April 28, 2022

HAPPY ADMIN PROFESSIONALS -DAY-

Building Beat

Robotics Club makes it to elite Epstein round at Worlds

It was a whirlwind trip, packing up on the heels of the Michigan competition to head to the World Championship in Houston, Texas, but the House of Cards FIRST Robotics Team 3534 did not disappoint.

During a thrilling competition, the House of Cards qualified 38th out of 78 teams in the Roebling Division with a 5-5-0 qualifying record. Coach **Chris Purdy** said the team's robot was selected as the fourth to be on the third-ranked alliance by the captains, Team 5940 BREAD from Redwood City, CA. The House of Cards was joined by Team 6328 Mechanical Advantage from Littleton, MA and Team 2471 Mean Machine from Camas, WA. The alliance went 6-1-0 in the playoffs and won the Roebling Division.

The House of Cards was tapped to play the finals matches and provided an exceptional defensive performance to shutdown the scoring of the top-ranked alliance for the win. The outstanding defensive play in the finals matches received many accolades from top-ranked teams.

This Divisional win qualified the House of Cards and their Roebling division alliance to move onto the Einstein finals rounds where the six divisions played a round robin format. This was the first time the House of Cards and all of its alliance partners had advanced to the Einstein field. The Roebling alliance finished in 6th place with a 1-5 record in very close matches against the best teams in the world.

"This is a major accomplishment for the House of Cards," said Coach **Chris Purdy**. "Only 3.5 percent of almost 9,000 teams in FRC history have ever made it to the Einstein final rounds. The Davison House of Cards is now part of this select group … I can't over emphasize how big their achievement was this weekend at Worlds. This is a serious sport, with an unbelievable level of inten-

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DHS Musical Performances set to take stage

The annual Musical is back! Davison High School students will perform "The Addams Family" beginning tonight.

Performances are set for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28, Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, in the Davison High School Auditorium.

Tickets are $10 each and are available in the high school office during school hours or at the door prior to performances.



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Purdy added that 2022 has been an amazing season for the team.

"The House of Cards has represented Davison High School at the highest levels of STEM and FRC competition," he said. "They earned three Kettering FIRST Robotics Scholarships, two Quality awards, one GM Industrial Design award, a Michigan District win at Kettering and now a World Championship Division win."





SVL recognizes Scholar Athletes, Teacher of the Year from Davison High School

Davison High School seniors **Olivia Dirkse** and **Isaac Norton** were recognized last week as Davison's Saginaw Valley League's Scholar Athletes of the Year. Special education teacher **Brett Coron** was recognized as the League's Teacher of the Year for Davison High School. All three were honored at a banquet held at Horizons Center in Saginaw.



Saginaw Valley League Scholars of the Year Isaac and Olivia and Teacher of the Year Mr. Brett Coron.

Olivia is the daughter of Josh and Cynthia Dirkse. She has a 4.069 grade point average and has played varsity volleyball, basketball and track for her entire high school career. She has served as captain of the volleyball and basketball teams and has earned SVL 1st Team honors three times in volleyball, twice in basketball and in track. She has also achieved All-State Honorable Mention in basketball and is a state qualifier/All state Honors in track.

Isaac is the son of Doug and Tenille Norton. He has a 3.8 grade point average and has earned three Varsity letters in football, two in wrestling and four for lacrosse. He has been named SVL First Team All Conference in football twice and in lacrosse and has earned All Academic honors in all three sports. He is a also a member of the state championship football and wrestling teams and has served as captain in both football and lacrosse.

Thomson Elementary recognizes Cardinal Code Kids of the Month

As we inch closer to the end of the year, Thomson Elementary staff will be recognizing a group of students each month who have been nominated by their teacher or other staff member for exemplifying the Cardinal Code. Congratulations to the April Cardinal Code Kids of the Month!

Kennedy Koss, room 2 nominated by **Mrs. Williams**
Luna Kingsley, room 4, nominated by **Mrs. Romanik**
Rowan Smith, room 6, nominated by **Mrs. Bedsole**
Ashlyn Baxter, room 6, nominated by **Mr. Romanik**
Lucy Weir, room 8, nominated by **Mrs. VanEvery**
Hannah Baker, room 10, nominated by **Mrs. Binkley**
Trinity Lambert, room 12, nominated by **Mrs. Driskill**
Ashlyn, Roberts, room 15, nominated by **Mrs. Ruzicka**
Lukas Demo, room 16, nominated by **Mrs. Schwab**
Claire Pyles, room 17, nominated by **Mrs. Bell**
Loklan Freeman, room 18, nominated by **Mrs. McKinnon**
Hudson Beaty, room 20, nominated by **Mrs. Tober**
Jayden Zielesch, room 22, nominated by **Ms. Hamon**
Emmanuel Weaver, room 23, nominated by **Mrs. Howes**
Amneh Zakri, room 24, nominated by **Mrs. Ganabathi**
Jack Walsh, room 24, nominated by **Miss Wheeler**
Aubree Worvie, room 25, nominated by **Mrs. Waite**
Brynlee Youness, room 25, nominated by **Mrs. Lints**

DHS names Students of the Month for March and April

9th - Kail Glennie
Nominated by: Ms. McGlashen


Kail

Kail Glennie is in one of the most challenging classes that I've had in years. She maintains a positive attitude and exhibits a strong work ethic. She willingly participates and performs well on all of her assignments. She leads by example and is clearly a student who deserves to be recognized for her hard work and adherence to the Cardinal Code.

10th - Gavin Brownrigg
Nominated by: Ms. Harrison and Mr. Sullivan


Gavin

Gavin is an outstanding student who is always one of the most respectful and positive students to have in class. Every day he greets his teachers with a hello and tells them to have a good day at the end of class. Gavin has never wavered in work ethic within the classroom. He comes to class with a smile on his face and would help anyone who was in need of support with classwork or simply finding their next class. I believe Gavin should be student of the month because through everything, he has always exhibited every aspect of the Cardinal Code. Mr. Sullivan added that Gavin always helps out others in class. Great attitude and work ethic.

11th - Taylor Laine
Nominated by: Mrs. Nuckolls


Taylor

Taylor Laine is a joy to have in class. She is always on task, has a positive attitude, and is respectful to adults and her peers. I love Taylor's genuine desire/curiosity to learn! This shows during whole-class discussions, in small group classwork, and on her individual assignments. All her work is top-notch. Lastly, Taylor is thoughtful, articulate and kind.

12th - Theodore Haw
Nominated by: Mrs. Woodruff
Teddy is an awesome all-around student. Really, he displays all components of the Cardinal Code (I couldn't pick just one)! He's always the first to jump into his work and does a really thorough job instead of just rushing through. He helps his classmates with their work and gets along with everyone. He was put in a leadership position in my business management class and took the role seriously where others in the past have not. He participates in class and is always respectful of myself and his classmates always.


Theodore

DAE - Joey Crowley
Nominated by: Mrs. Springsteen
Since her first day at DAE Joey has been a model student. Joey has some of the best manners and is courteous to teachers. Every single day, without fail, Joey tells me to have a nice day when she exits my class. She is supportive of other students, lending a helping hand if she sees them struggling. Joey can be depended on to complete her work every day to the very best of her abilities; she never does the bare minimum, but instead aims to exceed expectations. In Advisory we set weekly goals and Joey is always very thoughtful about her responses. She is passionate about music and reading, even asking teachers for book recommendations! Joey has expressed her desire to become a teacher and I truly hope she does, as she is the kind of person every student, and teacher, needs in their life.


Joey

<u>April</u>

9th - Kaci Scott
Nominated by: Mrs. Orkisz
Kaci was super willing to help another student who had been absent a long time after he returned. The student she was helping needed a partner for his group pantomime and she volunteered right away. It may have been hard getting him motivated … but she got him to turn something in and was so patient. I'm very proud of her.


Kacie

10th - Andrew Shorkey
Nominated by: Mrs. Piger
Andrew is an all-around excellent student. Every day Andrew has his work complete and is ready to learn. He is attentive in class and supportive of his classmates. I can always depend on Andrew. I cannot say enough amazing things about Andrew. Andrew is very deserving of the student of the month award.


Andrew

11th - Anna Lucas
Nominated by: Mrs. Baldridge
Anna is amazing! She always has a smile on her face. Her classmates can count on her to help them if they need anything. If she does not understand a learning target, she doesn't hesitate to seek help.


Anna

12th - Parker Austin
Nominated by: Mr. Thompson
Parker is ALWAYS happy. This usually makes everyone around him happy too. He is always looking for ways to help out. He comes to class early nearly every day and cleans the lab. He


Parker

also just earned his OSHA 10-hour safety card for construction which is a really big deal.



Haley

DAE - Haley Macalpine
Nominated by: Mr. Van Hamlin
Haley has demonstrated values we hold dear as a student in Davison schools. She exemplifies the Cardinal Code with her enthusiastic growth mindset, respect and dependability, and is supportive of teachers and students alike. I give my highest recommendation for Miss Macalpine for student of the month.

Hahn students find golden egg in order to become Principal, Secretary for Day

Three students who found golden eggs hidden on the playground two weeks ago earned the prizes of serving as Principals and Secretary for the Day on Monday, April 25.

Winners were:
Tre Duckworth - Secretary for the morning
Logan Kuipers - Principal for the day
Miah Brophy - Principal for the day

Pictured at right are Hahn Intermediate Principal Verle Gilbert, Tre, Superintendent Kevin Brown, Logan and Miah.



Alum wins leadership award in Cyber Security competition

Wyatt Stevens (DHS Class of 2021) is a team member from Illinois Institute of Technology's cybersecurity student organization CyberHawks that won the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity Cyber Games National Championship. After winning the Midwest Regional championship by a landslide with a score of almost double the next highest team, the team went on to win the national championship with a record-breaking score.

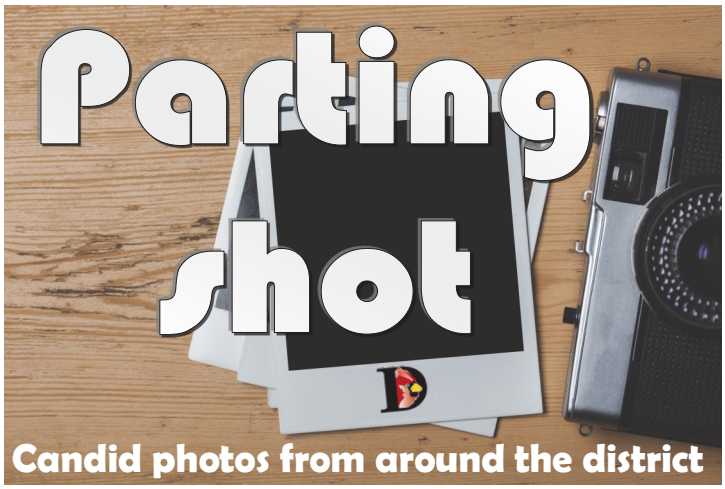
Sixty-five teams from 55 colleges competed in the competition overall.

Wyatt won the leadership award in Regionals and Nationals.

You can read more about the competition at: https://www.iit.edu/news/illinois-tech-cybersecurity-student-organization-locks-down-record-breaking-national-championship

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







"It was like a gym field trip!" Thomson Elementary Teacher Mrs. Leandra Lints said of her physical fitness class students getting on the Cardinal Stadium track for the first time this week. Students were timed running the 440m but Mrs. Lints encouraged them to run as many laps as they could in the 20 minutes they had available. No doubt there are probably some future track stars thanks to the experience.



This was an exciting scene to see Wednesday morning! After delays in material supplies, the roof for the DHS/DAE Connector finally arrived and crews got right to work.

MAKING IT OFFICIAL!

Thomson Elementary hosted Kindergarten Roundup last week, registering more than 230 kiddos as the newest Cardinals. Following registration, students participated in a “signing day ceremony” to make becoming a Cardinal official! Welcome to Davison Community Schools little ones!











Crystal Schuhrke

Crystal is a cook at Hahn Intermediate. She began working for the district in August.



Crystal said she enjoys her job because the people are "super nice" and very helpful.

Crystal and her husband, Dan, have two children; daughter, Abby, and son, Connor, both of whom attend DCS. The family includes daschund dog, Bowser and tabby cat, Copper.



Crystal enjoys reading, crocheting, riding her bike and working in her garden.

Michael Wheeler



Michael has been working as a Title I Paraprofessional at Siple Elementary since August 24.

He most enjoys the interaction with the children he serves as well as seeing their growth.

Michael is married to wife, Aleshia. They have two children, Dellan and Caroline. He also has a brother, Oliver.

In his spare time, Michael enjoys golf, euchre and family activities

Laura Ferguson

Laura is teaching fifth grade at Hahn Intermediate.



Laura earned her bachelor of science degree in environmental science and biology from Central Michigan University.

"I wanted to make a difference through education," Laura said. "I have a passion to pass on knowledge while preparing students for life after school.

Laura has a 2-year-old son, Emerson.

When she is not working, Laura said she loves being with her son and spending quality time with friends and family. She is an avid reader and enjoys the outdoors.

Electra Hug

Electra is a special education paraprofessional at Davison Middle School. She began her job in late September.



"There are so many things I love about working here at DMS," she said. "If I had to pick one thing it would be that I get to make a difference every single day."

Electra is the daughter of Sarah and Eric Hug and Lindsay and Brian Jackson. She said her "child" is her spoiled puppy, Magnolia.

Electra's favorite thing to do is blog and write. She also loves to travel and watch her siblings play sports.