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Seal of Biliteracy

The Colorado High School Seal of [Biliteracy](#) (SoBL) is a credential granted by the State of Colorado in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. Congratulations to these students who have reached a high level of competence in speaking and writing in both English and one other language.

Spanish Language – Rumeli Espinosa, Sophie Murillo, Bogdan Richardson, Kallie Rogers, Stellan Rogers, Owen Brown, Anna Cook, Lilly Perry, Benedikt Safigan, Bridger Steiner-Smith, Donovan Corbett, Macajah Thornton, Luke Heschel, Evelyn Kelley, Lillian Manier, Averie Tucker, Deyanira Valenciano, Dylan Dooyema, Cruz Angel Herrera Alvarez

French Language – Jayden Belk, Ashley Romero, Luke Diehl





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Young People’s Art Exhibit

ZoneFIVE Studios at the First Friday Opening on May 3.



Lark Tipton: First Place
Commercial Art



Gwen Cornell: Third Place in
Black and White Photography

Blossom Festival

A community-run band festival in its 84th year, The Canon City Music & Blossom Festival ran May 1-5, 2024. . The awards presented by the festival provide an incentive for students in various performing organizations to strive for musical excellence in their performances. 80 concert bands, jazz bands, orchestras, and concert choirs performed.

- Coronado’s **Wind Ensemble and Jazz band** both received superior ratings.
- 1st place overall **Jazz Band** out of 16 ensembles
Outstanding soloist, **Josh Briley**, alto sax
- 2nd Place **Concert Band** out of 31 High School ensembles.
Outstanding soloist **Josh Briley**, flute



Teacher of the Year 2024

Kyle Yeh has taught Mathematics and Computer Sciences at Coronado for 10 years in addition to coaching the Men’s and Women’s soccer program, assisting with LINK Crew and sponsoring the Coding/Cybersecurity Club. You can see Kyle at many sporting events throughout the year supporting students and staff in many ways.

This year Kyle was selected as the “Teacher of the Year” for his commitment to learning, creating genuine relationships, and encouraging excellence in his classroom and on the field. Superintendent Michael Gaal and members of the Board of Education were on hand to present Mr. Yeh with the winnings. The Dakota Foundation, a non-profit organization founded in 1997 by A. Bart Holaday to focus his philanthropic efforts on initiatives that foster social entrepreneurship and enhance self-sufficiency, partnered with D11 and awarded Kyle with a personal check in the amount of \$11,000. Very well-deserved.



Cougars Care

Cougars Care has served the students and community of Coronado and the West Side faithfully. Thank you to the many **volunteers** who are on hand with a welcoming face and a listening ear to help our vulnerable community members. This year over 27,155 lbs. of food was distributed through the Corner Market, and as of May 15, 2582 adults, 2772 students, 984 seniors, and 522 first-time visitors were served.





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Colorado State Media Association

Coronado garnered many awards from the Colorado State Media Association this year for both KUGR-TV and Journalism!

- **Christian Moro** - 1st Place - School News
- **Christian Moro** - 1st Place - Special Computer Effects
- **Erica Merz, Mathias White** - 1st Place - Sports Feature
- **Torin Knox** - 1st Place - In-Depth News Coverage
- **Erica Merz, Trey Gregory-Alford** - 1st Place - Sports-Feature
- **Bogdan Richardson** - 2nd Place - Program Editing/Direction - Features
- **Rumeli Espinosa** - 2nd Place - Feature Writing
- **Christian Moro** - 2nd Place - News Writing
- **Simon Lauritzen** - 2nd Place - Community News
- **Simon Lauritzen, Rumeli Espinosa** - 2nd Place - Opinion
- **Eliza Lauritzen** - 2nd Place - Creative Use of Green Screen
- **Erica Merz** - 2nd Place - In-Depth Sports Coverage
- **Simon Lauritzen, Evie Kelley** - 3rd Place - Broadcast Personality
- **Everett Smith, Devin Tanner** - Honorable Mention - Commercial or PSA
- **Mathias White** - Honorable Mention - Human Interest Feature
- **Thomas Broderick, Zaid Momani** - Honorable Mention - Play-by-Play Sports Program
- **Caiden Levya** - Honorable Mention - Commentary
- **Trey Gregory-Alford** - Honorable Mention - Podcast



School Lunch Hero Day

Celebrating our wonderful **Kitchen crew** on May 3, 2024 who prepare the nutritious breakfast and lunch our student's devour every day, and always with a smile. We are blessed with your presence. Students signed a "thank you" board throughout both lunches with endearing sentiments and heartfelt admiration.

2024 McDivitt Law Firm PSA Contest

For more than 10 years McDivitt Law Firm has held a state-wide PSA contest for high school students designed to help them send an effective safe-driving message to their peers. The videos are reviewed and voted on by executives at McDivitt Law Firm, including a video production specialist, as well as a team of advertising executives looking for quality of production and storytelling.

Mathias White (T) and Bogdan Richardson (B) took home the honors for the 2024 McDivitt Law Firm PSA Contest. They will split the \$1,500 prize and \$500 will be donated to Coronado to benefit KUGR-TV. Their PSA will air on local TV soon.





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Winning Food Truck Design

Please congratulate **Collin Chamberlain (L)**, **Ebony Garcia-Salvador (M)** and **Kale Greene (R)** on winning District 11's food truck design competition. District 11 high school students were offered the opportunity to submit designs for the new food truck rolling out next year. Collin, Ebony and Kale worked together in computer art class to create a design and the district selected their work. In addition to this honor, each student was awarded a certificate of appreciation and a \$200 amazon gift card. On hand were their teacher **Angela**



Carnevale, Director of Food & Nutrition Services Janine Russell, and Assistant Director of Nutrition Services Jamie Humphrey.

Food Services Food Truck (Bus) program has been 10 years in the making. Transportation deactivated two activity buses which were still in decent shape but due to age were not able to be used to transport students. One bus was donated to Career Ed so they could use it for Pro-Start class with the vision to have students develop a design for the food truck, provide menu input, and even help with meal service (a paid position). The Food Truck will rotate one day a week for lunch meal service at each of the 4 high schools and RJWAC.

After fabrication, the bus will go to the paint shop to refurbish the gold paint, then be wrapped with the Coronado students' design. Their names will appear on the bus and will hopefully be in operation the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.



Coronado 3rd Annual Hall of Fame

Coronado's 3rd Annual Hall of Fame Induction ceremony was celebrated on Monday, May 13, 2024. Started by Darin Smith, our Academic Council, and Coronado alumni, we continue this tradition into the future. Our mission is to recognize and honor outstanding educational professionals and associations who have made distinguished contributions to the field of education for their leadership, dedicated



service, and significant contributions to Coronado's success. This year's recipients were **Steve "Espo" Espinoza** (Athletic Director/Business Manager), **Janie Ganstine** (English Teacher), **Franklin Mosher** (Head Librarian/Media Specialist), and **Tom Hendrix** (Building Manager and ISD supervisor), totaling 95 years serving Coronado High School students.





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All-Inclusive Signing Ceremony

On Wednesday, May 1, Coronado hosted the All-Inclusive Signing Ceremony for 18 remarkable Cougars who officially signed their letters of intent to colleges and universities around the country. Reflecting on the dedication these students have shown, the countless hours of practice, the support from parents, families, teachers, coaches and friends, and the unforgettable memories created along the journey, the event was joyful and emotional. It is incredible to see these students pursuing their passions through athletics and visual and performing arts. Only 7% of high school athletes go on to play at the collegiate level, highlighting the significance of this monumental achievement.

Peyton Rice – Swim & Dive – Western Colorado State University – D2. Prior to attending high school Peyton was not a dedicated diver. She rose to the challenge and has exceeded expectations. She is a leader in the classroom and the pool and holds a CNA license.

Eisen Dacus – XC, Track and Field – Metro State University - D2. As a freshmen, Eisen was a good solid JV runner and he showed up to all practices, inadvertently injuring himself from trying so hard. Pressed all summer long training on the elliptical and in the pool. His persistence paid off qualifying in 4x4 state relay, 4x8 state relay, and individual 800 m.

Bridger Steiner-Smith – XC, Track and Field – Augustana University, SD - D2. Bridger is a team leader and captain. Every year he made improvements in his run shaving a full 1.47 off his record. Bridger manages the XC media coverage on Instagram and goes above and beyond. He will positively impact the program at Augustana.

Anthony Vallejos – Bowling – Hastings College, NE - NAIA. In the beginning Anthony bowled just 56 pins and now averages 200 placing him 3rd in Nationals.

Kallie Rogers – Volleyball – Eastern University - D3. Kallie played varsity volleyball all 4 years. She is the sunshine on the time; constantly smiling, joking, and telling stories. She does it all.

Evelyn Kelley – Musical Theatre Performance - Fort Lewis College. Evelyn is the youngest lead in the oldest plays. She has earned 280 thespian points which is the equivalent to 280 hours! Evelyn serves as Thespian president, is a remarkable

student, and a reflection of desire and intellect. She will go far.

Jayden Belk – BFA Theater Design & Technology - University of Northern Colorado. Jayden was involved in every theatre production all 4 years. Serving as backstage manager, understudy in multiple roles, works lights, sound, and is a continually learner. He will meet any challenge and rise above.

Ethan Bleibaum – Football – Cornell College, IA - D3. Ethan is a great human, someone who will drop everything to help someone. He had a dynamite year. He will have the opportunity to team up with Coronado alumni at Cornell.

Realiti Smith – Track and Field – UCCS - D2. Realiti is super talented and gifted at many things. He led the team in scoring and is the all-time leading score in Coronado history. He excels in community. His keen Interest in Criminal Justice will serve him well at UCCS which is a good fit.

Johnathan Geshke – Track and Field – UCCS - D2. Johnnie has come the furthest in maturity and has turned into a leader, learning lessons the hard way which smoothed out the rough edges. He is a Decathlete.

Jaxon Gutowski – Football – Dordt University, IA - NAIA. Jaxon has pursued and achieved his BIG dream. He has thrived the last 4 years and will go far.

Kiley Jones – Precision Rifle – University of Akron - D1. Kiley has patience and the dedication to excel in this incredible accurate and demanding sport.

Trey Gregory Alford – Baseball – University of Virginia - D1. Trey was a goofy freshmen and has matured into a talented, humble, likeable adult. He hard work and great ability have paid off.





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Corbyn Stowe – Baseball – Bryant and Stratton College, VA - NJCAA. Corbyn is quiet. A good, genuine guy. Very coachable.

Dayshaney Bruner – Basketball – Dordt University, IA - NAIA. Day has grown as a player and even better teammate. Achieved All-Conference. Led team in scoring and builds on the game collectively and individually.

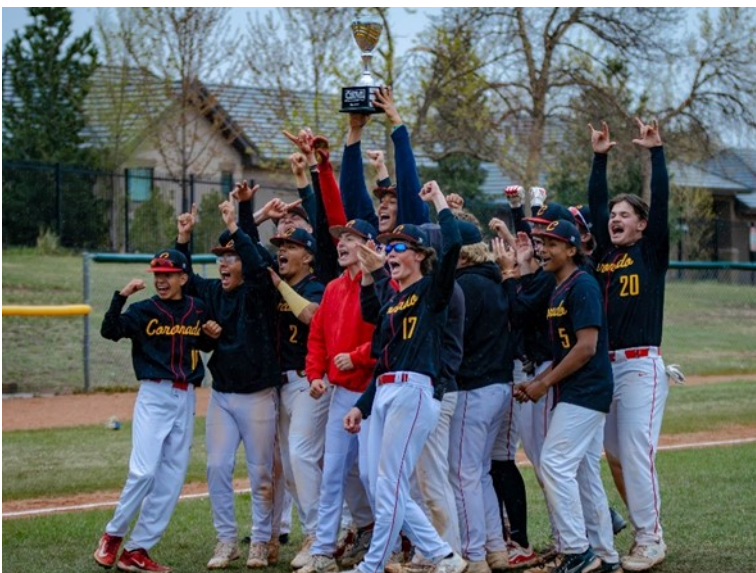
Seth Enoch – Basketball – Dordt University, IA - NAIA. Seth is a point guard and a leader. Never foregoes his early morning workouts. He has a hunger and drive. Not over emotional and encourages his teammates. Achieved Honorable mention in All-Conference.

Gwendolyn Cornell – Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design. Gwen brings color to the Art department. She is a well-rounded artist, talented in the visual arts, tech theatre crew, dance, and choir. She began painting then found her niche in photography placing Best of Colorado scholarship to Rocky Mountain Design.

Devon Bignell – Dorian DeLong Arts and Music Scholarship – Colorado State University. Devon has been Ms. Foos' right hand for 4 years. President of National Art Honor Society, 4-time scholarship in Scholastic Awards with 2 gold and 2 silver. Recently awarded the Dorian DeLong scholarship. Currently holds an internship and will pursue arts conservative.



Coronado Baseball CSMLeague Champs!!



2024 Colorado Road Champions

Coronado junior **Ollie Rutberg** is the Colorado men's junior Road Race Champion and omni champion. Not a small feat in Colorado with so many amazing cyclists.