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From the Superintendent...
Robert S. Monroe
What's Next for UCS

This has been a defining year for Utica Community Schools.

In April, our Board of Education adopted the UCS Empowered strategic plan that provided a clear road map to achieve our district's new vision and mission.

One month later, our voters approved the Safety and Success proposals, providing us stability in future planning and launching important legacy improvements that will serve the next generations of students.

These events not only paved the way for a stronger future, but we also sent an important message on why UCS is such a strong school district.

This year, we demonstrated how community members from different backgrounds and perspectives come together, unified to make a difference for kids. This momentum will continue as we discuss and engage what it means to inspire remarkable student achievement.

We recognize there will be challenges ahead or that there will be groups and/or individuals that seek to distract us from this important work; however, our focus will remain on educating kids with excellence.

So, what is next for Utica Community Schools?

We will vigorously pursue our vision and mission that leads to student achievement. Together with our community, we will prepare students to lead and serve locally and globally with excellence!



Utica High School seniors wear college gear as they prepare for their post UCS journey. L to R front row: Abby Fifield, Colin Arce, Natalie Shtogrin, Stavro Sulaka. L to R back row: Jack Malone, Michael Bahoura, Bradley Mayse, Sophia Wenzel.

UCS Proudly Presents the Class of 2023!

Across Utica Community Schools four comprehensive high schools, Gene L. Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, Adult Education and the Utica Alternative Learning Center, 2,118 students will be handed their diploma at Oakland University's Athletics Center O'rena at this years commencement ceremonies.

Family, friends, classmates, teachers and the entire UCS community will be applauding the Class of 2023 on their momentous achievements as they walk across the graduation stage.

The College Board honored 294 students as Advanced Placement Scholars for achieving a score of 3, 4 or 5 in three or more AP course exams. The UCS Board of Education recognized 756 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 61 students from its Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program and 185 graduates received the UCS Seal of Global Language.

The UCS Class of 2023 earned more than \$30 million in academic scholarships. This graduating class includes 333 valedictorians (4.0 GPA and above) and 12 salutatorians (awarded to student(s) with next highest GPA below 4.0), all of whom are recognized within this graduation newsletter.

This group of students will graduate from Utica Community Schools carrying the pride and dreams of our entire community.

Congratulations to the Utica Community Schools Class of 2023!

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Eisenhower High School *Valedictorians*



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Anamaria Price



Abigail Rauchfleish



Carter Rodzik



Chase Schaeff



Alexa Shkreli



Amy Sidaway



Marianna Sinishtaj



Ava Stack



Isabella Stanczak



Layna Sturza



Lauren Tabbi



Jordan Temple



Joseph Tidrow



Jacob Walters



Peyton Werner



Austin Williams



Sophia Witulski



Ashley Wright



Noah Yasso



Lukas Zahuranic

Eisenhower Salutatorian



Max Pagel

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



Caroline Abell



Anton Akroush



Victoria Aliko



Nikolai Araujo-Pedroza



Hana Arnautovic



Sandra Attisha



Evan Barkho



Olivia Belau



Isabella Bernabei



Gabrielle Boggs



Katelyn Brodsky



Emma Brown



Maksym Budiy

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GLK-UAIS Valedictorians

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**Alex
Buzdugan**



**Elijah
Cambare**



**Samantha
Casali**



**Gabrielle
Champa**



**Nicholas
Chandzel**



**Hailey
Chang**



**Brittany
Clark**



**Marayla
Cross**



**Alexander
Daniel**



**Rosary
Dawood**



**Ava
Deason**



**Gavin
Dhondt**



**Sophia
Dobbie**



**Eve
Dowding**



**Allison
Drzewiecki**



**Daniela
Dushaj**



**Ava
Gadawski**



**Talia
George**



**Lila
Geromin**



**Miles
Gertsch**



**Matthew
Godek**



**Jade
Golembiewski**



**Genevieve
Grbic**



**Kaitlyn
Grishaj**



**Griffin
Hannan**



**Isabella
Hasaj**



**Erika
Holmberg**



**Lucas
Hong**



**Emily
Hubbard**



**Faiz
Hussain**



**Numair
Hussain**



**Vanessa
Huynh**



**Melissa
Jakupovic**



**Fadi
Jani**



**Jacob
Jobraeel**



**Destiny
Karcho**



**Michael
Kasperek**



**Kaitlyn
Keusch**



**Julia
Klepko**



**Nisha
Koshy**



**Kyle
Krikor**



**Tejaswi
Krishnan**



**Jaeden
Lareau**



**Carla
Laza**



**Brian
Mackintosh**



**Mariano
Mansoor**



**Jerome
McCreadie**



**Jennifer
McWethy**



**Jetmir
Mezini**



**Andrew
Munya**



**Anthony
Nagle**



**Aiden
Neumann**



**Peyton
Ng**



**Kevin
Nguyen**



Sandra Orza



Jack Palus



Sara Poles



Haley Puri



Ava Rawley



Lauren Richmond



Elizabeth Rourke



Milena Rujan



Conner Rumohr



Julie Safo



Sean Santos



Giselle Sesi



Heli Shah



Jules Shaman



Vera Sivrieva



Logan Smythe



Abigail Stochmal



Isaiah Thomas



Celine Twal



Aubrey Westerfield



Ava Youngberg

*GLK-UAIS
Salutatorians*



Riya Jacob



Sophia Sarcona

Henry Ford II High School *Valedictorians*



Yousif Abdal



Ehan Ahmed



Anthony Alaoui



Christian Araszkieicz



Polus Banyameen



Madison Bettys



Diamon Black



Mena Booton



Lucas Bosca



Kaitlyn Cadrette



Christina Carvalho



Samiha Chowdhury



Logan Clark



Kaitlyn Davenport



Elissa Deban



Thomas Fidler



Serena Filipovski



Bailey Fitzgibbons



Ava Gallucci



Sydney Garon



Kailee Gillich



Iliriana Gjelij



Jessica Glidden



Carson Glugla



Aimee Greenwood



Amelia Griggs



Rylee Hesske



Mason Hillman



Abigail Hirmiz

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Henry Ford II Valedictorians

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**Leslie
Huynh**



**Isabella
Jovanovic**



**Morgan
Jowett**



**Eliana
Karas**



**Bridget
Kinna**



**Joshua
Kuruvilla**



**Bryson
Lor**



**Evlyn
Lotocki**



**Christina
Marogy**



**Mikayla
Mazza**



**Samantha
Mazza**



**Phoenix
McCreddie**



**Joseph
Melaragni**



**Alexander
Melchior**



**Sophia
Miller**



**Isabella
Murad**



**Carter
Ostrowski**



**Mykalyn
Peguese**



**Ava
Pellerito**



**Rachel
Riepma**



**Victoria
Ruzzin**



**Rachel
Samson**



**Elizabeth
Schneider**



**Ayannah
Sierminski**



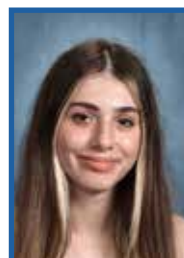
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Tan**



**Rhianna
Ungerman**



**Reed
VanArsdale**



**Katya
William**



**Maryam
Yono**



**Emelda
Zaya**



**Matteo
Zefi**

*Henry Ford II
Salutatorian*



**Tyler
Kopchak**

Stevenson High School Valedictorians



**Kristen
Abro**



**Hala
Al Aswad**



**Khadeeja
Ali**



**Graham
Barash**



**Charbel
Barrak**



**Alana
Beji**



**Kevin
Betto**



**Brooke
Brown**



**Phoebe
Chen**



**Audrey
Cinco**



**Josette
Cylkowski**



**Dyuti
Datta**



**Olivia
Dickerson**



Taylor Dudley



Aya Elzhenni



Isabelle Francis



Victoria Giacona



Mark Gjonlleshaj



Kaleb Gosk



Maria Hannish



Sarah Ibrahim



Mahfuja Jannat



Megan Judd



Idris Kabir



Tanveer Kalsi



Matthew Keller



Dalia Khoshe



Deon Lee



Caynon Love



Anika Malhotra



Lauryn Mangenje



Shayan Matin



Lindsey McGann



Joshua Molnar



Basim Naimou



Vanessa Nguyen



Dilan Patel



Ashley Popko



Dani Romaya



Brandon Saynganthone



Olivia Sitto



Hunter Szczur



Losian Yaldo



Jaylon Yonan



Chloe Zaharof



Sarah Zmick



Aidan Zynda

Stevenson Salutatorians



Aleesha Ahmed



Alden Kachal



Meron Matti



Caleb Molnar



Marcy Morris

Utica High School Valedictorians



Giovanna Agnello



Junain Ahmed



Abriana Badalamenti



Nathan Berger



Matthew Beutler

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Utica High School *Valedictorians*

Continued...



**Marena
Binishi**



**Stefan
Boskovic**



**Carter
Burton**



**Griffin
Cargill**



**Salvatore
Chirco**



**Ella
Cooke**



**Kiera
Curran**



**Ava
Cybulski**



**Logan
Davis**



**Emily
DeClark**



**Olivia
Donovan**



**James
Duff**



**Brooke
Eskew**



**Ryan
Hall**



**Karson
Hanson**



**Bryce
Harrison**



**Sadie
Heman**



**Megan
Higley**



**Elizabeth
Hoff**



**Abby
Holland**



**Natalie
Jock**



**Bianca
Kobylecki**



**Carson
Konczalski**



**Stephanie
Kreste**



**Satchit
Kulkarni**



**Thaddeus
Kustarz**



**Giang
Ky**



**Sophia
LaBrecque**



**Austin
LeMerise**



**Gabriella
Lockaby**



**Jack
Malone**



**Lauren
McNair**



**Renaldo
Michil**



**Monica
Nicovic**



**Rachel
Nugent**



**Ashley
Pittel**



**Irkia
Polus**



**Alexander
Rimac**



**Anya
Rosenthal**



**Alysia
Savaya**



**Natalie
Shtogrin**



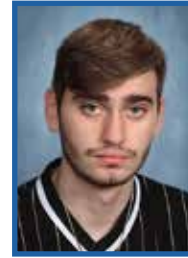
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Sulaka**



**Laina
Tomei**



**Kayla
Tuchowski**



**Mario
Ulic**



**Alaina
Wasik**



**Sydney
Watt**



**Sophia
Wenzel**



**Isabella
Yatooma**

*Utica High
Salutatorians*



**Matthew
Kavanagh**



**Laith
Nassri**



**Lila
Sapiano**