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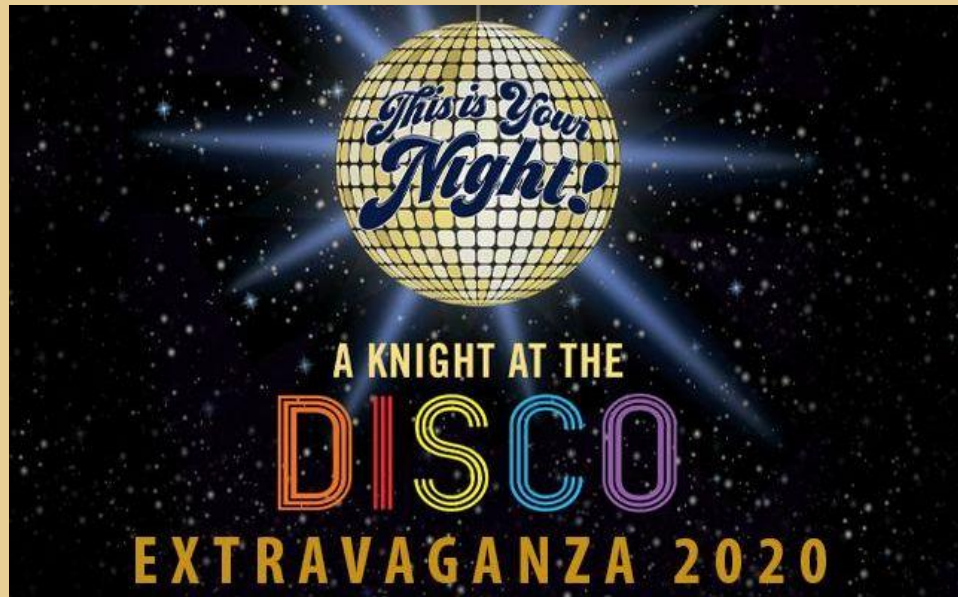
Three seniors named National Merit finalists

Seniors Michael Bowling, Ayaka Coffman and Patrick Sullivan have been named 2020 National Merit finalists. The three students will be considered for National Merit Scholarships. In all, nine Hoban students were recognized this year at the various levels.



Hoban is proud to have a longstanding tradition of naming students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. In the last five years, 53 students have been recognized, more than any other school in Summit County.

About 15,000 of the 16,000 semifinalists advance to finalist status, based on academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership and honors received. Finalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors and are the highest-scoring entrants in each state.



Saturday, March 28, 2020 | 5:30 p.m.
Information and Registration [HERE](#)

Hoban is looking for donations for the silent and live auctions. You can drop off donations at school to the attention of Cathy Reeves, or if you have an item needing to be picked up, you can contact Cathy directly. We are also in need of sponsors, advertisers and volunteers. Click on the links below or visit the [Extravaganza page](#) for complete information.

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Contact [Cathy Reeves](#) for more information and any questions regarding Extravaganza.



New admissions director announced

Churyl Croone joins the Hoban leadership team as director of admissions as of March 2. Croone comes to Hoban from Cleveland State University with more than 15 years of admissions experience with proven success in cultivating a student-centric admissions process and experience. She has worked in enrollment management, international admissions and financial assistance at the collegiate level, including Baldwin Wallace, Case Western Reserve and Notre Dame College. Most recently, Croone was coordinator of international recruitment at Cleveland State University. Croone earned a master's in nonprofit management from Case Western Reserve University and a bachelor's in linguistics, Spanish and education from Cleveland State University. She also has extensive experience as an ESL teacher. [Read full story.](#)

Academic and Chivalrous Knights announced for second quarter

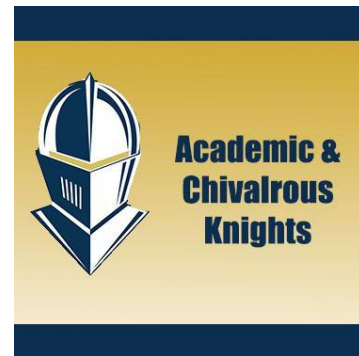
Each grading period students are selected as Academic and Chivalrous Knights.

Academic Knights for the second quarter are:

Freshmen Sophia Salamone and Lauren Tonsing
Sophomores Eden Nicholson and Peyton Tarle
Juniors Jacob Juvan and Kara Zaucha
Seniors Rebecca Kubick and Sam Lefebvre

Chivalrous Knights for the second quarter are:

Freshmen Nicholas Humphrey and Emma Rasmussen
Sophomores Rachel Alexander and Ally Obney
Juniors Lauren Adolph and Gabriella Woodburn
Seniors Madeline Owen and Madison Susong



[Photos and complete information.](#)



Senior's work receives honorable mention at juried art exhibition

Senior Kaliyah Smith had three of her art pieces accepted into the Summit Artspace Gallery's show entitled "Embracing Heritage." It is a juried visual and literary art exhibition to honor and embrace the impact that African-Americans and African-American culture has had in shaping Akron, the United States and the world. Smith received an honorable mention in the exhibition for "Venomous," colored pencil, and her works will be on display Feb. 13 through March 14.

The show celebrates the cultural impact of African-American heritage and life experience by local artists during Black History Month. Ace Epps, community manager for Akron's BMe community and host of "Center Talks" on WAKR, was the juror. He presented Smith with her award. Art teacher Jill Fortman is pictured with Smith.

Artist Statement: "The eyes can give off a distinct look with every emotion a person feels. They can give off a loving stare, and they can give off a cold, venomous stare. Be cautious around this one!"

Honor roll announced for second grading period



The honor roll is published at the end of each of the four grading periods. Students on the honor roll for the first three quarters qualify for a Scholastic Honor Award presented at the Honors Assembly in May. To be listed on the honor roll, a student must have a 3.00 grade-point average, with no grade lower than C-minus. There are three honor roll classifications:

- Highest Honors: 3.85 to 4.83
- High Honors: 3.50 to 3.84
- Honors: 3.00 to 3.49

Here are [the names](#) of the students on the second quarter honor roll.



Junior named Youth of the Year

Junior Abrianna Johnson has been named 2020 Youth of the Year by the Akron chapter of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve. She received a \$1,000 scholarship at a ceremony Feb. 8. She is planning a career in nuclear physics and hopes to attend Ohio State University.

"We were looking for someone who has been involved with the club and with the community and has had academic success," said Ken Wood, director of communications for Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio. "[Johnson] is a very good representative of the club."

Johnson will compete against youths from Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio, the organization formed by the merger of clubs in Akron, Cleveland, Lorain County and Sandusky. The winner is to be announced the week of March 23 and will take part in the state competition in April.

Spring Musical Events

Help Hoban continue to raise money for the new Barry Gym stage curtains. Make your reservations today, space is limited.

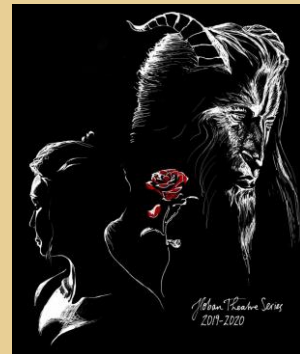
Be Our Guest

Friday, March 20, 5:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Room

Ticket price: \$500 (two guests)

You and a guest will enjoy reserved seating at the 7:30 p.m. performance of Beauty and the Beast, and appetizers and drinks prior to the show.



Tea with Belle

Saturday, March 7, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Room

Ticket price: \$250 (two guests)

Bring your little prince or princess to a tea party with Belle, played by senior Julia Martin. You will also receive two general admission tickets to Hoban's spring musical performance of Beauty and the Beast. Performance dates: Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 22, 3 p.m.

For Reservations Call Vicki Srail at 330.773.8620.



Mock trial teams place first and second at regionals

At regional mock trial competition Feb. 7, Hoban's Team Blue won its two trials and finished in first place among the 14 teams that competed. Team Gold also won its two trials and finished in second place. Each team was awarded one of the Jeff and Peg Schobert Memorial trophies.

Winning individual awards at the regional competition were:

Outstanding Attorney

- Luke Monteleone
- Grace Rossi
- Colin Doss
- Sam Fess (two-time winner)
- Jack Folk

Outstanding Witness

- Maddie Ferree
- Jack Folk
- Sawyer Huckabee
- Maia Ferry
- Aaron Bielecki



Academic team wins Summit County North cochampionship

Hoban's varsity Academic Challenge team returned victorious from Kent State on Feb. 3, winning the cochampionship of the Summit County Academic Challenge North League along with Western Reserve Academy. Junior Owen Kovalik was recognized as Top Player of the entire Summit County League of 184 players on 21 teams. Junior Aaron Bielecki also earned All-Star Honorable Mention. Senior Thomas Kesic, junior Jonathan Popa and sophomore Rachael Rice were also key contributors to Hoban's championship. The team is back in action on the Nordson Channel 5 TV competition and in regional matches in April.



Girls relay team competes at state meet

Senior Megan Zaucha, junior Grace Wyszynski and sophomores Lilly Jacknewitz and Natalie Cook competed on Feb. 20 at the C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton in the Division II preliminaries of the OHSAA state swimming and diving championships. The team placed 18th of 24 teams in the 200-yard medley relay, narrowly missing the cutoff to advance.

20 senior athletes sign National Letters of Intent

A National Letter of Intent Signing Day ceremony was held in Moreau Ministry Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 5, to recognize 20 athletes from the Class of 2020 who have committed to continue their academic and athletic careers in college. These athletes represent eight sports. See the complete list and pictures [HERE](#).



Wrestler scores 100th win

Senior heavyweight Jake Burns posted his 100th career win on Feb. 22 at the North Coast League championships at Padua



Hoban hosted a Chinese New Year Celebration in Moreau Ministry Hall sponsored by IPERC for area Chinese students and host families on Jan. 25. Chinese specialties were enjoyed while the international students watched videos sent from home wishing them a happy new year!

Franciscan. He also won the 285-pound weight division at the NCL meet. His record this season is 36-2.



Students in various grades are invited to experience life at the Castle, gain additional instruction, continue advancing in skill and have tons of fun in Hoban's academic and athletic camps.

CAMP OFFERINGS AND REGISTRATION



Robert Yanko: A history teacher with true passion

An outstanding article by Alex Dillon of [the Visor](#) about History teacher Rob Yanko '66 states, "Yanko's unique teaching style, one he describes as 'improvisational theater,' is based off the students and their responses to questions. He creates a fun atmosphere while also teaching all the material. Each class creates a 'wave of excitement

and adrenaline' for both Yanko and his students, and brings passion and dedication into the classroom." [Read the article.](#)

North Coast League to disband

After much thought, deliberation and discussion, all member schools of the North Coast League (NCL) have agreed to disband the league following the 2019-20 school year. The decision was made with an appreciation of the history and tradition of the league and was based on many factors, among them declining membership numbers. [Read more...](#)



It is time to order yearbooks:

- [Yearbook Order Form](#)
- [Senior Congratulatory Message Order Form](#) (This is a parent's message for your senior with baby picture.)

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