



# WELLAND CENTENNIAL SECONDARY

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## 2020 VALEDICTORIAN

Congratulations to this year's Valedictorian, **Garvan Leavens**. Garvan is a graduate of Ross Public School, and was chosen by his peers, which is a significant honour. Garvan was the captain for the school's football team, the team captain on the Rugby team and was also a member of the school's hockey and baseball team. Garvan has been accepted in the Engineering program at Queens University. Good luck in your future endeavors Garvan!



June 2020

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD



The Excellence in Education award honours DSBNS students who excel academically, while making outstanding contributions to their school and community. The recipient is chosen in a vote by staff. Congratulations to **Keylee Smith**, who is Centennial's recipient of this prestigious award. Keylee has been a visible leader throughout her years here at WCSS, as well as within our local Community. She was elected as DSBNS Student Trustee in 2018 for a 2 year term, has been a member of WCSS's Student Council since grade 9 currently serving as Prime Minister, was part of WCSS's rowing team for two years and has been a Student Ambassador on the school's A-Team since it's conception. Keylee has hours committed her free time volunteering for the Canadian Cancer Society and the Niagara Health Care System. Keylee is headed to University of Western Ontario for Medical Science and has been offered early acceptance in Western's Ivey Business school for her 3rd year. Congratulations Keylee!

## BROCK'S NIAGARA PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARSHIP



Gabby Corriveau

Congratulations to **Gabby Corriveau** and **Rielly Jinks** who each won the Brock University Niagara Principal's scholarship this year.

**Gabby** has been accepted into the BSc Honours Neuroscience program.

**Rielly** has been accepted into the BA Honours Psychology program.

This award is given to students selected by the Principal based on a combination of academic excellence and involvement in school and community.

Congratulations Gabby and Rielly we wish you both great success at Brock.



Rielly Jinks

## 2020 ROTARY MEDALISTS

Congratulations to **Jacob Miller** and **Keylee Smith** who were recognized by the Welland Rotary Club members for their outstanding record of service within the community. Thanks also to the Welland Rotary Club for their continued scholarship support.



Jacob Miller



Keylee Smith

Gabby Corriveau had the opportunity to enter the research project that she completed during her co-op placement with the Brock Mentorship Program into the Youth Science Canada Online STEM Fair. She was fortunate to receive a Regional Award, as well as a Youth Science Canada Award with her project titled "Investigating Emotional Dysregulation in Individuals with Mild Head Injury (MHI)". This study investigated how MHI as a function of its associated disruption of the ventral medial prefrontal cortex physiologically dampens a person's autonomic and functional responses. It was hypothesized that individuals who sustain an MHI will have dampened autonomic arousal and report having more difficulties with emotional expression, empathy, and the ability to detect social cues than a non-MHI cohort. 107 students were given neuropsychological self-report questionnaires, as well as Electrodermal Activation (EDA), which is a measure of physical arousal. It was found that those who reported a prior history of MHI had lower EDA, produced lower scores on measures of empathy, and higher scores on antisocial tendencies, erratic lifestyle, and callous affect than non-MHI students. Congratulations Gabby!



<https://makeprojects.com/ysc/project/investigating-emotional-dysregulation-in-individuals-with-mhi>

## ESL FEBRUARY TRIP

It was a classic Canadian winter day with the snow crunching under our feet and snowflakes on our nose and eyelashes! Despite the icy temperatures at Walker Living Campus, ESL students stayed warm with hot chocolate they prepared after building fires!



## WCSS CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY

International Day - On March 6th members of Culture Club teamed up with Changemakers to put on Centennial's 1st International showcase! The cafeteria was a buzz with students and staff sampling snacks from around the world, trying henna tattoos, seeing students model traditional clothing and we can't forget the hot sauce bar! We are looking forward to making International Day a Centennial tradition!





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## 2019-2020 MEMORIES



Although the Covid-19 pandemic kept the students of Welland Centennial out of school, they continued to show their support of one another and demonstrated their school spirit by contributing to weekly themed Spirit Days on the School's Instagram Account. Above are some of the pictures students captured and shared during these past few months.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Wow! What a year it has been. This past semester will be one that students will remember forever due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. We are so proud of how Centennial students adapted to emergency online learning and stayed engaged and focused on continuing their learning in a very difficult situation. We are hoping that September will allow us to be back at school and are looking forward to seeing all of our Cougar Family soon.

I hope that everyone stays healthy and has an enjoyable summer.

Mrs. Zonneveld

## FAREWELLS

Ms. Reid has been an integral part of Centennial for the last 5 years. She has worked tirelessly to support students and help them succeed at school and outside of school. Ms. Reid started the Ambassador program at Centennial and has promoted ways for students to take on leadership roles at the school. We wish her all the best as she moves to Westlane Secondary School for the 2020-2021 school year.

We are also saying Goodbye to the following teachers:

- Mr. Braun who is retiring
- Ms. Vissochi is going to SWC as Program Leader for French Immersion
- Ms. Bernicky who will be at Eastdale full time next year
- Ms. Leng-Marini who will be at Eden full time next year
- Ms. Butters will be at Port Colborne HS
- Ms. Hall who is going to Laura Secord

We will miss them at Centennial.

## YOUNG WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

DSBN live your passion Young Women's Conference held in the late fall at the Hilton in Niagara Falls. I had the honour of taking these girls to the conference and helped them explore future careers in the technology field. They even had the opportunity to listen to guest speaker Kate Campbell from Kate's build a show on HGTV.

The big highlight of the conference was when we were picked up by a limo bus! The girls loved it!



## STUDENTS WORKING IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES

WCSS would like to pay tribute and show our appreciation to all students who have been working in essential services during the Covid-19 pandemic. We attempted to gather as many names possible. If you are not listed below please accept our thanks. Some of the employers are as follows: Avondale, Beamsville Fish & Chips, Canadian Tire, Esso, Food Basics, Harvey's, McDonalds, No Frills, Pita Pit, Pupo's Supermarket, Rice Road Greenhouses, Rona, Sobey's, Stevensville Garden Gallery, Tim Hortons, Vermeer and Zehrs to name a few. Thank you WCSS Students. You make us proud every day!

Abigail Lococo	Ayden Haist
Abby George	Briana Smith
Abby Najder	Brooke Elsie
Abby Provias	Caitlyn Tasse
Alejandro Quinonez	Chase Kish
Allyson Young	Chelsey Windsor
Aleczaender Gielfeldt	Chloe Clack
Ameerah Mohamed	Claire Armstrong
Anaya Gray	Conner Geieckas
Ariana Skye	Courtney Marr
Athena Dezenosky	Chloe Chaumont
Audrey Bevacqua	Darian Woods
Aurora Visi	David Busch
Avery Smits-Talving	Delaney Crysler Bassindale
	Ella Thompson
	Elijah Cousineau

## SCHOOLREACH CLUB 2019-2020

This year, the Intermediate and Senior Reach clubs met weekly during lunchtime for friendly trivia competitions. Students practiced their trivia skills in a wide range of topics, including popular culture, history, science, math, literature, and sports. Centennial's Senior Reach Team met up with other local schools at a regional competition at Thorold Secondary School in February.

Mrs. Odreman, Mrs. Bootsma, and Ms. Bernicky would like to thank all Reach members for their spirited participation this year. We hope you are brushing up on your trivia knowledge to prepare for future Reach face-offs!



back (l-r): Jagger Mansfield, Colin Moss, Sam Huibers, Hugh Reichheld, Gavin Hillhouse

middle (l-r): Mrs. Odreman, John Huibers, Leah Middleton, Marcus D'Aiello, Meagan Patterson, Aidon Barron, Ms. Bernicky

front (l-r): Lydia Charlebois, Nicholas Detenbeck, Katie Mazurkiewicz, Ella Kitchen Absent from photo: Mrs. Bootsma, Senzenina De Freitas, Caroline Young

Elysia Danyliw	Jessica Gibson	Nick Urge
Eliza Mulder	Jimin Lee	Nicol Vanegas
Emily Campbell	John Meyer	Nicholas Roussel
Emma Haist	Johnathan Norris	Noah Chester
Faith Ingebrigtsen	Kelly Maguire	Pavanaa Jeyaratnam
Gabe Datema	Karly Schellenberg	Payton McLeod
Gabe Wilson	Kristy Cutler	Peter Mazzuca
Hannah Oliver	Keleigh Misener	Peyton Stonier
Caitlyn Tasse	Lauren Mista	Rachel Koudjis
Cameron Girling	Logan Saxton	Reanna Dell
Carter Williams	Lucas Haist	Rebekha Law
Chantal Cote	Maggie Jessop	Sam Huibers
Hannah Valovich	Mateo Mussari	Sarah Stayzer
Ian Beauchamps	Matthew McIntee	Savannah Richardson
Isaac Bandi	Maya Thibault	Theran Reid
Jake Son	Mike Culliford	Wafa Sarwari
Jason Gibson	Natalie Sanchez Diaz	Wyatt Danyliw
Jessica Acaster	Nick Morrison	Zainab Sarwari



Our musical **Legally Blonde** was supposed to open on Apr. 23rd but, as with many other events, it was cancelled due to the global pandemic. We announced the musical in May 2019 and rehearsals began in September. For 6 ½ months, the staff and students rehearsed, created, and prepared for what would have been an incredible show.

The learning journey that happens throughout the entire creative process is the reason we take on the challenge of doing big musicals. Students can benefit emotionally, physically, and socially by learning skills such as cooperation, communication, organization, confidence, and empathy. We watch our students grow as individuals and become a part of our Arts family.



Many people have turned to the Arts to help them get through this unprecedented time and many performers have found new ways to share their art. To honour the hard work, dedication, and passion of our students, we have recorded videos of our students performing a few of the songs from Legally Blonde.

Please visit our Facebook page Welland Centennial Drama (@wcssdrama) to see the videos. Thank you for your continued support of the Arts at Centennial.

## 2020 DSBN ART SHOW

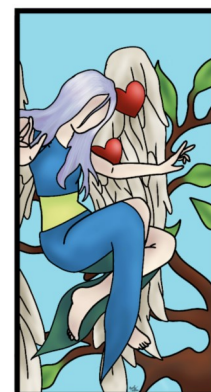
The Art@Home project highlights the work of DSBN students who have made art at home to fulfill their art course requirements. Artists from Centennial include Emily Bisson, Reagan Li, Andy Lin, Rachel Koudijs and Taylor Allen. The launch took place online on Wednesday May 27th with over 60 Participants! Students in the grad art show are: Abigail Lococo, Serena Thornton, Kaleb Nguyen, Olivia Lukacsy and Ava Haist. Please visit <https://sites.google.com/dsbn.org/jwsite/home> to see the art from all DSBN students.



Empower, Serena Thornton,  
Acrylic painting,



Starman!, Kaleb Nguyen,  
Acrylic Painting.



Untitled...digital art.  
Taylor Allen

## COMPETITIVE DANCE TEAM

The competitive dance team auditioned in September and spent the fall getting ready for their beautiful performances in Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker, an event coordinated by Mr. Braun and featuring professional musicians from Niagara Symphony Orchestra. They also worked with Toronto dance artist Chris Tsiantoulas on a jazz routine which they were preparing to compete at Niagara's Best Dance Crew and Strive Dance Competition in May. The team consists of a group of strong, talented young women who represent the school with class and sass. Special congratulations and best wishes to our graduating dancers Jessica & Maggie! Dance on!



## COUGAR CREW

The Cougar Crew started working with Toronto choreographer Matthew Ceasar Cruz in the early fall. Mr Matt is a professional Hip Hop artist and founder of the award-winning crew BUCC-N- FLAVR. He taught them a fun, fast Hip Hop routine which they performed at the Winter Concert. Thanks to all the crew members for your energy and an amazing season!



## HAPPY RETIREMENT MR. BRAUN

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This year, we bid a fond farewell to Mr. David Braun. Since he began teaching at Centennial in 2008, he has had an immense impact on both the students and staff with his positive and calm attitude, his affirmative life talks, and his wonderful smile. He has taught many courses over the years such as English, Careers & Civics, Co-op, Instrumental Music and, of course, Vocal music. Mr. Braun brought his passion for music, the Arts and education to his students as well as his professional music experience. Mr. Braun began his studies on the violin at the age of seven and after high school, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Northwestern College in Minnesota. During his time in Minneapolis, he toured internationally as Concertmaster of the Continental Singers and Orchestra and of the Communique Singers and Orchestra. He has been a member of the Niagara Symphony since 1989 and is the Musical Director and Conductor of Choralis Camerata. He is also part of a chamber ensemble with his wife and their friend called Glissandi. We know he will not be bored in his retirement from teaching.



In addition to being a fantastic teacher in the classroom, Mr. Braun has also dedicated his time to extra-curricular activities and events for the students and school. He has been the vocal director for many of our musicals including Les Misérables, The Music Man, West Side Story, Guys and Dolls, Bring it On, and this year's production of Legally Blonde. He also directed two school choirs and both groups performed at a large number of events at the school and in the community like Plymouth Cordage Retirement Home and Habitat for Humanity.

He has had many professional musicians and singers come into the school to facilitate workshops and to perform for and with the students. He organized several classical music events for our students and our feeder school students, some of whom may have never experienced a professional orchestra playing live before. In 2013, he included Centennial students in the Niagara Symphony's performance of Mozart's Requiem Mass in D Minor, in 2015 it was a performance of Handel's Messiah with the symphony members and local students, and in 2017 students and musicians performed Johannes Brahms' A German Requiem. In 2018, he coordinated The Magnificent Bach concert which included many students singing alongside professional vocalists from Choralis Camerata and performing songs from German composer Johann Sebastian Bach. This year, he did it again with The Nutcracker Suite when student musicians, singers, and dancers performed with professional symphony musicians.

He received the Greatest High School Teacher Award from Humber College in 2019 and we agree with them! A truly great music teacher and mentor like Mr. Braun is hard to find, difficult to part with, and impossible to forget. P.S. Go Blue Jays!

