



Utica Rotary Hub



Utica, NY, USA

May 18, 2026

Outstanding Educators Program Returns



Last week, Utica Rotarians gathered at the Mid-York Library for a special meeting as part of the club's longstanding "Outstanding Educators" tradition.

The Outstanding Educators Committee works with future leaders in our community while honoring the educators who help shape them. As part of the program, two students from each of six area high schools are invited to introduce themselves to Rotary members and learn more about Rotary's community, regional, and international service efforts — a reflection of Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self."

Before these outstanding local high school students honor educators who have made a major impact on their lives at our Outstanding Educators Award Luncheon on June 4 at Five

Points (Irish Cultural Center) in Utica, our club had the opportunity to learn a little more about these exceptional young people. Guests at last Thursday's meeting included students from Proctor, New York Mills, and Notre Dame.

The committee organizes the end-of-the-school-year luncheon recognizing outstanding educators. Students are asked to select teachers who exemplify Rotary's values through service, leadership, goodwill, and integrity, as reflected in Rotary's Four-Way Test.

The Outstanding Educators program and awards luncheon are a joint effort of the Rotary Clubs of Utica, New Hartford, North Utica-Whitestown, and Sauquoit.

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Outstanding Educators Program

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Get your tickets for the Outstanding Educators Awards Luncheon on Thursday, June 4, starting at noon at the Irish Cultural Center in Utica.

Go to this link: [Educators Awards Luncheon Registration](#)



Outstanding Educators Committee Chair Joe Caruso (center) poses with students and advisors from Proctor, New York Mills and Notre Dame High Schools.

Calendar of Events

5/5/20	Board Meeting Board of Directors noon Greater Utica Chamber	6/5	Gala 'Service Above Self' Dinner Dance 6 pm Stanley Theatre
6/4	Luncheon Outstanding Educators noon Irish Cultural Center	8/23	Service Annual Charity Golf Outing noon Hidden Valley in Whitesboro

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Utica Rotarians volunteer at Autism Walk

A handful of Utica Rotarians volunteered at this past Saturday's Kelberman Walk for Autism at

SUNY Poly. The group included Travis Rabbers and Zemira Sakanovic (pictured) and Terry Delude.



Tickets to the Gala are \$150 and include a delicious dinner from Portofino, one-hour open bar, live music by the band, *Last Left*, and a live auction. For more info, visit <https://uticarotary.org/page/service-above-self-gala-1>



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Club of Utica

FIFTH ANNUAL SERVICE ABOVE SELF GALA

Friday, June 5 • 6 to 10 p.m.
The Stanley Theatre

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Stanley Theatre
6:00-10:00PM

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