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Athenian artwork at U.S. Capitol

Claire Edwards, a Crawfordsville High School junior, had her artwork selected as part of the annual Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the Congressional Institute. Her winning piece is currently on display at the United States Capitol Building in the Cannon Tunnel, which is located between the U.S. House of Representatives office building and the U.S. Capitol. The Cannon Tunnel is one of the most traveled locations and is constantly walked by members of congress, their guests, and tourists. Her artwork will be on display for one year and she will receive an honorary certificate.

Edwards' work titled, "A Mother, A Hero," is a drawing of her mother before work and after a day's work as a nurse, and is a powerful reflection of the recent difficult years.

The prompt, "Hoosier Heroes" made her initially think of nurses and of course her mother. "I wanted to express their duality as most of them, that work with my mom, are also mothers," she said.

She admires her mother's hard work and sacrifice and said she often comes home exhausted and with indentations left from the N-95 and goggles.

Edwards said the portrait of her mother is very special to her. "It is a way for me to give her the recognition she deserves. She does a lot of protect my siblings and I while working with COVID in the hospital," she said, "She sacrifices a lot in the hospital so my portrait is a tribute to her and her hard work."

Claire is honored to have her art-



Claire Edwards' artwork titled, "A Mother, A Hero" was selected to hang at the U.S. Capitol as part of the Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the Congressional Institute.



Claire Edwards, right, used her mother, Sara Edwards, as her subject for her selected artwork.

work displayed at the U.S. Capitol. While she said she didn't expect to win, it excites her for the future.

"Winning a reward further than school recognition brings me hope. I want to go into a career centered around art and I feel like this has brought me a step closer to

really committing to that path," Edwards said.

She is thankful for her Crawfordsville art teacher, Mrs. Wantuch, who provided the signature to submit the artwork, and has given so much support. Edwards is thankful for her mom who saw the competition and encouraged Claire to submit her work.

Typically the winners and a parent/guardian are invited for the awards ceremony and to see their displayed artwork. COVID forced a virtual celebration last year and also delayed the celebration this fall.

The art competition, which began in 1982, is now in its 40th year and encourages high school students to submit their artwork displaying their artistic talent. The House Members then honor one student from their district to be included in the exhibit at the U.S. Capitol Building. Since its start, more than 650,000 students have participated.

Crawfordsville boasts impressive Lilly history

Recently the Montgomery County Community Foundation announced that Crawfordsville High School student Marshall Horton is the 2022 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar for Montgomery County, adding another winner to the list of Crawfordsville High School students who have received it.

With impressive requirements and criteria to apply for the scholarship, the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides full tuition, required fees, and up to \$900 each year for required books and equipment for the student's full-time undergraduate Indiana college or university of their choice.

Horton said of the honor, "I am beyond blessed and am truly thankful to the Montgomery County Community Foundation and Lilly Endowment itself for providing me with this opportunity. There were countless deserving candidates, and I feel truly lucky to be selected and am humbled by the Community Foundation's generosity. I am surrounded by amazing teachers, coaches, and friends and a loving family who truly share in this honor, and I could not possibly have become the person I am without their unwavering support."

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship began in the 1998-99 school year and Montgomery County's first recipient was CHS' Matt Locker, who went on to Purdue University.

CHS students have continued to make their mark over the last 23 years. Since it began, LECS has awarded scholarships to 41 Montgomery County students and 24 of those have been Crawfordsville Athenians. Up until 2008, there were often multiple scholarships given with as many as three per year.

To apply for the Lilly scholarship, students must be a resident of Montgomery County, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.85 on a 4.00 scale, and be in the top 10% of their graduating class at an accredited Montgomery County high school. Applicants are evaluated on their academic achievements, student leadership and activities, and two essay responses. The work doesn't end there though as finalists must then complete two interviews with the Board of Directors of the Foundation. The remaining finalists' information is then handed to Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. for the final selection.

ATHENIAN LILLY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARS

1999- Matt Locker - Purdue University
2000- Caitlyn (Bates) Prucinsky - Butler University
2001- Andrew Twarek - Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
2001- Abraham Lucas - Wabash College
2001- Amber (Mullendore) Miklos - Purdue University
2002- Tracy (Servies) Burger - Indiana Wesleyan University
2002- Whitney (Janssen) Camp - Purdue University
2003- Nathan Mullendore - Wabash College
2004- Christina (Holmstrom) Valenzuela - Univ. of Notre Dame
2004- Luke Miller - Depauw University
2005- Lauren Mummert - University of Notre Dame
2006- Stephanie Holstrom- Kung - Indiana University
2006- Kendra McPheeters - Purdue University
2007- Leah Myhre - Indiana University
2007- Anastasia (Yesnik) Yi - Indiana University
2008- Justin Wright - Purdue University
2009- Sarah Robertson - Valparaiso University
2012- Samuel Vaught - Wabash College
2013- Amit Nag - Indiana University
2014- Lyndsy (Johnson) Eslinger CHS Univ. of Indianapolis
2015- Lacey Garrett - Taylor University
2017- Cali (Saunders) House - Taylor University
2018- Madison Wendelin - Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
2022- Marshall Horton - undecided



Preschool teachers, Lisa Tyler and Joey Gerold, read Good-night Owl to their classes during their new challenge, which focuses on families reading together.

Willson Preschool starts 2022 with Blast Off for Reading challenge

Willson Preschool started the new year with a family reading challenge to encourage students and families to enjoy reading together.

Willson families are reading at home, classes are reading at school, and students are exploring books on their own. Families are recording the books they have read on their student's reading list to help the student's rocket soar!

To celebrate and focus on families reading, Willson Preschool has eight family-fun reading baskets that each have its own theme. There is everything from Paw Patrol, Disney, fairy tales to dinosaurs, ocean life, and superhero-themed baskets. All families will have a chance for their name to be drawn to win a reading basket.

The lucky eight winning families were revealed live on Feb. 7 on the Willson Preschool Facebook page.



MY JERSEY. YOUR IMPACT.

CHS BB starts new tradition for Snowcoming week

The boys basketball team started a new tradition during Snowcoming at CHS called, "My Jersey. Your Impact."

For Snowcoming, the student-athletes each surprised one faculty member who has impacted them and then asked for him or her to wear their uniform for the day.

Head coach David Pierce said, "Our coaching staff felt that this was a good way to stay humble and be grateful for the people in our CHS community. Whether it is an administrator, counselor, teacher, or lunch server, these individuals make us better people everyday and should be recognized for the impact they make." He said, "It's also a great way to recharge the batteries of the people in our school that pour out so much energy to make CHS a special place."

Coach Pierce said the student-athletes loved arguing over their nominations and reasons why their choice deserved the honor.

"Debating their awesome qualities and impact only reinforces why CHS is such an awesome place," Pierce said.

This new idea was a success as staff members were honored by these young athletes.



CHS gymnasts left to right: Olivia Fichter, Lilly Hummel, Parker Hartman, Christen Saunders, Ellie Hutchison and Halle Elliot.

Gymnasts place first at home meet

The Athenians gymnastics team won first place at the home meet on Jan. 17 competing against North Montgomery and Southmont. Individual results are below:

Christen Saunders: Bars-2nd; Vault-6th; Floor-3rd; All-Around-5th.

Halle Elliott: Vault-1st; Floor-1st; Bars-1st Beam-3rd; All around-1st

Parker Hartman: Vault- 4th; Floor- 4th

Other meet results are the Western Invite, where as a team, CHS finished 5th of 12.

At Southmont versus Southmont and Owen Valley, Halle Elliot placed in all events. Her placings were Vault-1st, Bars-2nd, Beam-4th, Floor-4th, and All-Around-3rd.

Also at South, Lilly Hummel placed 3rd on the bars.



Alex Hernandez recognized by IHSAA

Congratulations to senior basketball player, Alex Hernandez! CHS received an Exemplary Behavior Report from the IHSAA as he was recognized by an official for demonstrating respect and sportsmanship in our varsity boys' basketball games. The official stated that Alex "was respectful and carried himself like a student-athlete should," during games the last two weekends. The CCSC community is proud of Alex for truly embracing "The Athenian Way" as a student-athlete at CHS.

ON TO STATE!

Alyx Bannon remains undefeated; Freshman Sophia Melevage wins 100 Butterfly



Photos by Susan Ehrlich

Senior Alyx Bannon and freshman Sophia Melevage are sectional champions and will compete at state at the IUPUI Natatorium. Bannon, in pink, won both the 50 Free and 100 Free. She remains undefeated in the 100 Free. This will be her fourth appearance at the state meet. Melevage won the 100 Butterfly by two one-hundredths of a second and will make her debut at state. As a team, CHS was runner-up to Western Boone.



Congratulations to CHS' Dynamic Expression team for their recent success at ShowFest!

ShowFest a success for Dynamic Expression

Dynamic Expression had a successful day performing at the ShowFest at the end of January. The choir received 2nd Runner-Up in the festival mixed division category. Thomas Bowling received 2nd Runner-Up in the solo competition and Tori Abston was the Grand Champion in the solo competition. Kennedy Woodall received outstanding performer as well. Congratulations to our Crawfordsville Choirs!



2022 Snowcoming Spirit Week

Crawfordsville High School had a great week celebrating school spirit in preparation for the CHS Snowcoming which took place on Jan. 28 during halftime of the basketball game. Congratulations to Thristan Callejas who was crowned king. Additional senior king candidates were Ethan Powell, Joseph Sanchez Huesca, and Dirk Oshel. Underclassmen attendants were freshman Ben Schlicher, sophomore Tyson Fuller, and junior Cale Coursey. Left: The CHS Snowcoming Court was presented at the game. Middle: CHS staff came up with great dress up day costumes. Do you recognize social studies teachers, Morgan Rainwater or David Pierce as Wayne and Garth? Right: CHS math teacher, Michael Jones, takes a shot in the battle between the seniors and staff for the championship in the Hoops and Hollers game on Wed. Jan. 26.



Hoover Elementary Annual Spelling Bee



Congratulations to Anders Carlson, left, who won the Annual Hoover Elementary Spelling Bee competition. This year's runner-up was Max Wilson. Carlson will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee in March in West Lafayette.

Nicholson students honored and "Knighted" for great character!

Nicholson students had the first Knighting Ceremony of 2022 last week to celebrate great character consistently demonstrated by students. Parents were invited to join their child's celebration for pictures, the whole-school ceremony and the Royal Parade.

Nicholson Elementary is a Character Counts School that emphasizes the six pillars of character throughout curriculum and activities.

The pillars are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

Throughout the school year, when an adult notices a student showing one of the six pillars, they are given a card with that specific pillar. This can be an action that is above and beyond or a student who consistently shows that character pillar. Students never know when they might receive a card or from whom. After earning three different pillar cards, students are able to select a prize from the prize box. After collecting all six pillars, students are officially "Knighted" in the school ceremony. Nicholson has been celebrating the achievement of earning all the pillars with a Knighting Ceremony since 2012.

In addition to the ceremony, the official Knights' group picture will hang in the front school lobby and the recorded ceremony is posted on



the school Facebook page.

Last year, with COVID restrictions, smaller ceremonies took place in each classroom. Unfortunately because of limited visitors, parents were not able to attend. To make the honor unique, a Royal Parade was added. All the students lined the hallways ready to cheer while Nicholson Principal, Ms. Coyle, in her official royal gown, led the winners through the halls to be celebrated. Its success has led to the continuation of the parade this year. Coyle said everyone is excited parents can also attend again this year.

"Students are excited on Knighting days and love to see their friends and classmates recognized," Coyle said, "The first Knighting is especially fun for any new student to Nicholson, including our 2nd graders that haven't seen one before."



Two Athenians advance to Regionals

Photos by Susan Ehrlich

As a team the Crawfordsville wrestlers finished in 8th place at the sectional meet. Two Athenians advanced to regionals. Isaac Rogers, left, advanced at 145 lbs. and Ashton Wilson at 152 lbs.



Girls' season comes to an end

Top: The final girls basketball home game brought senior parents to the court to celebrate their daughter's last season. Seniors are left to right: Olivia Reed, Lain Schlicher, Shea Williamson, Liddy McCarty and Kearston Hutchens. Right: The CHS girls basketball post season wrapped up Sat., Feb. 5 after a second-round loss to Danville, 29-67. The Lady Athenians defeated North Montgomery 34-31 in the first round.



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Campbell White competes at semi-state bowling

The CHS bowlers have had a great season. Peyton Groumoutis and Campbell White captured Sectional Championship titles and advanced to the Individual Regional competition. Kyle Fruits also advanced to Regionals after his sectional finish. At Regionals, Campbell White finished 3rd place and advanced to semi-state. Campbell finished her season placing 14th at semi-state.

