



TROY School District

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NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Class of 2018, you have made us proud!

Now that graduation ceremonies are over and summer has begun, we take time to reflect on this extraordinary class and all they have accomplished over the last four years. From record-breaking charity outreach to amazing achievements in the classroom and beyond, our

Dr. Richard Machesky

recent graduates are more than ready to take on what life brings. Whether it's college or the military or a career ahead, they are well prepared for the journey ahead.

As you read this issue, I hope you enjoy seeing many of the milestones that marked the culmination of their time in the Troy School District—prom, last day of school, commencement and all the fanfare. You'll see the fruits of their hard work and the impact they had on the schools they leave behind.

But before we say goodbye to the class of 2018, I want to take a moment to thank a special group of graduates who have served on our Superintendent Student Advisory Board. These students worked tirelessly each year to plan and execute our citywide MLK Day of Service, an event that draws a thousand participants. They volunteered in their schools and lent their voices to district issues. And busy as they were, many of them spent a recent Saturday at Stage Nature Center in Troy, clearing invasive species so that others could enjoy the trails.

SSAB grads, you made it your mission to leave the Troy School District a better place than you found it, and I can safely say you did all that and more.

Ashlee Badia (AHS), Tuhin Chakraborty (THS),

Caroleen Chang (THS), Afriti Chinoy (THS),

Quinn Favret (THS), Esha Ghosalkar (THS),

Tre' Harewood (THS), Clark Joslin (AHS),

Michael Lin (THS), John Romig (THS),

Maheem Syed (IAE), Richard Yang (THS),

Tori Zarbaugh (AHS)

Congratulations to all our Graduates—The Best is Yet to Come!

Dr. Richard Machesky
Superintendent
Troy School District



Congratulations 2018 TSD GRADUATES!!



The Troy School District conferred degrees upon 1,044 graduating seniors at ceremonies for our four high schools: Athens High School, International Academy East, Troy College & Career High School, and Troy High School. See inside for stories and more senior photos.

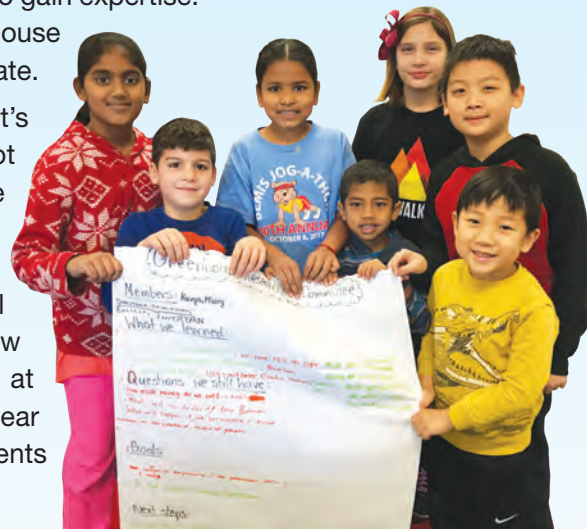
EMPOWER STUDENTS

BEMIS KIDS GROW "GLORIOUS" GARDEN

It started out as a question. First and fifth grade students in two classes at Bemis Elementary wondered, "What can we do about people who don't have access to healthy food?" With guidance from teachers Morgan Fields and Elliott Kern, they decided to grow organic vegetables to share with the community. They researched crops, weather and soil and partnered with Master Gardeners to gain expertise.

In the end, they decided to build a greenhouse to maximize success in our Michigan climate.

Next came fundraising — and that's where the entire Bemis community got involved. Through sales of commemorative bricks and other donations, students raised \$40,000 to make the greenhouse a reality and plan to break ground in time for fall planting. They will give most of what they grow to families here in Troy, but will also sell some at the farmers' market to buy seeds for the next year and donate some proceeds to UNICEF. Students changing the world!



EMPOWER STUDENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE APT TO SUCCEED!

Eighth grade students from across the Troy School District had the opportunity to share what they have accomplished in the classroom and beyond, thanks to dozens of volunteer interviewers who turned out for the annual A.P.T. to Succeed program. Every student assembled a digital portfolio of classwork, awards, extracurriculars and volunteer work,

designed to show the growth they have made in middle school as well as prepare them for "real life" job and scholarship interviews. Members of the business community then interviewed the students,

pouring over their resumes and samples of their work.



The name hints about the program's fundamentals. "A" stands for academic, "P" for personal time management and "T" for teamwork, but over time, the process has evolved to allow students to reflect on all aspects of their successes and challenges. In the end, it's

a chance for students to talk about their future plans, both academic and career, as well as a chance for residents to see the amazing work that goes on in our schools. If you would like to volunteer next year, please email kbirmingham@troy.k12.mi.us.

SPECIAL GUESTS SURPRISE TROY HIGH GRADUATING SENIORS

Troy High seniors had two very special surprises waiting for them at Commencement Ceremonies.

The first surprise was guest speaker, 1993 THS alumna and Tony-award winning actress Sutton Foster. Foster, whose television series “Younger” was just renewed for the 6th season, has also won two Best Actress Tony awards for 2002’s *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and 2011’s revival of *Anything Goes*.

She also released her third solo album “Take Me To The World” earlier this month.

Foster has remained close to her hometown and to her alma mater over the years, returning to visit Troy High School on multiple occasions. She delivered a heartfelt speech to the 2018 Troy graduates, reminding them to seize the



day, work hard, don’t follow other people’s dreams, and most importantly, care for each other: “Check on your strong friends, check on your quiet friends, check on your happy friends, check on your creative friends, CHECK ON EACH OTHER!” This message resonated with the graduates, as they lost two of their own this year.

Speaking of hard work and achieving your dreams, the 2nd surprise happened as the graduates received their diplomas. Senior Leanna Azme Fakhouri has dreamed since middle school of joining her classmates on stage to receive her diploma. From a young age, Fakhouri experienced physical complications that have limited and restricted her ability to walk, leaving her reliant on a wheelchair. While

in 7th grade, Leanna made an important decision. She promised herself that on the day of her high school graduation, she would **walk** across the stage.

With unwavering resilience and determination, Fakhouri worked through countless hours of therapy to keep that promise.



Leanna embodies “Pure Colt Determination,” not just today, but every day, and these two remarkable women with Troy High ties showed that truly anything is possible.

TROYBERY TEACHES KIDS TO ENJOY BOOKS

You’ve heard of the Newbery Reading Award, but have you heard of Troybery? A mock-Newbery medal program, Troybery encourages students to read and select what they thought was the best book of the previous publishing year.

Beginning in Fall, students read, nominated, and voted on books via a “March Madness-style” tournament. The books’ popularity was tracked as students hoped for their favorites to become finalists.

Last month, 120 students converged on the TSD Services building for the big reveal. In attendance was the author of nominee “Ahimsa”, Suriya Kelkar, who shared the inspiration behind her novel and graciously signed students’ copies of her books.

Next was a reading of a poem written by Mlahat Mahmood. Then student emcees called other students to read poems, display artwork, and share songs inspired by the books.

The 3rd runner up was “Forget Me Not” by



Ellie Terry, 2nd runner up was “Restart” by Gordon Korman, 1st runner up was “Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus” by Dusti Bowling and the grand winner was “Refugee” by Alan Gratz. But the surprises were not over--the students were able to talk to two Troybery nominee authors, Lisa Thompson (“The Goldfish Boy”), and Dusti Bowling (“Life of a Cactus”), in real time via Skype.

“Troybery is a great way to encourage recreational reading,” said media specialist Kathy Loch. The students agree. “In school, we’re always reading for class. Troybery makes us want to read other books for fun,” said Boulan eighth grader Sanjana Sharma. “I enjoyed the program so much, I joined the 2018 Troybery Committee and am spending the summer looking for and reading potential Troyberys for next year!”

HIGH SCHOOL BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Meanwhile, over at the Troy Public Library, high schoolers were waging a “battle” of their own, as they selected nominees for their “Battle of the Books.” Students who read at least 3 of the nominated titles were invited to participate, and over 100 students showed up to cheer their favorite books on.

Authors Erica Champman (“Teach Me to Forget”) and Eric Smith (“The Girl in the Grove”) were on hand in person to discuss their novels with students and sign copies of their books.

The power of technology enabled authors Robin Benway (“Far From the Tree”), Cora Carmack (“Roar”) and Emily Suvada (“This Mortal Coil”) to Skype with students and answer questions in real time. Students vied for raffle prizes, giveaways, and a special opportunity for a VIP behind-the-scenes tour of Barnes & Noble, before holding their breath for the big reveal and the announcement of the 2018 winner: “Caraval” by Stephanie Garber.

Student volunteers have already signed up to read and recommend “Battle” worthy books for next year, and will meet once a week over the summer to begin compiling the list of 2018/19 titles.



EMPOWER STUDENTS

BENZENE BOTS MEET THE GOVERNOR

The Benzene Bots robotics team from International Academy East made the most of an opportunity to demonstrate their skills for Governor Rick Snyder and other officials. The students were on hand as the governor helped cut the ribbon for auto supplier Martinrea's new state-of-the-art facility in Auburn Hills, where the company has generously donated a portion of the building for the Benzene Bots robotics lab.

Students showed the dignitaries how the robot could be programmed to pick up a large cube, move it to another location and deposit it on top of a tower assembly. Governor

Snyder took the time to congratulate each student before touring the new facility. During his remarks at the event, the governor praised the students as the "future of innovation and ingenuity here in Michigan."



EMPOWER STUDENTS

TCCHS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MOCK INTERVIEWS

Thinking they were just participating in mock job interviews, several Troy College & Career High School students were surprised when they were presented opportunities for continued interviews with businesses for possible summer or fall employment, and one student even received a job offer.

Professionals from a variety of careers conducted the interviews. Katie Lichtenberg, student, received an employment offer just one business day after her interview.

"I think it's important because kids who aren't confident in interviewing on their own have an opportunity to do so in a more comfortable situation," Lichtenberg said.

The program was the fourth unit of The Advocacy Project, an initiative created by teachers Michelle Leonard and Olivia Svacha. The goal

of the project is to help students improve their communication, advocate for their needs and for others, and build their community.

"Our original goal was educational in nature; we hoped to help students feel more confident in an interview setting. We even accomplished more than we originally planned when guests added the



element of potential job opportunities," Svacha said.

For more information about TCCHS, please call (248) 823-5156 or visit tcchs.troy.k12.mi.us.

EMPOWER STUDENTS

THS STUDENTS GIVE TED-ED TALKS



A group of Troy High School students were recently approved as a TED-Ed organization (the student version of the official Technology Entertainment Design program), and hosted its first "talk." Students gave presentations on topics they were passionate about like "Third Culture Kids," "Artificial Intelligence," and "Generation Gaps" to nearly 300 people in the audience. The group plans to continue their efforts in the fall, aligning with TED's mission of "sharing ideas worth spreading."

ATTEND TO WELL-BEING

Congratulations to TSD's Award Winning Thespians

The Athens Theatre Company and Troy Theatre Ensemble performed brilliantly in their spring musical productions. Both directors and casts received accolades as well.



Cast of ATC's "Once Upon a Mattress," the fractured fairy tale of the Princess and the Pea.



ATC Director Krista Manfredi celebrated 45 years with the District, pictured with alumni through the years at a special reception.



Cast of TTE's "The Addams Family," a musical story of television's favorite creepy and kooky neighbors.



TTE Director Rick Bodick was honored with the 2018 Sutton Foster Ovation award for best high school director. Pictured with Addams Family leads and Sutton Foster nominees Sean Hodges ('20) and Chloe Teodoridis ('20).

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BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS HONOR FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS

Memorial Day took on a whole new meaning to students at Baker Middle School, thanks to an innovative assignment that made lives lost in war very personal. Instead of learning about the overview of war and the numbers of casualties, each eighth-grade student at Baker researched a service member from Michigan who had died in Iraq or Afghanistan.



The students shared what they had researched with their classmates and stored the information on an interactive map. Then, they made dog tags for each of the 270 soldiers killed and attached them to small American flags that they planted outside the school.

TROY CENTER FOR TRANSITION

Helping students G.R.O.W. (Get Ready for the Outside World)

Troy Center for Transition is a program that focuses on the essential skills needed for employment, social inclusion and daily life for students with developmental or cognitive disabilities up to age 26. TCT works to build independence by providing high quality instruction, meaningful community experience, vocational training, leadership and collaboration with their families and community agencies.

The goal of the program is to increase student potential through “Dignity of Risk,” pushing students to the edge of their comfort zone to maximize learning. Take shaving or riding a bike: often students with cognitive disabilities are not offered the opportunity to shave on their own or try

a 2-wheel bike for fear of injuries. But don’t most of us cut ourselves the first time we shave? Haven’t



we all skinned our knee falling off a bike? These experiences teach us all valuable lessons and TCT students are no exception. Here, students are given authentic learning experiences to help explore their strengths, interests and challenges.

A key component of TCT is the community partners. Local businesses provide opportunities for students to intern with a job coach or make shorter visits with their classroom team.



THE TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBERS ON THEIR RETIREMENTS



Anaam Asmar, Martell
Janice Brzezinski, Hill
Karen Chick, Schroeder
Rebecca Hags, Youth Services
Karen Hoffman, Services
Linda Jackson, Baker
Kathy Jagels, Special Ed
Mike Jolly, Athletics
Beth Ann Jorgensen, IA East
Kathleen Knapp, Services
Teresa Kniseley, Elementary Vocal
Cynthia Kolesar, Hamilton
Linda (Jo) Kwasny, Boulan Park
Nancy Lining, Larson

Julie Marjamaa, Costello
Ivonne Mastracci, Troy Union
Teresa McCormick, Smith
Audra Melton, Baker
Trudi Motzenbecker, Wattles
Kathlyn O’Bryan, Troy High
Sue Ohlert, Central Office/AHS
Laurie Pickell, Martell
Betty Prospal, Central Office/THS
Karen Rockwell, Services
Claudia Rzekpa, Wass/Martell
Nancy Schleicher, Hamilton
Lowel (Trevor) Smith, Troy High
Mary Thomas, Wattles

PRIORITIZE LEARNING

ATHENS SHOWCASES DEEP LEARNING

100 AHS teachers took part in an annual information sharing known as the **Athens Learning Showcase**. Led by the School Improvement Team, faculty shared their most effective and innovative work forwarding the ‘6Cs of Deep Learning’ (Creativity, Critical Thinking, Citizenship, Character, Communication and Collaboration).

Presenters from each department highlighted the what and why of their showcased learning, the depth students achieved, and future changes that might deepen learning. Participants attended sessions, noted traits of deep learning, and met in teams to discuss what they noticed and how they could translate that learning to their classrooms.



Mrs. Ronan, a math teacher who has attended Athens’ Showcases since 2012, shared: “What I loved most about the showcase was getting to experience the sights, sounds, and feels of what it is like to learn at Athens. We are dedicated to allowing opportunities for our students to really dig into subject matter and make sense of it in a way that relates to the world that we live in. I left today

feeling inspired, there is truly no better time to be a student!”

“Deep learning occurs when students critically, collaboratively, and innovatively solve real problems and create significant change. It is learning that is impactful and connects outside of our school. It is the right work, and I am proud of Athens’ staff & TSD for prioritizing it,” said Athens Principal Dr. Lara Dixon.



WASS WOLVES RUN FOR FUN

It was a glorious day for a run, as all 400+ students at Wass Elementary School tackled the one-mile course by class and grade, with proud parents and friends looking on. Currently in its 7th year, the Wass Wolves Run ties together physical education (the kids have been training for the event for weeks!), kindness (classes cheer for each other from an area called “the kindness corner”) and perseverance (they try for their personal best, beating their times from the previous year).

Before beginning training for the “Run,” each student met individually with PE teacher Mark Cavataio to set a goal for improvement on last year’s times. PTO Volunteers made sure there were enough snacks and water for the hungry runners, and parents helped their kids with fundraising efforts. Wass Principal Matt Jansen beamed with pride, slapping the hands of the runners as they approached the finish line. “Our annual Run brings cohesion to our community—the kids literally ‘run in a pack,’ and feel that they are doing something important.”

As the day came to a close, race times were calculated and the ribbons were distributed. Everyone was tired, but happy with a job well done. “Perseverance is a Wass character trait,” concluded Jansen: meaning always do your best.



TYA BUILDS STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS

A group of student leaders from Smith Middle School took time after their school day to visit with elementary students at a Troy Youth Assistance Youth Involvement Party. They gathered in the gymnasium at Troy Union and set up board games and activities designed to engage the students. “The older students worked with the



younger ones, developing peer to peer relationships,” said program organizer and Morse teacher Erin Keyser. And it was all in the name of fun: groups of kids played Jenga, Trouble and Connect 4 while sharing snacks and some laughter together, forming friendships.

TSD SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Tina Houser, Health Care Aide at Morse, is the 2018 Troy School District Distinguished Support Staff Member of the Year. “If I had to describe Tina in a few words, it would be ‘a ray of sunshine,’” said 2nd grade teacher Lauren Cooper, in her nomination letter. “She takes the time to get to know her students on a personal basis...and gives them a sense of security.”

As a Health Care Aide, Houser works with special needs students. Fellow teacher and nominator Melissa Batts praised: “Whether she is wrapping herself in garbage bags so she can give an autistic child much-needed outdoor time in the rain, or running a ‘friends’ lunch with a group of shy students, Tina never fails to meet the needs of the students in her care.”

According to Morse Principal Stephanie Zendler, “Tina provides more than health support. Above all, Tina loves her kids, even when things are tough and the work is hard,” concluded Zendler. “Her students know that too—and love and respect her in return.”



SCHOOL BOARD CORNER

In Defense of Criers



**Karl Schmidt, President
Board of Education**

I’m a crier—always have been. I cried when I dropped my kids off for their first day of Kindergarten, and at their graduations. I cried so hard when I dropped my oldest daughter at MSU that my wife had to drive home. My foster son just had his 8th grade completion ceremony

at Larson Middle School—there were tears. My youngest daughter is getting married next spring. I anticipate a 10-Kleenex ceremony. It’s a problem—maybe you share it with me.

May and June are difficult for criers. It’s a time of happy transitions for our children—a time when they accomplish goals we have wished on them for years. Some of these goals we older folks had to urge them to pursue, seeing a long-term picture that wasn’t apparent to someone excited about their immediate world filled with distractions. We watched them grow physically, intellectually, and emotionally. And because we’ve been there ourselves, we know they will face new challenges they can’t anticipate. We parents and educators and community members hope we’ve prepared them to thrive, but worry anyway. We all beam with pride at these events, knowing these kids who are so important to us have reached an important milestone—and some of us shed a few tears, as well.

Over the last four weeks, we Board of Education Trustees have beamed from multiple stages, shaken hundreds of nervous, happy hands, and enjoyed the sight of you joyous supporters who have guided these children to this point. We saw you cheering, laughing, snapping pictures—and the sense of excitement was almost audible. So here’s a tribute to you from all of us on the Board—congratulations on a job well done! And for my fellow criers out there? Hope you sprayed a little—you deserve it.

TROY BOARD HONORS STUDENTS

More than 600 students were recognized at the June TSD Board of Education meeting. Each student was honored for winning First Place in a state level competition or placing in the top tier in a national or international competition. Categories ranged from math and foreign language contests to Future Problem Solvers, DECA and FIRST Robotics.





Students Giving Back



Leonard

students played safari-themed Reading Bingo in March, soliciting sponsors for their Buck\$ for Book\$ fundraiser, which raised \$6,032.50! To celebrate achieving this outstanding goal, Dr. Detmer BECAME an ice cream sundae, complete with the cherries on top.

Hamilton students raised \$2,619.26 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through "Pennies for Patients." The inspiration behind their fundraiser was Hamilton 1st grade teacher Beth Mayne's daughter (and Athens junior) Caroline.



IAE

students collected pillowcases used to sew over 20 dresses for the "Little Dresses for Africa" organization, whose mission is to provide relief for vulnerable children in Africa. The idea behind the dresses is that it gives the girls a boost of confidence. The group also provides education about safe water, sanitation, health and family skills.

Wattles

students collected over 60 pounds of personal items for the Salvation Army, in cooperation with the Troy Kiwanis Club.



Troy High Spanish students visited with residents at Brookdale Senior Living to share linguistic and cultural knowledge by playing games, doing crafts and having enriching conversation. "The students loved every minute. The saddest part



was when we had to leave," said Spanish teacher Dr. Angie Griesmann.

Troy Center for Transition students collected thousands of bags to make sleeping mats for the homeless, packaged hundreds of food bags, and donated & stuffed 1,500 Easter eggs for Troy families.

THS Student Government and **AHS** Student Council hosted the 5th annual "Senior Citizens' Ball." 20 students from both high schools decorated the THS Gym, and taught line dancing to the "Golden Oldies" music from their generation.



Students from **Morse Elementary** "won" the chance to name the Troy Police Department's new police cat, and celebrated with a pizza party to introduce "Pawfficer Donut." Purrfect and serve. Meow.



EMPOWER STUDENTS

ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS 1ST ANNUAL CAREER FAIR

Kids these days have a world of opportunity ahead of them as they plan their future. Athens High School in Troy put on a career fair, so that students could find out about and learn what kinds of experiences may await. “This was our first Career Fair,” said Athens Principal Dr. Lara Dixon. “We were fortunate to have over 70 community professionals and industry experts share their experience, offer advice and answer questions.” The day included a keynote presentation by Amy Kaheri, Executive Director of Detroit Soup, workshops and break-out sessions, as well as an open fair where participants displayed information about their profession, offering everything from tips to swag.

Over 600 students came through the “fair,” and many were surprised by the

number of companies that were there. Sophomore Nolan Schafer spent time visiting with a representative from Chief Financial Credit Union. “I’m interested in finance and accounting, so I thought I’d see what this credit union had to offer.” Other students spent time speaking with members of the IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Engineers) and SS Digital Media, among others. Junior Emi McGonegal was impressed with how many vendors were there. “It was interesting to see what the different kinds of companies were about.”

The vendors had a positive experience as well. “It was a great time engaging all the young inquiring minds. The kids were quite receptive, bright, respectful, and many were already well informed,” said engineering representatives from General Dynamics Adriana Apahidean and Bob Appledorn. Athens even treated all of the vendors to lunch at the Terrace Café, their in-house restaurant run by students interested in culinary arts and the hospitality profession.

“We are so pleased with how the event turned out,” concluded Dixon. “And we’re already talking about next year.”



ATTEND TO WELL-BEING

TROY HIGH SENIORS MATTER!

A surprising and uplifting way to start their day—that’s how Troy High seniors described coming to school last month, when they arrived to find their photos adorning the hallway, with handwritten notes about how great each one is.

“It made me feel so happy!” said senior Mackenzie Bachert.

“It’s not like a text message,” said junior Sarah Awad, who helped write and deliver additional letters to every senior. “It has a different taste to it. I feel like it shows that you care a little more because you took the time to write something.”



“I think we sometimes forget to take a moment to tell people that ‘I love you, I appreciate you’ because we are so busy,” said junior Kailee Corr. “But it’s really important.”

Bachert agrees and says participating in this project—both writing and receiving—is something that she will never forget. “You just really need to tell the people around you that they matter.”

ATTEND TO WELL-BEING

SIGNING DAY BRINGS EXCITEMENT FOR TROY AND ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES

One of the most exciting days for high school senior athletes is Signing Day, when students commit to attend the college that affords them the best sports and academic experience. This spring, athletes at Athens and Troy High completed this process and posed for photos (in alphabetical order by last name, not appearance):

Athens High: Christian Aurand for Football to Adrian College, Brendan Bettelon for Men’s Lacrosse to Michigan State University, Jake Cavasos for Football to Central Michigan University, Madelaine Crum for Women’s Basketball to Alma College, Anabela Dokic for Pom Pom to University of Michigan, Josh Eckerle for Rugby to Davenport University, Lanie Ellinger for Softball to Calvin College, Makenna Gulan for Cheer to Davenport University, Emma Haggarty for Women’s Soccer to Alma College, Hunter Henson for Baseball to Olivet, Lily Jin for Cheer to University of Michigan, Katy McGarry for Softball to Adrian College, Tyler Nelson for Men’s Lacrosse to Grand Valley State



University, Kaylie Peake for Women’s Soccer to Oakland University, Will Ruit for Men’s Lacrosse to Central Michigan University, Brent Stephens for Men’s Basketball to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Austin Sultzbach for Baseball to Morehead State University.

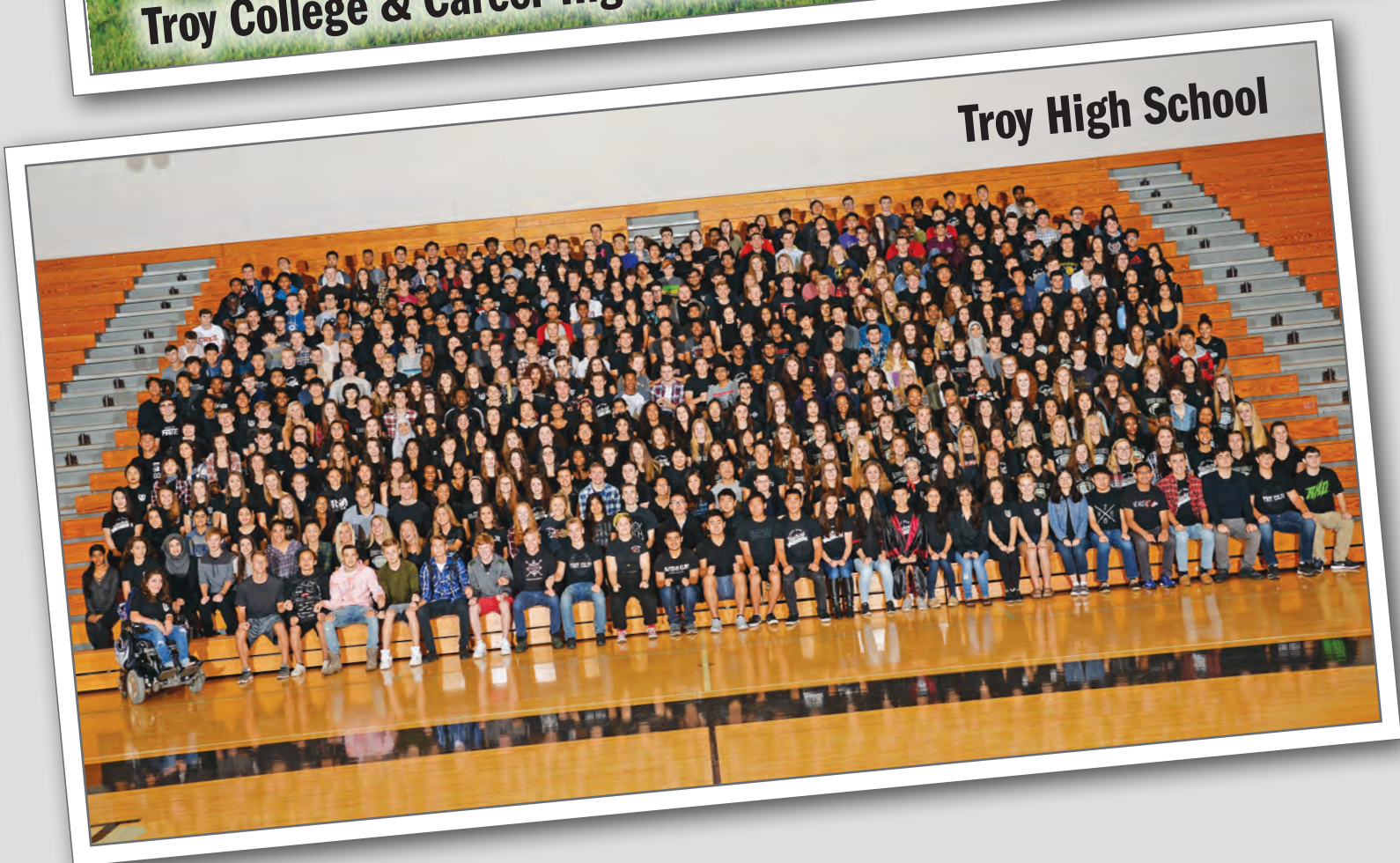
Troy High: Mike Abithera for Football to Albion, Leon Ayers for Basketball to Henry Ford College, Jack Didato for Soccer to Kalamazoo College, Jason Dietz for Basketball to Hope College, Cheikh Diop for Basketball to Lawrence Technological Institute, Megan Monaghan for Track and CC to Michigan, Hannah Palomino for Track and CC to Michigan, Aaron Sexton for Baseball to Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Danny Sully for Basketball to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and Nick Walters for Soccer to Wittenberg University.

CONGRATULATIONS to our OneTROY student athletes.

Congratulations



2018 Graduates!



DISTRICT ROUND UP

Barnard Elementary:

Barnard students traveled to Nashville for the National Federation Chess Championship, with 3 students performing impressively, taking 8th, 13th and 68th place in their respective categories.

Bemis Elementary:

Three teams of Bemis Mathletes out of 80 participating schools in Michigan and Ohio won the 2018 First Place Gold National Math Pentathlon Team Trophy.

Costello Elementary:

The Costello Cardinals have been hard at work this spring planting a sensory garden to support our ASD students. This school-wide effort was launched with the support of the TFEE grants and our wonderful Costello PTO.

Hamilton Elementary:

Hamilton 4th graders visited Mackinac Island as part of their State of Michigan social studies curriculum, and took in all the island had to offer, from boat rides, bikes and history to fun and fudge.

Hill Elementary:

Hill 2nd graders planned and ran their own restaurants! As part of a social studies unit on economics, each classroom opened for 1 ½ hours with a fully student-designed menu. Every student had a job, from greeter to server, cook to cashier.

Leonard Elementary:

Leonard debuted their NEW Leopard logo at our Spirit Assembly on April 30th to much excitement! Look for Leonard Leopards in their new spirit wear.

Martell Elementary:

Martell students met with The Benzene Bots, a group of high school robotics students, every Thursday to learn robotics and coding.

Morse Elementary:

Morse families stay connected all summer with weekly Summer Nights every Wednesday from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Schroeder Elementary:

Schroeder Elementary students are creating an outdoor classroom. Fourth graders used persuasive writing to write letters to businesses to raise funds, and are working with the City of Troy to finalize the plans.

Troy Union Elementary:

Dr. Jay Marks, the Diversity and Equity Consultant and Oakland Schools, began working with the Troy Union staff on topics of race, culture, diversity, equity and social justice, and will continue to support Troy Union staff as they become more well-versed on subjects that affect our students the most.

Wass Elementary:

Wass 3rd graders dressed up, created displays, and researched historical figures for their Museum of Inspiration. 3rd grade teachers guided their students through research skills, deep learning of historical figures, and how they represent the Wass Wolves' Way.

Wattles Elementary:

Wattles Students and parents showed their appreciation for Wattles staff during special appreciation weeks with meals, snacks, gifts, personal notes, and flowers.

Baker Middle:

6th grade Social Studies students volunteered one Saturday in May to clean up parks in Troy as well as around the paths at Baker. 88 students participated in the community service event.

Boulan Park Middle:

BPMS students have been involved in regional and state competitions for many clubs and competitions. Model UN traveled to MSU and brought back several awards including "best delegate."

Larson Middle:

Larson students are using their math and science skills to design and build a walking path from school to the football/track field, using Google Earth!

Smith Middle:

Two Smith 7th grade science teams submitted films that explored the movement of molecules to NASA, and have been chosen for possible publication on the NASA website.

Athens High:

Athens Woods and Engineering & Architectural Drawing Teacher, Mr. Heath, and our Red Hawks received 9 awards (including 5 first place) at the M.I.T.E.S. (Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society) regional competition.

IAEast:

IAEast students participated in the State Science Olympiad tournament, State level Forensics tournament, Robotics World Championships, HOSA State Championships, and Louder than a Bomb Poetry Slam.

Troy College & Career HS:

TCCHS has expanded its Dual Enrollment program to include career study in high-demand areas like skilled trades, health care, and applied technology through partnerships with both Oakland and Macomb Community Colleges.

Troy High:

35 Troy High German Language students who took the National German Exam earlier this year attained Gold, Silver, Bronze and Achievement levels. Danke, Frau Catlin!

Troy Center for Transition:

Students traveled to Lansing on World Down Syndrome day and spoke at the State Capital to raise awareness about Down Syndrome programs.