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Entrepreneur class shows what VikingStrong is all about



Above, Fahim Mojawalla of the Island Ship Center, left, and Cheryl Chamberlain, right, of Grand Island High School were among the donors of a care package to the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt recently.

When Grand Island High School business teacher Cheryl Chamberlain asked her entrepreneur class what to do with the snack inventory at their high school store, Casey's Corner, students replied, "Donate it!"

With that in mind, Chamberlain saw a need on social media with former GI student and Navy sailor

James Weatherston, who serves on the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt and recently has been in the news as the aircraft carrier has been affected by the coronavirus. He and his shipmates are in need of books, toiletries and snacks and Chamberlain with the help of her husband, Greg, got together and on the phone.

"The donations just started coming," Chamberlain remarked. "All in all, Island Ship Center, Cappellino Cadillac, the Casey family and numerous others donated toward a nice-sized shipment for the crew. What started as a distance learning project turned into a grand idea. It is what 'Viking-Strong' is all about."



Accolades

Four Grand Island residents made the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2019 fall semester: **Ryan Wellence**, who is in the film and animation program; **Kristen Atkinson**, who is in the chemistry program; **Bryce Jellinick**, who is in the supply chain management program; **Ryan Jellinick**, who is in the engineering technology exploration program; **Shannon Driess**, who is in the chemical engineering program.

Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for dean's list if their term grade-point average is greater than or equal to 3.4; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete," "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Natalie F. O'Brien, a biochemistry major at Binghamton University, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester.

Students eligible for the dean's list at Binghamton University must achieve a minimum grade-point average of 3.5.

Austin Fisher of Grand Island is currently enrolled at SUNY Oneonta, one of the 28 colleges and universities featured in Billboard magazine's 2020 list of "Top Music Business Schools."

Fisher is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in music industry audio arts production.

Two students from Grand Island have been honored at Clarkson University.

Tyler Bernatovicz, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, and **Jenette DiLaura**, a junior majoring in chemical engineering, were named Presidential Scholars for the spring 2020 semester.

Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.8 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

We welcome your submissions. If you would like the Dispatch to publish a report of an academic achievement, send it to our email address, dispatch@wnypapers.com, attn: Accolades in the subject line, or mail it to Island Dispatch, 1859 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island 14072.



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