

# TIGER PRIDE

2023







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## Tiger Pride 2023

It is with great pride that I present to you the 2023 edition of our annual year-end achievement publication, **Tiger Pride**. Within the pages of this publication you will get a glimpse of the incredible achievements of our students and staff, evidence of our community's commitment to the district mission of *maximizing the growth of every learner*.

Public education is not an expense, but rather an investment in the future. We are grateful for the continued support of the community in providing a wide array of opportunities for our children, thus preparing them for their chosen career path. The quality of a school system is a direct reflection of the values of the community. This publication is a testament to the commitment our community places on education, providing life-changing opportunities in a safe and warm learning environment. Our children are the future, and no other investment can reap a more rewarding return than an investment in the education of our children.

As you peruse the 2022-2023 edition of **Tiger Pride**, you will no doubt come to a greater appreciation for our talented students and staff, affirmation of the Hollidaysburg Area School District mission.

I invite you to witness firsthand the great things that are happening by attending a play, concert, athletic event, or simply by becoming a school volunteer. On behalf of the board of school directors, administration, teachers, staff, and students, I want to thank you for your ongoing support. If it were not for the support of our community and devoted alumni, we could never continue the tradition of excellence that has become a hallmark of our district.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert J. Gildea  
Superintendent of Schools



## Budget

2022-2023 Budget .....	\$55,071,582
Millage Rate (1 mill generates \$2,456,455).....	9.5505

## Funding Sources

Local.....	\$28,390,451
State .....	\$22,376,611
Federal/Other.....	\$1,132,255
Fund Balance .....	\$5,098,566

## Enrollment for 2022-2023

Building.....	Number of Students
Charles W. Longer .....	406
Foot of Ten .....	511
Frankstown.....	606
Junior High .....	820
Senior High .....	808
<b>Total Enrollment.....</b>	<b>3,151</b>

## School District Personnel

Faculty .....	248
Support Staff .....	164
Administrative Staff .....	22

## Faculty Experience

Five years or less .....	16%
Six to ten years .....	25%
Eleven to nineteen years.....	32%
Twenty years or more .....	27%

## Mission Statement

The Hollidaysburg Area School District community is dedicated to educating all learners by maximizing the growth of each individual.

## Vision Statement

**To maximize the growth of each individual, the Hollidaysburg Area School District will...**

- strive to meet the educational, social-emotional, and behavioral needs of all learners through rigorous academics, athletics, arts, and extra-curricular opportunities
- empower learners to discover and develop their strengths and interests to prepare for college, vocational/trade schools, military service, and/or the workforce.
- promote citizenship and leadership qualities which foster independent and productive members of an ever-changing society.
- maximize the use of technology resources with a focus on creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication for all learners.
- cultivate healthy relationships in a safe and mutually respectful learning environment where accountability is fundamental.



Neo  
Chen  
Valedictorian



Collin  
Edgell  
Salutatorian



Maddison  
Conway  
Top GACTC Student

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# SENIOR HIGH

## EcoAction in the Discovery Garden

Members of the HAHS EcoAction Club helped the Discovery Garden prepare for their Spring plant sale. The students planted Canna Lilies in pots to have the plants already growing by the time of the sale on May 20th at the Discovery Garden at Legion Park. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Skills Horticultural Therapy Program and the Discovery Garden.



## Glen White Run Cleanup

Students from the HAHS EcoAction Club helped the Altoona Water Authority by conducting a litter cleanup along Glen White Run. Students collected two tires and 20 bags of trash consisting mostly of aluminum cans, plastic bottles and cups. The EcoAction Club then toured the Altoona Water Authority Horseshoe Curve Water Treatment Facility and got to see the process of creating and maintaining clean drinking water.



## Sideline Cancer Fundraiser

Art Club members helped raise money for Sideline Cancer this year. At the Sideline Cancer football game, Art Club students divided into groups and painted faces for several hours to add to the excitement and theme of the night. The group earned several hundred dollars to help fund Sideline Cancer research.



## Art and Design Show

The annual AP Art and Design senior exhibition was held at the Altoona Grand Hotel on April 28. Abigail Barger, Sedona Clapper, Mason Koelle, Ivy Loya, Lillian Clayton, Michelle Dale, Kiersten Williams, Abigail Steiner, and Anna Haslam exhibited their sustained investigation series that evening. These students worked for eleven months to each create over two dozen pieces for their showcase. Their two- and three-dimensional work will be digitized and mailed to the AP Art and Design judges this summer.



L to R: Ivy Loya, Abby Barger, Michelle Dale, Kiersten Williams, Sedona Clapper, Lilly Clayton, Anna Haslam, and Mason Koelle



# SENIOR HIGH

## Art Workshop

The Hollidaysburg Area Senior High Art Club hosted their first ever painting party. This art workshop was inspired by the art of Keith Haring and his fun figures. The high school students designed the lesson and practiced the canvas paintings at an art club meeting. They perfected the lesson and the steps for the workshop. The workshop attendees, ranging in age from 5 years old to 68 years old, had a great night of painting. Fifty-three people attended the art workshop and had incredible results. Come join us next year at our next painting party hosted by the art club!



## Russian Students

Mrs. Solomon's Russian 2 students participated in a Global Pair-Share activity with students from Moldova. The project began in October, 2022, and our final meeting was on January 12, 2023. Students prepared a Padlet for each school and shared their projects for each month. In October, students wrote introductory letters to one another. In November, students read books and prepared presentations about their favorite books, and in December students shared their holiday traditions. Students were able to meet with the Moldova students via Zoom two times during the project and plan to meet again in the spring to share Easter traditions. It was a really nice project that allowed the students to use their Russian language skills.



Russian 2 students Aruzhan Hawanick, Madison Riva, Amelia Vu

## Pumpkinfest

Pumpkinfest, the annual fall festival held in Hollidaysburg, was a successful event for the Art Club students. Fifty students took part in this event, working shifts to have a creative booth for the local attendees. The booth had sand art, face painting, and glitter tattoos to offer to children at Pumpkinfest. The students had a successful day bringing their love of the arts to the community.





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## German American Partnership Program

From March 3 to April 16, 18 students and two teachers visited Hollidaysburg from Wadern, Germany. These students stayed with host families and attended school with their host brothers/sisters. Students had the opportunity to learn about each other's way of life as well as participate in many activities and field trips together.

On April 4, the group traveled together to Washington D.C. On April 6, they attended the home opener of the Curve game. This was the very first time many of these students had ever watched baseball, and the students had the opportunity to participate in the between inning games and throw out the first pitch.

On April 13, students traveled to the Amish Village in Lancaster to explore the German heritage of the Amish. From attending various sporting and local events to a ride on an iconic American yellow school

bus and a final goodbye party at Slinky Action Zone, the experience was unforgettable for all. The visitors from Germany made a huge impression in our community and many friendships were formed.

This summer, 14 students from Hollidaysburg will be returning the visit and traveling to Germany from June 25 to July 18. They will live with their partners' families in Wadern, Germany and will attend school there. These students will participate in various field trips and activities through the German partner school and will spend a few days in Bavaria together discovering various sites such as the Alps, castle Neuschwanstein, and the Munich area. Students traveling to Germany are: Rebecca Borowski, Lauren Bunk, Shane Conrad, Nathan Crum, Isabella Douglas, Caleb Engle, Danika Harris, Melena Knisely, Jefferson McCoy, Jack Peterson, Marisa Salisbury, Julia Schmouder, Ben Schmouder, and Levi Sensenig.



## GACTC Student Award Recipients

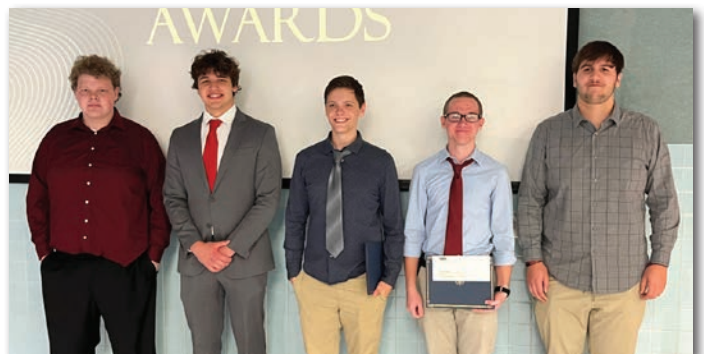
Cosmetology Senior of the Year Award—Maddison P. Conway; Electrical Trades Senior of the Year Award—Alexander C. Dunmire; Scott Electric Award—Aleister L. Feathers; Electro Mechanical Engineering Technology Senior of the Year Award and Scott Garlick Memorial Scholarship – Evan D. Jennings; Administrative Office Specialist Senior of the Year Award—Natalie N. Marketta; Outdoor Power Equipment Senior of the Year Award—William J. Steiner; and Logistics & Supply Chain Management Senior of the Year Award—Joseph R. Walters



Maddison Conway



Natalie Marketta



L to R: William Steiner, Evan Jennings, Aleister Feathers, Alexander Dunmire, and Joseph Walters



# SENIOR HIGH

## Chemistry Olympiad

On March 16, twenty students from the Honors and AP Chemistry classes competed in the Local Chemistry Olympiad Exam. Students who earned a qualifying score for nationals included: Sabrina Arshad, Joshua Bueno, Neo Chen, Ava Dolphin, Sierra McGinnis, Jacob Ott, Conner Owen, Gavin Ross, Ava Shaw, Leah Snelling, Amelia Vu, Maura Waksmonski, Dominick Watt, Felix Xu, Sidra Zammam, and William Zhu. William Zhu and Amelia Vu had the top scores and were thereby nominated for the National Chemistry Olympiad Exam. This exam determines the top 20 most promising young chemists in the nation. The exam included questions on organic chemistry, physical chemistry, and traditional high school chemistry. The United States has participated internationally in this event since 1984. It is sponsored by the American Chemical Society, which was founded in 1876 and holds a Congressional Charter.



L to R: William Zhu and Amelia Vu

## World Language Mardi Gras/Carnaval Celebration



On February 21st, the World Language Department at the Senior High celebrated Mardi Gras/Carnaval with all foreign language students. Students were encouraged to dress up in festive clothing and bring in snacks and treats for a chance to

be crowned the Prince, Princess, King and Queen of the Mardi Gras celebration.

Students gathered in the auditorium, which was decorated with New Orleans-style décor to represent the celebration of Mardi Gras in the United States. Language students participated in many different activities such as BINGO, Trivia Gimkit, a parade float poster, mask making, and sampling King's Cake and

Krapfen, which are traditional foods eaten during this time in French and German cultures.

Students were encouraged to use their language skills in each activity by speaking in their target language to communicate with each other and share connections with other cultures and languages through the activities. Many students were combined with others, so they got to hear a variety of languages, not just that which they study. We hope this encourages them to try new languages in the future and develop a life-long passion for other cultures and languages.

Students ended their day together watching *The Princess and the Frog* in hopes of making a connection between how we celebrate Mardi Gras in the U.S and learn some new traditions associated in their language learning journey, as well. Overall, it was a successful and fun activity for everyone! World language teachers are: French - Kimberly Pope; German - Alicia Schmouder; Russian - Deb Solomon; and Spanish - Erin Isenberg and Raquel Lemelle.





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## Homecoming Parade



The Art Club participated in the homecoming parade by riding on a float that featured the students actively painting. The students painted famous masterpieces while the float was moving throughout the parade route. The

Art Club also had the opportunity to participate in Safe Trick-or-Treat Night by hosting fun crafts for children to make. They also participated in Gingerbread House making, the Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Hollidaysburg Borough, and Duncansville Community Days.



## Artist-in-Residence



Artist-in-Residence along with Alysia Watt, Senior High Art Teacher

The high school Art Department was excited to invite Evgeny Krayushkin, our artist-in-residence, to the Hollidaysburg Area High School. Evgeny worked with the students in the Art 3 and 4 classes for 30 days to inspire the students with his love for sculpture. The students had the opportunity to work on four art pieces under the supervision

and expertise of this working artist. The students worked with clay, wire, and plaster, among a variety of other materials to create their own personal pieces as well as a collaborative piece.

## HAHS Waste Audit

On April 21st, the HAHS EcoAction Club worked with the Intermunicipal Relations Committee (IRC) to conduct a waste audit. They inspected the recycling bins around the school to assess how well the high school is managing its waste. The items examined included: contamination (non-recyclable materials, such as plastic cups, placed in the recycling bin), recyclable materials ending in the trash instead of being placed in the recycling bins, appropriate and effective placement of bins, and accurate signage. The Senior High rated very highly on cleanliness of recyclable materials recycling locally accepted items, and effective placement of bins. While the Senior High has labelled stickers on the bins, it was discovered there is also a need to have signs placed on the wall above the bins in order to increase visibility and to state what can be recycled. Members of the HAHS EcoAction Club made new signs to place in classrooms, the cafeteria, and the gymnasium lobby to help HAHS improve its sustainability efforts. Those signs will be placed around the school at the beginning of the next school year.

## Tiger Paw Path

Twelve art students chose to renovate and repaint the Tiger Paw Path for their art community senior service project. The path was repainted ten years ago, and the senior class was excited to spearhead this project to freshen up the path. After painting 172 paw prints, the senior class is proud to walk on the newly paved and painted Tiger Paw Path. Come and take a walk on the new Tiger Paw Path extending from the Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School to Tiger Stadium!





# SENIOR HIGH

## Students Host World Language Festival

French, German, and Spanish secondary students held a “Fall in Love with Foreign Language” Festival on Saturday, February 25th, in the Senior High cafeteria. The festival consisted of crafts, games, lessons, learning activities, and food to sample from each of the languages. Each station and activity was planned and implemented by the language students under the supervision of their teachers. Children and families from the community came to the festival free of charge, thanks to the generosity of a Hollidaysburg Area School District Foundation grant. The goal of the festival was to promote the study of World Languages and to foster fun and enthusiasm for languages in younger children. By exposing children to other cultures, it creates a community of people who appreciate one another’s differences. This was a wonderful way for students to give back to the community.



## District AP Art Show

On May 10, the entire Art Department hosted a district-wide art exhibition at the U.S. Hotel. Over 900 people attended this one-night only event that showcased art from grades Kindergarten through 12th grade. Each grade and school highlighted over 3000 pieces of art at this amazing show! Art displays included graphite drawings, paintings, sculptures, charcoal projects, printmaking, metal-work, stained glass, colored pencil pieces, pastel work, and mixed media.





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## Senior High TigerTV

The Senior High TigerTV team kept busy documenting the activities of the high school this year. They started the school year by creating content and team highlights for the new digital scoreboard at the Tiger Stadium. In addition to creating the daily announcement show, students created special features for the show throughout the year. This year, the students created book reviews, new teacher introductions, cooking features, fun facts, and musical compilations of school performances. At holiday time, several of the students helped the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership create a promotional video for spending “The Holidays in Hollidaysburg.”

They finished up the year with retirement tributes, senior feature videos, and a video highlight of the entire school year. Thanks to the TigerTV team for encouraging our school to be “The Best Place to Be!”

## Russian Scholar Laureate Award

Madison Riva was selected as an American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR) Scholar Laureate for 2022. She was one of only 30 Russian students from schools across the United States to receive this award. Madison received an award certificate signed by the President of the ACTR and by the co-chairs of the ACTR Russian Scholar Laureate Program. She also received a special lapel pin that signifies this award. Congratulations, Maddie!



L to R: Teacher, Mrs. Solomon and Madison Riva

## HAHS Student Store Sustainability Initiative

On April 12th, Derek Desort, Julian Drass, and Tyler Helsel presented their H/CB Environment and Ecology research project to the Blair County Chamber of Commerce (BCCC) Sustainability Committee. The senior students were in charge of the student store at the Senior High and had noticed that they had a lot of shipping plastic that would take up most of the space in their trash. They wanted to see if there was a more sustainable way to deal with the plastic wrap. The students discovered that the plastic that is used to wrap cases of water bottles and other drinks took up a great deal of space, but weighed very little. Six months of collecting took up the entire recycling bin, but only weighed eight pounds. Mrs. Hilling offered to drop off the recycling as part of her co-op work. Derek, Julian, and Tyler also stressed to the committee that they are in the process of teaching the Junior student store workers the procedures they need to take to maintain the sustainability measure they instituted this year in the student store. The BCCC Sustainability Committee was impressed that the students saw an issue and dealt with it by thinking sustainably: instead of continuing to throw out the plastic wrap, was there a way to recycle it and use it again in another product?

## NYC Field Trip

The Art 3 and 4 seniors engaged on a day trip to New York City taking in the arts and culture of the city. They started off their day in the Chelsea Galleries by experiencing the hundreds of up and coming artists from around the world. The afternoon was spent in the Museum of Modern Art where they had a chance to see *Starry Night* by Van Gogh among other famous masterpieces. After a midtown city walking tour, they ended the evening with the Broadway show *Wicked*.





# SENIOR HIGH

## Artists of the 21st Century

Izzy Douglas, Leah Zimmerman, Jack Naugle, and Kendall Link were chosen to represent the Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School at the Artist of the 21st Century Art Show hosted by Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art. The art pieces were chosen based on a student peer vote for the Art 3 colored pencil unit. These pieces took each of the students approximately eighty hours to complete. They used over sixty shades of colored pencils and multiple layers to acquire a hyper realistic photo quality. Their framed art pieces were showcased at the Southern Allegheny Museum in Altoona during the months of February and March.



L to R: Izzy Douglas, Leah Zimmerman, Jack Naugle, and Kendall Link

## National Art Honor Society

This year, the Art Department recognized and inducted 53 art students in the Hollidaysburg chapter of the Hollidaysburg Area National Art Honor Society. This is the largest group of inductees that Hollidaysburg NHAS chapter has ever seen. Students must receive a certain GPA in their art classes, as well as a certain cumulative GPA in all of the rest of their classes. Congratulations to the 26 senior members who were awarded National Art Honor Society Cords for their graduation ceremony.



## STEM Competition

Students in the STEM Club and Mr. Fogle's Honors Engineering & Robotics class were just one of twenty schools across the Commonwealth selected to present at the state level of the Governor's STEM Competition where they received the People's Choice Award for Most Eco-Friendly and an Honorary Mention. The Governor's STEM Competition challenges student teams from across the state to research, design, and present a device or project that can make the quality of life better for Pennsylvanians by accomplishing a series of practical tasks that can fulfill real-world needs. Their entry, Tiger Trash, is a smart garbage can that is focused on trash collection for rural, suburban, and urban townships and municipalities. An ultrasonic and load-bearing sensor sends a signal when the trash can is full in order to prevent excess littering. It would help waste management companies manage effective garbage collection, plan their routing, and help in reducing carbon emissions.



Student participants L to R: John Bauman, Cristian White, Dylan Deur, Lucas Rivera, and Mackenzie Hall

## Holiday of the Arts

The Art Club brought to C. W. Longer Elementary, the 12th annual Holiday of the Arts. Ninety-two art students participated in the event this year to serve 26 classes at C. W. Longer. The high school students designed and prepared two art kits for each student at every grade level. The students worked together to create handmade art projects to bring home to their families. All of the students, both elementary and high school, had an art-filled day of creativity and memories!



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## Language Proficiency

With a grant through the HASD Foundation, Senior High students were able to take the Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) exam this spring to assess their proficiency in a language other than English. Students were assessed on their language proficiency through four different categories: listening, reading, writing, and speaking.

HAHS Biliteracy Award was given in recognition of students who have attained at least a proficient Keystone Literature Exam score and received at least intermediate-mid in two or more categories on the AAPPL exam and are not novice in any category.

The Global Seal of Biliteracy is for any student who has attained a proficient Keystone Literature Exam score and received at least intermediate-mid in all four categories on the AAPPL exam.

The following students placed for HAHS Biliteracy Award and/or The Global Seal of Biliteracy:

- Rebecca Borowski, Intermediate High/Advanced Low, Global Seal of Biliteracy, German
- Juliana Cornejo, Intermediate High/Advanced Low, Global Seal of Biliteracy, Portuguese
- Neo Chen, Intermediate High, Mandarin Chinese
- Gavin Ross, Intermediate High, Spanish
- Evelyn Tang, Intermediate High, Mandarin Chinese
- Allison Melbinger, Intermediate High, French
- Nina Meadows, Intermediate Mid, Spanish
- William Zhu, Intermediate Mid, German

## National Mathematics Competition

Students at Hollidaysburg Area Junior and Senior High participated in the Mathematical Association of America's American Mathematics Competitions (MAA AMC). The MAA AMC program leads the nation in strengthening the mathematical capabilities of the next generation of problem-solvers. The competitions prepare students for future careers in STEM fields and help positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics. The AMC 10 is for students in tenth grade and below and covers the high school curriculum up to tenth grade. The AMC 12 covers the entire high school curriculum including trigonometry, advanced algebra, and advanced geometry but excludes calculus.

The following Junior High and Senior High students participated in the contests this year: AMC 10- Felix Xu (Top HASD Score AMC 10), William Zhu, Sam Blescia, Jefferson McCoy, Sebastian Diaz, Stanley Zheng, Aonghus Feathers, Sarah Urban, Clare Padamonsky, Lily Grosser, Mackenzie Hall, Brady Steiner, Andrew Chestney, Maya Deur, Gideon Karn, Madeline Hatch, AMC 12- Anthony Zheng (Top HASD Score AMC 12), Evelyn Tang, Neo Chen, Collin Edgell, Shelby Beauchamp, Gavin Ross, Benjamin Johnson, Luke Jandora, Amelia Vu, Jacob Ott, Tyler Schutt.

William Zhu and Felix Xu placed in the top 2.5% of students in the U.S. who took the AMC 10 Exam, making them qualifiers for the American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME). Congratulations, William and Felix!



# SENIOR HIGH

## APPLES Festival

On March 25th, 30 students of French, German, and Spanish traveled to IUP to compete in the APPLES Foreign Language Festival. Students were able to compete in both artistic and academic categories as well as participate in educational activities presented by World Language teachers from our region. Our very own Ms. Raquel Lemelle even presented to students from a variety of schools about Cuba and Salsa dancing! Everyone did a great job, and we appreciate all students who attended to celebrate World Language studies. Congratulations to all who participated, including the following students who placed:

### SPANISH

- Madison Sollars - Level II - composition 3rd, reading 1st
- Madison McLaurin - Level II - listening 2nd
- Alison Bennett - Level III - speaking 2nd
- Felix Xu - Level III - listening 3rd, literary recitation 3rd
- Gavin Ross - Level III - reading 1st place

### FRENCH

- Madison Brown - Art Reproduction 2nd, Level II - Composition 1st, Reading 1st
- Abe Manfred - Art Original 1st
- Bailey Ross - Level II - Composition 3rd
- Allison Melbinger - Level IV - Listening 3rd, Reading 3rd
- Makenna Hoover - Level III - Reading 2nd

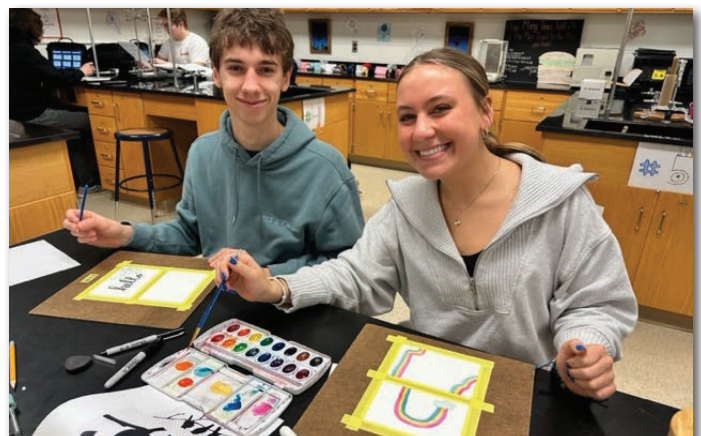


### GERMAN

- Rylan Miller - Level I - 2nd listening, 1st reading, 1st speaking, 2nd composition
- Marisa Salisbury - Level I - 3rd listening, 3rd reading, 3rd speaking, 2nd composition, 1st literary recitation
- Jefferson McCoy - Level II - 1st listening, 2nd reading, 1st speaking, 1st composition
- Rory Feathers - Level II - 2nd listening, 1st reading, 2nd speaking, 2nd writing
- Anthony Zheng - Level III - 2nd reading, 2nd listening, 3rd speaking, 1st writing
- Stanley Zheng - Level III - 2nd composition
- Julia Schmouder - Level IV - 3rd listening, 2nd speaking, 3rd composition, 2nd literary recitation
- Ava Dolphin - Level IV - 2nd listening, 1st reading, 3rd speaking, 2nd composition
- Madison Riva - Level IV - 1st literary recitation, 2nd listening, 3rd reading, 2nd speaking, 1st composition
- Rebecca Borowski - Level IV - 1st listening, 2nd reading, 1st speaking, 3rd composition, overall German IV winner

## Wellness Day

Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Watt joined forces on the annual Wellness Day at the high school to bring the art of calligraphy to life. Students had an hour-long session to learn about the different kinds of fonts and calligraphy strokes. They had an opportunity to try the techniques on their own before adding creative touches with watercolor.





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## Spanish Club Events

Students in Spanish Club have been very busy this year! There are over 20 active members, hard-working officers and a lot of participation in events.

**STUDENT-RUN LESSONS:** Around Christmas-time, Club volunteers walked to C. W. Longer and taught 1st graders about Christmas in other countries. Some traditions included walking a suitcase around the block for good luck in México, El Gordo Lottery, Caga Tio, who visits instead of Santa in Barcelona, eating 12 grapes at midnight in Spain, and roller skating before mass in Venezuela.

A student activity included learning Christmas words in Spanish, completing a coloring/matching activity and singing “Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer,” in a Spanish sing-along. Other classes read a Christmas book and talked about Las Posadas (poinsettias). The first-grade students received little goodie bags for their participation and attentiveness in learning about a new culture.

Additionally, club students and Level 3 students from Mrs. Isenberg’s class went to the Junior High to teach them about Spanish culture and language, including numbers, common words, colors, letters, etc. Stu-



dents also learned about the Mexican celebration of Cinco de Mayo in May. Their intention was to help students learn about different Spanish-speaking cultures and traditions and hopefully take a language in the years to come.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Students organized and fulfilled a philanthropic activity with Key Club. Students reached out to the Pulsera Project and sold hand-made bracelets from Hispanic countries. All proceeds benefit schools, housing and overall quality of life in Latin American communities by providing supplies, jobs, and education to name a few.

## Stock Market Challenge

Senior high student, Carson Rhodes, was a winner in the state competition of Brighter Financial Futures, dba Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy (PennCFL). The competitions are held in the classroom and state-wide. Carson finished in the top ten for the statewide competition in the High School Division.

PennCFL exists to prepare the next generation to rise up! Many in society today suffer financially due to the lack of financial management skills & a “minimum wage” mindset. PennCFL strives to change the future by offering all Pennsylvania students in grades K -12 with Personal Finance education, a Stock Market & Personal Budgeting game, along with Entrepreneurship skills that will help them thrive in the workforce & in life.



L to R: Teacher, Mr. Gary Walstrom, and Carson Rhodes

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Their entrepreneurship program, Dream-Learn-Pitch, allows students to learn through our online curriculum, at our entrepreneurship conferences, or independently with their teachers. Students can upload their “Elevator Pitch” to win prizes up to \$10,000 and additionally, up to \$40,000 in college scholarships.



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## PSU German Day 2023

On March 15, twenty-six German students from Hollidaysburg Area Junior and Senior High Schools traveled to Penn State University in State College to participate in PSU German Day. Twelve schools from across central Pennsylvania brought their German students to this event. This was a day full of competitions and activities surrounding the German language and culture. The competitions included levels 1, 2, & 3 of poetry recitation, spelling bees, and poster and video creations. There were also trivia teams and geography teams competing from each school. In addition, students had the opportunity to sit in on college German classes, tour the campus, and learn about how the German language can benefit them in their futures. It was a great day for all.

Hollidaysburg took the 2nd place overall large school award (large school is defined as having over 20 participants). Individual winners were as follows:



### POETRY:

Jack Peterson - 1st place, level 2  
Julia Woods - 3rd place, level 2  
Marisa Salisbury - 1st place, level 1  
Addison McCloskey - 3rd place level 1

### POSTERS: (COULD BE DONE IN GROUPS)

Savannah Langenbacher and Olivia Ellingwood - 1st place, level 1 for their poster.  
Chloe Stoehr and Lauren Bunk - 1st place, level 3 for their poster.

**GEOGRAPHY TEAM:** Anthony Zheng, Stanley Zheng, Aonghus Rory Feathers, Trenton Stern, and Luke Jandora - 3rd place

# JUNIOR HIGH

## T.I.G.E.R. Den

The Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School was awarded \$50,000 from the Grable Foundation to convert the library into the T.I.G.E.R. (Think, Imagine, Grow, Explore, Remake) Den, a student-centered, forward-focused hub of learning where creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication is cultivated. Congratulations to the Junior High and thank you to the Grable Foundation!



L to R: Dr. Robert Gildea - Superintendent; Mr. Ken Krott - Junior High Principal; Ms. Marcie Erickson - Junior High Librarian; Dawn Summerville - Data Management Administrator



# JUNIOR HIGH

## Junior High Student Council

*Written by student Crosby Denis and advisors,  
Michelle Galo and Erin Isenberg*

The Junior High Student Council has been very busy this school year planning events, theme days, and sales. They started off the year working hard to create a Superhero-themed float with costumes for the Homecoming parade. Working after school for days on end, they finished making more than a dozen handmade skylines just in time for their float to shine. Even after the successful parade, they got right back into working again to host their annual “Stuff the Bus” fundraiser to support local families during the holidays. The food drive ended up getting more than 50 donations, and all were packed up and donated to the Rescue Mission by student council members. The Student Council awarded all homerooms that donated the most items with an ice cream party. The students enjoyed it!

Another successful campaign was the contribution to choosing the 12 Days of Holiday Cheer dress downs, which included PJ Day, Grinch Day, Battle of the Classics and Red/Green day. Other numerous theme days were hosted one Friday per month. To name a few, they encouraged students to wear or-

ange, red, and brown colors for fall; red, white, and blue for Veterans Day; Jersey day for the Super Bowl; and green for St. Patrick’s Day. The student body was rewarded with lollipops at lunch to thank them for their school spirit and showing pride in their school.

Another successful event was the Lolligram sale. This year, Student Council sold Ring Pops with a special St. Patrick’s Day message. Students were able to send their friends a kind “Luck of the Irish” ring pop. Student Council sold out of the ring pops. This fundraiser profits their end of the school field trip.

Their final activity was field trip to the PNG Field for a Curve game in May. Their advisors are proud of their participation including volunteering for events, creating video and flyer advertisements for the theme days, events and activities throughout the school year. A special thanks goes out to TigerTV, all officers and active participants all year. An extra special shout out to President Michael Waibel-Maharaj, Vice President Crosby Denis and video connoisseur, Cael Gerchalk. Thanks for all your hard work.

9th graders: Good luck next year! You’ll do amazing things!





# JUNIOR HIGH

## Junior High Students Shine in Speech Contest

Each year, the Hollidaysburg Rotary Club invites 9th-12th grade students from HASD to compete in its local Four-Way Test Speech Contest. Participation requires students to craft a speech that focuses on a current issue and proposes a solution that meets the Rotary 4-Way Test. As part of their speeches, students have to answer the following questions:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Three junior high students accepted this challenge and delivered persuasive arguments during the contest. Luca Waibel enthusiastically presented an interesting plan to increase the popularity of soccer in the United States. Michael Waibel-Maharaj placed second in the contest with his thought-provoking speech about police reform. Nada Affour won the contest by promoting a policy to require proportional college tuition based on students' economic status. With her win, Nada advanced to the regional round in Hancock, Maryland, where she finished in fourth place.



L to R: Students Nada Affour, Madeline Shanafelt, Luca Waibel, Michael Waibel-Maharaj, Gavin Ross, and Dr. Robert Gildea, Superintendent and Rotarian.

## MATHCOUNTS

The MATHCOUNTS competition team had a very successful year. Six students participated in the chapter competition held at Penn State Altoona on February 4. The participants included Zachary Blescia, Isabella Foley, Alexis Hall, Jenna Zelem, Rina Stiffler, and Justin Dong. The Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School MATHCOUNTS team came in second place at the competition.

MATHCOUNTS is a national middle school mathematics competition that increases student interest in mathematics, builds problem solving skills and fosters achievement through competition. Each level of the competition is comprised of four rounds – Sprint, Target, Team and Countdown Rounds. The rounds are unique in the number of math questions required, amounts of time to complete the round and if the use of a calculator is permitted. The students compete individually in all of these rounds except for the team round. The team round is comprised of four students who work together collaboratively to solve the questions correctly. The last round of the competition is the countdown round where the top ten students compete in pairs individually against one another.

Three students from Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School were in the countdown round part of the competition and earned the following placement: Zachary Blescia came in 4th place, Jenna Zelem came in 5th place and Isabella Foley came in 9th place. Zachary Blescia advanced to the state competition in Harrisburg, which was held in March.



L to R: Justin Dong, Rina Stiffler, Alexis Hall, Jenna Zelem, Zachary Blescia, Isabella Foley, and Coach Leigh Ann Craig



# JUNIOR HIGH

## Aevidum Club

The Junior High Aevidum Club worked with the HASD Foundation to create the Tiger Treasures Store this year. This initiative was created to support all of the junior high students. The store freely supplies items such as clothing, shoes, coats, and hygiene products to any student. All items are free and the store has been a great addition to the Junior High. Many students have found what they were looking for and more! We are excited to continue this next year.



L to R: Jodie Albarano, Cindy Baronner, Dawn Cunningham, Ken Krott, Kara Pappal, Alice Haslam, Ruby Hansen, Riley Tomasellio, Dr. Robert Gildea, Ben Caldwell and Jackie Settimio



L to R: Riley Tomasellio, Mikayla Stewart, Alice Haslam, Jodie Albarano, Dawn Cunningham, Jackie Settimio, Amberleigh Touchton, Alexis Hall, Ayda Schenk, Jaycee Snyder, Makenzie Hall, Adalyn Wilkins, Ruby Hansen

# ELEMENTARY

## FOT Community Service

Community Service Club students decorated “Kindness Bags” and placed little fidgets inside. These bags are stored in the nurse and guidance offices in case students are ever having a rough day and need a little lift to brighten their day! This idea was created last year by Hannah and Emily Donlan, and it has been very successful in bringing smiles to the faces of many students.





# ELEMENTARY

## Kids Heart Challenge

Once again, Frankstown students and families opened their hearts to raise an amazing amount of money to help people with sick hearts. All students participated in the annual “Kids Heart Challenge” in Physical Education class and learned about the importance of physical activity, a good night’s sleep, kindness, dangers of smoking and vaping, and being a leader. Students were able to earn some cool dragons, jump ropes, playground balls, tee shirts and other prizes by asking friends and family to donate to the American Heart Association in their name. We were able to donate \$5,620 to this amazing cause. Thank you all who participated!



## Book Worm Fall Competition

On Tuesday, November 15th, the Foot of Ten Book Club participated in the IU8 Fall Book Competition. Each team was required to read forty books and had to answer questions about each of the books. Out of 22 teams, the FOT Book Worms were able to seal a third-place win. Congratulations! We are proud of your hard work!



L to R, sitting: Parker Stains, Lilly Hite, Noah Weyant and Kelsa Snyder. Standing: Sean Furry, Sydney Bard, Attley Simonis, Kamerynn Singer, and Hannah Donlan

## LEGO Drive

Serving our community since 1936, GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women’s Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the community through volunteer service. GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women’s Club (GFWC HAWC) is part of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) & GFWC Pennsylvania – one of the world’s largest and oldest women’s volunteer service organizations. All of its members are united by a dedication to community improvement through volunteer service. The mission of the GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women’s Club (GFWC HAWC) is to develop the educational, civic, and social interests of its members, to advance the welfare of the community, and to promote the progress and work of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

The Hollidaysburg Women’s Club (HWC) facilitated a LEGO drive where new and used LEGO’s were donated to local schools and community organizations. C W. Longer is very grateful for the donation we received! Our librarian, Mrs. Joy Peterman, will put these LEGO’s to good use during her STEM activities. The C.W. Longer LEGO wall has never looked better!



L to R: Sue Barton - HWC Co-Chair of Education, Paula Binus - HWC President of Club, Jo Shaffer - HWC Chair of Education, Joy Peterman - CWL Librarian.



# ELEMENTARY

## Songfest

The Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 6 Song Fest was held at Meyersdale Area High School on Friday, May 5, 2023. Approximately 140 fifth graders from Bedford, Blair, Cambria, and Somerset counties were selected to participate. Elementary general music teachers, Lori Stephens, C. W. Longer; Maria McElhinney, Foot of Ten; and Brandon Harris, Frankstown, would like to recognize those students who did a great job representing our district.



L to R, Row 1: Courtney Gressick, FOT; Keira Naughton, FOT; Marissa Wyant, FKS; Mia Lucas, FOT; Ryan Grosser, CWL. Row 2: Hadley Burger, FKS; Anna Zelem, FKS; Leili Robinson, FKS; Quinn Eberhart, FOT; Kendall Reed, CWL.

## World School Milk Day

The C.W. Longer 2022-2023 Fuel Up to Play 60 team kicked off their year with a schoolwide event celebrating World School Milk Day. The student body was encouraged to vote for their favorite flavor of milk. They also had fun getting prizes and taking silly photos in front of a milk themed backdrop. The Fuel Up team kept track of how many students enjoyed milk for breakfast that day, totaling over 150 cartons of milk!



## Student Teacher

Erica Mandley, C.W. Longer student teacher, partnered with building teachers and the Hollidaysburg YMCA for an amazing community service project. With the help of our community, they were able to provide C.W. Longer's nurse, Erin Fogle, with over 15 bins of personal care items. Mrs. Sagaities and Mrs. Mandley also made summer kits for the Tiger Paw pack participants. These kits went home with students' last Tiger Paw pack of the school year. These kits provided them with oral hygiene, deodorant, feminine products, shampoo/conditioner, and much more.

Mrs. Mandley felt this was a great way to see her student teaching experience come to an end. Community service projects such as this hit home for her, and she wants to thank everyone for giving her the opportunity to coordinate such a humbling project. She feels great being able to give back to a school that has helped her so much. C.W. Longer's teachers and students hope our paths cross again one day, Mrs. Mandley!



## Little Free Library

The Keystone State Literacy Association Blair/Bedford Chapter was awarded a grant through Modern Woodman of America's "Do Good" community outreach program. The grant paid for the materials and cost to build a Little Free Library, which was designed and constructed by Mr. Gary Renner, a HASD alumnus. The Little Free Library is located on Clark Street at the district's administration building, the former site of the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library. Members of KSLA Blair/Bedford Council maintain the library and add new books on a regular basis. The goal of the library is to promote literacy and a love of reading in the community. The library is registered on the Little Free Library webpage map: [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org). The literacy council dedicated this project to all who helped to develop our love of reading.



# ELEMENTARY

## “Donut Be a Bully” Contest

Congratulations to Mrs. Lear’s third-grade class at Foot of Ten Elementary School for being selected as a “Donut Be a Bully” Classroom! Only eight classrooms out of 600 nominations in Blair and surrounding counties receive this recognition!

Mr. Bill Kurtis, midday on-air radio personality and Mrs. Courtney Paul-Wessner, Coordinator and General Sales Manager, visited Mrs. Lear’s class. They brought Dunkin’ Donuts for everyone and a Draw-String “Donut Be a Bully” backpack stuffed with school supplies and goodies for each child.



## Kids Helping Kids

FOT’s Community Service Club participated in the annual “Kids Helping Kids” Cereal Drive for the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. Approximately 760 boxes of cereal were collected. The students were encouraged to make a difference in the lives of hungry kids. To give a little extra motivation, there was a contest for the top three winning classes to receive a pizza party sponsored by Best Way Hollidaysburg. Winners: 1st place - Mrs. Allender’s class; 2nd place - Mrs. Fusco’s class; 3rd - place Mrs. Lear’s class; 4th place - Mrs. Loya’s; 5th place - Mrs. Tomchick’s class; and 6th place - Mrs. Carpenter’s class.



## GaGa Ball Pits Grand Opening

Foot of Ten Elementary is so incredibly grateful to have two new additions to their playground for students to enjoy. Over the past two years, students have expressed a desire to have GaGa Ball Pits on their playground. This past summer, with the help of The Hollidaysburg Girl Scout Troop 46695, the Foot of Ten PTO and donors from our community, two new GaGa Ball Pits were installed. A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held after our “Meet the Teacher Night” on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. Those present had a chance to learn the rules of the game and take a turn in the ball pits. Thanks so much to all who were involved with this project.





# ELEMENTARY

## FOT Holidays Around the World

Second grade departed on a trip around the world to learn about the different cultures and their holiday traditions. The high school's German Club visited with a highlight of German songs and decorating gingerbread cookies. The French Club joined the kids with St Nicholas shoes and made La Bûche out of swiss rolls. In Italy, the kids were surprised with a performance by a bagpiper showcasing what the Zampognari would be playing. In Israel, the kids played the dreidel game while learning about Hanukkah traditions. The students learned about Kwanzaa traditions such as lighting the Kinara, and they even got to make their own unity cups. In Indiana, we read stories about Diwali and the history of the oil lamp. In Mexico, the kids learned about Las Posadas and the history of the Poinsettia. In China they learned about the Chinese New Year. In Russia they learned about Grandfather Frost. In Saudi Arabia, they learned about the month of Ramadan. The kids enjoyed their trip around the world embracing all the different cultures and traditions!



# MUSIC & DRAMA

## *Guys and Dolls*

HARP presented the classic musical *Guys and Dolls* in November in the Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School Auditorium. *Guys and Dolls* was written by Frank Loesser and premiered on Broadway in 1950. The story follows the life and antics of a group of gamblers, the Hot Box Girls and the Mission Band who are trying to save them all from their wicked ways.

Cast members included: Gideon Karn (Nicely-Nicely Johnson), Gavin Ross (Benny Southstreet), Jackson Connell (Harry the Horse), Orphie Hartman (Sarah Brown), Baret Monahan (Arvide Abernathy), Annabel Keth (Agatha-Mission Band), Addison McCloskey (Martha-Mission Band), Madison Brown (Gertrude-Mission Band), Alex Garver (Lt. Brannigan), Benjamin Gervinski (Nathan Detroit), Johnathan Vu (Angie the Ox), Jude Pascual (Brandy Bottle Bates), Liam Cannarsa (Scranton Slim), Brenna Urban (Miss Adelaide), Jack Peterson (Sky Masterson), Bryan Gearhart (Joey Biltmore), Rachel Daras (Mimi), Gia Mosey (General Matilda B. Cartwright), Adam Frederick (Big Jule), and Rachel Daras, Riley Mackey, Ellie Bettwy, Emily Jones, Olivia Miknis, Paisley Pearce as the Hotbox Girls.



The show was directed by Stephanie Everett, with music direction and pit conducted by Wendy Jo Nagy. Terri Benton-Monahan was the costumer and Joe Krupka was in charge of set construction. Kendra Jones was the stage manager.



# MUSIC & DRAMA

## Blair County JH Chorus

The Blair County JH Chorus Festival took place February 6th and 7th at Claysburg-Kimmel High School. The county directors were thrilled to be together with our students because this was the first in four years! Our guest director for the festival was Paul Seymour, retired director from Central Cambria School District. It was an exceptional experience that strengthened the skills of all of our students. The following students represented Hollidaysburg at this event: Liam Cannarsa, Draven Peters, Angeliki Shilaos, Mikayla Claar, Liya Saylor, Luca Waibel, Trey Burgan, Marisa Salisbury, Ryleigh Stollings, Aran Corey, Sophia Waibel, Bailey Mackey, Sophia McClelland, Reuben Manfred, Nora Stanek, Savannah Eardley, Kara Pappal, Alice Haslam, Ethan Donlan, Johnathan Vu, Austin Haar, Kaden Henderson, Jenna Zelem, and Bailey Henry. Congratulations to all!



## Keystone String Fest

On January 19th, the junior high orchestra hosted the Keystone String Fest, a one-day orchestra festival involving 11 schools in a four-county area. The participating students had the opportunity to work with guest conductor, Angela Ammerman, from George Mason University. They presented an evening concert for their families and friends. The following students represented Hollidaysburg at the festival:

Hallee Chandler, Andrew Chestney, Lily Chestney, Christine Diaz, Alexis Hall, Laila Panaro, Kara Pappal, Tabitha Smith, Nora Stanek, Reese Storm, Michael Waibel-Maharaj, and Silas Wolfe. Special congratulations to Andrew Chestney, Christine Diaz, Laila Panaro, Kara Pappal, and Michael Waibel-Maharaj who participated in the competitive seating auditions and represented Hollidaysburg well.

## Orchestra Has a Great Year



Neo Chen

The Hollidaysburg Area Sr. High School Orchestra was well represented at the PMEA music festivals this year. Starting in January, we had a group of 17 students participate in the PMEA District Orchestra held in Somerset, PA, under the direction of Dr. Jeff Tedford from Grove City College. Those students included: Neo Chen, Patrick Harker, Destiny Molinari, Jeff McCoy, Rachel Partsch, Baret Monahan, Gretta Rhodes, Caleb Engle, Leah Snelling, Riley Hensley, Kendra Jones, Jack Bailey, Nathan Karn, Rory Feathers, Gideon Karn, Bryan Gearhart and Ben Freedman.

Neo Chen and Jeff McCoy were placed first chair in the first and second violin sections.

Of the 17 students who participated in Districts, 11 went on to participate in the Western Region Orchestra Festival held at State College Area Sr. High in March. Those students were: Neo Chen, Patrick Harker, Jeff McCoy, Baret Monahan, Gretta Rhodes, Leah Snelling, Riley Hensley, Ben Freedman, Nathan Karn, Jack Bailey and Caleb Engle.

We had one student, Neo Chen, who then qualified for the PMEA All State Orchestra held at the Kalahari Resort in April. Congratulations to all of these fine musicians on an outstanding year!



L to R, front row: Lily Chestney, Andrew Chestney, Nora Stanek, Laila Panaro, Hallee Chandler, Reese Storm, Christine Diaz, Silas Wolfe. Back row: Kara Pappal, Michael Waibel-Maharaj, Tabitha Smith, Alexis Hall.



# MUSIC & DRAMA

## PMEA All-State Honors

Eight students represented Hollidaysburg at the PMEA All-State Festival held at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos on April 19-22. The following students advanced by audition from the District and Region levels to achieve the honor of participating in the All-State festival:

All-State Orchestra: Neo Chen; All-State Chorus: Collin Edgell, Orphie Hartman, Jeff McCoy, Gretta Rhodes; All-State Wind Ensemble: Nathan Karn; All-State Concert Band: Emma Krstyen.

Also, congratulations to Kendra Jones who was selected to attend the PMEA Future Music Educators Honors Symposium, which is a select program for seniors who will major in music education and is offered as part of the annual PMEA Inservice Conference and runs concurrently with the All-State festival.



All-State Students L to R: Neo Chen, Nathan Karn, Emma Krstyen, Gretta Rhodes, Orphie Hartman, Kendra Jones, Jeff McCoy and Collin Edgell

## PMEA Advocacy Day

Hollidaysburg Senior High Principal, Dr. Maureen Letcher, and Music Department Chair and Band Director, Mr. Scott Sheehan, were featured speakers at the PMEA Statewide Music Education Advocacy Day in Harrisburg on March 1, 2023. Dr. Letcher is currently serving as the State President of the Pennsylvania Principals Association and Mr. Sheehan is serving as the National President for the National Association for Music Education. Both spoke about the importance of a well-rounded education and benefits that music education has on the lives of students.



## Elementary Bandfest 2023

On March 31st, four students from Frankstown, five students from Foot of Ten, and two students from C.W. Longer represented the Hollidaysburg Area School District at the annual PMEA District 6 Elementary Bandfest. This year's festival was held at Central Cambria Middle School and included over 160 students from Blair, Bedford, Cambria, and Somerset counties. These students were selected for their outstanding musical talents. The Hollidaysburg band students who participated this year were:

Foot of Ten Elementary : Hannah Donlan (clarinet); Carsten Krott (trumpet); Carter Doliveira (trumpet); Henry Seelye (trumpet); and Mackenzie Roman (percussion)

Frankstown Elementary: Crosby Beauchamp (flute); Elias Amell (trumpet); Aubrie Walters (trumpet); and Sophia Livella (percussion)

C. W. Longer Elementary : Nolan Lloyd (trumpet) and Ruth Stephens (saxophone)

These students spent the day at Central Cambria Middle School preparing for an evening concert under the direction of Mr. Saylor from Indiana Area School District. These students should be commended for all their hard work and dedication. What a great opportunity it was for these students to work with other outstanding young musicians from all of Central Pennsylvania!



L to R, front row (left to right): Ruth Stephens, Hannah Donlan, Henry Seelye, Nolan Lloyd, Aubrie Walters. Back row: Mackenzie Roman, Elias Amell, Carter Doliveira, Crosby Beauchamp, Sophia Livella, Carsten Krott.



# MUSIC & DRAMA

## Golden Tiger Marching Band Highlights

The Hollidaysburg Area Golden Tiger Marching Band had an exciting season with their half-time show titled "On the High Seas." The show featured the music from the "Wellerman," "Come Sail Away," Under the Sea, How Far I'll Go," and "Pirates of the Caribbean." Jack Bailey and Jada Droesch were featured soloists and the drumline provided an incredible feature as well. Additionally, the band performed at the Penn State University Blue Band Jam on Saturday, Sept. 16th for the first time since the pandemic. The season concluded with the annual Bandarama Concert and Winterfest Parade.



Senior Band members, Majorettes, and Dance Drill Team members.

## Best Communities for Music Education 2023

The Hollidaysburg Area School District received the designation as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education" by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for the 12th consecutive year. This year, 830 school districts across the United States were granted this honor. The "Best Communities" distinction recognizes and celebrates school districts and schools for their support and commitment to music education and efforts to assure access to music for all students as part of a well-rounded education.



## Anne of Green Gables

The Hollidaysburg Area Repertory Players presented L.M. Montgomery's classic, *Anne of Green Gables*, in March, in the Hollidaysburg Area Sr. High School Auditorium. HARP presented the Joseph Robinette play adaptation of the beloved story of the orphan girl, Anne Shirley (Nina Meadows), who is raised by the elderly brother and sister, Marilla (Brenna Urban) and Matthew Cuthbert (Baret Monahan), in the beautiful setting of Avonlea, Prince Edward Island. The imaginative Anne befriends neighbors, Diana Barry (Sidra Zammam), Ruby Gillis (Madi McLaurin), Bessie Wright (Grace Kephart), and Josie Pye (Alice Haslam), while competing with Gilbert Blythe (Jack Peterson) at school. Their distracted teacher, Mr. Philips (Benjamin Gervinski), tries to attend to his prize student, Prissy Andrews (Riley Mackey), while keeping the other students, Charlie Sloan (Adam Frederick), and Moody McPherson (Jackson Connell), in line. Adding to the fun of the story are a very nosy neighbor, Rachel Lynde (Evelyn Tang) an inspiring teacher, Miss Stacy (Olivia Miknis), and Diana's Aunt Josephine (MaKenna Hoover), who help to support Anne in her dreams of becoming a teacher.

Other featured students included: Abe Manfred (Mr. Sadler/Rev. Bentley), Gideon Karn (Jerry, President of Queens), Madison Brown (Mrs. Bluett, Miss Robinson, Mary Jo), Addison McCloskey (Mrs. Barry), Millie Hoover (Minne Mae), and Nathan Melbinger (Stationmaster/Rev. Allan).

The show was directed by Mrs. Stephanie Everett, costumes were designed by Mrs. Terri Benton-Monahan, and the set was constructed by Mr. Joseph Krupka.



L to R: Baret Monahan (Matthew Cuthbert), Nina Meadows (Anne Shirley), and Brenna Urban (Marilla Cuthbert).



# MUSIC & DRAMA

## SH PMEA Choral Festival Participation

PMEA choral festivals were in full swing this year! District 6 Chorus (D) was held at Portage Area High School under the direction of Mr. Jeff Webb, Director of Choral Activities at University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

Vocal Evolution (VE), a new vocal ensemble, affiliated with District 6 Jazz, was conducted by Mr. Brandon Booth from Baltimore.

Region III Chorus (R) was held at Clearfield Area High School under the direction of Dr. Joy Meade from Messiah University. Students who auditioned at Region Chorus and qualified for PMEA All-State Chorus (AS) traveled to Kalahari to work under the direction of Dr. Amanda Quist from Miami University.

All performances were exceptional! It was a tremendous year of excellent literature and musical growth. The music department is proud of the students who represented Hollidaysburg at these festivals!



PMEA Choral Festival Participants

The following are the names of those students who participated in PMEA Choral Festivals this year: Evelyn Tang (D,R), Emily Jones (D), Orphie Hartman (D,R,AS), Gretta Rhodes (D,R,AS), Cecilia Williams (D,R), Gideon Karn (D,R), Blair Sutton (D,R), Jeff McCoy (D,R,AS), Adam Frederick (D,R), Baret Monahan (D,R), Jack Peterson (D,R), Brenna Urban (D), AJ Geesey (D), Collin Edgell (D,R, AS), Neo Chen (D,R), Nathan Karn Jr. (D,R), Jackson Connell (VE), Alex Garver (D,R), and Ben Gervinski (D,R).

Many thanks to our Administration and Board of Education for supporting our students in these enriching opportunities.



Hollidaysburg Vocal Evolutions participants L to R: Jack Peterson, Jackson Connell, Guest Director Brandon Booth, Baret Monahan and Neo Chen.

## District Band 2023

The PMEA District 6 Band Festival was hosted at Meyersdale Area High School on February 8th-10th. The festival brought together over 130 students from 33 different school districts from Blair, Bedford, Cambria, and Somerset counties. Seventeen students from Hollidaysburg participated in the festival with 16 qualifying to advance to the Region III Band Festival that was held at Altoona Area High School on March 22-24.

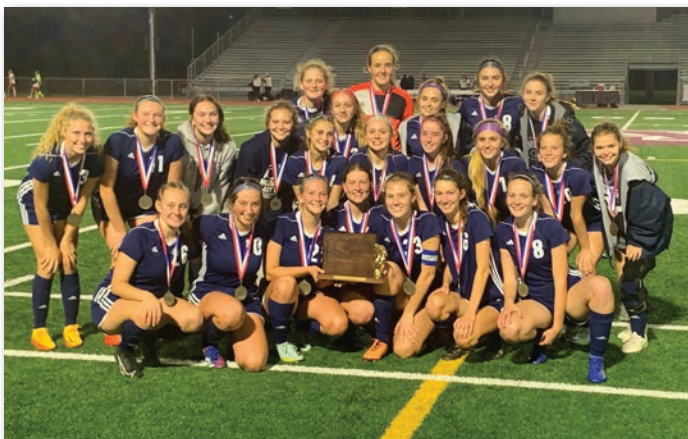
Hollidaysburg participants were Kendra Jones, Emma Krsyten, Gideon Karn, Blair Sutton, Ben Freedman, Jada Drosch, Alexis Ketner, Collin Edgell, Neo Chen, Riley Hensley, Samantha Dodson, Jack Bailey, Bryan Gearhart, Carson Brenneman, Rory Feathers, Nathan Karn, Luke Jandora, and Mr. Jerry Berry.





# ATHLETICS

## Girls soccer team



District 6 Class AAA Champions

## Boys soccer team



District 6 Class AAA Champions.

## Volleyball team



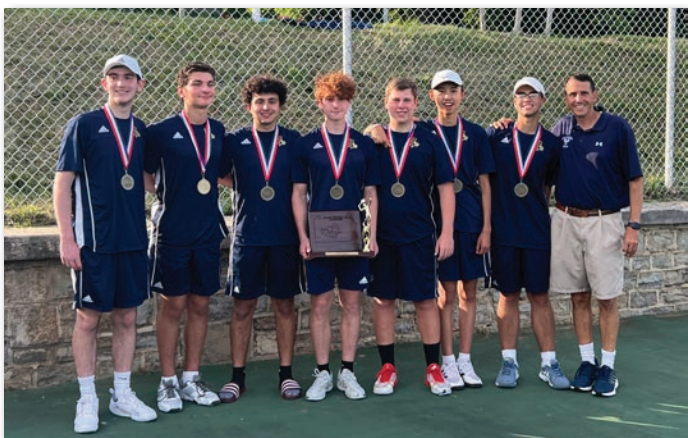
District 5-6 Class AAA Champions

## Girls basketball team



District 4-6-8-9 Class 5-A Sub regional Champions

## Boys Tennis team



District 6 Class AAA Champions

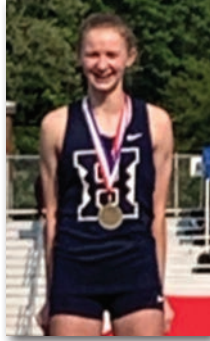


Nathan Barton and Jadd Younes -  
District 6 Class AAA Doubles Champions



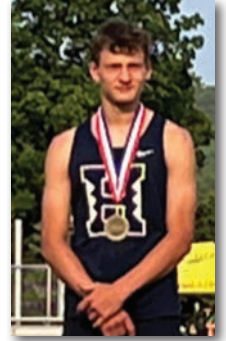
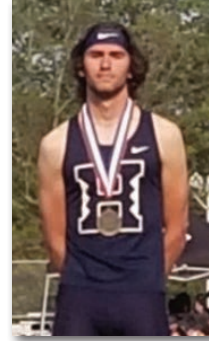
# ATHLETICS

## Girls Track team



Lily Jodon (High Jump) and Emily Clapper (400M) - District 6 Class AAA Champions and qualified for the PIAA State Championship meet in Shippensburg.

## Boys Track team



Caden DeLattre (Long Jump) Owen Bender (300M Hurdles) and Nathan Grabill (High Jump) - District 6 Class AAA Champions and qualified for the PIAA State Championship

## Wrestling



Carson Krupka - District 6-AAA 114lb Championship and qualified for the PIAA Class AAA Northwest Regional Tournament.

## Girls Tennis



Gretta Rhodes and Megan Ferris - District 6 Class AAA Doubles Champions

## Girls Golf



Ashden Stitt, District 6 AAA Individual Champion

# STAFF



## Scott Sheehan in Presidential Role

Mr. Scott Sheehan, Hollidaysburg Senior High Band Director and Music Department Chair, began his term on June 15, 2022 as the National President for the National Association of Music Education (NAfME) and will continue his service until June 2024. NAfME is among the world's largest arts education organizations and is the only association that addresses all aspects of music education. NAfME advocates at the local, state, and national levels; provides resources for teachers, parents, and administrators; hosts professional development events; and offers a variety of opportunities for students and teachers. With more than 52,000 members teaching millions of students nationwide, the Association has supported music educators at all teaching levels for more than a century. Mr. Sheehan serves as Chair of the National Executive Board, oversees all aspects of the Association's strategic directions and vision, and presents at sessions at conferences, workshops, and meetings across the country.



# STAFF



## Letcher Assumes Leadership Role

Dr. Maureen D. Letcher, Hollidaysburg Area Senior High Principal, has been selected as the 2022-2024 President of the Pennsylvania Principals Association. The Pennsylvania Principals Association is the only professional organization in Pennsylvania dedicated to the support and well-being of school administrators with a special emphasis on elementary, middle and high school principals. Dr. Letcher has been a member of the association for 22 years. Congratulations, Dr. Letcher!

## Kevin McCloskey Honored

Congratulations to Hollidaysburg Area high school science teacher Kevin McCloskey for being named the St. Francis University Dr. John Powers Outstanding Educator of the Year. We are proud of Mr. McCloskey and the positive impact he has made on the lives of countless students.

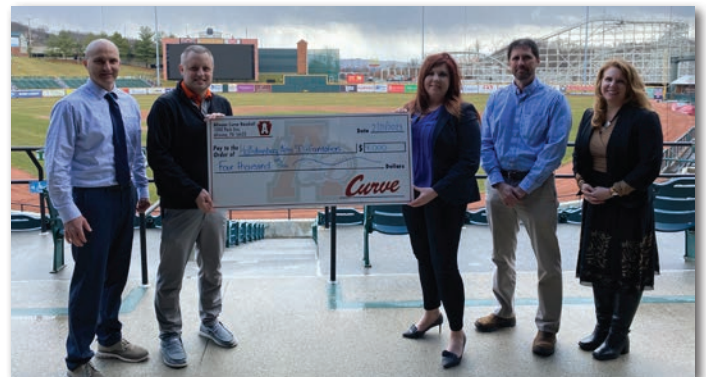


Kevin McCloskey with St. Francis University President Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O. R, Ph.D.

# DISTRICT

## Altoona Curve Charities Grant

Foot of Ten Elementary and the Senior High School were awarded a grant through the Altoona Curve Charities program in the amount of \$4,000. This grant will be used to renovate/upgrade the baseball/softball in-field at the Foot of Ten Elementary school and the varsity baseball field at the Senior High. Congratulations!



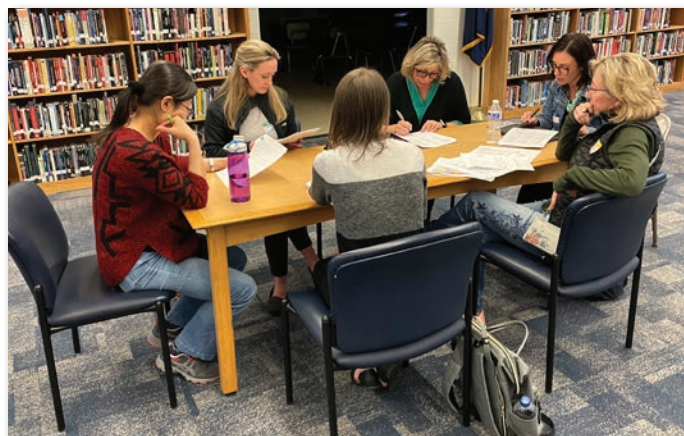
L to R: Mr. Jaime Hartline, Foot of Ten Elementary Principal; Mr. Nate Bowen, Altoona Curve General Manager; Dawn Summerville, Data Management Administrator; Mr. Jon Nihart, Physical Plant Director; Dr. Maureen Letcher, Senior High School Principal.



# DISTRICT

## Tugboat Grant

The Hollidaysburg Area School District was awarded the Tugboat grant in the amount of \$32,500. The grant was used to collaborate with Battelle in the development of the “Portrait of a Golden Tiger.” The design team consisted of individuals of diverse roles within the community such as faith leaders, politicians, students, parents, staff, business owners, etc. Throughout the development process, the design team collaborated, communicated, and created a portrait of what the community and the district envisions for all students. The final product is on the front and back pages of TIGER PRIDE. The Tugboat grant was funded by the Grable Foundation and Remake Learning.





# DISTRICT

## Remake Learning

On May 6th, the Hollidaysburg Area School District hosted their 2nd Annual Remake Learning Day at the Senior High School. Remake Learning Days Across America are regional celebrations of innovative educational practices. HASD students K-6 had the opportunity to participate in the various sessions of hands-on, engaging, and innovative learning, such as African Drums, FBI Fingerprinting, Mending Hearts, Model Magic, Prince Gallitzin State Park: PA Mammals, Planetarium, Pop Up Design and Paper Mechanics, Sound, Stream in a Bucket, Stuffies ER, Turing Tumble, Juniata College: Science in Motion.

Thank you to the HASD Foundation, Appalachia IU08, Beech Tree at Donut Connection, and Coffee on 3rd for sponsoring this event!



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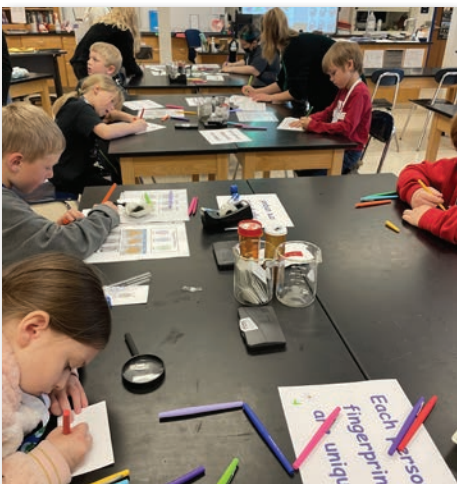
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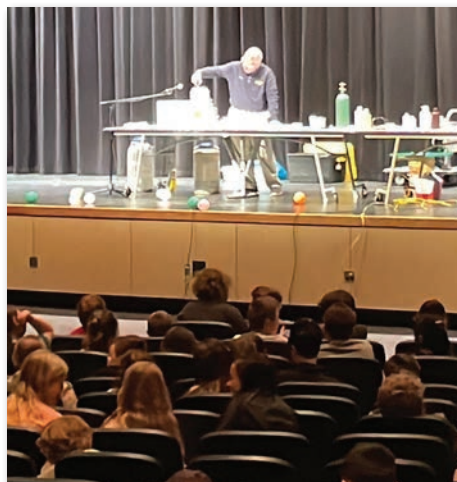
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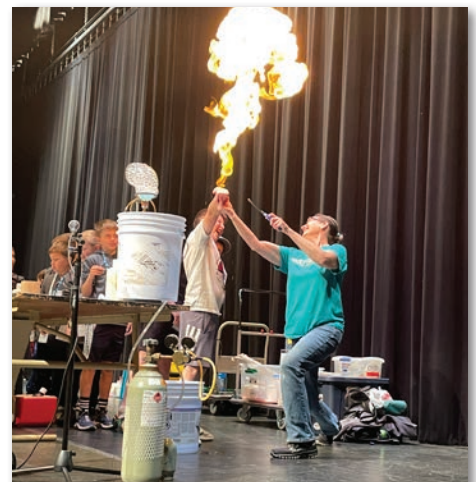
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# FOUNDATION

## Grant Programs Administered by the HASD Foundation

In the 2022-23 academic year, the HASD Foundation administered nearly \$46,000 in grants to benefit students! Each spring, the Foundation awards grants to provide additional opportunities within the district and its classrooms. Grant applications are open to all educators and administrative staff. 2023/2024 Grants Awarded:

Advanced PE Equipment – Adam Walstrom; Senior High  
Literature Mural – Alysia Watt; Senior High  
Victory Greenhouse – Andrea Walter, Joe Krupka; Senior High  
Visualizing Science Mobile Microscopes – Kevin McCloskey; Senior High  
World Language Day – Alicia Schmouder, Raquelle Lemelle, Kim Pope; Senior High  
Best Buddies Club – Erin Yeager, Emily Ritchey; Junior High

School Wide Positive Behavior Day – Eileen Roberts; Junior High  
T.I.G.E.R. Den – Dawn Summerville, Marcia Erickson; Junior High  
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## Foundation Educators-of-the-Year (EOY) and Impact Awards

Congratulations to the 2022-23 HASD Foundation Educators of the Year: Mrs. Lindy Hilling, Business Teacher at the Senior High, and Mrs. Kim Bridenbaugh, Kindergarten Teacher at Frankstown Elementary.

The Foundation Impact Award recognizes those staff that have a positive impact on our students and co-workers. The 2022-23 recipients were Dawn Eckenrode, Senior High Dean of Students, and Jackie Frieke, a paraprofessional and emotional support aide at Foot of Ten Elementary.

The Educator of the Year Award is sponsored by the HASD Foundation and Horace Mann Insurance. The Impact Award is sponsored by the HASD Foundation.



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**Secondary Impact Award** L to R: Front Row: Dawn Summerville, Data Management Administrator; Dr. Sarah Palazzi, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Dawn Eckenrode, Senior High Dean of Students; Dr. Maureen Letcher, Senior High Principal; Mrs. Peggy Hancuff, HASD Foundation Vice President; Dr. Penne Edgell, HASD Foundation President. Back Row: Mr. Ben Caldwell, Human Resources Director; Dr. Sarah Palazzi, Director of Curriculum; Mr. Mark Harrington, Senior High Assistant Principal.



**Elementary Impact Award** L to R: Front Row: Mr. Ben Caldwell, Human Resources Director; Mrs. Peggy Hancuff, HASD Foundation Vice-President; Dr. Penne Edgell, HASD Foundation President; Mrs. Jackie Frieke, Paraprofessional Foot of Ten Elementary; Dr. Robert Gildea, Superintendent of Schools. Back Row: Mrs. Dawn Summerville, Data Management Administrator; Mr. Jaime Hartline, Foot of Ten Principal; Dr. Sarah Palazzi, Director of Curriculum.



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# FOUNDATION

## Foundation Grants

The HASD Foundation awards grants annually to staff and teachers to enhance education and experiences for students in the district. In the 2022-23 school year, the Foundation funded nearly \$46,000 in grants district-wide. The Schedule for Success Classroom students were awarded funds to brighten up what they described as a “dark, dingy and boring” space. The students felt more motivated and focused after redecorating the classroom where they spend most of their day. The outdoor Serenity Garden situated in a courtyard across from the library at the Senior High was able to purchase supplies to build additional seating so more students and staff can enjoy the space.

Foot of Ten Elementary repainted the Tiger Paw Path, which had been weathered and faded over time. The Path gives a clear direction for students to keep them away from traffic and students skip from paw to paw

going to and from their buses. C.W. Longer now has a Little Art Library with a dedicated reading space in the art room. The funds were used to purchase books that tie the art curriculum to reading and students are reading every chance they get! Biology students at the Senior High were able to engage in DNA fingerprinting mini labs as well as physically model biological process with innovative biology magnets. Both of these hands on biology applications provide an increased level of understanding of the materials being taught.

For the upcoming 2023-24 school year, the Foundation awarded over \$44,000 for grants such as a reading nook at Foot of Ten Library and literature circles at Frankstown. Additionally, mobile microscopes will bring science to elementary schools, and the Senior High Advanced PE class will have safer, updated equipment. For a complete list of grants, visit [www.hasdfoundation.org](http://www.hasdfoundation.org).



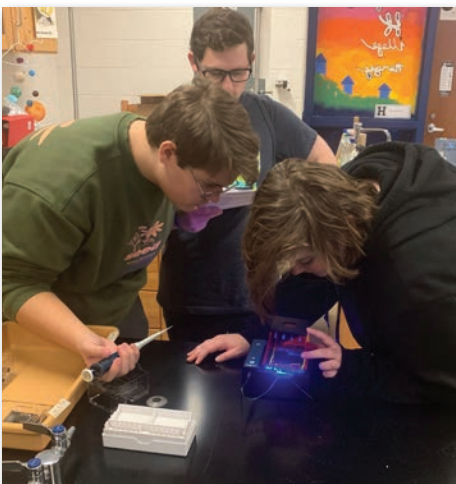
Schedule for Success Classroom



Foot of Ten Tiger Paw Path



C.W. Longer Little Art Library



DNA Fingerprinting Mini Lab



Serenity Garden, new seating built by Mr. Krupka's woodshop class



Biology Magnets



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Hollidaysburg Area School District Alumni Association would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2023 and welcome them to the HASD Alumni. Best wishes as you move into the next phase of your future!

The Alumni Association held its fourth Distinguished Alumni Dinner in February, honoring outstanding past graduates from our district. The Distinguished Educator, Gary Rhodes, was recognized for his dedicated years of service to HASD and its students. Distinguished Alumni Stephanie Martz has an impressive resume in the legal field, where she served in the Office of the White House Counsel. Mr. Bernard “Ben” Stapelfeld was also honored for his contribution to the local economy. Ben owns New Pig Corporation and several other local businesses. The dinner also presented the David Alan Zeek Humanitarian Award to Michael Leamer for his community involvement. David Alan Zeek was dedicated to making a difference in Hollidaysburg and was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni in 1988. The 1999 Boys Basketball Team was named the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Team for being the winningest team in HASD history. Their coaches were recognized for their positive and discipline approach that greatly impacted the players and has stayed with them throughout their lives. Visit [www.hasdalumni.org](http://www.hasdalumni.org) for the full stories.

The Alumni Association awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Riley Hensley. Riley will attend the University of Pittsburgh to major in Economics on a Pre-Law Track. Riley was in multiple clubs including Model UN and Mock trial, where she found her passion for law and social sciences. Riley was also active in the music program and volunteered in the community by working on food drives, serving meals and raising funds for the Children’s Miracle Network. Congratulations and best wishes to Riley on your future endeavors!

Visit our website at [www.hasdalumni.org](http://www.hasdalumni.org) to join the Alumni Association and gain access to the alumni directory, submit alumni events, read alumni spotlights and more! Further, we encourage you to submit alumni success stories, which we will post on the page.

The HASD Alumni Board is recruiting new members and looking to engage alumni in building a more active association group. Interested parties can contact us on our website or at [hasdalumni@hasdtigers.com](mailto:hasdalumni@hasdtigers.com).

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