

OFA Class of 2026 Valedictorian

Miss Gracyn Barkley



Miss Gracyn Barkley, daughter of Josh and Ruth-Anne Barkley of Morristown, NY, represents her class of 110 seniors as the valedictorian with an overall grade point average of 98.67.

Gracyn has consistently maintained first in her class throughout high school and will graduate in June 2026 with a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors, along with Mastery in Math and Science.

A highly involved student, Gracyn serves as vice president of the Key Club and is an active member of Student Council, the National Honor Society, and the Prom Committee. She was honored as a WWNY Channel 7 Academic All-Star and has been recognized as an Outstanding Vice President by the New York State Key Club International District for two consecutive years.

Gracyn is also a dedicated athlete, participating in soccer, indoor track and softball. She has danced since the age of three and has earned recognition as a NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete, Athlete of Distinction, and recipient of a Sportsmanship Award.

Gracyn has received several prestigious honors, including the Augsbury North Country Scholarship, the Clarkson Leadership Award and the Student Sage Award from Russell Sage.

Gracyn plans to study biology and pre-dental studies in college, with the goal of becoming a dentist. She is considering Clarkson University and SUNY Cortland for her undergraduate studies. She has also received early acceptance to the LECOM School of Dental Medicine, which she plans to attend after completing her bachelor's degree.

Valedictorian:
Miss Gracyn Barkley

OFA Class of 2026 Salutatorian

Mr. Kresten Ericksen



Mr. Kresten Ericksen, son of Daniel and Erika Polniak, represents his senior class of 110 students as salutatorian with a grade point average of 98.45. Kresten has consistently held second rank in his class throughout his high school career.

This June, Kresten will graduate with a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors, along with Mastery in Math and Science. He is also recognized as an Advanced Placement Scholar with Honors, awarded for achieving an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and earning scores of three or higher on four or more exams.

Kresten is an active member of the Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Business and Marketing Honor Society, Key Club and Student Council. A dedicated athlete, he competes in soccer, indoor track, and lacrosse, and has been named a NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete, Athlete of Distinction, and Second Team All-Northern for indoor track.

This year, his indoor track relay team broke the school record in the 4x200-meter relay. Kresten has earned several notable academic awards, including the Clarkson Achievement Award and the RPI Rensselaer Medalist Award.

Kresten plans to pursue a degree in aerospace engineering and is considering Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) and Cornell University. He aspires to one day work for NASA.

Salutatorian:

Mr. Kresten Ericksen