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# The Athenian Oracle

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## Sugar Creek Classic & County Champions *Coach Pierce makes Crawfordsville history*

During the Sugar Creek Classic in January, the Crawfordsville Athenian boys' basketball team won the Sugar Creek Classic Championship title for the seventh time after defeating North Montgomery in round one on Friday night and then defeating Southmont in the championship game on Saturday night.

What made the weekend more special was that Head Coach David Pierce won his 170th game making him the winningest coach for Athenian

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# NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!



*Incredible results from competition*

The Crawfordsville High School Blue Illusions traveled to Minnesota for the Dance Xtreme AmeriCup Nationals and came home National Champions in two different events.

The team was named champions in School/Rec Hip Hop and Game Day. In addition, they placed second

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## Pierce . . .

basketball. The previous record of 169 wins was held by Paul Curtis who coached from 1970-1982.

CHS Athletic Director Bryce Barton said, “The Crawfordsville boys basketball program has 125 years of rich history. Becoming the winningest basketball coach in school history is a special accomplishment. But the 170 wins are just a small part of what David Pierce brings to our program, school, and our community. Coach Pierce has used his 16 years at Crawfordsville High School to provide leadership, build relationships, and model behaviors for the many young men that have been a part of the CHS basketball program.”

Coach Pierce said, “It takes a large amount of good people, families, and time to get to this mark. Success always has a price to be paid and we have been blessed by so many good people that have been willing to pay it. People always ask what it’s like to coach at Crawfordsville and when you consider the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Principal, Assistant Principal, and Athletic Director have all coached and in our basketball program, it’s a pretty special place.”



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## Dance . . .

in jazz, earned the Academic Excellence Award and received the Judges’ Choice Award for their hip hop routine. CC Cox, a junior, was honored with the Distinguished Leader Award.

Coach Tami Haas said, “The dancers had strong performances that set them apart from the other teams. I am so proud of their growth for such a young team.”

The Blue Illusion season will continue with competition on Feb. 21, Indiana Regionals on March 7, and state finals on March 14.

# CCSC travels to Texas for Marzano conference

CCSC continues its work with Marzano Resources and the progression of High Reliability Schools certification levels. Recently, some staff traveled on behalf of CCSC to San Antonio where they received recognition at the Marzano High Reliability Summit for having all schools Levels 1 and 2 certified.

In addition to school certification, teachers have the opportunity to complete the High Reliability Teacher certification. CCSC is proud to recognize Hoover Elementary teacher Sharon Danforth for earning her Level 1 Certification. The High Reliability Teacher certification is a rigorous professional distinction that recognizes educators who consistently demonstrate effective instructional strategies that support student learning. Level 1 certification specifically highlights expertise in the foundation and reflection of instruction-



Above: CCSC staff received recognition from Dr. Robert Marzano, left, and Dr. Phil Warrick, right. Right: Galinowski, right, celebrates with Danforth, left, who received recognition for earning her Level 1 Teacher Certification.

al strategies.

Hoover Principal Marci Galinowski said, “Mrs. Danforth’s dedication to continuous improvement of instruction has greatly benefited her students. She has become an expert in using data to drive decisions about instruction in her classroom. Mrs. Danforth has also been very generous with her time and resources, sharing what she has learned through the High Reliability

Teacher certification with her colleagues during PLCs (Professional Learning Communities).”

Assistant Superintendent Brent Bokhart said, “Sharon’s dedication to refining her instructional practices and committing to continuous professional growth reflects her commitment to our students and the district’s pursuit of excellence in supporting students in the classroom.”



# TOBOR has great first event

TOBOR, the robotics team of Crawfordsville High School, had its first competition of the season on Feb. 1st and came home with 2nd place for the Sustain Award. This award is given to teams with a strong foundation and long-term viability. Contributing factors include TOBOR being the oldest robotics team in

Indiana and has impressive outreach with sponsors, Banjo and LSC. While they didn’t advance to the finals, the team placed 9th of 28 teams following the qualification matches.

In addition to the matches, teams must give a presentation and present a portfolio to event judges. This gives an



opportunity for the team to explain their engineering process, challenges, successes, community outreach, and future goals.

TOBOR has two more competitions coming up on Feb. 14 at Penn High School in Mishawaka and Feb. 21 at Greenwood Middle School.



## Hose has great day at Wabash

Students from Hose Elementary had a great opportunity to attend a Wabash basketball game on a recent Saturday in January as part of the Books, Basketball, and Beyond program partnership.

Students in attendance received free admission, a free

book, and free popcorn!

This ongoing partnership between Wabash basketball, Mrs. Hensley, and Mrs. Rohr's classes has built great relationships between young and older students. Typically the basketball players come to Hose for fun learning

activities and reading so it was a special treat to go to the Wabash campus.

"The kids get to see their mentors do something they love while having some quality time with their families! We hope to continue to encourage families

to read and see all Wabash has to offer to the community," said Mrs. Hensley, Hose kindergarten teacher.

While the snowy Saturday kept some at home this time, they hope to continue the event in the future.

## CHS wins lots of GOLD!

*16 Gold ratings  
4 State Qualifiers*

Members of the CHS band competed in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest at Harrison High School in Lafayette. It was a successful day for the Athenians!

Eleanor Hesler, Claire Dennison, Baela Hensley, Melainah Kunkel, Corbin Bray, and Gavin Bray all received Gold Rating on their solo performances. The trio of Melainah Kunkel, Baela Hensley, and MacKenzie Owens also received gold for their performance.

Along with them, Ian Hurt, the Cville Saxophone Ensemble, Cville Trumpet Ensemble, and Athenian Thunder Percussion all received Gold rating and qualified for state competition which will take place on February 28.



## Willson explores Space

Willson Preschool Academy has been celebrating and learning all things Space.

Students have been learning about the planets, astronauts, and gravity. It has been a busy week in each classroom as they have built a variety of different types of rockets, made aliens, and individualized astronauts. The Pre-High Ability had fun with science experiments. The end of the week was a glow-in-the-dark day to celebrate the end of the space unit.

# Dynamic Expression earns trophy



Dynamic Expression competed at the Southmont Show Choir invitational on Saturday. They received 1st Runner Up and Best Choreography. Individual awards were given with two Athenians winning recognition. Isla Seward was awarded Outstanding Performer and Gianna Kochert was awarded Outstanding Soloist in a Competition Set.



## Attendance Matters!

*Hoover classes earn rewards for being at school*



Congratulations to the two Hoover Elementary classes pictured above for having the best attendance percentage for the 2nd nine weeks. Left: McGaughey's class had an attendance percentage of 96.8% while Harris' class, right, was at 97.11%. Way to go, Hoover Tigers!



## More Nicholson Noble Knights celebrated

At the end of January, 27 students received the Noble Knight award. These students were nominated by Nicholson staff for this reward. Parents were invited to attend the ceremony where students received a certificate and a Noble Knight water bottle.



## Experimenting with light, water, & sound

During Nicholson's 3rd grade Language Arts unit on Light and Sound, students not only got to read about light and sound, but also experiment with both. Mrs. Brumett's class is shown here experimenting with light and water.



## Spelling Bee champ!

Yerik Hernandez was crowned this year's spelling bee champion at Hoover Elementary. He is pictured above giving one of his answers to the judges.

Hernandez will continue the spelling competition at the Regional Spelling Bee in West Lafayette in March.

Runners up include Hugh McCrary and Karter Martin.



# Girls Swim Sectional Champions

*Two individual races and one relay advance to State*

The Crawfordsville High School girls' swim team won the sectional swim meet, defeating North Montgomery by three points. This marks the third year in a row as Sectional Champions.

Several individuals and the 200 Free Relay will advance to

Friday, Feb. 12th's State meet. Sectional Champions and advancing to Friday's State meet are Melanie Dowd and Quinn Olofson, and the 200 Free Relay team of Maesa Horton, Quinn Olofson, Katherine Novak, and Melanie Dowd.

# MAC Champs!

*Boys' swim and dive team wins first title*

Congratulations to the CHS boys' swimming and diving team who are the winners of the first MAC Championship title. The boys won with a total of 458 team points while second place, Western Boone, had 331 points.

The girls' team finished second place losing by just 3.5 points. The Athenians finished at 428.5 points with North Montgomery winning at 432 points.

Individual MAC Champion titles include:

Henry Hoar - 200Im, 100 Fly. (Won all 4 Events at MAC Champ)



Maesa Horton - 50 Free  
Grant Schroeter - 50 Free  
100 Free (Won all 4 events at

MAC)  
Quinn Olofson - 100 Fly &  
100 Breast. (Won all 4 events

at MAC)  
Katherine Novak - 500 Free  
Shawn Ewoldt - 100 Breast

# Five wrestlers advance to Regionals

*Hutchison is Sectional Champion, Regional Runner-up, and advances to semi-state*



Aiden Hutchison



Justin Gonzalez



Blayze Robbins



Carlos Gutierrez



Armando Munoz

Post season for the Athenians has been a successful run and is still going for Aiden Hutchison who was the Regional Runner-up at 165 lb. He will advance to the New Castle Semi-State Saturday, Feb. 14.

The Athenians had five compete at Regionals including Justin Gonzalez, Blayze Robbins, Carlos Gutierrez, Armando Munoz, and Hutchison, who was the Sectional Champion.

Earlier in the season the team finished second in the Monon Athletic Conference with two individual champions, Noe Torres at 175 and Hutchison at 165.

## Girls team wins on senior night

The girls basketball team honored the five seniors and their parents during the last home game of the season.

The Athenians defeated Frankfort on senior night.

Seniors, left to right, include Molly Pierce, Bea Swick, Caroline Melevage, Aubrey Lowe, and Olivia Hedrick.

The season ended for the team when they lost in the first round of sectionals against Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory.



Photo by Susan Ehrlich



# CHS Athenian Way quarter two winners

**Bea Swick (Nominated by Amanda Ellenberger):** Bea has incredible talent in art. She is always kind and respectful. She works so hard and turns in quality work!

**Marie Hesler (Nominated by Amanda Ellenberger):** Marie is an excellent example of the Athenian Way! She is kind, hard working and always polite. I truly appreciate all of her kind actions, help and respect.

**Emmalynn McCain (Nominated by Amanda Ellenberger):** Emmalynn is always very respectful and helpful. She comes down a lot to help others in another class and I truly appreciate that. She is also a very hard worker!

**Sydney Elizondo (Nominated by Amanda Ellenberger):** Sydney is so sweet. She is always well behaved and a joy to have in class. I truly appreciate all her kind actions, respect and hard work.

**Ariah Richards (Nominated by Amanda Ellenberger):** Ariah is a joy to have in class. I truly appreciate all her kind words, help and actions. She is always helping others and myself. Keep up the great work!

**Zoey Witherspoon (Nominated by Jordan Chandler):** I have had the pleasure of getting to

know Zoey the past couple years through Cheer and now as an officer of our Bring Change 2 Mind Club. When I first met Zoey, she was very quiet and reserved. Over the past few years, she has been showing a lot of growth and really stepping out of her comfort zone. She's been trying new things and building more confidence in herself. She has been going above and beyond with taking initiative in our club to find meaningful activities and presentations for club meetings that she feels would resonate with her peers. She treats others with kindness and respect. She also does not hesitate to stand up for her friends when they are being treated poorly. Her growth, courage, determination, and willingness to advocate for others reflects the Athenian Way and makes her deserving of this award.

**Molly Pierce (Nominated by Bryce Barton):** This is more of a "lifetime award" for Molly. I have watched her for years work to improve on her skills and athleticism. She is self-motivated, a quiet leader, and does everything she can to make her teammates, classmates, and our school better in the classroom, hallways, and in the athletic arena. Even though she has been on some struggling

teams, she puts her head down and carries on. Rarely do you see negative emotions from her. She is quick to help and volunteers when she can to make things run smoothly in the athletic department. Being a coach's and teacher's kid is not glamorous, more hours at the school, unwanted duties, and such. It typically outweighs any perks that come from it!

**Adyson Tinsley (Nominated by Jenny Veatch):** Adyson is a proud member of our cheer team. She has enthusiasm, spirit and a huge beautiful smile on her face during games. I also love that she advocates for herself in class if she needs help or just needs to talk about life. Lastly, she is one of the kindest souls I know. She is currently in her clinicals for CTE at Wellbrooke and everyday when she comes to 3rd hour she tells me about what she did that day for the residents. I can see the pure joy on her face when she talks about all she did. It can be as simple as helping someone brush their hair; she knows just listening to the residents makes their day (and I'm pretty sure it makes her day too.) Keep up the great work this year and carry it into your senior year Adyson!

**Nina Kyger (Nominated by**

**Craig Carrell):** I am nominating Nina Kyger for The Athenian Way award because she consistently demonstrates Pride, Respect, Grit, Involvement, and Kindness in Algebra 1. Nina takes great pride in her work and always strives to do her best, even when the material is challenging. She shows grit by persevering through difficult problems and not giving up. Nina is highly involved in class, willingly answering questions out loud and helping move discussions forward. She treats her classmates with respect and kindness by offering help and supporting others who may be struggling. Her positive attitude and strong work ethic make her an excellent example of The Athenian Way.

**Gabriella Breaks (Nominated by Shelley Clouser):** I nominated Gabriella for the Athenian Way award because she works hard at CHS every day. Even though some subjects are difficult for her she always displays GRIT and pushes forward. She is kind, helpful, and always respectful to others. This year Gabriella has joined Key Club and has helped in the Comfort Closet as well. I am very proud of her efforts at CHS!

**Tryston Sauer (Nominated by Jordan Chandler):** Tryston took on being a peer tutor for a

student who was struggling in one of her classes. This subject is a more challenging one, but Tryston was still willing to help. He is very responsible and consistently showed up without reminders and he always communicated with me ahead of time if there was ever a day he needed to miss his peer tutoring session. The student he was tutoring shared how helpful Tryston has been and because of his support, she was able to bring her grade up in that class. He has even agreed to continue tutoring her this semester as well. Tryston is also very involved in school with multiple clubs, sports, show choir, plays, musicals, and extra-curriculars outside of school and still manages to be on the honor roll. He is a great example of what the Athenian Way represents!

**Nataly Diaz Perez (Nominated by Molly Whitecotton):** I am nominating Nataly Diaz Perez because she has shown pride in her school work and kindness to her peers. I met Nataly 4 years ago when she was a middle school student. She was a newcomer from Guatemala who started school in the middle of the year. Her English was very limited and she struggled to understand basic conversations and instructions. She would be so overwhelmed by the afternoon, she had trouble keeping her eyes open in class. Little by little, class by class, year by year she showed up, worked HARD and has made huge strides in her language learning. She transitioned to the high school very well and most recently finished quarter 2 with straight A's and made the high honor roll. Not only is Nataly an excellent student, she is very kind and helpful to me and her peers in class. She is a true Athenian and we are lucky to have her at CHS. ¡Bien hecho Nataly!

**Cohen McClamroch (Nominated by Jenny Veatch):** This kid...you are SO much fun to have in class! You're funny, bright and driven, but what impresses me even more is the grit you've shown in your senior year when the hits keep coming. You dug deep, did everything the doctors

and rehab told you to do and it paid off! You got back on the field in football and are now on the court for bball. Watching you wave that flag as the team ran out on the field for football also shows the pride you have for CHS! Never let anyone take away your spirit and the light that shines inside of you! CHS is blessed to have you as a student!

**Lucy Garing (Nominated by Emily Fullenwider):** Lucy Garing has absolutely knocked Homecoming and Snowcoming week out of the park! The students love and respect her, and truly look up to her leadership. She works hard all year long and always shows up prepared. I'm incredibly grateful to work alongside someone like Lucy.

**Kelsey Ramsey (Nominated by Renae Tebbe):** Kelsey has been a respectful and kind leader to her teammates throughout the season. She leads by example, offering encouragement and positivity, even when things become challenging. Her perseverance during difficult moments speaks to her strong character. You can always find her smiling face at basketball games, lifting up those around her. Her involvement in CHS shows her dedication to both her team and her school.

**Gianna Kochert (Nominated by Jennie Swick):** Gianna represents all aspects of The Athenian Way. She takes PRIDE in all of her school and extra-curricular activities. She is very passionate about dance, performing, and singing and takes pride in what she is putting out on stage. She RESPECTS her peers and teachers. She is a model student in class and is respectful when she is leading her peers as one of the dance captains this year. She shows GRIT but her hard work and dedication. She sets ambi-

tious goals for herself and doesn't shy away from a challenge. She is very INVOLVED in the choir and theater department as well as keeping up with a heavy dance schedule and her studio job.

Finally, she leads through KINDNESS. When she is helping with choreography questions during rehearsal, she is willing to answer questions, break moves down, and work with students at their pace so they can gain confidence in their performance.

**Franco Marcelo Robles (Nominated by Emily Race):** Franco is a dedicated student, intent on improving his skills and proficiency. He seeks and takes serious feedback to improve, and he comes to class every day ready to learn. His peers look to him as a leader for understanding content, discussing concepts, and processing new information. He pushes himself academically and benefits from his intellectual curiosity. He also comports himself with respect and kindness toward staff and peers.

**Jack Sweet (Nominated by Jennie Swick):** Jack is the complete package when it comes to The Athenian Way. Jack takes PRIDE in his extracurriculars and his academics. He shows RESPECT to his peers and teachers. He shows GRIT but works extremely hard in his extracurriculars and he is even trying a new sport this year. It is not easy to be in a sport and have a leading role in a musical, but his grit makes it possible. His INVOLVEMENT in football, swimming, Dynamic Expression, and the musical just illustrate how versatile Jack is as an Athenian. Jack does all of these things through KINDNESS. I know I can always count on a smile from Jack and he will bring his positive attitude into choir and rehearsals.

**Corbin Bray (Nominated by Peyton Suiter):** Corbin has been an amazing example of the Athenian Way in my class the entire first semester. Corbin was immediately a classroom leader from day one, often participating during lessons and assisting his peers while working together on assignments. Corbin would finish his paper sometimes before a lot of other students, and he would then spend time assisting friends who were not done with their work. On top of being a pleasure to have in class, Corbin has shown true grit and pride in his work. Corbin has dealt with adversity at times this year, and you would not know it by the way he acts. He has set challenging, attainable goals for himself with grades and band. He comes to class every-day ready to learn and grow, and displays a true kindness to those around him. Keep it up Corbin!

**Sophia Cook (Nominated by Emily Race):** While many seniors struggle to maintain their motivation or effort as they near the finish line, Sophia is leveling up, earning the best grades of her high school career in the first semester of her senior year. She is applying her analytical skills to her reading and writing, to great effect. She is always courteous to staff and shows respect for herself and for others.

**Magnolia Joyner (Nominated by Emily Race):** Magnolia is an enthusiastic student who pushes herself to improve. She is diligent, reflective, and analytical. She therefore can take pride in her coursework, as she levels up consistently, welcoming increased rigor and opportunities to improve. She is also consistently respectful and kind, having a good humor and a willingness to work with others even out of her comfort zone.

**Mason McCarty (Nominated by Jay Strickland):** I have really enjoyed coaching and working with Mason during his four years at CHS. He is a true Athenian who loves CHS and demonstrates PRIDE as a student and athlete. He is a tough and gritty competitor in athletics and has worked



very hard to become a great athlete at CHS. On a personal note, I have appreciated his support during my recent health/cancer struggles. He has a bright future ahead of him after CHS and it has been an honor to see his continued growth as a student athlete at CHS. I look forward to supporting him in his future endeavors after CHS. Congrats, Mason!

**Nolan Watt (Nominated by Brayden Montgomery):** Nolan has done a great job in my class this quarter. He frequently is asking for help or assisting others which demonstrates exceptional pride in his work and respect for others. Nolan is very involved in the classroom, but also in extra-curricular activities like tennis, basketball, volleyball, and National Honor Society. Nolan embodies all of the qualities of “The Athenian Way” and I am proud to nominate him for this award!

**Aubrey Lowe (Nominated by Brayden Montgomery):** I am proud to nominate Aubrey for “The Athenian Way.” Aubrey shows great pride in her work and grit by working with others to figure out the material in our class. She is always kind and respectful towards others. She maintains a high academic standard while also participating in various extracurriculars such as soccer, basketball, track, and National Honor Society. Aubrey is a fantastic example of “The Athenian Way!”

**Henry Bannon (Nominated by Brad Clark):** Henry embodies what “The Athenian Way” is through his daily actions and attitude. He shows up every day to get better without complaint and pushes himself whether anyone is watching or not (Col 3:23). His work ethic sets the standard in the weight room which has paid off with significant improvements in every assessment we measure. More importantly, I am proud of Henry as a young man. His integrity, pride, respect, and kindness set him apart. Henry leads by example and our program is better because of him.

**Keri McDonald, Ashley Fisher and Nicole Hathway (Nominated by Stacey Jackson):**

The best team I could work with. We’ve had a bit of a rough year in our room, yet we come together and hit the issues we have head on. Each one shows kindness for our kiddos and our coworkers, they show grit every day by the challenges we face daily.

They’re not only my coworkers but they’re family.

**Mason McCarty (Nominated by David Pierce):**

Mason has demonstrated all the characteristics of the Athenian Way. He is our leader on and off the court because he takes great pride in how we do things at Crawfordsville. Mason was awarded an honor by referees for his respect towards them and our opponents. He demonstrates grit every time we compete in practice and games. He is involved with our youth basketball players as a role model as he talks and advises the young players. Lastly, we have observed his kindness by counseling struggling teammates, cleaning the locker room and buses, and worrying about other teammates more than himself. Mason is a true Athenian!

**Kaya Money (Nominated by Jennifer Hollandbeck):**

Kaya truly lives The Athenian Way in her everyday actions. She is always involved and willing to help, whether that means serving on Student Council or taking yearbook photos, and she does it all with a genuine smile. Kaya consistently shows kindness and respect to her classmates and teachers, and she brings a positive, hardworking attitude to everything she takes on. She is someone others can count on, and she makes our school a better place simply by being herself. I am very grateful to have Kaya in my French 3 class and in the homeroom.

**Isabella Hubble (Nominated**

**by Jennifer Hollandbeck):** Belle exemplifies The Athenian Way in many ways. She started the year very quiet, but over time she has really gained confidence in the classroom and is more comfortable participating. She shows grit

by always doing her best and taking pride in her work, especially her amazing artwork. Belle is kind, respectful, and helpful, and she often goes out of her way to help me and her classmates stay organized or take care of classroom tasks. She has become a positive presence in our French 1 class, and I truly enjoy having her as a student.

**Alexis Murrillo-Mendoza (Nominated by**

**ward Sieferman):** Alexis has elected to challenge himself during his Senior year by taking not one, but THREE (3) different AP-level courses, as well as dual credit Human Anatomy & Physiology! He probably could have “taken it easy” this year, and coasted by, so the fact that he has embraced this course load is ~ in and of itself ~ worthy of praise. Alexis would (probably) be the first to admit that it has NOT been an “easy” year (academically), but, he embodies something I heard Coach Cignetti say after IU won the national championship: if you keep your nose down in life, and keep working, anything is possible. Alexis came into the last day of the 1st Semester in AP Physics I with a “D+” in the class. However, he worked his tail off on the review packet, and scored an “A-” on the final exam, which boosted him to a solid “C” for the semester ~ a MOST-impressive performance! I have also been impressed at how diligent and conscientious he has been these past couple of weeks with respect to WIDA testing. He has had to miss a significant amount of class



time for these tests, but, he is in my room, bright and early the next morning, checking on what he missed the day before, emailing me about his assignments, etc. Alexis has REALLY made an impression on me these past few weeks, which is why I am proud to nominate him for “The Athenian Way” Award!

**Katie Manzoni (Nominated by Krystal Rogers):** Katie is a great example for “The Athenian Way.” Katie is sweet, kind, and helpful to other students. Katie will jump in to help others without being asked when she sees the need. Katie takes pride in her work and follows through with grit on the most challenging task. I know when Katie is taking responsibility that the task will be accomplished. She has thoughtful insight when in class discussions.

**Italia Espinosa Maya (Nominated by Krystal Rogers):** Italia is genuinely sweet. Italia has jumped in numerous times to help translate for other students. Italia is always willing to help. Italia models patience with both the staff and the other individual. Italia has grit when asked to take on a task that requires growth and/or effort. She continues to grow and speak up. Italia takes pride in her work and pays attention in class. Italia is involved in soccer and track. Italia is a great example of “The Athenian Way.”

**Shelley Clouser (Nominated by Krystal Rogers):** Shelley models kindness and respect every day in her rapport with students, parents, and other staff. Shelley provides students with not just academic support but a variety of other supports, including basic needs like clothing and school supplies. Shelley’s students remember long after graduation her kindness. Shelley does all of this quietly. I have gone to her many times, brainstorming how to help students or to look for resources that we have. She has always been willing to assist. Shelley has shown her grit working with students who are struggling and in tough situations. Shelley makes CHS a better place for students and other staff.