LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT THE BURROWES SCHOLARS PROGRAM

May 4, 2023

PRESIDING STUDENTS:

Alicia Bennethum and Noah Kennel, Class of 2024 As distinguished Burrowes Scholars, these students will serve as the evening's emcees

PROGRAM

Comments: Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent

Music: L-S High School Blue Jazz Ensemble Mr. Larry C. Royer, Director

Saxophones: Drea Rice, Andrew Weaver, Katie Pope, Sarah Blount, Pearce Flory Trumpets: Maya Carl, Maddie Miller, Bethany Barrall, Parker Reinhart Trombones: Truman Horst, Jake Poyer, Noah Sanderson Rhythm: Aiden Flory, Carson Zook, Tommy Creighton, Katherine Helm, Gigi Fasano

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Fifth Grade Dr. Jeffrey T. Smecker, Hans Herr Elementary School Principal Mrs. Melissa S. Herr, President, Board of School Directors

Eighth Grade

Mrs. Alicia C. Kowitz, Martin Meylin Middle School Principal Mr. Dustin D. Knarr, Board of School Directors

Eleventh Grade

Dr. Benjamin J. Feeney, Lampeter-Strasburg High School Principal Mr. Andrew L. Welk, Board of School Directors

First-time Burrowes Scholars will receive a bronze pin

Second-time Burrowes Scholars will receive a silver pin

Third-time Burrowes Scholars will receive a gold pin



Landon Bohannon Physical Education

Carter Haring Mathematics



Austin Carson Mathematics





Tayden Herr Language Arts



Makayla Johnson Music - Orchestra



Simon DeBruin Mathematics



Avery Kalasinsky Language Arts

HANS HERR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIFTH-GRADE BURROWES SCHOLARS



Norah Lovern Music - Band



Nathan Schneider Language Arts



Isla Marsh Music - Vocal



Averi Steinbacher Language Arts



Gabrielle Meredi Mathematics



Liana Yoder Art



Mia Rogers Physical Education



Jackson Zook Mathematics

Landon Bohannon Mathematics Mr. William Valenzo

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For all of these reasons it is indeed a great honor and pleasure to announce Landon Bohannon and Mia Rogers as Burrowes Scholars for Elementary Physical Education.

Austin Carson Mathematics Mr. Daniel Colvin

Austin is an exceptional student who consistently shows his desire to learn and achieve at a level above what is expected of him. Each day in 5th grade, Austin has come to school prepared to do his best, strives to produce quality work, and always wants to be challenged academically. Along with his academic strengths, Austin is a student who is always willing to collaborate with his peers. He consistently seeks to be a positive role model and contributor as a collaborative partner. Austin's kind, hard-working, and patient personality in the classroom makes him an asset to the class.

Along with being a wonderful student who enjoys math and science, Austin enjoys sports. Austin has a passion for basketball as both an athlete and a fan. He plays in local youth basketball leagues for most of the year and roots for the Philadelphia 76ers.

I am honored to represent Austin as a Burrowes Scholar. He is well deserving of this recognition as a result of his continuous enthusiasm for learning, being a positive contributor to his class and school, and always doing his best. Congratulations, and continue to do a wonderful job at L-S!

Madeleine Cousin

English Language Arts

Madeleine is destined for success, no matter what challenges lie ahead. She exemplifies what it means to be a Burrowes Scholar -- intelligent, conscientious, and inquisitive. Not only does she excel in academics, she also displays the traits of a true leader. She strives for the highest levels of responsibility, organization, and respect. Madeleine works well collaboratively and is always positive and kind towards her peers.

I am honored to sponsor Madeleine for high academic achievement in English Language Arts. It is evident that her hard work pays off. There are no shortcuts when it comes to her classwork. She exhibits the highest level of inferential and analytical thinking skills when she reads. Her writing is thorough, with advanced vocabulary and sophisticated transitions. Let's not forget Madeleine's willingness to help her peers and offer a different perspective to help solve a problem. Congratulations, Madeleine!

Simon DeBruin

Mathematics

Mr. Jeffrey Nolt

Creative, motivated, intelligent - these are just a few of the words that describe Simon DeBruin. Simon has been named a Burrowes Scholar due to his outstanding achievement in math, but hard work and attention to detail are what set him apart. A skilled student, Simon could easily coast through school. Yet, he thrives on challenges and actively seeks them out.

With quiet leadership, Simon brings out the best in everyone around him. He is a team player who encourages his peers to do better and achieve more; peers are inspired by his command of academic skills and strong work ethic. But he also is driven to compete. Whether playing soccer or taking part in a friendly classroom academic competition, Simon gives it his all.

Besides academic achievement, Simon has a wide range of interests which he routinely gives up his free time to pursue. He takes part in a technology club that meets regularly during lunch periods. With the school band, he plays the saxophone. And Simon's voice is familiar to the Hans Herr community since he regularly gives the announcements and works behind the scenes with HHZN.

Simon is truly a remarkable young person, and he will surely continue to meet success throughout life.

Carter Haring

Mathematics

Ms. Janelle Konkle

Carter is an exceptional young man whose motivation, kindness, and work ethic are admired by teachers and peers. He is a kind friend to all and displays such thoughtfulness in conversation. Carter's kindness and thoughtfulness are evident to anyone who engages in conversation with him. He consistently goes out of his way to help others in any way he can. In addition, Carter is involved in multiple extracurricular activities, including football, lacrosse, French Club, and Media Club.

While Carter excels in many academic areas, mathematics is one where he truly goes above and beyond. Carter demonstrates strategic problem-solving and critical thinking skills in every problem he comes across. He is diligent in not only finding the correct answer but also explaining his reasoning to demonstrate mathematical understanding. Carter strives to meet the high expectations he sets for himself in every situation. In math class, he asks thoughtful questions that challenge both himself and his peers to go deeper in their understanding. Carter's genuine love of learning, mature character, and mathematical ability has earned him the title of a 2023 Burrowes Scholar!

Tayden Herr

English Language Arts

Mrs. Sarah Capoferri

Tayden Herr is an exceptional, motivated, and determined fifth-grade student. She goes above and beyond in all aspects of the classroom. A skilled student, Tayden thrives on challenges and actively seeks them out. When given a challenge, she is the first student to master and achieve the task. Not only does Tayden achieve the task, but she also breaks all expectations. For example, this year students were challenged to complete forty chapter books during the school year. Tayden completed the challenge before Christmas and is on her way to reading 80 books! She reads constantly and easily has a new book to devour each week.

When writing responses to text, Tayden can analyze with extremely insightful, inferential statements in conversation and academic work. She always asks for ways to improve her work and will often rewrite drafts multiple times. Tayden's responses enable other students to look deeper into their own connections and contributions. Tayden's essays are so in-depth we often have to shorten them because she has so many insightful ideas. She not only analyzes the meaning behind an author's words but also connects every idea to her own life. Even a simple summary is written with analysis.

Besides academics, Tayden involves herself in numerous activities to create a well-balanced student. Tayden performs in chorus, swims competitively year-round, and plays softball. Tayden is genuinely an impressive young woman who will achieve great things in life, not only for herself but for others as well.

Makayla Johnson Orchestra Mr. Robert Shaubach

It is a pleasure to recommend Makayla Johnson as the 2023 Fifth Grade Orchestra Burrowes Scholar. Music educators take great joy in providing students with opportunities to grow as musicians and people. A Burrowes scholar is one who has taken full advantage of those opportunities based on one or more outstanding character traits.

Since joining the L-S Orchestra program in fourth grade, Makayla has demonstrated enthusiasm, discipline, and an exemplary attitude for someone her age. She always attends orchestra classes well-prepared, ready to learn, and excited for the opportunity to grow as a musician. She is consistently and meaningfully involved in class discussions on improving individual and group performance skills. In addition, she displays a healthy concern for her fellow musicians and is always willing to collaborate with them to benefit all. Makayla's love for the viola and orchestra performance was on display recently when she was among those who represented the Lampeter-Strasburg Orchestra program at a Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Honors String Fest.

While the positive traits Makayla brings to the Hans Herr Orchestra contribute much to the quality of our musical performances, perhaps her greatest contribution is that of a role model for other young students pursuing any goal, art form, or discipline. It is with respect and admiration that I present Makayla Johnson as the 2023 Fifth Grade Orchestra Burrowes Scholar.

Avery Kalasinsky

Language Arts

Avery Kalasinsky is that student whose hand shoots up immediately. Whether you need a volunteer or an answer, she is your girl. She realizes she isn't going to get to answer every question; she just wants you to know she is there if you need her. Furthermore, she can be counted on to have the correct answer almost every time.

In both reading and writing, Avery excels. While she applies herself with precision in class, she continues both subjects for fun after school. Along with a few friends, Avery has already written and self-published a book and has many short stories in the works. When she shares her work and is given feedback, her response is, "Thank you for the constructive criticism!" and she means it.

Avery is also a talented dancer and dramatic reader. She has taken Irish dance for years and competes with others of the same skill level. During reader's theater activities, Avery can always be counted on to speak clearly with emotion, and to make the presentation enjoyable for all.

With a talent that seems effortless, even though she puts in a lot of time and effort, Avery Kalasinsky has earned her place as an ELA Burrowes Scholar for 2023.

Norah Lovern Music - Band Mrs. Heather Ceresini

The annual elementary-level Band Burrowes Scholar is awarded to a student who demonstrates strong musicianship skills, self-discipline, and a positive work ethic. This year's 2022-2023 elementary Band Burrowes Scholar is Norah Lovern.

Norah started the French horn in 4th grade. From her first day as an elementary band student, she showed such an enthusiasm to learn. Every week Norah would arrive at her lesson having mastered the challenge set before her and asking for another challenge for the week to come. Norah has picked a difficult instrument to master, but she has done an incredible job of just that. She plays her French horn so beautifully that it is hard to believe that she has only been playing for two years.

It was clear from the first lesson that Norah has a musical ear and a strong work ethic that would help her excel. Accompanying Norah's high-level musicianship skills is an energetic, kind, and positive attitude. Norah performs beautifully but also takes to heart any recommendations given because she constantly looks to improve. Her perseverance and cooperation are consistent in whatever work she completes, and she is an excellent role model for other musicians.

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Norah Lovern as the 2022-2023 Instrumental Music- Band Burrowes Scholar. I look forward to seeing Norah in future performances in the L-S music program!!

Isla Marsh

Music - Vocal

Isla Marsh is like sunshine on a cloudy day when she walks into music class. She brightens the room with her cheerful disposition and positive attitude and confidently leads her class in singing, dancing, and instrumental activities. Isla is patient, polite, and encouraging to others. She radiates joy! Isla sings in the Hans Herr Chorus and was selected to participate in a small ensemble for the March chorus concert. She volunteered to perform the national anthem at a L-S Varsity Baseball game with a small group of fifth-grade students. In addition to her vocal music activities at school, Isla plays the French horn in the Hans Herr Band. She has sung several solos at her church, First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg, and she participates in the Outpour Kids worship choir and summer music theater camp at Grace Community Church of Willow Street.

Gabrielle Meredith Mathematics Mrs. Shannon Freedland

Gabrielle Meredith is the kind of student you love to teach. She is enthusiastic and has a positive attitude that shows through all she does. Gabi puts in the time and effort to do the very best she can in all academic areas, especially math. Her attention to detail makes her an excellent math student. She leads by quiet example, always willing to help others by explaining her thought process and ideas.

Gabi is an achiever outside the classroom, too. She is active in Girls on the Run, participates in soccer, and plays the violin in the Hans Herr Orchestra. Gabi is a remarkable young woman. With her infectious smile and incredible work ethic, she will surely meet success throughout her school years and in life.

Mia Rogers

Physical Education

Mr. William Valenzo

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Nathan Schneider

Language Arts

Nathan Schneider is quiet and unassuming. He thinks before he answers. That is why, when he gives one of his now famous one-liners, you can't help laughing. He asks probing questions and corrects you if he thinks you've made a mistake or misspoken - and he is usually right. He corrects and deflects with humor so none are offended by his comments and often feel that they have been helped. He even wears amusing shirts with funny puns so that you look forward to seeing which one he will wear next.

Nate has the highest CDT scores, yet you will never hear him bragging about himself. His peers seek out his guidance and trust his advice. His maturity comes out in his behavior and also his writing. He excels at getting to the heart of a passage, and his written responses are always on target and well organized, as are all of his informational writings. He understands the written word on a deeper level and can give analysis of his thinking. When working on narrative writings, his peers are quickly learning that Nate is the man to see if you need a special word or phrase to get your point across with style.

A thoughtful, careful worker with a unique sense of humor and style. This is Nate Schneider, and it is why he has been named a Burrowes Scholar for ELA excellence.

Averi Steinbacher Language Arts Mrs. Kristin Maser

Students who earn the title of ELA Burrowes Scholar have many traits in common. They are high-achieving students who consistently work to the best of their abilities. They work carefully and put in the effort to revise and edit so that their work is done correctly. Averi Steinbacher does all of these things and more. She asks questions for clarification and checks in periodically to make sure she is on the right track. She puts in the time at home if she can't get it exactly right in class. She applies the processes and skills taught to her in daily lessons. Without ever saying a word, she is a leader by example.

Nonetheless, what makes you notice Averi is her smile and positive attitude. She enjoys putting in the effort to improve. She is mature and responsible and jumps in to assist with an idea or action before you think to ask for help. Averi always has kind things to say to and about her classmates. Most importantly, she doesn't just progress alone but propels her peers along with her, inspiring and assisting them as needed. They either want to be like her or want to be with her. Who could ask for more?

For her conscientious work ethic, desire to be the best she can be, and excellent people and leadership skills, Averi Steinbacher has earned her place as a 2023 ELA Burrowes Scholar.

Liana Yoder Visual Art Mrs. Lauri Loar-Stauffer

The 2022-2023 Burrowes Scholar Award for the Visual Arts at Hans Herr Elementary has been awarded to Liana Yoder. Liana is a student in Jeffrey Nolt's fifth-grade homeroom chosen for demonstrating proficiency in visual art-making skills in both art class and after-school art club.

Her drawing, painting, and sculpture skill level is exemplary for a fifth-grade student. Her ability to draw from observation is keen, and she often accurately illustrates the subject(s). She has an innate talent for mixing paint colors when creating an acrylic still-life painting to show the form of apples, including highlights and shadows. Glistening layers of paint layered upon each other creating the forms are evident.

Another example of her exemplary talent was creating a pastel pencil drawing of morning glory flowers. Her ability to carefully mix red and blue to create violet and blue-violet hue flower petals seemed effortless for such a difficult medium on paste paper, which can often be blended excessively.

Many peers often compliment Liana as they watch her work on a project. Her quiet demeanor, cooperative nature, and strong work ethic are several character traits exemplary of her qualification for this award.

Jackson Zook

Mathematics

Mr. Eric Balak

"Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile."

-Vince Lombardi

Let me tell you about Jackson Zook. This is a young man who, until the end of fourth grade, you would describe as someone with everything going for them. However, an unprecedented, rare auto-immune disease, Juvenile dermatomyositis (JDM) which affects skin and muscles, impacted his health dramatically. Jackson's life was turned upside-down, to say the least. As we fast-forward to fifth grade, Jackson's presence was uncertain. In fact, he started this year by coming to school for only small increments of time each day. There were many days, due to chronic weakness, fatigue, and pain, when Jackson was unable to, physically or mentally, make it into school at all. Adding the bi-weekly appointments at Hershey Medical, it was evident that Jackson's illness was affecting his attendance. Despite his health, Jackson continued, and continues, to fight against all odds. So let me tell you about Jackson Zook.

Jackson Zook is an exceptional learner with an independent and steadfast work ethic that exemplifies all qualities of a distinguished individual. Jackson beams excellence not only in all academics but also through his innate character, namely: responsibility, diligence, perseverance, initiative, and above all, leadership. Although Jackson excels in virtually all aspects of school, his favorite subject is mathematics. In school, Jackson plays the saxophone in the band. He is also a member of the LS Propellers Team that earned first place in this year's County IU13 STEM Design Challenge. Outside of school, Jackson receives private guitar lessons, plays lacrosse, and enjoys fishing.

Needless to say, Jackson is a remarkable young man who possesses many immeasurable qualities and tremendous potential, all of which will undeniably serve him extremely well in achieving many, if not all, future endeavors and aspirations that he decides to pursue in life. Therefore, it is with great pride and honor that I recognize Jackson Zook as a 2022-2023 Fifth Grade Burrowes Scholar! Congratulations!



Morgan Dombach* Physical Education



Cooper Hillen* Physical Education



Brianna Jackson Language Arts



Emma Jennings* **Technology Education**



Lilly Kuhns Social Studies

MARTIN MEYLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL EIGHTH-GRADE BURROWES SCHOLARS



Landry Maines German



Tytus Morris Music



Kiana Rey Health



Lilah Schwartz Spanish



Cole Shehan* Music - Band



Harry Skiles* Mathematics & Science



Kyle Wagner* Music - Orchestra



Art

Micah White*

Morgan Dombach

Physical Education

Morgan is a natural athlete that makes others around her better. Morgan excels with greatness in any of our activities in Physical Education. She is not afraid to go head to head in basketball with a 6ft 2in male, just as much as she's willing to step into the soccer goal and unflinchingly stop a goal on its way into the net. My favorite thing about Morgan is her calmness on the field. Morgan makes activities look easy as she picks up new skills quickly. Her field IQ is top-notch, and she encourages others around her to be their best.

Morgan is a talented athlete but is humble and hardworking. Morgan stays away from the drama that sports may sometimes have and shows up to play. Morgan brings out the best in others around her. She is a consistent student who shows up prepared for class daily. Morgan is an easy pick for the Burrowes Scholar Award, as she exemplifies all the qualities I would want for all my students.

There is no doubt that the skills and qualities Morgan has learned through sports will set her above others in the workforce. She problem-solves, works well with others, stays on task for the mission, and is respectful to everyone around her.

It has been a pleasure to be her teacher these last few years, and I wish her the best in all she does in her future. Thank you for improving our class because you are in it, Morgan!

Cooper Hillen Physical Education Mr. Austin Sensenig

With this being my first year at LS, I have not had a lot of time with this group of 8th graders. But one student only needed a little time to prove to me that they were more than worthy of this award.

That student is Cooper Hillen.

A few key words that come to mind when thinking of Cooper are competitive, work ethic, and sportsmanship. His competitive nature and sportsmanship in athletic endeavors carry over into his Physical Education class. Even though Cooper is a top athlete in his class, he does not boast about his ability and will often help encourage others. This quality demonstrates the high level of maturity that he possesses.

Cooper has not only sustained a 4.0 average in Physical Education but is also a key component on his football, basketball, and baseball teams. His many accomplishments reinforce the importance he places upon being dedicated athletically, as well as being a hard worker both in the classroom and in his extra-curricular activities. It is my honor and privilege to proclaim Cooper Hillen a Burrowes Scholar in the area of Physical Education.

Brianna Jackson

English Language Arts

Mrs. Emily Burkhart

Brianna Jackson is this year's 8th grade ELA Burrowes Scholar, and is highly deserving of this honor. Brianna entered the year ready to learn, with a vivacious appetite to succeed and do her best. Her confidence and passion for progress make her a stand-out pupil who leads by example. Her critical thinking skills help her produce thought-provoking questions and responses to course content. She particularly shines during discussions and debates, as she consistently prepares advanced, insightful comments. Beyond her academic success, she thrives as a member of the L-S girls lacrosse, track, and soccer teams. Her bright personality and kind nature are so appreciated by her teachers and peers!

Emma Jennings

Technology Education

Choosing a Burrowes Scholar from the Martin Meylin Technology Education program is never easy. There are always a number of highly qualified students. Each of them are hardworking, responsible and talented. That makes it even more notable that Emma Jennings rose to the challenge to become this year's Burrowes Scholar in Technology Education.

During our capstone experience, Emma wanted to try something different. The purpose of the assignment was to explore or revisit a technology education topic and take it to the next level. Emma chose computer numeric control (CNC), a topic she didn't know much about. She investigated the techniques and tools needed. We both needed to learn a great deal but perseverance won. I'm not sure who was more excited, her or me.

When conducting research, she demonstrated her ability to only include facts and then to present them in a professional matter. Emma's creativity shined as she completed assignments as well. Her perfectionist style and lightheartedness allow her to succeed when she runs into difficulty. Her attention to detail and tenacity as well as her warm personality make her a leader among her peers. It is both an honor and a pleasure to announce Emma Jennings as the Burrowes Scholar award winner in technology education.

Lilly Kuhns Social Studies Mrs. Janelle Kershner

I am pleased to present the Burrowes Scholar award in social studies to Lilly Kuhns. Lilly has demonstrated qualities worthy of recognition in 8th-grade social studies. Lilly is a student who seems to enjoy learning for learning's sake and is more than willing to give maximum effort to her academic pursuits. She has maintained an A+ in social studies in 8th grade. Lilly is also a model student who sets a standard of respectful behavior in her relationships with peers and also with adults.

Lilly demonstrates a deep understanding of history through her writing and class participation. She has the ability to explore complicated historical and political topics and offer her own analysis. This is one of the qualities of which Lilly is most proud. She enjoys taking events and decisions from the past and investigating how they affect the world today.

It is obvious that Lilly enjoys learning about American history because she is an active participant in class discussions and collaborative activities. Students are eager to have Lilly in their group when trying to "break out" while doing the simulated escape room activities using the Breakout EDU locked boxes. She has also shared that her favorite topic so far has been the American Revolution and the early formation of the young United States.

Lilly demonstrates an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and learning in social studies class and has achieved the honor of Social Studies Burrowes Scholar.

Landry Maines German Dr. Joseph Mencarini

Landry is the kind of student that shows up early, stays late, and is engaged in his work from start to finish with a positive attitude. When he doesn't understand a grammatical concept, he asks why it is the way it is until he understands. His German vocabulary outpaces almost all his peers, and he retains what he learns quite well. Landry is one of the hardest workers in the school - faculty included. He recently counted down the days until his birthday, when he became eligible for a work permit so he could join his siblings as a custodial worker during hours when school isn't in session. Even with all of this on his plate, he still participates in extracurricular activities, such as Board Game Club and the wrestling team, albeit he was sidelined this year due to knee surgery.

In my classroom, students are able to earn "Euros," the currency of my token economy, by completing Duolingo lessons. Landry has an impressive streak on his Duolingo account, which has allowed him to earn quite a few Euros. However, students can also trade Euros in for Pride Tickets, which can be used for many opportunities throughout the school, such as competitions, raffles, and a prize store at lunch. Recently, Landry would be out on a day when names would be pulled for the weekly raffle at lunch. He left a set of instructions in his absence: "Put (x) in the Special raffle for me, but give the rest out to the other people at my table who don't have as many so they have a chance to win something too." This example, as well as many other moments I have witnessed over the last three years, shows how Landry exemplifies many of the aspects of the African philosophy of ubuntu, which Desmond Tutu explained in No Future Without Forgiveness in the following way:

"You are generous, you are hospitable, you are friendly and caring and compassionate. You share what you have. It is to say, 'My humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up, in what is yours.... We say, "A person is a person through other persons."... A person with ubuntu is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, for he or she has a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole."

Whatever Landry chooses to do with his life, I am assured that he will do it with fidelity, grace, earnestness, humility, and authenticity. I look forward to seeing where these virtues take him in the future.

Tytus Morris Music Mr. Benjamin Gibson

The Burrowes Scholar in Music is awarded to an individual who demonstrates exceptional performance in classroom music and ensembles and has a keen interest and ability in music. Qualifications are demonstrated through conceptual, compositional, and performance mediums. In addition to these qualities, the Burrowes Scholar understands the importance of the individual and the community in any musical endeavor.

I am honored to present this year's Burrowes Scholar in Music to Tytus Morris. Tytus is an outstanding student who has the work ethic and ability to accomplish any goal he sets for himself. Tytus has experienced so much growth since entering Martin Meylin as a 6th-grade student. He is the default leader of his section in chorus. He leads by doing what he needs to do, and doing it well. In the classroom, he frequently took ideas and concepts and ran with them, creating music on his own time because class time was not enough.

As a Martin Meylin student, Tytus consistently challenges himself and performs at the highest level. Tytus is kind, hard-working, respectful, and always willing to take on a challenge. The honor is deserved, and I know he will continue to maintain high standards both within and beyond the discipline of music. Congratulations, Tytus!

Kiana Rey Health Mrs. Michelle Diffendarfer

This year I had the difficult task of choosing the Burrowes Scholar for Health. Several qualified students have phenomenal grades, friendly faces, kind hearts, and great class participation, making the choice that much more difficult. My choice in selecting Kiana Rey came after much thought and consideration of what I thought an ideal candidate for a Health Class would be.

"And though she be but little, she is fierce." That quote by William Shakespeare is what is brought to my mind when I think about Kiana "Kiki" Rey. Kiana is always such a pleasure to have in any class she is in. Health Class is one where she put forth an effort that went above and beyond. For the two years I have had Kiki, her attitude has always been positive toward her peers and classwork. Her work is completed on time and with great care. Health class is not always the easiest class to want to participate in, and Kiana was one of my top discussion participants, always willing to offer her insight. Kiki's energetic and engaging personality will get her far, but her work ethic will get her even farther.

It has been a true pleasure and privilege having Kiana Rey in my Health class this year, and I am pleased to have her be presented with this year's Health Burrowes Scholar Award.

Lilah Schwartz

Spanish

Motivated, dedicated, disciplined, and humble are all ways to describe this year's Spanish Burrowes Scholar, Lilah Schwartz. She sets herself apart in Spanish class through her consistent participation, competitive spirit, positive attitude, and desire to learn. Lilah is also quick to help her classmates in their learning and understanding of the language as well. Last summer, Lilah had the opportunity to study Spanish in Costa Rica. This experience has cultivated a deeper passion for the Spanish language and culture, which is evident in class. In the future, Lilah hopes to continue studying Spanish and become fluent.

Outside of the classroom, Liliah is involved in several sports and activities. She is part of the Odyssey of the Mind team and the swim team. Additionally, she is a member of the cross country and track teams.

Lilah is an exceptional all-around student, and it is a privilege to name her the 2023 Spanish Burrowes Scholar! Lilah's drive, determination, and love for learning will carry her far in her future endeavors. Best wishes to you, and felicitaciones Lilah!!

Cole Shehan Music - Band Mr. Larry Royer

It is an honor to nominate Cole Shehan as the Burrowes Scholar for Instrumental Music in Band at Martin Meylin. I have known Cole since he entered the 6th-grade band three years ago. At Martin Meylin, he has participated in Concert Band and Jazz Band each year. His hard work and skill earned him positions in the 2022 and 2023 LLMEA County Band Festival.

One of the joys I have in teaching instrumental music is that I get to work with students over the course of seven years. For the past three years, I have always been impressed with Cole's consistently positive attitude. He comes to every lesson and every rehearsal with a smile. Combine that with a high level of talent and an excellent work ethic, and you end up with a leader in both playing and character. Cole plays trumpet with strength and confidence, making him a leader in every ensemble he is involved in. Music for the entire group comes together more quickly in part because of his excellence in tone and rhythm. His sound has become a north star that others follow, whether they realize it or not.

It has been a pleasure working with Cole these past three years and I look forward to seeing him become an integral part of the ensembles at the high school. His success at Martin Meylin has laid the groundwork to encourage everyone to aspire to the band's slogan, "A Tradition of Quality, A Commitment to Excellence."

Harry Skiles Science Mr. Matthew Wieand

The Burrowes Scholar Award recognizes outstanding academic achievement and Harry Skiles has demonstrated qualities worthy of recognition in science. His work ethic, attention to detail, and academic enthusiasm are exceptional. Harry is the top student in a very distinguished group of eighth graders.

Harry has shown consistent excellence this year in science, earning a 100% in each marking period. He displays a remarkable work ethic daily in all class activities. While many students are satisfied with just getting assignments done, Harry seeks perfection in everything he does. He is indefatigable and ensures each assignment is done with precision and to the very best of his ability. He also displays a genuine enthusiasm for science and is a leader in class activities. When Harry speaks, people listen! Through all of the qualities noted above, Harry has earned the respect and admiration of his classmates.

Harry is a hard-working, teachable, and intelligent young man. His enthusiastic personality, strong work ethic, keen interest in science, and desire to learn will make him very successful in all future endeavors. It is with great pleasure that the science department proclaims Harry Skiles as the recipient of this year's Burrowes Scholar Award in Science.

Harry Skiles

Mathematics

Harry Skiles is a wonderful young man who truly excels mathematically. In the fall semester, he took Accelerated Algebra 2 with two other 8th-grade students at the high school and earned a 100% in the course. Currently, Harry is one of three 8th graders in Accelerated Geometry. Writing proofs is the most challenging part of this course for many, but he has done an outstanding job with even the toughest content because of his great recall, strong work ethic, and extensions of concepts learned.

Harry has a growth mindset and truly embraces challenges, always desiring to learn new things. He pushes to be the best version of himself and has a positive attitude. Harry thinks very deeply about the math concepts that are being discussed in class and asks really great questions that help me explain things a little better to his classmates. Harry has done a phenomenal job recalling past content and making connections both visually and logically. I really love that about him, and it shows that he has great character and wants to help others learn. He is humble, kind, compassionate, and an outstanding young man. He works well independently and with peers and participates actively in class. I also love his optimism and enthusiasm for learning; it brought great joy to both his classmates and me. I am so happy for Harry because he is so deserving of this honor, and I know he will go on to achieve great things in his lifetime.

Kyle Wagner Music - Orchestra Mr. Robert Shaubach

I am proud to recommend Kyle Wagner as the 2023 Eighth Grade Orchestra Burrowes Scholar. Since joining the L-S Orchestra program as a fourth-grade beginner, Kyle has demonstrated a desire for excellence in everything he does. His actions have consistently made it clear that he is committed to giving his best effort to every task. This trait, along with his considerable musical aptitude, makes Kyle a valued member of the Martin Meylin Orchestra whom other members can count on to help the group grow and achieve.

Kyle was the recipient of this same award in 5th grade, a school year completely disrupted by the pandemic! At that time, he demonstrated remarkable independence as a learner. That trait has continued to serve him well as we all navigated the many changes and challenges present in our schools. His ability to be resilient and model that characteristic for others have contributed greatly to his success and that of his peers in the orchestra.

Kyle's pursuit of excellence within the L-S Orchestra program has earned him opportunities to perform alongside peers from other schools in our area. In 7th and 8th grades, he participated in the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators Association County Orchestra festival for middle school students. This honors ensemble included over 150 outstanding student string musicians from our local schools, and it was clear that Kyle fit in beautifully. It is with respect and admiration that I present Kyle Wagner as the 2023 Eighth-Grade Orchestra Burrowes Scholar.

Micah White

Visual Arts

Mr. Edward Leone

One of the main reasons that Micah White is this year's Burrowes Scholar for Eighth Grade Art is because he possesses a natural ability to make his artwork visually interesting. He is extremely creative and imaginative. All the artwork from his middle school years at Martin Meylin shows this uniqueness. In his first year of middle school, at the sixth-grade level, Micah designed an original letter style with an excellent sense of dimension and texture. The extra work in drawing that he added to the surrounding space around the letter was the first of many examples in which his excellent work ethic combined with creative thinking.

A highlight of Micah's seventh-grade work was his character drawing. Unlike anything that I have ever seen before, Micah combined natural organic elements with mechanical parts to illustrate his original character named "Bob." I was not surprised to see a symmetrically designed name style for a title that "topped off" the layout of his drawing with a complete background of space that captured the illusion of depth.

This year, Micah's work is amazing. His ceramic pottery project showed excellent change in shape for interesting visual balance. Although handle-making was not part of the learning criteria, Micah added one to his project along with a spout that exemplifies his strong willingness to go above and beyond traditional learning expectations. For these reasons, I take great honor in sponsoring Micah as the 2023 Burrowes Scholar for eighth-grade visual arts.



Alicia Bennethum* Technology Education

Noah Kennel*

Spanish



Aiden Flory Music - Band

Kurt Kessler

Physical Education



Kayla Frey Agriculture Education



Kole Lawrence Vocal Music



Zackery Horst Business Education



Olivia Leed Family/Consumer Science

LAMPETER-STRASBURG HIGH SCHOOL ELEVENTH-GRADE BURROWES SCHOLARS



Lauren Livengood* Social Studies



Elisabeth Reinhart English



Jacob McClune Science



Madeline Ross* German



Zara Paisley Physical Education



Bennett Wehibe* Mathematics



Katelyn Pope Music - Orchestra



Ava Weit* Visual Arts

* Also a Burrowes Scholar in 5th or 8th grade

Alicia Bennethum

Technology Education

Mr. Adrian Baker and Mr. Adam Zurn

Alicia has been a diligent student who approaches her studies with rigor and dedication. She understands the importance of a well-rounded education, being successful in not only her accelerated core academic courses but also in electives like Art, Business, Spanish, German, and Family and Consumer Science courses. In Alicia's three years in high school, she earned a 3.98 GPA and has worked very hard to be in the top 10% of her class.

Alicia has taken four Tech Ed classes, including Info Tech, Intro to CADD, Architectural Drawing, and Design Engineering. She excelled in all these Tech Ed courses and earned one of the highest grades. Alicia continues to advance her technological skills by spending extra time to make all her assignments beyond the curriculum requirements. She is currently the top Tech Ed student and is maximizing her potential as an inventor, designer, and overall good positive leader.

In the future, Alicia plans to develop her technical background by studying Architectural Engineering in College. In addition to being an outstanding student, Alicia has proven herself to be a fine young lady and a productive all-around student by participating in Color Guard, Concert Choir, Pioneer Yearbook, Student Council, Interact Club, and Page Turners Club. She has shown tremendous leadership by being a Link Crew Leader, National Honor Society member, and Lampeter Fair Queen Candidate. We know she will continue to be a lifelong learner. It is with both honor and pleasure that Alicia Bennethum is proclaimed Burrowes Scholar in the area of Technology Education.

Aiden Flory

Instrumental Music - Band

Mr. Larry Royer

It is my pleasure to name Aiden Flory as this year's 11th-grade Burrowes Scholar for instrumental music, in band. Throughout his middle school and high school career, Aiden has been a member of every band-related instrumental ensemble. These include Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Marching Band. As a percussionist, he is called upon to perform on multiple instruments. He needs to be able to play at a high level of proficiency on each of these instruments, as most times, the part is integral to the performance, and he performs by himself.

Aiden possesses a deep and genuine love of music which shows in each performance he is part of. As a section leader in the Pioneer Marching Band and drum set player in the high school jazz ensemble, his enthusiasm is contagious to those around him, raising the level of excellence for all performers. He is also a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society and a member of the L-S Thespian Society for his work on stage for L-S theater productions. It has been a pleasure working with Aiden all these years, and to watch him grow in his musical abilities has been very rewarding. He is the beneficiary of a legacy of commitment from those that came before him, and I'm sure that he will imprint the same on the instrumental music department during his senior year, encouraging everyone to aspire to the band's slogan, "A Tradition of Quality, A Commitment to Excellence."

Kayla Frey

Agriculture Education

Mrs. Holly Oberholtzer and Mrs. Katherine Ranck

Kayla Frey has been an active and reliable student in the Agriculture Education department for the past two vears. She exhibits a strong work ethic along with good social and leadership skills that will make her successful in the future. Kayla has served the agriculture department and the Garden Spot FFA chapter in many different capacities. She has served the Garden Spot FFA Chapter as an active committee member for various events and has held the office of 2022-2023 Chapter Treasurer, keeping diligent records of the chapter's financial transactions. She has helped organize and facilitate many FFA events this year. You can always count on Kayla to be ready to take on a task to support her members, officers, and advisors. Her Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) project has included her employment at a local dairy farm and raising Market Goats and Dairy Beef Steers that she shows at the West Lampeter Fair. She works hard to keep guality records on her SAEs, winning county awards and degrees. Kayla has participated in FFA contests at the county, regional, and state levels. Within the classroom, Kayla shows immense leadership and growth. She has worked independently and with pride on a number of projects that showcase her knowledge of agriculture and the need to share it with others in the community. Kayla is motivated and has the interest and drive to do well daily in the classroom, greenhouse, shop, or with the FFA. She is an individual who works hard and will be successful in her chosen career, whether in agriculture or beyond. It is our pleasure and honor to declare Kayla Frey the recipient of the Burrowes Scholar in the field of Agriculture Education for 2023.

Zackery Horst

Business Education

Mr. Stephen Spealman

Zackery Horst has proven himself to be an exceptional student in the Business Education department. During his time in high school, Zackery has taken Introduction to Business, Managing Your Finances, Introduction to Marketing & Sales, and Accounting 1. In each class, he has displayed academic qualities and a level of maturity that is commendable. Zackery's keen mind is constantly following along with course topics and, in many cases, is thinking ahead or from an entirely different perspective. Another area that sets Zackery apart from his peers is the diligence with which he completes his work. His attention to detail, critical thinking, and determination to see everything through to its conclusion are admirable.

Zackery excels at working independently while asking questions when needed. Given any task, he can analyze what needs to be done and suss out key details while relaying information in a manner that is succinct. Aside from his educational skills, it is important to note that Zackery is respectful and polite with the faculty and friendly and kind towards his peers. He functions well as part of a group and consistently ensures that work is done to a high standard. Because of his academic skills and his amazing personal characteristics, the Business Education department is truly lucky to count Zackery as one of its members. And so, it is with both honor and pleasure that Zackery Horst be proclaimed Burrowes Scholar in the area of Business Education.

Noah Kennel

Spanish

Mrs. Jennifer Wade

Noah Kennel has distinguished himself as one of the best and most consistent students of Spanish here at Lampeter-Strasburg high school. Noah leads the class with the highest grade point average while displaying the ability to comprehend and express himself very well in the target language, whether it is in written or oral form. Noah is fueled by a deep desire to excel and to learn which drives him to pay attention and to participate enthusiastically in all classroom activities. Noah also possesses a very bright and inquisitive mind, which leads him to ask insightful questions aimed at increasing his ability to manipulate the target language. Noah aspires to earn good grades and enjoys doing so; however his true motivation is the acquisition of knowledge and the ability to use the language-gaining proficiency for Noah is far more important than receiving good grades for his achievements! As a person, Noah is simply delightful. Always positive and pleasant, he treats everyone with the utmost respect while being kind, supportive, and nice. Noah is a clever, humorous, diligent, and very mature young man whose presence in class I have greatly enjoyed

Kurt Kessler

Physical Education

The Lampeter-Strasburg High School Health and Physical Education Department is delighted to present Kurt (KJ) Kessler with the honor of being this year's eleventh-grade Burrowes Scholar in Physical Education. Physical education plays a significant role in the holistic growth and development of students. It not only contributes to their physical health, but also fosters teamwork, sportsmanship, and leadership. It is essential to recognize and honor students who excel in physical education and embody these traits. KJ is an exemplary figure who has made significant strides throughout his high school career.

Throughout KJ's high school career, he has been an ardent and passionate lacrosse player. His hard work and commitment on the field exemplify his tremendous character. KJ was a force to be reckoned with in the weight room during personal fitness and weight training. He always demonstrated the best work ethic in his class. KJ's commitment to fostering his physical strength can be seen within every aspect of his high school career, making him a positive role model for his peers.

KJ's excellence extends beyond his physical accomplishments. He is also known for his kindness and remarkable character. One of the key aspects of physical education is nurturing teamwork and camaraderie, and this is where KJ shines the brightest. KJ regularly demonstrates sportsmanship, respect, humility, and compassion. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to his peers and constantly strives to uplift team and class morale.

KJ is more than deserving of the Burrowes Scholars award for health and physical education for his extraordinary achievements. He stands as an exemplary figure for his teammates, classmates, and the entire L-S community.

Kole Lawrence Vocal Music Mr. Erik Welchans

As a music educator, I have the unique opportunity to work with student musicians who impress and inspire me each and every day. Kole Lawrence is one of those students. Kole is involved in all aspects of the vocal music department at the high school. He is a member of the Concert Choir and Madrigal Singers and a leader in our Spring Musicals. This spring, he played the role of Rooster in the musical "Annie." He has earned "A" grades in all his music classes and a definite A+ for his attitude and leadership!

Kole Lawrence is an all-around outstanding student and musician. He has a beautiful, rich, baritone voice and continues to be a great role model for other aspiring vocalists. This past year he was a member of the County, District, and Regional Chorus Festivals, and I know that he aspires to participate in the All-State Festival next year. I enjoy working with Kole every day and I know his peers feel the same way.

His academic standing, involvement in extracurricular activities, and strong leadership qualities make Kole Lawrence a standout student; indeed worthy of the prestigious Burrowes Scholar award. Kole's talents as a musician and performer will continue to grow, and I know he will succeed at whatever the future holds. Way to go, Kole!

Olivia Leed

Family & Consumer Science

Mrs. Hope Zimmerman

Olivia Leed is an exceptional person. She is curious, diligent, always willing to confront a new challenge, and, most importantly, kind. Olivia admits that she cannot complete any task half-heartedly; rather, she consistently pushes herself to go above and beyond what is expected. As a Family & Consumer Science (FCS) student, Olivia put so much thought and effort into all aspects of her learning. In class, she was constantly asking questions, not just to learn the required material for a test or an assignment, but because she was genuinely curious about life and new ideas and concepts. Olivia excelled in all aspects of FCS. She served as a strong role model - leading by example and showing responsibility and diligence in all areas. She also modeled kindness, treating everyone with respect and thoughtfulness.

Outside of her classes, Olivia is extremely involved in the school community, participating in concert and marching band, pit orchestra, field hockey, track and field, and the Interact and Varsity clubs. Olivia thrives on being involved and active, and she does so with grace. It has been a privilege to have Olivia as a student and an honor to name her as the Family & Consumer Science Burrowes scholar for 2023.

Lauren Livengood

Social Studies

Mrs. Christy McCanna

Lauren Livengood embodies all of the qualities of a Burrowes Scholar and is truly an all-around amazing student. In social studies classes, she is an absolute rock star. Lauren demonstrated her love of history and her superior reading and writing abilities in Accelerated American Cultures. As a sophomore, she absolutely dominated the AP European History class, and she continues to shine in AP American Government and Politics. In Introduction to Law, she showed her natural speaking ability and was able to shine in her mock trial. Throughout her years in high school, Lauren has come to be a well-respected student among the social studies teachers, making her the obvious choice as our Burrowes Scholar this year.

Outside of the classroom, Lauren is an active member of a number of extracurricular activities. She is the Junior Class Representative to the School Board, a Link Crew leader, and a member of the Student Council, Mini-THON planning committee, and the National Honor Society, to name a few. Within her activities, Lauren is a natural leader who sets activities in motion and follows them through to completion. Beyond her extensive school commitments, Lauren is also a competitive dancer who spends many hours at the studio each week practicing for her competitions and year-end show. Lauren is able to maintain academic excellence while also setting the bar very high in her extracurricular activities.

Beyond being a scholar of social studies, Lauren truly is an activist. When she and her classmates see an issue, she is not afraid to investigate, research, ask questions, and then seek change from those who have the power to make those changes. This year, when a question about field trips arose, she pursued options for financing, and how to address other difficulties of taking field trips. She then asked for a meeting with the administration to discuss it further. When AP students were looking at options for spring final exams after challenging AP examinations, she went back to work. Following these processes and examining all angles, Lauren is a true student of social studies, and we are proud to have her as our Burrowes Scholar this year!

Jacob McClune

Science

Part of the Eagle Scout oath states, "to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." Jacob McClune embodies this and the ideals of a Burrowes Scholar in every aspect of his life. He stays physically strong by running long distances to prepare for cross country, winter track, and spring track. He stays mentally awake by taking and excelling in the most challenging classes offered at L-S, like AP Statistics, AP Calculus, and AP Chemistry. Jacob has repeatedly demonstrated noble acts of selflessness, helping people any time there is a need. During his 9th and 10th grade years, he volunteered to assist students during instructional remediation for biology. He could have used his RTII time to work on his own studies, but he saw a need, so he volunteered to work with any student who needed assistance. As a teacher, it was very comforting knowing that the students would not only be getting knowledgeable instruction but also, if need be, Jacob could explain the content so it could be more easily understood. His peer tutoring was commendable, but what I have been most impressed with is Jacob's encouragement of other students during remediation and in the classes he is currently taking. He supports and follows up with students who need a push to get started. He creates a daily chuckle with his classmates by sharing his Far Side calendar. He shares his gifts with others, expecting nothing in return! He is empathetic, self-motivated, disciplined, inquisitive, and intelligent. We, in the High School Science Department, are honored to bestow this Burrowes Scholar award upon him. We are excited to watch the journey ahead; whether it leads to a new engineering discovery or landing on the moon, the sky may not even be the limit for Jacob McClune.

Zara Paisley

Physical Education

Mrs. Kendall Krulock

Zara has been an exemplary student from the first day of this semester in Life Team and Individual Sports as a junior. I did not have the opportunity to have her as a student prior to this year. However, speaking to her past health and PE teachers, her reputation and work ethic have never wavered. Her approach to each of the classes has been the same in that she wants to excel at the highest level using her natural ability and her exceptional work ethic.

Zara is a wonderful classmate who interacts well with everyone she comes in contact with. She is always positive and easy to talk to. She is also a key contributor to the swim team. Zara was the league champion in the 50 freestyle sophomore year, MVP for two high school seasons, placed 13th in the state for the 100 freestyle, where she was an All-Star and received a varsity letter for all three years of high school swimming. Her positivity, athletic ability, work ethic, and leadership are evident in all of these accomplishments.

While demonstrating excellence in academics and athletics, Zara is also involved in additional activities. She has volunteered her time by participating in concert band for eight years, being a part of the marching band for a year, acting in school plays, being an FCA leader, and volunteer coaching for the Otters swim team. Lastly, Zara was inducted into the National Honor Society this year. She also participates in her church as an acolyte and liturgist and is in the choir. Zara is committed to excellence in all areas of her life, and it is my honor and privilege to declare her the Burrowes Scholar in the field of Health and Physical Education for 2023.

Katelyn Pope Orchestra Mr. Robert Shaubach

It is with great pride that I recommend Katelyn Pope as the 2023 Lampeter-Strasburg High School Orchestra Burrowes Scholar. I've had the sincere pleasure of working with Katie in various ensembles for the past four years. During that time, she has shown exceptional talent, a strong desire to achieve, and a proclivity for musical versatility.

In addition to performing as clarinetist, saxophonist, and bassoonist in various ensembles here at L-S, Katie has been selected for membership in the Lancaster-Lebanon County Orchestra and Band during the past several years, where she performed on the bassoon. Her musical contributions at Lampeter-Strasburg High School have included being bassoonist in Concert Band and Symphonic Orchestra, clarinetist and alto saxophonist in Marching Band, and woodwind doubler in the Pit Orchestra for musical theater productions. She demonstrated great versatility in the most recent musical theater production by performing on three woodwind instruments. Katie is also a member of the Tri-M Music Honors Society at Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

All of these musical accomplishments are wonderful, and I truly appreciate Katie's participation in the orchestra program at L-S. But perhaps even more relevant is her outstanding character as a kind and caring member of the orchestra and school community. Katie is a model of consistency when it comes to effort and a positive attitude. It is with great respect and admiration that I nominate Katelyn Pope as the Orchestra's Burrowes Scholar for 2023.

Elisabeth Reinhart English Mr. Jeffrey Marsh

One day after AP English class, a student said to me, "I love whenever Elisabeth speaks in class. I always listen carefully because everything she says is so insightful and brilliant." I smiled and agreed. She is pensive and astute and incredibly humble. This is why she has earned both the respect of her teacher and peers and the honor of being the Burrowes Scholar in English.

In Advanced Grammar last semester, Elisabeth stood out as one of most hardworking grammarians in her class. It is difficult to recall any time when she was ever truly stymied by what I was teaching. Elisabeth easily earned her "grammar goddess tiara" — she can diagram the most complex of sentence structures and meticulously detect and dissect even the most subtle errors. Now in AP English this semester, Elisabeth has again emerged as a standout, sharing her cerebral insights into our discussions of challenging literature and expanding upon those discussions in her masterful essays.

However, Elisabeth never rests upon her gifts; instead, she recognizes them for what they are – innate talents – and always seeks to learn more, to work hard, to think through new instruction with a most earnest focus. To others, her work may seem effortless, but Elisabeth would be the first to argue that her academic achievements are the results of her assiduous work ethic. It just may look like it comes so easily.

Madeline Ross German Mr. Alexander Breitkreutz

It was easy to pick Madeline Ross to be the 2023 Burrowes Scholar in German: She stood out in every German course she took. Madeline has been a great role model for her peers and consistently supported the classroom in the best way possible. On the academic level, she is extremely smart and skilled in all four areas of foreign language learning. She is able to learn new words and comprehend new grammar concepts with ease and puts a lot of time and effort into every assignment she completes. She has a natural talent for speaking the language.

On the other hand, Madeline has great character and interpersonal skills. She is compassionate, creative, caring, and fun to be with. Other students enjoy her company, and she shares her talent in a way other students don't feel intimidated. Because of her kind and good-natured personality, other students often choose to be on her team, and they ask for her advice if they have questions. In addition, she works equally well on her own. Her discipline and mature behavior are her keys to success when completing the most challenging tasks. She exhibits commendable critical thinking skills and is able to make connections to other subject areas where applicable.

It has been a pleasure working with Madeline and watching her grow into a successful and respected person. I am pleased to present Madeline Ross as the Burrowes Scholar 2023 for German.

Bennett Wehibe Mathematics Mr. John Achille

Bennett Wehibe is a highly gifted math student. The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Task Force on the Mathematically Promising defined mathematical promise as a function of motivation, belief, experience, and opportunity. This is Bennett in my period three AP Calculus classroom. He takes pride in his work and is a self-motivated student. His DETERMINATION and attention to detail when completing assignments are impressive. He displays a positive attitude and is pleasant.

Bennett has a strong desire to do his very best. He performs at a high level and is willing to help others. He is the go-to student when his classmates have a question. They usually check with Bennett before they ask me. We have begun preparing for the AP Calculus National Exam in May 2023, and I predict that Bennett will achieve a five on this high-stakes exam and receive college credit.

Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do. Thank you, Bennett, for challenging me with your thoughtful questions.

It is with honor and pleasure that I proclaim Bennett Wehibe Burrowes Scholar in the area of Mathematics.

Ava Weit

Visual Art

Mr. Scott Cantrell

Ava Weit is weird! And I mean this in the best way possible. Ava is always looking beyond the ordinary, searching for amusement and bemusement. They are constantly experimenting with new concepts, using new materials, involving new associations, and making truly original artwork in the process. Yet, what I am even more impressed with is that this creative mind is also fully invested in the traditional academic teachings that give a backbone to their artmaking. Ava is fully invested in painting at an easel, discussing art history, drawing a still life in charcoal; while finding time to also illustrate on found objects and create conceptual collages. This combination makes Ava not only the ideal art student but also a true artist.



Fifth-Grade Burrowes Scholars

The Class of 2030

Row 1 (from left) - Norah Lovern, Gabrielle Meredith, Liana Yoder, Isla Marsh, Averi Steinbacher, Mia Rogers, and Jackson Zook Row 2 - Tayden Herr, Makayla Johnson, Austin Carson, Avery Kalasinsky, Landon Bohannon, Madeleine Cousin, Carter Haring, Simon DeBruin, and Nathan Schneider



Eighth-Grade Burrowes Scholars

The Class of 2027

Row 1 (from left) - Landry Maines, Morgan Dombach, Kiana Rey, Brianna Jackson, Lilly Kuhns, and Micah White Row 2 - Tytus Morris, Cooper Hillen, Cole Shehan, Lilah Schwartz, Harry Skiles, Kyle Wagner, and Emma Jennings



Eleventh-Grade Burrowes Scholars

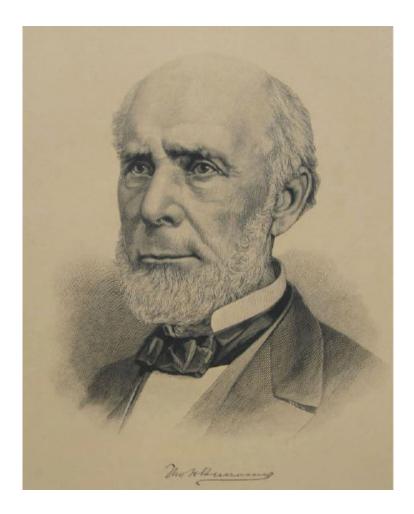
The Class of 2024

Row 1 (from left) - Jacob McClune, Noah Kennel, Madeline Ross, Alicia Bennethum, Ava Weit, Katelyn Pope, Lauren Livengood, and Elisabeth Reinhart Row 2 - Kurt Kessler, Zackery Horst, Bennett Wehibe, Olivia Leed, Kayla Frey, Aiden Flory, Kole Lawrence, and Zara Paisley

Congratulations



2023 Burrowes Scholars



Thomas Henry Burrowes 1805 - 1871