



## Behind-the-Scenes of Becoming Valedictorian and Salutatorian

By Nicole Hansen

On Monday, May 15, the 2017 Valedictorian and Salutatorian were announced over the loud-speaker by Principal Donna Parkhurst. Aryelle Barbagallo was announced as the Valedictorian and Megan Nicholson was announced as the Salutatorian. Both girls will end their high school careers with weighted averages over 100.

When Barbagallo's name was announced she said she felt relieved. She said, "I felt like a celebrity walking through the halls. People were congratulating me all day. I was incredibly proud of Megan as well. She works so hard and helped me along this journey."

Nicholson shared the same excited feeling when her name was announced. She said, "I felt elated. I was very nervous when I heard they were announcing Valedictorian and Salutatorian. I heard Aryelle's name and I was so happy for her. Then I just waited to hear my name. I got a little emotional when they said my name."

Being at the top of the class is no easy job. Valedictorian Barbagallo said, "I don't think it's the work that you do that gets you in the top of the class, but the effort you put into that work. Attendance and meeting deadlines are super

important. I can't sleep at night if my homework is not done."

When asked what goes into being top of the class, Nicholson said, "It takes a lot of integrity and determination. You have to be able to get through the large amounts of work and be determined enough to find the right answers needed. Taking a lot of AP/Honors classes was tough. There were nights I started work when I got home from school or sports and I'd be up until midnight just working. It takes a toll on you, but you also have to have the right amount of time management to make it work. I made time for sports, clubs, and my family/friends because I wanted to enjoy high school, too."

Barbagallo will miss high school, but is excited for what the future holds. She noted, "I am going to miss the nature of being a high school student. I had the pleasure to be categorized as a student-athlete who played a sport in every season. I am going to miss some teachers who were so near and dear to my heart (even if I did hate their class). I think I am ready for the next chapter in my life, but I had to start somewhere. G. Ray Bodley was that platform for me."

Nicholson will miss a lot about high school. She ex-

plained, "I'll miss seeing my friends every day. That's one thing that got me through all that work was knowing the next day I'd see a friendly face. I'll miss seeing all my teachers, too. I had a lot of really good teachers who I think have helped to put me in this position. I'll miss the familiarity of walking through the halls of G.R.B. This place has been my home for the past four years and I was grateful for every second of it."

Barbagallo will be attending Nazareth College to study physical therapy while Nicholson will be going to Colgate for pre-law.

Congratulations to Aryelle and Megan on their tremendous accomplishments!



Pictured are  
Valedictorian Aryelle Barbagallo (left)  
and Salutatorian Megan Nicholson.

## Fulton Indoor Soccer Team Wins League, Playoff Championship

By Hunter Hubel

On Sunday, May 14, the Fulton boys senior indoor soccer team celebrated more than just Mother's Day when they claimed victory in the championship game of the indoor soccer season.

In what promised to be a successful season, results did not come easy early on. Dropping points during the first half of the season created a bit of a challenge if the boys planned on finishing at the top of the table. Wins against two Oswego teams propelled them to the top, where they would finish the season and enter the playoffs as the number one seeded team.

The first round of the playoffs matched up Fulton against an inexperienced team led by junior Kenneth Verdoliva. What was a tight game early on ended in a comfortable first round win for Fulton by a score of 7-4 where senior Jared Marden bolstered the attack by netting four goals, pushing the seniors into the next round.

In the championship game, things got out to a rough start to a tired Fulton team, but after catching their breath and a second wind five minutes into the game, they managed to find a goal to start the offense and tie up the Final 1-1. It was an intense back-and-forth game that came down to the last

moments of the game where senior defender Malcolm Wettering was able to block a few shots on goal.

With just under two minutes to go, the opposing team stepped up the attack and pushed for a late winner, but senior goalkeeper Hunter Hubel had other plans in mind. Stopping three shots with a minute left, two close range efforts were turned wide by the keeper, including a one-on-one chance right in front of goal.

Regular time ended level at 4-4, and a sudden death playoff was quickly being planned for. In sudden death playoff, time is set to one minute, with one player from each team coming off after the minute until it is a field player and goalkeeper. At that point, penalty kicks would decide the game.

The first three extra periods resulted in three players coming off per team, and no goals ending the game. A few crucial saves were made by both keepers, but it came down to graduate Garet Roik scoring a one-on-one with the goalkeeper to end the game and win the championship for the Fulton senior team. It was an impressive season that resulted in a title for Fulton and the entire team was excited to take home a championship t-shirt.



*The Fulton senior indoor soccer team poses for a picture in front of the goal wearing their championship shirts. In back from left to right are Will Caster, Phil Summerville, Evan Beckwith, Marshall Carvey, Josh Compson, and Garet Roik. In front from left to right are Kyle Perry, Nick Walberger, Malcolm Wettering, Jared Marden, Hunter Hubel, and Ryan Virkler.*

## Battle of the Athletes Taking Shape

This year's Battle of the Athletes will take place after school on Wednesday, June 7 until 5:00 p.m. at the athletic complex. It is open to any student who played a sport this year.

The event will include games such as frisbee relays, tire throws, and tug of war.

It only costs \$1 to participate and students can sign up with Mr. Rothrock or a physical education teacher. Availability is limited and the last day to sign up is Friday, June 2.

## Unified Basketball Wrapping Up Great Season

**By Calinda Ceterski**

The last home game for the Unified Basketball game tipped off Wednesday, May 17 against Liverpool. If you have not heard about the Unified Basketball program, it is a wonderful program that provides the opportunity for students with disabilities to participate in a meaningful, authentic basketball team experience. The Special Olympics supports the Unified Sports programs.

G.R.B. is not the only school that incorporates the program into their schedule. Five other schools that participate in the program are Liverpool, Fayetteville-Manlius, West Genesee, Baldwinsville, and East Syracuse- Minoa.

Assistant Coach Mr. Meeks said, "I think it is clear that the students

who are participating on this team are having a great experience and an even better time. Friendships are being created between students who may have never had the opportunity to meet."

The program is a great opportunity for all students. The program allows students who might not normally interact to become friends.



*Pictured above is the Fulton Red Raider Unified Basketball team after their game against Liverpool.*



*Pictured above are the Red Raiders getting the rebound at the home game against Liverpool.*



*Pictured above are the Fulton and Liverpool teams waiting for the game to start on May 17.*

## Sophomore Clothing Drive Helps Many

By Mason Rowlee

The clothing drive held on May 16-18 by sophomores Jenna Ruzekowicz, Cory Dexter, Devan Ketcham, and Ryan Barry, generated a large amount of clothing to be donated back to the community. Overall, the students gathered 35 bags full of used, washed clothing to be returned to the community.

Sophomore and clothing drive coordinator Jenna Ruzekowicz said, "Our goal was to aid the community as much as we, as students, can. It's our job to do everything we can." She noted, "Our clothing drive was a huge success and we hope, next year, it will spread and be instituted in the rest of our district's schools."

Ryan Barry, who also helped coordinate the clothing drive, said, "It was great to benefit the community" and noted that it was very successful.

Fellow students also commented on the drive and praised it for the effort put into it. Sophomore Kelly Caza noted that she thinks "it will definitely benefit the community."

The students would like to thank Mrs. Parkhurst, Ms. Florio, Ms. Weston, Ms. Pekow, and Catholic Charities for their continued support. Great job, Raiders!



Pictured left to right are sophomores Cory Dexter, Devan Ketcham, Ryan Barry, and Jenna Ruzekowicz at their clothing drive.

## Spring Clean-Up a Success

By Mason Rowlee

On Saturday, May 20, G.R.B. held its annual Spring Clean-Up, hosted by the Science and Environmental Clubs, to help beautify the school.



Pictured above are sophomores Kelsey Rosenbarker (left) and Katie Distin.

The event had a relatively low turnout due to the senior trip and other sporting events. Despite low attendance, students and staff made a good amount of progress revitalizing G.R.B.'s grounds.



Left to right are senior Alysa Rosenbarker and sophomores Kelsey Rosenbarker and Katie Distin. These students participated in the 2017 Spring Clean-Up.

## Public Speaking Students Visit Syracuse Stage

By Brian Trombly

On Tuesday, May 16, several students from Mr. Lescarbeau's Public Speaking class took a field trip to Syracuse for an opportunity to enjoy a performance from one of Central New York's most praised theater groups.

Mr. Lescarbeau said *DeathTrap* began at 10:30 a.m. and was a "great opportunity for the students to see this funny and daring spoof."

Cameron Blasczienski, Catie Cianfarano, Cort Collins, Jeremy Herlowski, David Houck, Nick Kinney, Rachel LeVea, Dan Mt. Pleasant, Zach Vaccaro, Ethan Wright, and Ryan Yates all enjoyed the performance.

This trip was a great opportunity for the students to learn from the actors because Mr. Lescarbeau arranged a "talkback" with the performers.

He said, "The students were able to ask great questions about the actors' backgrounds, the audition process, what it was like to build their characters, and what it was like to perform for different audiences."

It also seems like it was a good way for these seniors to lessen the stress during this hectic time of the school year.



*DeathTrap* is a thriller directed by Paul Barnes. Several G.R.B. students watched a performance on Tuesday, May 16.

## Students Enjoy Milkshake Fundraiser



Pictured above are students waiting to receive their prepaid milkshakes from the Future Business Leaders of America's milkshake fundraiser on May 18. The stand was swamped with students after school and was a definite success. Senior Nicole Hansen said, "It was bomb." Many students praised the milkshakes and said they were delicious.

**-Opinion-**  
***Miscommunication is a Problem  
Regarding Minor Referrals***

**By Brian Trombly**

At the end of each marking period, students who have been upstanding throughout the year and have not received a referral usually earn a reward.

While the concept seems like an exciting way to acknowledge students, the method of this reward is flawed and is unfortunate for many outstanding students.

Throughout the year, students who have been working very hard often feel left out of this special occasion. These students are not considered “referral-free” as they have received “minor” referrals.

Many of these minor referrals are because students were late to school or class. Whenever a student is late to school without a written excuse from a parent or guardian, he or she receives a minor referral. Being late to school is the main problem when it comes to students getting in trouble and receiving these referrals, but it is a problem that the school is addressing.

Admittedly, it is the student's responsibility to be on time for school and to each class. Nonetheless, inconsistent actions and

miscommunication are the real reasons for this conundrum.

Teachers, for the most part, do enforce this rule about students who are late to class, but “for the most part” is not enough. Even if teachers, on occasion, let students off the hook, it sets a bad example. This gives other students arguments for being late to class.

Students, teachers, and administrators should also get together and talk of possible referrals that they might be unaware of, as some students may be shaking their heads about where they got that stray minor referral. Many students do not even realize they have received a minor referral for being late to school.

Overall, the problem lands in the hands of the students. They should act responsibly and be in class and ready to learn. However, if the communication between administrators, teachers, and students improves and the teachers enforce the rules constantly and consistently, it will set a better example and give clarity to the kids who deserve to reap the rewards.

***Yearbook Day is  
Approaching  
Quickly***

After hours of labor and months of anticipation, the 2017 Fultonian Yearbook has finally arrived. But the students and staff of G. Ray Bodley High School will have to wait a few more days before seeing this year's 90<sup>th</sup> edition of the Fultonian: We Could Be Heroes.

Friday, June 2 is the anticipated day for yearbook distribution, with the books available just outside the auditorium for most of the day. Students who have pre-ordered a yearbook are urged to bring their receipts, while a master list of preorders will soon be posted outside the cafeteria. Students should check this list to see about any unpaid balances, which will need to be taken care of before they may receive their books.

There are still a limited number of yearbooks available for purchase on a first come, first served basis at a cost of \$60. While cash is preferred, checks will be accepted and should be made out to Fultonian Yearbook.

See Mrs. Honeywell in room 124 with any questions.

## **Physics Students Enjoy Physics Day at Darien Lake**

**By Josiah Dahar**

On Monday, May 22, Mr. Galek's Physics students enjoyed an exciting field trip to Darien Lake. For the past thirty-five years, Darien Lake has had a Physics Day. During this celebration of Physics, the park is only open to high school students who are taking the class. Whenever Mr. Galek has a class that would like to participate, he is sure to organize the trip.

At 7:30 a.m., the students loaded up into an Onondaga Coach bus and after a two-hour ride they arrived in time for the park's 10 a.m. opening. The park was open until 5:00 p.m. and the group enjoyed every second of the trip. In addition to the fun on the rides, the students were also required to do some Physics. Each student was given a packet of problems related to various rides around the park, making the experience not only fun, but educational.

This year the cost of the trip was fifty dollars, and for another eleven dollars, students could get an unlimited lunch from noon to two.

The students who participated this year were Gabriella Bailey, Brad Martin, Erin Baker, Caitlyn McAfee, Joe Barbagallo, Miranda Prosser, Justin Barney, Sarah Rice, Maura Botsford, Cole Rothrock, Jade Brien, Nathan Shaw, Elizabeth Brown, Hailey



*Senior Nate Shaw had a blast on the Lasso at Darien Lake during Physics Day on May 22.*

Smith, Adam Case, Phil Summerville, Calinda Ceterski, Nathan Summerville, Cort Collins, Max Sunday, Josiah Dahar, Sydney Tetro, Ken Deloff, Abiu Velasquez, Emily Gerth, Ken Verdoliva, Mike Gerth, Keegan Wallace, Andrew Gilbert, James Ward, Cameron Gray-Blasczienski, Jacob Wilcox, Austin Greenier, Ethan Wright, Megan Guernsey, Andrew Yankowsky, Brooke Halstead, Nate Shatrau, Nick Hicks, Jared Marden, Mariah Holcomb, Danny Davis, Dan Hotaling, and Trey LaRock.

In addition to Mr. Galek, math teacher Mrs. Ryan and English teacher Mrs. Nylen helped out as chaperones.

Some of the favorite rides among the students were the Lasso, the Viper, the Mind Eraser, and the

Ride of Steel. The Predator was out of order that day and the Ride of Steel was only open for half of the day. Students heard this was because the wind became too strong for the ride to operate safely. The students had a lot of fun at Physics Day and many of them believe this was one of the best field trips ever.

## **Honors English Students Recognized for Community Projects**

**By Mason Rowlee**

On the evening of Thursday, May 18, Mrs. LaDuc's 11th grade Honors English Class and Ms. Florio's 10th grade Honors English Class were recognized for their efforts to improve the Fulton community.

Several of Mrs. LaDuc's students presented their community member interviews and explained the effect these interviews had on their perception of the community.

Ms. Florio's students presented their community improvement projects, which ranged from a clothing drive to suicide prevention. The night was full of positive stories about the community and there was also good food donated by Blue Moon Grill.

## Tournament Win for Fulton Wrestling

The Fulton Wrestling team hosted a 20-team dual meet tournament on May 20 at the Fulton War Memorial. Teams traveled from all across New York State, as well as Connecticut and Pennsylvania, to attend the prestigious event.

As another demonstration of Fulton Wrestling's dedication and commitment to off-season work, the Fulton wrestling program was able to put 35 wrestlers on the mats. Fulton entered an "A" team and a "B" team and had two additional wrestlers compete on the Section 3 combined team.

Teams were placed in one of four pools. Fulton was placed in the "A" pool and faced #10 state-ranked Hilton in the first round.

Fulton grapplers easily defeated Hilton, beating them by more than 20 points. The other teams in Pool A included Athens, (the typically dominant team from Pennsylvania), Apex Gold (the club team from section 5), and Army Armspin (a club team from section 4).

At the end of the day, Red Raiders walked away with the team title. Kaleb Carreon, Thomas Hughes, Cuinn Burlingham, Nick Noel, Brian Mitchell, Wyatt Willis, and Adam DeMauro all went undefeated in the event. In addition, Sam Waldron, Andru Walts, Camrin Galvin, Jaymes Garrison, John Parrish, Michael Ross, Samuel Jones, Sean Flynn, Jeshua Lopez, and Austin Bowering had

standout performances suffering only one loss on the day. The Fulton team once again showed that they do not have a "weak spot" in their lineup.

This year, the Fulton Wrestling Club donated half the money raised in the event to the Friends of Section 3 Wrestling (FOW). The FOW supports all the wrestling programs in Section 3 by providing awards, purchasing uniforms, hosting the end-of-season banquet, hosting the Hall of Fame banquet, and much more.



*Sophomore Tommy Hughes (left) and freshman Brian Mitchell were two of the undefeated wrestlers at the May 20 event.*



*Fulton Wrestlers hold the championship plaque.*

## Senior Shirts are Blast from the Past

By Zoe Norton

Every year, seniors vote on a class t-shirt. This year's shirt says "LAST 90'S CLASS #RAIDERS 2K17" on the front and on the back there are various cartoon characters that most of the class of 2017 grew up watching. If you have never seen the cartoons and are not a part of the last 90s class, you might be a little confused.

The characters on the shirt include Arnold from *Hey Arnold*, Tommy Pickles from *Rugrats*, Penny Proud from *Proud Family*, Kim Possible from *Kim Possible*, Mac and Blue from *Fosters Home For Imaginary Friends*, Danny Phantom from *Danny Phantom*, SpongeBob Squarepants from *Spongebob Squarepants*, Eddy from *Ed Edd n Eddy*, Courage from *Courage the Cowardly Dog*, Buttercup from *Powerpuff Girls*, Timmy Turner from *Fairly Odd Parents*, and Mandy from *Grim Adventures of Billy and Mandy*.

Senior Skyler Miller said, "The shirt is nice, but not totally accurate. Some of the characters' colors and styles aren't quite right, but I liked the thought of putting characters that I grew up with on a shirt."

Although some of the characters look a little different from how students remember them, the shirt was a great idea and seniors enjoy showing it off.

