













Dear Dansville Families and Community Members,

Since joining our Mustang Family a few short months ago, together, we've accomplished a lot in an effort to keep Dansville moving ahead. As we approach Thanksgiving, a season that focuses on gratitude, I feel truly grateful to have been entrusted with the leadership of our amazing school district. We have the talent and necessary skills to lead Dansville on a continuous path of growth at all levels throughout our district: administrators, faculty, staff, families, and students in every building and every department. I have witnessed this reflected in classrooms, meetings, school, and community events. As a district, we are grateful to be a part of a greater community that believes in us, celebrates in our successes, and comes together for those in need.

Throughout this fall, we have been engaged in comprehensive strategic planning to move "Dansville Forward." This started with a community-wide Thought Exchange, resulting in feedback from over 800 participants. Results were reviewed by close to 40 stakeholders representing teachers, staff, parents, students, district leaders, and community members. Priorities that have emerged surround three main areas: 1) Engaging and Enriching Student Experiences, 2) Collaborative and Supportive Staff Experiences, and 3) District Operations and Budgeting. We're currently in the final stages of comprehensive planning that will culminate in a renewed vision, mission, priorities, and goals for our district to take us into the future. Our community can look forward to a finalized plan in the coming weeks that will serve to anchor our work in all areas.

We have also started the work of budget planning for the 2025-2026 school year and have committed to doing so with transparency and frequent communication. Our Board of Education recently approved a budget planning calendar with the addition of a series of Board Budget Workshops that the public is welcome to join and view in person. We've started the early stages of examining anticipated expenditures and sources of revenue and have been sharing details regarding this process with our faculty and staff already. Please consider joining us at our public budget workshops and Board meetings as we move ahead this year.

Finally, I feel that it's important to always remember our purpose – and that's to do what is best for our children. I continue to visit our classrooms and school events where I am continually inspired by our collective creativity, drive, focus on student performance, and engagement. Our staff continues to put our students first and their love of learning is evident here.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. I hope you all enjoy the coming holiday season, in every way that you choose to celebrate with friends and family.

Sincerely,

Kelly M. Zimmerman, Superintendent of Schools

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Congratulation and

10 YEARS



Betsy Cady, Lauren Prunoske, Matt Buckholz, Heather Beaupre, Alex Wampole. Not pictured: Tracy Bartolone

20 YEARS



Cindy Harvey, Margaret Doggett; Jane Barber; Diana Preston, Kevin Mialky, Kevin Geiger Not pictured: Sean Race

25 YEARS



Dawn Baird, Vivian Young, Jodi Sutton, Lisa Wolcott, Mary Catherine Calabrese



Chris Atwell

30 YEARS



Barb Stone, Carrie Frazier Not pictured: Phyllis Hober

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Welcome Back!

Superintendent Kelly M. Zimmerman, BOE President Brian Applin, and Student BOE Representative Briana Blair welcomed faculty and staff as they kicked off the 2024-2025 school year. In her opening address, Zimmerman highlighted the significance of fostering a strong school community and shared her vision for the year ahead.







Welcome to our new 2024-2025 staff!



The Dansville Teachers' Association embraced back-to-school with a spirit of unity!





A DIRECT AND PRACTICAL APPROACH TO STRATEGIC PLANNING

District leaders, faculty, staff, and community stakeholders met to review survey feedback and set the course for the future of Dansville Central School District. We are shaping the future through collaborative and intentional strategic planning. Together, we're creating a bright future for our students.



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High School Rotary Club Students of the Month

The Dansville Central Schools "Rotary Club Student of the Month" has changed a bit from years past. Students are selected based on the Rotary "Four Way Test":

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

By applying the "Four Way Test" to student nominations, we will be able to acknowledge students who are consistently helping others, volunteering their time, and generally being model students and citizens.

We are proud to announce the following students as September and October 2024 "Rotary Students of the Month":





Briana Blair

Parents: Brian Blair & Marlene Collins-Blair

Honors/Activities: Honor Roll, Mustang of the Month, Scholar Athlete, 2024 Youth Leadership Recognition Award from Senator Pamela Helming, Livingston County Teen Recognition Award, Chemistry Scholar Award from the Rochester Chemical Society (Top 10% of Chemistry students in this sector), FBLA Nationals 2024 - placed Top 15 in the Nation for Client Service competition (including China, PR, and US Virgin Islands), FBLA District 1st Place.

Future plans: I plan to major in biology/biological sciences in college, continue through to medical school, and pursue my residency in Pediatrics/Pediatric Dermatology.



Mark Sick

Parents: Kevin Sick and Rachele Sick

Honors/Activities: Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, NHS, and Junior firefighter. National Guard Leadership Award, Script D, 3x Varsity D, Honor Roll, Teen Recognition Award, and LCAA Baseball All-Star.

Future plans: Attend college for exercise science to later become a physical therapist.

OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH





Parents: Maizie and Mike Scollon

Honors/Activities: NYS Section Five Leadership Award (2023), Script D Award (2022, 2023), Varsity D Award (2022, 2023), Varsity Swim and Dive Mustang Award (2021-2022), LCAA League champions (Track & Field - 2024), Honor Roll, Mustang of the Month (6x), National Jr Honor Society / National Honor Society (4 years), Pony Express Leader, Genesee Valley School Board Association Excellence in Student Service Award (January 2023), LCAA 2024-2025 All Star (Swimming), Jr. Scholarship Award Recipient, Scholar Athlete Award (6x)

Future plans: Go to college for accounting or business management and get a MBA in business.



Caleb Knapp

Parents: Ron Knapp, Sara Knapp

Honors/Activities: Honor Roll, Scholar Athlete, National Honor Society, Football, Basketball, Track, Football Captain, National Football Foundation Rochester Chapter. Future plans: Attend Alfred State to get a degree in Criminology and pursue a career in

Law Enforcement.

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Mustangs of the Month

At monthly department meetings, discussions involve selecting students to represent the department as a Mustang of the Month. Each member of the department has the opportunity to nominate a student. The positive conversations that occur during this time are meaningful and celebratory in nature. Students who are selected receive a certificate and their picture, as well as, reasons for being selected. Who will be the next Mustangs of the Month?

MUSTANGS OF THE MONTH—September 2024



Anna Bacon 7-8 Music



Cooper Dunlop Counseling



Kayden Englert English



Kierra Englert Math



9-12 Music



Arabella Fronk Dawson Hermann Math



Leevi Lemmon Tech, STEAM **Business**



Asaiah Rolls English



Haidyn Scollon Tech, STEAM, **Business**



Margaret Tallman Art



Kaden Tatu **Social Studies**



Lindsey White English

MUSTANGS OF THE MONTH—October 2024



Anna **Bacon** Math



Caleb **Baird** Science



Morgan Ball Tech, STEAM, **Business**



Vinton Berry 7-8 Music



Lyla Brown 7-8 Music



Alex Daly Art



Samantha **DuBois** English



Connor **Dupuis** Math



Brett George 9-12 Music



Robin Goins Tech, STEAM, **Business**



Colt (CJ) Green Math



Mollie Herrmann **English**



Shawna Kendall Counseling



Natori Losey World Languages



Ella Martin Social **Studies**



Kinsley Sauerbier Phys Ed



Evan Sedore Phys Ed



Hayden Severson Social **Studies**



David Sick **English**

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Letter from Andrew Leyden, Athletic Director



Dansville Athletics finished up an exciting Fall sports season. This fall we had eight programs, with a total of eighteen teams, modified-varsity, and a total of two hundred and thirty-four student athletes competing on our athletic fields, gyms and pool.

Highlights from this past fall include **DCSD** Homecoming Week September 23-28. We were able to schedule a home contest for each of our teams during the week. On September 27th we had our annual Homecoming parade followed by the Varsity football game and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Girls Volleyball - Held a "Dig Pink" game with Wayland-Cohocton, the intention of this game is to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research and treatment.

Winter sports began for all JV and Varsity Athletes on Monday November 18th.

Go Mustangs!
Andrew Leyden, Athletic Director

DWC Football - DWC head coach Chad Pieri and Hornell head coach Ismail Mehr worked together to host a game at Alfred University with the proceeds going to Golisano Children's Hospital. With the help of the Dansville, Wayland-Cohocton, and Hornell communities they were able to present a check to Golisano Children's Hospital for the amount of \$4,500.





Morgan Ball finished 5th in the Class C Girls Cross-Country Sectionals that were run at Letchworth State Park on November 2nd. The top 10 finishers received a sectional patch. Morgan advanced to the state competition at Queensbury High School on November 16th.

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Mustang Wall of Fame 2024

The Dansville Central School District in collaboration with the Athletic Wall of Fame Committee recognized four former student athletes on Friday night, September 27th. The Class of 2024 Induction Ceremony was held at half-time of the Homecoming Football game between DWC and Pal-Mac.

High School Principal and Chairman of the Athletic Wall of Fame Committee, Dave Moodie, stated the following, "Dansville Athletics has a proud tradition of talented athletes, knowledgeable coaches, fierce competitors and successful teams. The members of this year's induction class, exemplify the standard of excellence that is required to be a Dansville Mustang Athletic Wall of Fame member. "

Each inductee was presented with a plaque to be displayed on the Athletic Wall of Fame, a copy of their induction plaque and a Wall of Fame Member jacket.

(photo by Joe Granita)

Jim Welch, Jr.—Dansville High School, Class of 2005: Boys Cross Country, Boys Swimming and Track and Field Stacy M. Allen - Dansville High School, Class of 2003: Cross Country and Track & Field Kate Mosca - Dansville High School, Class of 2013: Girls Swimming Sara Mosca—DHS Class of 2013: Girls Swimming

September Mustang Athletes of the Month: Logan Kendall, Boys Soccer; Mya Hayes, Girls Soccer; Ben Briggs, Boys Cross Country; Kassidy Cole, Girls Cross Country; Briana Blair, Volleyball; Journie Heiman, Game Day Cheer; Brady Henchen, Football; Abby Kendall, Girls Swimming

October Mustang Athletes of the Month: Carson Mays, Boys Soccer; Taylor Hamsher, Girls Soccer; Cameron Claud, Boys Cross Country; Rebecca Pogel, Girls Cross Country; Coralyn Griese, Game Day Cheer; Brady Henchen & Caleb Knapp, Football; Haidyn Scollon, Girls Swimming

Congratulations to our Boys and Girls



LCAA Division 1 League All-Stars

Morgan Ball, Cross Country
Abigail Kendall, Swimming
Haidyn Scollon, Swimming
Thomas Adams, Boys Soccer
Ryan Burley, Boys Soccer
Logan Kendall, Boys Soccer
Mya Hayes, Girls Soccer
Baylee Hayes, Girls Soccer
Journie Heiman, Game Day Cheer

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Letter from Melissa Goho, Primary School Principal

Happy Fall! This is a time for many things, including reflection, Here at DPS teachers are busy reflecting on and celebrating student progress as they complete assessments, analyze progress, and complete report cards in preparation for parent-teacher conferences. Our youngest learners on campus make the biggest gains as they are becoming classroom community members, friends, problem solvers, readers, authors and illustrators, mathematicians, artists, musicians, athletes, and so much more.

The DPS Student Lighthouse Team received the most applications this year which is a true sign of our students desire to Learn, Lead, Achieve. Congratulations to Hotchner Acomb (2nd), Everly Burt (K), Gloria Corbin (2nd), Lilah Crosson (2nd), Ella

Dale (1st), Leia Deleo (2nd), Corbin Dieter (2nd), Emery Gates (2nd), Brynnleigh Hynes (2nd), Jett Johnson (2nd), Jordyn Leven (1st), Sydney Moodie (K), Ethan O'Wensel (1st), Taylor Pitre (K), Annalise Scott (K), Kensley Smith (2nd), Madeleine Vogt (2nd), Jemie Walker (1st), and Harper Werth (2nd) for being selected. Students who weren't selected to be on the Student Lighthouse Team this year will have the opportunity to participate in special jobs throughout the school year and all of our DPS students will have various leadership roles in the classroom.

The Lions Club is an organization that assists with vision screening and helping out those in need with eye exams and glasses as well as many other programs in our community. The Lions Club SEE (Screening Eyes Early) Program visited DPS in October and with parental permission, 193 students had their vision screened! They have 2 Spot Vision Screeners which are handheld, portable, vision screeners that quickly detect vision issues in children. We are so fortunate to have them serve our young community members!

DPS appreciates all the family participation! We had a great turnout at Open House on October 24th which gave students the opportunity to be a tour guide and show off their classroom, special area classrooms, and the special adults they work with! Then we had a huge crowd for students to wave to at the Halloween parade, led by the talented High School drumline. The PK team showed off their creativity as we had cats, pizza, rockstars, a caterpillar, and a Buffalo Bills team and of course our K-2nd graders looked great in a combination of spooky and sweet costumes! We're looking forward to seeing families again soon at our Cozy Christmas Family Literacy Event on Thursday, December 5th from 5:30-7:00pm! There will be many fun stations to check out, including arts and crafts, a photo booth, and read alouds, as well as books to take home. Be sure to save the date! wishing you all the best as we transition from fall into winter and into the holiday season!

Best, Melissa Goho

DPS students were thrilled to serve as tour guides at the DPS Open House







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4PK Students Sign Commitments

Our 4PK students are fully committed to 14 years of academic excellence at Dansville Central School District with an impending graduation of June 2038! Way to go!

First Friday Fist Bumps

We are continuing with first Friday fist bumps this year! Thanks to the Varsity Cheerleading Team for starting our DPS students day off with a warm greeting!







Fire Safety Week

The Dansville and Sparta Fire Departments, along with the Dansville Ambulance and Sparky, visited DPS on Wednesday and Thursday as part of Fire Safety Week. A special thank you goes to Dansville High School Junior Firefighters Bryce Ludlow, Ty Schirmer, Maciej Scollon, Mark Sick, and Landon Wadsworth for teaching essential fire safety skills to help keep our students safe in case of an emergency.

DPS Halloween Parade















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EBH Principal, Gayle Pavone



Dear Families and Community Members,

September and October were busy months filled with fun and learning. Our students, teachers and staff are working hard. It has been great to see all the reading, math, science and social studies occurring in different classrooms. From pumpkin globes; reading and watching the Wild Robot; writing personal narratives; adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals; and much, much more.

Our clubs have been off to a great start. Many students are involved in American Sign Language, Archery, Band, Lighthouse Beacons, Chess, Chorus, Fitness, Pageturners, Sewing, and Student

Council. Leader in Me continues to thrive at EBH.

The month of October we focused on Be Proactive (Take Charge of Yourself)

 What It Means: You're in control of your actions, thoughts, and feelings. Instead of blaming others or making excuses, decide to do what's right.

Practice: If you make a mess, clean it up right away instead of
waiting for someone else to tell you. If you forget to do your homework, don't blame it on anyone—just make
a plan to get it done next time.

The month of November we focused on Begin with the End in Mind (Have a Goal)

- What It Means: Think about what you want to achieve before you start anything. It's like imagining the picture on the puzzle box before putting the pieces together.
- Practice: If you're making a craft or building something with blocks, imagine what you want it to look like before you start. When doing school projects, think about how you want it to turn out so you can plan each step.

The month of December we focused on Put First Things First (Do What's Most Important First)

- What It Means: Focus on what's most important before doing other things. When you do this, you'll have time to finish your work and play.
- Practice: Do your homework before watching TV or playing games. Or help with a chore, like setting the table, before running outside to play. This way, you finish the important things and have fun without worries.

It was great to have all of our students participate in the Cross Country Run. The building also acknowledged Red Ribbon Week and Deaf Awareness Week. I'm so incredibly proud of our students, teachers and staff! We have had a great first 3 months of school and I can't wait to see what we accomplish this year!

With dedication to our students' success, Ms. Pavone EBH Principal



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Our 5th graders worked collaboratively to create globes using pumpkins. They had every continent and ocean. Many partnerships took it to the next level and added extra details like the equator. Students had a lot of fun creating a concrete model of the globe.









Our Veteran's Day Assembly was filled with a lot of excitement with Deputy Murphy being our special speaker. Our Beacons ran the whole assembly and the whole building was involved in making the Veteran's Day flag.

On the first day of school we celebrated being back at school with taking a picture of every homeroom classroom. The first day is filled with so much excitement for the upcoming school year, and it was great to have it captured with a picture.



EBH Clubs and Activities

EBH has some great Clubs & After School Activities for Students.

Ski Club

EBH Chorus EBH Chess Club **EBH Fitness Club** **EBH Band EBH Student Council**

EBH ASL Club EBH Archery Sewing Club

Pageturners Club

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Letter from David Moodie, High School Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

The 2024 - 2025 school year is off to a great start! I am really proud of our students and their accomplishments. Dansville High School is a place in which Learning - Leading - Succeeding is happening on a daily basis. This newsletter highlights a lot of great things that are occurring. If/when you see any of the students, faculty or staff mentioned in this newsletter, please take a moment to congratulate them on a job well done.

We continue to make recognizing students a priority. To date, 305 Positive Postcards have been mailed home. Faculty, staff and administration use these personalized notes as a means of letting students know just how much we appreciate their individual effort to Learn - Lead - Succeed. We have recognized 30 Mustangs of the Month. Faculty spend time at department meetings, having conversations about which students are going above and beyond to positively contribute to our school community in their respective

departments. At DHS, we believe that recognizing students is a great way to not only show appreciation to those who have been selected, but that it's also a means of providing encouragement to others. New to this school year, we have a Kindness Challenge. On the first Friday of each month, all DHS employees and students take a few minutes as part of the morning announcements to complete a Kindness Card as a means of recognizing someone else. Throughout the day, the cards are distributed to those who they were written for. I have witnessed a few of these cards saved in students' backpacks because of how meaningful they were. #MustangsChooseKindness

We continue to offer students opportunities to engage in College and Career Readiness. On September 24th, about 30 students in grades 9-12 participated in a Career Exploration event at the Genesee County Fairgrounds in Batavia, NY. At this event, students got hands-on experience in careers associated with manufacturing, agriculture and skilled trades. Additionally, students got to converse with people who work in those respective industries. On October 7th, we hosted our annual College Fair. Fourteen different colleges/universities were present at this event. Our students had the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with college representatives. Our counselors did an excellent job preparing our students for this event by providing them a list of questions that could be used as conversation starters. Additionally, seniors had the opportunity to visit Nazareth University, SUNY Geneseo, Alfred University, and Rochester Institute of Technology this fall. Juniors and Seniors will have an opportunity to visit FLCC this spring. Other potential opportunities are still under development for the spring semester.

Shout-out to our students and staff members that participated in the fall musical production, "Beowulf on a Budget". It was amazing! We look forward to the spring musical, "Shrek". An additional shout-out to our Entrepreneurship class as they were at it again this fall with their commitment to service. The group, led by Mrs. Auble, organized a fundraising event in which every student in the school district received a "duck". Along with creating smiling faces, the group raised \$2,000 for a classmate who recently had a medical procedure. Doing good for others is a common theme for Mustangs.

"Winter Blues" is real... Inconsistent weather coupled with getting dark outside much earlier can lead to a decrease in energy, lack of motivation and feelings of being depressed. If you're noticing any of this in your child, encourage them to join an after school activity. Clubs at DHS run from 2:30 - 3:20 pm and allow students the opportunity to engage in fun activities that are of interest to them (ex: chess club, robotics, video production, archery, clay target, musical, etc.). Being a part of a team results in an overall improvement in health, time management and social development. Even if your child is not interested in participating, attending events and cheering on their peers is a great way to be involved in our school community.

Go Mustangs!

Dave Moodie, DHS Principal

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DHS Students Remember September 11, 2001

Our Dansville Junior Firemen put together a tribute for 911 and the 343 firemen that died in the 9/11 attacks.

Junior Firemen: Bryce Ludlow, Mark Sick, Landon Wadsworth and Ty Schirmer



GLOW With Your Hands





The GLOW (Genesee, Livingston, Orleans and Wyoming Counties) event took place at the County Fairgrounds in Batavia this year, where 27 students explored opportunities from over 70 businesses, careers, colleges, and more. Students had the chance to talk with representatives and participate in a variety of hands-on activities, including a welding station, heavy equipment operation, masonry and bricklaying, carpentry competitions, farm animal care, and displays for linemen and electrical workers. GLOW is supported by various county agencies as well as local and regional companies.



Congratulations to the 21 student musicians who were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society. We are proud of all they have accomplished at Dansville!

Lily Barron, Arianna Billups, Natalie Bovee, Miriam Corbett, Arabella Fronk, Brett George, Avalyn Hall, Johanna Huey, Abigail Kendall, Madison Kunes, Morgan MacIntyre, Emma Mackey Abigail Malone, Olivia Miller, Joslyn Morrow, Kaelyn Oliver, Rebecca Pogel, Grace Rechichi, David Sick, Wyatt Swift, Elianna Woodard





Shoutout to the Buffalo Bills

Students in our DHS Entrepreneurship class had an educational experience that they will never forget. Teaching the magnitude of the NFL from a business standpoint, can only be done effectively from inside an NFL stadium. Students were educated on the history of the franchise, the original stadium design, advertising and generating revenue. Go Bills!



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Mustangs Give Back to the Community

Thanks to the hard work of the Entrepreneurship class and the cooperation of Mustangs of all ages, the high school entrepreneurs and the Class of 2003 are ecstatic to be able to present the Mann family with a check for \$2000! We are so grateful to be able to help a fellow Mustang in a time of need.

DHS Marching Mustangs Halloween Parade



Congratulations to the 7th and 8th Grade Band for their excellent performance at the Cohocton Fall Foliage Parade!

They did an outstanding job and have much to be proud of. Keep up the great work, 7th and 8th Grade Band!





Celebrating STEAM Day

In honor of STEAM Day (November 8), STEAM 8 students have been engaged in the design and construction of a board game along with all its components. They celebrated their hard work by playing their game with classmates.



Homecoming 2024—Superheroes











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The full events calendar for Dansville Central Schools can be found on the District website on the Calendar tab.



11/27-11/29 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Recess

12/10 BOE Meeting, 6:30

12/12 ASVAB Exams (interested students only)

12/23-1/3 NO SCHOOL: Holiday Recess

1/14 BOE Meeting, 6:30

1/20 NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

1/24 NO SCHOOL STUDENTS, Superintendent Conference Day

1/28 BOE Meeting, 6:30

1/29 NO SCHOOL: Lunar New Year

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https://www.facebook.com/



The **Foundation for Dansville Education**, in collaboration with **Dansville Central Schools**, celebrated the induction of three outstanding individuals at the Wall of Pride Induction Ceremony on October 19, 2024. Congratulations to: Mary Ellen Webster, Marsha Freeman, accepting for Margaret E. Hondelink, and Edward "E.J." Monster





The DHS Chambers Singers were featured at the annual Wall of Pride Induction ceremony. What a beautiful tribute to our community! Thank you to the Foundation for Dansville Education for supporting our schools and celebrating the accomplishments of our alumni. Mustang Pride at its best!