



SENECA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2020 ANNUAL REPORT

# IMAGINING *the future*



## Mission Statement

In collaboration with family and community, the mission of the Seneca Valley School District is to provide a nurturing and safe environment with academically challenging opportunities, emphasizing digital citizenship, innovation, and global awareness in order to prepare our students to be productive and contributing citizens.

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## Message from DR. VITALE

The 2019-20 school year proved to be a tale of two worlds; one very much unlike the other.

We started off strong under the standards of which we were accustomed and how we function as a top school district in the Commonwealth. As you will see in the content of this annual report, we were experiencing a promising year with student success in the classrooms, on the playing fields and within the extra curriculars that make up this great school district.

We know what happened in March 2020 brought change unlike anything we have ever experienced. The words “pivot” and “unprecedented” became familiar terms in many of our communications to staff, students and families. But what we also discovered is that we continued to be strong under the tremendous weight of a national pandemic. We found within us a strength we did not realize we possessed when faced with incredible hardships and unknowns. Many in our school staff and community rolled up their sleeves and found ways to help one another, whether it was through food, financial donations or emotional support.

We also stretched our imaginations and found innovative ways to engage and connect with one another at a time when physical distancing became the mantra for which we lived. This time shined a bright light on the need to change how we envision and imagine the future for our children. I am pleased to be a part of these changes as we continue to grow and move forward.

Most importantly, in this time of reflection, I want to share that I am proud of every one of our students—and certainly our staff—for being resilient and standing together through 2020. I know we will continue to see change and even challenges in the time ahead, but I strongly believe our school community will continue **Imagining the Future** with great promise and success.

*Tracy Vitale*

DR. TRACY VITALE  
SENECA VALLEY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



## 2020 SCHOOL BOARD



**MR. JAMES NICKEL**  
BOARD PRESIDENT, CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP  
WEST I AND WEST II, REGION 2



**MR. ERIC DITULLIO**  
BOARD VICE PRESIDENT, LANCASTER AND  
FORWARD TOWNSHIPS, REGION 8



**MS. LESLIE BREDL**  
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REGION 1



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CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP WEST III,  
REGION 3



**MR. TIMOTHY HESTER**  
CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP EAST III AND  
WEST V, REGION 5



**MR. MIKE JACOBS**  
ZELIENOPLE BOROUGH, REGION 6



**MR. FREDERICK PETERSON JR.**  
ZELIENOPLE BOROUGH, REGION 4



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EVANS CITY AND SEVEN FIELDS BOROUGHS,  
REGION 7



**MR. JEFF WIDDOWSON**  
CALLERY AND HARMONY BOROUGHS  
AND JACKSON TOWNSHIP, REGION 9

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

The agenda development (work session) meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. The regular action board meeting is held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. These meetings are open to the public and allow for public comment. For more information, contact the board secretary at 724.452.6040, ext. 1638. If you require special accommodations to participate in the proceedings, please call the director of human resources at 724.452.6040, ext. 1760. School board meeting agendas and minutes can be found on the school district website at [svsd.net/school\\_board](http://svsd.net/school_board). Please note that board meeting minutes must be approved at the following month's meeting before they can be posted.

## POPULATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

### Student ENROLLMENT



2020 ENROLLMENT TALLY		HALF K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	SCHOOL TOTAL
<b>CONNOQUENESSING VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>															
Male	60	84	83	69	85										381
Female	62	78	88	79	81										388
TOTAL	122	162	171	148	166										769
<b>EVANS CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>															
Male	52	53	61	74	62										302
Female	52	47	49	54	50										252
TOTAL	104	100	110	128	112										554
<b>HAIINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>															
Male	80	91	80	97	95										443
Female	81	81	77	88	66										393
TOTAL	161	172	157	185	161										836
<b>ROWAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>															
Male	47	53	70	43	61										274
Female	52	54	47	40	43										236
TOTAL	99	107	117	83	104										510
<b>EVANS CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>															
Male							125	136							261
Female							109	119							228
TOTAL							234	255							489
<b>HAIINE MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>															
Male							138	157							295
Female							138	119							279
TOTAL							276	255							574
<b>RYAN GLOYER MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>															
Male									290	280					570
Female									307	270					577
TOTAL									597	550					1,147
<b>SENECA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL</b>															
Male											304	294	303	275	1,176
Female											263	289	301	317	1,170
TOTAL											567	583	604	592	2,346
<b>TOTALS:</b>															
Male	239	281	294	283	303	263	293	290	280	304	294	303	275		3,702
Female	247	260	261	261	240	247	260	307	270	263	289	301	317		3,523
Total:	486	541	555	544	543	510	553	597	550	567	583	604	592		7,225

### 2019-20 ETHNICITY INFORMATION

	Total Per Race	Percentage of Total
Black	136	1.86%
Multiracial	250	3.43%
Asian	232	3.18%
Hispanic	199	2.73%
Total All	817	11.23%
Total Enrollment	7,275	

### SENECA VALLEY ACADEMY OF CHOICE

Full-time students	93
Students taking one or more cyber courses	1,500+
Cyber courses offered	235
Number of districts that offer courses through SVAOC OPT	58

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## POPULATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS [CONTINUED]

### Staff POPULATION

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT	
Professional Staff Administration, Teachers	604
Classified/Other Staff	246
Total District Employment	850

### Student ASSESSMENT

2020 SAT DATA			
	ERW	Math	Total
Seneca Valley	569	563	1,132
State	543	534	1,078
National	528	523	1,051

*ERW is Evidence-Based Reading and Writing*

2019 PSSA DATA		
	Seneca Valley	State
English Language Arts	78.7%	60.9%
Mathematics	61.1%	42.4%
Science	83.3%	68%

*Pennsylvania System of Scholastic Assessment (PSSA) Results: Percentages represent the students who tested proficient and advanced. Due to the pandemic, 2020 PSSA assessments did not take place.*



## SPECIAL EDUCATION

### Meeting STUDENT NEEDS



The Seneca Valley School District's Special Education Department is committed to meeting the needs of students with disabilities and helping them reach their potential. The Seneca Valley School District offers a continuum of services and placement options to meet the needs of each student.

Services include but are not limited to:

- Autistic Support
- Blind-Visually Impaired Support
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Support
- Emotional Support
- Learning Support
- Life Skills Support
- Multiple Disabilities Support
- Speech and Language Support

In addition, services for eligible students may also be provided by Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV (MIU-IV). Services provided by MIU-IV may be provided in the district by itinerant MIU-IV staff or in multi-district programs.

#### GIFTED EDUCATION

If a student demonstrates a potential need for gifted services, a multidisciplinary evaluation is conducted to determine if the child is in need of special programming. The evaluation process may be initiated by school staff or by a child's parent, who may do so by contacting the building principal. The amount and type of gifted support to be received by a student is determined on an individual basis annually by the child's Gifted Individualized Education Program (GIEP) team, of which the parent is a very important member.

2020 Special Education Programs included the following:

- Community based vocational training
- On-campus vocational training:
  - Raider Roast coffee shop
  - Raider Gear spirit wear kiosk
  - Seneca Square smoothie shop
- Shopping
- Banking
- Community based travel instruction
- Independent living room
- Best Buddies



# Athletics and ACTIVITIES

**78**  
TOTAL ATHLETIC TEAMS  
DISTRICTWIDE [MALE AND  
FEMALE COMBINED]

**269**  
HIGH HONOR ROLL ATHLETES  
[14.77%, GRADES 7-12]



**77**  
EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AND  
ACTIVITIES [GRADES 7-12]

**1,005**  
HIGHEST HONOR ROLL  
ATHLETES [55.19%,  
GRADES 7-12]

**1,821**  
STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN  
ATHLETICS PROGRAMS [1,032  
BOYS, 789 GIRLS GRADES 7-12]



**235**  
STUDENTS WHO ARE PART  
OF A CLUB THAT SERVES OUR  
COMMUNITIES

**403**  
HONOR ROLL ATHLETES  
[22.13%, GRADES 7-12]

**52.58**  
TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF  
STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE  
IN ATHLETICS [GRADES 7-12]

**1,673**  
STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN  
EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AND  
ACTIVITIES [GRADES 7-12]

**1,677**  
TOTAL HONORS ATHLETES  
[92.09%]

**20**  
ESTIMATED HOURS ATHLETES  
PUT INTO THEIR SPORTS  
ON A WEEKLY BASIS



**48.31**  
TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF  
STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN  
EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AND  
ACTIVITIES [GRADES 7-12]

**101**  
STAFF MEMBERS WHO  
SERVE AS ADVISORS FOR  
EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS  
AND ACTIVITIES

# FINANCIALS

## 2019-20 BUDGETED REVENUE/ FUND BALANCE USE

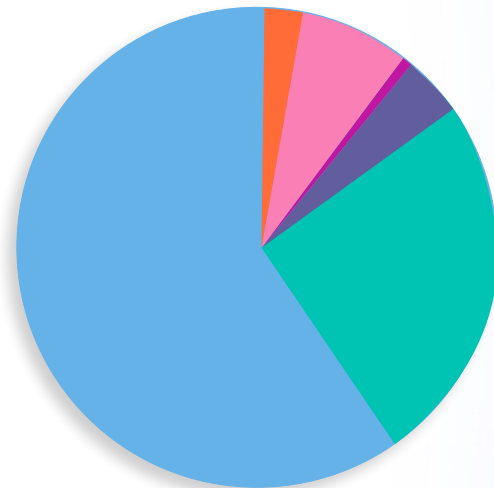
REVENUE		
◆ Local Revenue	\$96,432,498	70.72%
◆ State Revenue	36,800,347	26.99%
◆ Federal Revenue	1,025,000	0.75%
◆ Fund Balance Use	2,096,574	1.54%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$136,354,419</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



The primary source of Local Revenue for Seneca Valley are real estate and earned income taxes. Also included in Local Revenue are federal funds that pass through our intermediate unit, as well as funds generated when Seneca Valley provides cyber services to outside school districts. We are cognizant of the significance – and take very seriously – the responsibility that comes with spending revenue from local sources (see expenditures below).

## 2019-20 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES		
◆ Instruction	\$86,971,538	63.78%
◆ Instructional Support Services	36,026,818	26.42%
◆ Non-Instructional Support Services	2,128,390	1.56%
◆ Facilities Acquisition and Improvement	230,000	0.17%
◆ Debt Service	9,997,673	7.33%
◆ Budget Reserve   Contingency	1,000,000	0.73%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$136,354,419</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



Instructional Services account for more than 60 percent of the expenditures budget and provide educational services for regular, special and vocational education. Our Instructional Support Services provide logistical support to further enhance and facilitate instruction, and includes guidance and pupil health. We are committed to maintaining an expenditures budget that provides the tools necessary for maximum student success.

To view the budget in its entirety, visit [svsd.net/1920FinalBudget](http://svsd.net/1920FinalBudget).

## 2019-20 SENECA VALLEY BUDGET

The Board of School Directors unanimously passed the 2019-20 general operating budget for the Seneca Valley School District in June 2019.

The board has and will continue to focus on reducing spending and finding new revenue streams while pursuing cost avoidance efforts. The budget helps, in part, to support ongoing technology, curriculum improvements and updates to our district facilities.

The development and final adoption of the budget is a very detailed and complex process for which the board of school directors is responsible by state law per Section 679 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949.

The final document is a product that was developed with the cooperation and effort of the board, administration and staff. The process and final budget provides for the best education possible for our students as well as sensitivity to the burden of expense on the local taxpayer.

## FINAL BUDGET GENERAL INFORMATION, JUNE 2019

### ESTIMATED REVENUE: \$134,257,845

- Increase of \$5,727,683 over 2018-19 (4.59%)
- Real estate millage increased by 1.89 mills to 127.89 (1.5%)
- Value of a mill collected increased to \$607,563 a 2.52% increase over 2018-19
- Other local revenue lines adjusted to reflect current trends
- Basic Ed and Special Ed subsidies adjusted to reflect current information provided by the state, increase of \$375,000
- Subsidy for Ward of the State education eliminated, loss of \$80,000
- No change to transportation subsidy due to impact of increased local property values on subsidy formula
- Slight increase to rental subsidy (state share of debt) to reflect existing state commitment
- State subsidy for social security and PSERS increased to reflect 50% of budgeted expenses
- New state safety grant included (guaranteed portion only)

### BUDGETED EXPENDITURES: \$136,354,419

- Increase of \$4,797,395 over 2018-19 (3.65%)
- PSERS increase from 33.43% to 34.29%-rate increase of 2.57%, accounts for approx. \$1.5M
- Decrease to health care of \$242,000 to reflect lower rates
- Overall benefits increase 4.02%
- Wage increases include anticipated additional positions to accommodate growing enrollment, and additional programming in cyber and special support services
- Contracted services and educational services lines adjusted to reflect current and anticipated needs including addition of therapy services approved during 2018-19
- Tuition to charter schools increased to reflect formula change, no enrollment increase expected
- Interest and principal payments adjusted to reflect current debt schedule: principal increased, interest decreased, net \$0
- Contingency decreased by \$500,000 to \$1M
- Planned transfer to Capital Reserve fund in the amount of \$4M (not included in amount above)

# Season of CHANGE

2020



## SENECA VALLEY RESPONDS TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS WITH COMPASSION, VISION AND UNITY

**JANUARY 2020**

The Superintendent of Schools builds a Seneca Valley Planning Team to begin developing a districtwide health and safety plan to address the Coronavirus should it be needed (this same approach was taken with other major outbreaks, including H1N1 (Swine Flu) and the Avian Influenza.)

**FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

Seneca Valley sends information out to families regarding the proactive measures made via the district's planning team. This team works to develop comprehensive COVID-19 procedures and tentative protocols (frequent hand washing/sanitizing, social distancing, not touching the face) that will help to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. Steps are also developed for notification procedures.

**MARCH 4, 2020**

A letter drafted jointly by the Butler County Superintendents and the Butler County Area Vocational Technical School is emailed to all staff and families. This letter highlights their commitment to working together on safety measures, communication protocols, and process of monitoring the burgeoning virus.

**MARCH 5, 2020**

The district disseminates more communications on what is known of the virus locally, regionally and across the country.

**MARCH 6, 2020**

After two cases of Coronavirus are confirmed in Pennsylvania, Seneca Valley provides more details on the district's efforts for mitigation in our schools.



**MARCH 11, 2020**

The COVID-19 outbreak is officially declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO).

**MARCH 13, 2020**

A National Emergency is issued across the United States and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf closes all Pennsylvania schools through the end of March. As a result, Seneca Valley moves to remote learning March 17-20 and March 23-27. All facilities are closed for all school activities, events, athletics and public use. Additionally, student trips through the month are canceled for band, chorus and orchestra.

**MARCH 16, 2020**

A task force group of administrators begin to plan the weeks ahead. This group reviews the detailed needs of all departments, including academics, food services, technology, buildings and grounds, communications and much more.

**MARCH 17, 2020**

SV begins offering free "Grab 'n Go" meals for families during the closure and continues to do so through mid-June (and again when school opens for the 2020-21 school year).



**MARCH 20, 2020**

The district receives numerous calls and emails from staff, families and local businesses with offers of financial support, product donations and food assistance for our families in need. The district organizes and facilitates such help through the Seneca Valley Foundation.



**MARCH 22, 2020**

Dozens of administrators spend a Sunday afternoon hand-delivering laptops to more than 500 kindergarten students across the District. All other students are already in possession of laptops as part of the district's one-to-one program, which has been providing such equipment to students for several years. Members of the Information Technology Department spend countless hours over the next weeks and months working to ensure all students have working technology and access.

**APRIL 9, 2020**

Governor Wolf announces that all Pennsylvania schools are to remain physically closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. All remaining school trips and in-person activities/events are canceled. Students and staff impress us with their creative at-home learning spaces and activities.



**APRIL 14, 2020**

Seneca Valley releases a revised K-12 grading process for the remainder of the school year. This allows for greater flexibility during this time, which is filled with tremendous uncertainty for many families regarding financial, emotional and physical concerns.

**APRIL 14, 2020**

Seneca Valley donates various supplies to local first responders and hospitals to assist in their response to the increasing numbers of COVID-19 individuals. In addition to supplies, donations include full face shields made by teachers using the district's 3D printers.



**APRIL 22, 2020**

Launched by members of the community, funded by the Seneca Valley Foundation and completed with the help of staff, senior signs are made and hand-delivered to the 575 members of the Class of 2020.



**APRIL 27 TO MAY 4, 2020**

Car parades, organized and conducted by staff at various grade levels/buildings, take place across the district and connect students and staff in beautiful displays of mutual appreciation for each other.



**MAY 4, 2020**

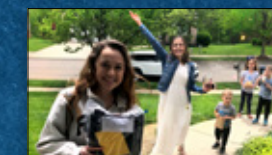
The Seneca Valley School Board authorizes the formation of a Return-to-School Steering Committee to plan for the reopening of schools in the 2020-21 school year.

**MAY 18-22, 2020**

All Seneca Valley schools take part in a material collection day that encourages students to pick up material left in the buildings on March 13. Leading up to this, the amazing paraprofessionals at SV clean out each locker and classroom, bagging the items individually and marking them with student names. This allows for a safe and efficient collection distribution week.

**MAY 20, 2020**

Members of the Seneca Valley staff hand-deliver caps and gowns (along with gifts, greeting cards and balloons) to the members of the Class of 2020.



**MAY 26-27, 2020**

Seneca Valley hosts a two-day technology and resource collection day for graduating seniors for the return of laptops, library books, textbooks, etc.

**MAY 28-29, 2020**

Seneca Valley hosts a two-day graduation ceremony that is socially distanced and individually recognizes each graduating senior in NextTier Stadium.



**JUNE 3-5, 2020**

All Seneca Valley schools take part in a three-day technology and resource return event to collect K-11 student laptops, library books, textbooks, etc.

**JUNE 10, 2020**

The Seneca Valley Return-to-School Steering Committee holds their first of many meetings as the district plans for the 2020-21 academic year. The group first reviews the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Preliminary Reopening Plan, which was released June 9.

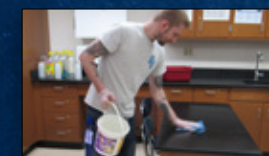


**JUNE 23, 2020**

Seneca Valley's planning and organization during the first three months of the pandemic caught the attention of experts in the education field. The District was invited to participate in a nationally published white paper by the National Center on Education and The Economy (NCEE). In the detailed document, eight school districts from across the country are interviewed and share their stories. You can find "The Mother of Reinvention: How System Leaders Respond in a Crisis" on the NCEE website at [ncee.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Mother-of-Reinvention-Whitepaper-6.pdf](https://www.ncee.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Mother-of-Reinvention-Whitepaper-6.pdf).

**JUNE 25, 2020**

The Seneca Valley School Board approves a Health and Safety Plan for Return to Sport/Activity for the district. Limited activity is set to begin June 29 with strict guidelines and protocols for student and staff safety.



**JUNE 30, 2020**

Seneca Valley sends out a parent/guardian survey about the potential teaching and learning options for the fall. The input was used to develop instruction plans as well as a health and safety plan for the 2020-21 school year reopening.

**JULY 20, 2020**

The Seneca Valley School Board approves the first edition of the Seneca Valley Health and Safety Plan for Return to School. Information on learning models is also released for the fall. The first days of the 2020-21 school year are ultimately planned in August for staff and early September for students. The school year begins virtually and takes various forms of remote and in-person learning throughout the first semester and beyond.



# SENECA VALLEY FOUNDATION

The Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) is in its ninth year as a private 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Throughout the years, the SVF's fundraising efforts have gone above and beyond to assist students and staff, however, this year presented many challenges which caused the Foundation to shift its priorities.

The shift went from things like classroom improvements and international learning tours to funding our cafeteria balance and assisting our most vulnerable families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the overwhelming amount of generosity from our community, we will continue supporting the district and entire community as we get through these unprecedented times together. #SVTogether

Thank you to the following at-large donors for their support in the 2019-20 school year:

### FOUNDING MEMBERS (\$1,000+)

Mr. David Cashdollar  
Ms. Amanda Kile  
Ms. Heather Lewis  
Mr. Jim Pearson  
Dr. Tracy Vitale

### FOUNDATION FELLOW LEVEL (\$500 - \$999)

Ms. Kyra Bobak  
Ms. Lynn Burtner  
Ms. Denise Manganello – In Honor of the Class of '95  
Mr. Randy Miller - In Memory of Marcia Peaco  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Debra McDermott  
Ms. Lauri Pendred  
Penguin Random House – In Honor of Ms. Katie Rengers  
Ms. Janney Montgomery Scott  
Mr. David Silvester  
Ms. Linda Starosta

### FOUNDATION PATRON LEVEL (\$100 - \$499)

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Anonymous – In Honor of SV Band Directors  
Ms. Bobi-Jean Alexander  
Ms. Elizabeth Allen-Boyle  
Mr. Tony Babusci  
Mr. Dan Bailey  
Ms. Mary Boburczak  
Ms. Carolyn Bromberg  
Mr. and Mrs. Ron and Trisha Butschle  
Ms. Darlene Carmack

Ms. Elizabeth Cavicchia  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Erin Ceh  
Mr. Bruce Clark  
Dr. Matthew Delp  
Ms. Nicole Eaton  
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Ms. Nannette Farmar  
Ms. Lisa Fornadel  
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Ms. Megan Lizewski  
Mr. Joseph Logsdon  
Ms. Amanda Mallin  
Mr. Mike Manipole  
Ms. Christine McCormick  
Ms. Annie Mersing  
Ms. Tammy Micco  
Ms. Bridget Miller  
Ms. Deb Mitro – In Memory of Karen McClain  
Dr. Marie Palano  
Mr. Michael Pelloni  
Ms. Janice Plutnicki  
Ms. Lilia Pries  
Ms. Darla Ramirez-Lightner  
Ms. Joan Rinaman  
Dr. Jeffrey Roberts  
Ms. Christine Roe - In Memory of Ashley Roe-Snyder  
Ms. Michele Russo

Mr. Russell Sarver  
Ms. Rhonda Schwartz  
Ms. Amy Seelbaugh  
Staff of Rowan Elementary School - In Memory of Fannie Zafferopoulos  
Dr. Andrew Teti  
Ms. Margaret Tkatch  
Ms. Leah Vogel  
Ms. Kelly Weston  
Ms. Kristen White  
Ms. Joan Widdowson  
Ms. Elizabeth Williams  
Ms. Nikki Williams  
Ms. Stephen Wolfe  
Ms. Jeremy Womer  
Ms. Shannon Zolkowski  
Ms. Claire Zovko

### FOUNDATION FRIEND LEVEL (UP TO \$74)

Anonymous  
Ms. Corrin DoVidio  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Kristen Henry  
Ms. Lindsey Kisucky  
Ms. Elana Kriess  
Ms. Margaret Lockovich  
Ms. Jaclyn Macioce  
Mr. Zack Magill  
Ms. Jenifer McMurray  
Ms. Patricia Smith  
Ms. Sara Snyder  
Ms. Erin Wilcher



THE GIFT OF HOPE. THE PROMISE OF EXCELLENCE

# Thankful for OUR DONORS

DONATIONS TO COVID-19 RESPONSE





# Graduation at SENECA VALLEY

Members of the Seneca Valley Class of 2020 entered their senior year never imagining the abrupt end that would follow. Despite this unimagined altered course, all of us at Seneca Valley are proud of the incredible strength and resiliency shown by this group of outstanding young men and women. Graduation celebrations were held May 28-29, 2020, at NexTier Stadium and featured a stage walk on the field, individual recognition, a campus filled with teacher signs and culminated with a virtual ceremony complete with a tassel turn and speeches from several students and members of the administration. "The congratulatory remarks from your friends and family during this time, and the encouragement given by the Seneca Valley staff over the past few months have never been more poignant or powerful; never more needed and never more true," said Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent of Schools, during her commencement remarks. "The challenges you face are great, but so, too, are the opportunities that now stand before you." These students—as individuals and as a group—are special and unique. We encourage all graduates to move forward as tomorrow's leaders with great purpose, solid convictions and high standards. We encourage the SV Class of 2020 to embrace these qualities and let them serve as a guide now and into the future.

2020 GRADUATING CLASS		
POST-SECONDARY PLAN	# OF STUDENTS	PERCENTAGE
2-Year College	54	9.4
4-Year College	429	75.0
Apprenticeship	4	0.7
Career/Technical School	25	4.4
Employment	40	7.0
Military	11	1.9
Other	9	1.6
TOTAL STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2020	572	100%

\* Calculations based on 100% response from the graduation survey

**Nishant Jayachandran, Olivia Schultheis and Sean Scott** (all SV '20) were named semifinalists and then finalists in the 65th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program held by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

Additionally, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced over 3,500 winners of National Merit Scholarships, including:

- **Sean Scott** was named a National Merit Miami University of Ohio Scholarship winner.

Seneca Valley School District had four students who were named 2020 Carson Scholars, one a graduate and three who are students today:

- **Nicholas Nedzesky** (SV '22) and **Faith Condrick** (SV '21) were two of 477 students across the nation who received a \$1,000 college scholarship award and the coveted honor of being named a Carson Scholar.
- **Kate Lipscomb** (SV '22) and **Coryn Ferguson** (SV '20) renewed their Carson Scholar status.

To watch the Seneca Valley Commemorative Graduation Video, view our Class of 2020 Playlist on YouTube.



## SOME COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES CHOSEN BY OUR 2020 GRADUATES

- AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
- BOSTON UNIVERSITY
- BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY
- CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
- DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY
- INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
- JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY
- KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
- NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
- OHIO UNIVERSITY
- PENN STATE UNIVERSITY
- PITTSBURGH TECHNICAL COLLEGE
- PURDUE UNIVERSITY
- ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY
- SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY
- SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY
- SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
- TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSIDAD DE NAVARRA/SPAIN
- UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
- VIRGINIA TECH UNIVERSITY
- VET-TECH INSTITUTE
- VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

## *Vision Statement*

Seneca Valley School District will continue to foster academic integrity, offer advanced educational opportunities and serve as an innovative leader in education while preparing all students to be productive members of society.



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