

# CHAZY CENTRAL RURAL SCHOOL



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

July 2021

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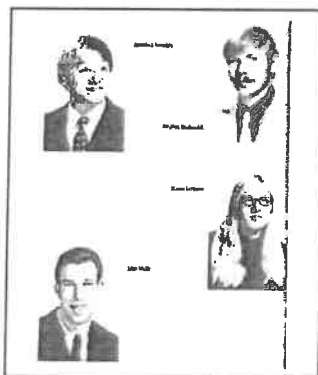
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## Celebrating the Class of 1971!

Dear Alumni,

Spring is here and with that comes the joy of seeing trees coming to life, flowers bursting with color, mowing lawns and experiencing life's many blessings, even while still being in the midst of a pandemic.

We were hoping life would be back to "normal" by June, but as you know, it has not. It is certainly better, but not where it needs to be for us to host our Alumni Banquet and Tea and feel comfortable about it. Therefore, once again this year, we will not be hosting either event for the safety of all in attendance.

As stated last year, we will not let this milestone go unnoticed! As difficult as it will be, if COVID is under control at this time next year, we will be hosting the banquet and tea in honor of the Classes of '70, '71 and '72.

Let's not give up. Let's stand tough and together. We can beat this pandemic, and when we do, we will be having one fabulous 50-Year Class Reunion and celebration! Until then, stay safe, stay healthy and God Bless!

Cathy Munson Devins '73  
Executive Director

# Class of 1971 Biographies

## William Brunelle

*"After graduation from CCRS I went to work for the Grand Union Company in Rouses Point. I stayed there a little over a year, then I got a job at Ayerst Labs where I worked for the next 34 years. I got married to a girl from Canton, NY in August 1973. We were married for 26 years, until her untimely death on Christmas Eve 1999. We had started a small antique/Amish furniture business in 1976. I still operate the Amish furniture part of the business today. After I retired, I moved to the small town of Duane, NY in the Adirondacks, where I still live today. I am very active in the Duane Volunteer Fire Department and my Amish furniture business. I am looking forward to seeing old friends this summer."*

## David Daley

## Rhonda Trombly Daley

*"We write these 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary graduation biographies of our lives together. This anniversary coincides with our own 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Yes, we married in our senior year of high school. We were classmates, best friends and eventually a married couple. We became "engaged" when David passed a note to Rhonda during a social studies class in Mr. Stotts 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. The note queried: Will you marry me? Before Rhonda could answer, David sent another note; Can you cook? Again, before Rhonda could answer that note, David sent yet another note; Never mind that, it doesn't matter if you can't cook, because I can. After 5 minutes for due and diligent consideration, Rhonda responded, yes, I will marry you, but you will have to wait until I am more grown up, because I want to just be a kid for a while longer. David respected that. We passed our grade school, and much of our high school years in stealth courtship. Scarcely acknowledging each other in view of our classmates, but several times daily slipping notes to each other through the vent slots of our lockers.*

*In our junior year, David's parents were contemplating early admission for David at Clarkson University in Potsdam NY. Suddenly, our life as we imagined it was threatened by an unwelcomed separation. At that age we did not feel that we had a lot of power to decide*

*our own fate. Not being of a particularly rebellious nature and not wanting to stress our parents too much, we began to resign ourselves to the possibility of temporary separation. We began to use much of our spare time to study for our ham radio licensing exams. With a ham radio license, we would at least have a reliable and unlimited means to communicate with each other by radio if separation became unavoidable. In those days phone contact was very expensive and probably unsustainable, as neither of us had money of our own to spend on phone bills.*

*By the end of our Junior year, the forces of nature intervened in our favor. David, valedictorian of our class, managed somehow to fail his American Literature class. As this was required for a regent's diploma, the threat of early admission to Clarkson fell off the table. The imminent need to get a ham radio license eased and we moved on to a more a comfortable and relaxed continuation of our courtship. At that age courtship is almost all consuming. As fate would have it, late in our senior year at CCRS, owing to the shortened growing season in northern NY, we found ourselves in a family way.*

*Everyone seemed in agreement that David and Rhonda made a nice couple, and both were well received in each other's families. A plan for our marriage came forward as a real and present option. We married on the first of May 1971, with many of our classmates attending.*

*In our senior year, there was a plan for a senior class trip to Albany. The class had saved up class dues for four years in anticipation of this event. As it happened, senior skip day came along. It was a forbidden but time-honored tradition at CCRS for the seniors to all skip one day of school to spend that day together in fun before graduation. In honor of the tradition, all but a few in the class skipped that day. David and Rhonda did not skip owing to David's mothers' objections. Much ruckus ensued when our principal also objected to the tradition and decided to use our class as an example. Apparently, this tradition played havoc with state funding when so many students could not be accounted for when illness did not make it excusable. The skip day caused the planned class trip to be canceled. So late in our high school career, it became a problem; What then is done with the money we saved?*

*Two possibilities came to the forefront. Either the money could be donated to the school library, (an administration recommendation), or*

*It could be given to David and Rhonda as a donation towards their honeymoon, (an idea hatched by our classmates). Since neither David nor Rhonda skipped on skip day, the principal granted that this would also be a permissible use for the money. The class held an emergency class meeting to vote on the two proposals. The class voted to use the money to send David and Rhonda on a honeymoon. We used the money exactly for that purpose, and in respect for our classmates' prior plans, went to Albany and spent one of our three honeymoon days watching the NYS legislators in session. Of course, that was not all that we did on our honeymoon, but that would be another story. Our absence from school to have a honeymoon was, to our surprise, an excusable absence. We had to have David's mother write our excused absence note.*

*Within the next five years we were blessed with four children, Benjamin, Jennifer, Adrian and Sarah. David graduated from Clarkson University, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He worked for American Electric Power in Ohio until a tornado destroyed their home, at which time, in 1980, the family move to Cape Bretton, Nova Scotia, Canada, where David worked as an Electrical Engineer for Nova Scotia Power, and Rhonda attended St. Francis Xavier University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. Rhonda worked in psych mental health nursing and Community Health Nursing under the Nova Scotia Provincial Government. The family achieved dual citizenship status. In 1990, beckoned by the needs of aging parents, the family moved back to the US where Dave worked for New York State Electric and Gas until his retirement in 2019. Rhonda worked for The Clinton County Office for the Aging as a nurse for the EISEP program, later working for North Country Home services as a Nurse Case Manager. In time, Rhonda became Director of Education for North Country Home Services, retiring in 2018. Rhonda presently owns and operates North Star Quilting, a longarm quilting business.*

*Both David and Rhonda have a ham radio extra license, David's call sign: AC2BA and Rhonda's: AC2FX.*

*After 50 years, we now have six grandchildren, and David still does at least half of the cooking. We putter about with gardening and belong to the Champlain Valley Amateur Radio Club where we are involved in emergency preparedness.*

We want to thank you again, Class of '71, for our honeymoon, and your kind support. So nice to have the good fortune to grow old together."

### George Hubbell

"After graduation I attended PSUC as a chemistry major. Post-college, I did seasonal work, spending summers in the pool industry in Edison, NJ, and winters on the slopes in Sugarloaf, Maine.

After a few years away, I landed back in Plattsburgh. My father informed me of a recently established pool business that was for sale. In tandem, I purchased a piece of property on Lake Shore Road. I started running the business - Lake Champlain Pools - out of my house in Chazy. The small operation has grown to be 30+ employees and has been in business for 45+ years. I continue to be the CEO, working day-to-day in the operation.

I married my wife, Kay, in 1983. Together, we have three children. Our daughters live in Plattsburgh and joined the pool business in 2017. Our son married his wife in 2016 and together they have two children.

I live in the city of Plattsburgh but spend as much time as possible in the summertime on Lake Champlain with my extended family at our family camp. I love to boat, ski, hike (ADK 46er), travel and stay active. Oh - I'm also still as good-looking as you may remember from 1971."



### Cindy Roy

"I walked off the stage at CCRS in my cap and gown with tears of joys and fear, mixed in with a little sadness not knowing what the future held in store for all of us. Classmates all heading in a different direction and thinking, when will we all meet again as a group?

In the fall of 1971, I started college at Clinton Community College taking Liberal Arts classes. At this time, I continued to live at home on the farm and waitressed at Gus' Red Hots in Plattsburgh while taking classes. The following year I transferred to SUNY Delhi graduating with an AAS in Animal Science. While attending college at Delhi I took on a part time job waitressing at the Delhi Diner. It is here at the Delhi Diner where I met my husband, Bob Roy. Bob & crew would come in for brunch on the weekends. I did a summer internship on a farm near Delhi and began dating the "local guy." Bob and I were married in 1975 and we continued to live in Delhi until 1980. Bob working as a lineman for NYSE & Gas and I

working various jobs, including The North Country Shopper and Delft Blue Provimi Veal Packing House. In 1980 my husband and my brother Steve made the decision to return to my home and purchase my father's farm. B&R Dairy LLC was formed with my father, Bob and Steve, (Bechard & Roy). Bob and I purchased our first home close to the farm on Lake Champlain. At this time, I took on an additional role; along with being the farmer's daughter, I became the farmer's wife. Running and operating the farm provides family endless hours of labor; you learn the true meaning of teamwork and a positive working attitude. Being prepared when Mother Nature presents her 'window' of opportunity to plant and harvest may not guarantee you a successful harvest! In 1996 we built a home on the Reynolds Road where we continue to live today.

In 1989 I returned to the outside workforce of self-employment and started working with Blue Seal Feeds as a Dairy Nutritionist & Consultant. I was able to work out of my home calling on dairymen in Northern New York and Vermont. I would formulate and sell grain mixes for the dairy herd based on the dairymen's forage samples and inventory. Diets for the dairy would be updated and revised on a monthly (sooner if needed) basis. In 1999 I changed feed companies and went to work for Poulin Grain. I continued to work out of my home for the next 14 years becoming more specialized in heifer and calf nutrition, also preparing herd health and cost/profit evaluations for the farm. In 2012 we sold our farm to Giroux Poultry with Bob retiring at that time; I retired in 2014.

Our son Bobby, his wife Andrea and our grandsons Ivan & Patrick live in Chazy. We are delighted to have them so close to us, being great fans of their many hockey, soccer, and baseball games. Ivan and Patrick are attending Chazy Central as the fourth generation of my family to attend CCRS.

Our son Steven (wife Heidi) lives within walking distance of our home. Our identical 22-month-old twin granddaughters, Sophia & Olivia keep us very entertained as 'double the trouble!' They too will be attending CCRS!"

### Christine Smith Ozkan

"After graduation I attended Clinton Community College for a couple of years. I relocated, with Karen LaPierre, to the Waterford/Troy area. I was hired by a local hospital that merged twice with other area hospitals. I retired in 2016 as a Medical Coder. I had worked for the combined facilities for a

total of 46 years. At one point in time I worked full time, part time, and attended the Junlor College of Albany which is a division of Russell Sage in Troy. I took art classes, which if anyone remembers, is one of my passions. I continue with my art by supplying artisan and/or craft items for a variety of fundraising events. When I was 38, I met my Turkish husband. I finally married at 40. I had our son at 41. He is incredibly personable, incredibly intelligent, and incredibly handsome. He resides in and works in NYC. I also have a stepdaughter and a step-granddaughter living in Turkey. We have yet to travel to Turkey as a family. We were booked to go there in September 2019 but due to Covid the airline was forced to cancel our trip. We video chat often with our Turkish relatives. Currently, we live in Clifton Park. I still visit Chazy in order to spend time with my mother and siblings. God bless the classmates that are no longer with us!"

### James Trombly

"I learned the electrical trade and started working in the early 70s. In 1979 I went to work for the NYS Department of Corrections. I have worked at Coxsackie, Dannemora, Altona and Cape Vincent. I retired as a Sergeant after 26 ½ years. Then I started my second career. I am the CEO and President of JT Electric, which is still operating. I am the only employee!

In 1975 I met the love of my life, Tina Earl '74. We married and have two daughters, Tara (2001) and Tiffany (2004). Tara has given us two beautiful grandsons who bring us great joy.

Most of my friends know I am a gearhead and have been for most of my life. I own a '68 Dodge Charger that I bought in 1974. I started drag racing in 1988 and continue to do so. I race mostly in Canada, so I call myself an international race car driver!"

### Dana Weeden

"After graduation I attended Plattsburgh State in pursuit of a teaching degree in Chemistry. Making the varsity soccer team, I was majoring in soccer and minoring in academics. Uncle Sam came calling in the form of an induction notice after my freshman year. Yup, I got drafted! To avoid the Army Infantry, I signed up with the U. S. Navy for advanced electronics training, thinking I could get a marketable skill out of the deal.

After basic I was stationed at NAS (Naval Air Station) Memphis, TN for technical training. This is where I bought my first set of golf clubs,

from a frustrated/disgruntled Marine. He even threw in his shoes, which fit me perfectly. Soon after arriving in the area, I went looking for a pickup soccer game down by the university. I spotted what I was looking for, and drove up and asked if I could join in. I told them I was stationed at the Navy base and just wanted to play some soccer. They informed me they were an amateur team in the Memphis City League and were not interested in my participation in their practice session. One of the guys, Jorge, said, "We need one more to even up the sides so let's let him play." To make a long story short they asked me to join their team, we won the City Championship, and I was nominated to try out for the U.S. National Team. The tryout for our National Soccer Team at Long Beach State, CA was a bust. It was a very short tryout and some west coast college coaches were picking the players. I got the impression they knew pretty much who they were going to pick before the tryouts. I guess I wasn't politically connected.

I was now stationed at NAS Lemoore, CA where I joined the fleet squadron VA-153. This was where I jumped out of a perfectly good aircraft twice for the fun of it and skied the Sierra Nevadas. We deployed aboard the USS Oriskany to the western Pacific with a stop at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. I was pretty good at figuring out and fixing the avionics systems in the jets, so my reward was that I got to work the flight deck during flight operations, which some say is perhaps one of the most dangerous places to work in the world. Thanks a lot! There were some close calls, but I survived. During the deployment we did a port call in Hong Kong and Subic Bay, Philippines. While in Subic, I was able to golf, get certified and SCUBA dive along the Mariana Trench. It was deep! No, I did not go to the bottom. While attached to the squadron I applied for a special education program (Naval Enlisted Scientific Education Program), was accepted, and was transferred out. In NESEP I attended Auburn University, AL and earned a degree in Electrical Engineering and a Commission in the U.S. Navy. This time I took academics seriously, but still found time to coach and play soccer with Auburn Soccer Club.

Upon graduation I transferred to NAS Pensacola, FL for basic Naval Flight Officer training. Besides flight training we also got water survival training where we got to experience drown-proofing by escaping from the Dilbert Dunker and Helo Dunker, which simulated sinking aircraft. What fun and I'm getting paid to do this! It's a small world— while playing in a pickup soccer game on base, I ran into (not literally) a guy from Chazy. He played

with my younger brothers and recognized me as a Weeden. I wish I remembered his name. Finishing basic I received my wings of gold and then it was out to NAS North Island in San Diego, CA for training in the S-3A Viking aircraft, the carrier based ASW (Anti-Submarine Warfare) weapons platform. While in San Diego I got to experience POW survival training which included being waterboarded. Not nearly as much fun as the Dilbert Dunker!

Back to the fleet, I reported to VS-24 at NAS Cecil Field in Jacksonville, FL which deployed aboard the USS Nimitz to the Mediterranean Sea. After workups in the Caribbean, where we visited Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, we deployed to the Med where we had port calls all around: Alexandria, Egypt where I visited the Pyramids and Cairo Museum; Haifa, Israel where I visited Jerusalem and the Sea of Galilee; Naples, Italy where I played golf and soccer in a recreation park located in a volcano crater, and visited Rome and the Vatican; Palma de Mallorca, and Barcelona, Spain where the ship's soccer team played a friendly match with some local amateurs. Time for shore duty; finishing my tour with VS-24, I reported to NAS Mayport as the Assistant Air Operations Officer. I got to play intramural soccer and golf more often now that I was ashore.

Back to sea duty, I transferred to the USS Forrestal (the FID) as the Assistant Air Operations officer. I reported aboard the FID while she was on station in the Persian Gulf via an S-3A flight from Diego Garcia, a British Island Territory in the middle of the Indian Ocean. We transited thru the Suez Canal into the Med where we had port calls in: Haifa, Israel where I golfed, went to Masada, and Jerusalem where I walked down the Via Delarosa and visited the Garden Tomb. It's still empty! We also did port calls in Rhodes, Greece where I played golf and soccer; Marseille, France where I got to ski the French Alps; and Plymouth, England for more golf on our way to the North Atlantic above the Arctic Circle.

Returning to the States it was back to shore duty at NAS Cecil Field, FL as the Assistant Air Operations Officer, where I orchestrated a post-Gulf War Air Show for the ages. We had a hot air balloon race and a Lee Greenwood concert. We had every aircraft in our arsenal as well as captured Iraqi equipment and our M1A1 Abrams tank on the ramp. We had F/A 18 Hornets simulating bombing runs with EOD personnel detonating jugs of fuel across the runway for effect. It was awesome! We could feel the concussion wave across the runway. Everyone was loving it, but local folks in the

area thought that Cecil Field was under attack, and the local authorities' phones were ringing off their hooks. Whoops! I didn't realize the effect would be that broad, but all was well, and we had the most successful air show in Cecil Field history. Well, I went out with a bang, retiring from the Navy at Cecil Field.

After the Navy I decided to again pursue teaching. With the Engineering Degree, there was little I needed to do to gain certification to teach High School Mathematics. I taught at Pensacola High School, and coached soccer and golf until retiring again.

I'm now living the good life in the Pensacola, FL area. I have hung up the soccer cleats and play my share of golf at my club, which is five minutes from the house.

Along the way, I met and married my lovely wife Rebekah (Becky). We have three children between us and a granddaughter. We did a Caribbean cruise to Nassau, St. Thomas, and San Juan, but most travel is to visit family and friends.

By far the most important thing I've done is: On June 28, 1974, according to 1 John 5:11-13, I sealed my eternal destiny by "receiving" Jesus as my Lord and Savior."



**DUES, ~~BANQUET~~-(postponed), SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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Make *ONE* check payable to: **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF CCRS**  
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First Maiden Last

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**I plan to attend the ALUMNI TEA (Not applicable this year)**

**I plan to attend the ALUMNI BANQUET (n/a)**  **Check enclosed for \$25 per person (n/a)**

Payment enclosed for:  **Yearly dues (\$20)**  **Lifetime Membership (\$100)**

Current Lifetime member? YES NO  **Donation for Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Alumni Scholarship Eligibility**

1. The applicant must be the son or daughter of a graduate of Chazy Central Rural School who is a member of the Chazy Alumni Association.
2. The parent/guardian must be a paid member of the Chazy Alumni Association for the preceding three years prior to and the year of the applicant's graduation. All dues must be paid by December 31 of those four years, which means if you don't already have a lifetime membership, when your child is a freshman, dues must be paid by December 31 of that year; when your child is a sophomore, dues must be paid by December 31 of that year and so forth. You cannot wait until your child is a senior to pay four years of dues or to purchase a lifetime membership anytime during your child's high school years (unless it's their freshman year, and it must be paid by December 31).
3. The applicant must be a graduating senior of Chazy Central Rural School who meets all requirements for graduation.
4. Applicant must plan to attend an institute of higher learning full-time.
5. Applicant must submit the application for the Chazy Alumni Scholarship by the deadline date, which is the second Friday of May, before 3:15 p.m. to the school guidance office.
6. The voting board of the Alumni Association will determine the amount of the scholarship annually. All decisions of the Chazy Alumni Association are final.
7. Payment of the scholarship will be made after the recipient has successfully completed his/her first semester of college and verifies that he/she has enrolled for a second semester of college. A copy of their transcript, verification of classes enrolled in, or copy of the invoice for the upcoming semester must be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Alumni Association by January 31.
8. Three letters of reference are required.



**IN MEMORIAM**

*Wayne Parrotte 1944*

*Girard Ducharme 1946  
(Served on the  
Board of Education  
for 15 years)*

*Bernard Oliver 1949*

*Francis "Roger" Duprey 1952*

*Gabriel Boire 1954*

*Melvin Laramie 1958*

*Gloria LaPierre Winterbottom 1962*

*Zenon Glanc 1966*

*Martha Riley Levy 1968*

*James McWhinnie 1972*

*Scott Wilson 1973*

*Allison Taylor 1976*

*Deland Averill 1983*

*James Solano 1985*

*William "Bill" Proulx, age 92, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away on Friday, December 18, 2020. Bill was a retired Superintendent of Chazy Central School (1966 - 1983) and led a full retired life working at schools part-time, traveling and spending time with his family.*

*Janice Davis, retired CCRS Treasurer (2004-2018) passed away on April 7, 2021. Jan served on the School Board and was a founding member of the CCRS Athletic Association. Jan's three children and two of her grandchildren are alumni of CCRS.*

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**CLASS OF 1977 40<sup>th</sup> REUNION,**  
**JULY 30, 2022**

# The CCRS Digital Archive

All CCRS yearbooks from 1921, 1951, and 1962-2018 are viewable online! Go to our website, [www.ccrsk12.org](http://www.ccrsk12.org). Click on Community > Alumni > Yearbooks.

This year all available copies of *Our Inheritance*, a booklet/newsletter printed in-house at CCRS from 1925-1931 were digitized and added to our website. Community > Alumni > Our Inheritance. These booklets are filled with CCRS history and give us a window into the early activities of the school, including classes, sports, graduation, Class Day, music, and much more. Several have messages from William H. Miner himself. Student writing is included, with the name of the student writer. Many familiar local names are represented. Take a look!

We recently received graduation tassels from the Class of 1959, Class Day and Commencement programs from 1958, 1959, and 1960 that we previously had no copies of in our collection, and an album of 86 professional 8x10 photographs from the mid-1950s of the Industrial Arts and Homemaking wing and the interior of Gray Gables. These will be online soon!

More digital content is on its way. Thanks to everyone who has loaned or given us items to add to our archive!

## WHAT WE ARE STILL SEEKING:

Almost no Class Day or graduation photos after 1969 and before 2005 are currently held in our collection. Please let us know if you have any we can copy! Thanks to those who have filled in a few of those gaps.

Our collection holds only 5 or 6 color photos of the interior of the old CCRS school building. There must be more! And we have NO photos of the leaded/stained glass windows of the original Shakespeare Room that were on the south side of the school. Do you?

Please contact Steve Patnode, [spatnode@chazy.org](mailto:spatnode@chazy.org), or 518-846-7135 if you have questions or something to offer, even if it's just a lead on where we might find something. Thank you!

### FINANCIAL REPORT 2020

#### REVENUE

Dues	\$1,580.00
Dinner	N/A
Scholarship	795.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,375.00</b>

#### EXPENSES

Sandy's Deli	N/A
Cleaning	50.00
Yearbook & advertisement	87.40
Loreman's	N/A
Scholarship (1)	500.00
After-Prom Party	N/A
HomeTown Cable	N/A
Border Press	155.79
Thank-you gifts	200.00
Banners for graduation	1,000.00
Stamps	N/A
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,943.19</b>

NBT Certificate	\$4,756.86
Checking Account	\$38,392.75

## Alumni Yearbook Partners

are graduates of CCRS who value the creation of a quality yearbook enough to donate to the Aquila. We GRATEFULLY list their names and graduation years here!

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Jan Dragoon Haughey '74

#### BRONZE PARTNERS - \$1 - \$49

Nancy Powers Vesco '77

CCRS graduates! Please consider representing your graduation year and helping our yearbook with a donation to the Aquila. Even a small donation will get your name and year of graduation listed!

Checks can be made payable to: CCRS Yearbook Club  
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## CCRS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Everyone is quite aware that the 2020-2021 school year was filled with unprecedented challenges. These challenges were faced head-on by the administration, educators, staff, and most importantly the students and parents of Chazy Central Rural School. Nothing about this past school year was easy, but perseverance is a hallmark of our fair school. We salute everyone who worked tirelessly to bring the quality education to our students that is expected at CCRS.

We express our sincere gratitude to all those who, in light of the financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, have been generous enough to support our cause. Without the financial backing of the community, we are unable to continue to support the needs and wants of the teachers and staff of CCRS.

With the help of generous donors, like you, the CCRS Education Foundation has been able to award nearly \$50,000 to grant applicants, in an effort to enhance the educational experience of the students at Chazy Central Rural School!

Our **3<sup>rd</sup> annual CCRSEF sponsored Trivia Night and Silent Auction at Vesco Ridge Vineyards** is upcoming on **August 4<sup>th</sup>**. This event is truly one not to be missed! More information will be available on the Vesco Ridge Facebook page, and [www.vescoridge.com](http://www.vescoridge.com). If you are unable to make this wonderful event, and if it's within your means, please consider a donation to the CCRS Education Foundation. Donations may be made via PayPal at [www.ccrsef.com](http://www.ccrsef.com), or through the mail at CCRS Education Foundation, P.O. Box 256 Chazy, NY 12921.

As with any charitable organization, fundraising is the key to success. The CCRS Education Foundation is canvassing the community, and alumni for those interested in helping us achieve our goals through fundraising. A fundraising committee has been established, but we need more help! If you are interested in helping our students reach new heights, please contact one of the Board members below. **Thank you again for your support.**

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# 2020 Alumni

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Cale Matthew Norcross  
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Erin Reiley Recor  
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**2021: \$1,000 to Celine Juneau**

**2020: Two \$500 awards, to Kamron Davis and Emmy Moak**