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From the Director's Desk

Greetings and Happy Black History Month!

This year is a significant milestone for us as it marks the 60th anniversary of the Urban-Suburban Program. This Diamond Anniversary is more than just a number—it's a testament to our shared history, present achievements, and collective vision for a brighter future.

The Monroe One BOCES Urban-Suburban Interdistrict Transfer Program began in 1965 and is the first and oldest voluntary desegregation program in the United States. It was established in response to the Rochester race uprisings. West Irondequoit was the first suburban district to answer the call to address racial imbalances in schools. Their board and community unanimously adopted a resolution, and in March 1965, they welcomed 24 students to West Irondequoit.

Today, we celebrate the 14 suburban districts that have opened their doors to students from the City of Rochester, with over 900 students currently enrolled. As we look forward to a promising future with our largest graduating class of 94 seniors this spring, we are inspired by the hundreds of Urban-Suburban alums who have built remarkable careers and pathways, showcasing the transformative power of this program.

This edition of the newsletter features incredible highlights and important dates—please mark your calendars!

Thank you for your vital support of the Urban-Suburban Program's journey over the past 60 years. Together, we will continue to illuminate pathways to brilliance for years to come!

Felicia A. Smith
Program Director





Urban-Suburban 60th Anniversary Gala

Join us in celebrating *60 Years of Shine: Illuminating Pathways to Brilliance!* On March 20, 2025, we will honor the past, present, and future of the Urban-Suburban Program with a special dinner and ceremony.

What: Urban-Suburban 60th Anniversary Gala
When: Thursday, March 20 from 5:30 – 8 p.m.
Where: The Memorial Art Gallery, 500 University Avenue, Rochester

Tickets are on sale now: <https://givebutter.com/U-S-60th-Event>
 Tickets include:

- Reserved seat at the celebration
- Three-course plated dinner
- Admission to The Memorial Art Gallery before and after the event on March 20th, 2025.

A special thank you to our event sponsors:



We are also seeking Urban-Suburban parents to help make the evening a success. If you are interested in volunteering during the gala, please contact Program Director Felicia Smith at Felicia_Smith@boces.monroe.edu or (585) 249-7046.

2024-2025 Important Dates

- ▶ **February 24**
U-S Scholarship application window opens
- ▶ **March 11**
Parent Group Meeting: Drug Prevention
- ▶ **March 20**
Urban-Suburban 60th Anniversary Gala
- ▶ **April 4**
U-S Scholarship application window closes
- ▶ **April 18**
Last day for 2025 U-S Scholarship donations
- ▶ **May 3**
Scholarship Committee meeting
- ▶ **July 7**
Youth Employment Program first day of work

The Family Pledge

A contribution to the Urban-Suburban Scholarship Fund goes a long way toward helping students achieve their goals, and the single most important contributor to the scholarship fund is our parents. Thanks to parents' support and commitment to Urban-Suburban, \$387,000 has been awarded to 631 deserving students since the start of the scholarship program in 1985.

Each year, parents willingly donate \$50 (tax deductible) to Urban-Suburban. This money goes directly into the scholarship fund and is awarded every spring to seniors who apply for the Urban-Suburban Scholarship. Families have raised \$9,000 so far this school year.

The 2025 scholarship fund goal is \$35,000.

The Urban-Suburban class of 2025 (95 students) needs your support! You can complete the pledge by mailing a check/money order to Urban-Suburban Program, 11 Linden Park, Rochester, NY 14625 or make an electronic contribution at www.monroe.edu/USpledge by April 18, 2025.

Our program staff and graduating seniors thank you.

U-S Scholarship Fund



Mark your Calendars: the U-S Scholarship application opens this month

Urban-Suburban seniors will have more than a month to apply for the 2025 scholarship awards when the window opens on Monday, February 24. The Urban-Suburban Scholarship package will be mailed to all program seniors. Parents and guardians, school staff, and counselors will be notified via email. A printable version will also be available on the Urban-Suburban webpage at www.monroe.edu/US.

Completed packages should be mailed and they must be received by our office no later than noon on **Friday, April 4**.

If you have any questions, please call our office at **585-249-7045**.

Join the U-S Scholarship Committee!

Make an impact on the future of our seniors by volunteering on this year's Urban-Suburban Scholarship Committee!

We're looking for one or two parents of students in grades 9–11 from each district to join the team. A high school principal or assistant principal and a counselor complete the committee.

The group will meet on **Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at Urban-Suburban. During the session, members will review scholarship applications to determine award allocations.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. If you're interested in joining, please email Felicia_Smith@boces.monroe.edu.

Alumni Spotlight

Shawn Turner

A good education is essential. A *great* education is what Shawn Turner and his wife were looking for when they moved back to Rochester from Florida in 2021. Shawn is an Urban-Suburban Program graduate from the West Irondequoit Central School District, and he wanted his daughters to have the same kind of experience he did. Spoiler alert: they're on their way.

Shawn's journey with Urban-Suburban started in the late 90s. His older siblings were all going to city schools at the time, but his cousins had just gotten into Brighton Schools through U-S. Shawn's mother wanted to give the Program a try and see how Shawn would do. She applied, and he started at West Irondequoit in fifth grade.

"Initially, I wanted to follow where my older siblings were going. Just because it was natural for me," Shawn said. "But once I was exposed to some things that I just wouldn't have been exposed to, I realized pretty early on that it's a special program, and I would have access to people and to things that I just wouldn't have access to in my normal life."

Shawn built lasting relationships with students and staff at West Irondequoit who helped him to think beyond what he thought was possible for his future.

"As a result, I ended up going to college. I own and run a tax and accounting firm. I also own and run a construction company. And I don't know that I wouldn't have done those things, but I know that Urban-Suburban is a very integral part of who I am, and it allowed me to be where I am today."

Fast forward to today: Shawn's daughters, Ava and Nova, are following in his footsteps. Nova is at West Irondequoit, just like her dad, and Ava is in the East Irondequoit Central School District.

"When we moved back from Florida, we wanted to be closer to family. But the move wasn't going to happen unless we knew the girls could get the same level of education they had in Miami," Shawn shared.

The family applied to Urban-Suburban, waited, reapplied, and waited again. Eventually, Nova got into kindergarten at West Irondequoit. A year later, Ava was able to leave the private school she was attending and start eighth grade at East Irondequoit.

"She's made great friends already, and I know those



connections will keep growing," Shawn said. "This program gave me so much. I wanted my kids to have that too."

Through his experiences, Shawn has learned a lot—and he has some advice for both alumni and current students.

For alumni: "I think it's important for people like myself and others who have gone through the program and have benefited from the program to come and pour back into the program so people understand that it is important." Take Shawn and his daughter Ava, for example—they've graciously shared their stories for the Urban-Suburban 60th Anniversary celebration!

For students: "Get involved and make friends. Friends that don't look like you, friends that don't talk like you, friends that have different religious backgrounds and political affiliations. Just make friends. My real estate attorney is someone who I went to high school with, my realtor is someone I went to high school with, a couple of my partners and clients, my roofer. So, you know, join, make friends, get involved, and have fun."

Student Spotlights

August Anderson

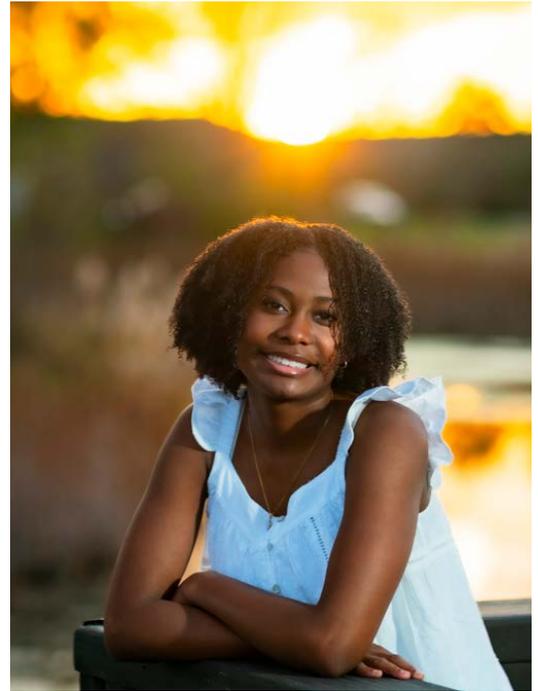
It's no exaggeration—August has received more awards than we can count. From earning High Honor Roll and the Presidential Award to the Triple C Award, her achievements are impressive. And that's just the beginning.

For August, these awards are more than just accolades—they're a source of confidence. That confidence is also fueled by her passions, the opportunities she embraces, and the encouragement she's received from her teachers in the West Irondequoit Central School District.

August joined West Irondequoit through the Urban-Suburban program as a 3rd grader. Now a senior, she's taking time to reflect on her journey. There were good and bad experiences in school, with classes like Biology and Humanities standing out. Her constant curiosity and active involvement have played a key role in shaping her goals for the future.

"I can definitely say I gained so many skills and experiences that will help me succeed in life," August shared. "I have started my journey in life with the best education and I can only hope and see that I can have a good future ahead of me."

When she graduates, August says she will be attending college. She's already received several acceptance letters and scholarships but hasn't settled on a school just yet. What she does know is her future career path—August plans to study Diagnostic Medical Sonography.



Emmett Muroski

An 8th grader at Bay Trail Middle School, Emmett Muroski is already making a name for himself on the ice.

As the starting goalie for the Penfield Patriots Varsity Hockey team, Emmett achieved a major milestone in mid-December, earning his first career Varsity win—the same day the team celebrated its first victory of the season.

Emmett's talent and determination haven't gone unnoticed. He's frequently recognized by his school district, and his family couldn't be prouder of his accomplishments.

Congratulations to our Urban-Suburban Science Team FIRST LEGO League students!

Our Urban-Suburban Science Team students have been hard at work—and it paid off! In January, they competed in their very first STEM competition as a team and did an incredible job. This talented group is made up of Urban-Suburban students plus two new faces from Spencerport. Welcome, Matthew and Andrew Woodbine!

Led by U-S alum Kelvin Knight, the Science Team trains at Coach Knight’s alma mater, the University of Rochester. Starting in September 2024, the team dove into a semester of FIRST LEGO League (FLL) training. They explored science history and facts through campus tours, STEM field trips, and hands-on activities like programming robots and building FLL challenge sets.

This year’s FIRST LEGO League theme was Oceanography. The students learned to build and program a LEGO SPIKE Prime robot, then took on the challenge of researching microplastics in the ocean. They even wrote and delivered a full presentation on the topic!

On January 19, 2025, the team competed in the FIRST LEGO League Regional competition, holding their own against tough competition. The students will continue their STEM journey through June 2025, bringing this year’s experiences to next year’s Urban-Suburban Science Team.

Special thanks to this year’s sponsors, the Penfield FIRST Robotics Team #1511 and the local chapter of the American Society of Quality, for supporting our students’ STEM dreams!



Pictured: Members of the Urban-Suburban Science Team FIRST LEGO League, including Janiyla Carey (Spencerport), Landon Comstock (Pittsford), Jayden Garcia (Penfield), Arry Lewis (East Rochester), Daniel Michael (Pittsford), Devin Phelps (East Irondequoit), AJ Alan Prescod Jr. (Penfield), Alliana Rice (Fairport), Di’Ana Townsend (Fairport), Carason Ware (Spencerport), Andrew Woodbine (Spencerport), and Matthew Woodbine (Spencerport).

Arry Lewis

East Rochester Union Free School District's Middle Level Academy is proud to announce that 8th grader Arry Lewis was the December 2024 Student of the Month. Each month, the MLA staff chooses two students from each grade level who consistently demonstrate the Five P's of Success: Prepared, Punctual, Productive, Polite and Positive. Winners of the Student of the Month Award are honored during a breakfast with their families and ER staff where they are presented with a certificate and receive a drawstring bag and water bottle.

"Arry consistently demonstrates a positive attitude and makes the most of his time in class. He is a kind and thoughtful individual, always thorough in his work," said teachers on the 8th grade team. "His dedication is evident as he takes his time and gives his best effort on every assignment. Furthermore, Arry is patient and collaborates well with his classmates contributing to a positive classroom environment. He arrives on time and is always prepared, eager to learn and engage with the day's lessons. Arry's infectious smile brightens our classroom each day, and we are proud to have him as part of our team."

Congratulations, Arry!



Maison Wagstaff

Maison Wagstaff is a star both on and off the field. Named MVP and Offensive Player of the Year for the Brighton Junior Bruins A team, this 7th grader is not only an athletic standout but also a high-achieving student.

He joined the Urban-Suburban program in 3rd grade and now goes to Twelve Corners Middle School in Brighton. Maison's love for football started back in 1st grade when he gave flag football a try. By the summer after 3rd grade, he was suiting up for the Brighton Junior Bruins.

Maison's talents extend beyond the field. He plays modified basketball, plays the clarinet in the school band, and is always putting in the work in the classroom. In 2024, he earned the Urban-Suburban Academic Achievement Award for maintaining a 90 or above in all his core classes. He's also a proud member of the Black Student Union and stays active with the Rochester Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Maison's favorite part of football? Challenging himself, growing with his team, and being coached by his dad, who's been by his side as a coach throughout all four years with the Junior Bruins.

Looking ahead, Maison plans to play lacrosse in the spring and modified football this fall.

60 Years of Shine: Student Stories

Thank you to the Urban-Suburban students and families who shared their story with us! Earlier this school year, we reached out to some of our families to hear about their Urban-Suburban journey and where their path is going.

We recorded eight incredible stories that will be a vital part of our 60th Anniversary celebration at the gala on March 20, 2025. Visit monroe.edu/us to learn more about the event and purchase your tickets.





Zoe Avery

Zoe Avery, an 8th grader at Cosgrove Middle School in Spencerport, was officially inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on January 23, 2025. This prestigious honor recognizes Zoe's dedication to scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Congratulations, Zoe, on this incredible achievement!

Kneeko Hernandez-Davis

Kneeko Hernandez-Davis is a natural on the football field. He was the Defensive Player of the Year for the Brighton Junior Bruins A team after just two years on the team. Next season, he'll be moving up to another team, taking the skills and confidence he's gained with him to tackle new challenges.

This school year marks Kneeko's first in the Urban-Suburban Program, and he's already making a great impression. While he attends Bay Trail Middle School in Penfield, Kneeko joined the Junior Bruins after his father spotted the team sign-ups. From the very beginning, Kneeko impressed his coaches with his talent and hard work. They were amazed that his first year on the field looked like he had been playing for a lot longer.

Kneeko and his family are incredibly grateful for the supportive coaches and the Brighton Varsity players who helped mentor the Junior Bruins team. Their guidance played a big role in Kneeko's journey, and it's clear this young athlete has a bright future ahead!



Spotlight Your Student's Achievements!

Our students are doing amazing things every day—in the classroom, on the field, on stage, and beyond! We want to celebrate their hard work and accomplishments.

Send us an email at Urban_Suburban@boces.monroe.edu with your student's name, school, and a photo, and we'll feature them on social media and in our newsletter.

Be sure to follow along on Facebook: [Facebook.com/UrbanSuburbanProgram](https://www.facebook.com/UrbanSuburbanProgram) and help us cheer on their success!

District News

East Irondequoit

Bills cornerback shares his new children's book with Ivan Green Primary School students

Buffalo Bills cornerback Ja'Marcus Ingram took a break before the playoffs to visit Ivan Green Primary School. He read his new children's book, *The Lil' Player That Could*, answered questions, and signed autographs for the excited students.

The kids were thrilled to meet Ingram and hear his story about perseverance, hard work, and believing in yourself. After the reading, Ingram had a fun Q&A session, sharing his journey to the NFL and answering all sorts of questions from the 4–8-year-olds. The visit ended with Ingram signing autographs and taking photos, leaving everyone with unforgettable memories.

Ingram came to Ivan Green after being invited by first grade teacher Kelsey Flanagan who met Ingram during his rookie season a few years ago while she was teaching a kid's summer camp near the Bills' practice facility at St. John Fisher University. Flanagan reached out to Ingram and his teammates to see if anyone would be interested in reading to her summer camp students. Ingram accepted the invitation, and the two have stayed in touch ever since.

Kelsey Flanagan shared her appreciation, saying, "Ja'Marcus is such a good role model for children, especially when it comes to chasing your dreams and working hard. I love how dedicated he is that even on his off day, he is willing to come out here and read his book to our students. I am so excited to know someone like him and work together to inspire children to never give up on their dreams. I am thankful to Ja'Marcus for giving us this opportunity!"

Ingram's visit to Ivan Green Primary School not only brought joy and inspiration to the young students but also highlighted the positive impact athletes can have in their communities. His willingness to take time out of his busy schedule to connect with the children and share his story of perseverance and hard work undoubtedly will be remembered as a special day filled with motivation, encouragement, and unforgettable memories.



Honeoye Falls-Lima

Honeoye Falls-Lima BOE Appoints New High School Principal

On Tuesday, December 10th, the Honeoye Falls-Lima Board of Education appointed **Ms. Sarah Jacob** as the new Principal of Honeoye Falls-Lima High School.

Jacob was most recently the principal of Barker Road Middle School in the Pittsford Central School District, where she had been serving since July 2021. Prior to her role at Barker Road, she was an assistant principal at both Brighton High School and Twelve Corners Middle School. She also has extensive experience teaching social studies and has served as the secondary standards leader for social studies in the Pittsford Central School District.

Jacob holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Nazareth College, a Master of Science Degree in Education from St. John Fisher College, and a certificate in Educational Leadership from the University of Rochester. She joined HF-L in January.

"We are thrilled to be able to fill this important role with such an experienced leader, someone who is an alumna of the high school, and who chose to raise her own children within the school district," stated Superintendent Gene Mancuso.

Jacob's extensive experience and leadership have been valuable assets as she begins her work with the district.

Pittsford

Coach Keating Recognized for 52 Years of Outstanding Leadership

Varsity Swim and Dive Coach Marty Keating was honored on October 8, 2024, for his 52 years of coaching at Pittsford Schools. Under his tutelage, Pittsford's Girls Swimming and Diving teams have won 22 consecutive Section V titles and numerous state championships. At 81 years old, Coach Keating has won 34 Section V titles, multiple national coaching awards and has led Pittsford's "S'women" program to over 500 straight dual meet victories. As head coach of the girls' swimming and diving program and assistant coach of the boys' program, Keating retires in March.

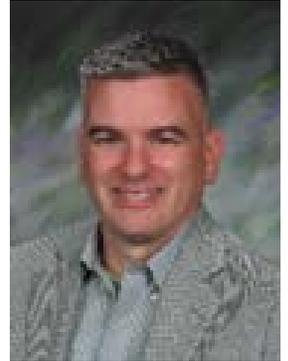
"Coach Keating is an inspiration and a legend who has demonstrated time and time again that hard work, commitment and humility leads to success," said Superintendent Pero. "He is the picture of what successful leadership looks like. During his 52 years with Pittsford Schools, Coach Keating has not only broken numerous records, he has also been a beloved coach to students and a friend and role model to all who have been fortunate enough to know him," said Superintendent Pero.



Coach Marty Keating (center) with current director of athletics Patrick Irving (left) and former director Scott Barker

Pittsford Administrative Appointments

Terrence Hasseler joined Pittsford Schools as Budget Director on August 12, 2024. Hasseler was most recently serving as Executive Director of Budget, Efficiencies, and Compliance at the Rochester City School District. Previously he served as the Business Administrator for the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District and worked as an audit manager at Raymond F. Wager, CPA.



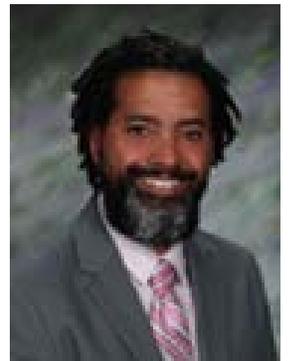
He has Bachelor of Science Degrees in both Accounting and Finance from the University of Buffalo, a Master of Science in Education and a Certificate of Advanced Study in School Business Administration from State University of New York at Brockport.

Jessica LeVan was appointed Assistant Principal of Mendon Center Elementary School, beginning July 29, 2024. She has worked at Pittsford Schools in several roles including student services teacher, school psychologist, standards leader and as a member of the Committee on Special Education. Additionally, she was an adjunct professor at Rochester Institute of Technology.



LeVan has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the State University of New York at Geneseo, a Master of Science degree in School Psychology and a Certificate of Advanced Study from Rochester Institute of Technology. She holds a second Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership from St. John Fisher University.

Orlando Benzan has been promoted to serve as the Director of Equity, Inclusion and Personnel for the Pittsford Central School District. His position was elevated to the director level to include oversight and expanded responsibilities in Human Resources.



His previous position of Coordinator of Equity & Inclusivity was funded through a federal grant that expired in October 2024. This new position was combined with a vacant position in Human Resources to create the new directorship.

Rachel Smith has been promoted to District Treasurer. She previously served as Assistant Director of Finance. Prior to her work with Pittsford Schools, Smith was Fiscal Manager for Wayne-Finger Lakes CBO supporting Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District and Romulus Central School District, as well as other districts as Deputy Treasurer. She also worked as a senior auditor at Raymond F. Wager, CPA.



Smith has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from St. John Fisher College, a Master of Science in Educational Administration, and a Certificate of Advanced Study in School Business Administration from State University of New York at Brockport.

Penfield

Penfield CSD Appoints New Directors

The Penfield Central School District is pleased to announce the appointment of **Jamie Naple** as the new Director for Specialized Programming and Supports. In this role, she will oversee Special Education and Section 504 plans. As previously announced, Mr. Scott Drechsler will transition to the role of Director of Student Supports.

Ms. Naple comes to Penfield from the Rush-Henrietta School District, where she served as the Coordinator of Special Education. She previously served as a Principal in the Fairport School District, as well as an Assistant Principal and Early Childhood Coordinator in the Greece Central School District. Ms. Naple also taught in both the Rochester City and Victor school districts.

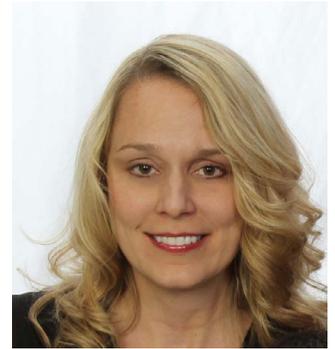
"I am thrilled to join the Penfield Central School District and be part of a community prioritizing equity and inclusion for all students," Ms. Naple said. "I look forward to collaborating with the dedicated educators, community, and families to inspire students to reach their full potential," she added.

Ms. Naple holds her administrative certification and master's degrees in Educational Leadership and Literacy Education from St. John Fisher College, and her bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Elementary Education, also from St. John Fisher College.

The District is also pleased to announce the appointment of **Kumba Sankoh** as the new Director of Culturally Responsive Curriculum and Student Supports. Ms. Sankoh comes to Penfield from the Rush-Henrietta School District where she serves as an English as a Second Language teacher. She also serves as the Black Indigenous People of Color Affinity Group organizer and facilitator for the Children's Institute and as a Restorative Practices trainer and facilitator for Partners in Restorative Initiatives.

"I am genuinely excited to join the Penfield school district. This work is aligned with my passion for fostering inclusive learning environments," Ms. Sankoh said. "I look forward to working with students, families, faculty, and staff to continue the work of co-creating an equitable curriculum for Penfield students," she added.

Ms. Sankoh holds her administrative certification from the University of Rochester, her master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language from SUNY Buffalo, and her bachelor's degree in Foreign Language Spanish from Daemen College.



Jamie Naple



Kumba Sankoh

Applications are Open for Summer Youth Employment Programs

(Monday, Feb. 3, 2025) – The City of Rochester and Monroe County invite area youth, ages 14 through 20, to apply for the City’s Summer of Opportunity Program (SOOP) and the County’s Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).

Administered in partnership with RochesterWorks, these programs offer 6 weeks of paid internships for students who are currently enrolled in middle school, high school, or actively pursuing their high school equivalency diploma. Program participants learn skills that prepare them for the workforce and academic success.

The application period will remain open until all job and internship opportunities are filled. Youth are encouraged to apply early. Applicants must be at least 14 years old by May 31.

Upon completion of the application, participants will have the opportunity to interview for paid summer jobs and/or internships. Past participating employers have included the City of Rochester, community organizations, colleges, and local businesses.

The application process requires students to submit the following documents prior to the deadline: A work permit; social security card; a school report card; and official photo I.D. (such as a school I.D., driver license; non-driver I.D., or a Safe Child I.D.).

The applications process can be started without submitting the documentation.

To facilitate the process, program administrators will hold **four in-person document drop-off events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 18-21 and April 17; and 2 to 6 p.m., March 6 and April 15 at the Loretta C. Scott Center for Human Services, 57 St. Paul St.**

Selection for this program is competitive and jobs are not guaranteed. To apply or learn more, visit ROCSummerYouth.Com or call the Summer Youth Hotline at (585) 428-6366.

Earn & Learn this summer

Discover Fun and Rewarding Paid Jobs and Internships This Summer!

The Summer of Opportunity and Summer Youth Employment Programs give youth **ages 14-20** the chance to gain **6-8 weeks of paid work experience** with leading employers in the area.

APPLY STARTING Feb. 1, 2025

TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST HAVE A:

- Photo ID • Current work permit • Social Security card • Recent official report card
- Be enrolled in middle school, high school or TASC program
- Available to participate for your full assignment between July 7 - August 15

For more information call **(585) 428-6366**
Visit **rocsummeryouth.com** to apply
The online application is available in different languages.

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Meet the Parent Advisory Council

Urban-Suburban Parent Advisory Council (PAC) 2024-2025



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Parent Representatives Needed!

The Urban-Suburban Parent Advisor Council (PAC) is seeking dedicated parent representatives to join from the following Urban-Suburban school districts:

- Honeoye Falls-Lima
- Fairport
- West Irondequoit

The Council is made up of parent volunteers with at least one from each district. The Council's role is to support the program by advocating for students and other parents. Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month, 6:00–7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise indicated).

Interested? Email USPACteam@gmail.com and Felicia_Smith@boces.monroe.edu



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