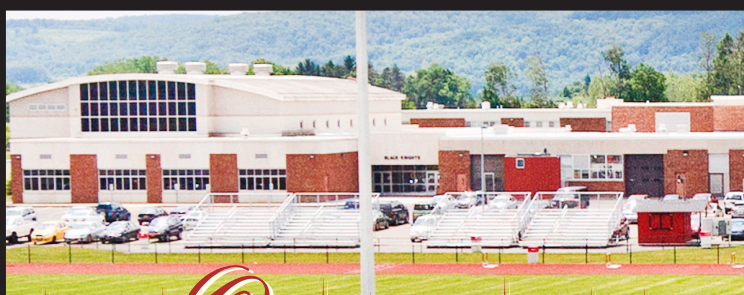


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Congratulations, Graduates!



Another graduation is in the books, making 125 commencement ceremonies for Tully CSD. While not the usual scene, and somewhat different from last year's event, graduation was a joyous and memorable occasion this year. Not only was the Class of 2021 moving onto bigger things, Mrs. Murphy gave graduation remarks for the last time as she retired a few days later. Tiernan Tobin sang the National Anthem boldly and proudly, and heartfelt speeches were given by Elisabeth Moss (Student Vice President), Moira McAninch (Salutatorian), and Elizabeth Caron (Valedictorian). "The Bones" was sung beautifully by Elizabeth Caron, Ian Leiby, Joseph Morgan, Elisabeth Moss, and Clara Zook, and was directed by Mrs. Krumbach.

After receiving their diplomas, students walked into the group of spectators to be with their loved ones. They repositioned their tassels and threw their caps in the air with parents standing close by. Afterwards, students could visit with one another and get their picture taken with the knight. Some chose to head to Song Mountain for pictures at the peak, a generous opportunity given by Peter Harris and some of the ski patrol staff. Congratulations, Class of 2021! Tully CSD looks forward to seeing all the great accomplishments this class has to offer!

GRADUATION 2021



From the Superintendent

First, congratulations to the members of the Class of 2021! The Tully Community is proud of you and behind you 100% as you transition to the next stage of life. May your energy, creativity, and passions serve you well, and lead to much success and happiness.

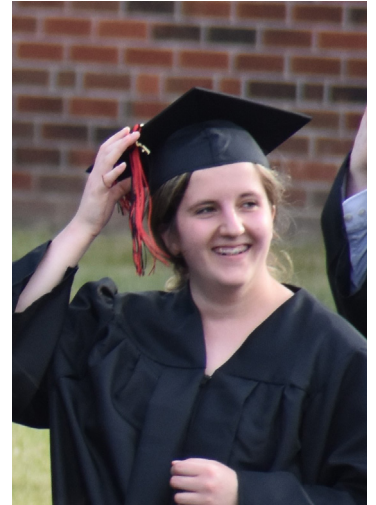
Second, congratulations to our retirees who are featured in this issue of the Knight Insight. The Tully Community is grateful for your many years of service. Our students are better off because of your efforts over the years.

Finally, a word of thanks to all of our students, parents, faculty, and staff for their hard work during the 2020-21 school year. It was certainly a year like no other. I am proud of the way the Tully School Community has pulled together these past ten months to support our students.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer.

Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools

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| <i>Student Name</i> | <i>Plans</i> | <i>Major</i> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Bailey Albro | RIT | Mathematics |
| Nathaniel Bassity | SUNY Delhi | Mechatronics |
| Carly Bastedo | SUNY Cortland | Psychology |
| Emma Bielecki | Ithaca College | Environmental Studies |
| Aidan Brown | SUNY Polytechnic Institute | Computer Programming/ Computer Science |
| Meadow Bunaisky | Employment | |
| Elizabeth Caron | University of Chicago | Psychology |
| Riley Carr | Employment | |
| Brooke Cochran | Onondaga Community College | Early Childhood Ed. |
| Stephen Coffin | Alfred State College | Building Trades/ Construction |
| Nathaniel Cole | Onondaga Community College | Liberal Arts |
| Annaleia Coppola | Le Moyne College | Physics w/Engineering Concentration |
| Emily Cox | Tompkins Cortland Community College | Nursing |
| Luke Delavan | Marines | |
| Jeremiah Dennis | Onondaga Community College | Computer Technology |
| Julia Dietz | Nazareth College | Nursing |
| Aurora Drumm | SUNY Morrisville | Agricultural Business |
| Adam Duffy | St. Bonaventure University | Business |
| Kaylee Durbin | Onondaga Community College | Nursing |
| Nicole Edinger | SUNY Geneseo | Business |
| Ty Edinger | Employment | |
| Madeleine Erno | Daemen College | Physical Therapy |
| Cameron Fish | West Virginia University | History |
| Mathew Fitts | Onondaga Community College | Early Childhood Education |
| Lilly Fowler-Conner | SUNY Geneseo | Pre-Med (Socio- Medical Science) |
| Lauren Grosso | Syracuse University | Public Relations |
| Katherine Haier | SUNY Cobleskill | Agricultural Business |
| Lindsey Hamelinck | SUNY Oswego | Undecided |
| Kayla Hanson | Onondaga Community College | Liberal Arts |
| William Hardy | Wilbraham & Monson Academy | Business |
| Zeke Hendricks | Texas A & M University | Economics |
| Ashton Henry | Employment | |
| Braiden Hiltbrand | Employment | |
| Brendyn Huggins | Marist College | History |
| Brianna Hurchla | Employment | |
| Isabella Iozzo | Pennsylvania State @ Altoona | Elementary Education |

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Amelia Jaworski | SUNY Morrisville | Equine Science & Management |
| Owen Lantiegne | University of Nebraska @ Omaha | Architectural Engineering |
| Ian Leiby | Lafayette College | Biochemistry |
| Kassidy Lunderman | Undecided | |
| Moirra McAninch | Juniata College | Environmental Science and Biology |
| Thomas McKenna, Jr. | St. Bonaventure University | Business Management |
| Hannah Morgan | Le Moyne College | Elementary Ed./ English |
| Joseph Morgan | Onondaga Community College | Music Industry |
| Elisabeth Moss | Brigham Young University | Elementary Education |
| Tessa Mucha | St. Michael's College | Health Science |
| Joseph Murray | Union College | Biomedical Engineering |
| Erin O'Mara | University at Buffalo | Communications |
| Keiran Patrick | Onondaga Community College | Advertising |
| Brooke Rauber | North Carolina State University | Biological Sciences w/Human Biology Concentration |
| Everet Resch | Academy of Art University | Game Development |
| Addison Shaw | Southern Methodist University | Business & Marketing |
| Benjamin Shaw | Undecided | |
| Savannah Shute | University at Tampa | Law Enforcement |
| Skyler Shute | Employment | |
| Natalie Slazik | Onondaga Community College | Art |
| Mia Soderholm | Employment | |
| Adam Spath | SUNY Oswego | Sociology |
| Brenden Stillman | Employment | |
| Jaden Teeter | SUNY Oneonta | Psychology |
| Tiernan Tobin | Cornell University | Animal Science |
| Trinity Trammel | SUNY Oswego | Psychology |
| Ethan Walowsky | Onondaga Community College | Business |
| Bridget Whitney | Onondaga Community College | Health Sciences |
| Olivia Widrick | University of South Carolina at Beaufort | Marine Biology |
| Gillian Wintermute | Undecided | |
| Nicole Wood | Employment | |
| Lauren Yonko | SUNY Brockport | Exercise Science |
| Clara Zook | Binghamton University | Biological Sciences |
| Nathan Zook | Employment | |

A Starry Night for Prom



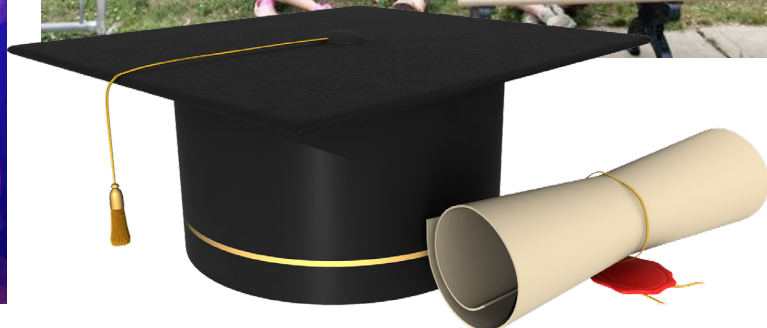
Prom has always been a time to cherish for those attending, but this year, it truly was. The seniors did not get to enjoy a prom their junior year, so having this event was considered a special occasion for many. Beforehand, all Tully prom attendees sat in on an assembly that the Teen Institute helped to provide. Local guest speaker, Marianne Angelillo, spoke on the importance of not drinking and driving, sharing her story, *Sharing My Stones*. Students then signed pledges to stay sober that night. Some of our TES students also helped remind the older students to have fun without alcohol with hand-drawn pictures. Prom was held at Arlington Acres from 6 – 10 p.m. where students could see the sun set through the open barn doors. Students in sparkling gowns and tuxes of all colors could be seen enjoying each other's company. The student body nominated Carly Bastedo as Prom Queen and Cameron Fish as Prom King. Students danced the night away under a brilliant starry night, which just happened to be the theme this year. Special thanks to the administration and staff that helped make this special moment a reality!



Senior Fun



While seniors couldn't plan a major trip to postmark their final days together as a class, they did manage to have a little fun before graduation, thanks to some very hard-working staff and parents. Seniors enjoyed a day at Fillmore Glen State Park playing games and basking in the sun. They were treated to a food truck for lunch and had treats along the way. On their very last day on campus, they took a walking field trip to Samantha's here in town to enjoy ice cream. When they returned to school, they had fun playing a game of kick-ball until they heard their last school bell ring. While staff would not see the Class of 2021 roaming the halls again, they would be back together for graduation at the end of the week.



2021 Yearbook Dedication: Jim Bob Waugh



The seniors were abuzz with a secret that they had been keeping for months when Mr. Jim Bob Waugh entered the auditorium on Yearbook Dedication day. Jim Bob, otherwise known as JB, has worked for the Tully district for six years in the maintenance department. His relationship with staff and students is a positive one as he is always smiling and quick to offer a helping hand. He was greeted by members of the senior class, staff, and his parents, who were invited to the dedication. Nate Cole, Yearbook Editor, read the dedication as everyone watched a slideshow filled with fun facts about Jim Bob.

Also during the dedication, a moment was given to Mr. John Hobart, a long-time bus driver for the district, who passed away this past year. An In Memorandum was placed beside the dedication page of the yearbook to honor him. In addition, the seniors felt that it was the perfect time for the school's gift from the senior class to be given.

Cameron Fish presented Mrs. Murphy with a wooden etched memorial plaque of Aaron Fish, a former Tully graduate who also passed away. Aaron was also Cameron's brother and served in the navy. His memory will live on inside the school's walls. After the dedication, everyone enjoyed a pancake breakfast, one of Jim Bob's favorite meals. Seniors perused the 2021 yearbook for the first time and enjoyed visiting with Jim Bob as they geared up for a team-building trip to Fillmore Glen State Park later that morning.



Senior Banners



A special thanks goes out to the After the Prom Committee (and everyone who helped make it possible) for donning the town with senior banners! These banners were made to display the 2021 graduating seniors as a special recognition for their hard work and resilience against tough times. Tully CSD is proud of all their students for overcoming obstacles that stood in their way this year and proud of the community for standing behind them. Congratulations, Class of 2021!

Alumni Grad

Cadet Nickolas J. Edinger, son of Ritch and Kim Edinger of Tully, graduated from the US Military Academy on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Nick graduated from Tully JSHS in 2016. While at West Point, he concentrated his studies on law and legal studies. He was also a member of the Army West Point Lacrosse team. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army within the Field Artillery branch. After completing an internship at West Point in the fall of 2021, he will report to Ft. Sill, OK for his first assignment. Congratulations!



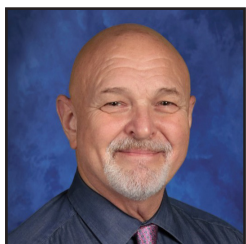
A Fond Farewell!



Steve Bailey – Mr. Bailey began his career at Tully Schools in 1972 as a Kindergarten teacher. He then retired in 2005. From 2008 to 2011, he was the owner and operator of Quality Coach Lines. In 2011, Mr. Bailey joined us again as a substitute bus driver/substitute teacher, and then in 2016 he stepped into the role of Bus Dispatcher. He is a graduate of Orchard Park High School and SUNY Fredonia. Thank you to Mr. Bailey for the past five years of service as our Bus Dispatcher!



Elizabeth Shatraw – Mrs. Shatraw began her career at Tully Schools 15 years ago in September 2006 as a JSHS science teacher. She graduated from Corcoran High School, earned a bachelor's degree from SUNY ESF in Forest Biology, and a master's degree from Syracuse University in Biology Education. Prior to joining our faculty, she worked for a number of years as an employment and training manager for the Syracuse Job Placement Agency. Thank you to Mrs. Shatraw for her 15 years of service here at Tully Schools!



Donald Wilson – Mr. Wilson began his career at Tully Schools as a substitute teacher during the 2002-03 school year. From 2002 through 2005, he was with us as a daily sub and as a long-term sub. In 2005, Mr. Wilson joined our faculty full-time as a 4th grade teacher. Mr. Wilson is a graduate of Westhill High School, and earned a bachelor's degree from SUNY Potsdam in History, and a master's in Elementary Education from SUNY Oswego. Prior to joining our faculty, Mr. Wilson worked for many years as the curator at the Erie Canal Museum. Thank you to Mr. Wilson for his 16 years of service here at Tully Schools!



Bettemae Russell – Mrs. Russell began her career at Tully Schools 28 years ago in September of 1993. Prior to joining our faculty, Mrs. Russell taught at Cincinnatus Elementary School and worked as a teacher for OCM BOCES. Mrs. Russell is a Tully High School graduate, and earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education from Buffalo State College, and a master's in Reading from SUNY Cortland. In addition to teaching, Mrs. Russell has coached soccer, cheerleading, and track and field for Tully Schools. Thank you to Mrs. Russell for her 28 years of service here at Tully Schools!



Deanne Drumm – Mrs. Drumm began her career at Tully Schools as a long-term substitute PE teacher during the 1991-92 school year. In October of 1992, she transitioned from a long-term substitute to a probationary PE teacher. Mrs. Drumm graduated from Auburn High School, earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from SUNY Brockport, and a master's from SUNY Cortland. Prior to joining the Tully faculty, she worked as a part-time physical education teacher in Penfield, NY. In addition to teaching, Deanne has served as a volleyball, basketball, and cross-country coach while at Tully Schools. Thank you to Mrs. Drumm for her 30 years of service here at Tully Schools!



Christine Yonta – Mrs. Yonta began her career at Tully Schools as a language teacher in September of 1990. She is a graduate of Cortland High School, and earned an associate degree in Restaurant Management from SUNY Cobleskill, a bachelor's in Spanish from SUNY Cortland, and a master's in Education from SUNY Oswego. Prior to joining our faculty, she worked as a long-term substitute teacher in Ithaca and in the city of Syracuse. In addition to teaching, Mrs. Yonta has served as an advisor for the Junior High International Club and chaperoned many trips to Quebec, Canada. Thank you to Mrs. Yonta for her 31 years of service here at Tully Schools!



Mary Ann Murphy – Mrs. Murphy began her career at Tully Schools 33 years ago in September of 1988 as a business teacher. She is a graduate of Marcellus High School, and earned a bachelor's degree from Nazareth College in Business Education, a master's from SUNY Oswego in Vocational Education, and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Educational Administration from SUNY Cortland. Mrs. Murphy spent the first 12 years of her career here at Tully as a teacher and coach (coaching soccer and volleyball). In the fall of 2000, she transitioned to the position of Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. In July of 2009, she became the interim JSHS Principal and stepped in officially as JSHS Principal in February of 2010. Over the past 12 years, Mrs. Murphy has provided steady and stable leadership for our Junior/Senior High School. Thank you to Mrs. Murphy for her 33 years of service here at Tully Schools!

You will be missed!

Got News?

To submit an article, email articles to Sherry Huggins at sherry.huggins@tullyschools.org. If you have any questions, please call (315) 696-6236.

Sixth Grade Moves Up



Another class has “graduated” from TES and what a great celebration it was! Sixth graders invited family members to watch the ceremony outside on the football field while they received their certificates. Before the presentation of certificates, several students spoke on what they remembered or loved most about TES such as the Albany trip, the plays they were in, extracurricular activities, specific habits of certain teachers/students, or fond memories of Mr. Wilson who retired a few short weeks after the ceremony. Special awards were handed out as well. Noah Houghton, Nate Houghton, Nicholas Houghton, Andrew Piano, and Ella Polak received Student Achievement awards from the State Comptroller, while Andie Fairchild and Brier Huggins received the Triple C award from the State Attorney General. After the ceremony, parents and students milled around the courtyard visiting with others. Snacks were available and a slideshow ran featuring baby pictures and activities from the students’ time at TES. Congratulations to the Class of 2027 – we can’t wait to see what you do at the JSHS!

Green Lakes 2021



Sixth graders were treated to their annual Green Lakes day this year in celebration of moving up where they were the first ones of the season to enjoy the warm sand and sun. Students played games like corn hole and tether ball, and swam in the lake, although a little chilly. In addition to a voted-upon lunch of pizza, students enjoyed ice cream and snacks in between swim time. The day was filled with lots of laughter and excitement. Thank you to everyone who helped make this trip enjoyable!



Sixth Graders Have Talent



Tully’s sixth graders are definitely a talented bunch. Each year, the sixth graders get to sign up and perform in a talent show at the end of the year, if they choose. This year’s bunch did an outstanding job with talent across many areas. Parents and other students have the pleasure of watching, although this year, it was live streamed and not in person. Parents watched from home, sixth grade peers watched it live in the auditorium, and other TES students viewed it from their classrooms.

This year’s acts included songs by Billie Eilish, Vanilla Ice, Haley Reinhart, and Lady Gaga; Irish dancing; piano playing including an original and the Imperial March played by a Storm Trooper; a solo dance and a group dance; duck calling; and a fast Rubix Cube solver. All students who participated did amazing and entertained everyone watching. Special thanks goes out to the stage and technical crew for making the show run smoothly!


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