



MEAD MATTERS

JUNE 2022

**EACH STUDENT
FUTURE READY**

**EMPOWERED TO
DREAM, BELIEVE,
ACHIEVE**

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Photos courtesy of SHBA

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN THE TRADES

For the second year, the Mead School District and Spokane Homebuilders Association teamed up to involve high school students in a hands-on residential construction project. As part of the Mead School District's continued commitment to its strategic priority of expanding on career track/work-readiness opportunities, this year's partnership with SHBA was a chance for students to meet and work alongside local builders and remodelers for a two-day shed building event.

This opportunity involved 23 juniors and seniors from both Mead and Mt. Spokane High Schools, who helped build two eight-foot-by-eight-foot (8'x8') sheds. Students were able to learn basic skills in different areas of the building process, including designing, framing, siding, hanging doors and more.

One of the great stories and experiences that came out of the event was that a Mead High School graduate who had volunteered as a senior student for a similar project in 2021 and was hired by a local contractor, returned for this event to help teach, lead and share his story. In addition, all students were able to network with local companies and organizations who were looking to hire summer, full- and part-time-help or recruit for future positions that may come available.

A number of sponsors helped bring this project to life and deserve a "Thank You!": Spokane Homebuilders Association, Built On Trust, Condrum Homes, Solid Structures, SHBA Remodelers Council, Barefoote Pools, Gold Seal Plumbing, Banner Bank, WAUSAU Supply, ROII, Hayden Homes, JB Consulting Systems and Sherwin Williams.

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2022 GRADUATION AT SPOKANE ARENA

The 2022 graduating seniors persevered through three years of constant change and challenges, and even took one last curveball. With impending dangerous weather predicted for the June 11 graduation ceremonies for Mead High School and Mt. Spokane High School, the decision was made by the district to move indoors to Spokane Arena. The effort of students, staff and administrators to make the event a special one for outgoing seniors was representative of the adaptability that has been shown throughout the last couple years. Thank you to all who helped, changed plans, attended, and ultimately, supported these students, schools and school district.

(Top, MSHS; Bottom, MHS)



HONORING THE 2022 VALEDICTORIANS



MEAD
HIGH SCHOOL



FIVE MILE
PRAIRIE SCHOOL



MT. SPOKANE
HIGH SCHOOL



NORTH STAR
SCHOOL

Mead High School

Emilie Baeth-Walter
Jeannette Baird
Kylee Bronson
Maya Caballero
Daniel Champlin
Maggie Chipley
Mercedes Cullen
Sophie Deibel
Mary DeMarsico
Preston Egan
Luke Ferguson
Hero Fuller
Allison Gallinger
Tyler Garrett
Abigail Golan
Jordan Gray
Steffanie Haller
Oliver Hammond
Spencer Hardy
Madeline Heissenbuttel
Kolby Hennessy
Janna Huber
Bethany Jolley
Nolin Kavan
Gabriella Kolodrub
Samuel Leman
Madelyn Lewis
Emma Lines
Thomas Lloyd
Olivia Lofstedt
Chloe Maple
Jacob Mark
Kate Maxey
Adrianna McEachern
Olivia Moore
Taylor Mularski
Ethan Narog
Ella Nielsen
Jaylynn Niska
Eli Ordaz
Braxton Pettey
Ashlyn Poff
Amelia Raines
Kaden Rinck

Mead High School (cont.)

Ainsley Ross
Bromley Ross
Lucas Russell
Sarah Sok
Zoe Sponseller
Kayla Sutherland
Alexia Williams
Madison Zorn

Mt. Spokane High School

Kaley Anderson
Isabelle Borders
Madison Bradley
Chloe Dinwoodie
Riley Ellyson
Alexa Gallagher
Colin Geibel
Miya Gibbs
Makenna Green
Nicholas Horner
Annelise Hoskinson
Tabitha Koscielski
Jordyn Lamb
Samantha Mason
Abby Melin
Max Molgard
Abigail Morrow
Haley Neumiller
Trinity Noyola
Anna Reed
Devin Schlegel
Ella Sessions
Katelyn Smith
Olivia Snyder
Reid Thompson
Kenny Tran
Gracee Ziegler

Five Mile Prairie School

Syd Rehmke

North Star School

Elizabeth Stubblefield

NATIONAL CHAMPS.

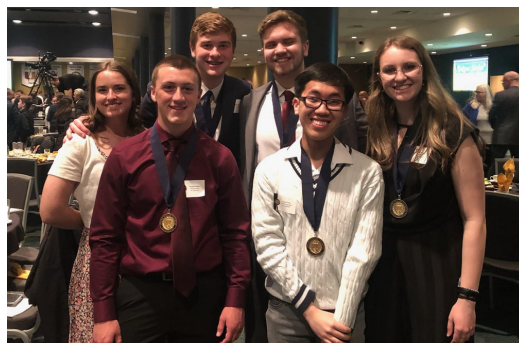


In June, the Mt. Spokane High School Sports Medicine Team traveled to the 2022 AACI National Sports Medicine Competition in California and won the national championship in the Mueller Division (medium-sized schools 1,000-1,999 students).

In addition, six members of the team earned All-America honors with their combined work on written and oral exams as part of the competition. Students compete as part of their school team, as well as on an individual basis (or both). Each team's top eight highest individual scores will be utilized to create a "Team Average" for the school.

- T-2. Zeke Miller
- T-4. Bryten Gumke
- T-6. Mackenzie Bell
- T-6. Lyssa Bingley
- T-9. Annelise Hoskinson
- 17. Alexa Mather

SPOKANE SCHOLARS HONORS



Congrats to the 2022 Spokane Scholars from Mead High School and Mt. Spokane High School, who were honored this spring at the 30th Annual Spokane Scholars Foundation Awards Banquet. MSHS senior Max Molgard earned a \$3,000 scholarship in the Social Studies category, while MHS senior Garrett Casey earned a \$2,000 scholarship in the Mathematics category.

Also honored at the banquet were MHS seniors Kate Maxey, Dakota Terhaar, Gabriella Kolodrub, Oliver Hammond and Sofia Garcia-Isabelli, and MSHS seniors Olivia Snyder, Kaley Anderson, Zeke Miller, Drew Nicks and Kenny Tran. Visit www.SpokaneScholars.com for complete recipient lists.

MATH IS COOL CLUBS

Meadow Ridge Elementary and Colbert Elementary each competed extremely well in the state *Math Is Cool* competition for 4th and 5th graders this spring. The state competition was held online.

Meadow Ridge Elementary's 4th grade team place 2nd overall, while the 5th grade team was 4th overall. Individually, two 4th-graders and two 5th-graders earned a top-10 finish in their division.

For Colbert Elementary, the 4th grade team place 4th overall at the state competition, while the 5th grade team was 8th overall. Individually, Colbert had one 4th-grader and one 5th-grader each place in the top 10 in their division.

Congratulations to all students throughout the district who took part in Math is Cool and competed in both the state competition and regional competition at Mt. Spokane High School!

WEDNESDAY LATE START

At the June 14th Regular Meeting of the Mead School District School Board of Directors, the Board approved the following changes to the school start times for 2022-23:

Elementary (K-5)

- Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00 am
- Wednesday: 9:40 a.m.

Middle School (6-8)

- Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 7:55 am
- Wednesday: 8:35 a.m.

High School (9-12)

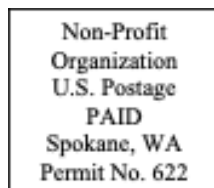
- Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 am
- Wednesday: 8:40 a.m.

For more details, please access Board minutes from the May 23 and June 14 regular meetings.



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DISTRICT NEWS TIDBITS



- MSHS' **Moriah Von Behren** earned the Washington Education Association's state art award for her piece, "Pride & Unity" (above).
- Four Mead School District schools welcome a new principal for the upcoming school year.
 - **Jeff Naslund** - Prairie View
 - **Erin O'Connor** - Meadow Ridge
 - **Nate Bartlett** - Highland MS
 - **Kimberly Jensen** - Mead HS
- MHS Design Studio students had a fantastic showing at the World Series of Innovation. **Thomas Brasch and Spencer Jordan** earned 3rd place with their idea Wild Ping. **Isaac Pooler** earned Top 10 with his idea Solar Sidewalks.
- Congratulations to Northwood Middle School Jazz and Treble Choirs, who competed in Pasco this spring against High School Choirs:
 - Jazz Choir - 3rd in the High School Division 2
 - Treble Choir - Outstanding Concert Choir honors
 - **Ashton Oliver** - Outstanding Soloist Award

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Congratulations, Class of 2022! The 2021-2022 school year started with much trepidation and concern as we dealt with the challenging realities of conducting school during a pandemic. This was in stark contrast with how we finished the year immersed in joyous celebrations for our graduates as they embark on the next phase of their lives. We handed out almost 900 diplomas to our deserving graduating seniors from our Mead Learning Options programs, Mt. Spokane High School and Mead High School. Our graduates are heading to colleges, trade schools, serving our military, and joining local industries, among other worthy pathways.

While we are proud of the education we have provided to help ensure the future readiness of our students, we know we also have areas to grow in and improve. In an effort to build upon the talent pipeline between the Mead School District and Spokane County industry and beyond, we will be holding a series of planning meetings in the Fall for interested parties. Working together we are convinced that not only can we prepare our students to enter into traditional college pathways, we can also guarantee them viable employment opportunities straight out of high school. If you are involved in local industry or business and you would like to help develop a plan for the coming years, please contact me directly at shawn.woodward@mead354.org.



Enjoy the summer months!

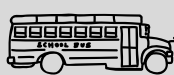
Sincerely,
Shawn Woodward

WE'RE HIRING!

Looking for a full or part-time job? The Mead School District is hiring for a variety of positions throughout the District. More information can be found at www.Mead354.org/jobs for jobs in teaching, transportation, nutrition services, maintenance, administration and classroom support, as well as numerous substitute positions.



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& MORE

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NEW STUDENT TO-DO LIST: ENROLL!

Entering Kindergarten? New to the Mead School District?

Enrollment for 2022-23 is open for all new K-12 students to the Mead School District at www.mead354.org/enrollment.

Interested in a non-traditional student experience?

Check out the Mead Learning Options programs at www.mead354.org/MLO!

