

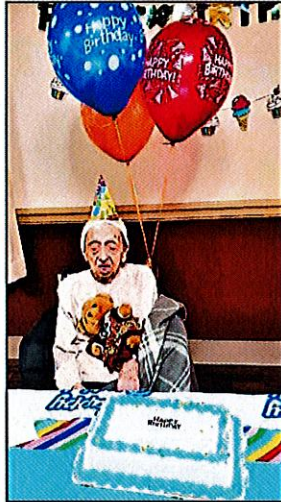
Slate Valley Center resident Helen Jones celebrated on 100th birthday

On Friday, July 21, Slate Valley Center in Granville, New York, celebrated in a big way the 100th birthday of resident Helen Jones.

Helen, whose actual birthday was on Sunday, July 23, was born in 1923 and is from Poultney, Vermont. She was part of the St. David's Society (Welsh Community Church) and had many good friends there. With her late husband Lloyd, a World War II U.S. Air Corps Veteran, Helen often traveled to Wales and the United Kingdom. Helen has a wide range of what she loves in life including many kinds of music and religious programs, and she always reminisces about the past with a smile.

"She's so wonderful," said recreation director Andrea Kelley. "Helen can be so spunky at times and you can see the love of life in her eyes when she gives a smile. I think we all want to be that way at 100."

In addition to a delicious birthday cake, residents had punch and other dessert pastries. Happy 100th birthday, Helen!



Helen Jones



Slate Valley Center residents and staff celebrate Helen Jones' 100th birthday.

Local schools receive School of Excellence Award from NYSPHSAA

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. (NYSPHSAA) recently announced its 2022-23 Schools of Distinction and Excellence.

Schools can apply for School of Distinction status by having 100% of their varsity teams qualify for and receive the Scholar-Athlete team award during their respective sports seasons. To earn the School of Excellence Award, 75% of a school's varsity teams must qualify and receive

the Scholar-Athlete team award.

"The School of Excellence and School of Distinction Awards exemplify the mission of NYSPHSAA, education through interscholastic athletics," said Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA executive director. "It is amazing to see the commitment to academic excellence from the schools, administrators, coaches, and student-athletes."

The purpose of the School of Distinction and School of Excellence Awards is to unite athletic depart-

ments in challenging their teams to achieve a statewide academic honor. This year, 84 schools earned the School of Distinction Award and 219 schools earned the School of Excellence Award.

Winning schools will receive their commemorative awards at their local athletic director workshop this fall.

To be eligible to receive these prestigious awards, schools must submit an application following the Spring Scholar-Athlete submission each

school year.

Congratulations to Granville Junior/Senior High School, Greenwich Junior/Senior High School and Schuylerville High School for their School of Excellence Awards.

NYSPHSAA's Scholar-Athlete team award was initiated during the 1991-92 school year. The School of Distinction Award was established in 2002-03 while the School of Excellence Award began in 2016-17. All awards are sponsored by Pupil Benefits Plan.

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