

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report No. 1

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: Recognition of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2019

DATE: April 1, 2019

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

The Commissioners will recognize the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2019.

FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

The students with the highest and second highest 3 ½ year average will earn the titles of Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Students named Valedictorian and Salutatorian must have completed more than 5 semesters at OFA. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian, as well as the Class President, will address their classmates, family, and friends at the Graduation Ceremony. The Ogdensburg City School District Board of Education would like to congratulate Shelby Ross as Valedictorian of the Class of 2019 and Jake VanHouse as Salutatorian of the Class of 2019.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action necessary, information only.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:


Superintendent

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Attachments

2019 Valedictorian - Miss Shelby Ross

Shelby Ross is the daughter of Mr. Kevin and Mrs. Juliette Ross of Ogdensburg, New York. With a grade point average of 98.65, she ranks number one in her class of 113 seniors. Shelby will graduate in June 2019 with a Regents diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors and an annotation that denotes Mastery in Mathematics and Science. She has attended the Academic Banquet throughout her high school career, and this year, she will be seated at the head table.

Miss Ross has represented Ogdensburg Free Academy as a member of the girls' Junior Varsity and Varsity soccer, basketball, and spring track teams throughout high school. Shelby is a Section X Academic All-Northern recipient, Sportsmanship Award recipient, and a NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete. She is a member of National Honor Society and Whiz Quiz.

Shelby holds a part-time job at a local restaurant, and she has completed many community service projects through her extracurricular affiliations.

Miss Ross is the recipient of the Alan Krause Citizenship Award. Additionally, she was awarded the St. Lawrence County Evergreen STEM Scholarship and the St. Lawrence University Augsbury/North Country Scholar Award. This fall, Shelby represented Ogdensburg Free Academy on WWNY TV7 News at Noon as an Academic All-Star.

Shelby is interested in pursuing a major in chemistry or mathematics, and after being accepted at a number of colleges and universities, she has decided to begin her studies at Potsdam State University.



2019 Salutatorian-Mr. Jake VanHouse

Jake VanHouse is the son of Mr. Derek VanHouse and Mrs. Meghan Fetterly, both of Ogdensburg, New York. With a grade point average of 98.38, Jake ranks second in his class of 113 students. He will graduate in June 2019 with a Regents diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors and an annotation that denotes Mastery in Mathematics and Science. Jake has attended the Academic Banquet for his entire high school career, which qualifies him to sit at the head table this year.

Throughout high school, Jake has represented Ogdensburg Free Academy on the Varsity soccer, hockey, and golf teams, with golf being his standout sport. In golf, Jake has received Section X All-Northern recognition and has earned a spot at the State Tournament for 4 years. He has earned Section X All-Academic Awards and NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Awards in all sports.

Jake has been involved in the instrumental music program, participating in NYSSMA solos and Area All-State Band. He is a member of National Honor Society and Whiz Quiz, and he has served as a volunteer referee for numerous youth sports in the Ogdensburg community.

Mr. VanHouse is expected to receive a New York State Academic Excellence Scholarship at graduation.

Jake has applied to University of Buffalo, Daemen College, and Elmira College. He plans to major in Pre-Medicine and Biology.

