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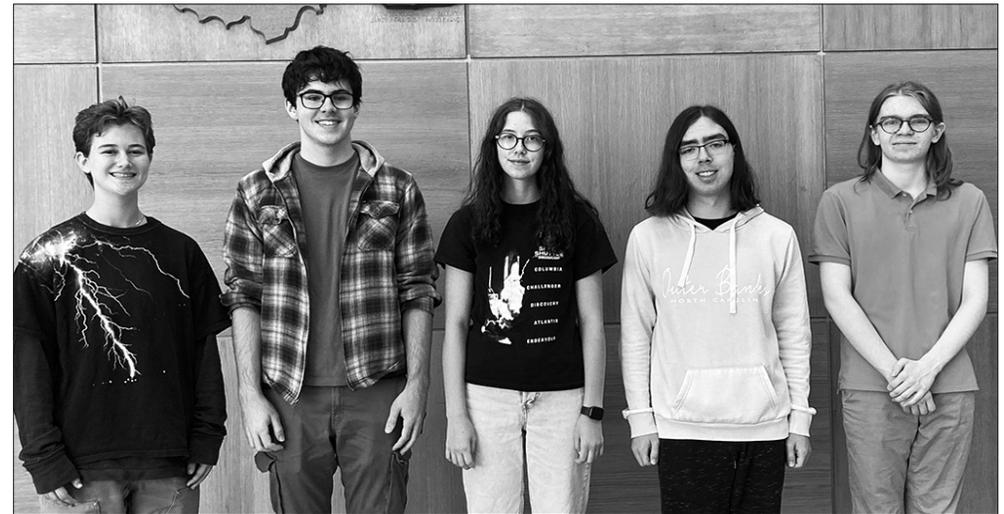
LAKEWOOD HIGH BOASTS 3 NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS, 2 COMMENDED STUDENTS

Lakewood High School seniors Tyler DiLoreto, Jamie Holland and Maddie Oldfield have been named Semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Corp. competition. This designation recognizes Tyler, Jamie and Maddie as among the top students in the nation. Lakewood High also can boast two Commended Students, seniors Alex Peterson and Lila Wright.

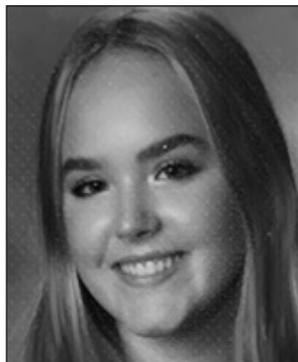
Based on their PSAT score from the 2021-2022 school year, Tyler, Jamie and Maddie join the

group of 16,000 Semifinalists across the country. These academic standouts rose to the top of more than 1.6 million students who took the PSAT. Semifinalists represent less than 1% of U. S. high school seniors and are the highest scoring entrants in their state. Semifinalists are designated on a state-representational basis. The number of Semifinalists named in each state is proportional to the state's percentage of the

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From left: Lila Wright, Jamie Holland, Maddie Oldfield, Tyler DiLoreto and Alex Peterson.



Wilhelmy

LHS BOASTS 67 AP SCHOLARS AND A RARE PERFECT SCORE BY RECENT GRAD

Each new school year the District celebrates its numerous Lakewood High School students who have earned the designation of AP Scholar by virtue of their scores on the college-level Advanced Placement exams taken in May. This year, we add a special congratulations to 2022 graduate Inga Wilhelmy, who

was one of only 197 students in the world to earn every point possible on the 2-D Art & Design Exam.

"This outstanding accomplishment is likely a direct reflection of the top-quality education being offered at Lakewood High School," said Trevor Packer, head of the Advanced Placement Program. "We applaud

Inga's hard work and the AP teacher responsible for engaging students and enabling them to excel in a college-level course."

Inga's teacher is Dayna Hansen. She has high praise for her former student:

"Inga Wilhelmy is one of the See **AP** Page 2

COMMUNITY INPUT GUIDED DISTRICT IN DEVELOPMENT OF NEW 3-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

The Lakewood City Schools has completed the development of its three-year strategic plan that will be the District's roadmap for the years ahead. Through the process of listening to approximately 1,600 of our stakeholders via surveys, focus groups and in-person interviews, themes emerged that helped the District focus its plan on

seven goals and objectives as outlined below:

1. Academic Achievement and Technology
2. Climate, Culture and Wellness
3. Communications
4. Human Resources and Business Operations
5. Curriculum & Professional

Development

6. Extracurriculars - Athletics, Arts and more
7. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging

We believe these goals reflect the core values of our district and provide actionable objectives that will inform all our decisions moving forward. We

are grateful for our community's interest and dedication to our district. Together, with our Vision of a Lakewood Graduate and our strategic plan, we will continue to build on the excellent legacy of Lakewood City Schools. To learn more about our plan, visit our Strategic Plan page on our website at www.lakewoodcity-schools.org.

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High School

10 FROM LHS CHOSEN FOR REGIONAL ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to the 10 Lakewood High musicians chosen to be part of the Ohio Music Educators Association's Northeast Ohio Regional Orchestra and an additional congrats to senior violinist Lydia Kress on being selected for the All-State Orchestra. Students must qualify for the Regional Orchestra to be eligible for a spot with the All-State Orchestra. Jill King earned alternate status for the All-State ensemble.

The 10 LHS musicians will perform with the Regional ensemble on Nov. 3 at EJ Thomas Performing Arts Hall in Akron. The All-State ensemble performs at the OMEA annual conference, held in Columbus in early February.

Regional Orchestra qualifiers:

Eileen Brady - violin
Willow Detmar - bass
Jill King - cello
Margot King - violin
Lydia Kress - viola
Jaden Mills - bass



Regional Orchestra qualifiers, front row (l-r): Jill King (alternate for All-State), Lydia Kress (All-State qualifier), Maddie Oldfield, Margot King; back row (l-r): Willow Detmar, Jaden Mills, Jaxson Riley, Bryce Sandoval, Bode Smith. (Absent: Eileen Brady)

Maddie Oldfield - viola
Jaxson Riley - cello
Bryce Sandoval - cello
Bode Smith - violin

JUNIOR'S ART CHOSEN FOR STATE EXHIBIT

The artwork of Lakewood High junior Olive Diemert has been selected to hang in the Vern Riffe

higher on five or more of these exams):

Audrey Carson, Mia Condosta, Joseph Daso, Lewis Fetting, Andre Hallenburg, Emma Hart, Abigail Hirsch, James Holland, Lydia Kress, Teeghan McGann, Lucy McIntire, Caleigh Naylor, Alexander Peterson, Alexander Pongracz, Jackson Provost, Erin Ptacek, Eva Strazek, Reka Sundem, Kegan Weber, Anna Weiss

AP Scholars with Honor (averaged at least 3.25 on all exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more):

Charlotte Beno, Helinor Clark, Katherine Coleman, Rocco Crino, Tyler DiLoreto, Greta Frantz, Ava Hitter, Veruca Jouriles, Julia Kavc, Jill King, Clare Morrissey, Baily

Center for Government Affairs in Columbus as part of the two-year long Ohio House of Representatives High School Student Art Exhibit.

One piece of art is selected for each of the House's 99 districts. The exhibit is on display until June 2024. Congratulations to Olive!

Rohrs, Carly Voltz, Sophia Weiss, Megan Winters

AP Scholars (earned 3 or higher on 3 or more exams): James Allio, Sidney Bacon, Sylvie Ballou, Lauren Barber, Anne Bartos, Kaitlyn Bitter, Gretchen Breudigam, Ainsley Bronson, Ava Bruening, Amanda Chanter, Sarah Donaldson, Amal Elhachdani, Josephina Filice, Gavin Fulmer, Grace Hildebrandt, Alexandra Hodson, Alexandra Horton, Benjamin Jablonowski, Ivy Keeper, Alexis Lindsay, Rose Lipka, Abigail Marsh, Emma Murray, Griffin Norris, Alexandria Russell, Madeleine Rybak, Julia Shields, Skylar Smith, Samuel Stallbaum, Scarlett Wankowski, Jonathan Weisbarth, Lila Wright

Middle School

HARDING EARNS ANTI-BIAS RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Harding Middle School on earning a Stop the Hate School of the Year award from the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. The award recognizes the school's anti-bias education efforts in the classroom. Some of the initiatives include the school's monthly cultural heritage recognitions, the Be That Person Club and its focus on tolerance and inclusivity. The school's choir program also annually participates in Maltz's Youth Sing Out competition.



Elementary

ROOSEVELT EARNS PBIS AWARD

Congratulations to Roosevelt Elementary, which has won an Ohio PBIS Bronze Recognition Award for 2022. The award is sponsored by the State Support Team for Region 3 and the Ohio PBIS Network. PBIS Award winners' PBIS efforts were evaluated in the areas of student expectations, behavior and discipline; teacher expectations; faculty, student and family involvement; and evaluation processes. Congratulations to the school's PBIS team!

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most brilliant and humble student artists that I have come across. Her dedication is unmatched..... Everything she does from her sketchbook planning to the finished piece is done with exceptional skill and thought," Hansen said. Inga is currently attending The Rhode Island School of Design majoring in painting.

2-D Art & Design is one of 20 AP courses at Lakewood High. The District proudly congratulates the 67 current students and recent graduates who have earned AP Scholar honors:

AP Scholars with Distinction (averaged at least 3.5 on all exams taken, and grades of 3 or

A Special Day on the Field



ALEJANDRO NIEVES BUCY/LHS

On a beautiful September day, the Lakewood High Unified Special Olympics flag football team, comprised of students from LHS' MILES Unit and their peer mentors, enjoyed some friendly competition with five other area schools including John Marshall, Lutheran West, Olmsted Falls, Max Hayes and Avon. Wishing the team best of luck for the rest of the season!

MERIT from PAGE 1 national total of graduating high school seniors.

Tyler, James, and Madeline are now eligible to continue on in the competition in hopes of being named a Finalist and receiving one of more than 7,500 scholarships worth nearly \$30 million to be awarded in the spring. More than 15,000 of the 16,000 nationwide Semifinalists are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation.

National Merit Scholarship Corp. Commended Students are among the top 5% of PSAT scorers. Although Alexander and Lila do not move on in the scholarship competition, we recognize them as among the best students in the state.

Congratulations to these five academic superstars!

VISION OF A LAKEWOOD GRADUATE FOCUS: NEW LHS AP COURSE

With each Report Card issue, we will highlight how our Vision of a Lakewood Graduate is being incorporated into our classrooms every day. One great example is the new AP African American Studies class at Lakewood High School. The class, which is taught by Austin Sparks, is one of 60 being taught across the country as part of a pilot program. LHS is the only school in Ohio that was selected to take part.

The curriculum stretches from colonization in Africa through the migration and subsequent enslavement in America and through the civil rights movement. The class is a great example of students displaying a growth mindset by digging into a topic that they have not explored before and doing so with an open mind about what they are learning now versus what they may have learned in the past

about African American history. The curriculum challenges their critical thinking skills as they learn how what happened to African American ancestors still resonates in African American culture today. By reading original source documents, students are able to empathize with the plight of those who were trapped, sold and enslaved. The class also expands students'



global perspective/awareness as they learn about pre-slavery African societies.



LAKEWOOD PROJECT PLANNING 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On May 27, 2023, a concert celebrating 20 years of The Lakewood Project will be held at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium. The performance will showcase the talents of both the current student musicians as well as feature exciting collaborations of former members. Dozens of alumni dating back to 2002 will have the opportunity to recon-

nect and make music together on the Civic stage once again, extending that nostalgic joy to an audience of family, friends and fans. A collection of "greatest hits" from throughout the orchestra's history will be performed in addition to some new arrangements from the 2022-23 Lakewood Project.

All Lakewood Project alum-

ni are invited and encouraged to participate in this event, which will pair with a weekend of activities, giving alums the opportunity to enjoy the company of former classmates and teachers. If you're an LP alum and are interested in more information, please send an email to LP20Reunion@gmail.com.

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Centennial Celebration

Horace Mann second graders donned special "100" glasses as part of their celebration and learning the history of their school's 100 years of existence. Horace Mann opened as a junior high school in Sept. 1922 and transitioned to an elementary school in 2009.



MARCHING BAND CONCERT OCT. 25

The Lakewood Ranger Marching Band will perform its halftime and pregame show selections in an indoor concert on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium.

If you were unable to catch a football game and hear the band's performances or just love to listen to our fantastic marching band, this is your chance! There will also be a special drumline feature, always a favorite. It should be a great night of entertainment!

GRANT TO HELP REC DEPT. BOOST SWIM LESSON ACCESSIBILITY



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Growing up in Lakewood, it seems to be a rite of passage that most kids participate in the big three: they go to Safety Town, they play t-ball and they take swimming lessons. Considering we have Lake Erie to the north, two outdoor municipal pools and one indoor pool at Lakewood High, we can't stress enough the importance of learning how to swim. Unfor-

tunately some of our families cannot afford to register for Learn-To-Swim (LTS), including our growing refugee population, which also faces language barriers.

The Lakewood Community Recreation & Education Department was recently awarded an \$8,000 grant from the Healthy Lakewood Foundation to help us with registration fees, staffing

and other necessary equipment for LTS. This is an exciting opportunity for our department to support the vision of our community's healthy and active lifestyle as well as addressing and teaching water safety to our members. We are grateful for being selected by H.L.F. and looking forward to more opportunities to support our students and community.