

## Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

### Jessica Marotti, Valedictorian

Parent(s): Joseph and Ruth Marotti



**College Choice:** I will be attending SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry studying Environmental Engineering.  
**What have you enjoyed most about high school?** I have enjoyed meeting new people, playing sports with friends, and

taking new classes.

**Favorite Quote?** "It's the oldest story in the world. One day you're seventeen and planning for someday, and then quietly, without you ever really noticing, someday is today, and that someday is yesterday and this is your life." - Nathan Scott

**During the past 4 years, who has inspired you the most?** During the past four years my family has been my biggest motivation and encouragement to do my best.

**What is your advice to your graduating class?** My advice to my graduating class is to appreciate the little things in life, as they're usually the most meaningful.

**At your 25<sup>th</sup> high school reunion, what do you want your classmates to remember you for?** I want my classmates to remember me for trying my hardest to do well while never prioritizing success over my friends and family.

**If nothing else, what one thing do you hope to accomplish in your lifetime?** In my lifetime I hope to give back to those who helped me get where I am today.

### Vita Yatsyuk, Salutatorian

Parent(s): Anatoliy and Nataliya Yatsyuk

**College Choice:** I will be attending LeMoyne College studying Biology.

**What have you enjoyed most about high school?** The close friends I have made along the way.

**Favorite Quote?** "Shoot for the stars but if you happen to miss, shoot for the moon instead."

- Neil Armstrong

**During the past 4 years, who has inspired you the most?** My parents and siblings.

**What is your advice to your graduating class?** You got this! I believe in you!

**At your 25<sup>th</sup> high school reunion, what do you want your classmates to remember you for?** I want my classmates to remember me for my kindness and determination.

**If nothing else, what one thing do you hope to accomplish in your lifetime?** I hope to make the people around me happy.



### Over \$160K in Scholarships Awarded

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, over \$160,000 in college scholarships were awarded to the Class of 2021. Solvay is very fortunate to have generous community groups and their members, local businesses, and alumni. Thank you to our very special faculty, staff that work together to make the awards program a success, and Kevin C. Riley, who spearheads the Dollars for Scholars each year. A list of those students receiving scholarships appears on pages 5, 6 and 7 of this issue.

## First Ever Solvay Movie Musical is Coming Soon

"A Day in the Life: The Musical" will premiere June 2021. The movie musical takes 25 different musical songs from the past 20 Solvay staged musicals. This story tells the overly dramatic daily life of our Solvay students. Focusing on the stories of different high school romances, you will find yourself laughing and chuckling along the way with the students. You might even see a surprise cameo here and there. We look forward to presenting this wonderful film to you all via YouTube in June. Be on the look out for more publicity soon!



Scan the QR Code for the "A Day in the Life: The Musical" Site

## Students and Seniors Become Pandemic Pen Pals

*Deborah Christiansen, Director of Marketing, The Centers at St. Camillus*

When Tricia Barboni, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education Teacher for Solvay Middle School, asked students what they'd like to do for their after-school project, the children suggested becoming Pen Pals with the residents at St. Camillus. They wanted to make a difference in the life of a senior during this difficult time and were keenly aware of the impact the pandemic has had on families. Barboni noted "The kids were missing their own grandparents. Reaching out to help others helped them too; it was really beneficial."

This inter generational project was warmly welcomed by our Recreation Staff at St. Camillus knowing the positive impact it'd have on our seniors. In no time at all the residents received their first batch of letters from Solvay Middle School in the form of Valentine cards which they kept by their bedside or hung on their wall.



Student, Lauren Tucker pictured right.

In return, Recreation Leader Keryn Cordon assisted the residents in creating their very own stationary. They chose a photo of their favorite animal or flower and glued it to the front of a note card before she helped them craft a personal response to their young pen pal.

In March the students surprised the residents with glittery St. Patrick's Day cards and a "Get to Know Me" letter all about them! And yes, our seniors had homework too. Cordon created a questionnaire for the residents, packed with fun questions so the kids would soon find out their pen pal's favorite food, their dream vacation, what pets they've owned and if they could meet one person...who would it be?

As Cordon helped the seniors with their responses, it was evident they wanted the children to have a little keepsake -- something they could hold onto. The next envelope to Solvay included a laminated card, personalized by each resident to let the kids know just how special they are and how they're a bright spot in their pan pal's day!

## Students Shine at the NYSSMA Solo Festival

Four SMS students participated in the first virtual New York State School Music Association's Solo Festival. These talented students dedicated themselves to preparing either a vocal or an instrumental solo for adjudication.

The solos for the festival are ranked based on levels of difficulty as outlined in the NYSSMA manual. Students select and prepare a solo with the help of their music teacher based on their level of musical proficiency. The levels of difficulty span from level I (beginner) through level VI (collegiate). Congratulations to all of our hard working musicians on their preparation, dedication, and high level of accomplishment.



Pictured L/R: James Webber (voice), Ashlyn Smorol (voice), Ryland Bligh (voice), and Tripp Sauer (tenor saxophone).

## Students Intern in Transportation

Two juniors at SHS are enrolled in OCM BOCES's heavy equipment class held at Tracey Road Equipment. They are interning in the district's transportation facility. James and Owen are doing a fabulous job and their internships have been extended for the remainder of the school year. Pictured below L/R: James Dillon and Owen Britton.



## Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens

The Solvay Union Free School District will be providing free summer meals for kids and teens during select weeks. The program is open to all residents and non-residents 18 years of age or younger.

If you have any questions about summer meals, please call the Solvay Food Service Program at 315-484-1403. The summer meal schedule is as follows:

- Where: Solvay High School
- When: July 1 through July 30 (closed July 5<sup>th</sup> and Fridays)
- Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## 2021-22 PreK Registration

PreK registration for the 2021-22 school year is now open. If your child turns 4 by December 1, 2021, they are eligible for the district's free PreK program. By registering early, it will help with enrollment projections for the upcoming school year.

To apply, children must be residents of the district and must have all required immunizations. Transportation is provided for students who are four years old. Until then, parents are responsible for transportation.

To register visit [www.solvayschools.org](http://www.solvayschools.org).

2021-2022 Solvay Union Free School District Calendar

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**BOXED** OR **SHADED** DAYS INDICATE NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

September 6 – Labor Day  
 September 7 – Staff Development Day  
 September 8 – First Day for Students  
 October 11 – Columbus Day  
 October 29 – Half Day for PreK-4\*  
 November 2 – Staff Development Day  
 November 11 – Veterans Day  
 November 24-27 – Thanksgiving Recess  
 December 24-31 – Holiday Recess  
 December 24 – Christmas Day Observed  
 December 30 – New Year’s Eve Observed  
 December 31 – New Year’s Day Observed  
 January 17 – Martin Luther King Day  
 January 25-26 – Regents  
 January 28 – Half Day for PreK-4\*

February – Begin 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
 February 21-25 – Presidents’ Day/Winter Recess  
 March 21 – Staff Development Day  
 March 29-31 – ELA Gr. 3-8 Testing  
 April 11-15 – Spring Recess  
 April 26-28 – Math Gr. 3-8 Testing  
 May 20 – Staff Development Half Day for All Students\*  
 May 24 – Science Gr. 8 Performance Testing  
 May 30 – Memorial Day  
 June 6 – Science Gr. 8 Written Testing  
 TBD – US History & Government Regents  
 June 20 – Juneteenth Observed  
 June 15-23 – Regents  
 June 24 – Regents Rating Day; Staff Development Day

Adopted: 3/15/21

# CONGRATULATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CLASS OF 2021

June 2021

Scholarship	Scholarship Recipient
Bagozzi Twins Student Athlete Scholarship	Emily Britton
Bagozzi Twins Student Athlete Scholarship	Allen Knight-Cawthon
Barnello Family Memorial Scholarship	Carter Lee
Benjamin and Claudia Capella and Solvay Tyrol Club Scholarship	Ava Kosecki
Clara Hill-Murphy Scholarship	Haley O'Neill-Leverenz
Coach Al Merola's Bearcat Pride Scholarship	Carter Lee
Coach Al Merola's Bearcat Pride Scholarship	X'Avion Irons
Crossroads Lodge #520 Solvay Masonic Temple Scholarship Award	Larissa DeJesus
Dave Pirro Memorial Scholarship	Anthony Artini
David Biachi Law Enforcement Scholarship	Olivia Petralito
David Biachi Law Enforcement Scholarship	Isabella Burton-DeFio
Dolores White Memorial Scholarship Award	Ryleigh Bidwell
Erik S. Kohler Memorial Scholarship	Abdulhaq Al Zokari
Friends of Lucian Garzia Memorial Scholarship	Myah Platler
Friends of Marc Ball Memorial Scholarship	Kira Lioto
Geddes Federal Savings & Loan Association Scholarship Award	Julian Green
Geddes Federal Savings & Loan Association Scholarship Award	Amer Lazraus
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Jessica Marotti
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Vita Yatsyuk
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Esther Germakovski
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Kristyn Skellington
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Rachel Maloney
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Alien Ali
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Brianna Holtsbery
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Ava Kosecki
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Abdulhaq Al Zokari
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Logan Ashby
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Jordan Bamba
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Zora Robinson
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Thalia Martinez-Vazquez
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Kaya Watts
Jeff Proietti Wellness Scholarship	Tyler McCarthy
John O. Pepe Memorial Scholarship	Nicholas Florczyk
Joseph F. O'Neill, Jr. Memorial Award	Allison Dooher
Julie Bray (DeFurio) Memorial Scholarship	Donovan Muckey
Kent Proctor - Proctor Entertainment Memorial Fund	Larissa DeJesus
Lakeside VFD Angelo "Babe" Fernandez Memorial Scholarship	Shannon Pugh
Leon and Kathryn Mountain Hildenbrand Scholarship	Amer Lazraus
Leon and Kathryn Mountain Hildenbrand Scholarship	Allen Knight-Cawthon
Lise Katherine Henrickson Memorial Scholarship	Summer Lewis
Luciano F. Bogaz Memorial Scholarship	Genea Kadlubowski
Lyncourt Volunteer Fire Department Scholastic Achievement Award	Amer Lazraus
Lyncourt Volunteer Fire Department Scholastic Achievement Award	Nicholas Florczyk

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Margaret Duda Kingson Teaching Scholarship	Kira Lioto
Margaret Duda Kingson Teaching Scholarship	Ryan DePalma
Mary & Eddie Giemza and Richard Balduzzi Scholarship	Desirae Robinson
Peter Baichi Memorial Scholarship Award	Noah Monty
Peter Baichi Memorial Scholarship Award	Summer Lewis
Planned Results Scholarship	Allison Dooher
Planned Results Scholarship	Ryleigh Bidwell
Planned Results Scholarship	Amer Lazraus
Ralph E. Scutt Memorial Scholarship	Rebecca Ducey
Ralph E. Scutt Memorial Scholarship	Makayla Smith
Rob Sposato Memorial Scholarship Award	Ryan Trendell
Robert O'Donnell Citizenship Award	Esther Germakovski
Ronald W. Cole Memorial Scholarship	Evan Tennant
Solvay Bank Scholarship Award	Noah Monty
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Julian Green
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Brianna Kuhles
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Emily Britton
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Ja'hmiere Gonzalez
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Isaiah Parker
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Danil Gromov
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Nicholas Komar
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Isis Mitchell
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Allison Dooher
Solvay High School Class of 1964 Scholarship Award	Mackenzie Crossett
Solvay High School Class of 1964 Scholarship Award	Ryan Trendell
Solvay High School Class of 1968 Scholarship Award	Julian Green
Solvay High School Class of 1968 Scholarship Award	Ryleigh Bidwell
Solvay High School Class of 1969 Scholarship Award	Allison Dooher
Solvay High School Class of 1998 "Hearts of Kindness" Memorial Scholarship	Myah Platler
Solvay Music Boosters Award	Noah Monty
Solvay Music Boosters Award	Evan Tennant
Solvay Music Boosters Award	Summer Lewis
Solvay Police Department Award	Nicholas Florczyk
Solvay Police Department Award	Noble Rossi
Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship	Trae'Von Riel
Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship	Genea Kadlubowski
Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship	Jacob Beavers
Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship	Isaiah Parker
Solvay Substitute Teachers Scholarship Award	Mackenzie Crossett
Solvay Substitute Teachers Scholarship Award	Brianna Kuhles
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Mackenzie Crossett
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Kira Lioto
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Evan Tennant
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Summer Lewis

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Solvay Teachers Association Award	Ryleigh Bidwell
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Myah Platler
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Carter Lee
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Emily Britton
Solvay Tigers Auxiliary Scholarship	Shareese Pierce
Solvay Tigers Auxiliary Scholarship	Eric Cameron
Solvay Tigers Memorial Scholarship	Mackenzie Crossett
Solvay Tigers Memorial Scholarship	Ryan DePalma
Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Lions Club/Louis Valerino Jr. Award	Allison Dooher
Stanley and Ursula Kishman Scholar Athlete Award	Myah Platler
Tony Lombardo Music Scholarship	Evan Tennant
Tony Lombardo Music Scholarship	Brianna Holtsbery
Tyrol Club of Solvay Scholarship	Ava Kosecki
Village of Solvay Electric Dept./FORTISTAR Scholarship	Jessica Marotti
Vincent and Helen Mascette Scholarship	Evan Tennant

## Athletics

### Spring 2021 Sports

The spring season is underway. All athletes and coaches are beyond excited to be on the field, track, and courses again. Best of luck this season. Sectionals here we come!

### Where Are They Now?

If you have any Bearcat alumni news, contact the Athletic Office at 315-484-1400.

### Website

Visit the Athletic Department's website at <http://www.solvayschools.org/athletics> for important announcements. For the most up-to-date schedules and directions to other schools, visit [www.schedulegalaxy.com](http://www.schedulegalaxy.com).

### Twitter

Solvay Athletics is on Twitter. Check daily for contests, score updates, and other athletic news. Follow us @SolvayAthletics.

## Where Are They Now?

Michael "Mico" Hayden (Class of 2020) attends Ithaca College and is a dual major in Music Education and Vocal Performance. He made the Dean's List and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in his category for the Finger Lakes/Central NY chapter of NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing). He goes onto the regional round that could lead him to the national competition.

Mico is in a well-known A Cappella group called Ithacappella. The group records albums and travels. This year of course has been different. He is also in the vocal jazz group and chorus.

When Mico is home, he has a job as a substitute cantor at the grand Assumption Church in Syracuse.

## 2020-2021 Retirees

Congratulations to the following retirees:

- Sharon Duszak, School Bus Attendant & Cafeteria Aide
- Melody Fredrickson, Physical Education & Health Teacher
- Wendy Hennessey, Teaching Assistant
- Barbara McCarthy, Typist II
- John Owens, Science Teacher
- Lisa Ruszczak, Typist II
- Edward Slowik, School Bus Driver

Thank you for all you did for our students and community. Enjoy retirement!

**Already Registered or Just Have Questions?**  
**SMS is holding a PreK Parent Information Night on June 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.**



# SOLVAY *Sentinel*

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## Magazine Clip Paintings

Studio art 8<sup>th</sup> grade students created color study paintings. The challenge for this assignment is to paint a reproduction of a magazine clipping carefully mixing the colors to match the visual reference. The enlarged version mirrors the shapes and colors of the original magazine image.



Shyla Cox, "Farm Fresh"



Yana Gulev, "Pears"



Victoria Zappala, "Flowers"

## PreK Rainbow Paintings

PreK artists finished a unit focusing on colors with rainbow paintings. Students practiced recognizing, naming, and mixing colors. The young artists also practiced washing their brushes learning how to take care of art materials.



Yeva Korobii



Joseph Dennee