

# KILLINGLY HIGH SCHOOL

## 2020 – 2021 KHS Student Winter Achievements



***It's wonderful to have something to celebrate!***

***The following seniors have risen to the top 10 of the Class of 2021:***

**Congratulations!** Julia Purcell, *Valedictorian* &

**Abby Card, *Salutatorian***



**Sophie Griffin, Daniel Raheb, Nikki Flynn, Cole Lavigne, Lillian Stockford,  
Janelle Charron, Madelyn Sumner, Sydney Rosen**

**WELL DONE!**

# CONGRATULATIONS ECC CHAMPIONS!

**We are the Champions Again!**



## **The Pandemic couldn't stop them**

Killingly Girls Basketball Team won back to back ECC Championships!

*"Player of the Game"* Hannah Grudzien had 15 points and 15 rebounds.

Aila Gutierrez had 8 points in the win over Windham with a final score of 41-29.

*Congratulations to the Killingly Girls Basketball Team on an undefeated season!!*

**Killingly Strong, Killingly Proud!! Way to Go Girls!**



***CONGRATULATIONS!***

**Madelyn Sumner** for winning the **ECC Scholar Athlete Award**

**Makala Dube** for winning the **ECC Sportsmanship Award**

**Hannah Grudzien (freshman) and Emma Carpenter (junior)**  
were named **All-State for class MM in Girls Basketball this year!**

This is an elite award, as only 10 student athletes in each  
Division (S, M, MM, L, LL) are selected across the entire state!



## **Cindy Morse** named **Connecticut Coach of the Year for Unified Sports!**

In a statement released by Karol Brzozowski, the CIAC Executive Administrative Assistant/Program Manager of Unified Sports, she heaped praise on Morse and the Killingly program. "This is quite an honor as we have 95% of eligible high schools now participating in Unified Sports in Connecticut. **Her commitment, dedication and enthusiasm with her students has risen her to the top of her peers.**"



### **According to information provided by the CIAC:**

"Unified Sports is a registered program of Special Olympics that combines athletes with and without intellectual disability (or other developmental delays) on sports teams for training and competition. All Unified Sports teammates are of similar age and teams are placed in competitive divisions based on their skill abilities, and range from developmental to recreational to competitive. In 1992, as part of an effort to reach school-aged athletes, Connecticut Special Olympics formed a partnership with the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference to bring Unified Sports to Connecticut's schools."





# Choir

After nearly six months of Zoom rehearsals, voice lessons, auditions, and regional festivals, our musicians have again reminded us what sets our students apart at KHS. Through perseverance, dedication, and love for their craft, a remarkable group of students were accepted in to the **Connecticut All-State choir this week**. These students will have the pleasure of attending virtual workshops with world-renowned conductors and will sing (virtually) with the finest high school musicians in Connecticut. Several of these students (non-seniors) will also be given the opportunity to audition for the **All-National Choir**. This accomplishment is particularly remarkable this year as students faced the many challenges and set-backs of COVID 19.

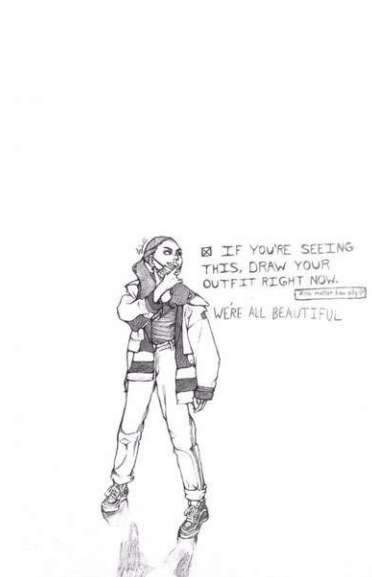
*Please join me in congratulating the following musicians who were recently named members of the Connecticut All-State Choir:* Georgia Barry, Thomas Curran, Rachael Hutchinson, Emilee Lehtinen, Joliana Reynolds, Sarah Roberts, Jordan Rukstela, Meghan Wrobel

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**Congratulations to Lindsey Zicolella and Jerson Suarez on winning the FBLA “Messages of Hope and Happiness” poster contest.**

**Both KHS Students received a \$25.00 gift card!**

## Winning Posters/Artwork

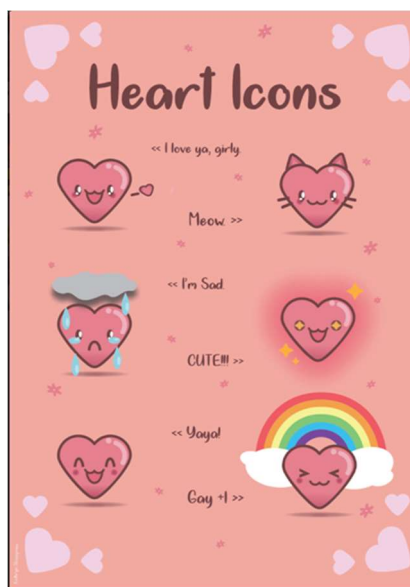
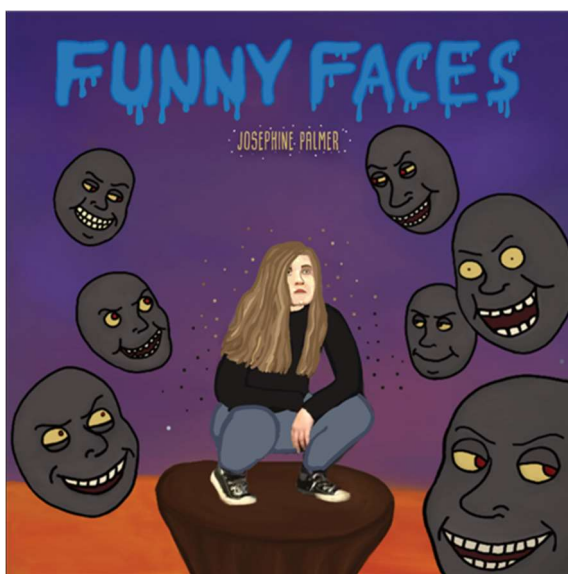


## Visual and Literary ARTS Awards:

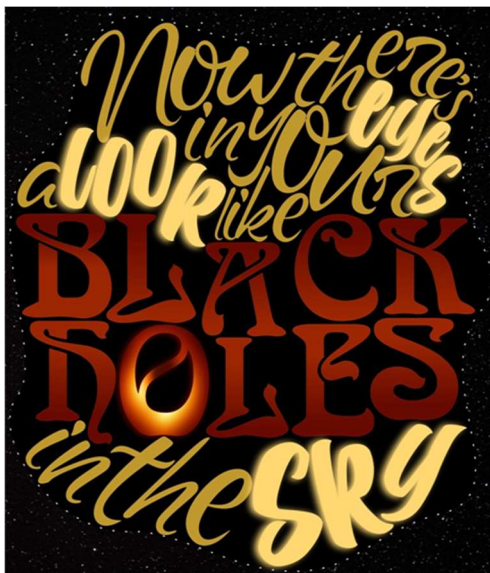
**Scholastics Awards:** Students' entries are blindly adjudicated by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts. Jurors look for works that exemplify the *Awards' core values*: originality, technical skill, and the emergence of personal voice or vision. A select number of artworks from each medium is selected as a scholastics winner from every high school in the state. — Awarded in January.

The ECC winners were 6 art works chosen by the high school art teachers that exemplify outstanding work. These works will be shown with all other ECC schools in a unified display that will go live on April 8th at [www.slatermuseum.org](http://www.slatermuseum.org)

Josephine Palmer & Kathryn Strangman both earned honorable mention for their artwork with the Scholastic Art Awards



Samantha Swenson & Kathryn Strangman both were selected to Represent KHS at the ECC Art Show



*26th Annual High School Arts Awards to honor Connecticut's outstanding high school visual and performing arts students.* The **two outstanding KHS seniors** who excel in the performing and/or visual arts programs offered by KHS are **Madelyn Sumner** and **Jordan Rukstela**. Outstanding ability in the performing and visual arts, scholarship, and leadership are of primary importance in making your selection. The honorees will receive certificates or plaques for excellence and distinguished service to their schools, and they will be celebrated at a virtual ceremony to be broadcast in early June 2021.

*Madelyn Sumner received the CAS Award and Jordan Rukstela the Performing Arts Award*



Madelyn Sumner



Jordan Rukstela

**Kathryn Strangman and Laylah Zea** were both selected to show in the ECC Art Show for their work in photography!







## Killingly High School

### Boys Basketball Awards:

**Scholar Athlete - Cole Lavigne**

**Sportsmanship Award - RJ Faria**



**Bo Yaworski** was named to the **“Gametime CT Pre-season top 25 players in the state to watch” list for baseball**. This is a pretty big deal to make this list and we are very proud of Bo!

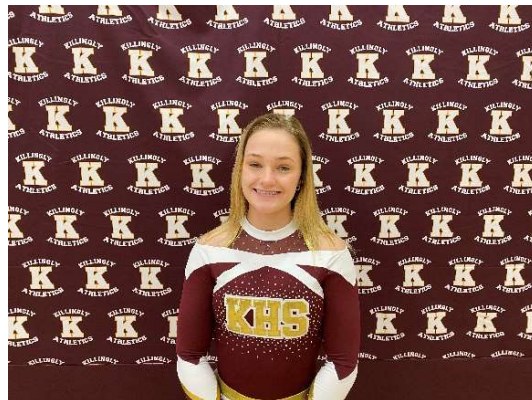
**Bo Yaworski, Sr, CF/P, Killingly**

Had a .385 avg. and .447 OBP as a sophomore at the plate. On the mound, he logged 54 innings with 78 strikeouts and only 9 earned runs, being named All-ECC first team.

<https://www.gametimect.com/25-ciac-baseball-players-to-watch-in-2021/>



**Senior Avery Zanauskas made the All-State Cheerleading Team for the Class L Division. Way to go Avery!!**





## KILLINGLY FFA AWARDS

**The Killingly FFA had their first FFA Competitions at the Chapter level!** Below please see the placings. These students will all be moving on to the State Level Contests in May (they are all virtual contests this year).

**Prepared Public Speaking-** Students had to prepare a 6-8-minute speech on an agriculturally related topic, and present it. Judges asked 5 minutes of questions at the end.

**1st Place** - Bailey Hirschboeck

**2nd Place-** Cal Barber

**Extemporaneous Public Speaking-** Students choose 3 topics out of a hat, and then from those 3, the student chooses one they would like to present on. Students have 30 minutes to create a speech related to the topic, using 10 minutes on a laptop for research, and 5 other resources (books or articles) that they bring with them.

**1st Place-** Rhiannon Martin

**Creed Contest-** This contest is only open to Ag 1 students! Students who participate in this contest must memorize the 5 paragraph FFA Creed, written by E.M. Tiffany. They are then asked three questions about the creed afterwards.

**1st Place-** Malia Taylor-Robichaud



**The Killingly FFA** would like to **congratulate Rhiannon Martin** for an outstanding presentation at the FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking State Level Competition. Rhiannon had thirty minutes to prepare a speech about a randomly assigned topic- she pulled the topic “*The impact of Science on Agriculture*”, and gave a four-minute speech and answered questions from the judges. We are so proud of her perseverance, dedication and hard work- you did an amazing job representing Killingly High School! Congratulations!



**The Killingly High School robotics team (78889A) won the Southern New England Robotics Championship - Engineering Design Award and are now qualified for the World Robotics Championship in May.**

The students competing were from two different cohorts and the entire team only met ONE single time, in person, all year long. All work was done virtually and mostly asynchronously. For many members of the team, this was their first experience with robotics and their exponential growth has led to this amazing award.

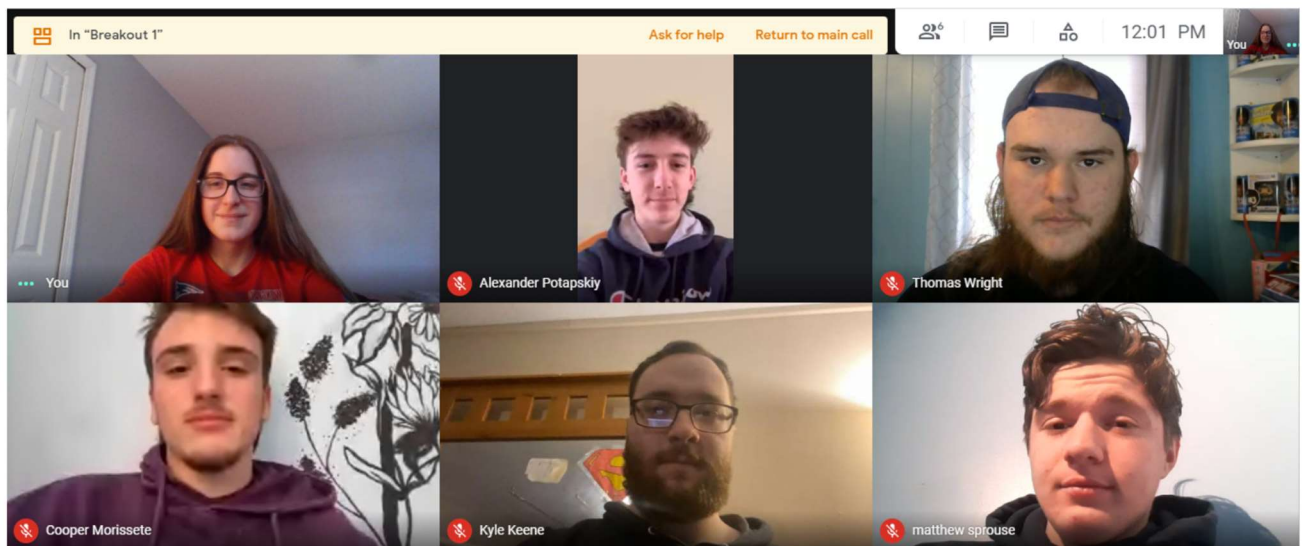
**The following students will now prepare for the World Robotics Championship:**

**Sophie Griffin** - Project Manager and Lead Coder      **Cooper Morissette** - Builder and Driver

**Alex Potapkiy** - Builder and Driver      **Kyle Keen** - Builder & Materials Manager

**Tom Wright** - Designer and CAD Developer      **Kevin Rice** - Coder

**Taylyn Lemoine** - Designer and Sketch Artist



(Missing from the above photo is Taylyn Lemoine – Designer and Sketch Artist & Kevin Rice – Coder)

For more information visit [www.KillinglyRobotics.org](http://www.KillinglyRobotics.org) or follow the team on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook using the hash tag – KillinglyRobotics

The following Killingly High School **SENIORS** achieved **High Honors in Quarter 2**: Cal Barber, Abby Card, Joshua Dumas, Nikki Flynn, Annie Griffin, Cole Lavigne, Julia Purcell, Daniel Raheb, Sydney Rosen, Jordan Rukstela, Grace Socha, Madelyn Sumner, Samantha Swenson, Kaleb Watson, Matthew Weiss, Meghan Wrobel. **First Honors**: Evelyn Allen, Abraham Antonelli, Zoe Conklin, Michelle Dumphy, Laney Dunn, Mackenzie Farquhar, Sophie Griffin, Madison Hopkins, Olivia Lamoureux, Chase LeClerc, Hunter Leite, Patricia Lillibridge-Reek, Nevaeh Lyon, Abigail Norgren, Viren Patel, Alyssa Pomerleau, Hannah Reid, Lillian Stockford, Amaya West, Bo Yaworski. **Second Honors**: Dedrick Baublitz, Lorelai Bessenaire, Abigail Burgess, Grace Cerbo, Janelle Charron, Kamila Correa, Evan DeRonsle, Evan Despathy, Colton Douglas, Abigail Driscoll, Alyssa Elsey, Virgil Fensley, Jacob Galarza, Grace Gilman, Brooke Harrington, Ann-Marie Hebert, Julia Hopkins, Kaleigh Hopkins, Paige Keefe, Tate Larrow, Zachary Lehtonen, Amelia MacPhail, David Nduati, Madyson Peaslee, Piper Pellitier, Benjamin Richardson, Nickolas Steele, Thomas Wright, Avery Zanauskas, Emily Zmayefski

The following Killingly High School **JUNIORS** achieved **High Honors in Quarter 2**: Georgia Barry, Kylie Beaudry, Ayvri Brytowski, Makala Dube, Lennon Giambattista, Emma Gilbert, Samantha Goulston, Ryan Holmes, Payton Keefe, Sage Lamparelli, Kathryn Strangman. **First Honors**: Brandon Baker, Shelby Bellows, Emma Carpenter, Khloe Crossman, MaryGrace Dufault, Lily Gutierrez, Hannah Jarvis, Maggie Jellison, Faith Klingensmith, Ella Mandeville, Thomas Martell, Rhiannon Martin, Benjamin Mayo, Sophia Moore, Gianna Ormstead, Benjamin Percival, Felicity Surprenant, Kaia Torrente, Laylah Zea. **Second Honors**: Emma Barbeau, Gregory Bigelow, Rodrigo Candelario Jimenez, William Carver, Payton Cathell, Nicole Cicchetti, Thomas Curran, Quinn Ellis, Emily Fortune, Kenna Lavallee, Hailey Lawrence, Collin Loiselle, Julia Magao, Ryan Miller, Kayleigh Norris, Katherine Poirier, Jason Simoneau, Kaylei Sirimongkhoun, Hailey Toth, Lola Ward, Alyssah Yater.

The following Killingly High School **SOPHOMORES** achieved **High Honors in Quarter 2**: Kalob Barclay, Casey Beauregard, Emily Benoit, Lainey Buffington, Matthew Card, Alyssa Caron, Carley DiMartino, Aila Gutierrez, Ciara King, Ella Lach, Hailey Magao, Aryn Nisbet, Anjolina Ortiz, Henrik Pawul, Anthony Purcell, Chloe St. Pierre, Jerson Suarez, Salena Thongsouvanh, Kaitlyn Tingle, Joshua Torre, Jadyn Williams. **First Honors**: Ryan Abdullovski, Willow Charles, Gabriel Dowd, Logan Gagnon, Katrina Imre, Owen Johnson, Ethan Lackner, Elizabeth Marcoux, Jada Neri, Jayden Olson, Braden Pedersen, Moss Souksanti, Jane Stockford. **Second Honors**: Evan Adams, Amber Amosco, Heather Anderson, Jillian Bennett, Lyana Bott-Cuevas, Renee Bunn, Grace Colangelo, Giovanni Couture, Tayler Cummings, Chloe DiFusco, Hannah Donovan, Mia Falcioni, Lavender Gaudette, Harrison Giambattista, Emma Girardin, Danny Kien, Hailey Merritt, Avi Miller, Zoe Miller, Margaux Molyneux, Chloe Nason, Zachary Rainville, Ryan Rattray, Connor Richardson, Jack Richardson, Austin Stravato, Connor Thompson, Sayge Trajanowski, Amelie van der Swaagh, Tianna Wallace, Kyle White, Madison Zachow, Gavin Zajac

The following Killingly High School **FRESHMEN** achieved **High Honors in Quarter 2**: Shanaya Brown, Kiana Capiga, Cassidey Card, Julie Carver, Amber Cobb, Molly Crabtree, Sydney Crabtree, Jocelyn Crowley, Annina Desabota, Darin Exarhoulias, Devin Exarhoulias, Laura Farquhar, Lillian Gaudet, Hannah Grudzien, Ross Hill, Melody Kettle, Emily Lamparelli, Gavin Lanctot, Raigan Leveille, Selina Metzermacher, Sydney Mullen, Kelsea O'Rourke, Sai Patel, Christina Rattray, Peyton Rosen, Sherrie Simoneau, Grace Sumner, Malia Taylor-Robichaud, Emma Vandale, Maddox Wedge, Chloe Yip, Julia Young, Lindsey Zicoella. **First Honors**: Kaeli Adams, Kaylee Baker, Domenico Capuano, Abigail Comtois, Elizabeth Conway, Deven Delaney, Isabella Graichen, Owen Gratton, Erika Horne, Jonah Hussey, Rachael Hutchinson, Ava Johnson, Illyana Malarkey, Sofia Morin, Ava Peloquin, Elizabeth Reynolds, Benjamin Robinson, Kaylee Stillman, Mauricio Suarez, Demetrius Thornton, Gabriel Torrente, Lilly Verraneault, Talan Walker, Gabriella Zink. **Second Honors**: Harrison Allard, Ryan Barretta, Harrison Bauer, Trenton Brytowski, Avery Caisse, Ian Cathell, Spencer Chviek, Madison Daniels, David Evans, Lila Fortin, Mason Frazer, Owen Glushchenko, Ava Izzo, Madyson Mitchell, Layne O'Leary, Devon Palumbo, Soren Rief, Selina Rivera, Zaiden Rukstela, Sophia Scandalito, Hunter Schafmayer, Emma Seide, Ian Stone, Austin Townsend, Justin Wellman, Cassidy Wilson.