

Vestal
District Council



2020 - 2021
Scholarship Recognition Dinner

June 4, 2021
Arnold Park



PROGRAM

WELCOME

Amy MacDonald
President, Vestal District Council

INVOCATION

DINNER

HONORING OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

RECOGNITION OF UNIT HONOREES



Magdalene Restuccia

Vestal District Council
2021 Scholarship Recipient

We congratulate our 2021 Scholarship winner Magdalene (Maggie) Restuccia, who excelled in making a difference at Vestal High School despite the events of the past two years.

A member of the National Honor Society, Maggie has successfully balanced a demanding college-prep curriculum while also maintaining a rich combination of extracurricular and community activities. She is an active member of Student Government, serves as Secretary of the Peace Club, leads the SADD group as President and plays on the Varsity Tennis team. Outside of school, Maggie enjoys organizing events for children, such as Peace Club's Make a Difference Day and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Party.

On a personal note, when her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, Maggie worked hard to earn her driver's license in six months so that she could chauffeur her mom after surgery!

While she consistently achieves high marks across all subject areas, Maggie's passion is the arts. Recipient of a 2020 FASST Art Award, she completed Vestal High School's rigorous two-year International Baccalaureate HL Art & Design course.



Anticipated to graduate with the New York State Regents Diploma, Maggie will attend Buffalo State College in the fall. She plans to major in either Art or Special Education.

“Maggie is an extremely practical, self-sufficient young lady who makes informed decisions and focuses her energy on promoting positive social change,” wrote her counselor Katy Jablonowski in a college recommendation letter. “... Her diligence, coupled with her innate creativity and compassion toward children, will make her an excellent addition into an education program.”

*~ Written with contributions from Katy Jablonowski,
Vestal High School Counselor*



2020 - 21 Unit Honorees

African Road Parent Teacher Association

Cheryl Hizny
Rosalie Scarangella

Clayton Avenue Parent Teacher Organization

Melissa Brock
Helen Criscitello

Glenwood School Community Association

Amanda Atkinson
Alisha Porto

Tioga Hills Parent Teacher Organization

Paul Doolittle / Jerome Hilkert / Paul Strum
Jessica Zwierzynski

Vestal Hills Parent Teacher Association

Deb Maerz
Therese Mastro

Vestal Middle School Parent Teacher Organization

Tracey Cornwell
Amy Bennett / Howard Uhrlass / Alyssa Williams

Vestal High School Parent Teacher Organization

Josh Gannon
Aishia Mortenson / Rebecca Sefton

Vestal High School Student Government

Christine Clapper
Patricia Kelley





2020 - 21 Unit Officers

African Road Parent Teacher Association

Katie Balkaya, President
Rosalie Scarangella, Vice President
Marla French, District Council Representative
Meghan Stenta, Principal, African Road Elementary

Clayton Avenue Parent Teacher Organization

Thomasita Reynolds, President
Amie Pitman, Vice President
Krista Soltis, District Council Representative
Bradley Bruce, Principal, Clayton Avenue Elementary

Glenwood School Community Association

Amanda Atkinson, President
Sara Buffington, Vice President
Aimee Szwalla, District Council Representative
Doreen McSain, Principal, Glenwood Elementary

Tioga Hills Parent Teacher Association

Jessica Zwierzynski, President
Erin Fahrenbach, Vice President
Becky Kaiven, District Council Representative
Jessica Zwierzynski, District Council Representative
Hayley Crimmins, Principal, Tioga Hills Elementary





2020-21 Unit Officers

Vestal Hills Parent Teacher Association

Amy Burgin, President
Mandy Diaz, Vice President
Sue Wendell, District Council Representative
Therese Mastro, Principal, Vestal Hills Elementary

Vestal Middle School Parent Teacher Organization

Terri Jo Ramia, President
Amy MacDonald, Vice President
Marla French District Council Representative
Jane Hashey, Interim Principal, Vestal Middle School

Vestal High School Parent Teacher Organization

Lisa Milkovich, President
Kate Lynch, Vice President
Sheri Esteban-Elie, District Council Representative
Kate Lynch, District Council Representative
Dawn Young, Principal, Vestal High School

Vestal High School Student Government

Carlin Reyen, President
Elizabeth England, Vice President
Melissa Restuccia, Advisor

Board of Education District Council Representative

Mark Browning





ABOUT THE VESTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Vestal District Council (VDC) acts as a coordinating body to promote communication and cooperation among its member units (Vestal's parent organizations). Representatives meet monthly and report on activities and events being sponsored by their parent group.

As our overall goal as parent group members is to support Vestal's quality educational programs, we thought it only fitting that we establish a scholarship that rewards students who are pursuing a career in education. Each year, the recipient, who must have declared education as his or her intended major, is selected by the Vestal Dollars for Scholars organization.

Each member unit helps to fund the scholarship by making a yearly contribution.

The Scholarship Recognition Dinner, which is sponsored by a member unit on a rotational basis, is not only a time to honor our recipients, but also an opportunity to recognize and thank select individuals who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the children of Vestal. These individuals may be staff members, administrators, parents, fellow students or members of the community.

VESTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
2021 DINNER SPONSOR:
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VESTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL PURPOSE AND GOALS

The Vestal District Council serves as an ongoing group with representation from various Vestal School District organizations to:

1. act as a coordinating body to promote communication and cooperation among its member units,
2. provide a channel of communication among district parents, teachers, administration, community and students,
3. provide support for its member units.

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