

# HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HOME OF THE HILLERS!



MAY 2020-2021

## Trinity High School Best High School in U.S.



Trinity Area High School has earned 2021 National Recognition as one of the Best High Schools in the U.S. This is great recognition for our students and teachers!

*Congratulations!*

APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO WASHINGTON FINANCIAL for their generous donation for the purchase of four iSandBOXes

<https://isandbox.nl/>



# CONGRATULATIONS!

May

Students of the Month



**Koen Weichel**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**



**Austin Denke**



**Katie Davis**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

# Trinity's Pride!



*Miranda Herstine*

**WACTC  
National Tech Honor  
Society Members**



*Thomas Miller*



**Kathy McConnell-Miller  
Tri-County Athletic  
Directors Association  
Girls Basketball  
Coach of the Year**

**Emma Morgan  
Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame Scholar  
Athlete Award Winner**



**It's a great day to be a Hiller!**

Members of the Trinity Area Class of 2021 are leaving their mark with a new tradition... hands down!

Class of 2021 ROCKS!!



Happy Birthday!

Senior Jade Miller used her social media accounts to "spread the word" about Birthday Cake Kits made by her church's youth class. The kits, intended for families who may not be able to afford a birthday cake for their child, included cake mix, candles, icing, and a pan to bake the cake. Jade and her friends were able to raise over \$900 and 194 kits were donated to the Community Circle Food Pantry and the Salvation Army to help celebrate many happy birthdays!



Art Department  
Virtual Art Show

The Trinity Area School District Art Department would like to celebrate our students' hard work this school year by highlighting exemplary work in this edition of the Hiller Highlights. Please enjoy this virtual art show by clicking on the link below. Congratulations to all of our students! We are proud of your creativity and resiliency this school year!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/116Z3EZP-o0E8AST5LsM0zwbe8u-LCw57/view?usp=sharing>

Enjoy!

Well Done!



Rachel



Emma



Ava



Junior Rachel Chase and sophomore Emma Riddell were presented with a certificate of merit from the Society of Women Engineers. The certificates are presented to students for outstanding science grades and performance along with school participation.

Two PJAS students have won \$8000 in scholarships to attend Penn State. Rachel Chase was awarded a scholarship for the College of Earth and Mineral Science and Ava Robinson for the College of Agricultural Science or the College of Engineering.

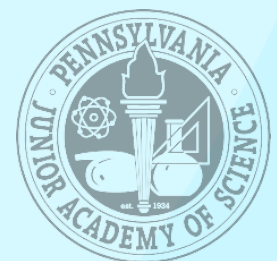
Additionally, the following twenty eight students participated the virtual PJAS state competition this year.

*First Place winners -*

Rayne Elling  
Benjamin Papson  
Isabella Naddeo  
Alyssa Clutter  
Giana Sasselli  
Isabella Jobes  
Rylee Elling  
Savannah Rivera  
Nicolas Stiehler  
Kaylee Spadaro  
Sophia Misner  
Nathan Sander  
Marin Williamson  
Rachel Chase

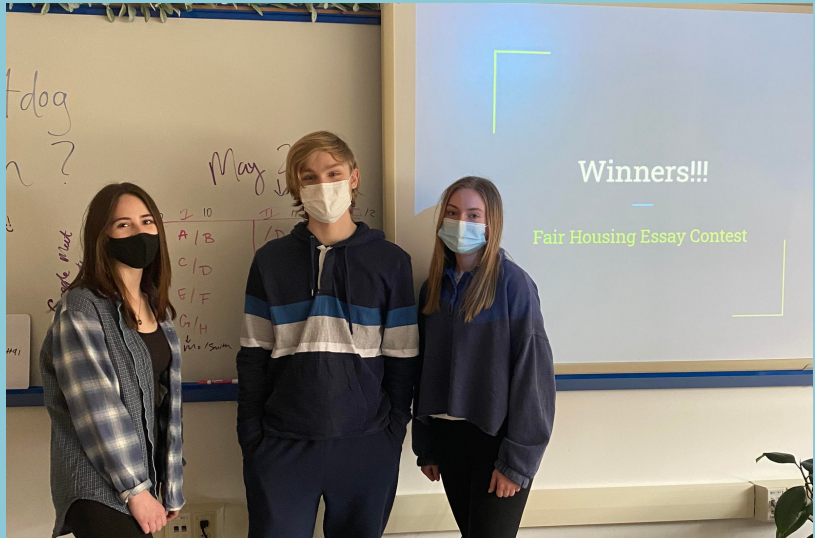
*Second Place winners -*

Jeremy Sikora  
Ava Robinson  
Mariissa Sprouse  
Maria Giorgi  
Sydney Wahl  
Emily Ewbank  
Connor Bull  
Timberly Gardner  
Brett Phillips  
Cael Nicolella  
Cameron Minnick  
Natalie Ewbank  
Emma Riddell  
Dax Kress



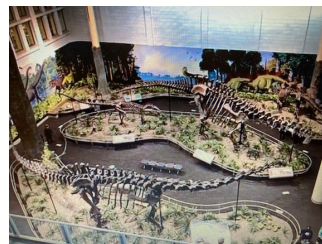


Students in Miss Elizabeth Beachy's Honors Debate course were winners in the Fair Housing Essay contest sponsored by Southwestern PA Legal Aid's Fair Housing Law Center. These students passionately wrote about equality in housing.



Each of them provided research and support to prove why providing affordable housing to anyone, without discrimination, is a key aspect to a thriving community. Sophomore Hannah Eisiminger, left, won first place. Junior Krista Efaw, right, won second place. Senior Michael Veltri, shown middle, won third place. Each student was awarded a cash prize. Miss Beachy also earned a cash prize for her classroom thanks to her students' participation. Congratulations to our winners!

In celebration of Nurses' Day, students in Ms. Guariglia's class at Trinity East presented Nurse Maggie with a decorated flower pot and flowers. The class also recognized National Police week with Trinity East's Officer Thomas and by visiting the South Strabane Police Department.



Trinity North students participated in a virtual field trip to the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh. They learned about dinosaurs and were able to view the ones at the museum.



# LAW DAY 2021

## ADVANCING THE

### RULE of Law **NOW**

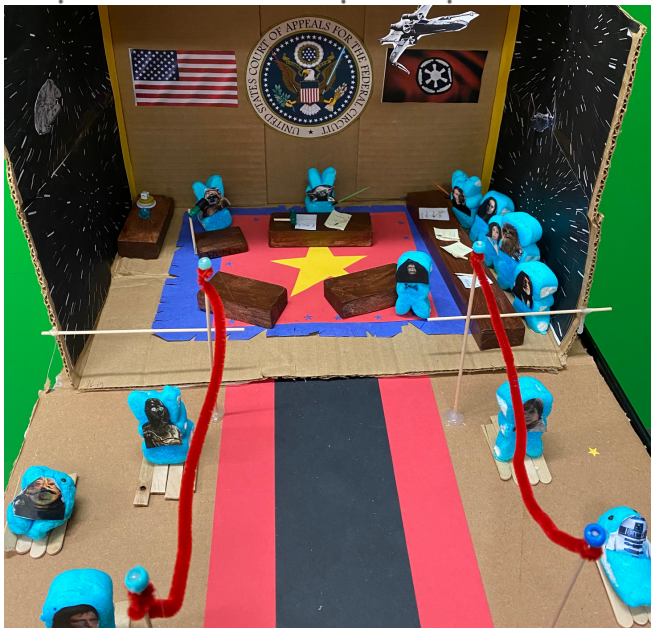
#### TMS CONTEST WINNERS



Teacher Sponsor: Mrs. Gojmerac

**Congratulations to Mrs. Gojmerac's students who placed in the annual Law Day Contest!**

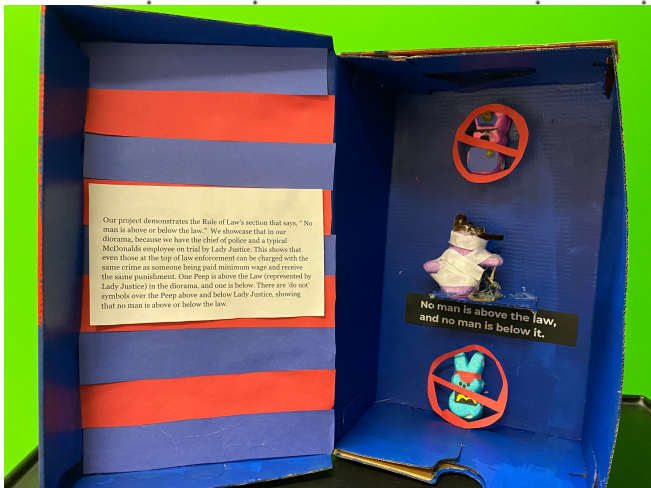
**Addison Davis came in 2nd place in the Creative Arts Contest. For the Diorama Contest, Gracie Buckner came in 1st place, Bayleigh Lowe came in 2nd place, and Maddox Ho, Vittoria Emerich, Ella Sammel, and Xavier Frabell came in 3rd place. Alexander Berry came in 2nd place with his editorial essay. Owen Kropiewnicki earned an Honorable Mention. The winners were announced in the Observer Reporter on Law Day, May 1st.**



**Gracie Buckner-1st Place**



**Bayleigh Lowe-2nd Place,**



**Maddox Ho, Vittoria Emerich, Ella Sammel, and Xavier Frabell - 3rd place**



**Addison Davis, 2nd Place, Creative Arts**

# BRETT PHILLIPS

## PMEA ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA

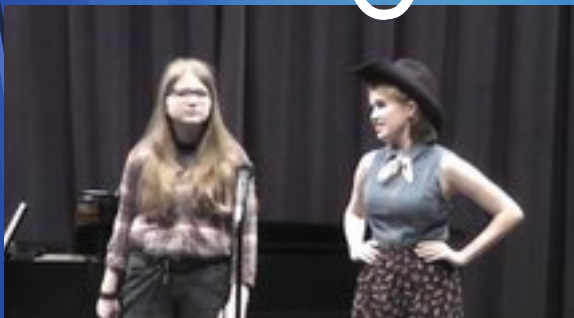
Congratulations go out to sophomore Brett Phillips who attended the PMEA All-State Orchestra virtually in April. Having played the violin for ten years, Brett successfully passed two audition rounds to be accepted into the orchestra, which is made up of the top musicians in the state. The All-State Orchestra rehearsed and recorded Dvorak's Carnival Overture over the course of three days. Trinity Area and the Music Department are extremely proud!



Trinity High School presented  
*Memories of Shows Gone By*

Ten of our very talented students presented songs from shows that were done over the last four years. They were

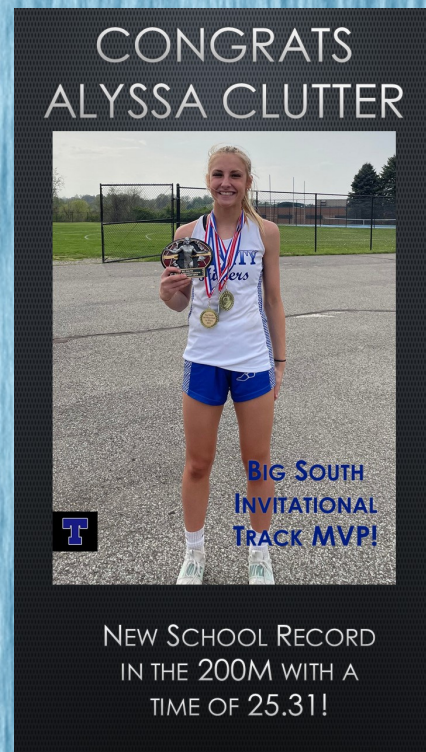
*amazing!*





# Congratulations Girls Track Team!!!

## Big South Invitational Champions



## WPIAL AAA Championships



Eden Williamson - 2nd Place High Jump  
Kayla Gandy - 6th Place Long Jump  
Alyssa Clutter - 4th Place 100m Dash  
and 5th Place 200m Dash

Way to go Eden and Alyssa for  
qualifying for the  
PIAA Championships

# Virtual Connections with



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Several Trinity High School students participated in the Zoom session *Virtual Connections* with Range Resources and Dress for Success Pittsburgh. The women of Range Resources and Dress for Success Pittsburgh invited all young women in high school to join them for this empowering event series.

The pandemic has been a challenge for girls and women of all ages. Range Resources, Dress for Success Pittsburgh and other local leaders discussed developing a personal brand and confidence, staying connected despite the pandemic, real-life women superheroes and live Q&A's with leaders from various professions. Students were matched up with local leaders based on their current career interest.



## Day 1 Featured Speakers



**Diana Irey-Vaughan**  
Washington County  
Commissioners  
Board Chairman



**Stephanie Romero**  
Executive Director  
Awaken Pittsburgh



**Christina Kramer**  
Community Relations  
Specialist  
Range Resources



**Liz Mims**  
Director of Operations and  
Client Services  
Dress for Success Pittsburgh



**Tanya Vokes**  
CEO  
Dress for Success Pittsburgh

- **Victoria Hassett** - Manager, Emerging Enterprise Program, Pitt Innovation Center
- **Ellen Hough** - Owner, Liberty Pole Spirits
- **Sheana Malyzska** - Client Experience Director, Astyr Wealth
- **Jessica McKelvey** - DJ, MC, Event Hostess, DJ Jess
- **Gretchen McNary** - Owner, Girl Friday
- **Dr. Lauren O'Brien** - Primary Care Physician/Resident Program Support, Washington Health System
- **Nina Pompeani** - Corporate Communications Specialist, Range Resources
- **Casey Renee** - Owner/Baker, Confections by Casey, as seen on Greatest Baker in America
- **Amanda Boyle Rivetti** - Welding Technician, Michael Brothers Hauling and Recycling
- **Kait Schoeb** - Artist, Paints by Kait
- **Sara Schumacher** - President, Washington Health System Foundation
- **Alyssa Summers** - Automotive Technician, Subaru of Moon Township
- **Katie Unger-Chipps** - Executive Director, Leadership Washington County
- **Christine Vasui** - Independent Living Specialist, Voices for Independence
- **Caitlin Wingard** - Financial Analyst, NVR, Inc.
- **Kate Zarvis** - Owner, Manikure
- **Mindy Zatta** - Private Wealth Advisor, Astyr Wealth

## Day 2 Featured Speakers



**Dr. Stephanie Adam**  
Associate Professor,  
Human Resource Management,  
MBA Coordinator



**Calynn Abdullah**  
Communications and  
Events Manager  
Dress for Success Pittsburgh



**Laural Ziemba**  
Director of Public Affairs  
Range Resources

## Day 2 Panelists

- **Megan Chicone** - Agent/Owner, State Farm
- **Megan Crow, Sr.** - Engineering Technician, Range Resources
- **Kaylee Cyprowski** - Supervisor - Human Resources, CNX
- **Katherine Dobson** - Director of IT Applications, Range Resources
- **Carole DeAngelo** - Advertising Director, Observer-Reporter
- **Susan Earnest** - Lead Analyst, BNY Mellon
- **Callie Fry** - Operations Engineer, Range Resources
- **Ella Gannis** - Owner/Baker, Chatty Cupcakes, as seen on "Cupcake Wars"
- **Brooke Gawlas** - Community Reinvestment Act Officer, Washington Financial
- **Dr. Lisa Gross** - Primary Care Physician and the Chief Medical Information Officer, Washington Health System
- **Brittany Hargrove** - Education Consultant, Teach Like A Champion



Thanks to the Wildlife for Everyone Foundation for donating seedlings which were planted by Trinity South's fifth grade classes.



Trinity West sends out a big THANKS to Trinity High School teacher, Todd Crissman, and his Agriculture Construction class for designing and building two picnic tables for the Trinity West courtyard.

# Prom 2021



# Senior Celebration May 14 Hiller Stadium



Would you like to give back to your school and earn some extra money at the same time? The HR Department is looking for “Emergency Status” substitute teachers. No teaching degree necessary. If you have a four-year degree and are interested in working with our students, Contact the Human Resources Department for more information  
724-223-2000 ext. 7114

## Dates to Remember June

4 Graduation/Last Student Day

7 Teacher Clerical Day

### INFORMATIONAL FLYERS:

All flyers are available on the district website:

<https://www.trinitypride.org/Content2/district-flyers>

To request that a flyer be posted on the website, email:

[jwalz@trinityhillers.net](mailto:jwalz@trinityhillers.net)

### Summer Hours

Trinity Area will operate on a summer schedule beginning Monday, June 7 through Thursday, August 12.

The district will be closed on Fridays.

Regular office hours will resume on

Monday, August 16.

**FREE** School Meals  
for ALL Students

To submit an article for consideration email:

[jwalz@trinityhillers.net](mailto:jwalz@trinityhillers.net)

All articles are subject to final approval by the Superintendent.

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2022 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

| AUGUST '21 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S          | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
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| 15         | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22         | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29         | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

19-20 New Teacher Orientation  
 19-20 KinderCamp  
 23-24 Staff Development  
 25 Teacher Clerical Day  
**26 First Student Day**

Teacher Days: 7  
 Student Days: 4

| FEBRUARY '22 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 20           | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27           | 28 |    |    |    |    |    |

7 In-Service/No School  
 21 Presidents' Day/No School

Teacher Days: 19  
 Student Days: 18

| SEPTEMBER '21 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 19            | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26            | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |

6 Labor Day  
 24 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development

Teacher Days: 21  
 Student Days: 21

| MARCH '22 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 20        | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27        | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

25 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development

Teacher Days: 23  
 Student Days: 23

| OCTOBER '21 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 24          | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31          |    |    |    |    |    |    |

29 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development

Teacher Days: 21  
 Student Days: 21

| APRIL '22 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 17        | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24        | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

14-18 Spring Break/No School

Teacher Days: 18  
 Student Days: 18

| NOVEMBER '21 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 28           | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |

1 In-Service Day/No School  
 25-29 Fall Break

Teacher Days: 19  
 Student Days: 18

| MAY '22 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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27 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development  
 30 Memorial Day/No School

Teacher Days: 21  
 Student Days: 21

| DECEMBER '21 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 19           | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26           | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

23 In-Service Day  
 24-31 Winter Break

Teacher Days: 17  
 Student Days: 16

| JUNE '22 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 19       | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26       | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |

1 Last Student Day  
 2 Teacher Clerical Day  
 3 Graduation  
 Teacher In-Service Day

Teacher Days: 3  
 Student Days: 1

| JANUARY '22 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 23          | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30          | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

3 In-Service Day/No School  
 17 M.L. King Day/No School

Teacher Days: 20  
 Student Days: 19

Teacher Days: 189  
 Student Days: 180

BOARD APPROVED:  
 February 18, 2021



End first 9 weeks -  
 October 28, 2021  
 End first semester -  
 January 19, 2022  
 End third 9 weeks -  
 March 25, 2022