



Board Briefs

Two DHS students named as National Merit Scholar finalists

Davison High School students **Montgomery Stheiner** and **Robert Walker** have been recognized as National Merit Scholar finalists. This is a tremendous achievement as becoming a finalist requires scoring in the top 1% on the PSAT.

The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/ NMSQT®)—which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.6 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements.

All Finalists are considered for one of the 2,500 National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships. National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship winners are the Finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Montgomery is the son of Shane and Terri Stheiner. He is a member of the marching band, jazz band and pit orchestra. He also participates in the La-peer Symphony Orchestra, the Flint Youth Symphony

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Superintendent Kevin Brown, Montgomery Stheiner, Robert Walker and Board President Kathy Sudia.

Davison Community Schools

Where Kids Come First and Futures Begin

Connections ♦ Curriculum ♦ Opportunities

Board approves Robotics trips

Board members approved upcoming overnight trips for the House of Cards Robotics Team:

- Districts in Marysville, Mich. April 2-4
- State competition at Saginaw Valley State University April 8-11
- Worlds competition in Detroit April 29-May 2.

Approximately 31 students from the team plan to attend.

Curriculum/Textbooks gets nod of approval

Board members approved spending nearly \$300,000 for textbook and curriculum resources for the 2020-21 school year. Subject areas include social studies for grades 5-8, Civil War, physics and sociology for high school and English language arts for Davison High School and Davison Alternative Education. The proposed materials were recommended by the district's Advisory Curriculum Council (ACC) and reviewed by the Board's Curriculum Committee.

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Presentations

Siple monitor Sheila Colley is “Kids First” March recipient

Siple Elementary Monitor **Sheila Colley** is the March 2020 recipient of the “Kids First” Award.

Each month, administrators nominate a staff member 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.

Colley was nominated by Siple Elementary Principal **Christy Flowers**, who wrote:

“Sheila Colley serves as a playground monitor at Siple. She is a firecracker! Sheila provides direct support for a special needs student during recess as well as the regular routines that monitors perform. What makes Sheila exceptional is that she sees needs and figures out a way to solve the problem. She planned and implemented a drive for winter wear for students that didn’t have the gear they needed. She notices kids and staff members that need a pick-me-up and plans something nice for them. Even when she herself has faced difficult times, she comes to work every day with a smile on her face and works hard to make the day a positive one for her kids. She arrives early and stays late to support the children and staff. It is my great pleasure to nominate Sheila Colley for the Kids First Award!!”



Siple Elementary Principal Christy Flowers, Monitor Sheila Colley, Superintendent Kevin Brown and Board of Education President Kathy Sudia.

Other great individuals who were nominated this month include: Davison Middle School Counselor **Jeff Martinez**, Richfield Township Police Officer **Mark Foster**, Central Elementary Long-term Guest Teacher **Pam Clay**, Hahn Intermediate Head Custodian **Brad Besser** and Davison High School Career Placement Coordinator **Andrea Tomczak**.



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Orchestra, Flint Youth Wind Ensemble and the University of Michigan-Flint Honors Band. Montgomery is a member of the National Honor Society. He wants to pursue a career in the area of finance and is undecided between Notre Dame and Michigan State.

Robert is the son of Stephen and Amy Walker.

He has challenged himself with almost every AP class that Davison offers. Robert is also the current captain of the tennis team, member of National Honor Society and Varsity Skeet team, and even owns a business. He has earned the rank of Eagle Scout and is considering several colleges, with Michigan State and the University of Michigan at the top of his list, to study actuarial science.

Action items

Board gives official approval of courses for high school credit

The Michigan Department of Education requires the Board of Education of a local school district to authorize its courses offered for credit and online courses annually. The courses offered for credit at Davison High School can be found in the Davison High School Course Catalog which is posted on our web site at: <https://www.davisonschools.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=5403&dataid=11364&FileName=201929DHSCourseBook.pdf>

In addition to the courses listed in the Davison High School Course Catalog, Davison Alternative Education High School offers the following courses for high school credit:

- School to Work
- Current Events
- Senior Project
- Creative Writing
- Advisory
- Consumer Math
- SAT Prep
- Math Enrichment
- Reading Enrichment

All of these courses have ACC approved curriculum. Davison Community Schools has also created its own Davison online courses utilizing ACC-approved curriculum aligned to state standards and taught by Davison High School teachers. The District also enrolls students in online courses and curriculum through the Genesee Intermediate School District's Gen-NET portal. All of the courses offered through Gen-NET have been reviewed to ensure they are aligned to Michigan state standards.

Donations accepted from generous community members

Board of Education members gratefully accepted the following contributions:

- **Mark Owen** of Meemic Insurance donated three \$100 Visa gift cards in support of the Kids First Award program.
- The **View Newspaper** group donated a Visa gift card and Tervis cup to the DHS PBIS program.
- **Carrie Morrisett** donated 15 sets of hand-knitted hats and mittens to provide to students in need of winter clothing.
- **Chris Goetz** donated a pallet load of 2 x 2 Boards to the DHS carpentry program and Robotics Team 3534. Mr. Goetz has donated these items twice each year for the last five years.
- **Tonya Farrer** donated 37 books including some from Little House on the Prairie, The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew collections to provide to students.



Leading the Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Davison Middle School students in the leadership skills class. The class teaches students to become positive leaders by doing small but beneficial things each day. Students were accompanied by Principal Josie Paquette, Assistant Principal Andrea Ferguson and Teacher Tisha Torres.