

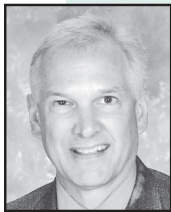
# YOUR SCHOOLS

2018

Aurora City School District

## From the Superintendent

By PAT R. CICCATELLI  
Superintendent of Schools



We have successfully finished another school year and we survived some interesting and challenging weather throughout the year! Remember, we had the Solar Eclipse in

August; we had to cancel school due to a major wind storm in November, and we cancelled school five times due to poor road conditions this winter!

Now that the school year is over, our district has transitioned to the summer activities. We have several small projects throughout the district and one large physical change that is underway. Our turf and the track at the high school stadium are being replaced this year. It has been nearly 20 years since the track was resurfaced and our turf has endured ten seasons of wear and tear.

Our district has earned many great distinctions in the past and this school year was no exception. AHS was recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the finest high schools in the state of Ohio and in the entire nation. AHS was ranked 13th in the state and 370th in the nation out of more than 25,000 high schools. Both of those rankings put us in the top 2% of all schools! Aurora High School was honored by the Ohio Department of Education with the Momentum Award. This is granted to buildings in Ohio based on the fact they exceeded their expected student growth in achievement. College

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## LONGTIME SECRETARIES RETIRING

Jane Ivons, Leighton Elementary School's first and only secretary, is retiring this summer. She has been the secretary there for 17 years, since it's opening in September of 2001. Ivons began working in the district as a paraprofessional at Craddock School for



**JANE IVONS – Leighton School**

five years and then became the secretary at Craddock for four years before heading to Leighton School. Being a secretary seemed a natural to her since, "I really like secretarial work and I love being around children so there was no better place for me to work than at a school. It is a great place to work when you have school age children because your calendar is a lot like your children's."

Ivons explained that her favorite part of the job was, "Watching the students grow and mature on their elementary journey here at Leighton. Working with all the various volunteers that help make Leighton great, especially our PTO who is always there to help the students and teachers with whatever they need and give 100% every time." As for her least favorite part of the job Ivons explained, "Keeping up with the ever-changing fast paced technologies of today. I will miss my IBM Selectric typewriter and my activity account ledger." Ivons added, "What I will miss the most are all the

people at Leighton. We have the hardest working staff in Aurora at Leighton School. The teachers put everything they have into making sure the students learn and enjoy being in school. Our support staff, cafeteria workers, paraprofessionals, nurses, and custodial crew helped me every day and I will dearly miss working with all of them." What does the future hold for her? "I will be taking care of my grandchildren a few days a week. I have some plans to redo my kitchen. My husband will be retiring in a year or two and we plan to do some traveling," she explained. A big "thank you" to Jane for all of her years of hard work and best wishes in her retirement.



**SHERRY ROGALSKI – Miller School**

Miller School Secretary Sherry Rogalski, a welcoming fixture at her desk for our youngest students for the last 26 years, will not be returning to Miller in the fall. She has retired from the district.

Rogalski explained, "I started and finished my career at Miller School. I was hired in May of 1992 as the building secretary and remained in this position for 26 years. Prior to being hired, I was a substitute for about three years as secretary in all of the buildings." When asked what her

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## U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKS AHS TOP 2% IN STATE AND NATIONALLY

Aurora High School (AHS) has been ranked #3 in Northeast Ohio and #13 in Ohio in the Best High Schools article by U.S. News & World Report for 2018. Earning this Gold Medal distinction (indicating the greatest level of college readiness) places AHS at #370 in the country. The gold medal rating is given to only 500 schools nationwide calculated by using College Readiness Index student performance results.

AHS Principal, Paul Milcetic, stated, "Any time AHS is included in recognition with some of the finest public high schools in our area, state, and the country, it is always an honor. U.S. News and World

Report does a thorough job of ranking schools by including state test scores, AP tests and passage, as well as a College Readiness measure, so we believe it is a quality metric with which to view the progress of our school. That being said, it is one metric and does not capture all that makes Aurora High School a great learning environment in terms of development of the "whole" student, which means academically but also artistically, athletically, and in the area of character with points of emphasis, such as service. We are blessed with outstanding students, a supportive community, and a staff that focuses on nurturing the growth

of our students, which ultimately leads to this type of affirmation. We are proud of what we achieve at Aurora High School but every year we continue to look at areas we could refine and improve for the benefit of our students and their learning."

Regarding this honor, Aurora Schools' Superintendent, Pat Ciccantelli, said, "Congratulations to our board of education, administration, faculty and staff for being a part of helping these students earn this level of distinction. Congratulations to the students and their families for hard work and commitment to education."

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favorite part of her job was she said, it "it has to be the students. Being part of a building that houses 3-5 year olds really keeps you young. They have no filter and say whatever is on their minds. It is so refreshing and really kept me laughing for 26 years. I am a multi-tasker and thrived on the many duties throughout the day. Arriving at work at 8:00 a.m. every day and knowing I had an hour to prepare for the start of each day before the busses unloaded was very exciting and I enjoyed greeting the students when they arrived."

Roglaski has countless fond memories of her time at Miller School and said, "My favorite memories during my time at Miller School are too many to write about. Being the secretary for so many years allowed me to register students for kindergarten and then register their kids years later. New young teachers, fresh out of college were hired and I was around when they started families and

their children attended Miller School. I was able to watch them grow. The staff at Miller School is amazing and I know that I have made many friends for life. They are my family." She added, "I think what I will miss the most is the interaction with the staff, students and parents. Aurora's parents are the best. Miller School is part of my family and I already miss seeing everyone on a daily basis and catching up." Rogalski explained that her plans for retirement "center around family," with trips to visit her son in Washington, D.C. and a wedding for her younger son. She said, "We have a beach house in Georgia and hope to vacation there more often."

Roglaski explained that now, "In the morning, as I sit at my dining room table drinking my coffee, I am a little sad when I watch the busses go by. Then when I realize I can sit a little longer, I think, being retired isn't so bad!"

## Moving On

**JOHN CALCEI**

AHS Guidance Counselor

**ELIZABETH FULLER**

7th Grade Science Teacher

**PAUL GOODWIN**

Harmon School Assistant Principal

**ALICIA JIMINEZ**

Harmon School Gifted/Talented Teacher

**AMY LANGE**

EMIS/Benefits Coordinator

**KATHY O'HAIRE**

Special Services Secretary

**NANCY PETRU**

5th Grade Teacher

**NANCY SHEPARD**

Leighton Intervention Specialist

**SHARRON WEINGART**

ASH Guidance Department Secretary



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Board shared our ACT scores with us from the past year this fall and our composite average for our students was an outstanding 25.1; significantly exceeding the state and national averages and our highest score in school history! We had our annual athletic and academic signing recognition programs boasting 5 student-athletes and 9 scholars signing scholarships to prestigious universities.

Our district's academic reputation is outstanding and our reputation for service easily rivals our status in academics. Our Service Learning course students hosted our annual Veteran's Day breakfast in November. One fundraiser, "Aurora for Others" raised over \$9,000 for three separate charities. In our Service Learning course at AHS they provided financial support to several charities and spent the night in their own "Shantytown" bringing awareness to homelessness. Our National Honor Society students provided services and support to nearly a dozen groups. Several of our groups were involved with the local community Aurora Food Pantry fundraiser titled "Fill a Bag-Feed a Family." There are literally too many examples to mention here, but I am moved and touched by the generosity and compassion of our students and staff.

Our students continue to shine both inside and outside of the classroom. Inside the classroom, thirty-three of our students graduated Summa Cum Laude, meaning they had a 4.0 GPA or higher for all four years! Also, nearly 900 students completed Advanced Placement courses (AP) and the corresponding exam. Outside of the classroom, congratulations to Boys' Soccer, Wrestling, Girls' Basketball and Softball for earning Suburban league titles! The football team qualified for the state playoffs for the 13th consecutive year and our boys' soccer team finished a fantastic season losing a heartbreaking game in the state semi-finals! In the visual arts programs, our students continue to achieve at the highest levels. Numerous students earned Gold Key status at the state level. Our musical concerts and our theater performances continue to amaze our community! These are just some of our outstanding accomplishments.

We have over 230 new AHS alumni!

Graduation was a special evening for the graduates and their families. The class of 2018 benefited from a total of 8.6 million dollars of scholarships, including over \$150,000 in local scholarship money! Thank you to the numerous organizations that support our students as they move on to higher education. The two schools that will become home for the greatest number of our graduates: Kent State University and The Ohio State University.

There will be some new faces in our district next year! We had eleven employees retire during this past school year. We will miss the following staff members who represent nearly 250 years of service in Aurora and over 350 years in total to education: John Calcei, Liz Fuller, Paul Goodwin, Jane Ivans, Alicia Jimenez, Amy Lange, Nancy Petru, Sherry Rogalski, Nancy Shepard, Kathy O'Haire, and Sharron Weingart.

I hope your child had many memorable experiences this year! We had several opportunities where our students traveled off our campus to gain valuable learning experiences. Our 6th grade students had their annual Camp retreat, our 8th grade students traveled to Washington D.C., to tour our nation's capital, and our marching band performed at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida just to name a few.

Our success is due to the tremendous support from the community and we appreciate the great partnership we have with our many stakeholders. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. My door is always open and I encourage feedback and ideas. My goal as superintendent is to move the district forward in our quest to not only continue, but to exceed our current excellence. I am looking forward to another terrific year in 2018-19! It has been a pleasure and a great opportunity to serve as superintendent of this outstanding district. I want to thank our board of education, faculty, staff and the parents and students for everything they have done to make it another fantastic year!

Pat Ciccantelli  
Superintendent

## AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD EARNED ~ 7TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The Aurora City School District's Treasurer's Department has earned their 7th consecutive Ohio Auditor of State Award. They received the 2017 award for, "excellence in financial reporting in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and compliance with applicable law for the fiscal year ended 2017." The award means that an entities, "financial audit did not contain findings for recovery, material citations, material weakness, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or any questioned costs." The award is given retroactively for the previous year. East Regional Liaison, Jim Shaw, from the State of Ohio Auditor's Office in Youngstown, Ohio presented the award to Volosin on Thursday, February 8, 2018.

The award, given by Auditor of State, David Yost, states that, "the citizens you represent are well-served by your effective and accountable financial practices." Yost added that, "clean and accurate record-keeping are the foundation for good government, and the taxpayers can take pride in your commitment to accountability."

The Aurora City Schools' Treasurer's Department consists of William Volosin, Treasurer; Diane Ebie, Payroll Manager and Pam Prochaska, Accounts Manager. Volosin, explained, "We were notified by the Auditor of State's Office that we have received the Auditor of State Award for Fiscal Year 2017. The Auditor of State Award is given to those entities that file timely financial reports in accordance with GAAP, as well as receive a "clean" audit report. This award is a result of all of the hard work and effort of the individuals in my office, Diane Ebie and Pam Prochaska, along with the work of the district secretaries, food service head cooks, operations and athletic department staff who all have a responsibility for working with the financial information of the District.



*East Regional Liaison, Jim Shaw (left), from the State of Ohio Auditor's Office in Youngstown, Ohio presented the award to ACSD Treasurer, William Volosin (right).*

## Who's Who & What's New

The **BUILD-A-BEARS** project this year raised \$2,449 donated by the Aurora staff and a former AHS graduate. **MIKE RUBIN'S CLASSES** and **MELISSA FOSTER'S SERVICE LEARNING CLASS** were instrumental in assisting with the project. A total of 125 bears were stuffed and delivered to **AKRON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**. Hopefully, the bears provided all of the small patients with lots of smiles.



**Build-A-Bear Volunteers**



Several Aurora **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAMS** went to State competition



The **AHS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM** finished in 5th place in the Eastern Ohio regional and qualified for the State competition in Columbus for the 4th consecutive year.



**Molly Schneider**

Notre Dame Cathedral Latin Social Studies Department Chairperson **MOLLY SCHNEIDER** (nee Kudley), who graduated from Aurora High School in 2002,

has been named one of 53 teachers in the entire country—and the only one from Ohio—to win the prestigious and highly competitive **JAMES MADISON FOUNDATION MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP**. Schneider's fellowship includes a stipend of \$24,000 to be used toward an advanced degree focused on the history and principles of the United States Constitution and she will also participate in a four-week institute on the U.S. Constitution at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. next summer. Schneider and her family live in Aurora and she is the daughter of Barb and John Kudley of Aurora.

Aurora Schools' **SUPERINTENDENT PAT CICCANTELLI** was the guest speaker at Mayor Ann Womer Benjamin's **STATE OF THE CITY** luncheon on February 28, 2018.



The newest **AHS MURAL** carried on the "roots" theme and added a perseverance quote from Confucius. It can be seen in the stairwell leading to the 2nd floor near the library. The mural was completed as a senior internship project by **ALKA GHADIYARAM, AMANDA HSIEH, JOSIE HYDELL, REES JONES**, and was supervised by **ART INSTRUCTOR SEAN BERRODIN**.

## ANNUAL ACADEMIC SIGNING DAY 2018

Nine AHS seniors were honored at the 5th annual 2018 AHS Academic Signing Day on May 11, 2018. Criteria for the honor includes receipt of a merit based scholarship from the university they will attend that meets or exceeds 50% of the total direct cost of attending the university or to enroll at a university with a highly selective acceptance rate (15% or less) of the students who apply.



Honorees (front row, left to right): **Michael Avalon** - Miami University; **Nick Belofsky** - Washington and Jefferson College; **Chayanne Conley** - Ohio Wesleyan University; **Zach Gerber** - John Carroll University; **Rees Jones** - Kent State University; **Lara Ketonen** - Massachusetts Institute of Technology; **Salvatore Quaranto** - Johns Hopkins University; **Trevor Sobol** - The Ohio State University; **Grace Tomasko** - Marietta College

Administrators (back row, left to right): **Paul Milcetic, Brian Brookhart, Gerald Kohanski, Pat Ciccantelli**, and **Mike Roberto**



## MARCHING THROUGH DISNEY 2018





## CLASS ACTS

Congratulations to the 63 students who were inducted into **National Honor Society** (NHS) on February 12, 2018. Thank you to guest speaker AHS Spanish teacher **Gayle Lewis** who addressed the students and NHS co-advisors **Jen Simmerman** and **Kasie Burroughs** who organized the ceremony.



**Lauren Skonieczny's 2nd Grade Class** showed

off their crazy socks in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, 2018.

Thank you to Aurora Read's volunteer **Bonnie Ristau** for all of her many years of volunteering and hard work with our students at Craddock School.



**Harmon School Goodyear STEM Career Day 2018 Participants**

**Ginger Biales** and **Mary Beckstrom** took 49 students from Harmon School to the **Goodyear STEM Career Day**. Activities included coding, developing clean water supply, delivery supplies to Mars, Goodyear Airship Operations, and Goodyear Tire & Rubber Materials Science.



**Teacher Appreciation Day** was May 8, 2018, and the Aurora City School District

would like to thank our teachers for the caring, dedication and commitment to Aurora's students that has made us one of the top school districts in the State and recognized nationally for our excellence.

**We thank you and appreciate all that you do!**

The **AHS Quiz Bowl Team** has once again earned multiple trophies at the most recent league tournament. Both varsity and junior varsity teams went undefeated in all of their tournament matches. Both teams returned home as tournament champions. Congratulations!

### Bus Driver Appreciation Day - May 7, 2018

- Thank you to all of our district **bus drivers**, along with **Sal Arquilla** and **Tammie Crissman** in the Transportation Department, for the wonderful job they do in transporting our students to and from school and school-related events throughout the year in every type of weather.



Our district was officially notified that **Maggie Brandes** has been named a **National Merit Finalist** and is now eligible to be considered for the **National Merit Scholarships** offered in 2018! A very big "Congratulations" to Maggie!



Congratulations to our two **Excellence in Education Award Winners**. Our **Classified Staff Winner** is **Micky Colangelo** and our **Certified Staff winner** is **Erin Bradic**.



**Congratulations to our two Excellence in Education Award Winners pictured with our Board Members. Our Classified Staff Winner is Micky Colangelo (front, left) and our Certified Staff winner is Erin Bradic (front, right).**

**AHS Interact Club Students** worked at the **Metzenbaum Center** in Chesterland by participating in a carnival for adults and children with disabilities. The supervisor was so impressed with our students they requested that they assist with future events.

Four Aurora High School art students participated in the Beachwood Arts Council's Ileen Kelner Juried Regional High School Student Art Show. The students were **Ryann Blakkolb**, **Josephine Hydell**, **Rees Jones**, and **Lara Ketonen**. The artworks by students from 25 area high schools were

judged and eight top awards were announced with winners receiving cash prizes. **Josephine Hydell** received 1st place and a cash reward for her oil painting entitled **5 More Minutes**. **Lara Ketonen** received an Honorable Mention for her pen and ink piece called **Anxious**. The student's art teachers are **Sean Berrodin** and **Brian Caponi**.



**Courtney Janko's 1st Grade Class Shows Off Their Tie Dye Shirts**

## ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND EVOLVES



The Leighton School 5th grade Alex's Lemonade Stand fundraiser has evolved. This year the 5th grade class teachers orchestrated an all content area effort to involve their 5th grade classes in several charitable organizations. The students researched other foundations along with Alex's Lemonade Stand. They were then involved in calculating costs, choosing and creating the perfect recipe, advertising, economics, graphing results, researching, and writing. This year students also sold bracelets that they made in class with profits going to Upside of Downs and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Special thanks go to Harmon School's CT Technology instructor Shawn Reilly who built the fantastic new lemonade stand!

**New Alex's Lemonade Stand Built by AHS CT Technology Instructor Shawn Reilly**





## SPORT REPORT

Congratulations to the **GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM** who clinched the **SUBURBAN LEAGUE CONFERENCE TITLE** for the second consecutive year. Last year the team won their first championship title in 90 years and this year **COACH ERIKA GREENBERG** and the team did it again.



The **GREENMEN GRAPPLERS** and **COACH PAPESH** sent 5 wrestlers to the **STATE TOURNAMENT** this season including juniors, **ANDREW GARR**, **JACK GORMAN**, **WILL MCGHEE**, **COLIN MCNAMARA** and **KYLE PETERSON**.

Congratulations to **DIVING STATE QUALIFIERS: DREW ALBRECHT**, **VICTORIA BLECHSCHMID**, and **KYLIE PALIAN** along with **SWIMMING STATE QUALIFIER, LARA KETONEN**. Albrecht finished in 5th place for diving while Ketonen took 8th place in the 50 Freestyle.

Greenmen wrestler **WILL MCGHEE** was named the **SUBURBAN LEAGUE WRESTLER OF THE YEAR**. Way to go!



*Will McGhee wrestled at State Tournament*

Aurora wrestling head coach **JOHNNY PAPESH** and Aurora head girls' basketball coach **ERIKA GREENBERG** were named **SUBURBAN LEAGUE**

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE COACHES OF THE YEAR.

Congratulations!

Our **SOFTBALL TEAM** and our **WRESTLERS** earned **SUBURBAN LEAGUE TITLES**. Way to go!

Four AHS athletes returned from the **SUBURBAN LEAGUE TRACK MEET** as champions. **LEAH ANGELO** (High Jump), **CORINNE HENDERSON** (Pole Vault), **BRIANNA RAWLINGS** (Long Jump), and **ROBBIE TAYLOR** (3200 M Run) all earned **1ST PLACE** in their respective events.



USA GYMNASTICS.

Fourth grader **RILEY VERESPEJ** competed at the **USA GYMNASTICS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS** on

April 6, 2018.

AHS 2015 graduate **ANDY WEBER** from the University of Virginia was drafted by the **CHICAGO CUBS** in the 5th round of the Major League Baseball draft on June 5th. Best of luck to him in his career!



## 2018 OUTSTANDING GREENMEN AWARD WINNERS

The Aurora High School's Outstanding Greenmen recipients were honored at a banquet on April 5, 2018. The top 12 seniors are selected through a rigorous process to be recognized for their outstanding work in the area of leadership, character, service and academics. They then selected the Aurora educator that had the greatest impact on their success. Congratulations to this year's students and their selected teachers.



Sitting (left to right): **Jen Simmerman**, **Gunnar Meyer**, **Alka Ghadiyaram**, **Gayle Lewis**, **Sarah George** and **Sofia Palma**. Standing (left to right): **Olivia Conces**, **Mike Rubin**, **Olivia Ryncarz**, **Josh Rakow**, **Mark Abramovich**, **Robby Albrecht**, **Caroline Caputo**, **Jenna Schadle**, **Kris Vidziunas**, **Rob Albrecht**, **Alicia Jimenez**, **Brent Henderson**, **Skyler Banbury**, **John Calcei**, **Olivia Pinney**, **Barbara Cook**, **Laura Bell-Peters** and **Kristina Vidziunas**.



## Special Olympics

The Aurora Schools' participated in the Special Olympics events that were hosted by the Nordonia Hills City School District in May. Over 20 Aurora students endured the stormy weather and persevered in their athletic events. Superintendent Pat Ciccantelli was present at the event and said, "A huge thank you to our many staff members who endured the rain and the long day supporting our students and providing them with an opportunity that they rarely get to enjoy! I can't tell you how touching it is to watch our employees taking care of all of the needs of our students and assisting them in every way possible."



## GANLEY CHEVROLET LITTLE FREE LIBRARY UNVEILED

Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora partnered with the Aurora City School District to promote literacy. The car dealership held a new Little Free Library box unveiling in conjunction with their February book drive supporting the Little Free Libraries and school classrooms on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Aurora's Eric Van Raepenbusch was on hand during the event for a storytelling extravaganza. The library was built by Aurora Schools' CT Technology instructor Shawn Reilly and his class. The new Little Free Library (the 6th in Aurora) is located at the Aurora dealership at 310 W. Garfield Rd. Ganley Chevrolet also donated \$1,000 toward the purchase of additional books for Aurora's existing Little Free Libraries.



*Ganley Chevrolet's General Manager James Reinart (right) and author Eric Van Raepenbusch stand by the newest Little Free Library*





**Senior Class President** - Ethan Walker

**Senior Speakers** - Caroline Caputo • Avery McMaster • Ethan Walker

**National Merit Scholarship Finalist** - Maggie Brandes

**Senior of the Year** - Lara Ketonen

**Class Colors:** Silver

**Class Flower:** White rose

**Class Motto:** "Whatever you do, do it well." - Walt Disney

**Summa Cum Laude** recipients (4.0 or better for high school career): 33 students

**Scholarships:** The Class of 2018 benefited from \$8.6 million in total scholarships.

**AHS 2017-18 EXCEL TECC AWARD WINNERS**

**Ashley Foster** - Performing Arts Academy - Departmental Junior Award

**Konnar Mathis** - Construction Trades - Departmental Senior Award

**Lauren McBride** - Performing Arts Academy - Departmental Senior Award

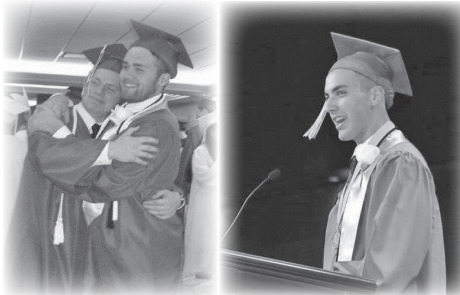
**Samantha Ryai** - Cosmetology - National Technical Honor Society Inductee; Departmental Junior Award

**Ashley Stevens** - Hummell - Excel TECC Departmental Senior Award

**Commencement**



*Congratulations!*



*Senior Prom*



*Prom King Nate Whitelaw & Queen Katelyn Glaser*

**Breakfast**



**AHS GRADS EARN AP ART TOP 15 WORLD STATUS**

The College Board has announced that two Aurora High School 2017 graduates performed so well on the AP Studio Art Drawing Portfolio Exam in May of 2017 that they have fallen into a very select category.

The Advanced Placement Exams are scored on a 5-point scale with a 5 being equivalent to a grade of A in the corresponding course. Both **Caeley Blechschmid** and **Alyssa Korecky** not only scored a 5 on the test, but were

also among only 15 students in the world to earn every point possible on the AP Studio Art Drawing Portfolio Exam receiving the maximum score on each portion of the exam.

In a letter, College Board Senior Vice President of AP and Instruction, Trevor Packer, stated, "These extraordinary academic accomplishments are likely a direct reflection of the top-quality education being offered at Aurora High School. We applaud both your schools'

hard-working students and the devoted AP teachers who have so successfully engaged and challenged them with college-level material."

Aurora Schools' Superintendent Pat Ciccantelli said, "Congratulations to Caeley Blechschmid and Alyssa Korecky for earning this distinction. Congratulations to the Aurora City Schools' art program for developing two of the finest art students in the world!"

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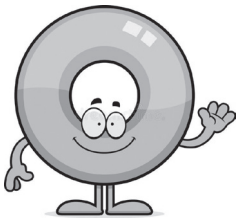
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**PRINCESS PROM**

Once upon a time,  
There was a little princess...

