



# REPORT CARD

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A Lakewood City Schools Community Newsletter

## LHS BOASTS NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALIST PLUS SIX COMMENDED STUDENTS

Congratulations to Lakewood High School senior Carter Eardley, who has been named a Semifinalist in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Corp. competition. This designation recognizes Carter as among the top students in the nation based on junior year PSAT scores. LHS also boasts six Commended Students: Rowan Brown, Jazmin Dunay, Mateo Guajardo, Hutch Reed, Cameron Wereb and Max Winters.

Carter is part of an elite group of 16,000 national Semifinalists whose PSAT scores in the 2022-2023 school year put them in the top tier of the more than 1.3 million students who took the test. Semifinalists represent less than 1% of U.S. seniors and

are the highest scoring entrants in their state. The number of Semifinalists named in each state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

Carter is now eligible to continue on in the competition in hopes of being named a Finalist and receiving one of more than 7,100 scholarships to be awarded in the spring. Finalists will be notified in February.

Commended Students are among the top 5% of PSAT scorers. Although Rowan, Jazmin, Mateo, Hutch, Cameron and Max do not move on in the scholarship competition, we recognize them as among the best students in the state.



## COMMUNITY CUP CHALLENGE OCT. 28

The Community Cup Challenge is a fun basketball event on Oct. 28 to help raise money for the Class of 2024 prom. In Game 1, our elementary staff will face a team of community leaders, which last year included the mayor and several council people. Game 2 will feature middle school staff taking on LHS staff. Game 1 tips off at 6 pm in the LHS gym and Game 2 at 7. Tickets are \$4. Come cheer on your favorites!

## LHS STUDENTS, RECENT GRADS GARNER 85 AP SCHOLAR AWARDS

Each new school year the Lakewood City Schools celebrates its numerous Lakewood High School students who have earned the designation of AP Scholar by virtue of their scores on the college-level Advanced Placement exams taken in May. The District proudly congratulates the 85 current students and recent graduates - the most in years - who have earned AP Scholar honors thanks to their performance on their AP tests.

The College Board, which administers the AP program, also



recognized two of our seniors as part of its National Recognition Programs. Aaliyah Aziz and Aniya Johnson each earned the National African American Recognition Award. The award recognizes students who identify as African American or Black, Hispanic or Latino, Indigenous or Native who have taken an AP or PSAT exam and have a 3.5 or better GPA.

Our AP Scholar recipients are:

**AP Scholars with Distinction** (earned by averaging at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams):

Lauren Barber, Charlotte Beno, Kaitlyn Bitter, Ainsley Bronson, Rowan Brown, Leah Campbell, Audrey Carson, Helinor Clark, Katherine Coleman, Rocco Crino, Tyler DiLoreto, Gavin Fulmer, Mateo Guajardo, Grace Hildebrandt, Ava Hitter, James Holland, Jill King, Lydia Kress, Alexis Lindsay, Abigail Marsh,

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## High School

### 5 FROM LHS CHOSEN FOR REGIONAL ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to the five Lakewood High musicians chosen to be part of the Ohio Music Educators Association's Northeast Ohio Regional Orchestra and extra applause to senior bassist Willow Detmar on being selected for the All-State Orchestra. Students must qualify for the Regional Orchestra to be eligible for a spot with the All-State ensemble.

The five Lakewood High musicians will perform with the Regional ensemble Nov. 5 at 2 pm at the EJ Thomas Performing Arts Hall in Akron. The concert is free. The All-State ensemble performs at the OMEA annual conference, which will be held in Columbus in early February.

In addition to Willow, our Northeast Regional Orchestra qualifiers are: Margot King (violin), Abby Kovach (bass), Anna Maurer (viola) and Bryce Sandoval (cello).

Congratulations to these talented and dedicated students!



Regional Orchestra qualifiers, from left: Abby Kovach, Margot King, Bryce Sandoval, Anna Maurer and Willow Detmar. Willow also qualified for the All-State Orchestra.

### SENIOR'S PHOTO CHOSEN AS STATE CONTEST WINNER

Lakewood High senior Cameron Wereb was announced as a winner this past summer in the Ohio Student Safety Advisory Council's first-ever Ohio School Safety Center Art Contest. Cameron's winning photograph was displayed along with the other selected winners at the Ohio School Safety Summit this past July.

### CULINARY SENIOR EARNS NATIONAL SILVER MEDAL

Congratulations to senior West Shore Career-Tech culinary arts student Sophia Kowalski, who earned a silver medal in the national FCCLA Baking and Pastry competition held in Denver in July.

For this competition Sophia was required to bring certain supplies and equipment from her own school kitchen, organize

everything in a logistical way, and produce in an unfamiliar and challenging kitchen. She had to measure, execute and present carrot muffins, chocolate chip cookies, custard-filled and glazed cream puffs and decorate a cake given specific guidelines. Sophie accomplished this all in the 2 hours and 45 minute time limit and did so with time to spare! Special thanks to Chef Devan Corti, who accompanied Sophia.

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Clare Morrissey, Madeline Oldfield, Alexander Peterson, Jackson Provost, Hutch Reed, Bailey Rohrs, Owen Rumsey, Kegan Weber, Megan Winters, Lila Wright

**AP Scholars with Honor** (earned by averaging at least 3.25 on all AP Exams and grades of 3 or higher on four or more):

Meredith Barcelona, Ronan Barley, Layla Black, Ava Bruening, Aiden Clasen, Eliza Dreger, Jazmin Dunay, Carter Eardley, Jonas Evans, Alexandra Hodson, Michael Klasa, Rose Lipka, Amalijah Marich, Griffin Norris, Emily Potoczak, Jaxon Riley, Bode Smith, Scarlett Wankowski

**AP Scholars** (earned by completing three or more AP Exams

with grades of 3 or higher):

Rachel Aoun, Gillian Colson, William Detmar, Sarah Dorn, Yasmine Elhachdani, Taha Elmerrahi, Logan Friend, Fiona Gjermeni, Jack Gowan, Chaiya Herberger, Jake Hirsch, Milo Horsman, Alexandra Horton, Edward Horton, Jacqueline Hudak, Samantha Hudak, Mason Ivinskis, Benjamin Jablonowski, Grace Lamparyk, Maggie Lane, Charlie Lobozzo, Jackson Lodge, Sophia Masek, Colin McCrone, Maggie McGann, Colton Moran, Michael Muzychenko, Olivia Pickens, Jonathan Reighard, Helen Roche, Arabella Spear, Samuel Thomas, Lydianna Trudel, Lydia Watkins, Danka Wentzel, Andrew Winters, Corinne Wroblewski

## Collaboration & Critical Thinking!



Garfield 6th graders in the Project Lead the Way Robotics class exhibit our Vision of a Lakewood Ranger competencies of collaboration and critical thinking as they work on simple machine designs.



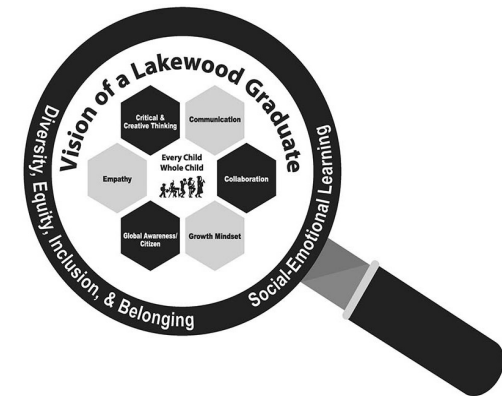
## VISION OF A LAKEWOOD GRADUATE FOCUS: GROWING SEEDS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE



*Students from Lakewood High School's Horticulture classes recently completed a community service project helping Beck Center for the Arts spruce up its grounds.*

Last month, students from the Lakewood High School Horticulture class participated in what has become an annual community service project for students in Shannon Snare's class - doing grounds cleanup for Beck Center for the Arts. The students volunteered three hours on a September Sunday morning to straighten up some of the Beck gardens and trim the hanging vines and branches on the eastern edge of the large parking lot. The goal was to neaten up the outside in time for opening weekend of the 90th season at Beck Center.

The project is an extension of what the students do during classtime with the school grounds. The Horticulture students maintain all the finished



garden beds on the Lakewood High campus. This not only beautifies the campus, but allows students to take ownership of their school and their community, and saves the District money in landscape time and fees. It's also a great example of our students exhibiting global citizenship and collaboration in order to make their community a better place!

## OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT CHECKS OFF LIST OF CAPITAL PROJECTS OVER SUMMER BREAK

Summer break while students are at home is the optimal time for our Operations Department to undertake the major repairs and upgrades needed to have our buildings in top shape for the next school year. This summer was no different, and in fact, was probably one of the busiest summers in recent years.

With less pedestrian and vehicle traffic going in and out of our buildings and parking lots, the District can tackle tasks such as parking lot improvements and tree trimming, which are some of the typical summer jobs our Operations Department manages. Emerson, Garfield, Harding, Horace Mann and Lakewood High all saw pavement improvements this summer. Tree trimming and removing took place at Franklin School of Opportunity, Grant, Horace Mann and

Lakewood High.

Some larger projects (\$700,000+) were also completed this summer: roof system replacement at Hayes Elementary and a new turf for the Lakewood High baseball field. The Hayes job was needed to correct a ventilation flaw in the roof when it was installed in 2007. The baseball turf was last upgraded in 2004. Additionally, installation has begun of secondary door locks on all of the doors in the District for added protection in our classrooms.

Besides the ball field turf, other surfacing projects include refinishing the Harding gymnasium floor and the work bay for Auto Tech in the high school's D Building and installing a rubber-surface path in the wood chip playground at Horace Mann to make it easier for our students with mobility assistive



equipment to navigate the area.

Finally, the Lakewood High natatorium HVAC system was upgraded. This air quality project was paid from federal Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief funds received following the pandemic.

We are grateful that the com-

munity's amazing support of our district has afforded us the opportunity to make these improvements. Maintaining and improving our facilities is part of providing a learning environment that offers our students the best chance at success.



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## Rootin' for the Rangers!

In early September, the Lakewood High Unified Special Olympics flag football team, comprised of students from LHS' MILES program and their peer mentors, enjoyed some friendly competition with four area schools. It's one of the many ways our students and staff foster belonging in our schools.



## LREF HOSTING TOUR OF LHS

If you haven't seen Lakewood High School since the new construction or if you want to bring your younger children to see where they will go to school one day, or if you are just curious, this tour is for you!

LHS alum and teacher Chuck Greanoff (Dr. G.) will lead the tour for the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation on Saturday, Oct. 21 beginning at 10 am. Tour participants should meet at Door 32, which is at the east end of the cafeteria.

## NEW FOSTER POOL SEASON WRAPS UP WITH RECORD ATTENDANCE



### Foster Pool Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Foster Pool survey, your feedback is greatly appreciated! We had an amazing first season at the new pool with over 78,000 entrances at both Becks and Foster Pool. We are already planning for ways to make our community pools experience even better for guests next year.

**New Website:** Our new website ([www.recreation.lakewood-cityschools.org](http://www.recreation.lakewood-cityschools.org)) launched back in May. We streamlined the registration process, brightened up the design and focused on ease of navigation. Check it out today to see what new programs and activities are open in our fall program guide. If you or someone you know is interested in offering a class, program or

activity through the Recreation Department - contact us today at 216-529-4081. We are always looking for new, interesting and educational programming for our community.

**Purple & Gold Classic Date Set:** The annual districtwide 5th grade basketball tournament, the Lakewood Ranger Purple & Gold Classic, has been set for Saturday, April 6, 2024.