

VCMS 8th Graders Recognized for Academic Achievements

Awards for the evening included:

Art Awards given by Miss Nora Klein: Recipients were Carissa Hoover, Celia Jackson, Rose Meaney, Yifan Shen

Mathletes is a monthly competition open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who would meet after school to solve challenging problems just for fun. In addition to possessing outstanding Math aptitude, students must strategize.

This year's finalists were Ryan Pinzel and Eleah Leng.

Mathlete winners were Lucas Tahara and Emily Cohen.

Students were given special recognition for achieving the overall high average for the year in the following courses:

High average for Mrs. Diane Rumsey-Malaney's Spanish classes-Thomas Fabiano

High average for Mrs. Tanya Weidner's Spanish classes-Brooke Conway

High average for Mrs. Jenn Stachnik's French classes-Zachary Cramer

High average for Mrs. Julie Armitage's math classes: Ryan Halliman

High average for Mrs. Julie Armitage's Honors algebra classes: Allan Benjamin

High average for Mrs. Lisa Anderson's math classes: Riley Kane

High average for Mrs. Laura Murray's math classes: Fotis Giogas

High average for Mrs. Amanda Balisteri's science classes: Dominick Kane

High average for Mrs. Jo Hegarty's science classes: Jenna York

High average for Mrs. Laura Murray's science classes: Madison Zaccaria

High average for Ms. Schaber's earth science classes: Allan Benjamin

High grade on the earth science exam: Aaron Szczpankewicz-100%

High average for Ms. Dawn Hayes' social studies classes: Dominick Kane

High average for Mr. James Randles' social studies classes: Sean Leslie

High average for Mr. James Randles' Honors social studies classes: Rose Meaney

High average for Mr. Arthur Meaney's social studies classes: Elizabeth Smolkovich

High average for Mrs. Rachael Hahn's English classes: Alyson Czerwonka

High average for Mrs. Susan Campbell's English classes: John Mandura

High average for Mrs. Susan Campbell's Honors English classes: Rose Meaney

High average for Mr. Arthur Meaney's English classes: Madison Zaccariah

In addition, Mrs. Campbell's Honors English classes are required to complete a Multi-Genre Research Project where they prove that an individual of their choosing changed the world in which they live and, perhaps, even the course of history.

The following students earned a grade of 95% or higher on this comprehensive project:

Camille Burruano

Polla Daghestani

Mara Ellsworth

Molly Hegarty

Thomas Lockett

Rose Meaney

Morgan Proctor

Kevin Rogoza

Hannah Schiffmacher

One student deserves special recognition as she earned a grade of 100%: Emily Cohen

Mr. Maxwell Pikula awarded Silver Certificates to deserving students. The **President's Award** for Educational Achievement (**Silver Seal**) recognizes those students who show outstanding educational

growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in academics but who do not meet the criteria for the **President's Award** for Educational Excellence:

1. Madison Zaccaria
2. Kaylee Woroniecki
3. Katrina Woroniecki
4. Quinn Volk
5. Joshua Vizzi
6. Edward VeRost
7. Alex Sturtz
8. Benjamin Steck
9. Callie Sommer
10. Elizabeth Smolkovich
11. Zorica Simic
12. Brendan Sharp
13. William Schwartz
14. Joseph Schnettler
15. Ethan Schninnagel
16. Remington Rohr
17. Jessica Robertson
18. Sarah Reeves
19. Brionna Raiser-Russell
20. Hannah Pyc
21. Madison Phinney
22. Eleanor O'Brien
23. Trent Okelberry
24. Brooke Nice
25. Sean McMann
26. Angelina Marinello
27. Regan Lytle

28. Eric Latvala
29. Zoe Kowalski
30. Brett Kowalczewski
31. Alec Konopczynski
32. Alyssa Keller
33. Cynthia Johnson
34. Jordan Jakuminiak
35. Celia Jackson
36. Madison Hughes
37. Jenna Hiser
38. Matthew Hanlon
39. Tyler Grant
40. Isabela Garcia
41. Dominic Ford
42. Sheila Forbes
43. Makaila Elandt
44. Colin Colossi
45. Parker Cinelli
46. Tristan Chaffee
47. Joseph Cecatto
48. Kelsey Burns
49. Joshua Archer
50. Evan Ackerman
51. Kathryn Abbott

The President's Award for Educational Achievement (**Gold Seal**): Recognizes those students with an overall average of 90.0% or above for 6th and 7th grades and the first semester of 8th grade. Requirements are set by the US Department of Education. These certificates were given to students by Mr. John Fitzpatrick, VCMS principal.

1. Vivienne Zacher

2. Jenna York
3. Alexander Wright
4. William Worrall
5. Grace Wenner
6. Amanda Wellence
7. Nathan Wallens
8. Michael Valle
9. Molly Tuohy
10. Connor Tribby
11. Morgan Tollner
12. Lucas Tahara
13. Aaron Szczepankiewicz
14. Kendall Suffoletta
15. Amanda Spaulding-Kellner
16. Logan Sionko
17. Yifan Shen
18. Peyton Shearer
19. Amina Shaibi
20. Arsal Shaheen
21. Lucas Seifert
22. Joseph Seifert
23. David Schnell
24. Hannah Schiffmacher
25. Grace Samplinski
26. Kevin Rogoza
27. Mark Ramsperger
28. Christian Quick
29. Morgan Proctor
30. Ryan Pinzel

31. Mia Phillips
32. Steven Pedlow
33. Maya Pecoraro
34. Elaina Page
35. Victoria Oldman
36. Cecilia Nowak
37. Nicole Nguyen
38. Alyssa Nelson
39. Jacob Miller
40. Griffin Miller
41. Ryan Michki
42. Samantha Meierer
43. Rose Meaney
44. Hayden McLachlan
45. Madeline Maroni
46. Abigail Marlow
47. Ashley Maras
48. John Mandura
49. Elisabeth Madigan
50. Morgan Lynch
51. Thomas Lockett
52. Stephen Leone
53. Savanna Lenze
54. Eleah Leng
55. Hannah Lambert
56. Taylor Kullerkupp
57. Edward Kanfoush
58. Riley Kane
59. Dominick Kane

60. Joshua Hunt
61. Carissa Hoover
62. Allison Hill
63. Margaret Hegarty
64. Quinn Hart
65. Isabella Harper
66. Brady Haines
67. Alison Gula
68. Kameron Greene
69. Dominic Gramza
70. Kaylin Frost
71. Thomas Fabiano
72. Mara Ellsworth
73. Brooke Eichel
74. Sarah Dodge
75. Jenna Doctor
76. Jack Dlugokinski
77. Ava DeFranks
78. Cameron Davis
79. Polla Daghestani
80. Alyson Czerwonka
81. Zachary Cramer
82. Haley Coombs
83. Brooke Conway
84. Emily Cohen
85. Ian Cioppa
86. Sara Cicero
87. Joseph Christiano
88. Martin Castner

89. Matthew Castellino
90. Samuel Carpenter
91. Grace Carey
92. Alaina Cameron
93. Anthony Buscaglia
94. Camille Burruano
95. Isabel Buckingham
96. Allan Benjamin
97. Allyson Bellinger
98. Tyler Baughman
99. Connor Barnicle

The New York State Comptroller Student Achievement Awards Program promotes the ideal of public service among the leaders of tomorrow. An eligible student should have shown academic excellence and the potential for leadership through involvement in activities that improve the school and/or community. This year's recipient for VCMS was Ceciia Nowak.

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman's **Triple "C" Awards Program** recognizes the Courage, Character and Commitment of New York State's outstanding students. This year's recipients were Camille Burruano and Thomas Fabiano.

Excellence is not a skill but an attitude.

A few years ago, the 8th grade teachers created an award, the Viking Valor, to honor two individuals who exemplify that ideal.

The criteria include:

Academic excellence: A recipient must have excelled academically, having maintained an average of 90% or higher every quarter while attending middle school.

Character: To be considered, an individual must have consistently displayed an exemplary character and shown responsibility through their **actions** and have displayed respect in their **interactions** with peers, staff, faculty, and administration.

In addition, a recipient must also have contributed to the positive school climate through exemplary involvement in extra-curricular activities related to VCMS, consistently volunteering time and effort to make VCMS the best school in WNY.

The recipients of this year's Viking Valor Award:

Rose Meaney and Thomas Lockett.

To close the evening, certificates of achievement were awarded to 8th grade students by Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Mr. Maxwell Pikula, Dr. Brian Graham, and BOE president, Mrs. Lisa Pyc.