

OATA Newsletter May/June 2022

Congratulations to the OATA Scholarship winners!

- ★ Gaige Armbrewster
- ★ Myia Lyons
- ★ Evelyn Rebert
- ★ Jordan Schlagenhauf
- ★ Jordyn Tobolski

Negotiating Team

- Elementary Reps. - Mary Kalinowski, Robin Bonanno, Mike Lamar, and Ryan Stehlar
- Middle High Reps. - Wendy Bergman, Adam Reeb, Dave Carpino, Patti Buzcek, and Lisa Mullen

Sub committees have been formed to address the membership's top priorities moving forward.

Conflict Resolution

We know sometimes conflict may arise between OATA members. If that happens, you might wonder where to begin. **Step 1** is to approach that member directly to see if a resolution can be made. If you do not feel comfortable approaching the other person, or a resolution can not be reached, then **Step 2** is to approach your **Building Rep. or mentor/dept. chair** for guidance for a next step to address your concerns. Please **do not** contact admin. before steps 1 and 2 are completed. Most conflicts can be resolved by knowing which members to reach out to for help. We are here for you!



Wendy Bergman
President
NYSUT RA Delegate



Andrea Karas
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VOTE COPE Rep.



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Treasurer

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
OUTSTANDING OATA MEMBERS!****Ashley Rebmann**

Elementary Building Rep.

**Robin Bonanno**

Elementary Building Rep.

**Adam Reeb**

Middle High Building Rep.

**Trena White**

Middle High Building Rep.

**Joe Jankowski**

Retirement Rep.

Wendy Bergman has received the ED-3 (GLOW Region) award from NYSUT for her positive leadership! Wendy has been president of the Oakfield-Alabama Teachers since 2013. She fights for her membership and is a consistent voice of strengths at the GWO President Council Meetings. Prior to being president, Wendy was on the Oakfield teachers social committee, planning membership events and promoting scholarships in memory of fallen members. She is humble in her leadership and is extremely deserving of this honor.



Kathleen has received the OATA Local Leadership award! Kathleen been our school nurse for fifteen years. The past two years have been so stressful with the pandemic, but Kathleen has worked tirelessly over the school year to keep us healthy and prepared to keep our doors open. She has spent many hours over the summer working with administration to maintain healthy accommodations so that our students could remain learning in person. Her effort and care to make students feel welcome through this trying time is outstanding. We don't know where we would be without her leadership and guidance.

Congratulations to Denise Glidden on her retirement! We are thankful for her many years of dedication and service here at OA. Best wishes for exciting new adventures in this next chapter!

We made it through another school year! Have a relaxing and stress-free summer break with family and friends. Thank you for all you do!

Teachers after the last day of school



@weareteachers

How teachers wave to their neighbors, heading to work, in the summer time.



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