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Keith Elementary's Arabo is State Teacher of the Year

Melody Arabo, third-grade teacher at Keith Elementary, was recently named the State Teacher of the Year by State Superintendent **Mike Flanagan**.

Phillip Pittman, Keith Elementary principal, said: "Melody puts students and their learning at the center of everything she does."

She is a 12-year teacher at Keith Elementary and was nominated by **Edie Schwartz**, a Keith parent who said Arabo motivated her son to read.



Pictured from left to right are: Greg Janicki, Board president; Kenneth Gutman, superintendent; Nancy van Leuwen, Board treasurer; Melody Arabo, Michigan Teacher of the Year; and Phillip Pittman, Keith principal.

Stojkovic receives iPads, Compass Learning software

Neb Stojkovic, WL Central teacher, was second in the Top Teacher on the national *Live with Kelly and Michael* Show. His accomplishments on behalf of students beamed a positive light on our School District, county, and state.

Recently, he was presented with 30 iPads



Kelsey Prena and Neb Stojkovic thank Compass Learning representative Peter Solar.

and software from Compass Learning, Austin, Texas, valued at nearly \$100,000.

Thank you, WL Central graduate **Kelsey Prena**, for writing the eloquent letter about Stojkovic that started this amazing journey.

District congratulates 2013-14 graduates



Senior class officers from all three high schools recently met with Superintendent Kenneth Gutman to discuss the highlights of their high school experiences and their plans for the future.

A total of 1,210 seniors from Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Western High Schools graduated on June 1 at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center. For more photos and a list of the District's 4.0 graduates, see page five. *Pictured (above) with Mr. Gutman are, from left to right, class officers: Tyler Davis and Samantha Cohen, WL Central; Madison Valentine and Tiffany Walker, WL Northern and Umang Lathia and Morgan Kramer, WL Western.*

Safety, security, technology bond work moves forward

Now that school is out, construction begins immediately on Phase I of the Safety, Security and Technology Bond; and the majority of work will be done this summer at Hickory Woods, Keith, Loon Lake, Meadowbrook, Oakley Park, and Pleasant Lake Elementary Schools.

"This is a critical, multi-year Safety, Security and Technology Bond. Our community approved this bond, and we are entrusted with the implementation which will ensure the full complement of outlined safety systems. Technology will be installed in each of our 19 schools and five support buildings. Our children and community can rest assured (story continued on page 4.)

WL Central band to perform in NYC parade

Macy's Parade officials led by **Wesley Whatley**, creative director of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade® and head of the Parade's Band Selection Committee, recently invited the Walled Lake Central High School marching band to perform in the 2015 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade® in NYC.

Out of hundreds of nationwide applicants, Central's band will be one of only 10 marching bands to march in the 2015 Parade.



From left to right: Chuck Morgan, WL Central principal; David Rogers, WL Central band director; and Wesley Whatley, creative director of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®.

Students earn National Merit Scholarships

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District is proud to recognize **Michelle Sheng**, Walled Lake Central High School, and **Trevor Rees**, Walled Lake Northern High School, for each earning a National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship.

Sheng is a member of the National Honor Society, Model United Nations, symphony orchestra and art club. She plans to study art and history at the University of Michigan. She is the daughter of Xiaoyan Li and Yuanyi Sheng.



Sheng

Rees is a member of the varsity cross country and track teams. He also participates in the marching band, National Honor Society and U.S. History Club. He plans to major in engineering at the University of Michigan. He is the son of Sue and John Rees.



Rees

The \$2,500 Merit Scholar designees were chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding finalists who have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

District-wide generosity supports community

WL Schools recently partnered with the St. Baldrick's Foundation to raise money for childhood cancer research.

This year the Foundation issued the "Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Challenge" which included two school head shaving events and the annual Lakes Area Community St. Baldrick's event on April 26. The combined events raised more than \$58,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. (story continued on page 7).



Staff and students from Commerce Elementary shaved their heads to raise money for St. Baldrick's.

Barbour, Scott, Upton, Crane, Johnson, Powers and Walker receive Golden Apple Awards

Joan Barbour, Keith Elementary para-educator, **Judy Scott**, Prime Time Care and Teen Club manager and **Carolyn Upton**, parent volunteer, received Golden Apple awards at the March 6 Board meeting.



Barbour

Barbour knows that helping Keith's diabetic students by monitoring their blood sugar is critical to ensure academically productive days for some of their students.



Scott

Scott makes PTC, Teen Club, Summer Care and her other programs fun with themes, decorations, projects and engaging activities. She is a leader and team player.



Upton

Geisler MS has formed a strong partnership with Amerisure as a result of Upton's selfless determination to fill the needs of families who are struggling.



Crane

Bethany Crane, Hickory Woods ASD teacher, received a Golden Apple award at the April 3 Board meeting.

Crane uses the token system with her students to help reinforce appropriate behaviors and she creates an environment where all students can be successful.



Powers

Deb Powers, Resource Room Teacher at Hickory Woods, **Ruth Walker**, volunteer at Hickory Woods and **Jooley Johnson**, Walled Lake Elementary parent volunteer, received Golden Apple awards at the May 1 Board meeting.



Walker

Dr. Pat Werner, Hickory Woods Elementary principal, said: "Whether Deb Powers is advising our student council members, serving on the SIPP Team or collaborating with colleagues, students and their success always comes first."



Johnson

Dr. Werner also said: "Ruth Walker volunteers every week to help kids succeed and help teachers assist students. Ruth is truly selfless. It is our belief that Ruth Walker is "PRICELESS."

Johnson volunteers in the Walled Lake Elementary media center repairing older books, preparing new books, shelving books and cleaning and organizing. She manages the WLE Book Fairs and coordinates other parent volunteers. She is tireless in her work on the WLE PTA with countless fund raisers and academic opportunities for the students.

Walled Lake Schools announces retirements

One administrator, 22 teachers and 14 support staff members are retiring from Walled Lake this June, taking with them more than 800 years of dedicated service and memories. Following is a list of our 2013-14 retirees:

Dublin:

•**Kathleen Bradford-Bonner**, Teacher, 7.5 years

Glengary:

•**Carol Rice**, Teacher, 15 years

•**Laurie Wurst**, Teacher, 25 years

Hickory Woods:

•**Susan Marcum**, Paraeducator, 24 years, 9 months

•**Ellen Mardeusz**, Paraeducator, 18 years

•**Patricia Werner**, Principal, 20 years

Loon Lake:

•**Judith Beck**, Prime Time Care Supervisor, 32 years, 10 months

•**Beth Hamill**, Paraeducator, 19 years, 10 months

•**Rita Hutman**, Prime Time Care Aide, 17 years, 5 months

MH Guest:

•**Deborah Aubuchon**, Food Server, 25 years, 6 months

Meadowbrook:

•**Deborah Eber**, Teacher, 24 years

Oakley Park:

•**Donnalyn Trevethan**, Teacher, 40 years

Pleasant Lake:

•**Sallie Wilds**, Teacher, 29 years

Walled Lake:

•**Patricia Wilson**, Teacher, 21 years,

WLE/Wixom:

•**John Shaw**, Teacher, 28 years



Werner

Clifford Smart:

•**Elaine Clark**, Kitchen Manager, 23 years

•**Diane Matson**, Teacher, 33.5 years

Geisler:

•**Marian Hargraves**, Teacher, 22 years

•**Karen Katz**, Teacher, 23 years

•**Carol Kravetz**, Teacher, 16 years

•**Kathleen Rowling**, Teacher, 25.5 years

Walnut Creek:

•**Cynthia Goris**, Teacher, 19 years

•**Patricia Yellin**, Teacher, 26.5 years

WL Central:

•**Carolyn Combs**, Paraeducator, 20 years, 10 months

•**Sandra Hagman**, Teacher, 9 years

•**Mary Rashid**, Teacher, 18 years

•**Jim Walsh**, Teacher, 45 years

WL Northern:

•**Barbara Foss**, Secretary, 19 years, 10 months

•**Chriss Golden**, Counselor, 23 years

•**Joseph Lannen**, Teacher, 11 years

WL Western:

•**James Evans**, Teacher, 40 years

•**David Schreiber**, Teacher, 20 years

Community Education Center:

•**Diane Touchberry**, Paraeducator, 30 years, 5 months

Educational Services Center:

•**Donald Barbera**, Warehouse Driver, 16.5 years

•**Ellen Wickham**, Secretary, 24 years,

Transportation:

•**Diana Dugall**, Bus Driver, 24.5

•**Dianne Pietila**, Bus Driver, 12 years, 1 month

*(List as of May 30, 2014.)

Kennedy, Stasak get Bammy nominations



Kennedy

Dr. Sheryl Kennedy, Geisler Middle School principal and **Amy Stasak**, middle school media specialist, were each nominated for a



Stasak

Bammy Award which is a cross-discipline honor that identifies and acknowledges the extraordinary work being done across the entire educational field every day.

Doppke gets nomination



Doppke

Stephanie Doppke, WLTV supervisor, was recently nominated for the Media Educator of the Year award sponsored by Specs Howard School of Media Arts. This award recognizes educators who have supported their students in pursuing an education to prepare them for the media industry.

Brasza is a Peacekeeper

Sandra Brasza, Pleasant Lake Elementary head teacher, received the 2014 Local Hero Peacekeeper Award for her adept ability at resolving conflicts and building relationships.

She is truly an advocate for those less fortunate ensuring children have new clothes for the start of school and providing food for families in need.



Brasza

Golden receives lifetime achievement award

Chriss Golden, Walled Lake Northern High School counselor and retiree, recently received the 2014 Terry Hood Lifetime Achievement Award for the positive impact she has made on Northern's staff, students and community over the past two years.



Golden

Siegler receives Gretchko Youth Advocate Award

Marc Siegler, 20-year WLCSd Board of Education member, received the Dr. Seymour Gretchko Youth Advocate Award at the recent Greater West Bloomfield Annual Awards breakfast.

"Marc Siegler believes public education is the great equalizer. He knows a good education makes all the difference. He

knows that no matter what race, religion, socio-economic class, education will create understanding, it will help our children help our community, country and world be a better place for everyone," **Kenneth Gutman**, superintendent, said.



Siegler

AAPN meetings revive new parent network

More than 150 parents attended three African American Parent Network, AAPN, meetings recently at Walled Lake Schools' Educational Services Center.

Chaired by **Dr. Patricia Chunn** of Oakland Schools, the purpose of the AAPN is to encourage African American parents



Dr. Jay Marks and Dr. Patricia Chunn, from Oakland Schools, debrief with Chuck Morgan, WL Central principal, after the recent AAPN meeting.

to be intricately involved in their children's education in Walled Lake Schools.

Parents, Director of Operations honored at PTSA annual Installation and Awards celebration

Each year the PTSA Council recognizes those individuals who have truly made a difference in the lives of students. This year's Administrator of the Year is **Bill Chatfield**, Operations director.



Pictured from left to right are: Kenneth Gutman, superintendent; Bill Chatfield, Operations director; Nancy Scott, PTSA Council president and Greg Janicki, Board president.

Nancy Scott, Walled Lake PTSA Council president, was recognized with a Honorary Lifetime Membership.

Distinguished Service Awards went to **Timothy Lynch, Jr.**, parent volunteer; and

Stephanie Kaplan, PTSA Council corresponding secretary.

Nina Dewicki and **Lisa Williams**, PTSA Reflections Chairs, were also recognized with Council Member of the Year awards.

WLS PTSA honors 12 state 'Reflections' winners

More than 400 WLS students, staff and parents participated in the 2014 PTSA Reflections Celebration. The purpose of the PTA Reflections program is to encourage artistic expression through Film/Video Production, Dance Choreography, Musical Composition, Photography, Visual Arts and Literature.

This year's creative expression prompt was "Believe, Dream, Inspire."

Four students representing the Walled Lake Schools State Award winning pieces

in the 2014 Reflections program, read or performed their pieces. Mya Jump, Wixom Elementary and Madeleine Brown, Geisler Middle School, read their literature entries. Hana Jaquays, WL Central High School and Paige Goetz, WL Northern High School performed their musical entries.

Cara Dolan, MH Guest Elementary and Patrick Halim, Oakley Park Elementary, were each recognized for their entries into the National PTSA Reflections competition.



Pictured at left with Nancy Scott, Nina Dewicki, Greg Janicki, Board president; Ken Gutman and Lisa Williams are the State Reflections winners: **back row from left to right:** Elliana Michaels, Gabrielle Mifsud, Jordan Olsen, Paige Goetz and Brett Lipsitz. **Front row from left to right are:** Cara Dolan, Justin Tran, Allison Jones, Nadia Halim and Patrick Halim. Not pictured are: Jon Liike and Amanda Erhardt.

District's annual K-12 art show a huge success

For the second year, the K-12 Art Exhibition was held at the Commerce Township Hall. More than 500 students, parents and staff members attended the Artists Reception on Wednesday, May 28.

Hundreds of ballots were cast for the "best in show" art. Also, for the first time, parents and staff could cast their ballots using a special QR Code created by **Jessica Rohrhoff**, Keith art teacher and **Pam Shoemaker**, technology integration coordinator. The online ballot was cast from many smart phones at the event.

District K-12 winners will be recognized in

Pictured are: Steven Ayyar, Pleasant Lake Elementary third-grader, and Ashley Lavoy, Pleasant Lake Elementary art teacher.



the fall at a Board of Education meeting.

Walled Lake Northern and Western High Schools also hosted student art shows April 23-30 and April 29-May 2, 2014, respectively.

Register for preschool

Walled Lake Schools' preschool programs welcomes your children three to five years of age. We invite you to *Come Grow with Us* at the Community Education Center, Dublin El., Glengary El., Pleasant Lake El., Twin Sun facility and Walled Lake El. Call 248-956-5080 to enroll or go to:

<http://www.wlcsd.org/webpages/preschool/>

The HighScope Preschool Curriculum not only helps young children excel in language and cognitive learning but also promotes independence, curiosity, decision-making, cooperation, persistence, creativity and problem solving - the fundamental skills that help determine success in adult life. For more information on HighScope, go to

<http://highscope.org/Content.asp?ContentId=63>.



Enrollment information

Enrollment for students entering grades K-12 will take place at the Walled Lake Schools' Educational Services Center, 850 Ladd Rd., Building D, not at the building the student will be attending.

To start the enrollment process, please access the District's website, www.wlcsd.org, and click on "Enrollment" in the Quick Links.


At the end of the online pre-enrollment process, you will be asked to schedule an appointment to finalize your child's enrollment. You may schedule your appointment if you have all required documentation.


If you do not have all the required documentation, please call the Office of Student Services at (248) 956-2086 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. for assistance.


24 senior athletes from WL Central, Northern sign college letters of intent


Twenty-four seniors from WL Central and Northern High Schools recently signed letters of intent to play sports and continue their education at the collegiate level beginning in the fall of 2014.


From WL Central:

 **Jasmine Brown** signed a letter of intent to run track at Alabama State University where she plans to study biology. She is the daughter of Tammy and David Brown.


 **Natalie Casab** signed a letter of intent for cheerleading at The University of Detroit Mercy where she plans to study nursing. She is the daughter of Ban and Romel Casab.


 **Tim Ford** signed a letter of intent to play football at Siena Heights where he plans to study graphic design. He is the son of Darlynn and Timothy Ford.

 **Jerret Haas** signed a letter of intent to play ice hockey at Indiana Tech where he plans to study business sports management. He is the son of Karen and Jerry Haas.


 **Robert Harris** signed a letter of intent to run track at the University of Alabama where he plans to study criminal justice. He is the son of Alecia and Robert Harris.


 **Steven Hoef** signed a letter of intent to run track at Ferris State University. He is undecided on his plan of study. He is the son of Michelle and Matt Hoef.


 **Kylie Hornsby** signed a letter of intent to bowl at Rochester College. She is undecided on her plan of study. She is the daughter of Marcy Hornsby-Mohr and Ralph Mohr.


 **Zach Kallgren** signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Trine University where he plans to study sports management. He is the son of Jodi and


Douglas Kallgren.

 **Kevin Kwapis** signed a letter of intent to play football at Western Iowa Community College where he plans to study business administration. He is the son of Candy and Dean Kwapis.


 **Ben LaPointe** signed a letter of intent to play lacrosse at Lourdes University where he plans to study athletic training. He is the son of Kerry and Romuald LaPointe.


 **Stephen Lee** signed a letter of intent to swim at Olivet Nazarene University where he plans to study information systems and chemistry. He is the son of Christine and Robert Lee.

 **Carter Mayes** signed a letter of intent to play lacrosse at the University of Michigan. He is undecided on his plan of study. He is the son of Melissa and Matthew Mayes.

 **Michael Morelli** signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Saginaw Valley State University where he plans to study mechanical engineering. He is the son of Sandra and Peter Morelli.

 **Justin Nafso** signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Rochester College. He is undecided on his plan of study. He is the son of Athir and Taghreed Nafso.

 **Kevin O'Malley** signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Trine University where he plans to study chemical engineering. He is the son of Robin and Timothy O'Malley.

 **Exhildi Prekaj** signed a letter of intent to throw shot put and discus at Northwood University where he plans to study finances. He is the son of Pjerin and Vera Prekaj.





Tyler Todd signed a letter of intent to play ice hockey at Adrian College where he plans to study business management and marketing. He is the son of Dana and Guy Todd.




Kayla Womack signed a letter of intent to run track at Clemson University where she plans to study psychology. She is the daughter of Yalandria Womack and Jeffrey Hubbard.


From WL Northern:


 **Kylie Armstrong** signed a letter of intent to play ice hockey at Lindenwood. She is undecided on her field of study. She is the daughter of Michelle Armstrong and Matt Hawkins.

 **Jessica Convery** signed a letter of intent to play ice hockey at Mercyhurst University where she plans to study physical therapy. She is the daughter of Jackie and Brian Convery.

 **Ashlyn Davis** signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Lindenwood University where she plans to study biology. She is the daughter of Sheryl and Bryan Davis.

 **Ben Forhan** signed a letter of intent to play football at Kalamazoo College where he plans to study business and economics. He is the son of Jan and Craig Forhan.

 **Michael Kirschbaum** signed a letter of intent to play baseball at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, where he plans to study economics. He is the son of Cyndy and Steve Kirschbaum.

 **Erin Lee** signed a letter of intent to play softball at Alma College where she plans to study athletic training. She is the daughter of Lisa and Paul Lee.

Bond update (continued from page 1)

that we will implement these projects in the least disruptive manner possible," **Kenneth Gutman**, superintendent, said.

Simultaneously, design and bid plans for the Phase II schools has begun. Phase II schools include Commerce, Dublin and Guest Elementary Schools and Geisler and Smart Middle Schools, as well as Central High School, Educational Services Center and Twin Sun Special Services building.

Phase II schools have been selected based on complexity of design, comparative condition, geography and logistics.

Of the five support buildings, the ESC serves as the hub for much of the technology work, and it needs to be included in Phase II. TMP Architecture, Inc., Bloomfield Hills, is currently working on designs and plans for the Phase II buildings. Auch Construction will serve the District as the construction management company for the work.

The buildings that will be included in Phase III are WL Western High School, Banks and Walnut Creek Middle Schools, Glengary,

Walled Lake and Wixom Elementary Schools, as well as the Community Education Building and Operations. These buildings will receive the full complement of systems in 2016.

Bill Chatfield, director of Operations said: "While we had hoped to complete all of the bond work in the first three years, it is clear we cannot take two high schools out of service in the same summer. Therefore, WL Northern High School, which is newer and has several of the safety and security measures in place, will be Phase IV of the project to be completed in 2017, along with the Outdoor Center which was renovated in 2006. This will put the most up-to-date buildings at the end of the Bond program while allowing for the renovation of an even number of schools in each of the next two years."

Each of the 19 schools and five support buildings will receive the safety, security and technology systems outlined in the Bond program at the conclusion of the multi-year implementation process.

HS students participate in teen forum

More than 150 teens from WL Central, Northern and Western High Schools



recently talked with religious leaders about their beliefs, cultures and ethnic traditions as part of the Chaldean News and Jewish News *Building Community Initiative*.

The Teen Forum was moderated by radio personality **Mojo** of Channel 95.5-FM and sponsored by **Martin Manna**, co-publisher of the Chaldean News and **Arthur Horwitz**, publisher of the Jewish News.

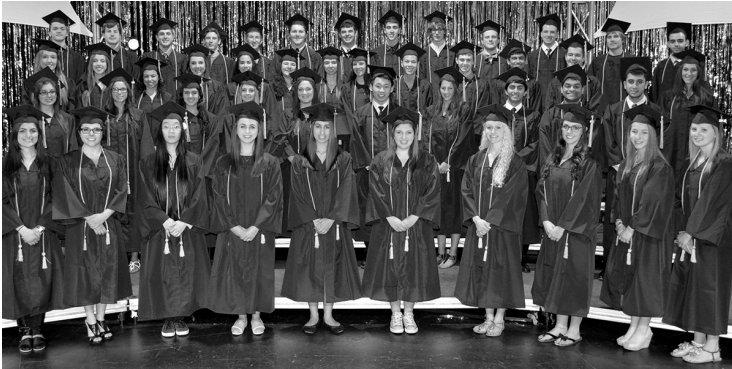
Religious panelists included: **Fr. Andrew Seba**, St. Thomas Chaldean Catholic Church; Rabbi Jen Lader, Temple Israel and **Rev. D. Alexander Bullock**, Greater St. Matthew Baptist Church, Detroit.

Student panelists included: **Samantha Cohen** and **Kevin Robinson**, WL Central; **Semaj Davis** and **Louis Grodman**, WL Northern and **Iven Ayyar** and **Valentena Hannawa**, WL Western.

Congratulations WL Central, Northern, Western high school graduates

Congratulations to the 1,210 graduates from Central, Northern and Western high schools. Among the graduates are 129 seniors who rank at the top of their class with grade point averages of 4.0 or above. (Students enrolled in college-level advanced placement (AP) courses can achieve better than a 4.0 grade point average due to the weighted 5.0 points for an "A" available in AP courses.)

There are 47 Walled Lake Central highest honors graduates; 49 Walled Lake Northern highest honors graduates and 33 Walled Lake Western highest honors graduates who were recognized during ceremonies at Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center on June 1.



Walled Lake Central Highest Honors graduates:

- ♦**Front row, from left to right:** Megan Houbba, Gina Pizzo, Michelle Sheng, Elissa Tenenbaum, Anika Stephen, Sara Abraham, Hailee Perrett, Taylor Kucharski, Samantha Pulgini and Taylor Whittington.
- ♦**Second row, from left to right:** Blair Whittington, Heather Martin, Cassandra Downey, Andrea Ratsos, Rayna Tobin, Brian Yang, Kaila Baroff, Arin Amin, Shikhar Shant and Fadi Haio.
- ♦**Third row, from left to right:** Jessica Peck, Katie Penrod, Taylor Peterman, Emma Klaserner, Hannah Shuman, Carlee Meyers, Stephanie Mackenzie, Samantha Akouri, Daniel Choi, Andrew Tomai, Vinay Hanasoge, Drew Moss and Samantha Cohen.
- ♦**Fourth row, from left to right:** Corbin Pontious, Maxwell Thompson, Scott Peckham, Nicholas Parliament, Christopher Kulwik, Clay Turner, Tyler Davis, Harrison Seltzer, Zachary Bezemek, Christopher Bonnen, Andrew Zahra, Ryan Dunagin and Fadi Antwan. (Not Pictured: Barbara Diaz.)



Walled Lake Northern Highest Honors graduates:

- ♦**Front row, from left to right:** Gabrielle Buttazzoni, Oten Iban, Emma Green, Brenna Powers, Lauren Barlass, Anna Ranger, Regina Onishchenko, Audrey Hunt, Kaitlyn Heft, Lauren Smith, Linnea Riddell and Tiffany Walker.
- ♦**Second row, from left to right:** Luke Laenen, Devin Kimberlin, Megan Quillen, Melissa Frasca, Madison Lilley, Lauren Krumm, Maria Fujii, Emily Ureste, Lindsay Weinberg, Joseph Iaquinto and Brennan Thomas.
- ♦**Third row, from left to right:** Christian Carroll, Michael Murray, Sydney Miller, Kelsy Schultz, Hanna von Bernthal, Ashley Hitchcock, Isabella Colasanti, Amelia Zann, Joshua Knox, Christian Holmes, Gordon White and Trevor Rees.
- ♦**Fourth Row, from left to right:** Michael Maleszyk, Shlomo Honig, Ashley Bock, George Jayne, Keara Boyle, Abigail Vaerten, Janelle Shankin, Clay Carter, Mitchell LaFaive, Daniel Poppe, Evan Lipsitz, Kostya Dombrovski and Chase Burton. (Not Pictured: Emily McKenzie.)



Walled Lake Western Highest Honors graduates:

- ♦**Front row, from left to right:** Morgan Kramer, Kathryn Condon, Jillian Wright, Mitchell Dennis, Abigail Loeffler, Paige Gagnon, Umang Lathia, Yosuke Higuchi, Jacob Feinbaum and David Sokol.
- ♦**Second row, from left to right:** Dina Cwagenberg, Delaney Probst, Nicole Harris, Sadvika Venkat, Sharon Glenn, Amy Freeland, Selena Nareski, Christian Lustre, Perry Lee and Sabrina Pace.
- ♦**Top row, from left to right:** Julian Ingram-Palmer, Denislav Andreev, Jacob Ishbia, Ivan Ayyar, Jessica Goshorn, Megan Goy, Christine Kovacs, Lydia Ross, Matt Sattam and Colin Crowley. (Not pictured: Renee Cole, Jennifer Lim and Gabriela Wilson.)

Walled Lake Western High School commends first IB Diploma Programme graduates

Seventeen Walled Lake Western High School students from the senior class committed as sophomores, to participate in Walled Lake Western's International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. This commitment entailed taking a full IB course load, ongoing creativity, action and service and writing a 4,000 word extended essay during their junior and senior years.

As a result of their dedication and hard work, this talented group of IB candidates have been accepted to universities and colleges nationwide including, Duke University, Boston University, Vanderbilt University, George Washington University, University of Chicago and Purdue University, as well as University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State University and Oakland University. One student will even be using her IB Diploma to study at a university in Germany.



- ♦**Front row, from left to right:** Tamara Mabrouk, Farwa Abbas, Palak Sharma, Aileen Zhao and Morgan Kramer.
- ♦**Second row, from left to right:** Mitchell Dennis, Sharon Glenn, Sydney Martin, Umang Lathia, Elisabeth Euler and Natalie Holland.
- ♦**Top row, from left to right:** Saad Saadat, Jose Gonzalez Navarro, Perry Lee, Christopher Poiner, Elliott Blatt and Jacob Kahn.

Legacy scholarships total \$101,975 for seniors

The Legacy Scholarship Funds, Inc. presented 125 scholarships, totaling \$101,975 on May 5.

Scholarships were given to WL Central, Northern and Western students by a variety of sources, including families of former students, past staff members, school groups, businesses and community organizations.

Barb Garbutt, Legacy Board president, said "this was one of our best ceremonies ever. The scholarships represent so many things - from academics, the environment, sports, memorials, the WLEA, the Credit Union and

Pictured from left to right are: Sarah Flagg, WL Central counselor; Chriss Golden, WL Northern counselor;



Barb Garbutt, Legacy Board president; and Ida Turpin, WL Western counselor.

more. We, on the Legacy Board, are thrilled to be a part of helping these students get recognized for their work."

Over the past 33 years Legacy has awarded \$1,294,829 in scholarship funds.

Two WL Central students honored at event

Corbin Pontious and **Katherine Penrod**, WL Central seniors, were recently honored at the Greater West Bloomfield 42nd Michigan Week Celebration at Tam-O-Shanter Country Club.



Pontious

Pontious was the youngest natural qualifier to run in the 2014 Boston Marathon. He finished the race in 3:17:15. He ran for those

who cannot run; raising more than \$3,200 for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Penrod chaired the Student Advisory Board and raised thousands of dollars and provided gifts and time to the University of Mott Hospital, Jammin for Joseph and the Color Run.



Penrod

WLS celebrates Earth Day, green school status

The Walled Lake Schools Energy Management Department recently announced the winners of the 3rd annual Earth Day poster contest.

There were more than 300 entries in this year's contest, and the winners of each division were: **Isabelli Nava**, Dublin third-grader; **Olivia Look**, Sarah Banks seventh-grader and **Emily Albright**, WL Northern ninth-grader.

The District is also proud to announce that 12 schools are 'Michigan Green Schools' for 2014. Commerce, Keith, Geisler and WL Central have achieved 'Evergreen' status; Glengary, Hickory Woods, Clifford Smart and Sarah



Pictured, back row, from left to right are: Ken Gutman, superintendent; Mindy Miller, energy manager and Greg Janicki, Board president. Front row, from left to right are: Emily Albright, Olivia Look and Isabelli Nava.

Banks have achieved 'Emerald' status and Oakley Park, Pleasant Lake, Walled Lake and Walnut Creek have achieved 'Green' status.

The Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center (WLOEC) held its annual tree sale fundraiser and sold 618 trees, of which 189 of those trees were planted at the WLOEC.

The WLOEC also provides high quality facilities and staffing for retreats, outings and leadership training.

For more information or to reserve the WLOEC, please contact Stuart Riley, Outdoor Education Director at 248-956-5120 or visit the WLOEC website at: <http://www.wlcsd.org/programs>.

WL performing arts shine at festivals, competitions

Walled Lake Western's Philharmonia Strings received a two and the symphony orchestra received straight ones at the recent MSBOA Orchestra Festival.

Walled Lake Western's Forensics team took first place at the MSCI (Michigan Speech Coaches, Inc.) spring conference held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. The team also competed in the Michigan Interscholastic Association State Tournament at Western Michigan University, coming in with a ranking of 8th place.

Walled Lake Central Choir's Bards were chosen as the top large ensemble and were given the honor of performing at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival (MYAF) at Western Michigan University. For the 3rd time, Legacy, the select women's ensemble was also nominated for MYAF. Cecilia's Quintet was also chosen at State Festival as the top small ensemble and performed in the same program.

Walled Lake Central's drama department was selected as one of 40 schools out of 2,500 nominated throughout the United States and Canada to perform at the August 2015 *Fringe Festival* in Edinburgh, Scotland, as part of the 2015 American High School Theatre (AHST) festival.

Elizabeth Rexroat, Walled Lake Central High School drama director, said: "This means the kids have an opportunity to be recognized for their hard work and dedication to the program and that the theatre program here at Central is recognized for its quality and commitment to theatre education."

Many fundraising activities will be taking place to help finance this two-week adventure to Scotland and England.

For more information, or if you would like to make a donation, go to <http://www.gofundme.com/gjhl8o>.

Bezemek, Lim, Lathia receive Scholarships

WL Central senior **Zachary Bezemek** recently earned a \$2,000 National Merit Michigan State University Scholarship. This scholarship can be renewed for up to four years while he attends MSU where he plans to study computer engineering and cognitive science. He is the son of Timothy and Linda Bezemek.



Bezemek

WL Western senior **Jennifer Lim** recently won a \$2,000 National Merit Tulane University Scholarship. The scholarship may be renewed for up to four years while she attends Tulane where she plans to study biology. She is the daughter of Steven Lim and Emily Zheng.



Lim

WL Central senior **Umang Lathia** also recently won a National Merit Vanderbilt University Scholarship. He declined the scholarship as he plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall.



Lathia

Holmes, Honig, Pace receive Irene Daniels Scholarships from PTSA Council

At the recent PTSA Installation and Awards Ceremony, the three winners of the Irene Daniels Scholarship were announced. The winners are: **Michael Holmes**, WL Central; **Shlomo Honig**, WL Northern; and **Sabrina Pace**, WL Western.



Holmes

Holmes plans to attend Grand Valley to study music education. He is the son of Cynthia and John Holmes.



Honig

Honig plans to attend Washington and Lee University, Virginia, to study medicine. He is the son of Peggy and Dean Honig.

Pace plans to attend Michigan State University to study pediatric nursing. She is the daughter of Carla and Joe Pace.



Pace

Register for summer programs, camps

Walled Lake Schools and the Walled Lake Community Education Center are offering many summer programs, learning opportunities, camps and classes for everyone across the District. For more information, call 248-956-5000, or go to www.wlcsd.org.

District-wide generosity (continued from page 1)

Emily MacBeth, St. Baldrick's Event Organizer, said: "Since 2004, students, staff and families from Walled Lake Schools have participated in St. Baldrick's events, making a large contribution towards the now more than \$350,000 that has been raised for life-saving research for childhood cancers.

The following is a list of some of the other charitable events that have taken place throughout the District:

- Dean Transportation staff held a 'Fill that Bus' event collecting more than 3,254 pounds of food and nearly \$1,458 in cash donations for Hospitality House.
- Keith Elementary hosted their 20th Annual Jump Rope for Heart event and raised more than \$17,676 for the American Heart Association. The Keith community also packaged 10,376 meals to be distributed locally, nationally and internationally during their annual Kids Against Hunger event.
- Members of the Student Lighthouse



Keith 'Kids Against Hunger'

Team at Pleasant Lake Elementary held a toiletry drive which generated 314 pounds of food and \$519 in monetary donations for Hospitality House.

- Walled Lake hosted the annual *Passion for Life 5K and 5 Mile Race* which generated more than \$40,000 for the U of M C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital of Michigan, the Balzer family and the Passion for Life organization.
- WL Central HS hosted a volleyball marathon fundraiser which raised over \$21,000 for the Walled Lake Schools

Foundation for Excellence.

- WL Northern HS hosted a volleyball marathon and raised \$5,172 for the Cassie Hines Shoes Cancer Foundation.
- WL Western HS hosted a volleyball marathon fundraiser which raised \$27,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Metro Detroit.

Lambdin wins T.E. scholarship raffle drawing

Congratulations to **Cheryl Lambdin**, Commerce resident and WL Central staff member, for winning the Tuition Expedition scholarship raffle which was held on March 24 during WLS PTSA *Reflections* celebration.

The Foundation for Excellence wishes to thank the WL Central music department, Uptown Grille, Applied Imaging and the Walled Lake Schools Employee Federal Credit Union for their tremendous support of WLS and sponsorship of the Foundation

Pictured from left to right are: Cheryl Lambdin, TE winner and Michelle Bianco, FFE executive director.



for Excellence Tuition Expedition scholarship raffle.

Over 350 tickets were sold and more than \$35,000 was raised.

Foundation thanks community for ongoing support

Since 1991, the Foundation for Excellence has been enhancing and advancing educational opportunities within the areas of technology, literacy, leadership and community for all Walled Lake students. The Foundation remains grateful for the steadfast commitment of its many partners spanning the Walled Lake business community and District.

Outstanding support received by the Foundation during the school year has been recognized with the presentation of "Top Donation Awards" to the following:

- Dr. Nelson Hersh and Dr. Marsha Beattie of Hersh-Beattie Orthodontics** contributed \$24,000 for the purchase of middle and high school planners.
- M3 Investments Michael Bernhardt**, owner, donated \$5,000 for the FFE Golf Scramble and supported the Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle with a \$1,000 contribution.
- Walled Lake School Employees Federal Credit Union: Ken Jackson**, Manager/CEO and **Catherine Hawes**,



vice-president, donated \$2,000 in sponsorship for the Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle.

- Walled Lake Central High School's volleyball marathon** raised more than \$17,596 for the FFE which will allow for increasing funds available for awarding mini-grants throughout the District.

"The Foundation is proud of the support received and strong commitment from its partners to make a difference in the lives of our students," stated Michelle Bianco, FFE executive director. "The Foundation pushes to increase its ability to provide resources where it can further student achievement, expand professional development and add support for District programs," added Bianco.

The Foundation for Excellence is a non-profit, self-supporting organization working to help further WL District's mission to become the best educational system in America so all students can demonstrate they are caring, responsible and knowledgeable citizens.

Community Calendar

- **June 23, 2014: FFE 5th Annual Golf Scramble** - 10 a.m., Edgewood Country Club.
- **Aug. 21, 2014: Board of Education meeting** - 7:30 p.m., Educational Services Center.
- **Sept. 2, 2014: School resumes** - students report for a full day.
- **Sept. 11, 2014: Board of Education meeting** - 7:30 p.m., Educational Services Center.
- **Sept. 25, 2014: No school for students or staff.**

FFE to host 5th Annual Golf Scramble June 23

The Foundation for Excellence invites all members of the Walled Lake community to participate in its 5th Annual Golf Scramble on June 23 at Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township.

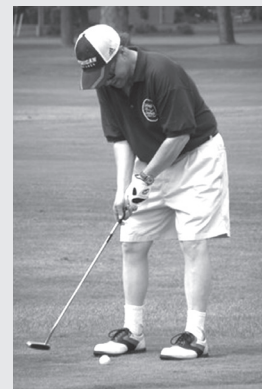
Attendees will enjoy a continental breakfast prior to tee-off, 18 holes of golf, a BBQ lunch at the turn and a gourmet plated dinner. Admission is \$125/individual golfer, and business sponsorships are available at all levels to accommodate company budgets. Attendance to the dinner only is \$50.

Promoting, enhancing and furthering the educational process within the Walled Lake School District is the prime function of the Foundation for Excellence; non-profit organization established in 1991.

The benefits and contributions of the Foundation to the Walled Lake community are long standing within the areas of technology, literacy, leadership and community. The dollars needed to advance these initiatives come from community donations, private gifting and special events hosted by the Foundation.

For more information, contact Michelle Bianco at 248-956-2116 or email michellebianco@wlcsd.org.

To register for the event, go to www.wlcsd.org/Foundation.cfm and click on "5th Annual Golf Scramble 2014."



2013 Golf Scramble participant, David Steinberg, Foundation for Excellence trustee



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Graduate Spotlight

Walled Lake graduate inspires the young

Stephanie (Konfara) Wright is a 2003 graduate from Walled Lake Western High School. While at Western she was a member of both color and winter guards.

After leaving Walled Lake, she attended Hope College where she studied elementary education with a focus on language arts.

Wright graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in 2007. Upon graduation, she started teaching third grade in Elkhart, Indiana, for two years before moving to Charlotte, North Carolina, where she has taught fifth grade for the last four years.

Last year she was selected as an iPad pilot classroom teacher and regularly integrates technology into her daily lessons. In 2013, she was named Teacher of the Year at Newell Elementary in Charlotte, NC. Wright was also one of 25 teachers selected as a Meck Ed Teacher of Excellence.

Wright credits the teachers of Walled Lake Schools with helping to make her time in school so enjoyable. She said, "I absolutely loved attending Walled Lake Schools. I feel like my teachers, kindergarten through twelfth grade, genuinely cared about me as an individual." She continued to say, "In middle school I had a tough time in language arts. However, Mrs. Katz changed my outlook on reading by being patient, loving and supportive. She believed in me and helped me to become a successful person and a successful teacher."



Wright

*Note: If you know a former student who could be highlighted as a Graduate Spotlight, please contact **Dan Durkin**, Video, Web and Print technician, Department of Community Relations at 248-956-2019 or e-mail him at danieldurkin@wlcsd.org.*

WL schools offers summer meal program

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools will participate in the Summer Food Service Program beginning Monday, June 23, 2014.

This program provides meals to children ages 1-18 without charge. Young adults from age 19 to 26 are also eligible if they're enrolled in programs for the mentally or physically disabled. These programs must be recognized by the state or local public agency.

Breakfast will be served from 8-8:45 a.m. and lunches will be served from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake.

This program will run from Monday, June 23 through Friday, August 22, with the exception of July 4th.

For more information, please contact the Walled Lake Schools' Food Service Department at 248-956-3080.

Nondiscrimination Policy

In compliance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, it is the policy of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, political belief, military service, marital status or genetic information be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment. For information contact the District Compliance Officer, at (248) 956-2023.