

Windham Ashland Jewett 2017-2018 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The Windham Ashland Jewett Central School District is proud to announce the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2018. WAJ Valedictorian Abigail Terrill is the daughter of Michael and Carol Terrill, and Salutatorian Dante Savasta is the son of AJ Savasta and Dawn Savasta. Both graduates will address their classmates at the Commencement Ceremony on June 22nd at 6:00 in the WAJ Cafetorium.

For the past four years, Abigail has excelled academically and contributed significantly to the WAJ athletics program. She has also actively participated in extracurricular activities, which include Jazz Band, Drama Club, Science Club, Student Council and National Honor Society. As a student leader, she has served as captain of the soccer team, treasurer for Student Council, president of the National Honor Society, treasurer for her class, and treasurer for the Drama Club. As a scholar athlete, Abigail has represented WAJ in soccer, cross-country, basketball, tennis, and track. She was named third team all-state and first team all Delaware Athletic League in soccer. Abigail also holds school records in track and field for the high jump and the 100 meter high hurdles.



In addition to balancing her academic work and athletic commitments, Abigail has worked for two mountain top restaurants: Brie and Bordeaux and Pancho Villa's. Her dedication to her local community is also shown through her volunteer service for the last three years at the Lutheran Church during Vacation Bible School in Cairo as well as the Chai Life Foundation, sponsored by Windham Mountain and the Adaptive Sports Foundation.

Abigail will attend SUNY Binghamton in the fall where she will major in Health Sciences.



WAJ Salutatorian Dante Savasta has exhibited great leadership qualities. He served as historian for the National Honor Society and librarian for the band. As a member of the WAJ Robotics Team in 2016, he helped his teammates compete in the New York State Vex Robotics Championships. Dante has also proudly represented WAJ in two varsity sports (baseball and soccer) and one junior varsity sport (basketball). He was a three-time New York State Scholar Athlete for soccer and a four-time Scholar Athlete for baseball. In 2016, he helped the WAJ baseball team win the Section IV Class D Championship. He received the Boys' Varsity Soccer Best Defensive Player Award in 2017, and in 2018, he was the recipient of the Joe Beck Scholar Athlete Award. This award recognizes high academic achievement, community service and participation in interscholastic athletics.

In addition to his academic and athletic accomplishments, Dante stepped out of his comfort zone to support his classmates by taking a lead role in the WAJ Drama Production, **Footloose**. He has volunteered many hours at the Hope Restoration Food Pantry, and during summers and school breaks, he has worked at the Children's Learning Center at Windham Mountain, Zoom Flume Water Park, and Minekill Soccer Camp.

As a recipient of their prestigious Full Presidential Scholarship, Dante will attend Alfred State College of Technology in the fall where he will study architecture.