



A Review of the
Great Things
Happening in
Our Schools.

March 22, 2017

Building Beat

Upcoming ...

Thursday, March 23:

Hahn Boys Choir II
Performance, 7 p.m. DHS
Auditorium

Friday, March 24:

Popcorn Friday at Hill
Elementary

Central—Jogging Suit Day
(March is Reading Month
Activity)

March Mania Fun Night,
6-9 p.m. DHS

Monday, March 29:

Hill Elementary Instrument
Petting Zoo, 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursday, March 30:

Hahn Physics Hop

Friday, March 31:

No School for Students

PD/Records Day for
Teachers

April 3-7:

Spring Break; School
resumes Monday, April 10

Student musicians continue to impress with their talents

We have a lot to be proud of when it comes to the talented students who make up our choral and instrumental programs. Our students continuously make it to state level competitions and are invited to perform at elite venues. Here's a rundown of what has been happening lately with our vocal and instrumental programs.

This weekend, DHS Band and Orchestra students performed at the State Solo Ensemble Festival. Instrumental Music Director **James Schuster** said DHS had 15 events participating and, of those, 12 received superior ratings (I) and three received excellent ratings (II). Congratulations to all who performed:

- ◆ **Elijah Collins** - Bassoon Solo
- ◆ **Maleia Thompson** - Bassoon Solo
- ◆ **Marleigh Matthews** - Viola Solo
- ◆ **Hazel Daniels** - Piano Solo
- ◆ **Katie Pulaski** - Clarinet Solo
- ◆ **Nicole Vert** - Flute Solo
- ◆ **Kelcey Gardner** - Violin Solo
- ◆ **Kelcey Gardner** - Viola Solo
- ◆ **Josh Witt & Miles Russell** - Trombone Duet
- ◆ **Emma Schafsnitz** - Flute Solo
- ◆ **Zach Hathaway** - Trumpet Solo
- ◆ **Mason Allen** - Horn Solo
- ◆ **Madilyn Galbraith-Spearling** - Oboe Solo
- ◆ **Lilly Hathaway** - Alto Sax Solo
- ◆ **Samantha Tracey, Tadzui Kosiara, Marleigh Matthews, McKenna Dutkiewicz, Jacob Gieselman** - String Quintet



Katie Pulaski performs at Solo and Ensemble Feb. 11 at Swartz Creek.

Davison Middle School students competed in the Solo and Ensemble Festival Saturday, March 4. DMS entered 24 events and brought home 41 medals, including 18 Top Ratings from the judges.

The Middle School's Cardinal Band and Symphony Orchestra received perfect scores at the MSBOA Festival. Each group was required to perform a concert of three pieces of music: a traditional march, a required number that the festival chooses and a selected piece that the band chooses itself. Additionally, each band must sight-read a new piece of music that they have never seen before. All of this is performed in front of a panel of four judges who comment and then grade each group on its concert. Both the DMS Cardinal Band and Symphony Orchestra earned "Top Ratings" ("straight A's") from each of the four judges, with comments of "Outstanding Performance", and "Superior Band."

Davison High School student musicians received 18 Superior Ratings and three Excellent Ratings at District Solo and Ensemble February 11 in Swartz Creek. Students who participated included: **Marleigh Mathews, Madilyn Galbraith, Mason Allen, Michael Nickels, Zach Hathaway, Bradley Skellenger, Cameron Whalen, Hazel Daniels, Griffin Wagner, Nicole Vert, Josh Witt, Miles Russell, Jason Millis, Montgomery Stheiner, Levi Stevens, Maleia Thompson, Samantha Tracey, McKenna Dutkiewicz, Tadziu Kosiara, Jacob Gieselman, Kelcey Gardner, Katie Pulaski, Lilly Hathaway, Jacob July, Brennan Longtine, Eli Collins, Emma Schafsnitz, Katie Oppenheim, Lydia Oppenheim, Angelica Freese and Hope Cantrell.**



Katie Bozynski, Tristram Shayna and Bradley Skellenger were selected for State Honors Choir.

Congratulations to Davison High School students **Katie Bozynski, Tristram Shayna and Bradley Skellenger** for their selection into the State Honors Choir. Earlier this school year, the students auditioned and were accepted into the Michigan Regional Honors Choir, a group of more than 120 extremely talented students chosen from schools scattered throughout a handful of Michigan counties. They attended a day-long clinical at East Grand Rapids High School, where they auditioned yet again to move on to the State level. All three students were accepted and performed in January with hundreds of students from the entire state of Michigan. Great job and way to represent Davison!

On January 28, the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association held its Middle School Honors Band Festival. In this annual event, the best 100 student-musicians in the mid-Michigan area are selected based on their performances at the Solo & Ensemble Festival and on the recommendation of their band directors. The group met early Saturday morning at Ortonville Brandon High School and rehearsed all morning and afternoon together under the direction of Dr. Joe Shively from Oakland University. They were given lunch and dinner, and treated to a Big Band Jazz Program during a mid-day break. Then on Saturday evening, they performed an amazing concert in the Brandon Auditorium to a "standing room only" crowd. Davison Middle School was well-represented with six students selected to participate in this tremendous musical experience: **Nora July** on flute, **Lillian Roof** on oboe, **Samira Chetta** on clarinet, **Mitchell Dyer** on trumpet, and **Kaitlyn McMartin** and **Tessia Auger** on French horn were chosen to be members of this select group. Congratulations to these student musicians for all of their hard work, talent and success in the MSBOA Honors Band!

Last but not least, congratulations to our staff members who provide their guidance and expertise to maintain the tradition of quality and excellence for our vocal and instrumental music programs: **Garth Starr, Susan McMartin, John Marttila, Jim Bronson, Michelle Wilson, Jennifer Orkisz and Jim Schuster.**

Quiz Bowl team headed for state championship bid

The Davison High School **Varsity Quiz Bowl** has been on fire this season and is headed for the state championship playoffs in April after an impressive 20-5 season and Genesee Academic League Division II Championship title. The team made it to the quarterfinals of the WCMU Quiz Central but, unfortunately, lost to defending state champ Flushing.

That hasn't stopped the team from looking ahead to the state finals, though, set for Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, at Michigan State University.

"We still practice, but now we are running practices in state tournament format—two 15-minute halves, with new scoring rules ... +15 for a correct answer and -5 for an incorrect answer," said Team Sponsor **Mike Baysdell**. "Bonus questions are 10 points, but no penalty for wrong answers. The team is fighting to adjust to this, since Genesee Academic League rules don't have point deductions. We're trying to retrain the team only to answer when there's a strong likelihood of being right, not just a shot in the dark."

Current members of the Quiz Bowl Team include: Captain **Samantha Tracey**, **Jacob Gieselman**, **Hanna Schian**, **Michael Stubbert**, **Michael Schiestel**, **Brian Hall**, **John McLaughlin** and **Samantha Kester**.

DMS students compete at 61st Flint Regional Science Fair

It has been a tradition for Davison Middle School students in **Mr. Kirk Hansen's** Honors Essential Earth Science to compete at the Flint Regional Science Fair and this year was no exception.



Matt Davidson

Congratulations to all the eighth graders who participated in the 61st annual Fair.



Natalie Benjamin



A special congratulations to our 15 finalists:

- ♦ 2nd place **Matt Davidson**
- ♦ 3rd place **Jack Banes** and **Natalie Benjamin**
- ♦ 4th place **Hayden Sitko**, **Xavier Murphy**, **Andrew Meikle**, and **Grayson Lumsden**
- ♦ 5th place **Ember Martin**, **Eric Hunsinger**, **Terry Dean**, **Harry Unger**, **Crystal Pace**, **Hannah Eller**, **Juli Deming**, and **Hailey Croff**

Backrow (left to right) **Xavier Murphy**, **Jack Banes**, **Harry Unger**, **Eric Hunsinger**, **Ember Martin**, **Grayson Lumsden**, and **Terry Dean**; front row (left to right) **Andrew Meikle**, **Julianna Deming**, **Hannah Eller**, **Hayden Sitko**, **Crystal Pace** and **Hailey Croff**.

In all, DMS students earned over \$2850 in awards and Amazon gift cards.

Here is a list of the students who competed and their projects:

- ♦ **Isabella Allen** (Moldy Bread)
- ♦ **Parker Arnold** (Does More than 3 Mean More Energy?), Honorable Mention
- ♦ **Mia Aubuchon** (Are Maps Leading Us in the Wrong Direction?)
- ♦ **Tessia Auger** (How Does Light Affect Chicken Egg Production), Honorable Mention
- ♦ **Paul Badour** (Soil From Around the World)
- ♦ **Silas Baker** (The Best Helmet for Concussion Prevention)
- ♦ **Jack Banes** (Does the Year Really Matter?), third place, \$300, Broadcom MASTERS Award
- ♦ **Dominic Barker** (Which Whitening Toothpaste is Most Effective), Honorable Mention

- ◇ **Natalie Benjamin** (Bioremediation: A Slick Solution for a Crude Problem), third place, \$300, Broadcom MASTERS, Flint River Watershed Coalition and Genesys Regional Health Center awards
- ◇ **Enoch Berhe** (Bacteria Battler), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Ryan Bierbusse** (A Faster Way to Move Water), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Taylor Bogard** (Scrub-A-Dub-Dub), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Graham Borton** (Penetration Depths of Arrows Into a Sandbag), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Grace Boyer** (Home Heating), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Elizabeth Brandes** (Strongest Building Structure)
- ◇ **Rogan Caballero** (Mysterious Mediums), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Josie Chandler** (Are Eye Witnesses' Testimonies Reliable?), Honorable Mention, Genesys Regional Health Center award
- ◇ **Samira Chetta** (Frigid Refrigerators), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Tyler Chorley** (The Summarization of the Flint Water), Honorable Mention, City of Flint Water Treatment Plant * Facilities award
- ◇ **Neal Clayton** (Is Your Food Safe in 5 Seconds?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Nolan Close** (Focus: Genres & Generations), American Psychological Association award
- ◇ **Gabrielle Collick** (I Wet My Plants ...)
- ◇ **Lauren Coughlin** (Killer UV)
- ◇ **Carson Craig** (Which Fertilizer Works Best?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Hailey Croff** (Chemical and Natural Cleaners), fifth place, \$100
- ◇ **Joey Crowley** (Hydroponics vs Aquaponics), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Ella Cumpata** (Plants Go Horizontal), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Jordanne Dankert** (Brita vs Natural Filters: Which is Cleaner?), City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities award
- ◇ **Ellary Darling** (Got Mold?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Matt Davidson** (These Oils Are Smokin'), second place, \$400, Broadcom MASTERS award
- ◇ **Terry Dean** (Hot and Your Cold), fifth place, \$100
- ◇ **Brendan DeLay** (Which Soap Works the Best?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Julianna Deming** (Drink Distilled), fifth place, \$100
- ◇ **Brielle Doyle** (Which Face Wash is the Best?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Hudson Doyle** (What is the Most Protective Phone Case Material?)
- ◇ **Kaden Duckworth** (How Does Music Affect a Person's Concentration?), Honorable Mention, U.S. Navy Office of Naval Research award
- ◇ **Mitchell Dyer** (Energy Consumption), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Hannah Eller** (Canine Catastrophe), fifth place, \$100
- ◇ **Donovan Estes** (Plant Growth Acceleration), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Tyler Gibbard** (How Easily Can Your Password Be Hacked?), Honorable Mention, U.S. Navy Office of Naval Research award
- ◇ **Claire Goulet** (What Is The Best Nail?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Trayza Haido** (Ice Ice Baby), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Lucas Hicks** (Life Saving Equipment), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Evan Hodack** (Acid Rain and Its Effect on Metals), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Lucas Hufton** (Mute Materials), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Eric Hunsinger** (Heat Retention), fifth place, \$100

- ◇ **Colton Jeffries** (How Well Are Bridges Built?)
- ◇ **Tyler Jobe** (Plants Growing in Water)
- ◇ **Sydney Jones** (Is Gray Water Good Growing Water?) City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities award
- ◇ **Alivia Katrinic** (Hair Strength) City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities award
- ◇ **Allycia Katrinic** (Water Filtration), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Isabelle Keeler** (Does Exercise Help Sleep?)
- ◇ **Cash King** (I Don't Know), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Landon Kish** (What is More Accurate, Buckshot or Slugs?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Owen LaFontaine** (Flying Cars)
- ◇ **Michael LaBean** (Can I Make Clean H2O Flow?), City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities award
- ◇ **Andres Lambaria** (Shower Head), Honorable Mention, City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities award
- ◇ **Ivan Larr** (Feud of the Fertilizers), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Emma Lewandowski** (What Soaps Get Rid of Crude Oil The Best?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Mara Lieske** (Safely Sleeping) U.S. Navy Office of Naval Research award
- ◇ **Cameron Livingston** (Calorimetry)
- ◇ **Jillian Lorf** (Be On Guard for Bacteria)
- ◇ **Grayson Lumsden** (Pesticides in Water), fourth place, \$200, Broadcam MASTERS, City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities, McLaren Health Care Corp. awards
- ◇ **Andre Luna** (Rodin Coils, Magnetic Hydropropulsion and the Hunt for Red October)
- ◇ **Jenna MacDonald** (Could Survival Candles Save Your Life?)
- ◇ **Luke Malenich** (Which Pan Conducts Heat the Best?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Bailey Maloney** (Will it Grow?)
- ◇ **Caleb Manville** (Wi-Fi - What Not to Put In Front of It), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Ember Martin** (Water Wheel Paddles), fifth place, \$100, City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities award
- ◇ **Kaitlyn McMartin** (Can We Use Grey Water To Grow Plants?), Honorable Mention, City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities award
- ◇ **Andrew Meikle** (A Comparison of Water Treatment Methods), 4th place, \$200, Broadcom MASTERS, City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities, MI-AHMP Michigan Association of Hazardous Material Professionals, MIDHHS Explore Lab Science Program Gold awards
- ◇ **Raine Milledge** (How Much Visual Affects Food?)
- ◇ **Gabrielle Monreal** (What Cleaning Tool Cleans Your Phone the Best?)
- ◇ **Braeden Moore** (Bang For Your Buck), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Mariano Moritz** (Cool Coke)
- ◇ **Mallory Morton** (Helping With the Flint Water Crisis), City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities award
- ◇ **Sebastian Munsey** (What Objects Block Wi-Fi Waves?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Madison Murphy** (How Well Can People Describe a Crime Scene From Memory?)
- ◇ **Shelby Murphy** (Clean Up That Oily Mess!), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Xavier Murphy** (Hotter Than You Think), fourth place, \$200, Broadcom MASTERS award
- ◇ **Adrianna Nellet** (Flying Arrows), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Crystal Pace** (Greywater Could Save The World), fifth place, \$100, City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities, U.S. Navy Office of Naval Research, Mid-Michigan Ambulatory Physicians awards
- ◇ **Autumn Parsell** (How Clean Is Your Home?)

- ◇ **Jessalyn Peavyhouse** (Pollution In Snow), Honorable Mention, American Meteorological Society award
- ◇ **Payton Pizzala** (Cleat Traction)
- ◇ **April Princing** (Solar Powered Phone Charger)
- ◇ **Erin Rasberry** (Do Cheap Candles Burn Fastest?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Peyton Reitz** (What Insulation Works Best?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Melinda Rogers** (What is the Fastest Way to Cool Down a Can of Soda?)
- ◇ **Magdelene Rose** (Heart Beats: How Does Music Affect The Heart?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Molly Russell** (Contact Madness?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Bailey Saffron** (More Bacteria in Roller Blades or Ice Skates?), Mid Michigan Ambulatory Physicians award
- ◇ **Lauren Sayles** (Clean Water), Honorable Mention, City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities award
- ◇ **Joseph Schiestel** (Can You Hear Me Now?)
- ◇ **Ivan Sies** (Which Oil Is Better?)
- ◇ **Clarissa Simmonds** (AntioxiDONT'S), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Hayden Sitko** (Physics), fourth place, \$200, Broadcom MASTERS
- ◇ **Jack Slezak** (Basketball Bounce), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Emily Smith** (A Hairy Situation), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Regan Snyder** (Solar Cookin'), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Keegan Stamper** (Best Environments For Carrots), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Makela Stone** (Water Filtration), Honorable Mention, City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities award
- ◇ **Talia Swayze** (Does It Stick?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Jillian Tate** (Taste or Thought), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Brevik Tefft** (Video Game Rage)
- ◇ **Mia Telke** (Which Metal Corrodes the Least?), City of Flint Water Treatment Plant & Facilities award
- ◇ **Grace Thomas** (Which Electrolyte Fluids Keep Your Glucose Levels More Consistent When Exercising?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Harry Unger** (The Coolest Process), fifth place, \$100
- ◇ **Gabriella Watt** (Polluted Plants), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Krislin Weier** (How To Prevent Head Injuries in Football)
- ◇ **Dylan Wendel** (Packaging Peanuts of Bubble Wrap?), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Elizabeth Williams** (Preventing Coffee Stains), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Elise Willingham** (Pedal Power), Honorable Mention, FIRST Robotics Kettering University
- ◇ **Destiny Wilson** (Chargin' Up), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Troy Wittke** (Fabric Softeners Effect on Flamability), Honorable Mention
- ◇ **Madison Woodell** (Sucrose, Glucose, Fructose, Oh My).

DTV cleans up at Michigan Association of Broadcasters awards ceremony

Once again, our very talented DTV students came home with the hardware following the February awards ceremony of the Michigan Association of Broadcasters.

First place winners included:

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| ⇒ Digital Media Experience | Jillian Burger |
| ⇒ Most Innovative Media Technology | Jordyn Bruns |
| ⇒ Current Events | Calvin Phillips, Haley Garrett |

Second place winners were:

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| ⇒ Newscast | DTV Staff |
| ⇒ Hard News (Legionnaires) | Trace Clinton (2016 graduate) |
| ⇒ Current Events (Trump Vs Hillary) | Jordyn Bruns, Chris Kazo |

Congratulations to the DTV crew and Teacher **Randy Scott** on their accomplishments!

DHS junior earns title of Eagle Scout



Nathan McCatty, a junior at Davison High School, officially passed his board of review on November 29 to become an Eagle Scout.

Nathan is a member of Troop #168 and has been involved in Boy Scouts for six years. Passionate about the outdoors, Nathan's Eagle Scout project was building an 80-foot by 10-foot lean-to at the Flint Bowman Club's indoor/outdoor archery range to store equipment, trailers and other supplies exposed to the outside. The project entailed getting drawings, bids, township permits, ordering materials and building the lean-to to code. The Flint Safari Club and Davison Optimist Club helped fund the \$2,850 project.



Nathan works on his Eagle Scout project.

Nathan is the son of Tim and Susie McCatty.

Hill students selected to participate in Elementary Honors Choir

Twenty students from Hill Elementary were selected to participate in the Michigan Music Education Elementary Honors Choir this year. The students were accompanied by Hill Music Teacher Mrs. Lisa DuPrey and included: **Amelia Asher, Sophia Ashley, Aiden Bean, Rylee Bougie, Addison Dunning, Melodee Hampton, Natalie Harris, Helena Inga, Sophia Mauro, Audrey Murphy, Jaelyn Peavyhouse, Attyson Phelps, Breann Powell, Isla Puzjak, Kelsa Puzjak, Andrew Roberts, Sydney Selleck, Natalie Smith, Olive Tracy and Chloe Wheaton.** The students are in third and fourth grades.

DHS selects Students of the Month for January, February & March

MARCH

9th Grade - **Allison Nordquist**

Nominated by: **Mr. Blake Smith**

"Allison exemplifies the cardinal code in every way. Allison is always ready to learn and gives 110% in everything that she does. She is always sure to have her work completed and turned in on time. She is positive, friendly and helps others when needed. I can't think of many other students that would be more deserving for student of the month than Allison."

10th Grade - **Madison Strader**

Nominated by: **Miss Lauren Draper**

"Madison Strader is a huge asset to my Spanish 2 class. She is so caring, thoughtful and accepting of others. I count on her each and every day to help other students in the class and she does so with a smile. Madison takes pride in all of her work and is always striving to do better and be better. I cannot express how lucky I am to have her in class. Her contagious smile never fails to brighten my



Allison



Madison

day!"

11th Grade - **Blake Harris**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Darcey Kondel**

"Blake Harris is an outstanding student/teenager. He has chosen all year to sit next to students who are struggling so he can help them during class to stay caught up. He also comes in after school to help tutor students who may be struggling, even in other courses. Blake maintains a 4.0 in math all while taking college classes through the Davison Early College. He is always trying to gain a deeper knowledge of the subject and does not hesitate to ask for help if he needs it. He always shows up with a smile on his face and a positive attitude every day."

12th Grade - **Tiffani Delong**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Veronique Hungerford**

"Tiffani is probably one of the most positive students I have ever met. There is an aura about her that is quite noticeable. I have heard Tiffani make sincere and kind comments to many classmates almost on a daily basis. She has a kind word for everyone and I know that when I assign partners' work, she is always engaging her peer and encouraging him or her to do the work."

DAE - **Justin Sewell**

Nominated by: **Miss Crystal Weekley**

"Justin is a wonderful student. He is charismatic and energetic, and always does his best to involve himself in the class activities regularly. He is always courteous and respectful. He is attentive and helps in answering questions about difficult concepts during lecture, supporting others' willingness to learn and engage in the material. He is dependable and completes his work in a timely fashion, often helping his peers along the way. His desire to do well is admirable, and he motivates others to do well in physics."

FEBRUARY

9th grade: **Kellie Vo**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Linda Scharrer**

Kellie is very attentive in class. She listens carefully to project instructions and she rarely has to seek clarification. She is already a talented artist so she challenges herself to create more complicated art work. Kellie always has her work done on time and it is of the highest quality. She really does set an example of being "Davison Made" Keep up the good work Kellie!"

10th Grade: **Whitman Hopper**

Nominted by: **Ms. Leslye Long**

"Whitman is a pleasure to have in class. He is consistently in a good mood and comes to class with a smile, a positive attitude and is ready to learn. I can always count on Whitman to be helpful to me or to assist his fellow classmates that may be struggling. He is a great team player and is willing to work with anyone I ask him to. Whitman is a sophomore in a traditionally junior level course, Algebra 2. He continues to participate in lecture and notes each day, helping to contribute to the material being taught. Whitman works hard to turn all of his assignments in and is traditionally one of the high scores on my assessments. He is a great example for his fellow classmates. Whitman is a pleasure to have in class."

11th Grade: **Madelyn Bass**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Linda Martin**

"I am nominating Maddy Bass for student of the month for a few reasons: First of all, I can always count on Maddy to be supportive in the classroom by participating. She asks the questions that every-



Blake



Tiffani



Justin



Kellie



Whitman



Madelyn

one else is afraid to ask, and she offers to help fellow students by explaining directions in more common terms that she thinks kids can relate to. Because she comes to class 99% of the time with her work done, or is ahead of the assigned reading or work, she has time to do well. While she is often excited about sharing thoughts on a subject, she will often ask "Is it okay if I say this, or share this?" It is funny, because she has told me that she just wants to get things done so she doesn't have to worry about it later. Her positive attitude makes my job easier."

12th Grade: **Zach Siple**

Nominating Teacher: **Mrs. Shaun Kovatch**

"I can always count on a 'hello' when he enters the room and a 'have a great rest of the day,' when he leaves. Zach works hard on his studies, setting a wonderful example to his peers. I can always count on him to be helpful and kind, as he is always willing to assist in any way. Zach encompasses the qualities Davison should be proud of."

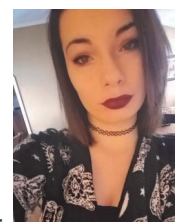
DAE: **Abigail Sabin**

Nominated by: **Ms. Raven Springsteen**

"Abby is a student who always abides by and represents the Cardinal Code. She is an attentive and kind student, and often goes above and beyond what is expected of her as a student and as a person. Recently, one of Abby's peers came back to school from an extended absence and was very nervous and anxious about her return. Abby saw this and was determined to make this student's transition as pleasant as possible; she approached the student and they became fast friends. Both girls were smiling and genuinely enjoying themselves. This is a great example of the kind of person Abby is on a daily basis: kind, supportive, and empathetic. We are so proud to have her here with us at DAE."



Zachary



Abby

JANUARY

9th Grade: **Sydney Valley**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Jody Baldrige**

"Sydney is always prepared for class! When she does not understand, she politely asks for clarification. I rarely see Sydney without a smile on her face. If I need a task completed, she will volunteer without hesitation. She also helps students when they do not understand. Sydney definitely has the characteristics of what a Davison High School student should be!"

10th Grade: **Lexi Billbrough**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Linda Scharrer**

"Lexi is a great student. She listens carefully to live demonstrations in class and strives to create high quality artwork. She always completes assignments by their due date. If she finishes early, she will always ask what she can do to help me."

11th Grade: **Avery Snyder**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Katie Davis**

"Avery is the model for what a student should be. She is kind to everyone she encounters, is a diligent student, and I can always count on her to be prepared for class. If she sees someone struggling on a task, she politely helps them in a very supportive way."

12th Grade: **Josh Lapeer**

Nominated by: **Mr. Brett Coron, Mr. Doug Wilson and Mrs. Christy Trzcinski**

Three Teachers nominated Josh for Student of the Month! Mr. Coron wrote that Josh is attentive in the classroom and maintains eye contact with speakers in the classroom. Josh is respectful of his classmates, uses manners, and allows for differences of opinion. Mr. Wilson wrote that Josh is a



Sydney



Lexi



Avery



Josh

model student who works hard at all times. He is someone that you can always trust in doing the "right" thing. He is a true model for the Cardinal Code. Mrs. Trzcinski wrote that Josh has created a bond with a fellow student and helps to keep the student on track and participating in the gym activity for the day. He is always considerate of others and does the best he can to help others in need.

DAE: **DeAmonte Smith**

Nominated by: **Mrs. Katie Davis**

"De is a great example of a student who follows the Cardinal Code. He is always kind and has a great, positive personality. He is dedicated to getting his work done, and always encourages his classmates to do their best. De is the type of student who raises the morale of a classroom."



DeAmonte

Siple begins "STARS of the Month" recognition program



Kendall Martin was very excited about her STAR selection for March.

Siple Elementary has instituted a "STARS of the Month" program to recognize those students who consistently follow the Cardinal Code in an exemplary way. Each month, classroom teachers nominated one student from their class to be entered into the grade level drawing for the STAR of the Month for that grade. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected:

FEBRUARY—Lauryn Lee, kindergarten; **Madelyn Natzke**, first grade, **Landon Elizando**, second grade; **Da'Vontae Glenn**, third grade; **Audrina Cull**, fourth grade.

MARCH—Kinsley Robertson, kindergarten; **Isabel Campbell**, first grade; **Alayna Martin**, second grade, **Kendall Martin**, third grade; **Cooper Austin**, fourth grade.

News from our Alumni

Jordann McDermitt (DHS Class of 2014) recently earned All-American honors with her sixth place performance in the 5000m at the D1 NCAA Track & Field Championships. Jordann attends Eastern Michigan University.

Kailee Tubbs (Class of 2016) was named to the Dean's List for the 2016 fall semester at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. In order to make the Dean's List, students must have a grade point average of 3.4 or above.

Kayla (Petrach) McDonell (DHS Class of 2008) was included in *Forbes' 30 Under 30 Class of 2017*, released by the magazine in January. Kayla is an exterior lighting design release engineer at General Motors. Kayla was recognized for her work on the Chevrolet Cruze. According to Forbes, Kayla worked with designers, supplies and factories worldwide on 46 separate lighting parts to meet quality, function and safety regulations in multiple countries. Kayla graduated from Kettering University with a mechanical engineering degree in 2012. Kayla married her husband, Josh McDonell, in 2015.

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