

# HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HOME OF THE HILLERS!



APRIL 2022 - 2023

*Congratulations*

## 72nd Annual FBLA State Leadership Conference

As members of the *Future Business Leaders of America* club, Trinity High School students participated in PA's annual FBLA State Leadership Conference in April 2023. At the conference, students listened to a keynote speaker present his business expertise and innovative strategies for performing at a high level. They also participated in a number of workshops related to business management, ethics, marketing, journalism, finance, and communication. During the event, students presented their work to audiences comprised of experts, educators, advisors, and approximately 5,000 fellow future entrepreneurs. Congratulations to all members of FBLA and especially to those students who placed at the event!

### **Third Place** – Public Service Announcement – TEAM – **NATIONAL QUALIFIER**

Rayne Elling & Rylee Elling

### **Third Place** – Hospitality & Event Management – **NATIONAL QUALIFIER**

Owen Baker

### **Sixth Place:**

Nicholas Hrabik – Advertising

Rebekah Jones – Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure

Malachi Anikienko – Database Design & Applications

Mirrandra Rinehart – Spreadsheet Applications

### **Seventh Place** – Sales Presentation -- TEAM

Christian Bober & Tyler Burt

### **Tenth Place** – Business Communication

Abigail Bodart



Thank you Mrs. Husk and Mrs. Migyanko!



### **Open Events:**

#### **Raymond Wang**

3rd Place – Macroeconomics

10th Place – Microeconomics

#### **Owen Baker**

4th Place – Stock Market & Analysis

#### **Sydney Wahl**

4th Place – Statistical Analysis



The following students were inducted into the **National Business Honor Society:**

Alexander Ausher, Christian Bober, Kristina Bozek, Tyler Burt, Andrew Collins, Luke Cowden, George Coyle, Jadon Dobich, Rayne Elling, Rylee Elling, Kaylee Foringer, Brett Gombita, Gibson Havanis, Finley Hohn, Tyler Johnson, James Lafferty, Austin Matthews, Cael Nicolella, Isabella Muraco, Ben Papon, Carolyn Proudfit, Isabella Priest, Blake Reihner, Olivia Sikora, Joshua Sitler, Ryan Slagle, Hanna Stedman, Julia Umshares, Owen Wayman, Kaylyn Weichel, and Emily Wickham

*It's a Great Day to be a Hiller!*



# CONGRATULATIONS!

April

Students of the Month



**Brett Phillips**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**



**Saylor Kitsko**



**Gary Swarow**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**



TEACHER'S  
DAY

Happy  
Teacher  
Appreciation Week  
to all of our  
amazing teachers!

May 8 - 12, 2023

*Thank you for  
going above  
& beyond.*

The Unbelievable Talent at Trinity South  
Was a Show Worth Seeing!







# 2023 Americanism Essay Contest

Out of 139 essays submitted in the 2023 Americanism Contest sponsored by the American Legion Post #175, Trinity had 6 winners who submitted an essay.

### Special Needs - Autistic Support History

1st Place: Haylee Roupe - Trinity High School - Mrs. Giorgi, Teacher

### Class III - Grades 7th and 8th

3rd Place: Lyla Fortney - Trinity Middle School - Ms. Cortese, Teacher

### Class IV - Grades 9th and 10th

1st Place: Xzavier Kahkonen - Trinity High School - Dr. Clacks, Teacher

2nd Place: Sylvia Stoy - Trinity High School - Ms. Shaw, Teacher

3rd Place: - Stephen Bryant - Trinity High School - Mrs. Merich, Teacher

### Class V - 11th and 12th

3rd Place: Dylan Leonard - Trinity High School - Dr. Clacks, Teacher

The winning essays were submitted to the Department of Pennsylvania Committee. Trinity was notified that Haylee Roupe placed 2nd at that level!

## Congratulations



Trinity Team 1 took first place and Trinity Team 2 took second place out of 8 high school teams that participated in the Range Resources STEM competition.



Trinity Team 1: Alex Ausher, Andrew Durig, Ethan Clawson, Hank Smith, and Ian Verdu-Smith

Thank you to Mr. Columbus and Mrs. Welsh.

Trinity Team 2: Kayla Bonnett, Julia Cunningham, Jacquelyn Love, and Kenzie Phasupong



## *Trinity's Own - Sharing Their Hearts With Others - Take 4!*



Bella Muraco was able to share kindness by empowering a female who inspires her. Bella wrote and videotaped an essay that won a \$1,000 grant for a woman in our community who is deserving of this recognition. Thanks to Ving and the Archwell Foundation (Prince Harry & Megan Markle) who teamed up to make these grant opportunities a possibility. Congratulations, Bella!



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## *Trinity's Own - Sharing Their Hearts With Others - Take 5!*

Senior Grace Coyle (pictured with Mr. Zebrasky) completed a video essay and paperwork about a female who has shown strength and courage. The Ving Committee awarded Grace a \$1000 check for the subject of her essay. She also received a certificate, a backpack, and the wonderful experience of giving back.

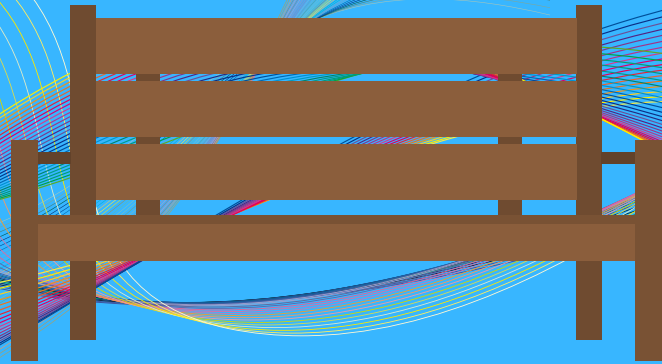




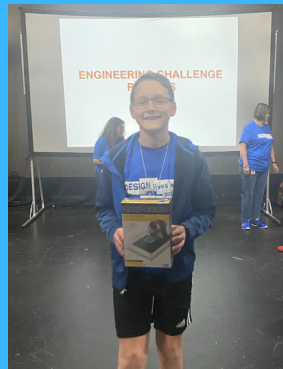
# Trinity East Knows How to Recycle.



Seated in the center among some of Trinity East's fifth graders is Mindy Trans, Washington Park's assistant director. So far, 133 pounds of lids were collected to be recycled into benches. East will continue to collect the lids for Washington Park to make benches.



1st place - Evan Klick



2nd place - Max Rosati



3rd place -  
Cameron Rockwell



The "Design Lives Here" competition provided an exciting opportunity for our middle school gifted students. Through this program, they participated in hands-on engineering and invention activities. On April 13th, participating students traveled to WQED's Fred Roger's Studio for the culminating event.



At the event, students were grouped into teams and completed three engineering challenges at school. Engineering mentors assisted the students as they addressed the STEM challenges.



The Student Leadership Forum took place at Trinity Area High School and hosted several local schools. The topics discussed were focused on NATO and more.



## SHOP 'n SAVE S.E.E.D. Program

Programs from the Pittsburgh Zoo and Carnegie Science Center were enjoyed by students at TMS. The programs were free through the SHOP 'n SAVE S.E.E.D. program. To help earn additional free programs, please see how to link your SHOP 'N SAVE Perks card to a Trinity school. Visit

<https://shopnsavefood.com/extra/seed>





# *Students vs. Teachers*

## *Round 2*

Spring Sports Pep Assembly featured a student and staff basketball game. In another nail-biting finish, the staff won 19-17!



And the winner is.....



## **Community Service Makes a Difference**



The students at Trinity North had a community service contest to help the Women and Children's Shelter and the Veterans' Shelter in Washington. The grade level that collected the most new socks would be treated to a movie afternoon. The students collected a whopping 325 socks! The winning grade level was second grade. This Fox in Socks Contest was successful and will help many people. Congratulations, students!



# Great Wishes For Great Testing.

The younger students at Trinity North Elementary encouraged their older friends to do well on the upcoming PSSA tests. They signed a banner, made signs, and cheered on the third, fourth, and fifth graders during the pep rally parade. The parade ended in the cafeteria where Dr. Demian gave the test takers a pep talk about the upcoming testing weeks. Good luck to all students taking the PSSAs!



# Reading Is For All Ages!



The first-grade students at Trinity North have a chance to read to the seniors from Strabane Woods once monthly. They don't mind giving up their recess because they know they are getting so much more! The students and residents look forward to this Read with Friends Program and have made some new friends.

Trinity North Elementary students went above and beyond with their bet with Dr. Demian. Dr. Demian challenged them to read 6,500 books for the month of March, and, in turn, he and his staff would take some whipped cream pies to the face. The students must have really wanted this to happen because they read a whopping 10,314 books! This assembly will occur in May, the same day as Trinity North's Reading Club Night at the Wild Things game. The overall "top reader class" was Mrs. Crawford's first-grade class, and the "top reader intermediate class" was Mr. Skokowski's fourth-grade class. Way to go, students!







The THS Book Club focused on supporting literacy in our community through a Book Drive Service Project. Hundreds of books were generously donated by faculty, students, and staff. The collected books were distributed to fill eight "Little Library" locations around Washington. Any remaining books were donated to the Salvation Army. We are proud of our student leaders who supported and implemented this service project for children of all ages. Juniors Carrie Proudfit, Riley Corrins, and Aggie Niccolai are pictured.



Shawn Cumer is a senior at Trinity High School in WACTC's Machine Tool Technology program and employed by Lagonda Machine.



Brooke Phillips is a senior at Trinity High School and in the Collision Repair program. She began her co-op experience through Diehl Collision Center and specializes in disassembly and reassembly.



Eden Kahkonen, a senior at Trinity High School and WACTC, is employed by Alex E. Paris of Burgettstown as a welder through our co-op program.







Teams of middle school gifted students participated in the annual Range Resources STEM Challenge. The teams were tasked with designing a cage out of balsa wood, popsicle sticks, and glue that would protect a wellhead. In addition to the cage design component, students also created a design journal and developed a video explaining their ideas. At the competition, 1-2 pound weights were dropped from varying heights to see which cages could withstand the most force. Congratulations to Team 1 (Evan Klick, Cameron Rockwell, & Vittoria Emerich) for coming in 3rd place at the competition! Each student receives a gift card as a prize and Mrs. Gojmerac and Mr. Walsh receive a monetary grant to purchase classroom supplies. Congratulations!



The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation celebrates Trinity as one of the Best Communities for Music Education (BCME). Now in its 24th year, the 2023 Best Communities for Music Education program recognizes 830 school districts and 78 schools across 43 states for the outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders, and their support for music education as part of a well-rounded education for all children.

## American Legion School Medal Awards



**Congratulations to TMS students Levi Held, Noah Hazen, Ian Migyanko, Jacob Hillier, Jayden Caltumo, Paige Schott, Ryleigh Swart, and Isabella Feriozzi**

The award is presented to students who exemplify six qualities that define character: courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service.



# Trinity Has 2 of the Top 20!



The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) revealed the recipients of the 32nd annual **WPIAL/James Collins Scholar-Athlete Award** on Wednesday, with 20 candidates (10 male, 10 female) selected from a group of 162 nominees. The 162 nominees are a 21-year high for the program and are a 20-nominee increase from the 2021-2022 school year. The candidate pool consisted of 81 male and 81 female student-athletes from a total of 92 schools. Among the 2022-2023 group of applications, 88.3 percent participated in multiple sports, 53.4 percent ranked inside the top 10 of their class among schools that ranked, and 17.7 percent were ranked first in their class among schools that ranked.



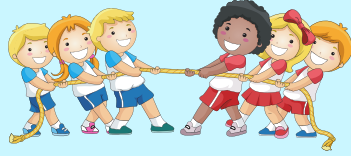
**Ty Banco (Trinity)** – 3.18 GPA ... Four-year letter winner in football, wrestling, and baseball ... Three-year captain for the wrestling team and two-year captain of football and baseball teams ... Captured the 2023 WPIAL wrestling title at 285 and placed sixth at the PIAA Championships ... Three-time section champion in wrestling ... All-State as a senior in football ... Three-time All-Conference and Bill Fralic Memorial Award nominee in football ... Finished with over 121 career wins in wrestling and the school's single-season pins record ... Led the baseball team in batting average in 2021 ... Member of Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, Trinity Cares Club, Friends of Rachel Kindness Club, and Trinity Buddies Club ... Serves as Vice President for Senior Class and Student Council ... Plans to pursue a degree in sports management.

**Eden Williamson (Trinity)** – 4.75 GPA ... Four-year letter winner in basketball and track & field, captaining both teams as a junior and senior ... Helped lead Trinity to two section titles and WPIAL runner-up finishes as a sophomore and junior ... Finished second in high jump at the WPIAL Championships as a sophomore and fourth as a junior ... Led the basketball team in scoring, field goal percentage, free throw percentage, rebounding, and steals as a senior ... Member of National Honor Society, Academic League, Math League, Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, Trout in the Classroom, Superintendent Advisory Committee, and Distinguished Alumni Committee ... Garnered AP Scholar with Honor plaudits as a junior ... Volunteered her time to Read Across America, St. James Parish Sunday Bible School, Vitalant Blood Drives, served as a camp counselor/coach, and organized events for kids battling cancer ... Plans to pursue a degree in pre-health and play basketball at New York University.



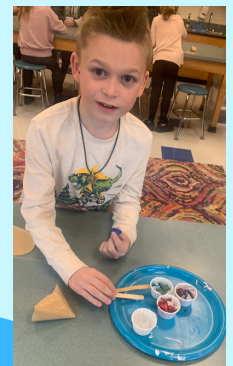


# Spring Intramurals Are Up and Playing!



# Mosaics with Pittsburgh Glass Center in Art Class

Trinity South students had a virtual lesson with PGC. They learned from a knowledgeable glass artist and educator, and discussed the creative process and the history of mosaics and glass art in Pittsburgh. Each student made their own beautiful mosaic heart to take home.



At Trinity West, glass artists and educators from PGC came in and worked with 3rd graders to compose and collaborate on some larger scale pieces. Students created hot air balloons, clouds, a sun, and many flowers, which will be installed at Trinity West as part of a mural for all to enjoy.



# WHO WE ARE

## #TRINITYFAMILY



**Kelly Siegman**

**Trinity High School**

Mrs. Kelly Siegman is the current 9th grade English, virtual 9th grade English, and virtual 12th grade English teacher at Trinity High School. She is a graduate of Fort Cherry High School. Mrs Siegman earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education and English from Slippery Rock University, as well as a minor in Literature and Writing. She was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi honor society for educators, the Sigma Tau Delta honor society for English, and the National Council for Teachers of English. Mrs. Siegman completed her student teaching at Chartiers-Houston Jr/Sr High School. She was a building substitute and long-term substitute for three years at Trinity High School and Chartiers-Houston Jr/Sr High. She knew on her first day as a substitute at Trinity that she wanted to be a part of Hiller Nation. Her teaching emphasis is on creating a positive classroom environment where students can connect their academic focus to real-world experiences.

**Cool Facts:** Mrs. Siegman loves to spend time outside the classroom reading, writing, and helping at her family's greenhouse business. She enjoys traveling to different beaches and national parks. Her favorite hobby is crafting. She enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and especially her husband, Kyler. Mr. and Mrs. Siegman have two cats, Charlie and Felix. As a former cheerleader, she volunteers her time coaching junior high cheerleading at Chartiers-Houston Jr/Sr High School.

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**Kristi Lowden**

**Trinity West Elementary**

Mrs. Kristi Lowden is an autistic support teacher at Trinity West. She is a graduate of California Area High School. She attended California University of Pennsylvania, where she earned her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. She worked for the Intermediate Unit 1 as an emergency substitute teacher for 10 + years while raising her young children. Mrs. Lowden decided to pursue her Dual Master's Degree in PreK-4 and PreK-4 Special Education. Being a non-traditional student with two busy children was challenging. She was able to show her children how not to quit. Her first position after student teaching was a long term autistic support position at Trinity West. Mrs. Lowden's ability to connect with her students and understand their individual needs led to her becoming a full time teacher in June.

**Cool Facts:** Mrs. Lowden resides on a 270 acre farm in Coal Center with her husband and two children. Jackson is in 9th grade and is very active in showing pigs, goats and steers along with being a member of the football and baseball teams at his school. Kennedy is in 2nd grade and she is active in dance, gymnastics, cheerleading and softball. The Lowden's raise Angus cattle and have a few pigs. Mrs. Lowden enjoys spending time with her family, going camping and to the beach. Like many working moms, her main hobby is running her children to all of their activities and would not change that for anything. Mrs. Lowden is so happy to be part of the Hiller Family!

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May 10, 2023 is Certified School Nurse Day nationwide!



Please make sure to thank your school Nurse!

## Spring Has Sprung Some Beautiful Music!

May

8 - Gr 4-6 Chorus	6:00 pm	THS
Gr 7-8, Chamber Chorus	7:00 pm	THS
10 - MS Band & Orchestra	6:30 pm	THS
15 - Elem Orchestra	6:00 pm	THS
Elem Band	7:00 pm	THS
17 - HS Band, Orchestra & Chorus	6:30 pm	THS

## Dates to Remember

### May

26 - Two Hour Student Early Release/  
Staff Development

29 - Memorial Day Holiday/No School

### June

9 - Last Student Day

9 - Graduation

12 - Teacher Clerical Day

## INFORMATIONAL FLYERS:

All flyers are available on the district website under About

<https://www.trinitypride.org/Content2/district-flyers>

To request that a flyer be posted on the website, email:

[tkrieger@trinityhillers.net](mailto:tkrieger@trinityhillers.net)

To submit an article for consideration email:

[tkrieger@trinityhillers.net](mailto:tkrieger@trinityhillers.net)

All articles are subject to final approval by the Superintendent.



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**MR. JACK MINNICK  
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR  
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**724-223-2000 EXT. 7121 OR 7114**



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# ART SHOW:



CONSTRUCTING A  
CREATIVE FUTURE

**MAY 20  
2023**

Trinity High School  
11 am - 4pm

STUDENT & STAFF  
ARTWORK,  
FREE ART ACTIVITIES,  
FOOD, AND MORE

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**





# 2023 SCHOOL DISCOUNT OFFER

## District Day: June 15, 2023

**PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON THE JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT DAY FOR \$35.99:**

**STEP 1:** Go to [www.kennywood.com/schools](http://www.kennywood.com/schools)

**STEP 2:** Click the 'Buy Now' button to advance to the next screen

**STEP 3:** Enter your '2023 School Ticket' ticket quantity

**STEP 4:** Enter Promo Code **trinityarea** in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'

**STEP 5:** Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. **SELECT YOUR DISTRICT DAY DATE TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER**, then click 'Continue'

**STEP 6:** **SELECT [AGAIN] YOUR DISTRICT DAY DATE**, then click 'Continue'

**STEP 7:** Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

**PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ANY DATE OF CHOICE THROUGH JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> FOR \$38.99:**

**STEP 1:** Go to [www.kennywood.com/schools](http://www.kennywood.com/schools)

**STEP 2:** Click the 'Buy Now' button to advance to the next screen

**STEP 3:** Enter your '2023 School Ticket' ticket quantity

**STEP 4:** Enter Promo Code **trinityareaflex** in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'

**STEP 5:** Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. **SELECT ANY VISIT DATE THROUGH JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER**, then click 'Continue'

**STEP 6:** **SELECT [AGAIN] YOUR VISIT DATE**, then click 'Continue'

**STEP 7:** Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

Visit [KENNYWOOD.COM](http://KENNYWOOD.COM) for up-to-date park operating dates and hours. Park operating dates, hours and prices are subject to change. Online offer only. No refunds or rainchecks for online purchases.



*What's New*  
**IN '23**

To celebrate 125 years, we are throwing a massive party! So get ready for exciting experiences, including the new Spinvasion thrill ride and Area 412, an enhanced in-park atmosphere and a spectacular lineup of special events.