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RICE LAKE
ELEMENTARY
TURNS 30!



THE OBSERVER

YOUR DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWS



Manufacturing Pathway Leads to Career Readiness

Preparing for success after graduation looks different for each student. While some students enroll in Advanced Placement and College in the Schools courses, others are taking classes at local colleges and universities through the state's Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program. Students enrolled in these opportunities get a head start to college by earning college credits before they even graduate from high school.

Preparing students for college is not the only route to meet their career goals. Responding to the need to develop highly-skilled people in the trades coupled with student interest in learning manufacturing skills, Centennial High School is helping students jump start a career through its Manufacturing Pathways program.

The need and demand for workers in the area of career and technical education is high, especially in manufacturing. Many positions in the field are going unfilled locally for welders, press brake operators, CNC machinists, and other related jobs in manufacturing.

Through the Manufacturing Pathways program, the school teaches students the skills the industry is looking for and gives them opportunities to explore career paths and options in the industry. The program includes courses in: General Metals, Metals Technology, Advanced Metal Technology, and Cougar Manufacturing. Classes complement

other Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) courses currently offered at the high school. Since 2014, Centennial High School has offered courses through Project Lead The Way, a leading, national STEM program that includes course offerings such as Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture, and Computer Integrated Manufacturing. The expansion of manufacturing courses will help students prepare for a successful future.

ENTRY-LEVEL JOBS PAY
HIGH LIVABLE WAGES
WITH BENEFITS
AND OPPORTUNITIES
FOR ADVANCEMENT

We cannot do this work alone. The connections with our local manufacturing partners and consultants—**Steve Kalina**, Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association; **Jon Trost**, advisor, St. Francis High School (“Saints Manufacturing” students at St. Francis High School designed and fabricated welding shields for Centennial); **Mark Ellers**, MC MetalFab Inc., Lino Lakes; and **Josh Kissick** (Centennial alum), G & K Machining, East Bethel—coupled with donors in our community are paving the way to preparing students for careers in the trades. Support from donors and partnerships with local industries who also serve as mentors to our students is helping launch upgrades in the school's manufacturing facilities, purchase state-of-the-art equipment, and provide real-world experience

and skill development for future employment.

Modifications to the school's current facilities are underway during the summer break. The work includes the removal of walls to open up the space and sightlines, ceiling and floor upgrades, adding an exterior garage door for the delivery of supplies, ventilation upgrades, and a computer area expansion. This phase also includes the

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purchase of new welding equipment, a sheet metal shear, and a press brake which was purchased through the support of generous donors at the spring Centennial Area Education Foundation gala. Next year, additional equipment will be added to round out the students' experience: manual and CNC mills, ironworker, pedestal bench grinder, and a vertical bandsaw.

Together we are helping prepare students for a successful future.

If you are interested in becoming a partner, mentor, or making a donation to our program, please contact **Andy Angell**, technology education teacher, Centennial High School, at aangell@isd12.org.

“The students in my classroom are excited about the many career paths and options available to them in manufacturing and the trades industry.”

ANDY ANGELL
TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TEACHER

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Join our Team!

We are hiring! See employment opportunities at isd12.org/join-our-team.

Substitutes are also needed for the 2023-2024 school year!

Teachers | Paraprofessionals ➡ Apply online at teachersoncall.com.

Administrative Assistant | Kids Club | Food Service | Custodial ➡ Apply online at isd12.org/join-our-team or call 763.792.6000

Nurses ➡ Contact **Kelsi Gruber Kellerhuis** at kgruber_kellerhuis@isd12.org for details.

RICE LAKE TURNS 30!

The Rice Lake Elementary PTO hosted a 30th birthday party on May 21 for the community. Festivities included a showcase of the school's history, indoor and outdoor activities, food trucks, bounce houses, and music by the Centennial High School band.



Left: Centennial Area Learning Center students celebrated the end of the year with a team-building canoe trip. Students earned the trip by having a combination of good attendance and grades as well as a positive work ethic.

Right: Centennial High School seniors boarded the school bus for one last ride for a visit to their elementary school. Graduates traveled through the halls and reconnected with teachers and classmates. The visit also gave elementary students the opportunity to see the graduates first-hand and instilled the goal of graduation in even the youngest learners. Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



from the superintendent

Thank you for your partnership! It does take a village to educate our youth—our leaders of tomorrow. You'll find and read about celebrations and partnerships in this issue. The cover story on the expanded manufacturing educational opportunities for students could not be possible without the support of donors in our community and industry partnerships. The Manufacturing Pathway is one way we are preparing students for a promising future.

The partnership with the Centennial Area Education Foundation supports our students and teachers. The annual Gala fundraiser was a great success because of you—our community—with a “fund the need” opportunity which jump-started the Manufacturing Pathways program. The Foundation supports students through scholarships and also supports teachers through grants which help supplement learning opportunities for our students.

In this issue's donor news section, you'll find the listing of donors and scholarship recipients. Thank you to the generous supporters which will lighten the load of the cost of college and training for our graduates. Scholarship night was a great opportunity to highlight our gracious donors and our students.

This spring, we recognized three new, outstanding inductees into the Centennial Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service and as a Distinguished Alumna. The Hall of Fame Class of 2023 embodies the Centennial spirit that is contagious throughout the district's communities.

As we wrapped up the 2022-2023 school year, we celebrated our graduating seniors with a parade through their elementary schools, held kindergarten graduations, and celebrated our staff. Congratulations to our Employees of the Year, to our retirees who have made a commitment to education, and to our staff celebrating milestones of employment in our district.

Centennial is the center and heart of our communities we serve. Thank you for your partnership this school year as a parent, grandparent, staff member, volunteer, or community member. Together we are doing great things for students.

Enjoy the summer!

#centennialproud

Jeff Holmberg
Superintendent of Schools

Fifth grade students at Centerville Elementary sewed pillows and decorated them with their ideas about peace.



BLUE HERON
ELEMENTARY

RAISING MONEY FOR BHE

Students at Blue Heron Elementary showed love for their school while walking the track to raise money. Proceeds from the event, sponsored by the Blue Heron Elementary PTO, will fund Chromebook replacements and celebrate students and staff. Thank you to our community for supporting students and the school!



Blue Heron Elementary students showed love for their school while walking the Middle School track to raise money.



CENTENNIAL
ELEMENTARY

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Several celebrations wrapped up the school year at Centennial Elementary. Students proudly celebrated all of their hard work in demonstrating Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) expectations of being safe, responsible and respectful across the year by getting a treat from an ice cream truck! In addition, each class had a recipient of the PBIS CHAMP Award, and this student handed out treats from the truck.

Natalie Martens (3), a PBIS CHAMP award recipient, handed out treats to classmates.



CENTERVILLE
ELEMENTARY

PIECING TOGETHER IDEAS ABOUT PEACE

Centerville Elementary is dedicated to providing a welcoming environment where all students, staff, and families feel safe and belong. This year, fifth grade students participated in a project that helped them examine and discuss what brings them peace at school and in all parts of their day. The project culminated in each student sewing together fabric to form a pillow decorated with their ideas.



GOLDEN LAKE
ELEMENTARY

PARTICIPATING IN THE 25-HOUR READING CLUB

Golden Lake Elementary students participated in a 25-hour Reading Club and racked up 1,575 hours of reading time. That is equivalent to 66 days and 15 hours all in 25 hours!



Congratulations to all students who joined the reading club and to readers in Mr. Law's fourth grade class who logged an impressive 400 hours in just 25 hours.



RICE LAKE
ELEMENTARY

SHINING BRIGHT

Rice Lake Elementary held their first ever United Track and Field Day. It was an amazing event and an opportunity for students with special needs to shine! Fifth grade students partnered with each student track and field participant, lending a helping hand if needed. Classes were outside cheering for their classmates. It was a fun day for all!



It's all about partnership. Fifth grade students acted as peers, helping students with special needs at the first-ever United Track and Field Day. Photo, Griffin Larson (5) and Maya Gross (1).



PINES
SCHOOL

PINES SCHOOL FAIR

Over 100 students at the Pines School attended the 16th Career, College, and Community Outreach Fair, “Pieces of the Future,” in May, the first since the COVID epidemic. More than 40 representatives attended. Career experts covered a typical workday, salary expectations, training, and opportunities. College representatives informed students of their programs and degrees, and community outreach representatives shared GED and adult diploma programs, chemical dependency programs, as well as services such as housing.



CENTENNIAL
MIDDLE SCHOOL

CELEBRATING THE WRAP-UP OF EIGHTH GRADE!

The annual Eighth Grade Semi-Formal Dance was hosted at the Middle School on May 19, marking the wrap-up of their middle school years. This dance, sponsored by the Student Council, has been a long-standing tradition at the Middle School. A special thank you to the parents and staff who volunteered their time to make this a special and memorable event for students.



The Middle School Eighth Grade Semi-Formal Dance is a long-standing tradition for students to celebrate the end of their middle school years and send-off to high school.



CENTENNIAL
HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to senior **Michelle Li**, National Merit Finalist. Out of the 1.5 million entrances into the National Merit Scholarship Program competition, one percent earn this academic award which honors academic promise and achievements. Li was recognized at a school board meeting this spring.



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Craig Johnson, member of the Centennial School Board and volunteer with BestPrep, shared his expertise on the topic of insurance with high school students in a personal finance class taught by **Sarah Kienholz**. Representing the organization, Johnson has been a guest speaker at area high schools. BestPrep is a Minnesota-based nonprofit organization that provides educational programs to students in grades 4-12 as well as resources for teachers to help ensure that students are college-prepared, work-ready, and career-bound.

Operation No Limits, a nonprofit led by **Lori Kordell**, works with students at the Pines School year-round to tend a 4,000 square foot garden. Projects such as this one are opportunities for students to learn new skills.





Far left, Sixth grade students participated in the Minnesota Band Director's Association Honor Band. From left, **Maren Prusi**, **Evelyn Tamura**, **Leah Young**, **Caroline Jian**, **Libby Werner**, **Liam Robeck**, **Garrett Healy**, **Connor Vig**, **Nels Nelbergall**, **Matthew Beck**, and **Dawson Kratt**.

Left, Seventh grade students participated in the Minnesota Band Director's Association Honor Band. From left, **Josh Nelson**, **Micah Akpan**, **Sam Palecek**, **Nicholas Hoag**, **Cordelia Schultz**, **Gwen Black**, **Olivia Kirk**, and **Breah Dahl**.

CENTENNIAL

student news

DECA STUDENTS COMPETE

Placing at the District Competition this spring are **Lily Huynh** (11) and **Madeline Perron** (11), first place, Marketing Management Team Decision Making; **Prahbleen Khosa** (9) and **Tatum Knox** (9), second place, Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making; **Gurleen Khosa** (11), fourth place, Hotel and Lodging Management Series Individual Role Play; **Garrett Burns** (10) and **Mario Rivera Quinones** (10), fourth place, Sports and Entertainment Team Decision Making.

MUSIC NOTES

Centennial High School choir participants in the **Region 5AA Vocal Solo/Ensemble Contest** were **Sydney Berens** (11) (solo and ensemble), **Sophie Berkowitz** (11), **Nate Brausen** (12), **Ella Brewster** (11), **Erin Burns** (12) (solo and ensemble), **Alyssa Carlson** (11) (solo and ensemble), **Grace Christensen** (12) (solo and ensemble), **Bella Crosby** (10), **Riley Eckman** (10), **Will Fidler** (12), **Ruth Gale** (11) (solo

and ensemble), **Stella Galiov** (12), **Lorelai Groves** (12), **Olivia Hartmann** (10), **Elle Hinds** (11) (solo and ensemble), **Will Kalvin** (12), **Braeden Krieger** (12) (solo and ensemble), **Paige Lahm** (10), **Hannah LaMoure** (12), **Max Lesch** (12), **Arianna Lo** (10), **Joe Lund** (12), **Eva Maier** (10), **Noah Marquard** (11), **Ash McClellan** (12) (solo and ensemble), **MacKenzie McDonald** (12), **Bella Nawrocki** (12), **Eli Nowacki** (12) (solo and ensemble), **Carlie Owens** (12), **Annabel Pautsch** (12) (solo and ensemble), **River Picha** (12) (solo and ensemble), **Nathan Roe** (11), **Donovan Rogers** (11), **Ricardo Rojas Pena** (12), **Mackenzie Schmitt** (10), **Gabriella St. Martin** (11), **Emily Tran** (10), **Carmela Vanzyl** (12) (solo and ensemble), **Phoenix Whitlow** (11), **Abby Wood** (11), **Chuchi Yang** (12), and **Laura Zebell** (12). Out of 42 Centennial entries, Centennial received 40 Superior ratings, the highest rating possible. Centennial also received two out of the six Best in Site Awards which were



The Honoring Ceremony recognizes indigenous students in the achievement of graduation. From left, **Lexi Boshey** – Bois Forte Ojibwe, **Maia Sharlow** – Lac Du Flambeau Ojibwe, **Silvia Longoria** – Winnebago, Keynote Speaker Miss Minnesota **Rachel Evangelisto**, **Sydney Bainville** – Shawnee; **Malachi Thoennes** – Leech Lake Ojibwe, and **Sophie Brown** – Cherokee.

given to **Alyssa Carlson** (11) and **Carmela Vanzyl** (12).

Participation in the **2023-2024 Minnesota Music Educators All-State Ensembles** were **Kara Kimball** (10), alternate; **Leo Lehman** (10), Symphonic Band; **Natalie Clarys** (11), Orchestra; **Corynn Harvieux** (11), alternate; **CJ Sorem** (11), Symphonic Band; **Ander Julson** (10), alternate. **Riley Eckman** (10), alternate; **Paige Lahm** (10), Soprano, Alto Choir; **Donovan Rogers** (11), Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Base Choir; **Noah Marquard** (11), Tenor, Base Choir; and **Nathan Roe** (11), Tenor, Base Choir.

Seniors **Nathan Brausen**, **Grace Christensen**, **Will Kalvin**, **Max**

Lesch, **Ash McClellan**, **Eli Nowacki**, **Mattie Petersen**, **River Picha**, and **Ricardo Rojas Pena** were members of the **2023 NWSC All-Conference Choir**.

Freshman and sophomores **Riley Eckman** (10), **Zoe Ford** (9), **Charlie Lovett** (9), **Eva Maier** (10), **Cassandra Nuutinen** (10), and **Sophia Smith** (9) were selected to sing in the **9/10 ACDA Minnesota Honor Choir**.

Seniors **Erin Burns**, **Will Fidler**, and **Carmela Vanzyl** were selected to sing in the **Minnesota Music Educators Associations All-State Choirs**.

district news



Congratulations to the Centennial Hall of Fame Class of 2023! From left, **Jan Kreminski**, **Colleen McMorran Salay**, and **Erik Aus**.

Centennial Hall of Fame: Class of 2023

THREE INDUCTED INTO THE CENTENNIAL HALL OF FAME

The Class of 2023 was inducted into the Centennial Hall of Fame on May 11. The event was held at Infinite Campus and hosted by the company's CEO **Charlie Kratsch** ('85) a member of the Hall of Fame Class of 2013. Congratulations to the following inductees for their distinguished service and alumni achievement.

Erik Aus, physical education teacher and coach at Centennial High School. He is honored for his service to the District from 1987-2019 and for his attributes that have had a long-lasting impact on colleagues and students as well as for his dedication to build a first-class Centennial boys hockey program.

Jan Kreminski, advocate for Centennial Schools which stemmed

from his work on the Centennial Area Education Foundation. He is honored for his service to the Centennial community from 2003-2022 and for his guidance and leadership with the foundation from its early years to today.

Colleen McMorran Salay ('85), founding member of the Centennial Alumni Association and teacher in the Centennial School District. She is honored as a distinguished alumna for her work to connect graduates to the district, for her Centennial spirit, and for her volunteerism in the community.



Catch the induction online at isd12.org.

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Minnesota Statute 121A.15 requires children enrolled in childcare, early childhood education, or school to be immunized against certain diseases, unless the child is medically or non-medically exempt.

If proper documentation is not provided, students will be unable to attend school after November 1st, 2023. What you need to do:

- Contact your health care provider and review your child's immunization status to make sure they are up to date.
- If you missed a required vaccination, make an appointment with a healthcare provider or local clinic as soon as possible.

- Follow up with your student's school if they have reached out to you regarding your student's immunization status.
- Turn in medical (must be signed by a health care provider) and non-medical (must be notarized) exemption forms to your child's school if they are exempt from immunizations.

Visit health.state.mn.us/people/immunize for vaccine schedules, exemption forms and more information including where to get free/low cost immunizations today. Visit isd12.org/departments/health-services/immunizations for more information.

LOOKING FOR FREE MEALS THIS SUMMER?

Download a mobile app, Free Meals for Kids, to locate free meals for your students (up to age 18) over the summer break. No registration or sign up is necessary at most sites. Search "Free Meals for Kids" on the App Store or Google Play.

DISCOVER CENTENNIAL SCHOOLS

Kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year is available online at isd12.org.

Do you know of a family who lives outside the Centennial School District boundaries and is interested in attending our schools? We are accepting Open Enrollments for the 2023-2024 school year. See isd12.org.



Do you have children not yet enrolled in Centennial Schools?

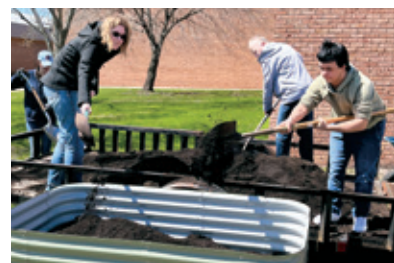
It's not too late! Tell us you live here so the District can plan for the future. Call the District Office at 763.792.6000.

NOMINATE A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY OR DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE OF CENTENNIAL SCHOOLS

See isd12.org/get-involved/hall-of-fame to complete the nomination online. Nominations due November 1, 2023 for induction in 2024.

MOVING OVER THE SUMMER?

Are you moving and still residing in the Centennial School District or are you moving out of the district and not returning to Centennial Schools in the fall? Please call the District Office at 763.792.6000 with address changes.



SPRUCING UP THE NORTH ROAD CAMPUS

Students enrolled in the Journey Program, an adult transition program for ages 18-21, planted five raised garden containers. The project was funded by a CAEF grant. Thank you to volunteers, **Brad Eychaner**, who delivered soil from Anoka County compost, and for donations by staff and parents.



GIRLS HOCKEY SECTION CHAMPIONS, STATE PARTICIPANT

LAUREN O'HARA (12) CLASS AA HERB BROOKS AWARD, 2023 ATHENA AWARD, ALL-STATE, AC
KAITLIN GROESS (11), AC

ELLA O'HEARN (12), AC
NOELLE HEMR (11), AC
KATHRYN BALL (9), HM
GRACE LAAGER (8), HM
ALEXIS LARSEN (10), HM

HANNAH THOMPSON (12) HM
ELLIE NEWPOWER (11), HM
TEAGAN KULENKAMP (10), HM
JAYCEE CHATLEAIN (8) HM

sports

LOOK for the Spring 2023 Sports Recap in the fall issue of THE OBSERVER!



ALPINE SKIING

JORDIN FLOHAUG (9), AC, STATE PARTICIPANT, ALL-STATE ACADEMIC
BROOKE HALVERSON (12), AC
BRUCE JOHNSON (11), AC
KALLISTA HALATSIS (12), HM
KATHERINE TOENSING (11), HM

LUKE LOFGREN (12) HM
ANNIE TRETTEL (11), HM

NORDIC SKI
JULIE ZALEWSKI (11), AC



JADEN RUEGSEGGER (12) STATE PARTICIPANT, 3RD PLACE, 132 LBS.
ALAINA FRANCO (10) STATE PARTICIPANT, 5TH PLACE, 145 LBS.
NORA AKPAN (9) STATE PARTICIPANT, 6TH PLACE, 138 LBS.
MARCUS WHITING (11) STATE PARTICIPANT, 220 LBS, AC

LUKE TIMKO (11) STATE PARTICIPANT, 138 LBS, HM
LOGAN FU (9) STATE PARTICIPANT, 113 LBS, HM
TYLER COOK (9), HM
OWEN HACKETT (12), AC
JADEN LILLY (10), HM
JOE STREFF (11), HM



ADAPTED FLOOR HOCKEY

ABIGAIL PASS (10), AC
TATE MORRIS (10), AC

HALEY REICHENBACHER (12), HM
CARSON SNELL (11), HM



BOYS BASKETBALL

TY BURGOON (11), AC



GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE PARTICIPANT, CONSOLATION CHAMPIONS

KATI ANDERSON (12), ACADEMIC ALL STATE
MADELYN SKALICKY (12), ACADEMIC ALL STATE
MEGAN STACY (12), ACADEMIC ALL STATE

MARISA FROST (11), AC
MACEY LITTLEFIELD (12), AC
AUTUMN MCCALL (10), AC



BOYS SWIM & DIVE SILVER ACADEMIC AWARD; 3.5 TEAM GPA

BENJAMIN CONDON (12), STATE PARTICIPANT, AC
MAXWELL SCHEURER (12), STATE PARTICIPANT, STATE CHAMPION (100M BREASTSTROKE), EARNED AUTOMATIC ALL-AMERICAN TIME WITH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, ALL-STATE, ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN, AC
GEORGE ATKINSON (12), STATE PARTICIPANT, AC
CALEB CREGAN (10), STATE PARTICIPANT, HM

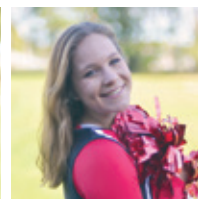
ALEXANDER LARKIN (11), HM
TYLER CELOTTA (11), HM
JOSEPH MURRAY (10), HM
ISAAC NGUYEN (9), HM
JACOB TAYLOR (12), ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN



BOYS HOCKEY

PEYTON BLAIR (12), AC
HARPER SEARLES (11), AC
DRAKE RAMIREZ (12), AC
BROCK CARLS (12), AC
SAM MENNE (12), AC

AUSTIN PETERSON (11), HM
HEATH NELSON (11), HM
PALMER LEMAY (12), HM
CODY EASTON (10), HM
GAVIN SCHAHN (11), HM



Josephine Orcutt (12), **Chelsey Serna** (12), and **Saydisha Gehyigon** (12), MCCA Honor Team of Excellence (GPA of 3.5 or higher).



Jordyn Flohaug is a State Academic Award recipient who made her second appearance at the State Alpine Skiing competition.



Congratulations to **Lauren O'Hara**, recipient of the Class AA **Herb Brooks** Award.

CHEER

JOSEPHINE ORCUTT (12), MINNESOTA CHEERLEADING COACHES ASSOCIATION (MCCA) ALL-STATE SIDELINE TEAM, MCCA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

GYMNASTICS

AMELYA GANNON (9), ALL STATE HM, AC
KYLIE NELSON (10), ALL STATE HM, AC
JENNA SIMSO (11), ALL STATE HM, AC



DANCE TEAM

SYDNEY CLASEMAN (12), ALL STATE—JAZZ, AC
JANAE FILBECK (12), ALL STATE—KICK
CORYNN HARVIEUX (11), ALL STATE—JAZZ/HM
JENNA SKOGEN (11), STATE PARTICIPANT, JAZZ AND HIGH KICK, HM

ELLIANNA AUSTIN (12), AC
LAUREN SCHEURER (12), AC
CECILLIA AUSTIN (9), HM

SPRING SIGNINGS

Congrats to athletes who are continuing to play at the collegiate level: **Cal Babiash**, Soccer, Lake Erie College; **Jaiden Loots**, Football, Southwest Minnesota State University; **Lance Nielsen, Jr.**, Football, Winona State University; **Maxwell Scheurer**, Swimming, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities; **Reese Littlefield**, Football, Winona State University.

donor news

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CENTENNIAL STUDENTS

Congratulations!

This year, \$82,000 in scholarships was given to 92 graduating seniors. Thank you to the community for your support and for investing in our youth!

916 Education Foundation Scholarship, Grace Roehrl; **A.P. Bergee Scholarship**, Nicole Kammer, Brooke Halverson; **American Legion Auxiliary Unit #566 Scholarship**, Maxwell Lesch; **American Legion Post #566 Scholarship**, Kole Erickson, Nicole Kammer, Braeden Krieger, Bella Nawrocki, Maxwell Lesch; **Blaine Police Federation Scholarship**, Alexander Blilie; **Blue Heron PTO Scholarship**, Sumaya Ahmed, Eli Berg; **Bluedorn Jump Start Scholarship**, Zachary Short; **CAEF/CALC Scholarship**, Sophie Brown; **CAEF Centennial Elementary Scholarship**, Hannah Thompson, Basil Paraschou; **CAEF Centerville Elementary Scholarship**, Ashlyn Macoskey, Justin Murray; **CAEF Dwight Benoy Engineering Scholarship**, Lance Laden; **CAEF Golden Lake Elementary Scholarship**, Jake Sykora, Anna Jarpey; **CAEF Jan Kreminski Scholarship**, Nafnati Mohammed; **CAEF Rice Lake Elementary Scholarship**, Joshua Kaul; **CAEF Teacher's Choice Scholarship**, Galjer Yangwaue, William Calvin; **Centennial Alumni Association Scholarship**, Ash McClellan, Brooke Halverson, Travis Newville, Addison Slotsve; **Centennial Area Education Foundation Scholarship**, Ashley Friedman, Joshua Kaul, Mattie Petersen, Cassandra Sosinski, Aaron Strunk, Amelia Turi, Cinnia Chan, Katherine Lind, Lillian Okan; **Centennial Basketball Association Scholarship**, Kati Anderson, Emily Hosna, Henry Pirner, Macey Littlefield, Madelyn Skalicky, Megan Stacy, Emma Walsh; **Centennial Boys Lacrosse Booster Scholarship**, Cody Nippoldt; **The Centennial Boys Hockey Blue Line Club**

Scholarship, Casey Coenen; **Centennial Choir Boosters Scholarship**, Erin Burns, Stella Galiov, William Fidler, William Calvin, Braeden Krieger, Maxell Lesch, Carmela Vanzyl; **Centennial Cooks Scholarship**, Mackenzie McDonald; **Centennial Education Association Scholarship**, Olivia Neibergall, Annie Richtsmeier; **Centennial Girls Hockey Blue Line Club Scholarship**, Ella O'Hearn; **Centennial High School Girls Soccer Scholarship**, Naasifaayee Bula, Adyson Janacek; **Centennial Utilities Scholarship**, Maxwell Lesch; **The Centennial Wrestling Steve Peterson Memorial Scholarship**, Owen Hackett; **Centennial Youth Hockey Association Scholarship**, Ella O'Hearn, Callie Cody, Casey Coenen, Tyler Schumacher; **Chain of Lakes Rotary Scholarship - STRIVE**, Emily Kraby, Ricardo Rojas Pina, Justin Snell, Ashley Trott, Kjerstin Tharp; **Connexus Energy Foundation Scholarship**, Adrian Grant, Laura Zebell; **Cougar Big Paw Football Scholarship**, Eli Nowacki, Reese Littlefield; **David Dobovsky Memorial / Student Council Scholarship**, Emma Magnuson, Karlyn Waite; **Erin Hennes Memorial Scholarship 2007 Centennial Graduate**, Marcus Her; **Fairview Lakes Medical Center Scholarship**, Kevin Babashov, Saydisha Gehyigon, Katherine Lind, Amelia Turi, Keelyn Wittenberg; **Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship**, William Hunt, Connor Lindsay, Cody Nippoldt, Gavin Langenfeld; **Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship - Tools for Career**, Gavin Langenfeld; **The Handy Andy Scholarship**, Cody Nippoldt; **Jerry Pounds Memorial Scholarship**, Henry Pirner; **Julie Fjeld Memorial Scholarship**, Grace Christensen, Bella Nawrocki; **Katie Huston Memorial Scholarship**, Kati Anderson; **Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship**, Ash

McClellan, Gavin Shady, Jessica Swenson; **The Kunkel Scholarship**, Erin Konzem; **The Kwapick Family Scholarship**, Britta Bergdahl; **The Mark Francis Quinlan Fine Arts Legacy Scholarship**, Olivia Neibergall, Bella Nawrocki; **Memorial Blood Drive Scholarship**, Erin Kottke, Yanet Getachew, Katherine Lind; **Minnesota School Employees Association Scholarship**, Charles Bolkom; **Naval Academy**, Anna Peterson; **Nate Dunn "Next Generation of Leaders" Scholarship**, Ella O'Hearn; **New Creations Scholarship**, Lauren Scheurer; **Rice Lake Elementary PTO Scholarship**, Annie Richtsmeier; **Robert McMorran Instrumental Music Scholarship**, Vincent Leishman; **Thomas Drow Memorial Scholarship**, Jacob Taylor; **Slipka Foundation Leadership Scholarship**, Michelle Li; **Slipka Foundation Baseball Scholarship**, Vincent Wry; **Solomon Tilleksjor Golden Lake Mentoring Scholarship**, Sarah Branch, Tyler Schumacher; **The Bill and Cathy Streit Family Scholarship**, Madison Quayle; **US Air Force ROTC**, Braeden Krieger; **The William J. Mattke Family Scholarship Fund of InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship**, Zackary Chaffey; **Zach Nordine McNally Smith College of Music New Chapter Scholarship**, Vincent Leishman, Quinn Jarvis.

CAEF
CENTENNIAL AREA
EDUCATION FOUNDATION
CAEF DONOR NEWS
The Centennial Area Education Foundation (CAEF) generous supporters continue to advance learning experiences for students at Centennial schools. Dedicated to improving educational and teaching outcomes, CAEF's partnership with Centennial ISD12 and the community equip the next generation of learners to reach



their fullest potential. The generosity of all comes together on behalf of our students. And, we thank you!

CONGRATS 2023 GRADUATES
CAEF provided \$18,000 in scholarships that will assist graduates pursuing future education and \$58,800 was administered to over 50 seniors by the foundation. Learn more at caefoundation.org/scholarships.

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
More than \$78,000 in overall donations was raised from the generosity of our attendees and sponsors during the 2023 Gala on April 1. Thank you to all of our supporters!

The ISD12 Fund-the-Need campaign was the highest amount ever raised with over \$42,000 funding the future CHS Manufacturing Pathways Program. Special thanks to **Paul** and **Annette Goff** whose major gift led the support that will advance the manufacturing program. Check out the photo highlights or make a donation toward the Fund-the-Need campaign at caefoundation.org/gala.

CAEF POWER OF CENTENNIAL GRANT PROGRAM - SPRING 2023 AWARDS
CAEF awarded nearly \$14,000 in grant funding which will enhance experiences for students at all levels of education. Visit caefoundation.org/grants for the listing of grant recipients.

Join the list of supporters or become a CAEF Annual Sponsor at caefoundation.org.



Generous donations to the Alumni Association's "Pay it Forward" CAEF Gala auction items by the Austin family and the Thor family gave Blue Heron Kindergarten Teacher Angie Forte, pictured above left with her class, and Blue Heron Second Grade Teacher Ione Matter, pictured above right with her class, each a much-deserved day off and a MINT Salon spa package.



GIVE BACK TO STUDENTS! JOIN THE NETWORK OF ALUMNI!
Would you be willing to talk with current CHS students about your career? Students have career tasks to complete that involve interviewing and job shadowing someone in the career field that

interests them. Please let us know if you'd be willing to either be interviewed by a Centennial student or allow a student to shadow you for a portion of your workday. Sign up by scanning the QR code to complete a short survey, or by sending an email to **Jessica Robinson** at jrobinson@isd12.org.



Congratulations to **Colleen McMorran Salay** ('85) on her induction as a Distinguished Alumna into the Centennial Hall of Fame, Class of 2023. Colleen is recognized for her Centennial spirit and work to form and launch the Centennial Alumni Association.



The Centennial Alumni Association awarded four, \$500 scholarships to seniors who have a parent or grandparent who graduated from Centennial High School. Congratulations to this year's recipients: **Ash McClellan, Brooke Halverson, Addison Slotsve**. Not pictured, **Travis Newville**.

RECOGNIZING CENTENNIAL ALUMNI
Nominate outstanding alumni for the Centennial Hall of Fame! Nominations are due November 1, 2023 for the Class of 2024 induction. See isd12.org/get-involved/hall-of-fame for information.

Stay Connected with Alumni

Graduate of CHS? Stay in touch with Centennial by connecting with alumni on:

- Centennial Alumni Association (Official)
- chsALUMNIisd12
- isd12.org/get-involved/alumni-association

For more information, email centennialalumniassociation@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1963
Would love to connect with people for a reunion!

Message info@isd12.org if you graduated in 1963.

CLASS OF 2003
October 7, 2023 | Trappers

Visit Class of 2003 Facebook page.

Stacy Johnson, technology specialist, received an Employee of the Year award for going above and beyond to help students and staff succeed.

Bus Drivers at Golden Lake Elementary received “Bus Cookies” and “Thank You Cookies” as part of Staff Appreciation.

staff news

Three Awarded Employee of the Year

Michael Diggins, teacher and coach at Centennial High School, for doing everything the right way—in the best interest of students and continuing athletic excellence that bring out the crowds on Friday night at the stadium, for mentoring and partnering with other coaches, and for creating one of the best strength training programs for all students in the state.

Stacy Johnson, technology specialist, for going above and beyond to help students and staff succeed, having a positive attitude and respect for others as well as the ability to process through various angles of a problem or challenge in very practical ways, and for being a great example of what makes the Centennial community and schools the special place that it is.

Karen Stevens, kindergarten teacher at Golden Lake Elementary, for always willing to lend a helping hand or a listening ear, shining a positive light on things even when faced with challenges, for the dedication to students and families, and for a commitment to

education—always looking for ways to make improvements in teaching and learning, and for service in the community.

RECOGNIZING CENTENNIAL STAFF
The School Board recognizes Centennial staff for their years of service:

5 Years // Nathan Anderson, Chris Bettinger, Cecilia Bierbrauer, Sheri Bolkcom, Tara Brownlee, Tiffany Budge, Jeramie Burgoon, Tim Burton, Katie Cashman, Pat Chaffey, Mike Diggins, Diana Dolan, Stacie Ferrence, Josh Frandsen, Nicole Frase, Matt Goertzen, Michelle Gries, Noel Johnson, Donna Norberg, Angie Palmsteen, Rebecca Schnapf, Maria Schommer, Andrew Schroeder, Bret Scott, Mark Sears, Michele Sigrist, Kylie Sinna, Laura Thompson, Babs Vetter, Beth Zukowski

10 Years // Dahna Barthel, Krista Bergert, Beth Coltvet, Amanda Daeger, Lisle Ernster, Jason Hartmann, Angela Hasley, Amanda Hyde, Tammy Larsen, Sonya Lee, Benjamin Magnuson, Kelly Marquard, Heather O’Hearn, Alena Plagens, Nick Rudek, Mary Rudquist, Julia Steffensmeier, Frances Stephens, Rachel Strauss, Pamela Timm, Michelle Trettel, Sara Verke, Lisa Vojtech, Becky Wanger

15 Years // Holly Augustin, Anna

Elness, Jacob Evans, Elizabeth Genskow, Linda Guimont, Sonja Hoffman, Stacy Johnson, Kory Kindle, Andrea Kinne, Christina Krohn, Lisa Litman, Mary Macken, Monica McDonald, Suzann McKinney, Corinna Morse, Julie Nardecchia, Julie Nelson, Patrick Riley, Ann Traylor, Rich Williams

20 Years // Lori Bailey, Sue Cardinal, Susan Carrigan, Cheri Cyzewski, Marsha Eichinger, Kelly Flohaug, Steve Hays, Brenda Hoffman, Denise Hudgens, Bev Johnson, Sarah Kuusisto, Christine Olson, Lindsay Reistad, Shiloh Ricker, Linda Schendel, Karen Stevens, Lori Tessier, Jennifer Verplaetse, Nicole Walker, Cindi Ziegler

25 Years // Beth Althof, David Benson, Mike Christensen, Amy Gerst, Christian Gould, Emily Hjelle, Lisa Johnson, Beth Kirkland, Kelly Lyons, Marie Marchiafava, Ione Matter, Kara Mundale, Sara Neibergall, Dawn Rehbein, Christine Ringen, Scott Swedin, Barb Thompson, Diane Wheeler

30 Years // Joan Anderson, Lisa Brown, Megan Fritz, Brian Johnson, Rachel Kruger, John MacNeil, Christine Manning, Julie Mickelson, Heidi Miller, Eric Nelson, Kelly Porath, Shane Rasmussen, Theresa Siegienski, Laurie Tangren, Jennifer Wenzel

STAFF APPRECIATION

Centennial Schools recognized all staff during the month of May for the great work they are doing each day in our schools.

“I continue to be grateful, appreciative, and amazed at all the incredible work the staff do for students, our families, and our communities.”

JEFF HOLMBERG
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for your commitment to Centennial students!

Barb Stein
Cyrena Schroeder
Cheryl Klosowski
Laurie Schwartzbauer
Tim Davis
Karen Schwartz
Sandy Oyos
Diana Farber
Lisa Gramer
Patricia Harris
Tamara Michaelson
Rynold Peck
Susan Carrigan
Cindy Nelson
Lori Axvig
Dave Wolff
Karen DeWitt
Jennifer Caskey

Julie Mickelson
Cindy Berndt
Renee Dion
Diane Wheeler
Nick Rudek
Mary Lansing
Karen Radmann
Jennifer Eichten
Lisa Giebink
Carrie Leisch
Dave Andrews
Beth Althof
Marie Marchiafava
Deb Fuechtmann
Bruce Hagemeister
Sara Oldre
Brian Johnson

community ed

Stay active and engaged throughout the summer! Many offerings are occurring throughout the summer for both you and adults.

FOR YOUTH:

- DASH Pickleball Camp (ages 5-12)
- Centurion Lego Robotics (entering gr. 3-8)
- Cartoon Character Art Camp (entering gr. 1-5)
- Intro to Aviation (ages 9-14)
- Golden Lake Gallop (all ages/family)

FOR ADULTS:

- Basilica Westminster Church Tours and Lunch
- Photography Basics
- Strategies to Protect the House, Farm, Cabin
- Youth/Intergenerational Welding (ages 13-17 with adult)



MUSIC ON THE LAKE-IT'S GOLDEN!

Enjoy Thursday summer nights with free concerts at Golden Lake Park in Circle Pines, co-sponsored by Community Education and the City of Circle Pines.

July 13 The Revolution 5
7:00pm-8:30pm

August 3 Java Soul Band
7:00pm-8:30pm

www.communityed.isd12.org

Click on “Register” at the top of our home page to register online. You may also call 763.792.6100 to register over the phone. Financial assistance is available.



ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION (ACE)

English language classes are offered for free right here at Centennial to support adults who may be immigrants or refugees. Classes continue throughout the summer. Contact Centennial Community Education 763.792.6100 for more information.



KIDS CLUB

We are gearing up for an exciting summer in Kids Club Summer C.A.M.P.! Kids will be visiting fun places including Mill City Museum, Children’s Museum, Cascade Bay, Battle Creek Waterpark and more!



EARLY CHILDHOOD (ECFE)

Registration for fall 2023 classes remains open until classes are full. Visit earlychildhood.isd12.org to see the brochure and submit a registration.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Join us for the Food Truck & Fun Festival, Thursday, Aug. 17, 4-8 pm, at Centennial Middle School. Come out and join us for delectable foods, entertainment, demonstrations and more! Proceeds benefit the Community Education Financial Assistance Program.



AQUATICS

Open Swim is available this summer with the WIBIT obstacle course!



CENTENNIAL PRESCHOOL

Spots remain for the 2023-2024 school year, please visit our website for more information.

GEARING UP FOR KINDERGARTEN

Join us July 31-August 10 for Gearing Up for Kindergarten, a class to help prepare students to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2023. Visit isd12.ce.eleyo.com for more information and registration.

SAVE THE DATE!
Halloween Hustle Saturday
October 28, 2023
Have fun at the annual Halloween Hustle fun run benefiting the Centennial Alumni Association Scholarship Fund and Community Education. Details will be posted at communityed.isd12.org.

THE OBSERVER

YOUR DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWS

The Observer is published for residents and business owners of Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Lexington, Lino Lakes and the families enrolled in the Centennial School District. Residents and business owners receive this publication because of their support for the District through tax payments.

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Meetings are held at 6:30pm at the District Office Board Room unless otherwise indicated. See isd12.org to view agendas, watch live-stream from your own device, or view meetings from the archive.

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