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Wernette is CTE "Best of the Best"

Congratulations to senior **Emmerson Wernette**, named Davison High School's "Best of the Best" for the 2023 Career and Technical Education Student Awards.

The Gene-

see Intermediate School District recognized 23 students from school districts and academies across the county at the annual awards ceremony held today at the Genesee Career Institute.



Emmerson

Davison High School teacher Mrs. **Laurie Heath** said Emmerson took the health science class with "vigor," and jumped right in as one of the district's first hands-on competitors in HOSA Future Health Professionals and advanced to the state competition. As a junior, Emmerson received her clinical medical assistant certification. She currently works at the Cancer Institute of Flint.

Davison Community Schools Building Beat

ESports league finishes season with success

Two of our Davison Super Smash Bros. Ultimate ESports teams brought home first and second places in the final event of the season.



The Kettering University Smash Bash Crew Battle Competition was held Saturday, May 20, and was open to all high school SSBU teams in the county.

Congratulations to **Caden Vanburen, Grant Davis, Liam Ward** and **Graham Williams** for placing first! Nice work to **Caden Tucker, Andrew Miller, Amelia Bayne** and **Sam Laatz** on taking second place. DHS student and ESports team member **Rex Poff** was a good sport and filled in on one of the Powers teams when they were short one member.

Coach **Jake Balla** shared the following season highlights:

- Our three Madden teams ranked 54th, 55th and 79th out of more than 100 teams in the Spring 2023 Eastern Region Madden PlayVS league.
- Our Rocket League team finished 37th this season, just shy of the cut off for playoffs.
- All four Smash teams finished in the top 64 out of 127 schools and were eligible for playoffs. Unfortunately, due to league rule, only the top two teams in any game from one school are allowed to participate in the MHSEL Spring 2023 playoffs.
- Teams Davison Up-Smash and Davison Down-Smash finished their regular season in the top 32 and competed in their first round of playoffs.
- Davison Down-Smash was eliminated from playoffs by Auburn Hills Christian Cougars Esports in a very close match with a score of 1-2.



First place Super Smash Bros. winners and our second place team below.



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- Davison Up-Smash advanced to their second round of playoffs after beating Bay City Central's Cyber Wolves SSB3 team, 2-0. The team was eliminated from the Michigan High School Esports League playoffs after losing to Rochester-Adams, 1-2.

- **Caden Tucker**, DHS senior Super Smash Bros. Ultimate player, was awarded the 2023 Kettering University Esports scholarship worth \$5,000 per year. Caden was awarded the scholarship after placing in the top eight at the Kettering Super Smash Bros. Ultimate "Bulldog Bash" tournament.



This award makes Caden the first student from the DHS Esports program to be awarded a scholarship since the team was founded earlier this school year. Caden will be attending Kettering University this fall, majoring in Computer Engineering. He also works part time with the Davison Schools Tech department in the COBRA office. In his spare time, he practices Super Smash Bros. and is a member of DHS FIRST Robotics team 3534 House of Cards.

"Caden has come a long way since the start of this program," Coach Balla said. "He's helped build it and has become someone the other players look up to. I'm excited to see what he does next."

DHS environmentalist selected as Flint SOUP presenter in bid for micro-grant

Davison High School junior and Environmental Club spokesperson **Sydney Panduren** has been selected by Flint SOUP as its fourth presenter in its micro-grant dinner series designed to connect with neighbors, meet local entrepreneurs and enjoy a meal of soup, salad and bread. A total of six presenters are scheduled throughout the series. The \$5 collected from attendees at each event is collected and will be awarded to the presenter that garners the most votes.

Sydney will be presenting this Thursday, May 25, at First Presbyterian Church of Flint. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. and the event begins at 5:45 p.m.

RSVP to support Sydney by visiting this link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1205042803736880/>

The Davison High School Environmental Science Club, led by DHS teachers **Ryan Kelsey** and **Pam Ruggiero**, gather every Wednesday after school to bring creative solutions to environmental issues present both locally and abroad.



Sydney, center, with DHS Teachers and Environmental Club co-sponsors Pam Ruggiero and Ryan Kelsey. Photo by TRU Heart Photo LLC

Over the last year the amazing student members of the club completed 15 environmental stewardship activities that included: schoolwide recycling of paper, plastic, and aluminum, hosting an Earth Day scavenger hunt, establishing a native species plant garden, hosting a tree planting drive, and adopting a polar bear through donations to

the World Wildlife Federation.

Their efforts throughout 2022 and 2023 earned Davison High School "Emerald Status" as a designated Michigan Green School through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). Club members plan to pursue "Evergreen Status" during the next school year.

In addition to her work with the Environmental Club, Sydney plays for the varsity tennis team and is an active member of the National Honor Society. Last year, Sydney and the club took advantage of a few nice sunny days to meet outside on the school grounds, and a new creative idea formed: Why not design and build a permanent structure for outside learning opportunities?

If Sydney's presentation earns the micro-grant, the money will be used to design and build a pergola-style pavilion on school grounds. The Environmental Science Club, Fine Arts and Design class and other Davison High School students will work together to incorporate green architecture, urban agriculture, renewable solar energy, and extended space to continue cultivating native plant species!

DHS auto tech student breaks the brake record; earns \$10,000 scholarship

The wet weather outside may have kept the classic cars away at the 8th annual DHS Car Show but it was showering scholarships inside the auto lab during the Skills Event. In all, more than \$60,000 in scholarships were awarded.

Davison High School senior **Ryan Sullivan** bested past winners by more than two minutes in the brake demonstration.

"He did amazing," said Auto Technology Instructor **Andrew Michalik**. "It was a blast watching Ryan take the win."

For his efforts, Ryan earned a \$10,000 scholarship to Ohio Technical College (OTC) in Cleveland.

Congratulations also go to the following scholarship winners:

- **Brayden Fortenberry**, Genesee Career Institute, \$10,000 UTI (University Technical Institute)
- **Jack Laudani**, Genesee Career Institute, \$1,000 OTC (Ohio Technical College)
- **Logan Alholinna**, Genesee Career Institute, \$1,000 OTC



Davison High School senior Ryan Sullivan (center) with Auto Technology Teacher Andy Michalik, (right) and Auto Technician Miles Luebke (left).

- **Ryan Deguise**, Genesee Career Institute, \$10,000 UTI
- **Dalton Forbes**, Genesee Career Institute, \$7,500 OTC
- **Riley Grassi**, Lapeer Ed Tech., \$10,000 OTC
- **Dylan Burr**, Lapeer Ed Tech., \$7,500 OTC
- **Ayden Lipka**, Lapeer Ed Tech., \$3,000 University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH)
- **Jack Enen**, Lapeer Ed Tech., \$2,000 UNOH
- **Lyle Erickson**, Lapeer Ed Tech. \$1,000 UNOH



The following students have been selected as Students of the Month at Davison High School and Davison Alternative Education for the month of May. Congratulations!

9th Grade—**Gabrielle Taylor**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Lauren Crongeyer**

Gabby is a student that stands out among her peers. She strives to do her best on every assignment and is always willing to help out those around her. Many of her classmates will come to her when there is something that they do not understand. She explains things thoroughly and continues to help them until they are confident with the material. Gabby is involved outside of school with many activities and still manages to make her schoolwork a priority! I am so lucky to have Gabby in class!



Gabrielle

10th Grade—**Ryan Garrett**

Nominated by: **Mr. Cory Miller**

Ryan Garrett is one of the hardest working students that I have had in class. She asks great questions and makes sure that she understands what we are learning each day. She is helpful in explaining concepts to other students in her group when working together. Ryan is always courteous and respectful to everyone she comes in contact with. She will occasionally miss school due to sports, but it has never impacted her performance. She takes great initiative in making sure she stays caught up and makes up anything she misses. She is an exemplar of the type of student we aim to have at DHS.



Ryan

11th Grade—**Jacob Peterson**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Katie Davis**

Jacob is a model student and a true leader to our class. He always seeks to fully learn and understand the material, but he also encourages and supports his classmates to do their best as well. He is polite, kind and uplifting every day. He exemplifies what it means to be a student of the month!



Jacob

12th Grade—**Maya Rogers**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Karlee Pins**

I am nominating Maya Rogers for her outstanding work in the Student Council. I have had the pleasure of having Maya as my student on the Student Council. I have seen that she has such a great work ethic from her efforts in our club. She is always willing to help, communicates well, and is dependable. She has great character, leadership and enthusiasm. Maya is our Secretary of the Executive Board/Student Council and is at every meeting taking notes, chairing/leading events and does it all with a smile on her face. She is always attentive, outgoing, helpful and gives her input in every student council matter. Maya is a great leader and helped immensely with the Homecoming Dance, the local Student Council Connect Event presentation, the pep assemblies, and she also took the initiative to organize our cider and doughnut sales so efficiently that she used the extra proceeds to buy small Christmas gifts for students at our Davison elementary schools.



Maya

12th Grade—**Brooklynn Wilcox**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Lindsey Gokey**

Brooklynn is a Co-Op in the office this year and she does a great job! She always has a kind smile and "hello" whenever I enter the office and she is working. I often ask her for help with things for Student of the Month that are above and beyond her normal responsibilities and she is always willing and eager to help me out. Each month she helps prepare the envelopes that go out to the recipients of the Student of the Month. I would love to see one of those envelopes with her name on it! I appreciate her so much!



Brooklyn

DAE—**Kensington Benson**

Nominated by: **Ms. Taylor Brooks**

Kensington is an overall great person! Her attendance is almost perfect, She is always respectful and courteous to students and will do anything you ask her. She is a great addition to have in class.



Kensington

Have an idea for Building Beat? We love to hear from our staff, students and alums! If you have a story or accomplishment to share, know of a student or staff member we should feature, or would like to let us know what you are doing since graduation, please email us at: medwards@davisonschools.org

Hill Spa

Hill Elementary hosted its annual “Spa Day” on Friday, May 5, to give students a chance to honor the special women in their lives just before Mother’s Day. Typically, the event is held for kindergarten only, but this year second and third graders joined in on the fun because they were unable to celebrate the event during the COVID pandemic.

