By Dan Henkle

The Fulton Lady Raider softball team had a fantastic year, but it was cut short in the second round of the Section 3 playoffs.

In the first round of playoffs Fulton squared off against a very tough New Hartford team who came into the game with an impressive record of 15-4. Fulton broke out to an early 5-3 lead before the Spartans erupted for four runs in the top of the sixth inning to claim a 7-5 lead. But as had been the case several times this season, it was time for the rally cap to help bring Fulton back. "I told the team that we have been in this situation before and we can never quit," Coach Lyons told Syracuse.com. "We have to keep our confidence and keep making contact with the ball."

Fulton came back in their bottom half of the seventh inning, and made it more dramatic than even they wanted to. Kassidy Kearns took matters into her own hands, down to her last strike and two outs, and the fate of Fulton either moving on to play Oneida or going home. Kearns was not be-

denied, however, lining a single to center field that scored the game winning runs to finish with three hits. Maureen McCann also contributed with three hits for the Red Raiders including a triple while Hannah Jones, Keisha Pierce and Mikayla Guernsey also had two hits. Ashley Cummins picked up the win in relief of Mikayla Guernsey who pitched five innings and gave up four earned runs. With the walk off by Kassidy the final score was 8-7.

In the third round of playoffs Fulton went up against a 19-3 Oneida team. Despite falling behind 3-0, the Raiders rallied to tie the contest at 3-3. Oneida surged ahead 8-3 with three runs in the fifth inning and two more in the sixth. Fulton scored once in the top half of the seventh inning, but ran out of comebacks in an 8-4 loss to eventual runner-up Jamesville-Dewitt.

Fulton finished the year with an 11-7 record and plenty of promise for the future as the team will lose only one senior, Ashley Cummins. Junior Keisha Pierce led the way with 35 RBI including five home runs while sophomore Cheyenne Laun compiled a 7-4

record on the mound. With nearly everyone coming back, the girls are already looking toward the 2014 campaign and another run at the Section 3 title.

## School abroad? Check into this

Every year G. Ray Bodley High School welcomes students from around the world to become part of our community. When they first arrive it is not unusual to see them wandering around the halls, dazed and confused. They come from different cultures that have different clothes, languages, foods and talents. It takes time to find out who they are and to risk speaking to a stranger.

After taking the initiative you find out they are an Exchange Student and learn more about them. You have millions of questions, some of them intelligent, others maybe not so intelligent. After a while, you find that maybe they're not so different from you. It just took a little effort and being open minded to find out that they are just people like you and me.

It must be difficult to leave your home and your family to travel thousands of miles to a strange new world. Leaving your home and family must take a lot of courage. It also must be a great experience to see if you can adapt to new surroundings, language food and everything else. It must take tremendous patience to deal with the magnifying glass of high school social groups. The questions that get asked over and over must be exhausting. As this year's *Fultonian* pointed out, among the crazy questions they were asked this year were things such as, "Do have elephants in Italy?" "Spain is in Africa, right?" and "Do you have French Fries in France."

You've taken a few years of a foreign language and Global Studies and asked yourself "Why do I need this?" This time of year, before all the craziness and stress of exams and end of the year festivities, maybe it's a good idea to step back and take a look at the big picture. How does all the work help you prepare for the future? Learning a new language and culture can give you the tools and experiences to broaden your horizon.

Opportunities are out there for you to be part of the Youth Exchange experience. If you don't think you could be an Exchange

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## Fulton Boosters honor senior athletes

Tuesday night was a special evening for senior Raider athletes when they were recognized for their great accomplishments in the previous sports year by the Fulton Sports Boosters.

The banquet started off when the Raiders were recognized name by name. They then enjoyed a great complimentary dinner which featured potatoes, steak, chicken, and salad. Special thanks again go to the Fulton Athletic Booster Club for holding the event, which took place at the Oasis.

A special guest speaker joined the seniors, Robin VerSchneider Meier. A graduate of GRB in 1990 and a 1994 Yale graduate she excelled in soccer, basketball and softball where she was an all-league performer on multiple occasions. She was also the first *Fultonian* basketball player to score over 1,000 points in a career, a feat that has only been matched twice in the past 23 years. Her speech included a great message for the athletes as she told them to, "keep playing your sport, it is not over yet."

The first award of the night was a very special award given to a great Raider fan. Bob Weston, a great Raider fan for 25 plus years won the Fan of the Year. Senior three sport athlete Cody Dick started the night off by winning the first of three awards by claiming the Dale Tombs Baseball award. Dick also claimed the prestigious Rick Luciano Football scholarship as well joining Courtney Beckwith to win the Shirley Chalifoux scholarship. Beckwith, a standout in both track and soccer also claimed the Margaret Beckwith Scholarship.

The next award given out was the Barney Naioti Leadership Award and the recipients were Patrick Fink and Hannah Geitner. Mary West and Tim Conners won the best effort award and Allyson Bricker and Mitch Lalik won the most improved award. The sportsmanship award was given to Steven Hanczyk and Katelyn Caza.

The senior athletes of the year were awarded to tri-athlete Christiana Pensabene and two sport captain Brandon Lockwood. Rounding out the night was Kyle Loftus winning the Carl Barton scholarship.

By Casey Ware