

# HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HOME OF THE HILLERS!



October 2024-2025

## Congratulations Distinguished Alumni 2024!



Mr. Peter Cameron - Class of '75



Mr. Peter Cameron, Ms. Donna Winnett Guthrie, Dr. Joseph Losko, and Mr. John Stavovy were honored and celebrated as the Distinguished Alumni Class of 2024!



Ms. Donna Winnett Guthrie - Class of '64



Dr. Joseph Losko, Class of '92



Mr. John Stavovy, Class of '66

# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The Trinity Area School District is accepting nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Presentation: High School Awards Assembly

Nomination Deadline Date: January 15 of Each Year

## CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

A nominee must be an alumnus/alumna of the Trinity Area High School who graduated a minimum of fifteen (15) years prior to the date of the presentation.

Distinguished Alumni will be honored for outstanding contributions made in their chosen profession and include areas such as business, education, journalism, law, medicine, science, performing or visual arts, and public service. Characteristics given primary consideration are a record of academic achievement, as well as professional and/or business achievements and accomplishments, and community or civic consciousness.

## NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Maiden)

Nominee's Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Nominee's Former Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Nominee's Current Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Profession/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOMINEE ACHIEVEMENTS

(Attach current photo, résumé, letters of recommendation, newspaper articles, to support the nomination.)

**Attachment #1:** Exceptional Academic Achievements: High School/College/Postgraduate

**Attachment #2:** Outstanding Contributions to Profession

**Attachment #3:** Community/Civic Contributions of Note

Nominee's Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Telephone Number of Nominator: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to:** Dr. Michael P. Lucas, Superintendent  
Trinity Area School District  
231 Park Avenue, Washington, PA 15301  
[lucasm@trinitypride.org](mailto:lucasm@trinitypride.org)



# Congratulations October Students of the Month



**Katie Davis**  
**High School**



**Juliet Wright**

**Owen Stefkovich**  
**Intermediate School**



**Cameron Rockwell**

**Middle School**

**CeCe Bristor**



# Trinity is Taking Pride in... ACADEMICS, Arts, and Athletics!

Kevin Henkes, the Caldecott Medal and Newbery Honor award-winning author and illustrator of beloved children's books such as *Owen*, *Chrysanthemum*, *The Year of Billy Miller* and *Kitten's First Full Moon*, visited Trinity East on Thursday, October 10, 2024. This was a unique opportunity for our students to meet one of the most cherished authors in children's literature while he shared insights into his creative process, answered questions, and inspired a love for reading and writing in our students. During the visit, Mr. Henkes captivated our school with his heartfelt stories, memorable characters, and beautiful illustrations. His visit was generously provided by Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures to share his new releases *Finding Things* (Age: 4-8) and *Still Sal* (Age: 8-12). This event was live streamed with schools across the region. The day was extra special with Guest Readers sharing Mr. Henkes's stories before the assembly. After the assembly, the THS Friends of Rachel Club facilitated kindness activities with our first grade classes based on Mr. Henke's book *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*. As one of our third grade students said, "It was a magical day!"





## *Trinity is Taking Pride in... ACADEMICS, Arts, and Athletics!*



Nine junior and senior students from the Future Business Leaders of America Club attended the Power of Her event presented by Range Resources & Dress for Success Pittsburgh. Students attended breakout sessions presented by: Southwest Training Services, United Way of Washington County, Chrome Federal Credit Union, and Domestic Violence Services of SWPA. They also attended a Women in Leadership panel discussion and enjoyed lunch provided by Miss Meatball & Chicco Baccello!

### **Financial Reality Fair**

Trinity High School and Chrome Federal Credit Union hosted the Financial Reality Fair. Students learned financial responsibility and accountability.



**Congratulations to Trinity's  
Elementary STEM students for  
coming in Second Place at a  
recent competition!**





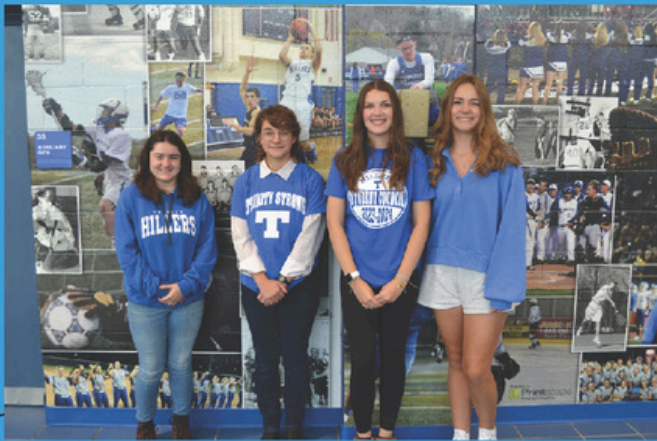
**THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WERE NAMED AP SCHOLARS FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE ON THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS THIS PAST SPRING.**



### **AP SCHOLAR**

**(RECEIVED A SCORE OF 3 OR HIGHER ON THREE OR MORE AP EXAMS)**

**RYLIE ARMSTRONG, CONNOR BRADLEY, SILVIA CARDENAS,  
ZACHARY DAMES, KATIE DAVIS, MORGAN EANNARINO, MASON KENGOR,  
ZOE KUMPFMILLER, CORBIN LIKAR, HAELYN NODERER, AVA RICHTER,  
KADEN SMITH, ABIGAIL STOLFER, EMILY TUITE**



### **AP SCHOLAR WITH HONOR**

**(RECEIVED AN AVERAGE SCORE OF AT LEAST 3.25 ON ALL AP EXAMS TAKEN,  
AND SCORES OF 3 OR HIGHER ON FOUR OR MORE OF THESE EXAMS)**

**LILLAH CLARK, ALLISON EWBANK, JAYSEA HERBSTSOMER,  
JACK HOOD, CAROLINE MILLER**



### **AP SCHOLAR WITH DISTINCTION**

**(RECEIVED AN AVERAGE SCORE OF AT LEAST 3.5 ON ALL AP EXAMS TAKEN,  
AND SCORES OF 3 OR HIGHER ON FIVE OR MORE OF THESE EXAMS)**

**MORGAN BAKER, COLLIN BERRY, ABIGAIL BODART,  
ROGAN CAVANAUGH, KELSEY FLYNN, SIENNA HEASLEY,  
JAKE PHILLIPS, SOPHIA ZARAGOZA**



## *Trinity is Taking Pride in... Academics, ARTS, and Athletics!*



Congratulations to Mrs. Day and the Trinity West Elementary Art Department for receiving \$500 in donations for a project called, "Art for Everyone: Creating in an Adaptive Art Room". This Donorschoose project was designed to give all children, regardless of their disabilities, the right materials under the correct circumstances to experience a high-quality arts education. Some of the resources purchased through this crowdfunded grant include adaptive paint brushes with larger handles, softer dough for kids to squeeze, play dough scissors for cutting and building hand strength and many types of blocks for building. Art class is a safe place for students to excel because it requires independent and creative thinking while improving fine motor skills. Thanks to this grant, all students will be able to achieve these goals, regardless of their individual needs.

Trinity Middle School  
PRESENTS

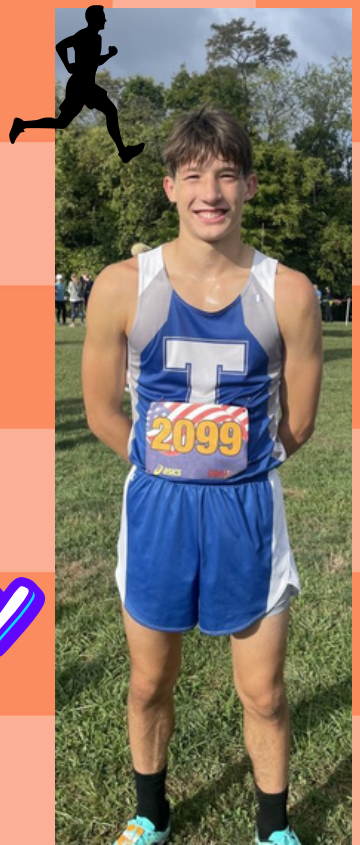
**ELF THE MUSICAL JR.**

**NOVEMBER 21 AND 22 ~ 6:30 PM**  
**NOVEMBER 23 ~ 1:00 PM**  
at Trinity High School

For tickets click below:  
[https://admin.eservicestech.com/  
p/trinity/events](https://admin.eservicestech.com/p/trinity/events)



Trinity is Taking Pride in...  
Academics, Arts, and  
**ATHLETICS!**



**Congratulations!**



**Nico Mauro - October 16, 2024**  
**Observer-Reporter Athlete of**  
**the Week!**

**Devin Junko -**  
**October 23, 2024**  
**Observer-Reporter**  
**Athlete of the Week!**



2024 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

 1st Team <b>SYDNEY ALLEN</b>	 2nd Team <b>GRACE CESSNA</b>	 3rd Team <b>KIMARI BEHRENS</b>	 3rd Team <b>GABBY HUMPHREYS</b>	 3rd Team <b>ELLA SAMMEL</b>
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**T ALL SECTION HONORS**  
#itsagreatdaytobeahillier

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
**WPIAL**  
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC LEAGUE

**Volleyball All Section Honors**

**WPIAL**

**ALL WPIAL HONORS**

**ANDY PALM**

**MIDFIELDER**

**Soccer All WPIAL Honors**



2024 BOYS SOCCER

 All Section <b>ANDY PALM</b>	 All Section <b>RYAN TORBOLI</b>	 All Section <b>BRAEDEN KNIGHT</b>	 Honorable Mention <b>LUKE THORBURG</b>
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**WPIAL ALL SECTION HONORS**

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
**WPIAL**  
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC LEAGUE

**Soccer All Section Honors**

**WPIAL**

**ALL WPIAL HONORS**

**RYAN TORBOLI**

**GOALKEEPER**






# *Congratulations*

## to the Trinity Sports Hall of Fame 2024 Inductees



Katelynn Falleroni Tronetti  
Michael Ferrari  
Ron Knotts  
Joey Koroly  
Kara Houston  
Anson Zacour  
George Walz- Contributor  
2008 Baseball Team



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November 30, 2024 1:00pm  
Trinity High School Main Gym

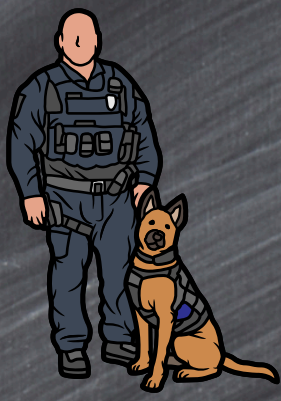
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Anyone interested in attending, making a  
donation or nominating an individual for the  
HOF, please feel free to contact  
Elaine Blackhurst at  
[golfteacher310@comcast.net](mailto:golfteacher310@comcast.net)

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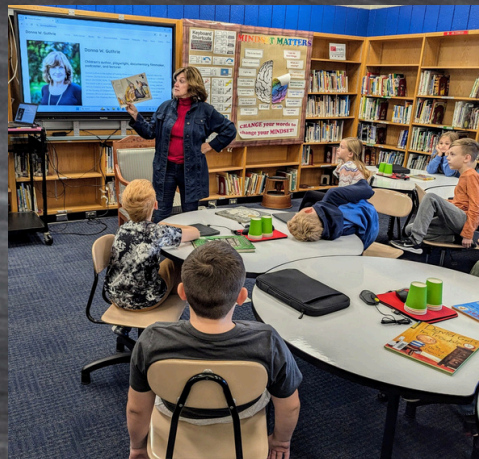


Students at the Intermediate School enjoyed a demonstration from Trinity Police Officers Ranalli and Hiller!



Thank you for your visit, Mrs. Donna Guthrie!

Trinity South Library had the pleasure of welcoming a Trinity Area distinguished alumni, Mrs. Donna Guthrie, on Thursday, October 17th. Mrs. Guthrie is the proud great aunt of third grader, Ava Ruse.



Among her many accomplishments, Mrs. Guthrie is the author of 23 books and 60 educational videos for young children. In keeping with the season, the students were introduced to two of the author's books titled, *The Witch Who Lives Downstairs*, and *The Witch Has an Itch*.

Mrs. Guthrie spoke about her love of writing, reading and the creative arts.

We were so lucky to have Mrs. Guthrie at Trinity South and congratulate her as she was recognized as one of Trinity School District's Distinguished Alumni.





The evening classes for adults have started!  
This is a great opportunity for adults and  
community members to learn new skills.



The classes being offered are:  
CNC/Engraving  
Accounting  
Woodworking  
Floral Design  
Welding

**Dr. Lucas visited WACTC to see our Hillers  
in action! The future is in great hands.**

**W**  
Western Area CTC







## Celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Month!



Trinity South and East students participated in our Fire Prevention Week coloring contest. Winners from each grade got to ride to school in a Fire Truck from Lone Pine, Amwell, and South Strabane VFDs.





*Thank you*



**Mr. Zebrasky**  
HS Principal



**Mrs. Ostrosky**  
HS Ass't Principal



**Mr. Knause**  
HS Ass't Principal



**Mr. Kostelnik**  
MS Principal



**Dr. Deems**  
MS Ass't Principal



**Mrs. Benz**  
IS Principal



**Mr. Keruskin**  
South Principal



**Dr. Demian**  
North Principal



**Mrs. LeViere**  
East Principal



**Mr. Chairge**  
West Principal



Congratulations to Dr. Snoke – the man, the myth, and the legend! We wish you a wonderful retirement and are thankful for your 26 years of service to students and the Hiller community. Your dedication, leadership and kindness has left an enduring mark on Trinity Area and everyone fortunate enough to have worked alongside you. You will be deeply missed but your legacy will continue to inspire us for years to come.

— HAPPY —  
*Retirement*





## Brandi Ankrom - 5th Grade Learning Support



Trinity Area School District wants to welcome first-year learning support teacher, Mrs. Brandi Ankrom! Mrs. Ankrom is a 2002 graduate of Washington High School and a 2006 graduate of PennWest California where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She went on to receive her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from PennWest in 2018 and received her Special Education certification from Slippery Rock University. Before starting her new role at Trinity, Mrs. Ankrom was a paraprofessional with Trinity for three years, a Pre-K Counts teacher for one year, and a childcare center director for 12 years. Her educational mantra is, "Not having immediate success isn't failure. Learning is an ongoing process where we can find opportunities for growth in our mistakes and try again."

**Cool Facts:** Mrs. Ankrom originally went to Pitt to study archeology before finding her calling as an educator. After being employed as a daycare helper, she learned that she enjoyed history but enjoyed being around kids more. She notes this as one of the most rewarding decisions she has ever made. Mrs. Ankrom also attended Trinity Area School District from third to ninth grade, participating in basketball, and being a student council representative. She also played volleyball in grades 10-12 at Washington High School, where she lettered and was a team co-captain her senior year. In her free time, she enjoys reading, spending time with family, and attending her kids' extracurricular activities. Her family dog, Bella, can often be spotted watching TV with her and her family!



# Happy Halloween!

## Red Ribbon Week!

The collage features 20 photographs of students and staff in various costumes. The costumes include characters like the Grinch, Star Wars figures, Minions, and various animals, as well as themes like 'Gothic Together' and 'Red Ribbon Week'.





Trinity Middle School will proudly present "Elf Jr." November 21-22, 2024 at 6:30 PM and November 23, 2024 at 1:00 PM, in the THS Auditorium.

## Important Dates in NOVEMBER

5- End of 1st 9 weeks

27 - 2 Hour Early Release/Staff Development

28-December 2 - Fall Break

To submit an article to be considered for publication in *Hiller Highlights*, email:

[hillerhighlights@trinityhillers.net](mailto:hillerhighlights@trinityhillers.net)

or

[tkrieger@trinityhillers.net](mailto:tkrieger@trinityhillers.net)

Articles may be submitted in the body of the email or attached as a *Word* document.

Documents in .pdf format will not be accepted. Corresponding pictures must be attached to the same email in .jpg format.

The newsletter is released at the end of each month -

September through June

All articles are subject to final approval by the Superintendent.



### **INFORMATIONAL FLYERS:**

***Flyers are available on the district website under About***

***To access, click on the link***

**[DISTRICT FLYERS](#)**

***To request that a flyer be posted on the website, email:***

***[tkrieger@trinityhillers.net](mailto:tkrieger@trinityhillers.net)***

### **Winter Concert Schedule**

#### **December**

**December 4** - High School Choir & Band - 6:30 p.m.

**December 9** - Middle School Band - 6:30 p.m.

**December 11** - Middle School Choir

**December 16** - High and Middle School Orchestra - 6:30 p.m.

All concerts will be held in Trinity High School auditorium





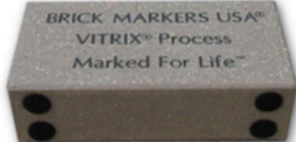
TRINITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

LIMITED EDITION!

# 100TH ANNIVERSARY WALKWAY BRICKS



## MINI REPLICA BRICK SIZE: 1 1/2" x 3"



\*Mini Bricks must be picked up at THS, cannot be mailed  
\*Engraving will match your full size brick, brick color may vary

Trinity School District is excited to announce a special event in celebration of its 100th anniversary! To mark this historic milestone, we are offering personalized bricks for purchase, which will extend the graduation walkway on campus, originally established in 2000.

Each brick, available for a limited time only, can be engraved with a personal message or name, leaving a lasting legacy for future generations. The cost of each brick is \$100. Additionally, you have the option to purchase a mini replica of their personalized brick as a keepsake. Don't miss this opportunity to be a permanent part of Trinity's history!

Personalized bricks can have up to 3 lines of text with 20 characters per line.

Bricks will make a great holiday gift, this limited opportunity will end in January. We can also provide a presentation card for anyone giving this as a gift.

Visit [trinitypride.org](http://trinitypride.org) or <https://donate.brickmarkers.com/thz> to purchase.





# TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY OFFER!

**\$10**

Benefits Trinity  
Cares Club



Don't miss this opportunity to buy a limited time only 100 year ornament! These will make a great holiday gift. Get your commemorative ornament while supplies last.

More information coming on our website [www.trinitypride.org](http://www.trinitypride.org)



## **FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION DAYS**

**The Trinity Area School District has been approved to utilize Flexible Instruction Days (FIDs). Trinity will move to remote instruction when schools are closed due to weather or other concerns. It is no longer a necessity to cancel instruction for weather or facility issues. When a FID is announced, teachers will teach from home and students will learn remotely from home. If it becomes necessary to cancel school, staff, parents, guardians, and students will receive notification via the Skylert System, local television, and radio sources. On FIDs the students will log onto their Chromebooks and attend school remotely as they have done during closures in the past. Staff, parents/guardians, and students need to be prepared for short-term or sporadic closures due to weather related issues. Students should have their Chromebooks available daily at school and at home. Staff and students must be prepared to work from home at all times.**

**If you have any questions, please contact your respective building principal.**





**Do you have a bachelor's  
degree and want to work  
with kids?**

**THE HR DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS!**

**THOSE WITH A TEACHING DEGREE, AS WELL AS THOSE  
WITH "EMERGENCY STATUS", MAY APPLY (FOUR  
YEAR DEGREE REQUIRED/NO TEACHING DEGREE  
NECESSARY)**

**DAILY RATE IS \$125**

**IF YOU ARE QUALIFIED AND INTERESTED IN WORKING  
WITH OUR STUDENTS, CONTACT  
HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**

**724-223-2000 EXT. 7121 OR 7114**