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ONONDAGA

OCC holds drive thru graduation ceremony for class of 2020



Students were driving around the OCC campus before receiving their degrees.



Students park and leave their vehicles. The degrees were awarded in a tent outside the SRC Arena.

Students slated to graduate from Onondaga Community College finally had their commencement ceremony Sunday on the campus in front of the SRC Arena.

The traditional, outdoor commencement ceremony was delayed because of the coronavirus pandemic. Students drove onto campus from state Route 175 and circled the campus loop. While driving around the campus they were cheered on by college faculty and staff who lined the route handing out goodies. Graduate candidates then parked their cars walked to the front of the SRC Arena and into a tent, where they received their degrees from OCC President Dr. Casey Crabill. Students who earned their nursing degrees were honored during a pinning ceremony earlier. "In the nearly 60-year history of this college no graduating class has gone through what these students have to complete work toward their degrees," Crabill said in a statement. "We are so proud of their achievements. They deserve a special celebration and our entire campus community is working hard to make sure they receive one this Sunday," Photos by Dennis Nett



Family members cheer on the graduates.

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SYRACUSE

Backpack giveaway adjusts to the reality of a pandemic



A parade kicked off Mary Nelson's annual Youth Day Barbecue in 2018. Because of the COVID-19 outbreak, backpacks are being distributed to individual school buildings. Scott Schild, sschild@syracuse.com

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Despite having to adjust because of the coronavirus, Mary Nelson found a way to host her backpack giveaway Saturday for the 19th straight year.

Volunteers put school supplies in around 8,000 to 9,000 backpacks that will go to students who need them.

"I'm feeling so good," Nelson said, "everything went so smoothly."

Normally, the event would be held with various areas designated for various agencies, sponsors and volunteers and an area would be set aside for distribution for kids coming to get the backpacks.

But because of the coronavirus, the 50 or so volunteers had to wear masks and work in shifts, the event had to be as socially distanced as possible and children could not directly grab their backpacks.

Instead, the Syracuse City School District designated a point person who knows the number of kids who need backpacks at each school and the district will distribute the backpacks.

On Saturday, some kids walked by the

event, which was held at Nelson's house on the South Side. She had to tell them they could not grab their backpacks quite yet.

Typically, Nelson said, the event is like her own personal state fair.

But on Saturday, the coronavirus reduced the typical size of the event, giving Nelson time to cook for the volunteers. Nelson said rather than being tired as she has after past backpack giveaways, she was energized after this one.

Working with the district has taken some of the worry away that kids who need backpacks won't get them. Sometimes, she said, kids who need them can't attend the giveaway.

She still hopes to still give out another 1,000 or 2,000 backpacks to reach her goal of 10,000 this year, she said.

In addition to school supplies, she said a shipment of cleaning supplies, like sanitizer and soap will be arriving in a shipment from Jacksonville, Florida to give to schools.

THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

County gears up to inspect gyms so they can reopen

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Employees of the Onondaga County health, probation and law departments will inspect gyms throughout the county to make sure they meet state reopening requirements announced Monday.

Onondaga County Ryan McMahon said Monday gym operators must fill out an online business affirmation form on the state's New York Forward web page before an inspection can be scheduled. After a gym submits a form, the state will send the information to the county, which will then contact the gym to set up an inspection.

McMahon said he's happy gyms can reopen. People have told him they go the gym to manage health issues.

"We believe gyms are critical," he said.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said gyms can open as soon as Aug. 24. Gym capacity must be limited to 35% and customers must wear masks at all times under the state's rules. Local governments must inspect the gyms before they open

or within the first two weeks after they reopen.

McMahon advised people to get a coronavirus test before returning to a gym to exercise.

The county has not yet decided if gyms can hold indoor fitness classes.

McMahon said he and Dr. Indu Gupta, the county's health commissioner, will make a decision on indoor classes after they review the state's guidance.

The county reported nine new positive coronavirus cases today out of 1,961 test results received Sunday. That's a positive test rate of 0.45%.

No additional deaths were reported.

Of the nine new cases, four were community spread, two were infected by a household member, one was travel-related and two involved people living in senior facilities.

The county also reported 20 people are hospitalized for coronavirus, four of them in critical condition.

SYRACUSE

Teen wounded, 2 hurt in large fight on South Side

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A teenager was shot in the leg and two other people were injured as the result of a fight Sunday night on the city's South Side. Police were sent to the 200 block of Warner Avenue around 10:08 p.m. after a 911 caller reported a shooting.

When officers arrived, they found a 16-year-old boy who had been shot in the leg, a 17-year-old boy with several cuts to his back and a 36-year-old woman with facial injuries and lacerations to her back, said Sgt. Matt Malinowski, a city police spokesman. The latter two were injured with an "edged" weapon, Malinowski said.

All three were taken to Upstate University Hospital for treatment and are

expected to survive, police said.

Takisha Hordge, 22, was arrested in connection to the fight. She was charged with second-degree assault and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon. She is currently being held in the Onondaga County Justice Center in lieu of \$10,000 cash bail or \$20,000 bond.

Police also said Medeeana Coley, 21, struck a police officer on the scene. She was charged with second-degree harassment, a violation, and released on an appearance ticket.

The incident remains under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Syracuse Police Department at 315 442-5222.

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