



A Review of the
Great Things
Happening in
Our Schools.

March 23, 2018

Building Beat

Upcoming ...

Friday, March 23:

Reading Month

Central: Read a Shirt Day

Hahn: Wear Your Maroon

and Gold or Davison Attire

Day

Hill: Read-a-thon and PJ

Day

Saturday, February 10:

Sadie Hawkins Dance, 7-

10 p.m. DHS

Tuesday, March 26:

Hill Elementary Instrument

Petting Zoo, 6:30 p.m.

Siple PTO meeting, 6:30

p.m.

Wednesday, March 27:

Central Read-a-thon and

PJ Day

Gates Family Movie Night,

5:15-7:30 p.m.

End of third marking period

Thursday, March 29:

Half Day of school for K-12

students

No preschool (GSRP and

Cardinal's Nest)

Friday, March 30:

No school—Good Friday

Michelle McKinnon named Davison Optimist Friend of Youth

Congratulations to Davison Middle School Teacher **Michelle McKinnon** who was awarded the Davison Optimist Club's 2017 Friend of Youth award.

Michelle, who teaches science, truly makes a difference in the lives of the children in our community. Throughout the years, she has attended countless student events, sent hundreds of Cardinal Compliment cards as well as placed hundreds of phone calls to parents to share positive news about their children. She has also served as a coach for many activities including cross country and track and was named Teacher of the Year in 2011 and 2016. Michelle has also been the sponsor of the Blueberry Ambassador program, Junior Optimist Club and DMS Quiz Bowl.

Thank you, Michelle, for your positive personality and being a great example of what it means to be Kids First!

Speaking of the Davison Optimist Club, did you know that this awesome community service organization recently - and quietly - awarded \$50,000 to Davison Community Schools, the city of Davison and Davison Township? Optimists members donated a whopping \$20,000 to the school district for our Early Reading Initiative. Thanks to this donation, we will be able to bolster classroom reading libraries and have an array of books that interest and cater to all reading levels of students in grades K-3.

The Optimists also generously donated \$4,000 to the Cardinal Feeder Food Pantry, housed at Davison High School to provide snacks and food to hungry students. In addition, we can always count on the Davison Optimists members to donate upwards of 50-60 backpacks filled with school supplies at the beginning of each school year to help those students who need a little extra support.

If you want to learn more about this fantastic group, just show up at one of their meetings. They meet at 6:30 a.m. on the second, third and fourth Thursdays of the month at Apollo and at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Thank you Davison Optimists Club!!



Michelle McKinnon, right, receives her award from Optimist member Anne Kelley, a retired DCS Teacher.



Dinah Schultz named Support Staff Person of the Year by MASP

Dinah Schultz, Secretary to Assistant Superintendent **Kevin Brown**, thought she was attending the Michigan Association of School Personnel Administrators' 28th annual Support Staff Conference in Lansing earlier this month to learn about new requirements dealing with teacher certification and employee fingerprinting. But Mr. Brown had an ulterior motive for asking Dinah to attend; he had nominated her for the MASP's HR Support Staff Person of the Year and she had been selected for the honor.

It took some sneaky maneuvering but Mr. Brown, along with Dinah's son Joel and daughter-in-law Jamie, were able to see Dinah presented with the award at a lunchtime ceremony.



Dinah, center, is joined by Assistant Superintendent Kevin Brown, left, and her son Joel, and daughter-in-law Jamie (back) and a MASP representative.

Congratulations Dinah on a well-deserved honor!

Davison students, staff shine at annual Priority Children's Award Breakfast

Davison High School seniors **Carlee Allard** and **Grace Olson** were awarded the Bob Emerson scholarship for their student leadership at the 2018 Children's Champion Awards Breakfast. Congratulations also to the other DHS students who were nominated for the award: **Bryce Bates**, **Katyanne Calleja**, **Jillian Calleja**, **Cameron Clolinger** and **Kali McQueen**.



Bryce, Cameron, Kali, Carlee, Grace, Katyanne and Jillian were nominated for the Robert E. Weiss Outstanding Youth Award.

The Bob Emerson Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. Emerson, who served Genesee County, dedicating his work to education and advancing the lives of children as a longtime state representative and senator.

Carlee and Grace were each nominated for the Robert E. Weiss Outstanding Youth Award. A high school student who has done something special to help make Genesee County a better community for children is eligible to be nominated. This can include, but is not limited to, mentoring/tutoring younger children, organizing initiatives to benefit

other high school students and/or volunteering for organizations that help children. A nomination in the Outstanding Youth category qualifies 12th grade students to apply for the Bob Emerson Scholarship of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint.

In addition to students, two staff members from Davison Community Schools were nominated for the Roy E. Peterson Caring Adult Award, which is awarded at an adult who goes beyond the call of duty to do something special to help make Genesee County a better community for children. Our very own Dr. Rebecca Vannest, Counselor at Davison Middle School, was selected as the recipient of this award (See story in the March Board Briefs). Also nominated was Superintendent **Eric Lieske**.

The Children's Champion Awards started in 1996 to recognize shining examples of those in the community doing good things for children.

Hill Elementary hosts visiting school districts with Linking Walk

As president of the Region V chapter of the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA), Superintendent **Eric Lieske** has played a very active role in leading the focus on literacy in Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola Counties through the Reading Now Network initiative that was created on the west side of the state. As part of this focus, teams of educators from the Region V area have begun visiting high performing schools through "Linking Walks" in order to collaborate and share learning strategies.

On March 6, Hill Elementary hosted a Linking Walk for approximately 25 educators from throughout Genesee County. It was an opportunity for Hill's literacy work to be analyzed and discussed through classroom observations. The visiting team was able to get a snapshot of our district's work in the area of early literacy and witness the high level of student engagement taking place in our classrooms.



Hats off to our Advisory Curriculum Council for its work in overseeing the process to implement curriculum, instructional strategies and assessment with fidelity throughout the district. There's great work going on in all of our school buildings throughout the district and this visit was an opportunity to highlight some of that work at Hill Elementary.

Information about Intersession III headed your way soon!

The final intersession is just around the corner (May 29-June 1)! Here is a sneak peak at some of the exciting things that will be offered:

Elementary and PreK theme: Incredible Inventions

Middle School students will have five different options for the week: 1) STEM, 2) Art, 3) Take a Trip with Me, 4) All Sorts of Sports and 5) Helping Hands Community Service.

High School students will also have five different options for the week: 1) Algebra I and II Support, 2) Helping Hands Community Service, 3) College Field Trips (EMU and U of M Flint), 4) Proud Lake State Recreation Area Canoe Trip and 5) Tour de Flint (Flint Institute of Arts, Flint Farmers Market).

Watch for flyers and registration details soon! Registration deadline will be April 27.

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, or would like to let us know what you are doing since graduation, please email us at:

medwards@davisonschools.org

Our talented Vocal and Instrumental Music students have been performing well at area competitions, bringing home a series of superior and excellent ratings. Here is a rundown of recent accomplishments:

- ♦ Last Saturday several Davison students participated in the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Competition at Lapeer High School. Davison participated in 18 events; 9 events received superior (I) ratings and 9 received excellent (II) ratings. Student musicians competing at the event included: **Mason Allen, Mia Aubuchon, Megan Burwell, Elijah Collins, Jacob Crotteau, Krysten DeLay, Madilyn Galbraith-Spearling, Kelcey Gardner, Rachel Hall, Lily Hathaway, Brennan Longtine, Josiah Powell, Zoie Royce, Miles Russell, Clarissa Simmonds, Alaina Smotherman, Madison Starr, Montgomery Stheiner, Maleia Thompson, Griffin Wagner and Josh Witt.**
- ♦ **DHS Concert Choir** received a 2nd Division score at District Choral Festival and **DHS Varsity Choir** received a 1st Division! The Festival was held last Thursday and Friday.
- ♦ **Mason Allen**, a senior horn player, was nominated to perform at the MYAF Festival (Michigan Youth Arts Festival) in the honors orchestra in May. He was selected from thousands of students across the state who participated in MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble. "This is quite an honor," said Instrumental Music Director **Jim Schuster.**
- ♦ Davison Middle School singers just finished at Choir Festival and here is the rundown from Vocal Music Teacher **Michelle Wilson** on the DMS vocal music competitions this spring. "I am currently bursting with pride!" Miss Wilson exclaimed. Solo and Ensemble: DMS took 12 events and came away with one "2" and eleven 1s; Eight of those 1s were "superior" ratings (either a perfect or nearly perfect score). At Choir Festival: Cardinal Men: 2 (but on the higher side, a couple of points from a 1); Cardinal Singers/Music Masters combined: 1; Mezzo Voce: 1, "superior."
- ♦ The **Davison Middle School Symphony Orchestra** and **Cardinal Band** as well as the **Davison High School Concert Band** and **Wind Ensemble** all received ratings of 1 on Saturday, March 3, at the MSBOA festival held at Swartz Creek. On Friday, March 2, the Davison High School String Orchestra and Symphonic Orchestra also received ratings of 1.



"Congratulations to the Davison Middle School eighth graders who participated in the 62nd annual Flint Regional Science Fair held this past weekend. Central Elementary fourth grade student **Kael Morningstar** also entered a project in the Fair.

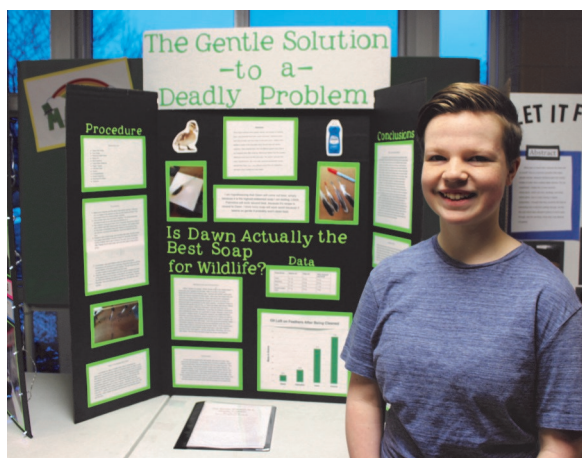
"This was a great year with a record number of finalists," said DMS Science Teacher **Kirk Hansen**.

Davison Middle School had 28 finalists:

6th place finalists receiving \$100 Amazon gift cards: **Ben Stoica, Lance Johnson, William Hartman, Elliott Sanford, Emma Siekierski, Kylie Laux, Kennedy Herriman, Halayna Bollwitt, Jasmine Hadley, Marisa Metzger and Jon Faydenko.**

5th place finalists receiving \$150 Amazon gift cards: **Frank Manley, Baylei Cameron, Amanda Glanton, Gabe Ashley, Ray Sturgill, Cianna Hill, Hope Conger, Alora Sevenski, Kaden Peel, Lily Mataway, Cy Stavros and Carlee Sawvel.**

4th place finalists receiving \$250 Amazon gift cards: **Isaac Norton, Caden Escue, Sydney Schneider and Dallas Dunning**



Lily Roof is a second place finalist in the Flint Regional Science Fair.

2nd place finalist receiving \$400 Amazon gift card: **Lily Roof**

In all, DMS students earned 17 specials awards and \$4,350 in Amazon gift cards.

Here is a list of the students who participated, their project title and award status:

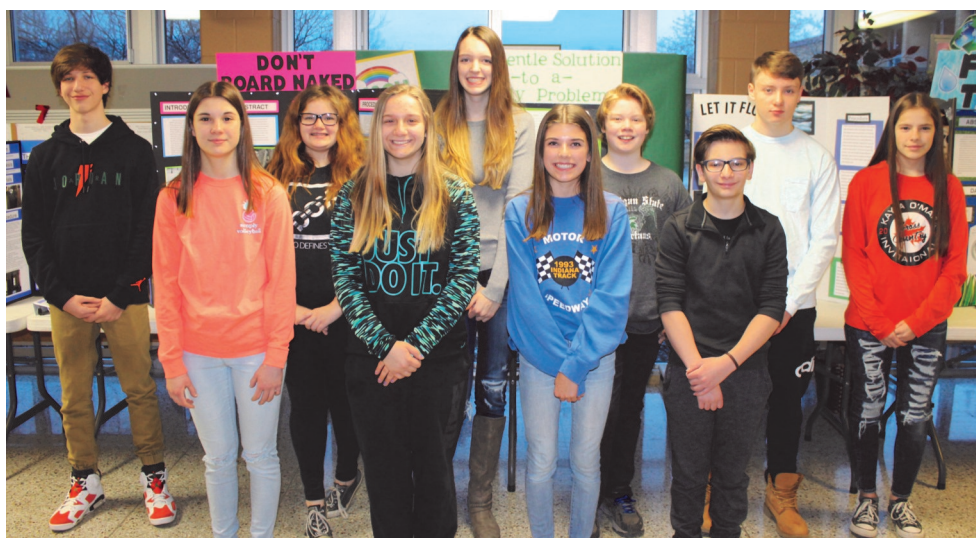
- **Kael Morningstar**, "The French Fry Experiment," Research Fellow
- **Corbin Allen**, "Let it Grow?" Research Fellow
- **Elias Ascencio**, "Do You Know What's On Your Counter?" Honorable Mention
- **Clara Asher**, "Fertilizer vs. Compost," Research Fellow
- **Gabriel Ashley**, "Shed a Little Light on Light Bulbs," 5th place, \$150
- **Rylie Barker**, "Testing Moisture," Honorable Mention
- **Christopher Beller**, "What Makes Me Gassy?" Honorable Mention
- **Sophia Biazza**, "Clean Up Time," Honorable Mention
- **Halayna Bollwitt**, "Winter Harvest," 6th place, \$100
- **Ryan Bougie**, "Are You Cleaner Than Your Animals?" Honorable Mention
- **Gabe Bradley**, "Make Water Great Again," Honorable Mention
- **Rylee Brown**, "Health," Research Fellow
- **Jackson Bunyak**, "Natural vs. Chemical Cleaners," Honorable Mention
- **Zachary Callan**, "Paper Plate Speaker," Research Fellow
- **Sam Calleja**, "Laser Lights," Honorable Mention
- **Baylei Cameron**, "Life Through a Lens," 5th place, \$150
- **Isabella Cecchini**, "Solar in the Snow," Honorable Mention
- **Jimmy Colley**, "Removal of Green Stuff," Research Fellow

- **Hope Conger**, "Best Cleaning Solution," 5th place, \$150, Advance Urgent Care Award
- **Brady Corkins**, "Solar Oven," Honorable Mention
- **Caitlin Cottrill**, "Liar, Liar Pants on Fire!" Honorable Mention
- **Aiden Curl**, "Speed Freeze," Honorable Mention
- **Lucas Daunt**, "Coliform No More!" Research Fellow
- **Sean Davis**, "Float the Boat," Research Fellow
- **Zak Dehaven**, "Field Fertilizer Effects," Honorable Mention, Flint River Watershed Coalition Award
- **Caitlin Dellinger**, "Radiation from Technology," Honorable Mention



Fourth place finishers Isaac Norton, Sydney Schneider Dallas Dunning and Caden Escue.

- **Austin Dunaway**, "What You See Is What You Get!" Research Fellow
- **Dallas Dunning**, "Water, The Driving Force of All Nature," 4th place, \$250, Broadcom MASTERS Award
- **Olivia Durham**, "What Type of Wood Burns the Longest?" Honorable Mention
- **Sydney Dyer**, "Crazy Cookie Testing," Research Fellow
- **Caden Escue**, "The Art of Sound," 4th place, \$250, Broadcom MASTERS award



5th place finalists receiving \$150 Amazon gift cards: (Back row) Frank Manley, Baylei Cameron, Amanda Glanton, Gabe Ashley, Ray Sturgill, Ciana Hill, Hope Conger, Alora Sevenski, Lily Mataway, Cy Stavros. Not pictured: Kaden Peel and Carlee Sawvel.

- **Jonathan Faydenko**, "Let It Grow," 6th place, \$100
- **Haley Ferguson**, "5 Second Rule," Honorable Mention
- **Aidan Fisackerly**, "Fingerprints Through Time," Research Fellow
- **Shane Gagnon**, "Is Your Bathroom as Safe as it Looks?" Honorable Mention, McLaren Health Care Corp. Microbiology Award
- **Madison Gatewood**, "Connection to Convection," Honorable Mention
- **Kent Giesleman**, "Burn Water," Research Fellow
- **Tristan Glann**, "The Best Insulation," Honorable Mention
- **Amanda Glanton**, "Wind Turbine Efficiency," 5th place, \$150
- **Jasmine Hadley**, "Sunscreen Protection," 6th place, \$100
- **Christopher Hall**, "Cleaning the Chicken Juice," Honorable Mention
- **Rebekah Hall**, "Recreation to Restlessness," Honorable Mention, McLaren Health Care Corp.

Behavioral and
Social Science
Award

- **Harmony Harrington**, "Phone Radiation," Honorable Mention
- **William Hartman**, "How Well do Shingles Insulate a House?" 6th place, \$100
- **Jackson Hartwell**, "Plants: Kitchen or Space." Honorable Mention
- **Emma Hawley**, "How Does Music Effect Your Blood Pressure?" Honorable Mention



6th place finalists receiving \$100 Amazon gift cards are: (Back Row) Ben Stoica, Lance Johnson, William Hartman, Elliott Sanford, Emma Siekierski, Kennedy Herriman, Jasmine Hadley; Front row: Halayna Bolwitt, Kylie Laux and Jon Fadenko. Not pictured is Marissa Metzger.

- **Kylee Henney**, "Flint's Water Crisis on Creatures," Research Fellow
- **Lauryn Henry**, "Food for Thought," Honorable Mention
- **Kennedy Herriman**, "Growing Plants Using Aquaponics," 6th place, \$100
- **Cianna Hill**, "Manure vs. Chemical," 5th place, \$150, Association for Women Geoscientists Award
- **Kierden Howay**, "How Long Do Stains Last on Teeth?" Honorable Mention
- **Abigail Howes**, "Best Cleaners for a Classroom," Research Fellow
- **Savannah Hull**, "Minty Mystery," Honorable Mention
- **Lance Johnson**, "If It Spins, It Wins," 6th place, \$100
- **Ella Jones**, "Best Whitening Toothpaste," Honorable Mention
- **Madison Jones**, "Can Detergents Be Doubtful?" Research Fellow
- **Eoin Kelly**, "Swipe the Screen," Honorable Mention
- **Kadence Kenyon**, "Insulators," Honorable Mention
- **Meara King**, "Defrosting Bacteria," Research Fellow
- **Mya Kraut**, "Fingerprints: DNA the Same?" Honorable Mention
- **Kylie Laux**, "Pesticides on Shrimp," 6th place, \$100
- **Ivan Liang**, "Natural Water Filters," Research Fellow
- **Joey Lindsay**, "Goodbye Weather Channel," Honorable Mention
- **Grace Luea**, "Saturated Fats with Iodine," Honorable Mention
- **Frank Manley**, "Helping Heat Strokes," 5th place, \$150
- **Danielle Marinco**, "Which Fungal Medicine is Most Effective?" Research Fellow
- **Hunter Martin**, "How Does Acid Rain Affect Plant Growth?" Research Fellow
- **Owen Martin**, "Effects of Multiple Water Filtration Systems," Research Fellow
- **Jonathan Mason**, "Gun Accuracy," Honorable Mention
- **Lily Mataway**, "Ocean Acidification," 5th place, \$150
- **Ashton Maygar**, "Potato Power," Honorable Mention
- **John McCaffrey**, "Strongest Adhesive," Honorable Mention
- **Aiden McDonald**, "What Grips the Turf the Best?" Research Fellow
- **John McGinnis**, "How Will You Grow???" Honorable Mention

- **Ella McLeod**, “The Better Bat,” Honorable Mention
- **Anna McMartin**, “Saving Water,” Honorable Mention
- **Avery Metzger**, “Heart Rate Affected by Sleeping,” Honorable Mention
- **Marisa Metzger**, “Top Soil and Check-Dams,” 6th place, \$100, Michigan Association of Hazardous Materials Professionals Award
- **Jessica Minto**, “What Wood You Pick?” Honorable Mention
- **Nathan Murawski**, “What’s Better?” Research Fellow
- **Cara Nanney**, “Radiation vs. Seeds,” Research Fellow
- **Donovan Navarre**, “Science,” Honorable Mention
- **Jody Nichols**, “Wind Blades Galore,” Honorable Mention
- **Isaac Norton**, “Bus Seats, What’s Best?” 4th place, \$250, Broadcam MASTERS award
- **Owen Payne**, “It is Getting Hot in Here,” Research Fellow
- **Kaden Peel**, “Water You Doing to Help?” 5th place, \$150, Genesys Regional Health Center Award
- **Sophia Perrault**, “Crisp Contacts,” Research Fellow
- **Logan Pethers**, “How the Flex of a Hockey Stick Affects Speed of Shot,” Research Fellow
- **Nicklas Pilon**, “Green vs. Non-Green Cleaners,” Honorable Mention
- **Connor Pollard**, “Bridges and Stuff,” Honorable Mention
- **Mason Polmanteer**, “What Household Item Uses the Most Electricity?” Honorable Mention
- **Grace Pratt**, “Is Poop the New Scoop?” Research Fellow
- **Draya Raby**, “Caffeinated Plants?” Honorable Mention
- **Hadley Reek**, “Cellphone Radiation Leakage,” Research Fellow
- **Linda Renner**, “Bacteria in Your Cleaner,” Honorable Mention
- **Dale Roberts**, “The Clean Way to Water,” Honorable Mention
- **Collin Rodgers**, “These Oils Are Smoking,” Honorable Mention
- **Kendall Rodgers**, “Hydro vs. Traditional,” Honorable Mention
- **Hannah Roesner**, “Saving Heat,” Research Fellow
- **Lily Roof**, “The Gentle Solution to a Deadly Problem,” 2nd place, \$400, Broadcam MASTERS, MIDHHS Explore Lab Science Program Silver award
- **Wyatt Rutledge**, “The Wind Works,” Honorable Mention
- **Elliott Sanford**, “Different Shaped Skyscrapers and Wind,” 6th place, \$100
- **Ian Sawel**, “A Windy Place,” Honorable Mention
- **Carlee Sawvel**, “Fabulous Fabrics,” 5th place, \$150
- **Hope Scally**, “#1 Way to Study,” Honorable Mention
- **Sydney Schneider**, “Water Filter Frenzy,” 4th place, \$250, Broadcam MASTERS, Genesys Regional Health Center (Cellular and Molecular), MIDHHS Explore Lab Science Program Gold Award
- **Tyler Scroggins**, “What Dome Design Will Produce the Most Energy,” Research Fellow
- **Alora Sevenski**, “Live from the Hive with Chicken,” 5th place, \$150
- **Emma Siekierski**, “Gray, Filtered or Tap?” 6th place, \$100, Flint River Watershed Coalition Award
- **Lilianna Smith**, “Video Games—How Effective Are They?” Honorable Mention,
- **Elizabeth Springsteen**, “Key to Gardening,” Research Fellow
- **Dylan Sredich**, “What Material is the Best for Filtering Water?” Honorable Mention
- **Cy Stavros**, “Saving the Earth With Bubbles,” 5th place, \$150, American Meteorology Society Award
- **Wyatt Stevens**, “Wi-Fi Frequency Differences,” Honorable Mention
- **Ben Stoica**, “The Best Snowboard Wax?” 6th place, \$100
- **Kate Stone**, “Hamstring Research,” Research Fellow
- **Ray Sturgill**, “What is in Our Ice Machines?” 5th place, \$150, Genesys Regional Health Center (Medicine and Health Services) Award



- **Charley Sumner**, "Thinking Organic Fertilizer is Better? Well You thought Wrong." Honorable Mention
- **Angelina Szuch**, "Music Health," Research Fellow
- **Rachel Taipalus**, "Peanut Residue," Honorable Mention
- **Caroline Vance**, "Worms? Whatever ..." Honorable Mention
- **Emma Walker**, "5 Second Rule," Honorable Mention
- **Carlie Walls**, "Different Water Types," Research Fellow
- **Brianna Wheaton**, "Fumes," Honorable Mention
- **Chase Whitby**, "What's Better for Berms and Check Dams Dirt/Rock?" Honorable Mention
- **Wesley Widmann**, "Why Renewable?" Research Fellow
- **Heidi Williamson**, "Healing Honey," Honorable Mention
- **Avery Wilson**, "Composting Craziiness," Honorable Mention
- **Taylor Woolman**, "Which Whitening," Research Fellow
- **Ronnie Worth**, "Soapy Situation," Honorable Mention
- **Noah Young**, "Pennies Matter," Research Fellow
- **Nayla Zimmerman**, "How Dirty Different Surfaces Are Around the House," Honorable Mention
- **Marcus Zuccaro**, "Blocking Connection," Honorable Mention

