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spirit of the program. One finalist will be chosen as the recipient of the Pat Parsons Spirit Award. This award was created by and funded by OYW committee members in memory and celebration of Pat Parsons' commitment to the Outstanding Young Woman organization. The recipient will be selected by current committee members.

The Sue Stanton Community Service award is a testament to Sue Stanton's avid support of the Junior Miss and OYW scholarship programs. The award recipient is selected by Sue's family and is the finalist who has dedicated exceptional time and effort to a variety of community service activities, above and beyond expectation, and has made an impact on the lives of others.

The Scott Wilcox Memorial Award, sponsored by The EDGE and Average Tim's Gym, will be given to the finalist who best exemplifies the qualities that he recognized and respected in fellow athletes, such as hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Chosen by Scott's family, the recipient demonstrates the value of strength and conditioning, and strives to maintain a competitive edge by staying physically healthy and active.

This year's co-host, Corrin Binford Jones, was the 2012 Outstanding Young Woman and represented Troy Area High School. She also received the Keystone Award, Pat Parsons Spirit Award, Fitness Award, Interview Award and the Presence and Presentation Award.

Corrin attended The Pennsylvania State University where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Communications with a minor in Communication Arts and Sciences. At Penn State she was involved in Student Government, The Centre County Report and Enactus, which shares a mission of creating a better, more sustainable



**CORRIN BINFORD JONES**

world through the positive power of business.

Upon graduation, Corrin moved to the Washington D.C. area to work for the Bozzuto Group as a Sales and Marketing Associate for their luxury high rise communities. She currently works for Red River Technology Inc. as their Digital Media Manager and is responsible for running end to end digital marketing strategy that is cohesive and consistent across all their digital channels (Website/SEO/PPC/Digital Marketing/ Blog/Social/YouTube). In 2019, she started a side business called SWAE Media providing videography services for weddings and events.

Throughout her years, she has been involved in several volunteer opportunities but most recently by raising over \$200,000 in 2021 with 11 of her coworkers for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and home renovation projects.

Ending her reign, 2021 Outstanding Young Woman Catherine Brown has made several appearances on behalf of the OYW program. She presented her "On Your Way - To A Better You" program to a group of Wyalusing Girl Scouts. The purpose of her presentation was to discuss how goal setting, a positive attitude, physical fitness, good morals and learning can help create a better version of oneself.



**CATHERINE BROWN**

Catherine also volunteered at the Relay for Life of Bradford County, was a guest speaker at the Towanda Lions Club meeting and participated in the Wyalusing Fireman's parade. She also spent time reciting Christmas poems with Mrs. Claus for the Chamber during their virtual holiday event.

Prior to and during her year as the Outstanding Young Woman, Catherine represented Wyalusing Valley Jr./Sr. High School. While in high school, Catherine participated in Leo Club, Student Council, Scholarship Challenge, and Track and Field, and was a member of the National Honor Society. She was also a three-time qualifier for state FBLA, salutatorian of her class, and was consistently on the high honor roll. Catherine served as Senior Class President, and was active in Senior Chorus and the School Safety Team. Captain of the basketball and cross country teams, she was a four-time state qualifier and two-time district champion in cross country. Rounding out her activities, Catherine was an altar server at St. Mary's of the Assumption Church, and a school board representative for Wyalusing High School.

Catherine was the recipient of several senior year awards, including Female Athlete of the Year, NTL Female Student-Athlete of the Year,

the Joseph Every Scholarship, Kenneth and Caroline Taylor Scholarship, Lions Club Scholarship, Max P. Gannon Scholarship, Wyalusing Area Education Foundation Scholarship, Guthrie Healthcare Scholarship, Guthrie Federal Credit Union Scholarship, the Alice Miller Scholarship, Learning Forward Scholarship, Chris and Tracy Keeney Scholarship, and the Endless Mountains Primitive Outdoorsman Scholarship.

Catherine is currently attending the University of Pittsburgh, with a major in Nursing.

The theme of this year's accent on achievement program is "Celebrating Our Gratitude." This theme was chosen as a tribute to the local businesses and community members who have maintained their support and commitment to the Outstanding Young Woman program during the challenging events of the past year and a half.

Tickets are currently on sale for \$8 each on a pre-pay, pre-pickup basis and may be purchased from any of the finalists, or at the following locations: G & H Floor and Wallcovering (Wysox), Miller's Pharmacy (Wyalusing), Bert's Pharmacy (Sayre), Cooke's Pharmacy (Troy) and White's Refrigeration (Towanda). Tickets at the door on the night of the program will be \$10 each.

### Adelle Confer

Representing Troy Jr./Sr. High School, Adelle Confer is the daughter of George Confer and Christina Kulick. A consecutive honor roll achiever, Adelle is a member of the National Honor Society and has served as her class president, secretary, and treasurer throughout her high school career. She recently had the honor of representing Troy High School at the PA Laurel Festival. A member of Chamber Choir, Adelle also participates in martial arts and dance, and has danced competitive-

ly. In her community, she has served as a counselor at STEM Camp, and packed lunches for elementary school students during the pandemic. She also volunteered to help clean up Sugar Creek and worked with the NHS Adopt-a-Highway program. For the Creative and Performing Arts portion of the program, Adelle will demonstrate martial arts set to "Kung Fu Fighting" by Carlos Jean. At this time, she is undecided on her choice of college and major.

### Paige Coleman

Representing Troy Jr./Sr. High School, Paige Coleman is the daughter of Kelly Coleman. She is Percussion Captain and a first chair flute player in the school band, and a soprano in the Chamber Choir and Chorus. A consistent honor roll achiever, Paige is also the president of the Speech & Debate team. While in the drama club, she won numerous awards as part of a duo. Paige has volunteered at the Troy Heritage Festival and the Maple Festival, and also donated her time to the Allen F. Pierce Free Library. Upon graduation, Paige plans on attending Lycoming College, with the ultimate career goal of joining the FBI. For the Creative and Performing Arts portion of the program, she will perform a motivational monologue titled "Equipment" by Edgar Guest.

### Theresa Beers

Theresa Beers is representing Canton Jr./Sr. High School, and is the daughter of Steve and Trina Beers. She is a competitive dancer, and also is a pole vaulter on the track and field team, for which she has been named an Athletic Letterman. A consecutive honor roll achiever, Theresa is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as the vice president of her class. She is currently president of the Science Club and has been the vice president of the YMCA's Youth and Government

program in previous years. Theresa volunteers in her community with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and the Moose Youth Awareness program, and has helped to organize and wrap Christmas gifts for needy families through the Giving Tree. She will perform a lyrical dance to "All I Know So Far" by P!NK for the Creative and Performing Arts portion of the program. Theresa is interested in becoming a physician, after possibly studying at the University of Pittsburgh.

### People's Choice Award

The 2022 Bradford-Sullivan Counties Outstanding Young Woman Program will be facilitating the "People's Choice Award" activity. This award is primarily a "fun" fundraiser which benefits the Local Scholarship Fund. The winner's picture will be posted on the "People's Choice Award Board" in the auditorium lobby at the conclusion of the program. It will not be announced on stage, as it is not part of the actual program.

Each finalist will have a decorated container with her name and picture on it. Each vote will cost \$1 or 6 votes for \$5. For each vote, a piece of candy will be placed in the container of the finalist they are voting for. Voting will take place in the auditorium lobby and will only be open before the program and during the first intermission.

The finalist with the most candy in their container will be the "People's Choice Award" Winner. The winner will receive a gift card and each finalist will take her container of candy home.

If you attend the program, be sure to bring some extra dollar bills (or fives, tens, twenties) along to vote for the "People's Choice" in support of the scholarship fund.



## Studio...

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school painting class on Mondays. On Friday mornings, she does painting with adults.

Upcoming Saturday Oct. 23, she will host a painting party that is Hocus Pocus themed. For painting parties, you can bring your beverage of choice and just relax and have fun. Michelle supplies everything you'll need to paint, which is included in the cost.

"Some of the designs are mine, some are from the Art Sherpa, someone I partner with," said Michelle.

Michelle says she is also open to do company parties with painting.

Painting isn't the only purpose of the building, Michelle and her family love playing games.

Though not originally from here, Michelle and her husband moved to Troy after falling in love with the area and seeing how artistic the community here is.

She also likes to play games and is planning to

host game nights.

"My sons were into Magic, and my husband plays Chess and Backgammon. When my children lived at home, we always had a game night," she said "We thought that would be a fun thing for the community to have."

Any game is welcome to come play. The cost is \$5 at the door and will run from 6-9 p.m. the last Friday of the month.

The possibilities are endless for Michelle and the studio. She is always welcoming new creative ideas and things to do in her creative space.

"I'm open. We can get creative here. That's what this is all about," said Michelle.

She sells some of her work right in the studio and also does commission work too.

For more information or to scheduled with Michelle at the studio, call 570-529-3544. Open studio times are also available.

## Protest...

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send their child to school, Denlinger says they may feel helpless in the situation and that she wants to be an advocate for the students.

"So we are trying to connect with people and encourage them so that together we have a voice. The more we've learned about these illegal mask mandates, the more certain we are that the school districts really can stand up to these mandates without consequence."

Denlinger spoke of Attorney Eric Winter of Prince Law Firm, who has worked closely with the Bradford County Special Project Group specifically for this topic. She has been following his legal counsel to school boards. She said that Winter has been working on a law suit on behalf of Bradford County to the state of Pennsylvania.

The BCSPG is planning an event on Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 6-8 p.m. at Alparon Park to educate citizens on what they can do to protect their rights. Along with Winter, Dr. Nche Zama, MD and PHD, and Bob Raimo will speak. The event is labeled as "Take Back Our Schools."

More information on the BCSPG can be found at [www.bcspg.com](http://www.bcspg.com).

Denlinger noted that



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**Holly Shultz and her daughter Haleigh stand outside of the school encouraging to 'free the smiles' to the traffic that passes by.**

she has started a home school support group for parents who need advice for those services.

The school district responded to parent concerns with a letter to the public which states:

Canton School District

knows the past couple of weeks have been trying times for many families and students within our district. On August 31, Governor Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Health announced a mask mandate for all K-12 schools in Pennsylvania. The Canton Area School District Board recognizes that this announcement has sparked

a wide range of questions and different viewpoints from across the community. While the Board can appreciate that this mandate has both supporters and opposition, we would like to remind the community that this decision has been made at a state-wide level. Although the decision has been made at the state level, the decision has created division within our community and now more than ever we need to work together to support the students and families of the district.

Moreover, we strongly feel that continued debate on this matter is taking our administrators and teachers away from our mission,

Focus on Learning: Every child, every day, "The Warrior Way!"

As a school board we would like to stress the following points:

- At our August 12, 2021, school board meeting, the Canton Area School District board of directors approved the CASD Health and Safety Plan allowing masks to be optional for our students.

- This plan allowed the parents to choose on whether their child would be wearing a face covering, providing local control to our school boards.

- The Department of Health took that choice away with the issue of the Face Covering Order on August 31, 2021.

- The board is waiting to hear what the judge will rule in the injunction hearing scheduled in September

If you wish to take this matter up further, we recommend that you reach out to your local state representative and share with them your concerns you have around the current face covering mandate.

Canton Area School Board of Directors  
A video concerning this topic can also be found on the school district's website: [www.canton.k12.pa.us/21-22-school-year-planning/](http://www.canton.k12.pa.us/21-22-school-year-planning/)