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*From the  
Superintendent...  
Robert S. Monroe  
Partnerships Keep  
Focus on Student  
Success*

Just ten short months ago, we began the 2021-2022 year with a common goal in mind: maintain full, in person learning for our students and return the many important traditions that are critical to the school experience.

It is a goal that we accomplished, thanks to the partnership of our staff, community, students and families.

Our students, parents and staff worked collaboratively to move forward while making those adjustments necessary to create a positive learning environment.

In the meantime, traditions were returned that are part of the fabric of our community – athletic events, concerts, volunteers in our classrooms, business partnerships, honors programs, and so many more.

The tragic events in Oxford and Uvalde and the constant changes in our environment have tested our community in unimaginable ways. Our incredible UCS staff provided the stability necessary with the care and concern for students that are a legacy of our district. I want to thank them for their leadership, resiliency and commitment.

We could not have navigated this path without all of us working together to focus on student success.

On behalf of our entire district, thank you for your support of Utica Community Schools. I wish you the best for a safe and relaxing summer.



## *Stevenson MADE's First Graduating Class*

Opening its doors in 2018 to the first freshman class of Stevenson Manufacturing, Automation and Design Engineering (MADE), 78 seniors are now prepared to graduate from this Utica Community Schools specialty program with unique, newfound skills.

"To be a part of this first graduating class is really amazing," Stevenson MADE senior, Madisen Easterly, said. "It's something that is very special that not many people get to have."

As a four-year program housed within the walls of Stevenson High School, Stevenson MADE has fostered a community-centered culture of creativity, trust and support.

"It's refreshing to have this family culture that MADE has fostered," Stevenson MADE fabrication teacher, Jesse Siress, said. "This MADE academy is something special."

Since the program's launch, what Stevenson MADE Program Administrator, Alison

Hildebrand, has come to be most proud of is the sense of continuous improvement that is stressed to the students which has subsequently been adopted by staff.

"It has been incredibly rewarding to be a part of this program and to see the growth of both our students and staff," Hildebrand said.

Many of the inaugural graduating class will be pursuing careers other than those highlighted through MADE, while others plan to study things in the manufacturing, automation and design engineering fields after graduation.

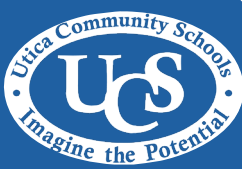
"Regardless of the direction they go with their studies and their career, I hope as the students move on that they can use the skills they learned here and they can look back and see that their experience was valuable," Stevenson MADE academy coach, Mark LaCombe, said.

"These students will always be our first class and they will go down in history."

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## *Our Community's Pride – the UCS Class of 2022!*

Utica Community Schools is proud to celebrate the 2,172 graduates who received diplomas from the district's high schools at the 2022 commencement ceremonies.

The College Board honored 348 graduates as Advanced Placement Scholars for achieving a score of 3, 4 or 5 in three or more AP course exams. The Board of Education recognized 769 graduates as UCS Academic Scholars for having attained a seven-semester GPA of 3.67 or above while taking part in extracurricular or community service activities.

UCS awarded diplomas to 71 students from its Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program and 262 graduates received the UCS Seal of Global Language.

The UCS Class of 2022 earned more than \$30 million in academic scholarships. This group includes 334 valedictorians (4.0 GPA and above) and 13 salutatorians (awarded to student(s) with next highest GPA below 4.0), all of whom are recognized within this graduation issue.



# Eisenhower High School

## Valedictorians



Rohan  
Aggarwal



Marco  
Agrusa



Hasan  
Albaghdadi



Ryan  
Alsobrooks



Lorenzo  
Amicucci



Mehrshad  
Bagherebadian



Madison  
Bellman



Evan  
Blanchard



Janelle  
Bobchick



Vincent  
Boes



Elizabeth  
Brown



Grace  
Bruck



Stephanie  
Bumbaru



Zoya  
Dimovich



Joshua  
Donahue



Elena  
Evans



Nicholas  
Felarca



Genevieve  
Frechette



Conde  
Gonzalez



Elaina  
Goodman



Bridget  
Hafner



Amela  
Halkic



Michalena  
Hamrick



Katherine  
Hayward



Evan  
Jansen



Megan  
Kelly



Katelyn  
Koziol



Micah  
Kramer



Alicia  
Le



Cassidy  
Lease



Julian  
Lee



Alessandro  
LoRe



Kailey  
MacFadyen



Londyn  
Maples



Alyssa  
McLane



Natasha  
Milosavljevic



Tara  
Montreuil



Alexis  
Morrison



Bledar  
Myslimaj



Hailey  
Nichols



Callie  
Oyster



Nicole  
Panczyk



Ria  
Patel



Alison  
Pausuz



Lauren  
Petterle



Giuliana  
Piccinini



Elaina  
Plonis



Madeline  
Reiter



Blake  
Ronne



Lilianna  
Rosol



Rhianna  
Ruzza



Jaime  
Sargee



Dylan  
Schulte





Evan Shallow



Lauren Sharplin



Mia Shaw



Simran Singh



Brenner Smith



Marko Spasovski



Krista Stojanovski



Ayden Sturza



Natalie Tangelder



Kyle Tran



Dena Trendov



Isabella Vasquez



Brandon Veliaj



Jacob Verellen



Noah Vermeulen



Kaitlyn Woodcox



Zoe Yaeger



Sean Yang



Isabella Yeske



Molly Youngblood

*Eisenhower  
Salutatorians*



Michael Blanz



Logan Sandri



Rozita Shafiq



Macy Spevacek



Abigail Trudelle

Gene L. Klida Utica  
Academy for  
International Studies  
*Valedictorians*



Elizabeth Aksovski



Angelica Alpas



Precious Amuwha



Muskaan Arya



Rose Bednar



Hannah Bernardi



Sadie Blaszczyk



Olivia Bowman



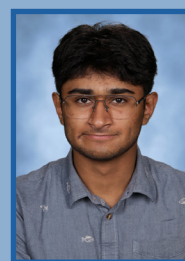
Zoey Brookbanks



Riddhi Chandankhede



Maximilian Chandzel



Chris Cherian



Aubree Clark



Maya Consiglio



Arianne Dacayo



John Dagg



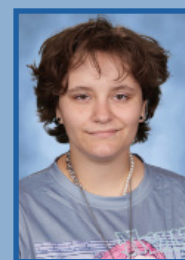
Haylie Danielski



Logan Deal



Elsa Dupon



Jackson Eelbode



Alexandra Enders



Gene L. Klida Utica Academy  
for International Studies (GLK-UAIS)

*Valedictorians*

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Sophia  
Franz



Katelyn  
Gildersleeve



Ravleen  
Gill



Katelyn  
Ha



Charlotte  
Hall



Cassandra  
Hasaj



Saamia  
Hasan



Jack  
Hayley



Hannah  
Hughes



Maria  
Isho



Megan  
Jamias



Christina  
Karadsheh



Angela  
Kim



Tobias  
Layson



Samantha  
Lecea



Thomas  
Lei



Caiden  
Livingston



Caitlin  
Lopata



Cam Giang  
Alexander Ly



Christeen  
Mangalathet



Sean  
Moss



Samantha  
Neveau



Jacob  
Opperman



Ava  
Parsons



Joseph  
Perez



Mikayla  
Petroske



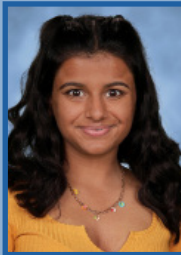
Olivia  
Puhl



Huda  
Rao



Madison  
Sadaj



Rehma  
Saeed



Joshua  
Samuel



Fischer  
Schluessler



Ajane  
Smith



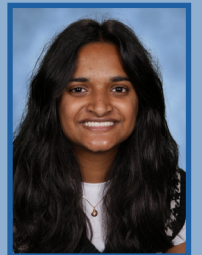
Madelyn  
Smith



Julie  
Syler



Diya  
Tattitali



Abigail  
Thomas



Scarlett  
Thomas



Lara  
Tinawi



Patrick  
Tohme



Nathan  
Tran



Jadelena  
Truong



Aubrey  
VanDerMaas



Anish  
Virdi



Peter  
Wathen



Reese  
Willing



Samantha  
Willson



Alec  
Yaldo

*GLK-UAIS  
Salutatorian*



Kaitlyn  
Pixley



# Henry Ford II High School

## *Valedictorians*



Elias  
Ayoub



Mrian  
Bakhaya



Evan  
Boutorwick



Olivia  
Boutorwick



Sara  
Bregu



Joel  
Chirayil



Muhtasim  
Chowdhury



Jada  
Coles



Genevieve  
Costakes



Danielle  
Depakakibo



Joseph  
Dickinson



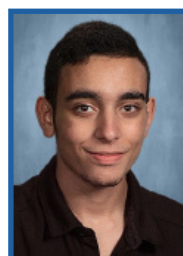
Hannah  
DiFalco



Natalia  
Dycha



Justin  
Francis



Filopatir  
Gabriel



Vince  
Gambotto



Sonia  
Hadar



Stephanie  
Harizanova



Emily  
Hartwig



Berlyn  
Hillman



Kayla  
Hlavin



Samuel  
Ibri



Maria  
Ivezaj



Samantha  
Johns



Alyssa  
Kalaj



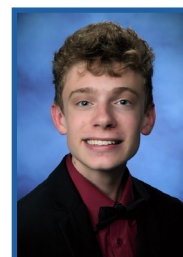
Ashton  
Karash



Bella  
Koki



Michael  
Langdon



Liam  
LeBlanc



Ashley  
Leduc



Emma  
Loveday



Brynn  
Lupo



Daniella  
Luzi



Lily  
Medley



Jenna  
Moir



Benjamin  
Norrito



Edith  
Pilarski



Casey  
Raupp



Mas  
Salman



Aidan  
Sheriff



Manu  
Sidhu



Lexi  
Sieloff



Raegan  
Spear



Karlin  
Stepp



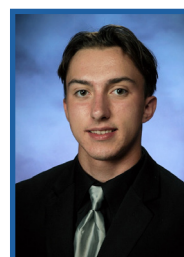
Ethan  
Stoneman



Nicholas  
Stumpf



Hira  
Tariq



John  
Tauber



Christian  
Thomas



## Henry Ford II Valedictorians

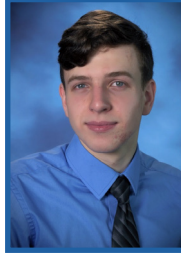
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Cooper  
VanHoosear



Vishal  
Vijayarajan



Lukas  
Wegrzyn



Kearstyn  
Wysocki



Mya  
Zomponti



Lily  
Zook

*Henry Ford II  
Salutatorians*



Cassidy  
Allen



Kennedy  
Cross



Brooke  
Vargo

## Stevenson High School Valedictorians



Sophia  
Abraham



Christopher  
Anaya-Melendez



GreenLee  
Anglin



Samantha  
Araj



Tomas  
Bassalious



Sarina  
Bedawid



Preston  
Brockett



Jade  
Burnett



Colleen  
Capozello



Ayianna  
Card-Felix



Conner  
Cole-Salem



Arianna  
Crawley



Lydia  
Cudini



Nolan  
Datema



Lily  
Doctor



Kennedy  
Dubey



Kristy  
Duong



Chloe  
Gammo



Chinsen  
Guiao



Allison  
Habba



Janelle  
Hanna



Calvin  
Hassel



Thy  
Hoang



Sora  
Hrhoh



Natalie  
Ishioka



Stefan  
Jakovljevic



Robynne  
Jones-Bellamy



Greta  
Kaminske



Darin  
Kamposh



Sean  
Kelly



Sameh  
Khan



Esther  
Kosta



Logan  
Kulczycki



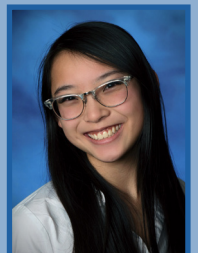
Selina  
Lee



Lindsay  
Lewis



Jezelle  
Manni



Annalisa  
Marck





Amantia  
Mema



Elizabeth  
Morachevsk



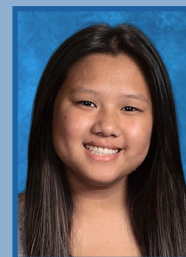
Adi  
Naim



Doreen  
Namou



Lauren  
Nemens



Kayli  
Nguyen



Tyler  
Nguyen



Alexander  
Olar



Amanda  
Palmer



Gabriela  
Pasho



Rywin  
Patcharaput



Juliana  
Riley



Mirna  
Romaya



Andrew  
Roseni



Sarah  
Saleem



Dawood  
Savaya



Samyra  
Smith



Julia  
Weihs



Perla  
Yaldo



Abigail  
Zauner

*Stevenson  
Salutatorians*



Mariem  
Aboutaleb



Brianna  
Calado

## Utica High School *Valedictorians*



Nour Alhouda  
Ahmad



Hamza  
Ayaz



Madison  
Bajis



Morgan  
Bernardi



Om  
Bidja



Mary  
Borus



Matteo  
Caporuscio



Isabella  
Carlson



Anthony  
Chirco



Jack  
Costandi



Mary  
Cottone



Ana  
Cvetkovski



Nicholas  
DeMaestri



Darija  
Dimkovska



Irina  
Djelovska



Juliano  
Doda



Lawrence  
Dokaj



Mitchell  
Donovan



Jack  
Droelle



Nicolette  
Farnese



Klair  
Farouk



Sophia  
Foskic



Gabrielle  
Germanski



Michael  
Gryn



Ava  
Haithcock



Kinsey  
Heersma



John  
Ivezaj



Aaron  
Jahn



# Utica High School Valedictorians

*Continued...*



Luka  
Jalics



Gabriella  
Jarbo



Chanel  
Katoula



Chantel  
Katoula



Hannah  
Kauppila



Brooke  
Kessen



Alex  
Keta



Abigail  
Kochanowski



Aiden  
Kochanowski



Angelique  
Korkis



Elizabeth  
Kozen



Cordelia  
Kraus



Austin  
Lamphier



Lucas  
Lupinski



Elizabeth  
Manuszak



Lauren  
Manzella



Sophia  
Meguid



Luke  
Milne



Sarah  
Mittag



Makayla  
Newcomb



Samantha  
Norris



Vito  
Palazzolo



Steven  
Paquette



Mikayla  
Paul



Vy  
Phan



Daniel  
Pillion



Olivia  
Pinto



Alexis  
Plonka



Zachary  
Powrozek



Michael  
Priebe



Bassam  
Qadri



Ethan  
Randazzo



Angelina  
Rea



Madeline  
Richman



Briana  
Rowoldt



Sophie  
Rutherford



Mya  
Shaba



Thomas  
Sleiman



Riley  
Sokolowski



Avery  
Stellman



Luke  
Sumner



Katherine  
Sunday



Jacob  
Terranova



Aaron  
Thielen



Emily  
Thompson



Eva  
Troyanovich



Kaitlyn  
Tuttle



Alison  
Wegner



Darren  
Welch



Sandra  
Yaldo



Brianna  
Zawierucha



Gavin  
Zbytowski

*Utica High  
Salutatorian*



Angelina  
Bojaj

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