

Board Briefs



First week of May designated as Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Davison Board of Education members voted Monday night to designate May 1-5 as Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week at Davison Community Schools.

"The reason Davison Community Schools is a highly performing district is because of the people who work here," said Superintendent **Eric Lieske**. "The staff is also one of the reasons why we are becoming a destination district."

"We have a very caring and committed staff who truly do live out our mission of putting kids first," added Assistant Superintendent **Kevin Brown**.

Board Secretary **Karen Conover** applauded all district employees for their hard work.

"We see custodians, bus drivers, lunch ladies, in addition to our wonderful teachers, being so caring and nurturing to our kids," she said.

Curriculum materials/textbooks approved for 2017-18 year

Board members have approved the Advisory Curriculum Council's recommendations for textbooks and materials for the 2017-18 school year.

Curriculum materials for grades 5-8 math, instrumental music and physical education as well as high school AP literature, health, family decision making and U.S. history will be included in this year's recommendations, which total nearly \$200,000.

District curriculum coordinators, teachers and principals spend countless hours developing curriculum, evaluating materials and selecting appropriate books and materials for the classroom.

"I am just impressed with what gets done with the limited amount of resources we are able to offer," said Treasurer **Kim Lindsay**. "The staff is so creative in using things other than textbooks that get out of date even before they are printed. I'm very appreciative that staff is able to do what they do because of their creativity."



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Donations accepted

The following contribution has gratefully been accepted:

- Davison High School Boys' Lacrosse program has received the following donations: \$300 from the **Old Newsboys of Flint, Inc.** and \$400 from **Farmer's Insurance** to help purchase practice nets, back stops and agility and training equipment and \$1,000 from **Meijer, Inc.** to help purchase helmets.
- The **Davison Education Association** donated \$500 to Thomson, Hill and Siple elementary schools to purchase books for incoming students during Kindergarten Round-Up.

Conover named rep for GISD biennial election

Board Secretary **Karen Conover** will represent the Davison school board at the Genesee Intermediate School District's biennial election on June 5. President **Kathy Sudia** will serve as alternate.

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Presentations

Challenge Coordinator Laura Rooker named “Kids First” April recipient

Laura Rooker, Challenge Coordinator at Davison Alternative Education and Davison High School, is the April recipient of the “Kids First” Award.

Each month, administrators nominate a DCS employee who best exemplifies what it means to be “Kids First.” Winners receive a \$100 Visa gift card thanks to Mark Owen, owner of MEEMIC insurance agencies in Davison and Flint Township, and a certificate. The winner is chosen at random.

Ms. Rooker was nominated by Superintendent **Eric Lieske**, who wrote:

“Laura puts kids first in all that she does. Recently, some members of the high school staff put together the Cardinal Feeder food pantry. This program is a great idea, funded through donations and supervised by Laura. Having food available to kids when they are hungry or needing a brain break makes perfect sense. However, this type of program doesn’t work if the right person isn’t running it. The students of Davison High School value, trust and respect Laura completely. I’ve witnessed Laura when she interacts with the students she serves and each one is treated like her own children. They light up when speaking with her and know that she is there for them.”

Other great DCS staff members who were nominated this month include: **Sarah Driskill**, Teacher at Thomson Elementary; **Stephanie Davis**, Teacher at Davison Middle School; **Joe Francis**, Head Custodian at Hill Elementary; **Anne McDonald**, Secretary to the Principal at Siple Elementary; **Dinah Schultz**, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent at the Cardinal Center, **Tisha Torres**, Teacher at Davison Middle School; **Andrea Tomczak**, Career Placement Coordinator at Davison High School; and **Rachel Wheaton**, Teacher at Thomson Elementary.



Left to right, Superintendent Eric Lieske, Laura Rooker, Challenge Coordinator at DHS/DAE and Board of Education President Kathy Sudia.



All-State Musicians

Kelcey Gardner and Katie Pulaski were honored as All-State Musicians. Both were selected to perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival where Kelcey has been nominated as an Outstanding Soloist. Left to right are Instrumental Music Director Jim Schuster, Superintendent. Eric Lieske, Kelcey, Katie, Board President Kathy Sudia and Exec. Dir. of Student Services Holly Halabicky.

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5-time State Bowling Champs

For the fifth time in six years, the DHS Varsity Girls' Bowling Team has brought home the state championship banner. Team members and their coaches were recognized at Monday's board meeting. Left to right: front row, Callie Richardson-Fuller, Bailey Gipson, Taylor Davis, Kalee Johnson, Olivia Stephenson and Athletic Director Dave Beamer; back row, Board President Kathy Sudia, Superintendent Eric Lieske, Coach Robert Tubbs, Parent Volunteer Clarence Gipson and Coach Bryan Davis.



All-State vocal musicians

Tristram Shayna and Bradley Skellenger took a quick break from musical rehearsal in order to be recognized for their selection to the Michigan Youth Arts' All-State Choir. Left to right are Vocal Music Director Jennifer Orkisz, Superintendent Eric Lieske, Tristram, Board President Kathy Sudia, Bradley and Executive Director Of Student Services Holly Halabicky.

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All-State athlete

Dillon McArthur, a member of the Boys' Varsity Bowling Team, was honored for his state championship individual title. Left to right are: Board President Kathy Sudia, Superintendent Eric Lieske, Coach Robert Tubbs, Dillon, Coach Bryan Davis and Athletic Director Dave Beamer.



Leading the Pledge

This month's Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Gates Elementary Crowd Pleasers of the Month. Students are selected by their teacher for the honor based on their Cardinal Code behavior and attendance. The students were accompanied by Principal Mrs. Theresa Wendt and Teachers Mrs. Marie Glenn, Mrs. Christian Bush and Mrs. Faith Weir.

Action Items

Board approves student trip to International DECA conference

Fifty-two of Davison's finest students competed last month against more than 3,000 of Michigan's top marketing students at the State DECA Career Conference at the Cobo Center in Detroit. After a successful showing, Davison DECA chapter qualified 12 students who will go on to compete at the organization's international conference in Anaheim, California April 25 to May 1, after board members approved the trip at Monday night's meeting. This is one of the largest groups of students to ever qualify for nationals from Davison.

"The students have made it to this level. This puts them in the top ½ percent of marketing students in the world. This is the best of the best. Our 12 students want to see how they match up against the best," said chapter advisor and CTE Teacher **Matt Ames**.

DECA is an international student association of high school and college students studying marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality and marketing sales and service. DECA chapters operate in over 4,500 high schools worldwide and are recognized and endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education. Ranging from local to international levels, DECA students are involved in competitions, social activities, community service and real-work experience with local businesses. Within DECA, students get the opportunity to learn about an area of marketing that is of interest to them and integrate teamwork, problem-solving, interpersonal and leadership skills.

"It was cool to be really serious like a business professional in a real world setting," said chapter member **David Pinter**.

DECA competitors study marketing and business topics in over 40 different competitive marketing events in the classroom setting. They then practice how to present a project and think on their feet during role-playing situations. Students are able to experience first hand what they are learning in the classroom.

"It is good to meet other business people that are dedicated and have their focus on business," said chapter member **Jacob Coultas**.

The Davison students that competed qualified to attend the State Career Conference via their achievement at the district level or wrote a paper in their respective event in order to defend it at the state competition. The chapter's continued success comes from a tradition of high expectation and a lot of hard work.

Students who will be competing in Anaheim include: **Carlee Allard**, Community Service Project; **Justin Bishop**, Independent Business Plan; **Sarah Bradsher**, Independent Business Plan; **Jacob Coultas**, Leadership and Teamwork Event & School Based Enterprise; **Morgan Graham**, Chapter Awards Project; **Kerrigan Healy**, Leadership and Teamwork Event & School Based Enterprise; **Katie McNew**, Chapter Awards Project; **Kali McQueen**, Community Service Project; **Nathan Mudge**, Chapter Awards Project; **Isaac Navarre**, Quick Service Restaurant Marketing Event; **Grace Olson**, Community Service Project; and **Luis Perez**, Leadership and Teamwork Event & School Based Enterprise.

Students who competed at the state conference included: **Lindsey Anthony**, **Ally Bienkowski**, **Bridgett Brewer**, **Nadia Buterakos**, **Jacob Byas**, **Ellie Crandall**, **Jack Crandall**, **Harmony Curtiss**, **Kayla Dortch**, **Jaxon Evans**, **Jacob Ferguson**, **Erica Fredwall**, **Baylee Fridline**, **Eric Fridline**, **Adrian Gill**, **Kammilee Hammond**, **Carter Holmes**, **Carrington Koole**, **Macy Lintz**, **Lorenzo Luna**, **Emily Martin**, **Lane Matthias**, **Jade McClellan**, **Ty Metzger**, **Sarah Meyer**, **Ariel Miller**, **Michaela Munoz**, **Sierra Newcomb**, **Suthanya Phunsang**, **Cara Pietras**, **David Pinter**, **Preston Prater**, **Kaitlyn Sather**, **Abby Schiestel**, **Emily Schroeder**, **Trent Schumacher**, **Maranda Sutton**, **Logan Tersigni** and **Tirstan Walters**.