



Southern Cayuga CSD

60th Southern Cayuga Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 3:00 pm

Congratulations Class of 2024



Emma Brown Xavier Cuddy Parker Cullen Daniel Davis Matison DeWitt James Hauptfleisch Victoria Hill Lily Holden John Kreydatus Cameron Lester	Gabriel Lonsky Joshua Lopez-Vasquez Willow Marsh Lila May Norah McCarthy Robert McLaughlin IV Cara Miller Elijah Miller Tae Moon Circe Perez	Nicholas Pinckney Ziyahliyah Ramirez Fania Ramirez-Domingo Kaden Robinson Aiden Saville Kaitlyn Saville Aidan Sheils Damon Signor Natalee Sims Elisa Soch	Jonathan Soch Nunez Ryland Thayer Lilianna Van De Water Elan VanArnum Natalie VanDeBogart Mary Kate Vitale	Kylah Purington* Gwendolyn Walter* Brenton Leeson**
				*Early Graduates **GED

SCCS mission statement: Southern Cayuga Central School is committed to every student's intellectual and emotional growth and to promote effective citizenship. We will offer a diversity of curriculum and cultural experiences which meet the individual needs of our students. We encourage self-motivation, self-esteem, and positive values through a school-wide and community effort.

SCCS Class of 2024 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



**Valedictorian
Norah McCarthy**

Senior
2024



**Salutatorian
Mary Kate Vitale**

For seniors Norah McCarthy and Mary Kate Vitale, years of hard work and dedication have paid off as the two were recently named Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the SCCS Class of 2024. Norah's weighted GPA is 98.84, and Mary Kate's weighted GPA is 97.15, an impressive accomplishment for both students.

Norah McCarthy, Valedictorian

I am beyond humbled to receive the honor of being Southern Cayuga's class of 2024 Valedictorian. Over the course of my years at Southern Cayuga, I have had many unique and life-changing opportunities that have helped me develop the appreciation and desire for learning that I have today. Among these opportunities were participating as a varsity athlete for four years in soccer, basketball, and track, becoming an active member and a long-standing treasurer of the Southern Cayuga FFA chapter, playing the bassoon in several musical ensembles, and travelling to The Bahamas to engage in biology research. Outside of school, I am a volunteer firefighter and a coach with the Ithaca Youth Soccer Association, and I enjoy spending time at McGarr Farms LLC, working with and caring for show cows. I would like to thank both of my parents for supporting my love for learning since I was small, and express my sincerest gratitude to Ms. Rejman, Ms. Hoatland, and Ms. Schneggenburger for being encouraging, inspiring, and all around fantastic role models for all the young women at Southern Cayuga, especially those looking to establish themselves and navigate the world of academia. In the fall I will be attending Cornell University to study physics and will be joining detachment 520 for Air Force ROTC.

Mary Kate Vitale, Salutatorian

Mary Kate expresses her heartfelt gratitude to her parents, Chris and Megan Vitale, for their unwavering support, countless hugs, and encouraging words throughout her journey. She acknowledges them as her greatest inspirations and most passionate supporters, recognizing that she wouldn't be the person she is today without their guidance. Mary Kate also extends her appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Carnicelli for their continuous guidance and motivation, along with Ms. Hoatland and Ms. Rejman for their dedication in pushing her beyond her comfort zone. She acknowledges Mr. Gregg for his companionship and humor during both good and challenging times. Additionally, Mary Kate expresses her gratitude to the entire SCCS community for their love and support throughout her high school endeavors. She lists her various accomplishments, including receiving the Principal's Honor Roll Award, being a four-year Scholar Athlete, and achieving recognition in sports such as tennis and soccer. Mary Kate announces her intention to pursue a major in Labor Relations at Cornell University.

Principal's Message

Dear SCCS Class of 2024,

Congratulations! On behalf of the entire staff at SCCS, it is such an honor to say 'job well done' and we are proud of all your accomplishments while at SCCS. You've arrived at the end of your SCCS education with our graduation ceremony on June 22, 2024 at 3:00 pm in the High School Auditorium.



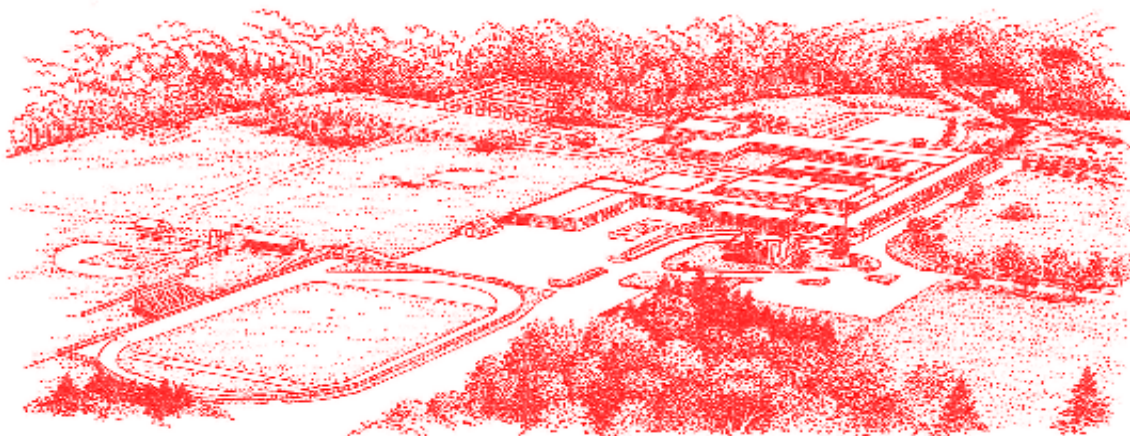
It is important that I take a moment to thank you for all the contributions to SCCS, as well as your teachers and families for all the support throughout your learning at SCCS. I truly hope you enjoyed all of the experiences while at SCCS and took advantage of the many opportunities available to our students during and after the school day. It is now time to put your education into action whether it is for post-secondary studies, the military, or workforce. You are prepared and ready.

Former Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor said, "Be aware that even before you have reached your ultimate professional destination, if you always strive for excellence, you can and should have a substantial impact on the world in which you live."

Continue striving for excellence in all your future endeavors. Make a difference in whatever field of work you ultimately choose. Congratulations SCCS Class of 2024, wishing you great prosperity in the future!

Take care. Stay Safe. Go Chiefs!

Mr. Carnicelli



Class of 2024



***Emma
Brown***



***Xavier
Cuddy***



***Parker
Cullen***



***Daniel
Davis***



***Matison
DeWitt***



***Cameron
Lester***



***Gabriel
Lonsky***



***Joshua
Lopez Vasquez***



***Willow
Marsh***



***Lila
May***



***Circe
Perez***



***Nicholas
Pinckney***



***Kylah
Purington****



***Ziyahliyah
Ramirez***

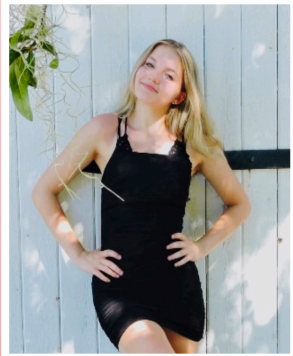


***Fania
Ramirez-Domingo***

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***James
Hauptfleisch***



***Victoria
Hill***



***Lily
Holden***



***John
Kreydatus***



***Brenton
Leeson*****



***Norah
McCarthy***



***Robert
McLaughlin IV***



***Cara
Miller***



***Elijah
Miller***



***Tae
Moon***



***Kaden
Robinson***



***Aiden
Saville***



***Kaitlyn
Saville***



***Aidan
Sheils***



***Damon
Signor***

Class of 2024



*Natalee
Sims*



*Elisa
Soch*



*Jonathan
Soch Nunez*



*Ryland
Thayer*



*Elan
Van Arnum*

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***Natalie
VanDeBogart***



***Lilianna
Van De Water***



***Mary Kate
Vitale***



***Gwendolyn
Walter****



*May your dreams take you...
to the corners of your smiles,
to the highest of your hopes,
to the windows of opportunities,
and to the most special places
your heart has ever known.*

Future Plans

Emma Brown

Tompkins Cortland Community College

Xavier Cuddy

Workforce

Parker Cullen

LeMoyne College

Daniel Davis

St. John Fisher College

Matison DeWitt

Onondaga Community College

James Hauptfleisch

SUNY Cortland College

Victoria Hill

Cayuga Community College

Lily Holden

Tompkins Cortland Community College

John Kreydatus

Workforce

Brenton Leeson

Workforce

Cameron Lester

Rochester Institute of Technology

Gabriel Lonsky

Tompkins Cortland Community College

Joshua Lopez Vasquez

SUNY Oneonta College

Willow Marsh

SUNY Cortland College

Lila May

Continental School of Beauty

Norah McCarthy

Cornell University

Robert McLaughlin IV

Workforce

Cara Miller

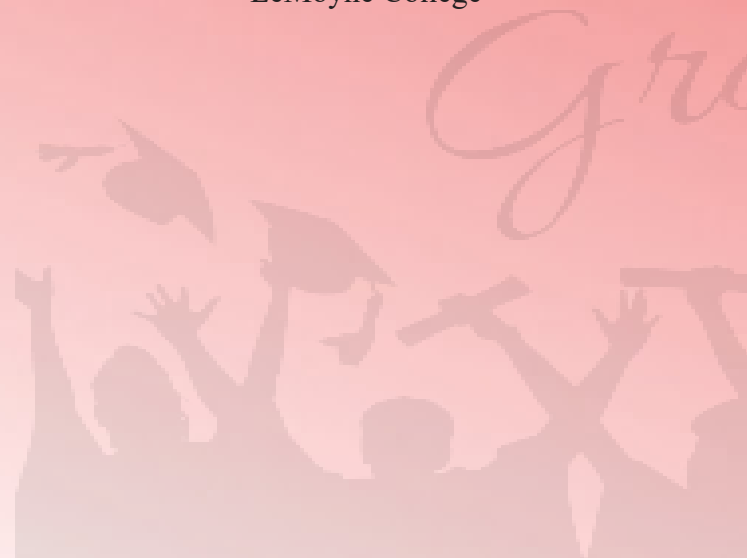
Workforce

Elijah Miller

Workforce

Tue Moon

LeMoyne College



Future Plans

Circe Perez

Cornell University

Nicholas Pinckney

SUNY Cobleskill

Kylah Purington

Gap-Year

Ziyahliyah Ramirez

University at Buffalo

Fania Ramirez-Domingo

Cayuga Community College

Kaden Robinson

Workforce

Aiden Saville

Berklee College of Music

Kaitlyn Saville

Workforce

Aidan Sheils

SUNY Cobleskill

Damon Signor

Workforce

Natalee Sims

Johnson & Wales University

Elisa Soch

Cayuga Community College

Jonathan Soch Nunes

Auguste Escoffier Culinary Institute

Ryland Thayer

SUNY College of Environmental Science
and Forestry

Lilianna Van De Water

Hartwick College

Elan Van Arnum

College (TBD)

Natalie VanDeBogart

Cayuga Community College

Mary Kate Vitale

Cornell University

Gwendolyn Walter

University at Buffalo

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2024 Scholarships and Awards

American Legion Auxiliary Post 1107

Mary Kate Vitale
Daniel Davis

Betty & Clarence Chamberlain Scholarship/Order of Eastern Star

Lilianna Van De Water

Cayuga Veterans Scholarship

Norah McCarthy

Charles Volbrecht Jr. Community Service Award

Mary Kate Vitale

Class of 1984 Memorial Scholarship

Fania Ramirez Domingo
Jonathan Soch Nunez

Claude Steffenhagen Scholarship

Damon Signor

COSBA Outstanding Student Award

Mary Kate Vitale

Dedra Ryerson Memorial Award

Ziyahliyah Ramirez

Genoa Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

Matison DeWitt

***Eileen N. Fitzgerald* Memorial Award**

Emma Brown

Emily L. Richardson Memorial Art Award

Elisa Soch

FB Lorax Scholarship

Ryland Thayer

Frank Sr. & Virginia Turek Scholarship

Circe Perez
Aidan Sheils
Mary Kate Vitale

George Peter Service Award

James Hauptfleisch

George Shaffer Scholarship Award

Ryland Thayer

Gerald Warner Scholarship Award

Norah McCarthy

Herman Weisman Memorial Award

Norah McCarthy

Horace Grier Memorial Award

Ziyahliyah Ramirez

Howard and Elizabeth Lacey Scholarship Award

Circe Perez
Ryland Thayer
Lilianna Van De Water
Mary Kate Vitale

Jamie Connell Memorial Scholarship

Ryland Thayer

Jim Piscitelli Memorial Scholarship

Aidan Sheils

Kirk & John Faist Memorial Award

Norah McCarthy

Maroney-DiSanto Service Award

Parker Cullen
Ziyahliyah Ramirez

2024 Scholarships and Awards

Melissa Hill Koontz Memorial Scholarship

Norah McCarthy
Lilianna Van De Water

Patrick & Patricia Lacey Memorial Award

Daniel Davis
Circe Perez
Mary Kate Vitale

SC Scholarship Foundation

Cameron Lester
Willow Marsh
Circe Perez
Lilianna Van De Water
Mary Kate Vitale

SC Storm Scholarship Award

Parker Cullen
Gabriel Lonsky

SCCS Booster Club Athletes

Parker Cullen
Norah McCarthy

SCCS Faculty Award

John Kreydatus

SCCS PTO Scholarship Award

Mary Kate Vitale

Sherwood Scholarship

Daniel Davis
Matison Dewitt
James Hauptfleisch
Cameron Lester
Norah McCarthy
Circe Perez
Ryland Thayer
Lilianna Van De Water
Mary Kate Vitale

Sherwood Alumni Association Scholarship

Circe Perez
Lilianna Van De Water

Sons of the American Legion

Circe Perez
Lilianna Van De Water

VFW Citizenship Award

James Hauptfleisch
Mary Kate Vitale

VFW Community Service Award

Circe Perez

Walter T. Conley Post 1107

Ziyahliyah Ramirez
Fania Ramirez Domingo

Graduation

Congratulations

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Southern Cayuga Alma Mater

By: Cathy Mullarney and Pat White

**From Owasco on the east;
to the west Cayuga's waters;
With our families and our friends we
learn and grow and prosper.**

**Though we may go far and wide,
make our way through
life's successes,**

**In our hearts you will
remain - our pride S. C. C. S.**



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