



*A Review of the
Great Things
Happening in
Our Schools.*

May 6, 2016

Building Beat

Upcoming ...

Friday, May 6:

DHS Student Talent Show,
7 p.m. Auditorium
Tickets \$5 each

Saturday, May 7:

Prom

Monday, May 9 :

Davison Early College Info
Meeting, 6-7 p.m. DHS
Athletic Meeting Room

Siple Elementary 3rd and
4th Grade Music Concert,
7 p.m. DHS Auditorium

M-STEP testing, 4th and
7th grades

Wednesday, May 11:

Early Release Day for
students in grades K-8

Thursday, May 12:

Davison Middle School Fine
Arts Celebration 5-7 p.m.
Cafeteria

Academic Awards for DHS
students grades 9-11,
7 p.m. Auditorium

Art students earn accolades for their talents, projects

Several Davison High School art students were recently recognized for their art work.

Shaylee Seymour, Krista Forbes and **Madelyn Vamossy** earned accolades at the 2016 Greater Flint Art Council's Young Artist Today high school juried art exhibition.

Shaylee earned a first place Best of Show while both Krista and Madelyn earned Honorable Mentions for their art work.

Sophomore **Damian White** recently attended the Detroit Area Film and Television Awards where he won Best of Show in the Animation category. Here is a link to his short animation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yak5isfZ4lQ>



A photo collage featuring works by Shaylee (left), Krista (upper right) and Madelyn (bottom right).

And last but not least, congratulations to DHS Art Teacher Mr. **Ryan Kelsey**, who was the recipient of the GFAC's The Award of Excellence in Teaching Art.

Spotlight to shine on students tonight at Talent Show

Seventeen Davison High School students will take to the stage at 7 p.m. this Friday, May 6, for the school's annual talent show. The show is open to the public and admission is \$5. The event is a fundraiser for the high school Guitar Club.

Auditions were held Wednesday, April 27.

Davison High School Teacher **Rob Belprez** has been organizing the talent show since he began working for the district 14 years ago. Mr. Belprez said the top three performers will receive cash prizes—the exact amount is determined by how many people show up since the entry fees are used to pay out the winners.

Students who will be performing include: **Kailyn Alderman, Chloe Pederson, Eric Nieves, Anthony Porritt, Julia & Jessica Byard, Anna Johns, Evan Johns, Logan Bailey and Mallory Markwardt, Madi Brock, Bella Joseph and Kailee**

Tubbs, Grace Russell and Jaki Domke, Jaide'Lanna Ankton and Abigail Fulcher, Kelsey Strader and Hazel Daniels, Kira Tvardos, Jalon Swinton, Moriah Anderson, Dane Morgan, Krissy Bombe, Destanie Coon, Emma Schafsnitz and Kinzie Burt.

New music club for 5-8th graders slated for 2016-17 school year

Vocal Music Teachers Ms. **Michelle Wilson** (Davison Middle School) and Mr. **Garth Starr** (Hahn Intermediate) are very excited about offering a new music club for students in grades 5-8 next school year. The club will be called Mezzo Voce, which mean “middle voice” in Italian. Students will need to audition and be accepted in order to join.

Mr. Starr said the group will participate in District Choral Festivals, school concerts, and there is already a choral workshop scheduled with the Western Michigan University Choral Director, Kim Adams.

“We have been applying for grants to get the club off the ground in an impressive way,” Mr. Starr said. “Through this process a donor has heard of our project and donated \$500 to the new choir. Her name is Judy Noye from Fenton. She is the long time friend of my late college mentor Carolyn Mawby from UM-Flint. It is nice to see that music patrons outside of Davison already see the value in this program and want to support it.”

Student garden area grows thanks to donations to build Hoop House

On a recent sunny—and very warm—Saturday, a couple of Hahn Intermediate students joined Math/Science Coordinator Mr. **Matt Lobban**, Hahn Intermediate Teachers Mr. **Bob Konzman** and Mrs. **Shelly Konzman**, Retired Teacher Mr. **Steve Selesky** (Shelly's father) and several others to put together a 15x9x40' Hoop House at the Community Gardens on Rising Street.

Students in Mr. Konzman's class have planted and harvested a garden for several years at the site. In fact, they use the vegetables they harvest at an annual classroom Thanksgiving feast.

A \$950 grant from the Community of Greater Flint/Davison Community Fund—Justin M. Jury Fund and Sherri E. Stephens Fund—paid for the project. Wojo's Greenhouse donated the frame.

“This will help to extend the growing season for our students as well as allow for Mr. Konzman's students to engage in place-based learning experiences in science,” Mr. Lobban said.



Hahn Intermediate students and Math/Science Coordinator Matt Lobban work on putting the frame together for the Hoop House at the Davison City Community Garden.

Blueberry ambassadors committed to making our community a better place

In the last Building Beat we did a shout out to all of our students and their teacher/school mentors who partici-

pated in the "I'm Concerned About the Blueberries" random acts of kindness program following an awards ceremony last month. Each of these students made a commitment to perform random acts of kindness. A sincere thank you to the following for making a difference in the lives of others as well as serving as excellent role models to the rest of us:

Central Elementary: Teacher Sponsor Mrs. **Keri Collins**

Students: **Claire Brock, Yona Boudagh, Shayna Boudagh, Preston Mata, Abbegail Gratsch, Andy Marshick, Rease Fladzinski, Allison Widmann.**

Gates Elementary: Teacher Sponsors Mrs. **Cindy McCollum** and Ms. **Tammy Trombley**

Students: **Kenadi Escue, Douglas Pray, Cora Brewer, Aaron Wesley, Brady Sayles, Adrianna LaLonde, Katie Timbs, Loki Padilla, Megan Gray, Elisha Trego, John Finch, Zoey Bednarski, Cheyenne Draper, Laney Wolschleger, Charlie Armstead, Alex Barrett, Caroline Bednarski, Annie Dieterich, Lauren Farrer, Kaitlyn Gibson, Sophia Grech, Olivia Hyatt, Sawyer Jones, Carter Monreal, Jacob Peterson, Daniel Seekings, Evann Thwing-Medbery, Dawson Wagner.**

Hill Elementary: Sponsors After School Coordinator Mrs. **Tracy Bennett** and Principal Ms. **Jennifer Torok**

Students: **Breeanna Bell, Body Bellamy, Talan Elliott, Grace Kellogg, Cael Kuzinski, Rachel Lashley, Abby Latchana, Gracie Little, Cole Lindsay, Lauren Martinez, Paige McArdle, Isabelle McKimmy, Sara Meikle, Casey Miller, Abigail Siekierski, Sydney Smith, Chloe Wright.**

Siple Elementary: Teacher Sponsors Mrs. **Ami Unger** and Mrs. **Debbie Bobchik**

Students: **Ciara Moore, Michael Williamson, Drake Allen, Luke Meyer, Bryce Hunsinger, Graham Cameron, Emma Parsons, Kara Bennett, Sawyer Glennie, Brooklyn Woughter, Lilly Meyer, Alex Martinez.**

Hahn Intermediate School: Teacher Sponsors Mrs. **Cayla Dowdall** and Mrs. **Tammy Fellows**

Students: **Kathryn House, Maicey Curtis, Abbie Britton, Sidney McLean, Grace Beamer, Kamden Walworth, Courtnie Church, Cally Scura, Mark Tedrick, Rachel Ross, Eva Latchana, Makayla McArthur, Breanna MacDonald, Claire Mattern, Sophia Biazza, Olivia Dirkse, Brooklynn Starr, Ella Keely, Kennedy Herri-man, Charley Sumner, Grace Webb.**

Davison Middle School: Sponsor Paraprofessional Mrs. **Dana Bougie**

Students: **Danyal Ishaque, Mya Hart-Armstong, Andrew Salmon, Emerson Hubble, Mackenzie Toman, Brendan Bradley, Jack Griswold, Megan Schutte, Chloe Schutte, Makayla Baker, Annabelle Bengé, Angalena Marquis, Josh Carto.**

A world competition and an impressive final ranking of #9 for House of Cards

It was a great season for the House of Cards Team #3534 as they competed in this year's game, FIRST STRONGHOLD.

"This years team has far surpassed our goals, which is the result of our students," said Davison High School Teacher and House of Cards Sponsor Mr. **Louis Renner**. "It's difficult to describe the feeling of watching 4,000 students and adult mentors raising the roof in the Edwards Dome at World Championship last week."

Here's a summary of the season:

- Total of 600 teams competed in eight divisions, 75 teams in each division.
- FRC Team 3534, House of Cards played in the Archimedes division. Finished Ranked 9th with 7-5-0 record.
- Captain of 8 alliance for the Archimedes Davison playoff. Lost to the 1 alliance, who went on to win the division.

Kettering Event #2

- Rank 4 out of 41 teams. 14-5-0 record
- District Event Finalist (second place), Creativity Award

Marysville Event

- Rank 8 out of 40 teams. 16-6-0 Record
- District Event Winner, Creativity Award

Michigan State Championship

- Rank 20 out of 102 teams. Record 9-8-0
- Playoffs. Passed through round of 16 into round of 8. Lost to State Winners.

For a link providing season events and video of each match, visit here: <https://www.thebluealliance.com/team/3534/2016>

“For a sample of level of play watch the Blue Alliance Team 330 after the 2:21 mark, (link provided below),” Mr. Renner said. “Just as 330 BOT begins the scale of the tower—on the left, it falls and lands on its backside. Amazingly it uprights itself and moves onto the batter (base of tower) for alliance points. The sound does not do it justice, but the entire stadium was in an uproar cheering and on their feet having watched this accomplishment. Sorry, but you just had to be there to experience the passion of these kids involved in this program from all over the world.”

To view: click here: https://www.thebluealliance.com/match/2016cmp_sf1m2

Davison Middle School announces Cardinals of the Month for April

Congratulations to the following students who have been named Cardinals of the Month at Davison Middle School for April 2016. Students are nominated by staff members for following the Cardinal Code.

Seventh Grade: Dominic Barker, Breyana Berger, Nicole Brewer, Kamerynn Byrd-Mink, Samira Chetta, Kaden Duckworth, Austin Dunaway, Kyla Duplanty, Andrew Eppler, Chloe Foskett, Kristina Hetherington, Rachel Hughes, Tyler Jobe, Spencer Johnson, Cash King, Savana Martin, Tyler Mistura, Olivia Moorhouse, Madison Murphy, Christian Schwabauer, Addison Shankel, Alaina Smotherman, Halei Starnes, Makela Stone, Zachery Templeton, Nicholas Watson and Krislin Weier.

8th Graders: Brendan Bradley, Mason Bridges, Alexis Cole, Felicity Connell, Madelyn Dorner, Madelynn

Dunn, Wynter Edgett, Michael Evans, Arrie Flood, Lindsay Gipson, Jackson Groat, Joshua Groce, Natalie Hamilton, Garrett Harchick, Evan Karr, Brianna Labo, Johnpaul Lepain, Alyssa Loy, Benjamin Mabry, Gwendolyn McAdams, Emma McCall, Dylan McMullen, Jason Millis, Jada Mills, Kelsey Morris, Hannah Murawski, Logan Nuckolls, Samantha Odalovich, Johanna Osborne, Kayla Poszywak, Caden Ranger, Emily Rose, Kimberli Ruff, Jeffrey Schmidt, Caleb Smith, Maleia Thompson, Jason Toney, Sydney Valley, Joshua Waller, Myrna Walters and Haylee Wigton.

DHS senior Michael Dotson honored at CTE Best of the Best Banquet

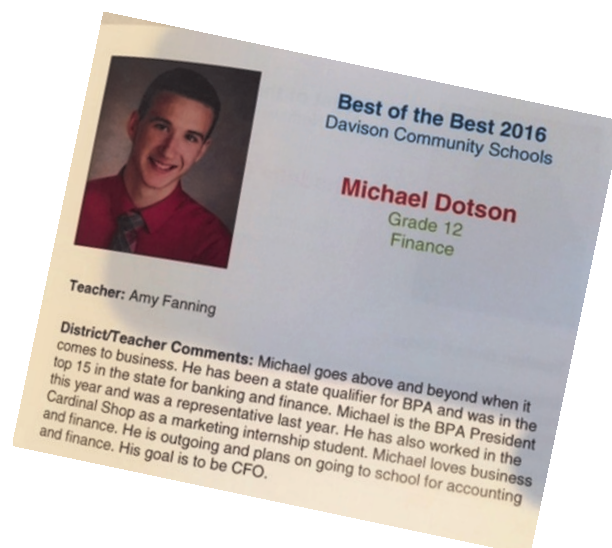
Congrats to senior **Michael Dotson**; Davison High School's Pick for "CTE Best of the Best!"

Michael was honored earlier this week at the Career and Technical Education Student Awards banquet held at the Genesee Career Institute. Great job, Michael!

Alumni News

Andrea Richards (Class of 2013) won the Thomas Emmitt Award at Siena Heights University as the top student athlete. Andrea has a 4.0 GPA, and was named All-Conference and MVP of the golf team.

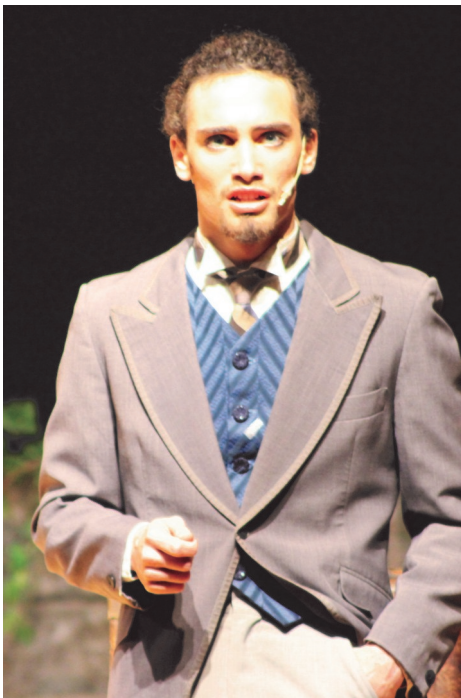
Former DTV student **Paul Gerke** (Class of 2005) recently began work as a sports reporter at a Tampa, Florida, television station. In his first on-air broadcast with the station, he remembers and drops the name of Davison High School math Teacher **Mike Steinkraus**. Check out the clip here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wAhyOy3xEBA>



We love to hear from our alums! If you have a story to share or would like to let us know what you are doing since graduation, please email us at: medwards@davisonschools.org



Bravo! Bravo! Davison High School Varsity Choir and Pit Orchestra students gave an outstanding performance of "The Secret Garden" last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Clockwise beginning with above, Mary Lennox (played by Devon Marinco) and Dickon (Tristram Shayna) sing "Show Me the Key;" Martha (played by Amelia Romzek) and Mary try to get Colin (played by Macy Mortimer) up and out of bed; Archibald, Mary's uncle, is played by JJ Myers.



The Secret Garden

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Clockwise beginning at right, the part of Lily is played by Cynthia Risch; Tyler Weidman's character is Ben Weatherstaff; Sasha Ducock plays the role of Mrs. Medlock in a scene with Devon Marinco, who portrays the lead character, Mary Lennox; Ellarie Prince plays the part of Rose Lennox.

