



March 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations on the nomination of your child to attend the SUNY Oneonta Migrant Leadership Academy (SOMLA). This program will provide your child with leadership, guidance and support while completing one college credit by the end of their experience.

Your child will have the unique opportunity to participate in a program that consists of academic and leadership workshops along with the experience of living on a college campus. Please ensure that your child comes ready to engage in many learning experiences. Since cell phones are a distraction to student focus, use will be restricted throughout the day.

The program will begin **Sunday, July 13th** and it will end on **Friday, July 18th**. We will cover your child's room, board, and any materials they may need during their stay at SUNY Oneonta. Transportation will also be provided for students attending SOMLA. Students do not need to bring any money since SOMLA will provide "dragon dollars" for students to spend on campus.

Enclosed is a Medical Consent form and the Permission and Release form. These forms must be completed and returned by **June 10th**. It is necessary for these to be on file for your child to participate in the program.

The following is an abbreviated list of the rules and regulations. If any rules are violated, parents will be contacted immediately, and the student will be required to leave.

- We will adhere to all SUNY Oneonta policies
- Limited cell phone use will be strictly enforced
- Students are not permitted to visit the lodging rooms of students of the opposite sex
- Possession, or being in the presence, of alcoholic beverages is prohibited
- Illegal drugs, electronic cigarettes, and drug paraphernalia is prohibited
- Illegal, disruptive, disorderly behavior or excessive noise is prohibited
- Weapons: possession or keeping of a deadly instrument on campus or use of any object with intent to harm another is prohibited
- Candles, any open flame devices, or fuel of any type is prohibited
- If your child is sick, he/she might need to be send back home. We will communicate with you if that is the case prior of dropping the student at your home

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (585) 208-8555.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Odilia Coffta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Odilia Coffta, Principal

Enclosures