



UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

# FOCUS FOR THE COMMUNITY

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*From the Superintendent...*

**Robert S. Monroe**

## Building on our Legacy

The future of Utica Community Schools begins this summer as we embark on the most transformational facility improvement project in our district's history.

Thanks to the overwhelming support of the Safety and Success bond issue, we are beginning the first phase of a \$550 million building program that will impact every facility in Michigan's second largest school district.

Safety remains the priority. The first phase will feature projects across the district that improve security at every building and specifically address the urgent need at our "open concept" schools - existing elementaries that do not have a complete set of interior walls or doors for classroom areas.

The bond issue also begins to reimagine how our facilities are designed to support learning. This new design will be introduced at DeKeyser Elementary, which is undergoing significant reconstruction to address needed safety improvements. Ultimately, it will serve as the guide for future change at all elementary schools.

Phase one improvements and design images that represent the future for our elementary schools are on our website: [www.uticak12.org/safetyandsuccess](http://www.uticak12.org/safetyandsuccess).

These are exciting times for Utica Community Schools. We look forward to our continued community partnership as we fulfill our district's vision to empower graduates to change their future and the world.



Group of Gene L. Klida Utica Academy for International Studies seniors pose for a picture.

## UCS Proudly Presents the Class of 2024!

Across Utica Community Schools four comprehensive high schools, Gene L. Klida Utica Academy for International Studies, Adult Education and the Utica Alternative Learning Center, 2,038 students were awarded their diploma at Oakland University's Athletics Center O'rena at this year's commencement ceremonies.

Family, friends, classmates, teachers and the entire UCS community applauded the Class of 2024 on their momentous achievements as they walked across the graduation stage, carrying with them the pride and dreams of our entire community.

The College Board honored nearly 300 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 more than 750 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 57 students from its Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program and 56 graduates received the UCS Seal of Global Language.

The UCS Class of 2024 earned more than \$30 million in academic scholarships. This graduating class includes 313 valedictorians (4.0 GPA and above) and 16 salutatorians (awarded to student(s) with next highest GPA below 4.0), all of whom are recognized within this graduation newsletter.

Congratulations to the Utica Community Schools Class of 2024!

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## Eisenhower High School *Valedictorians*



Ella  
Aniel



Skylar  
Bakun



Nicholas  
Benner



Ava  
Borngesser



Connor  
Briggs



Delani  
Bruno



Marisa  
Cantu



Collin  
Cattaneo



Grace  
Cleland



Daniella  
Danko



Jaren  
Davis



Rickel  
Decker



Dimitri  
Dimovski



Daniella  
Dordeski



Ava  
Dukaj



Reid  
Dupon



Samantha  
Greenwood



Ashlyn  
Guigar



Trevor  
Haemmerle



Anna  
Hilliard



Grace  
Homann



Evan  
Hunke



Melanija  
Iljevski



Giselle  
Jakubowski



Jack  
Jarzyna



Mekhi  
Kattula



Brandon  
Kedrow



Jordan  
Klein



Stela  
Kovaci



Scott  
Kraski



Jessica  
Marlett



Adam  
Marquardt



Joshua  
McCoy



Kristin  
McLean



Addison  
Mondoux



Abby  
Nezich



Colin  
Nichols



Tyler  
Nichols



Brooke  
Nicholson



Lila  
Niespolo



Nicholas  
Opperman



Ava  
Orlikowski



Chelsea  
Pankiewicz



Ivana  
Petrevski



Emma  
Petrus



Abigail  
Pfeffer



Vittoria  
Piccinini



Gabriella  
Pogodzinski



Parker  
Pompili



Eileen  
Santana



John  
Sawa



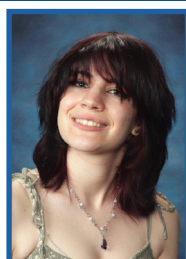
Grace  
Schutter



Devansh  
Shah



Nathan Siemen



Emma Snyder



Riley Spevacek



Maryann Spraggins



Roselynn Stameski



Mariana Stojcevski



Chloe Szymanski



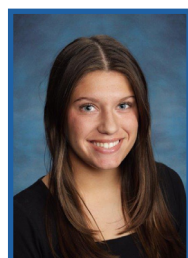
Vanessa Tannous



Gabriel Thomas



Lila Trexler



Katie Van De Winkle



Alex Varner



Manmeet Vij



Alexander Wainz



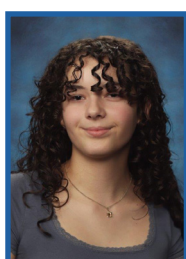
Sofia Ward



Ava Welch



Rorey Welch



Madeline White



Molly Wittwer



Nathan Wood



Nathan Yasso



Katie You



Michael Zelenak

**Eisenhower Salutatorians**



Nikola Anakiev



Khristian Dimovski



Andrew Koja



Claire Krysinski



Noah Lucaj



Izabella Pjetri

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



Dema Abu Zraineh



Kayla Adams



Lillian Aho



Aaron Cedric Amano



Jeremiah Ambrose



Anthony Anderson



Hunter Arnold



Addison Beal



Sofia Buck



Marlin Cami



Gavin Cereska



Alison Chang



Brian Dang



Anjana Devendran



Merina Diaz



Evan Dion



Kristina Dushaj



Gianna Esho



Celine Fakhoury



Christian Fakhoury



Grace Falkiewicz

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## GLK-UAIS Valedictorians *continued...*



Elisha  
Finitzer



Arabella  
Fornari



Lily  
Gallina



Novia  
George



Cameron  
Gray



Sophie  
Gruian



Juvian  
Haddad



Alissa  
Hashorva



Rena  
Henderson



Andrei  
Hulpoi-Deac



Katrina  
Ishioka



Zachary  
Jarvis



Jared  
Jensen



Gianna  
Kanna



Maria  
Khoushi



Jonathan  
King



Doryian  
Kirkwood



Kennedy  
Kohler



Eugenia  
Korovaychuk



Maxwell  
Korwin



John  
Krajenke



Martyna  
Krajewska



Grace  
Krikor



Morgan  
Kulczycki



Andy  
Kusta



Ryan  
Landy



Dharamjit  
Madahar



Aydin  
Martuscelli



Piper  
McMartin



Garrett  
McPhillips



Jose Lorenzo  
Mendez



Albert  
Miu



Lillian  
Natushko



Amrita  
Nayak



Julia  
Neveau



Chika  
Nwoke



Colin  
O'Rourke



Alexa  
Ortiz



Namrata  
Patel



Brendan  
Pawlicki



Kylee  
Pfeifer



Mya  
Pieper



Anna  
Pontzious



Grace  
Pontzious



Jamie  
Raphtis



Niyah  
Reeves



Mary  
Romaya



Ava  
Saleh



Peter  
Schoenherr



Vincent  
Serra



Ananya  
Shah



Skyler  
Shaman



Zachary  
Shopinski



Alexis  
Sinutko



Julia Sitek



Taylor Smith



Janelle Souro



Jillian Talerico



Alyssa Terranova



Bernell Toma



Tayte Topolski



Avery Tury



Lilly Wilson

*GLK-UAIS  
Salutatorian*



Dustin Komlosan

## Henry Ford II High School *Valedictorians*



Chiara Argentiero



Elina Ayoub



Andrei Barbu



Joshua Byars



Joshua Clampitt



Ava Clarke



Nola Clotworthy



Sophia Curran



Elijah DiFalco



Austin Dion



Enric Fasho



Jonathan Gafencu



Kamila Ghulam-Rasul



Destiny Goniwiecha



Hannah Hacker



Kailey Haddad



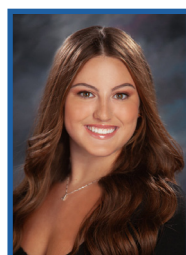
Amelia Hawkins



Jana Helou



Ava Hess



Addison Hill



Angelina Ho



Sammy Hsiung



Shiv Kadakia



Emily Kalaj



Breanna Kata



Tessa Kolakowski



Cameron LaDuke



Skylar Mack



Varshini Mavuluri



Ashley McDonald



Andrew Miller



Sean Miller



David Miscovich



Ariana Leanne Ogoy



Julia Ortman



Nandini Patel



Vidhi Patel

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## Henry Ford II *Valedictorians* *continued...*



Cameron Raupp



David Reyes



Stephanie Saunders



Sofia Shchur



Brady Sheats



Martha Shimon



Thaddeus Vannice



Daniel Wolf



Samantha Yantus

### *Henry Ford II Salutatorians*



Simar Chhoker



Ty Spalding

## Stevenson High School *Valedictorians*



Kassem Abdallah



Santa Abro



Arzanish Ahmad



Yazeed Alamat



Karla Barka



Michael Binkowski



Brianna Bittner



David Bowers



Victor Coica



Katelyn Coles



Serena Dabish



Lily Demata



Yen Doan



Larisa Dumitrascu



David Duong



Serena Ferrara



Meera Ganeshkumar



Anton Gegaj



Lauren Hammou



Sunyia Jabeen



Deanna Jarbo



Parker Johnston



Benjamin Kannou



Marina Khoshaba



Blossom Lor



Bryanne-Karla Manuel



Serena Matti



Taylor Mauldin



Isabella Mei



Akaash Mondal



Tanisha Munim



Calvin Naimou



Lolita Namou



David Owens



Angelina Paho



Irwin Patcharaput



Ekaansh Patel



Samantha Pennefather



Stefan Petronijevic



Mateusz Pilch



Efaz Rahman



Jessica Rzeppa



Leila Saeidi



Merry Saleem



Nathan Schultz



Emily Sharak



Lana Shehara



Evan Stocker



Sajiv Sundar



Isabella Tenn



Jacob Thomas



Lucas Timbuc



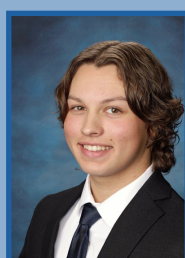
Anna Wathen



Chloe Wei



Isabella Wendt



Chandler Williams



Angela Yaldo



Daniel Yarsike



Edmund Zhang

## Stevenson Salutatorians



Julia Manni

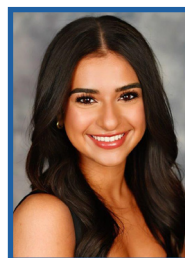


Nicholas Shamon



Alexandar Vasilievic

## Utica High School Valedictorians



Cybelle Abdel-Nour



Bradley Beauvais



Savannah Blake



Gabriela Boskovich



Mason Brodi



Alyssa Carlson



Andrew Carlson



Audrey Cetnar



Alyssa Clark



Cvetan Djelovski



Lucas Donovan



Sarah Fromm



Owenn Gilkinson



Elvis Gjelijaj



Caio Godoy Del Grande



Connor Griffin



Matthew Hardin



Layan Hassan



Catherine Hoff



Blake Jahn



Mia Jalics

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## Utica High Valedictorians *continued...*



Grace  
Jenkins



Denis  
Kadilli



Eleanor  
Kroetsch



Samantha  
LoCricchio



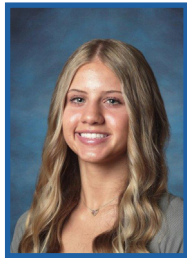
Gabriella  
Marcoux



Cameryn  
McConachie



Julia  
Mousseau



Alisa  
Muirhead



Aryan  
Nandwana



Jayden  
Nguyen



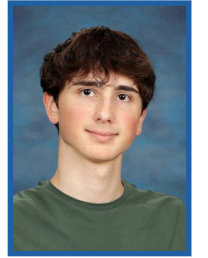
Jason  
Nikolli



Samantha  
Patrick



Joshua  
Price



Marek  
Ptak



Sydnee  
Roelandt



Ella  
Rusk



Jacob  
Samuel



John  
Shaow



Harjot  
Singh



Addison  
Stuehmer



Carly  
Sumner



Mia  
Sutton



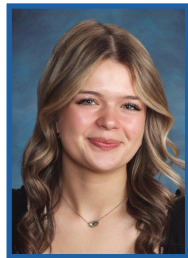
Kylie  
Tomatti



Julia  
Verellen



Brynn  
Wegner



Aubrey  
Wiseman



Kamryn  
Zbytowski

### Utica High Salutatorians



Natalie  
Garwood



Mckenzie  
Reese



Alaina  
Scope



Melanie  
Williams

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