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FINE ARTS STATE CHAMPIONS!

*CHS Fine Arts Academic Team is the 2022 Class 2 State Champion
English and Social Studies teams each win Runner Up*

The Crawfordsville High School Academic Teams competed at the State competition at Purdue University on Saturday, May 7 and brought home a Class 2 1st place award, which hasn't been achieved since 1991! This year it was the Fine Arts team who received 1st place. In 1991, it was the Social Studies team.

An additional amazing accomplishment is that both the English and Social Studies teams each placed 2nd in Class 2.

Academic coaches Kelling Bowling and Emily Race are beyond proud of the scholars.

The success at state was a great continuation of the recent results of the Area competition, on April 19 in Attica, where the CHS teams dominated the other Class 2 schools.

At Area, the English and Social Studies teams led the way with first place and also both had the highest scores in the entire state of Indiana, regardless of class!

The Fine Arts and Interdisciplinary teams also won first place. The Science and Math teams each won second place.

Out of 44 Class 2 Indiana schools, the top four teams in each subject qualify to move on to the state competition. The CHS English, Fine Arts and Social Studies teams all advanced to the state competition on May 7 at Purdue University.

Members of each team are listed:

English: Elizabeth Bowling, Claire Edwards, and Lorelei Schmitzer-Torbert

Fine Arts: Claire Edwards, Mia Freeman, and Declan Maurer

Social Studies: Elizabeth Bowling, Thomas Bowling, Jacob Burke, and Evan Tyler

Math: Simon Galbert, Aidan Mason, James Novak, and Elizabeth Turner

Science: Simon Galbert, James Novak,



Lorelei Schmitzer-Torbert, and Elizabeth Turner

Interdisciplinary: Elizabeth Bowling, Claire Edwards, James Novak, Lorelei Schmitzer-Torbert, and Elizabeth Turner.

Crawfordsville High School has a rich history of competing at the Academic State

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Hoover Elementary named Family Friendly School

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation is proud to announce that once again Mollie B. Hoover Elementary School has been named a Family Friendly School by the Indiana Department of Education for the 2022-23 school year. Hoover is one of just over 30 schools in the entire state to achieve this honor and recognition. Hoover received the recognition the first time in 2020.

"Hoover School is proud of its designation and to be recognized by the Indiana Department of Education for the steps we are taking to welcome families into our school. Hoover staff and parents working together are key to the success of our students," said Marci Galinowski, Hoover Principal.

According to the IDOE, the Family Friendly Schools designation focuses on addressing the academic, physical, emotional, and social needs of students, while providing the needed resources and fostering the active involvement of their families through schools and the community. The program recognizes and honors schools that welcome all families into the school community, communicate effectively, support student success, speak up for every child, share power and collaborate with the community.





Hoover Math Bowl Team wins 1st place in division

Congratulations to the Hoover Elementary Math Bowl Team that won first place in its division and overall placed 37th out of 102 teams in the state of Indiana.

At the recent Area Competition, the team earned 21 points out of a total 32, a four-point increase from last year's team score.

Students on the team include Harper Kohl, Burke Ratcliff, Whitman Mong, Elizabeth Nunan, Elliott Peck, Shakira Rodriguez, Dylan Andrade, Lexi Cox, Kaito Koyanagi, Esperanze Lopez, Vedanti Kiran, and Raphael Lagunes-Olvera.



Bowling wins oratorical competition

Congratulations to the first and second place winners of the Anna Willson Oratorical Competition.

Elizabeth Bowling, left, won first place and Mackenzie Jones won second in the speech contest.

Academic Teams . . .

competition. From available records, here is how Crawfordsville has done in the past.

- 1987 - All-Around team 4th place at State
- 1991 - Social Studies Class 3, 1st place at State
- 2003 - English, 5th place at State
- 2004 - Interdisciplinary, 6th place at State
- 2007 - Social Studies, Finalist at State
Interdisciplinary, 3rd at State
- 2008 - Science, 2nd at State
- 2009 - Fine Arts, Finalist at State
- 2011 - Fine Arts, 1st at Area; 3rd at State
- 2012 - Fine Arts, 2nd at Area; 3rd at State
Math, 5th at Area; Finalist at State
- 2014 - English, 4th at Area; Finalist at State
Science, 3rd at Area; Finalist at State
- 2015 - Fine Arts, 3rd at Area; 5th at State
- 2018 - English, 2nd at Area; 3rd at State
- 2019 - English, 1st at Area; 2nd at State
- 2021 - Social Studies, 3rd at Area; 3rd at State
- 2022 - English, 1st at Area with highest score in Indiana, regardless of class.
Social Studies, 1st at Area with highest score in Indiana, regardless of class.
Fine Arts, 1st place at Area, 1st place at State
Science, 2nd at Area
Math, 2nd at Area
Interdisciplinary, 1st at Area.

CCSC Media Specialist publishes Bratton biography

After more than ten years of research, writing, and hard work, Crawfordsville Community School Corporation's very own Media Specialist, Amie Kunkel Cox, is now a published author. Her book, "A Compass Pointing Home: The Adventurous Life of William Bratton of the Lewis and Clark Expedition" explores Bratton's courageous trek from Kentucky to the Expedition and back to eventually settle in Montgomery County.



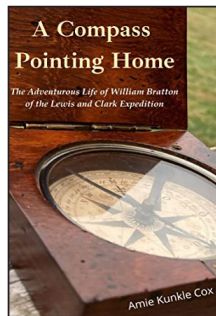
Amie Cox

Cox loves writing and while this is her first published book, she has already written a children's chapter book and plans to get that one published as well. Her identical twin sister, who is also an elementary educator, plans to help with the children's series too.

Cox said, "Writing is a call-

ing in my free time as much as reading and my brain begins to insist on one of them and usually leans one way or the other."

Cox became hooked on William Bratton's story while she was actually researching for her husband, Michael Cox, and his work toward a Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Grant in 2010. Michael is an administrator at North Montgomery High School and was seeking to follow the Lewis and Clark Expedition. He asked Amie to help research Bratton for his grant because of his connection to Montgomery County. North Montgomery's sports complex is actually named after William Bratton. Amie said that while he didn't receive the initial grant, he received one in 2017 to hike



in Glacier National Park and bicycle across the Katy Trail, the country's longest recreational trail, and with an official segment of the Lewis and Clark Expedition trail. The couple plans to follow the Lewis and Clark trail on their

own next summer and market her book to the museums along the way.

Cox's background in journalism helped the writing come naturally, but the extensive research was new to her as she collected hundreds of sources to provide the information about Bratton. This was part of the reason it took more than ten years to complete, but mainly because she also took time to use school breaks and vacation to physically chase Bratton's path. Her own Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Grant in 2016 allowed

her to track Bratton's trek across Canada to see his War of 1812 POW experience.

"Overall, my piece of advice for budding writers is that if you have a goal or a dream to be an author, never give up, keep plugging away. I am told I have a pretty big stubborn streak so I was definitely too stubborn to quit no matter how many years went by," she said.

Another hobby of research she loves is family history and all things genealogy. Coincidentally through both hobbies, she discovered she's related to the Bratton family and is a descendant of his brother, Archibald Bratton.

Cox's first book signing event took place recently at the Carnegie Museum with more than 60 in attendance. If you missed that one, you can attend the next one at the Carmel Public Library Foundation during their Visiting Author series.



NHS officers(left to right): Cadence Crane, Laine Schlicher, Cathleen McGrady, Reese Minnette, Lily McDorman, Ella Hudson and Elizabeth Bowling.

New National Honor Society members inducted

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the Crawfordsville High School chapter of National Honor Society on April 14, 2022. In order to be considered for membership, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and above and demonstrate excellence in scholarship, leadership, character and service. Well done, Athenians!

New members:

Seniors: Victoria Abston, Carolina Aguilar, Natalie Dossett, Liddy McCarty, Luke Ranard, Olivia Reed, Joseph Sanchez Huesca, **Juniors:** Paige Corbin,

Jacqueline Palacios, Mia Wagner,

Sophomores: Taylor Abston, Emma Adair, Joshua Angulo Azamar, James Barclay, Nancy Blanchard, Thomas Bowling, Haley Eads, Mikaylin Figg, Tyson Fuller, Whitman Horton, Elizabeth Jeffries, Hayden Jeffries, Campbell Mason, Ryan Miller, James Murphy, Jaycie Myers, James Novak, Emily Powell, Emily Rivera, Samantha Rohr, Kristen Thompson, Elizabeth Turner, Brenden Warren, Gabby Warren, Emily Weliver, Ashton Wilson, Nivek Witt.

NHS officers(top right pho-

to): Cadence Crane, Laine Schlicher, Cathleen McGrady, Reese Minnette, Lily McDorman, Ella Hudson and Elizabeth Bowling.

Current Members:

Seniors: Alyx Bannon, Elizabeth Bowling, Nickolas Busenbark, Thristan Callejas, Taedyn Cook, Kierstyn Cram, Cadence Crane, Kelsey Donovan, Joshua Fuller, Ian Hensley, Marshall Horton, Ella Hudson, Landon Hurt, Kearston Hutchens, Alex Kellerman, Gavin Kenny, Lilly Klingbeil, Aiden Mason, Lily McDorman, Cathleen McGrady, Reese Minnette, Amaya Moore,

Dirk Oshel, Prachi Patel, Arthur Ruano, Marilyn Salas Olvera, Laine Schlicher, Danna Schu, Carlie Sizemore, Harmony Taylor, Landon Timmons, Shea Williamson, Jonathon Young. **Juniors:** Cassi Bacon, Olivia Biddle, Allison Brown, Jacob Burke, Brennden Busenbark, Jennifer Byrer, Nancy Castro-Murillo, Cale Coursey, Thayli Cuevas, Claire Edwards, Halle Elliot, Olivia Fichter, Mia Freeman, Kaziah Hayes, Peter Kearns, Vidushi Kiran, Abbie Lain, Adelyn Morgan, Lorelei Schmitzer-Torbert, Sadie Walker, Tan-Tan Yeung.

National Technical Honor Society, CTE awards presented

Congratulations to Crawfordsville's new class of National Technical Honor Society members and all the Career and Technical Education Program award winners. The students were recognized for their excellence, improvement and service within their program at the recent award ceremony.

National Technical Honor Society members

Natalie Dossett, Halle Elliott, Dylan Fullenwider, Parker Hartman, Kearston Hutchens, Liddy McCarty, Brooklyn Mills, Prachi Patel, Jayda Roach, Airtion Schu, Danna Schu, Landon Timmons, Jessica Tribble

Career & Technical Education awards

Paige Corbin, Excellence
Gavyn Miller, Outstanding Improvement
Jayda Roach, Excellence
Danna Schu, Excellence

Kaiden Underwood, Outstanding Improvement

To be part of NTHS, students must be enrolled in a multi-period CTE program, have an overall GPA of 3.0, and have a reference who can pro-



vide a rating on their program knowledge, performance, initiative, and engagement in the program. Instructors choose up to three award winners based on the following criteria for each category of Excellence, Outstanding Improvement and Service Award. The CHS winners' category criteria is as follows.

Excellence in CTE: This award recognizes students for excellence in the implementation of their CTE program. This student showcases a true progression in the classroom, dedicates time to mastering CTE talents, and has a positive impact on other CTE students.

Most importantly a role model for CTE, this student represents a high-quality candidate for employers and is bound for success in the workplace.

Outstanding Improvement in CTE: This award recognizes students committed to development and progress in the CTE program. Throughout the school year this particular student never gave up and kept a positive attitude. With resilience and listening to instructor feedback, this student not only showed improvement but exudes a personality ready for the next challenge.

Hoover Little Buddies program makes big impact

A special group of 24 Hoover Elementary boys have had the great opportunity to each pair up with a Wabash College student throughout the entire school year for fun and learning activities. Thanks to College Mentors for Kids, a national organization that has a local chapter at Wabash College, these boys are developing relationships and learning life lessons along the way.

"It's a fantastic partnership with Wabash College and our students reap so many benefits," said Marci Galinowski, Hoover principal.

The program, locally referred to as Little Buddies, is a mentoring program to connect and transform lives through hands-on activities to inspire growth, confidence and for all-around brighter futures.

Hoover Club Sponsor, Jennifer Lowe, said she witnessed the student growth, throughout the year, both with their mentor and their peers.

"They were improving their conversational skills, sportsmanship, teamwork, manners, and contributing to conversations in a meaningful way. Many of our {Hoover} boys became close friends due to Little Buddies. Prior to Little Buddies, they were in different grades or classrooms and really had never had the chance to meet their new best friend," Lowe said.

At the beginning of the year, activities took place on Wabash

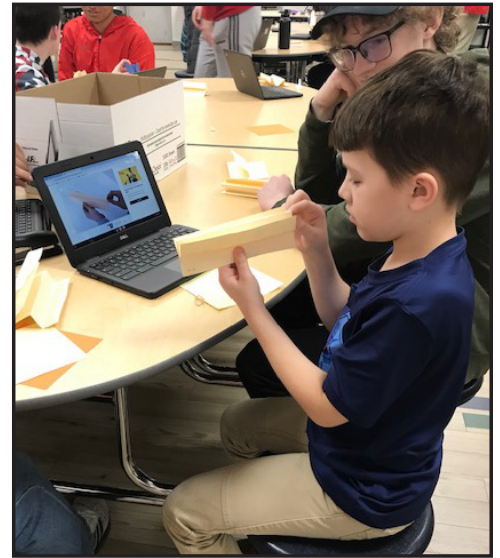
College's campus, but with campus pandemic restrictions in the fall, discussions began on how to proceed to keep the program going. Hoover Club Sponsor, Jennifer Lowe, worked with College Mentors for Kids president, Nick Devaney, and CMFK representative, Timea Jones, and proposed for Wabash mentors to come to Hoover. All agreed that virtual meetings were of no real benefit.

Following additional organizing and planning, it was a success to bring the mentors to Hoover. It was such a success that next year will be based on the new system.

"It has worked out so much better than we anticipated. The boys seem to be less inhibited here at Hoover and they engaged with the mentors. Next year's model will be a whole new concept due to the revelations of the 2021-22 year. We will experience field trips to Wabash for special occasions, but keep the meetings here for the most part," Lowe said.



Wabash College mentors paired up with Hoover students through the national program, College Mentors for Kids, for fun activities, learning, and building relationships.



Little Buddies met weekly throughout the year for a variety of activities that included playing sports, paper airplane building contests, learning to tie a necktie, computer programming a video game, board games emphasizing manners and good sportsmanship, playing Wordle as a group, and more. Lowe said there were also hilarious games of GaGa Ball as it was a new game for most of the college-aged mentors.

A final team project working with Perler Beads was led by Hoover student, Gabe Emerson, who often gifted Lowe with bead projects. Each student and mentor team created at least two states to ultimately make up the entire United States of America.

On April 21, the mentors spon-

sored a final celebration dinner of Brother's Pizza and an Ice Cream Bar for the Hoover students and their families.

The Hoover students, of course, loved the program. Here's what the students had to say.

"It is fun! I liked meeting college students on campus and coding games on our Chromebooks with our mentors." Maxux Johnson, 5th grade

"Try it, it is fun! I got to meet new people and we played and laughed." Sidney Livengood, 5th grade

"My favorite activities were dinner, perler beads and learning about college life." Gabe Emerson, 5th grade

"My favorite part of Little Buddies? All of it!" Zylas

Nicholson gets creative at Cookies & Canvas Night



More than 100 participants enjoyed the first "Cookies and Canvas" event, which was hosted by the Nicholson Student Council. Nicholson art teacher, Mrs. Garvin led students and parents in the step-by-step painting process of dandelions blowing in the wind.

Each participant received a cookie and the opportunity to purchase additional refreshments and of course everyone was able to take their finished artwork home.

Student Council co-sponsor Marlowe McVay said, "It was a joy to see all of the families painting, smiling, and enjoying their time together. We had a wonderful time hosting everybody and are very excited about the future of the event."

Megan McCutchan, Nicholson's other council co-sponsor, echoed that sentiment, "It was great to see parents and their children of all ages enjoying themselves. The finished pieces of artwork were wonderful!"



Left: Lusi Arias Correa created a bird feeder from a milk jug. Right: Olivia Seward decided to make slime for her STEM activity.

Preschoolers have fun with STEM projects at home

Each month, Willson Preschool sponsors a Family Activity to encourage families to actively engage in the learning and development of their preschooler. For the month of April, Willson families were encouraged to complete STEM activities. Families were provided a list of options for each week of the month and in the classroom teachers discussed the activities to help students come up with ideas. When students and their families completed activities, they shared their pictures with the Willson Preschool Facebook page to put their creativity on display.



Learning and fun don't stop in May!

All elementary students are practicing their roller skating skills in PE class. Over several weeks the students are learning the basics of skating including how to go forward and backward, stopping and falling, and playing some skating games. Above are Hose students cruising around the gym.

Hose students also listened to a health and safety presentation,



which included learning about expressing feelings through a guessing game, taking care of our bodies, what things are good and bad for us, and seeking an adult with questions about new or suspicious things.



Gold rating for CHS Concert Choir

Congratulations to the Crawfordsville Concert Choir who earned a gold rating for their performance at the Indiana State School Music Association on April 23.



CHS learns about field trips . . . on a field trip

Mrs. Rainwater's CTE class, Education Professions, which includes junior and senior students, went on a field trip to the Indianapolis Children's Museum last week. Prior to the trip, the class spent a few weeks learning how to plan and carry out a field trip with various age groups, culminating to their own trip to the museum.

For the first half of the day, a museum rep led them to one of the museum classrooms where a Children's Museum Teacher gave a presentation to the students which included instructions on how to plan a field trip, fill out paperwork, find funding, and how to get the help of chaperones. At the end of the presentation, she even taught a lesson that could be used in the classroom to help introduce a museum field trip to students.

After the session, CHS students were able to have some fun spending time in the exhibits.





CCSC celebrates School Lunch Hero Day

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation celebrated the annual School Lunch Hero Day, which is typically the first Friday in May each year. This year it was celebrated last week on Friday, May 6.

In addition, Chartwells, which is the food management company for CCSC is celebrating 25 years of service this year.

The lunch ladies that serve our students each day of the school year received new hats and aprons to celebrate the day. They were also treated to flowers, candy, and donuts for all of their hard work they do each day to serve our students lunch.

Chartwells also donated the Lunch Lady book, written by Jarrett Krosoczka, to each of the elementary school libraries for all students to read.

Krosoczka wrote the book about his encounter with his childhood lunch lady, Jean, who remembered Jarrett years after graduating from school. This inspiring encounter led him to write the book about a lunch lady and her sidekick who fights crime. Jean was someone who loved each kid she served in the cafeteria. Krosoczka then founded the School Lunch Hero Day in honor of Jean to highlight all the many lunch servers who provide students with their mid-day meal.

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Hoover Elementary Lunch Heroes (top left) and CHS Lunch Heroes (top right) are honored with aprons, hats, flowers, candy, and donuts, as they are once again ready to serve up students for the day. Bottom photo: The Lunch Lady book is available to all students in each elementary library.

Let's Go Athenians!

Spring athletes are working hard from the field, court, course, and track



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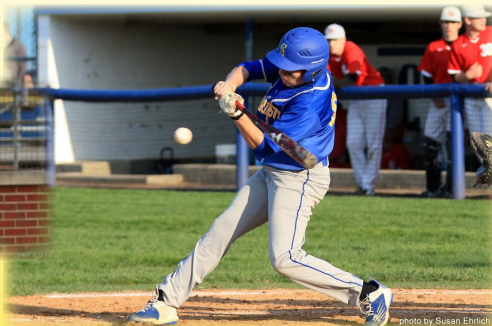


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