

## STUDENT ACHIEVERS

### Civic chorale names scholarship winners

The Oneida Area Civic Chorale has announced that Jillian Gardner and Stephanie Mata, both students at Rome Free Academy, are recipients of its 2011 senior scholarships. Both will receive \$300 toward their future study of music.

■ Gardner, of Lee Center, plans to attend Oberlin College and major in organ performance. Currently the organist at St. Joseph's Church in Lee Center, she also plays the piano, violin and clarinet. She has been

clarinet section leader and pianist in the YMCA Center for the Creative Arts wind and jazz ensembles, and was

selected to play violin on Academy Award winner Jennifer Warnes' singles "Lights of Louisiana" and "Sweet and Slow." She is in the school choruses, wind ensemble, marching band, jazz band and the pit orchestra.

■ Mata, of Rome, plans to attend Syracuse University. Playing the flute, piccolo, violin and piano, she is a participant in the school jazz band, wind ensemble, marching band, rolling strings and symphony orchestra. She has achieved perfect and near-perfect scores at NYSSMA Solo Festivals, and this year was

selected as flutist for the New York All State Conference Wind Ensemble and Area All State Band.

Mata is active in the YCCA program, recording "All That I Can See" as a solo pianist



GARDNER



MATA

with internationally acclaimed jazz singer Nicole Henry and a live piccolo solo with Irish rock-stars The Elders.

### Kiwanis names students of the year

OLD FORGE – The Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks has selected the following two students as its students of the year for 2011.

They are Ada Rannels, of Thendara, and Alicia Burnett, of Inlet.

Rannels is the daughter of Betty and Norman Rannels.

Burnett is the daughter of Adele Burnett, of Inlet.

Both are seniors at town of Webb Union Free School and were recognized at the May 16 Kiwanis dinner meeting, where they received an award certificate and \$500 scholarship.

### Students receive SUNY's highest award

Two students from Mohawk Valley Community College were selected to receive the 2011 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, the State University of New York's highest honor for students. They are David Albright and Megan Vogt.

■ Albright, an engineering science major from Whitesboro, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, vice president of the engineering club, secretary of Circle K (Kiwanis Club) and a member of other clubs and organizations, including student congress and program board.

■ Vogt, a chemical dependency major from Sherrill, has served for two terms as student congress president, and one term as president of the chemical dependency club. She serves on several college-wide committees and represents the student body on the college senate. Vogt also has organized programs

to raise campus awareness of domestic violence and Alcohol Awareness Week, and she organized the Intergenerational Cleanup.

Both Albright and Vogt graduated from MVCC in May.

### 4 students named to academic team

The following students from Mohawk Valley Community College were named to the All-New York State Community College Academic Team at an awards ceremony for Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges.

■ Heather Ryerson, an illustration major from New Hartford, and Tim Ramos, a mechanical engineering major from Rome, were named to the First Team.

■ Dawn Amankwaa, a nursing major from Verona, was named to the Second Team.

■ Trisha Calenzo, a culinary arts major from Deerfield, was named to the Third Team.

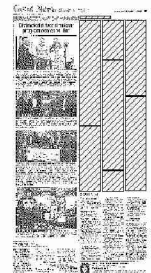
Each year, two students from each campus are eligible to be nominated by the college for the All-USA Academic Team competition.

The highest-scoring nominees in each state are considered for the national Coca-Cola Scholar program, recognizing students on the Gold, Silver or Bronze level. This program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. After consideration for the national awards, nominees are considered for the state awards (Coca-Cola Scholar) then named to the state academic teams on the First, Second or Third Team.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society that recognizes and encourages scholarship among two-year college students.

### NY Mills school announces awards

New York Mills Elementary



School announces its April Golden Rule Award and Kids of Character Award winners as follows:

■ Golden Rule Award:

Kindergarten: Emily Angell, Kole Bates, Antonio DiOrio and Kyler Yozzo.

First Grade: Kaileigh Carman, Emma Clements, Madelyn McCoy and Landon Young.

Second Grade: McKenzie Brush, Joseph Cornish, Giovanni DiOrio, Nicholas DiViccaro, Sydney Maciol and Anya Prilutskaya.

■ Kids of Character Awards

Third Grade: Jared Bernard, Tyler Kurgan, Alexis Lamb and Madison Szczesniak.

Fourth Grade: Kaitlyn Carman, Aimee Fancher, Max Goracy, Joseph Leggett and Lille Moffett.

Fifth Grade: Katrina Briody, Kaily Talerico and Nicholas Viscosi.

Sixth Grade: Kellie Beasock, Brenden Boucher, Taylor Collins and Ryan Sharpe.

## 'Charactership' winners announced

The Rome Character Initiative Inc. has announced its inaugural "Charactership" recipients. Twenty-two K-12 students from the NYSS for the Deaf, Rome Catholic and Rome City Schools were recognized for embodying and implementing good character in all their actions. Winners received a certificate, a lapel pin, two RCII "pay it forward" buttons and a \$50 check.

The winners are David Reilly, Hanna Riegler, Edward Long, Abigail Morgan, Dominic Corigliano II, Savannah Larkin, James Faso, Alina Sticca, Hunter McMonagle, Kaitlin Flint, Bryan Salce, Kelsey Rabe, Preston Mecca, Kiley

Marlow, Andrew Bremer, Claire Kondella, Migel Hernandez, Taiba Dawlat, Alexander Rudiak, Clancy Marchione, Jack Chesbro and Selina Gallagher.

## Heath named student body president

Jordan Heath, Class of 2013, recently was elected as student body president at Manhattan College for the 2011-12 academic year.

During her first year at the college, she was elected freshman class representative to the student assembly.

She was re-elected this past year as sophomore class representative and was the chairperson for the campus improvements committee.

Heath is a public relations and peace studies major at the college.

She is the daughter of Alan and Andria Heath, of Herkimer, and a 2009 graduate of Herkimer High School,

## Noble presents research at conference

Lindsey Noble, of Verona, a student at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, was one of eight Saint Rose students to present research at the 25th National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Ithaca.

The eight from Saint Rose were among about 3,000 students representing colleges and universities nationwide.

Noble, a sophomore majoring in psychology, co-presented with another student "NMDA Antagonism with MK-801 Disrupts Immediate Post-Training and Post-Reactivation Performance in Adolescent Rats: Evidence for State-Dependent Memory Reconsolidation."