

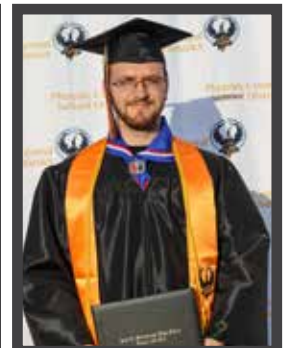
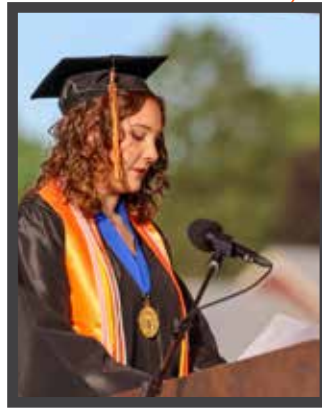
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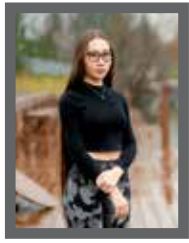
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Congratulations Class of 2023!





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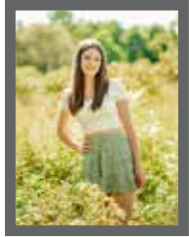
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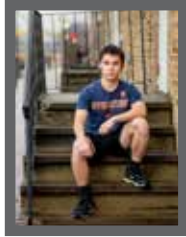
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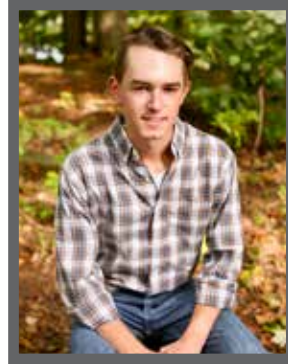
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Alexander Whaley
Valedictorian



Cody Perry
Salutatorian



Lindsey Goudy



Elisabeth Caltabiano

Congratulations to the JCB Class of 2023

Joseph Michael Abt
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Alexander Finn Bell
Isaiah James Bergman
Shauna Nicole Besaw
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Ryleah Teresa Marie Breckenridge
Ethan Sean Bruno
Donnivan Michael Bukowski
Jonathon Patrick Burgess
Grace Emily Calkins
Peyton Michael Callahan
Elisabeth Gail Caltabiano
Liam Roberto Campanino
Solomon Justice Campbell
Courtney Kelley Carter
Jessica Amanda Carter
Joshua Matthew Carter
Mackenzie Leigh Chetney
Meghan Erica Clothier
Maxwell Gabriel Comuntzis
Reghan Robert Conley
Madison Nicole Coutchure

Alexis AnnMarie Crandall
Emily Rose Danquer
Blake Russell Duncan
Emily Ann Dunn-Hulett
Hayley Jacqueline Ann Dygert
Milani Aree Eldred
Mark Jason Eusepi Jr.
Michael Thomas Farrar II
Madison Rae Fatcheric
Natalie Elizabeth Fay
Yemaya Inyssa Figueras
Robert Loudon Finch Jr.
Evan Richard Fox
Shawn Michael Froio
Zoe Marie Gordon
Lindsey Mae Goudy
Mia Adelina Graham
Kenidee Georgia Ann Grover
Anthony John Guglielmo II
Sandra Sue Harrington
Chloe Annabell Harvey
Mallory Alexis Hess
Jason Xavier Hilton
Blake Sanford Martin Hoyt

Mattie Marie Hunt
Riley Frederick Huntley
Brandon Guy Ingoldby
Evan Michael Isabell
Olivia Marie Isabella
Daren Scott Jackson
Alan David Jacques
Conor Michael Jones
Dylan Michael Jones
Alyssa Beth Kasten
Lily Jeanne Lovell
Lillian Mae Maty
Correy Matthew McAllister
Brooke Marie McCann
John Robert McDonald
Benjamin Gabriel Pedro Mendez
Ascher Sarai Meyers
Jenna Clair Moore
Alexander Seamus Murphy
Jacob Michael Murray
Peyton Rex Nichols
Richard Scott Oakley Jr.
Gabriel Elliot Patnode
Cody Duncan Perry

Logan Ty Petrie
Jason Duane Phoenix Jr.
Lillianne Elizabeth Quinn
Robert Patrick Reynolds
Ryan James Schlachter
Nicholas William Shank
Hope Marie Smith
Courtney Marie Soutar
Sheriden Taylor Southworth
Logan Andrew Stanton
Lucas Alexander Stanton
Douglas Michael Stevens
Dylan Anthony Tack
Celia Elizabeth Tangorra
Ryan Jacob Thompson
Destiny Lynn Valade
Kahil Reed Wagner
Evan Alan Waldron
Catherine Lee Waterman
Alexander Arthur Whaley
Austin Michel Wilder
Sean Paul Wood Jr.
Matthew Thomas Lee Yorker



Birdleough Class of 1973 marks milestone reunion with generosity, scholarship funds

Although many members of the John C. Birdleough High School Class of 1973 had not stepped foot inside the high school since graduating, their fond memories prompted them to do something remarkable to celebrate their 50th class reunion.

Led by Wes Pickreign (class of 1973) and members of a reunion committee, the class recently celebrated their big milestone by giving back to their alma mater in an even bigger way. The committee had several priorities, which included paying for a new lighted frame for Mr. Birdleough's portrait, covering the costs of the caps and gowns for this year's graduates, and establishing an activities fund — \$5,000 for 20 years — that would aid clubs and individual students.

"The activities fund would hopefully reach students that a scholarship fund might not," Pickreign said. "This fund could be used for guest speakers, entry fees for clubs, or help with fees such as the fee for SAT exams to name a few."

As members of the reunion class began to donate to those efforts, another classmate offered to establish a scholarship in the name of the class of 1973. That scholarship will be maintained for 20 years and awarded to two students annually in the amount of \$10,000 each.

"My classmates responded generously and enthusiastically to our request for donations," Pickreign said. "School was such a positive experience for so many of us. Personally, I had a number of teachers, coaches, and the HS principal, Mr. Castiglione, who went the extra mile for me.



Members of the JCB Class of 1973 present a check to class of 2023 graduate Sheriden Southworth to cover the cost of the caps and gowns for this year's graduates. From left are Marty Schlecht, Sheriden Southworth, Wes Pickreign and Cynthia Paine.

I know I would not be where I am today without their encouragement and support."

Pickreign noted that it was truly rewarding for him and his classmates to have the chance to give back to the school district.

"This opportunity to do something directly for the school that did so much for me is very fulfilling," he said.

EJD Middle School honors PE Students of the Year



Emerson J. Dillon Middle School recently concluded its Student of the Month program with a Physical Education Student of the Year ceremony honoring two students from each grade, five through eight.

"This program is not about who is the best

athlete," explained physical education teacher and program organizer Paul Lyman. "It's about acknowledging and showing our appreciation to those students who are deserving of recognition for always doing the right things."

The program emphasizes character traits like being polite, kind, selfless, honest, trustworthy, respectful, responsible, and hard-working. Each month throughout the school year, one male and one female student in each grade level are collaboratively chosen as "Students of the Month" by EJD physical education staff.

As the school year wrapped up, all the monthly winners met June 8 for a celebratory pizza party. There, one male and one female student from each grade was announced as the "Student of the Year" and were joined by their families for congratulations, photos, and an "EJD PE ROCKS" T-shirt.

This year's fifth-grade Student of the Year winners were Elisa Reyes and Dante Posada. From sixth grade, the winners were Ashley Dumas and Elijah Kersey. Seventh-grade winners were Ava Peretto and Trevor Prior. Finally, eighth-grade winners included Bailey Hagar and Colin Kurzinski.

CHEERS TO YOUR Retirement!

- Timothy AllenCustodial Worker
- Catherine Nelson Bus Aide
- Debra Hubbard Bus Driver
- Jeannie Whelsky Bus Driver
- Robyn Abbott Teacher Aide
- Daun Putt Teaching Assistant
- Deborah Lewis Teaching Assistant
- Ann Marie Milewski Speech Teacher
- Lynn McCaffrey Teacher
- Lori Zych Teacher
- Constance Pullam Teaching Assistant
- Charlene Chrysler Teacher
- Noel Penfield Teacher
- Kathleen Hetko Teacher

Scholarship, Senior Key & Award Winners

GARRETT AUDAS

Senior Key for Life Skills and Outstanding Effort and Attitude in Essential Life Skills

ALEXANDER BELL

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Bob O'Connell Memorial Scholarship, Dale Osborne Music Scholarship, James E. Remington Memorial Scholarship, Jerry Ripley Memorial Scholarship, Senior Keys for Band and Music, and Outstanding Achievement in Photography

ISAIAH BERGMAN

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

ALLENMICHAEL BORASKY

The Robert and Roberta Hurd Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Earle/Burgett Scholarship, High Achievement Award – Independent Pizza, NYS/HESC Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Senior Key for Social Studies, and Outstanding Effort and Attitude in Calculus

RYLEAH BRECKENRIDGE

Senior Key for Photography

ETHAN BRUNO

Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Photography

ELISABETH CALTABIANO

The Robert and Roberta Hurd Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Betty and Maynard Lonis Memorial Scholarship, Teachers' Association Award, Outstanding Growth and Achievement in English 103/104

LIAM CAMPANINO

Oswego County Association of Educational Office Professionals Scholarship

COURTNEY CARTER

Teachers' Association Award, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, The Medicine Place Health Science Scholarship, Class of 1963 Scholarship, Ralph Henderson Family Memorial Scholarship, Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Physical Education, Outstanding Achievement in Government, Outstanding Effort and Attitude in Calculus

JESSICA CARTER

NYS/HESC Scholarship for Academic Excellence

MEGHAN CLOTHIER

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Linda Storrings Memorial Scholarship, American Red Cross Scholarship, Senior Keys for Art, Physical Education and Mathematics, and Outstanding Effort and Attitude in Pre-Calculus

MADISON COUTCHURE

Cody Volunteer Fire Department Frederick G. Rumsey Scholarship

EMILY DANQUER

Charles Moyer Memorial Scholarship, Outstanding Time Management in Ceramics, Stellar Effort and Achievement in English 12

BLAKE DUNCAN

Rosa Pappalardo Kemmis Memorial Scholarship Award, Outstanding Achievement in Government, Most Inventive in Ceramics

MILANI ELDRED

Outstanding Achievement in Government and Outstanding Leadership in Ceramics

MADISON FATCHERIC

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Senior Key for English, Outstanding Achievement in Math 104/214

EVAN FOX

Constellation STEM Scholarship, Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Technology Education, Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Physical Education

ZOE GORDON

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Fred & Carolyn Caltabiano Scholarship, Senior Key for Student Council, Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Physical Education, Off the Charts: Enthusiasm & Work Ethic in English 12

Perry earns first-ever the Ronald and Janice Johst Academic Scholarship



JCB graduate Cody Perry and family gather for a photo with the Johst family after this year's commencement ceremony. Perry was the first-ever recipient of the Ronald and Janice Johst Academic Scholarship. The scholarship was created in honor of the Johsts, Phoenix Central School District residents who have shared a passion for their community and the education system for more than eight decades. The fund has been structured as a 10-year \$1 million commitment, with a \$10,000 annual (\$40,000 over four years) "standard scholarship" or a \$25,000 (\$100,000 over four years).



LINDSEY GOUDY

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Caughdenoy Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship, Senior Key for 4 Years of Perfect Attendance

MIA GRAHAM

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Brian Dick Memorial Scholarship, Fred & Carolyn Caltabiano Scholarship, Larkin Memorial Scholarship, NYS Comptroller's Award, Outstanding Achievement in English 103/104, Government and Math 104/214

BENJAMIN HESS

Oswego County Autism Task Force Scholarship

MALLORY HESS

Masonic Temple/Eastern Star Scholarship, Gladys Morley Scholarship Award, CDL Shaffer & GEM Childcare @ 13135 Scholarship

BLAKE HOYT

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Ridge Barden Memorial Scholarship, Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Physical Education

MATTIE HUNT

Best Attitude and Outstanding Effort in Photography

BRANDON INGOLDBY

Outstanding Achievement in Course Recovery, Outstanding Effort: Rockstar Writer, Listener, Team Player in English 12

EVAN ISABELL

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Technology Education

OLIVIA ISABELLA

Senior Keys for Health and Spanish, Triple C Award from NYS Office of Attorney General, Jean Gillespie Pietroski Scholarship

ALAN JACQUES

The Robert and Roberta Hurd Scholarship, Triple C Award from NYS Office of Attorney General, Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Photography, Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Physical Education

LILY LOVELL

Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Health

CORREY MCALLISTER

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Webster Engineering Scholarship, Ridge Barden Memorial Scholarship, Senior Key for 4 Years of Perfect Attendance, Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in PLTW IED

LILLIAN MATY

American Legion Post 418 Scholarship

GABRIEL PATNODE

Dorothy Snyder-Hutchinson Memorial Scholarship, Outstanding Sculptor in Ceramics

CODY PERRY

The Ronald and Janice Johst Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, American Legion Post 418 Scholarship, The Society of American Military Engineers Fort Drum Post Scholarship, NYS/HESC Scholarship for Academic Excellence, the Town of Schroepel Community Scholarship, the Green Light Courier Scholarship, Scholarship in Memory of Dominick V. Mammolito, High Achievement Award – Independent Pizza, Erin's Angels Scholarship, Betty and Maynard Lonis Memorial Scholarship, Salutatorian Award – Fulton Savings Bank, Anna Renfrew Service Award – Presented by DFS, Phoenix Fire Department & Auxiliary Scholarship, Senior Keys for Citizenship, Industrial Arts/Technology, Salutatorian, NYS Comptroller's Award, Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Photography, Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Physical Education

LILLIANNE QUINN

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Brian Dick Memorial Scholarship, James F. McLaughlin Next Generation Scholarship, Senior Keys for School Spirit and 4 Years of Perfect Attendance, Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Physical Education

ROBERT REYNOLDS

Senior Key for Physical Education

COURTNEY SOUTAR

Outstanding Effort, Attitude and Interest in Physical Education

SHERIDEN SOUTHWORTH

Campion & Pierce Scholarship, Sweet Woods Memorial Scholarship, Senior Keys for Chorus, Drama and School Spirit, Outstanding Achievement in Government, (Best Attitude) Empathic Humanitarian & Creativity in ENG 103/104

LOGAN STANTON

Best Attitude and Outstanding Effort in Course Recovery

LUCAS STANTON

Outstanding Achievement in Course Recovery

DOUGLAS STEVENS

Outstanding Achievement in Course Recovery

CELIA TANGORRA

Fulton Savings Bank Scholarship (CCC), Rosa Pappalardo Kemmis Memorial Award, Earle/Burgett Scholarship, Senior Key for Business

RYAN THOMPSON

(Most Inventive) Phenomenological Existentialist in ENG 103/104 & Creative Writing

ALEXANDER WHALEY

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Valedictorian Award – Independent Pizza, NYS/HESC Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Senior Keys for Science and Valedictorian



Prestigious Hurd scholarships presented to JCB seniors

As members of the John C. Birdlebough High School class of 2023 celebrated their commencement June 22, the day proved to be a bit more special for graduating seniors Alan Jacques, Allenmichael Borasky and Elisabeth Caltabiano.

For the trio, the ceremony was highlighted by a major presentation: the Robert and Roberta Hurd Scholarship. Now in its ninth year, the scholarship provides one \$40,000 scholarship, one \$15,000 scholarship and one \$10,000 scholarship to graduating Phoenix students who embody the traits that the Hurds valued. This year's recipients, Jacques (\$10,000), Borasky (\$15,000) and Caltabiano (\$40,000), met the academic and character requirements that the Hurds envisioned for the award-winners.

The recipients must have demonstrated high moral values, shown excitement about going to college, had financial need and scored in the top 15 percent of their class.

The Hurd scholarship is courtesy of a nearly \$1 million bequest gift left by the couple after they passed away. The longtime Phoenix residents and alumni of PCSD schools valued education and earmarked funds to be allocated to Phoenix students via these annual scholarships.

"This gift will have an immeasurable positive impact on the lives of many children who might



otherwise not have been able to pursue their dreams," said a spokesperson for the Community Foundation that oversees the allocation of the scholarship funds.

Student creations dazzle at Phoenix CSD art show



The hallways of John C. Birdlebough High School recently transformed into an art gallery as student creations were on exhibit at the districtwide art show.

More than 1,000 different pieces —

ranging from ceramics to pencil drawings and everything in between — were featured as part of the annual show. The exhibit included work from students at each grade level throughout the district, and families had the opportunity to view each masterpiece.

"Our art students are incredibly talented," said members of the Phoenix Central School District Art Department. "We see their amazing work every day, and it is so nice to be able to showcase and share it with families as well."

In addition to viewing student artwork, attendees also had a chance to enter into a raffle and purchase some ceramic bowls as a fundraiser for Erin's Angels. The "empty bowls" initiative was designed to raise funds for Erin's Angels, a nonprofit organization that helps combat food insecurity in central New York.

"Our students created these amazing bowls, and our PCSD community absolutely loved them," said EJD art teachers Beth Pritchard and Brandi Finnis. "We were able to raise \$855 this year through the raffle and sales of various bowls. We're so proud of our student artists and grateful to everyone who supported this effort!"

To check out additional PCSD student artwork, please visit the district website at www.phoenixcsd.org.

JCB juniors garner over \$1.3 million in scholarships

Although post-secondary education experiences are still a year away for John C. Birdlebough High School juniors, some recently got a jumpstart — and a financial boost — on their future thanks to significant scholarships.

Thirty JCB juniors were the recipients of more than \$1.3 million in funding from various colleges and universities if the student chooses to attend that particular institution after high school graduation. The scholarship recipients had to meet several criteria, including being among the top of the junior class with strong GPAs. These members of the junior class also exhibited values of integrity, academic excellence, diversity and social responsibility, and have demonstrated outstanding school and community leadership.

"These hard-working students deserve all the recognition," said JCB High School Principal Thomas Bailer. "We couldn't be prouder of these young leaders and what they do for our community."

The following students and their awards are as follows: Myah Burnham (Clarkson University Leadership Award); Mason Renfrew (Clarkson University Achievement Award); Emma Bova, Rylee Denslow, Madalyn Carter, Madison Quaco and Mariah Sutcliffe (The Elmira College Key Award); Margo Pritting, Caedance Myer, Sara Ruetsch, Matt Froio and Chloe Thomas (Keuka College - The George H. Ball Community Achievement Award); Lia McBurnie and Marra DiGiovanni (LeMoyne College Heights Award); : Macray Pelton (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - Rensselaer Medal); Arlin Russo (Rochester Institute of Technology - Art & Design); Gabriella Dates (R.I.T — Women in STEM); Alaina Sutter (R.I.T — Science and Math); Kaylen Lamphere, Lillian MacDonald, Kai Clary, Beth Landers, Gianna Ende and Ava Kuropatwinski (St. Bonaventure University — Bonnie Scholarship); Charles Quaco (Sage College — Student Sage Scholarship Program); Luke Zellar (University of Rochester - Bausch & Lomb Award); Nathaniel Quaco (U of R's Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award); Gabbriella Runge (U of R's Leaders Award— George Eastman Young Leaders Award & Scholar); Owen Champion (U of R's Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology); and Brycen LaRobardiere (Alfred University).

Year-End Concerts Showcase Growth, Talents

Our student musicians took the stage to showcase their abilities during several concerts to wrap up the school year. The EJD and JCB bands and choral groups delighted family and friends with a range of songs that highlighted their growth and talents as musicians.



PCSD immortalizes three inductees into Wall of Fame while JCB senior student-athletes earn honors, scholarships



Donald DenBleyker, Derwin "Doc" Jones and family of Nick Tighe posing for photos in front of the Phoenix Wall of Fame.

The Phoenix Sports Boosters Club recently inducted three individuals into the first-ever class of the Phoenix Wall of Fame and honored John C. Birdlebough senior athletes during a year-end ceremony.

The evening got underway as Donald DenBleyker, Derwin "Doc" Jones and Nick Tighe were selected as members of the inaugural class and each were presented with plaques that will be on display in the athletic hall. Each was nominated by their peers for their contributions to the athletic department at the Phoenix Central School District.

"If I can give you one piece of advice, it is to always work as a team," Jones said to the senior athletes. "Working together as a team will get you far through life."

The ceremony continued as senior athletes received a framed varsity letter, with some earning scholarships, plaques and additional awards.

"Please fall back on things that you were taught by your coaches and teammates. Take what you have learned from your experiences at Phoenix and make a smooth transition into the rest of your life," said John Jeffries, director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics. "I wish you the best. We will all be cheering for you. Make us proud and show your fire!"

The following athletic scholarships and awards were given out at the ceremony:

Don and Marcia DenBleyker Scholarship:

Meghan Clothier and Madison Fatcheric

Judi and Doug Graham Scholarship:

Lillianne Quinn and Mia Graham

"Doc" Jones Athletic Scholarships:

Blake Hoyt and Zoe Gordon

Ronald P. Woodruff Outstanding Senior Athlete Award:

Ryan Schlachter and Courtney Carter

Section III Scholar Athlete Award:

Evan Fox and Courtney Carter

Robert Schlachter Memorial Scholarship:

Blake Hoyt and Mia Graham





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JCB announces valedictorian, salutatorian



Valedictorian Alexander Whaley

A dedication to his studies and a drive to succeed propelled John C. Birdlebough High School senior Alexander Whaley to the top of his graduating class.

Whaley, the JCB Class of 2023 valedictorian, has excelled in all academic subjects but found a particular

interest in science. He plans on pursuing a degree in physics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

"It's the most interesting field I can pursue," Whaley said. "I'd ultimately like to work private research and development."

While Whaley is eager to look ahead to his future, he took some time to reflect on his experience in the Phoenix Central School District. He was involved in Dollars for Scholars, National Honor Society and Ski Club. In addition, he served as an IT assistant and was a member of the golf team.

"This district has exposed me to a great many different perspectives I would not otherwise see," Whaley said.

Alexander, the son of Christopher and Ludmila Whaley, noted that his success stemmed from hard work behind the scenes and a commitment to his studies.

"I attribute my success to my dedication to achieving a singular purpose," he said.



Salutatorian Cody Perry

For John C. Birdlebough High School student Cody Perry, becoming class salutatorian was among the many honors he received during his senior year.

The standout student was also recognized as a Presidential Youth of the

Year Award winner for his contributions and volunteer efforts within the Phoenix community. He also received several scholarships, awards and senior keys for academic accomplishments and service.

"I attribute my success to my teachers and families that helped mentor me and encourage me to overachieve," Perry said. "I'd like to be remembered as a determined student, but also a good down-to-earth friend that anyone can talk to."

Perry was a multi-sport athlete for the Firebirds, participating in golf and track and field. He also was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council, where he served as the class vice president.

In the fall, Perry will attend Rochester Institute of Technology where he plans on studying civil engineering. Eventually he would like to pursue a career in the field, working to improve many aspects of our society's infrastructure.

Cody is the son of Jason and Cathie Perry.

