“You’re on your own and you know what you know. And you are the one who’ll decide where to go...”
Meet Our

Top 10

Graduates

Congratulations to the JCB Class of 2019

Jason Lewis Alberici
Justin Emido Alberici
Gabriella Paige Allen
Jack Edward Allen
Cameron Michael Ashley
Carly Marie August
Kearra Sue Backus
Van Joseph Baldini
Kyle Jay Barrington
Scott William Barrington
Maggie-Lee Josephine Basile
Marcus Allen Berube
Eric Joseph Betts
Jakob Raymond Birchmeyer
Madison Thea Bird
Alexis Aldena Borrow
Gregory Charles Bowersox
Daniel Paul Braun
Gage Rollin James Breckenridge
Trent Danneli-William Breckenridge
Cole Douglas Britton
Erika Lynn Brown
Jazmine Ivy Brown
Christopher Isaiah Bruno
Christopher Mark Caltabiano
Claudia Clerici
Alexandra Rae Collins
Sarah Mackenzie Conklin
Casi Deanne Coon
Mariah Lyn Correia
Darin Michael Cory
Nicollette Rose D’Arrigo
Gianna Alexandra DeRoberts
Elisabeth Marie Dona
Donovan David-Lawrence Dygert
Hannah Marie Edwards
Jada Denica Edwards
Alyssa Nicole Eisenhauer
Allison Anne Ernestine
John Paul Fatcheric
Matthew Jon Francis
Luke Ray Francisco
Robert Lewis Fredericks
Brianna Lee Gates
Erin Leigh Gaylord
Dylan James Germain
Hannah Rose Gilbert
Hans Griffin Goodnow
Kirsten Elizabeth Greenleaf
Tia Marie Guerrero
Branden Lamont Hall
Bryon William Halstead
Jesse Richard Handville
Johnna Michelle-Lynn Harke
Caroline Anne Harrington
Declan Edward Hawthorne
Nicole Elizabeth Henry
Megan Elizabeth Hess
Trinity Marie Hessler
Emilie Cecilia Hilliard
Courtney Alexis Holland
David Joseph Hull
Ethan Scott Hunt
Jamar Allen Isaac
Hunter Alexander Jewell
Christian Mark Johnson
Dylan Noah Johnson
Morgan Taylor Johnson
Danielle Lillian Karaszewski
Lawrence Edward Karl
Ashley Lois Kenner-Carbonaro
Katie Nicole Kimball
Raina Kathleen Knapp
Jeffrey Harrison Lamach
Ryan Mcneir Lange
Cole Thomas LaPine
Trevor James LaRobardiere
Danielle Marie LeFebvre
Wendy Li
Trenton Joseph Malambri
Ashley Elisabeth Margrey
Tianna Desiree Martin
Taylor Renee Mattice
Erin Grace McArde1
Ross Raymond McFarland
Emmalie Susan McIntyre
Alayna Marie Merrill
Riley Jack Munger
Michaela Anne Murdie
Leo James Murray
Rebecca Rose Myers
Ashley Alivia Naples
Makayla Elise Newvine
Alyssa Kathryn Nicita
Jacob Richard Palmatier
Dakota Scott Palocy
Alex John Pierce
Caytlyn Elizabeth Prickett
Olivia Mae Ripley
Hannah Elizabeth Rounds
Kristine Ann Rowe
Hannah Marie Sallis
Jonathan Joel Santiago
Alyssa Noel Schafer
Payton Alexander Scruton
Mairin Rose Sgroi
Jacob Hollon Sharp
Mariah Anne Sheirer
Trinity Star Sheradin
Ty Alexander Simpson
Emily Kirin Sitts
Joshua Lyons Smith
Devin Wyatt Smith
Hannah Renee Smith-Root
Samuel Ray Stellingwerf
Maria Alexeevna Stepanova
Raven Mackenzie Stevens
Crystal Snow Stobart
Antonio Salvatore Tassone
Dustin Charles Taylor
Olivia Marie Thrall
Gavin Michael Trask
Joshua Danniel Van Gorder
Destiny Breanne VanAuken
Lauren Elizabeth Voorhees
Jacob Daniel Ward
Robert James Whitcomb
Siera Mae Wilder
William Todd Williamson
Colton Thomas Winks
Sebastian Alexander Wygant
Zachary Daniel Yousey
Edward John Zellar
Mark Ryan Zogg

Phoenix Central School District
Juniors Receive Financial Boost with $800K Toward College

Academic excellence, integrity, citizenship and innovation were in the spotlight during a junior scholarship ceremony held recently in the JCB High School auditorium.

With a full year of high school ahead of them, several juniors turned their focus toward college as substantial scholarships were presented by higher education institutions such as Elmira College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Clarkson University and others. More than $800,000 in awards were given to the following juniors: Darren Fischel and Allison Grabowski (Clarkson University Achievement Awards); Grace Arnold (RIT Computing Medal & Scholarship Awards); Caitlin George (University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Award); Hailey Goudy (University of Rochester Frederick Douglas & Susan B. Anthony Award); Zaya Koegel (Wells College – 21st Century Leadership Award); Samuel Guthrie and Grace Vestigo (Student Sage Award Winners); Madison Kalt and Violet Ameele (Elmira College Key Awards); Tina Li (University of Rochester Xerox Innovation & Information Technology Award); Sarah Thorn (University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award & Scholarship); Aubrianna Renfrew and Jena Klimaszewski (Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement Award); Skyler Patnode (St. Lawrence University Book Award); Teresa Uhl (RIT Innovation & Creativity Scholarship Award); Savanah Neupert (Rensselaer Medal Award); and Isabella Stacy (LeMoyne College Heights Award).

Principal Thomas Bailer lauded the award-winners and noted he was looking forward to seeing their growth and continued success as members of the senior class.

Seniors Earn Dollars for Scholars Scholarships

Graduating JCB seniors recently received a financial boost for their future pursuits during a scholarship ceremony.

Nearly three dozen students earned awards and recognition throughout the evening, as friends, family, faculty and community members were on hand to offer their support. The scholarships were funded through the Phoenix chapter of Dollars for Scholars for Scholars, as well as local businesses and individual donors. In DFS scholarships alone, $44,000 were awarded during the evening.

“Phoenix is truly a special place,” JCB Principal Thomas Bailer said. “The generosity of the members of this community and the investment the community makes in our youth is unparalleled.”

That investment was evident as various organizations and individuals presented 75 different scholarships to college, career and military-bound seniors. According to JCB English teacher KC Bechard, who served as emcee for the ceremony, the recipients were well-deserving of the recognition.

“I would like to wish the class of 2019 the best in their future endeavors,” Bechard said as she congratulated the scholarship and award-winners.

Principal Thomas Bailer awards the Fulton Savings Bank scholarship to Christian Johnson.

At right, Megan Hess accepts a scholarship.
2019 Scholarship, Award and Senior Key Recipients

Gabriella Allen
Vincent Castiglione Scholarship, Dollars For Scholars Scholarship, James E. Remington Scholarship, Fulton Savings-Bank/SUNY Oswego Scholarship, Masonic Lodge/Eastern Star Scholarship, Janet H. Griswold PEO Chapter BA Scholarship, James F. McLaughlin Next Generation Scholarship, Senior Key for Band, and Highest Average in Regents Physics

Christopher Caltabiano
Positive Attitude, Outstanding Effort & Participation in Physical Education and Best Effort & 100% Award in English 12

Claudia Clerici
Outstanding Work Ethic & Attitude in Marketing

Casie Coon
Outstanding Effort & Attitude in Physical Science and Consistent Determination in English 12

Gianna DeRoberts
PCSTA Scholarship, Betty and Maynard Lonis Memorial Scholarship, Dollars For Scholars Scholarship, NYS/HESC Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Senior Keys for Spanish, Student Council and 4 Years of Perfect Attendance, Award for Positive Attitude, Interest and Effort in Physical Education, and Excellence in Visual Art II

Erin Gaylord
Outstanding Attitude & Achievement in Health

Elisabeth Dona
Betty and Maynard Lonis Memorial Scholarship and Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Matthew Francis
Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Robert Fredericks
Best Friend & Mentor in English 12

Brianna Gates
Gladys Morley Scholarship Award, Mary Jane Parkinson-McGilvray Scholarship, Oswego County Counselors Association Scholarship, Positive Attitude, Interest and Effort in Physical Education, and Most Improved in Adv. Drawing & Painting

Hans Goodnow
Ridge Barden Memorial Scholarship, In Memory of Dominick V. Mammolito Scholarship, Senior Key for Boys Physical Education, and Most Intricate in Ceramics

Byron Halstead
Senior Key for Health

Caroline Harrington
Linda Storrings Memorial Scholarship, Webster Engineering Scholarship, and Senior Keys for School Spirit and Valedictorian, Outstanding Interest & Growth in Photography, Outstanding Achievement in Economics, Excellence in AP European History, and Positive Attitude, Interest and Effort in Physical Education

Declan Hawthorne
Bob O’Connell Memorial Scholarship, Dale Osborne Music Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Senior Key for Music, and Outstanding Attitude & Achievement in Health

Nicole Henry
Robert and Roberta Hurd Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, The Medicine Place Health Science Scholarship, Outstanding Effort & Ability in Art, Outstanding Achievement in College English 103/104, Outstanding Achievement in Economics, and Outstanding Effort in AP Physics

Megan Hess
Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Caughdenoy Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship, and Outstanding Achievement in Government

Emilie Hilliard
Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Bryan Dick Memorial Scholarship, NYS/HESC Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Lifetouch School Portraits - Valedictorian Award, Senior Keys for School Spirit and Valedictorian, Outstanding Interest & Growth in Photography, Outstanding Achievement in Economics, Excellence in AP European History, and Positive Attitude, Interest and Effort in Physical Education

Courtney Holland
Dorothy Snyder-Hutchinson Memorial Scholarship

Ethan Hunt
Outstanding Work Ethic & Attitude in Business Math, and Dedication & Leadership in Course Work in Mythology

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Scholarship, Award and Senior Key Recipients (continued)

**Hunter Jewell**
Senior Key for Drama and Good Guy Award in English 12

**Christian Johnson**
Fulton Savings Bank Scholarship - CCC

**Dylan Johnson**
Outstanding Attitude & Achievement in Health

**Morgan Johnson**
Outstanding Sculptor in Ceramics

**Ashley Kenner-Carbonaro**
Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Word of Life Scholarship, American Red Cross Scholarship, and Outstanding Improvement & Growth in Photography

**Danielle Karaszewski**
Excellent Dramatic Readings & Speeches in English 12

**Katie Kimball**
Outstanding Work Ethic & Attitude in Accounting and Consistent Determination in English 12

**Cole LaPine**
Jack Whorall Memorial Technology Scholarship, James E. Remington Scholarship, Excellent Work Ethic in English 12, and Outstanding Leadership in Ceramics

**Danielle LeFebvre**
Outstanding Attitude & Achievement in Health

**Wendy Li**
Robert and Roberta Hurd Scholarship, American Legion Post 418 Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Oswego County Association of Education Office

**Rebecca Myers**
Phoenix Central School Visual Arts Scholarship

**Ashley Margrey**
Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, NYS/HESC Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Ralph Henderson Family Memorial Scholarship, Fulton Savings Bank - Salutatorian Award, Sarah Webster Scholarship by Empower Credit Union, Senior Key for Salutatorian, Outstanding Interest & Growth in Photography, Outstanding Achievement in Economics and Positive Attitude, Interest and Effort in Physical Education

**Olivia Ripley**
PCSTA Scholarship, Anna Renfrew Service Award, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, NYS/HESC Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Senior Keys for English, Mathematics, & School Spirit, Outstanding Achievement in Economics and Calculus, & Highest Average in AP Physics

**Tianna Martin**
Clyde S. Wratton Memorial Scholarship

**Taylor Mattice**
Phoenix Class of 1963 Scholarship, and Senior Key for Citizenship

**Ross McFarland**
Positive Attitude, Outstanding Effort & Participation in Physical Education

**Alayna Merrill**
Bryan Dick Memorial Scholarship, In Memory of Dominick V. Mammolito Scholarship

**Riley Munger**
Phoenix Little League Scholarship

**Leo Murray**
Senior Key for 4 Years of Perfect Attendance, and Overall Work Ethic & Growth Over 4 Years in Essential Life Skills

**Kristine Rowe**
Senior Key for Art, and Outstanding Achievement in AP Biology and Government

**Payton Scruton**
Oswego County Autism Task Force Scholarship

**Mairin Sgroi**
EJD PTO Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in AP Biology, and Most Conceptual in Ceramics

**Mariah Sheirer**
Edge Federal Credit Union Scholarship, Senior Key for Student Council, and Outstanding Achievement in Government

**Joshua Smith**
Positive Attitude, Outstanding Effort & Participation in Physical Education

**Hannah Smith-Root**
Knights of Columbus Scholarship

**Samuel Stellingwerf**
13 Dragons & Super Hero Award in English 12

**Antonio Tassone**
Senior Key for Life Skills

**Olivia Thrall**
Outstanding Achievement in Government

**Gavin Trask**
Most Scholarly in English 12

**Joshua Van Gorder**
Cody Volunteer Fire Department Frederick G. Rumsey Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

**Siera Wilder**
Most Creative in English 12

**Zachary Yousey**
Positive Attitude, Outstanding Effort & Participation in Physical Education

**Edward Zeller**
Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, and Senior Keys for Photography and Science

**Mark Zogg**
Fred and Carolyn Caltabiano Scholarship, the Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship, Senior Key for 4 Years of Perfect Attendance, and Positive Attitude, Outstanding Effort & Participation in Physical Education
MAM student scientists showcase experiments

Complex formulas and hypotheses were put to the test recently during the annual science fair at Michael A. Maroun Elementary School.

Thirty-six students in kindergarten through fourth grades spent weeks conducting research, developing their experiments, recording their findings and creating display boards. All that hard work was on display as the budding scientists stood alongside their projects and presented their findings to a panel of judges during the science fair.

The judges considered complexity, presentation and effort as they reviewed each project, ranging from molecular biology to physics to earth science. After tabulating the scores, judges named winners from each grade level.

Winners were kindergartners Tyler Perkins (first place) and Gage Painter (second place); first-graders Faith Britt (first place) and Jaxon Redhead (second place); second-graders Connor Smith (first place) and Spencer Benzel (second place); third-graders Aaron Moore (first place) and Conner Stevens (second place); and fourth-graders Nando Leonello (first place) and Gavin Painter (second place). Team prizes went to Owen and Harper Gratz (first place) and Kayla Brooker and Lydia Root (second place).

Canal Days gives MAM students a glimpse into local history

For more than three decades, fourth-graders from Michael A. Maroun Elementary School have learned what life was like during the Industrial Revolution through the early 1900s as part of the annual Canal Days celebration.

This year’s Phoenix fourth-graders continued that tradition June 7 as they walked along the Oswego River and explored various exhibits and demonstrations that reflected days gone by. Students experienced life during the 1800s and early 1900s during Canal Days as they examined antiques, played with toys from a different era, churned ice cream, made candles and learned about the mechanics of the canal system.

Some students were even put to work as they did laundry using an old washboard, caned chairs and sewed clothing alongside experts dressed in period costume.

According to the fourth-grade teaching team, Canal Days are a great way for the students to connect what they learned in the classroom with real-life, hands-on experiences. The students recently wrapped up a unit on the canal system and its impact on trade, travel, communities and business.
Seniors at John C. Birdlebough High School were honored recently at the Phoenix Athletics Booster Awards dinner. Student-athletes were honored with various awards from JCB High School and Section III. Awards included Senior Athletic Awards, the Doc Jones Athletic Scholarship, the Don & Marcia Denbleyker Scholarship, and Section III Scholar Athletes. Recipients were called to the stage to accept the awards from boosters and JCB Athletic Director John Jeffries.

The awards are a testament to the hard work and commitment from the student-athletes both on the field and in the classroom, Jeffries noted. To qualify for the awards, athletes were required to maintain a high grade point average, excel in their sport, and show great character qualities and leadership within the community.

Two dozen Emerson J. Dillon Middle School students were honored for their commitment to academic success and strong character as the newest inductees to the National Junior Honor Society.

EJD Middle School students and JCB High School students recently showed off their musical talents during several year-end concerts.

The high school chorus and band concerts featured a variety of awards and scholarships recognizing seniors for their contributions to the PCSD music program. Musicians were lauded for their performance this year at different festivals and competitions.

At the senior chorus concert, the following awards were presented: Most Improved in Chorus: Keaton Renfrew; Outstanding Citizenship Award: Josh Van Gorder; High School Choral Excellence Award: Olivia Ripley; High School Excellence in Theatre Award: Declan Hawthorne; Chorus Booster and Citizenship Award: Daniel Braun; Chorus Booster Music, Theatre Major/Minor Award: Declan Hawthorne; Excellence Behind the Scenes Award: Isabella Allen; Talent in Theatre: Caytlyn Pricket and Sierra Wilder; and the June Dillan Memorial Scholarship: Olivia Ripley and Josh Van Gorder.

EJD, JCB musicians perform year-end concerts

Sports Booster Club honors Phoenix student-athletes

National Junior Honor Society welcomes 24 new members during induction ceremony
Mission Statement
The Phoenix Central School District is committed to a challenging educational program that promotes academic and personal growth for all students. Each student will become a confident, productive, responsible individual with a strong academic foundation, and the ability to make positive ethical choices. Our goal is to cultivate a sense of pride, character, and accountability in our students and community. The Board of Education, staff, parents, students, and community share responsibility for this mission.

Hilliard, Margrey are Valedictorian and Salutatorian in 2019

Valedictorian Emilie Hilliard
Emilie Hilliard spent the past four years striving for excellence as a John C. Birdlebough High School student, and those efforts paid dividends when she recently achieved the top spot in the Class of 2019.

Hilliard, a standout student with a knack for science, will major in biochemistry next year at Gannon University. She hopes to eventually use her degree in biochemistry, with a minor in business, to work in pharmaceutical sales.

“I plan to travel the world acting as an international pharmaceutical sales representative — or a similar medical sales field — then I hope to climb the corporate ladder and become an executive for a medical sales company,” Hilliard said.

While she has big plans laid out for the future, she also reflected on her years as a PCSD student. She took full advantage of every opportunity available to her during her high school career, and participated in soccer, indoor track, outdoor track, National Honor Society, the school newspaper, TV News, Yearbook and several different clubs.

“Of everything I’ve been involved in during high school, my most memorable experience has been my work with special education students through Special Olympics, unified sports and buddy lunches,” Hilliard said.

Hilliard noted that the connections with her classmates and teachers have helped in her success.

“PCSD has shaped me into the person I am today. It has provided me with many opportunities both in and out of the classroom, molding me into the driven individual I am,” Hilliard said.

Hilliard is the daughter of Aimee and Bill Hilliard.

Salutatorian Ashley Margrey
While juggling work, academic commitments, athletics and various extracurricular activities may seem daunting to some students, John C. Birdlebough Class of 2019 senior Ashley Margrey has embraced her busy schedule and landed among the top students in her graduating class.

Margrey, this year’s salutatorian, is a three-sport athlete who participated in soccer, basketball and track. She also served as a mentor on the school’s unified basketball team and was involved in dozens of clubs and organizations.

In addition to the school-based activities, Margrey said her biggest joy was giving back to the Phoenix community through a variety of service projects. She participated in fundraising walks, the Salvation Army’s Red Kettle campaign, community cleanup efforts, Big Brother/Big Sister and food drives, to name a few.

“The PCSD has helped me become involved in service and value the worth of helping others,” Margrey said. “Being in a small community, I can directly see how my efforts in volunteering have benefited others. This made me want to broaden my service to bigger things.”

Margrey will bring that service-driven mentality to Binghamton University in the fall, where she will pursue a degree in business marketing. Ultimately, she would like to become a brand manager.

As she looks toward the next chapter in her life, she said she won’t forget all the people and the community that helped her build a solid foundation for the future. She said she will miss attending the dances and sporting events with her friends and wanted to leave her classmates with simple advice: “Always be kind to others and never stop trying to improve yourself.”

Margrey is the daughter of Lisa and Douglas Margrey.