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Lady Hornet Powerlifting Team brings home the **GOLD!**

MUENSTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission Is to Promote Community & Alumni Support for the Muenster ISD. This Support Is Intended to Provide and Manage Funding and Other Resources to Assist Teachers and Staff in Delivering Instructional Programs for The Students of Muenster ISD.

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From the Desk of MISD Superintendent, Mr. Matthew Quick

Greetings,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year, Muenster ISD family! As I start my third year as Muenster ISD's Superintendent, it is truly an honor to work in this community with this staff. I love coming to work every day and working to ensure that everyone's children are receiving the best education possible. I don't take this task lightly, and I appreciate everyone's support for MISD!

It's been wonderful seeing the halls fill with familiar faces and all the energy that comes with a fresh start. We hope everyone enjoyed their break and is ready for another year filled with hard work, growth, and fun.

We can't wait to see what our students accomplish this year, from academics and fine arts to athletics and beyond. Our students continue to inspire us with their talents and dedication. Our goal is to pursue perfection and achieve excellence!

As we dive into the fall, there's a lot to be excited about! Friday night lights are back, our band is ready to keep the crowd up beat, cross country is off and running, and our elementary UIL teams are gearing up to shine once again. There's something for everyone to look forward to, and we encourage you to get involved and cheer each other on.

A huge thank you goes out to our amazing staff, who always put students first and work hard to make Muenster ISD such a special place. Here's to another fantastic year as we continue our tradition of success!

Go Big Red!

**Matthew Quick
Superintendent MISD**



Education Foundation News from President: Jean Trubenbach Walterscheid '85

Another school year has begun! Seeing all the first day of school pictures reminds me of my school days. We took the first day of school pictures by the car - we were always in a hurry! Dad would snap a photo and off we would go. My mom would be in the picture as well – it was her first day, too. She was a teacher and then the elementary principal. I couldn't get by with anything; she always knew about it.

I am honored to serve as your MISD Education Foundation President. I want to thank the outgoing officers for their dedication, service and leadership - **Lou Dyer Heers '80** for 5 years serving as president, Toby Eberhart for 4 years serving as Vice President, and **Candice Abney Kubis '94** for serving as Treasurer for 6 years. Their efforts have helped make our teacher grants, fundraising activities and community events possible. On behalf of the foundation, thank you for all the hours planning, organizing and work you have done to help our foundation grow.

We are proud to support our MISD students and teachers through educational grants each year. These grants help educators bring innovative ideas, new resources, and meaningful learning experiences into the classrooms. None of this would be possible without the incredible support of our MISD families, staff, and community.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming fundraising event, Trivia Night. This event is about more than raising funds, it is an opportunity for families, educators, businesses and community members to come together in support of education. We hope you will join us for a fun evening. Your involvement and generosity make a meaningful difference in our classrooms. Thank you for being an important part of the MISD community.

Last fall, the education foundation awarded seven grants that totaled **\$16,028**. The recipients shared the following:

Elementary Teachers & Staff - "Poster Maker"

One of the newest and most loved additions to Muenster Elementary School this year was a "poster maker," and it has already made a meaningful impact on teaching and learning. This resource allowed our teachers to create large, customized anchor charts and instructional posters that are tailored to the specific skills students are learning each week. Instead of relying on generic, store-bought materials, teachers could design visuals that aligned directly with their curriculum, making

classroom instruction more engaging, relevant, and effective.

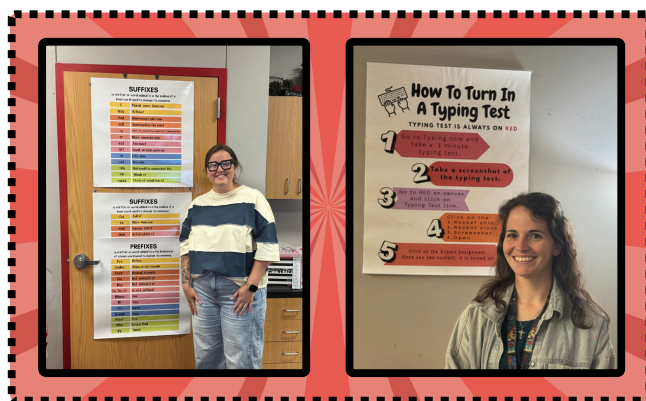
In our 1st and 2nd grade classrooms, students now benefit from these custom posters, such as colorful counting charts, phonics coding posters, and suffix/prefix reference charts that reinforce daily lessons and encourage independent learning. In the computer lab, students have easy access to step-by-step posters that explain things such as how to successfully submit assignments online.

These customized resources provide consistent visual reminders that build confidence, strengthen academic skills, and help students become more independent learners. The poster printer is more than just a piece of equipment. It is an investment in creating engaging learning environments where students have the tools they need to succeed every day.

Thank you, Muenster ISD Education Foundation for this incredible resource!



1st Grade Teachers:
Megan Dangelmayr Hennigan '06 and Brennan Kendall



2nd Grade Teacher: Bridgett Craddock
Computer Teacher: Leah Styles

Elementary Computer Teacher, Leah Styles- "Robot Rookies"

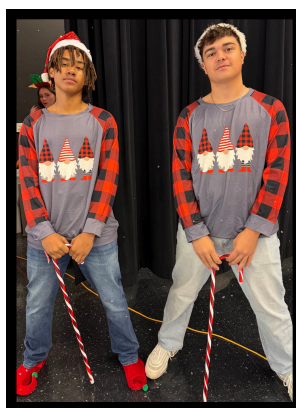
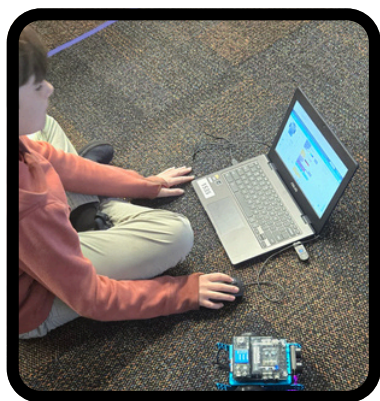
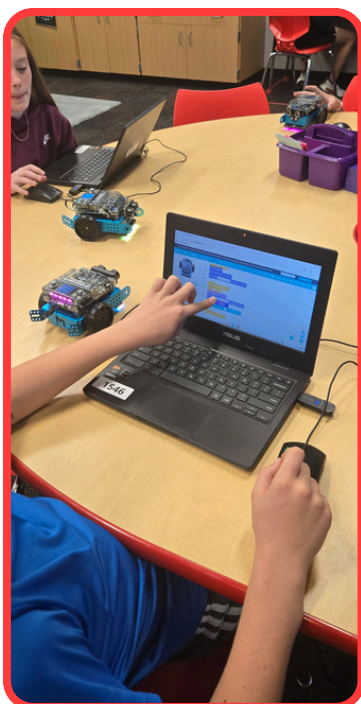
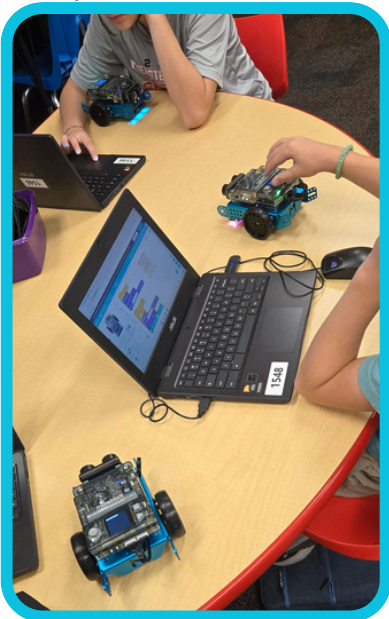
The Robot Rookies have been exciting and a great learning experience for my students. I encouraged the students to figure out how to use the robots on their own without my aid. My computer students loved

discovering how they functioned on their own. The robots have allowed the students to learn through exploration. This exploration led the students to learn how to code and how to use all of the different functions that are on the robots.

Thank you, MISD Education Foundation! The students and I really appreciate the new robots and the excitement of learning they brought to the Elementary Computer Lab!

Tamara Blythe, HS Theater Arts - “Santa, I Know Him! - Memories Center Stage”

Thanks to the Education Foundation, our fundraiser was a huge success! With the Foundation’s help, the theater department raised \$1,130! We were so excited. The students had a blast planning and decorating for the event, as well as talking with the elementary students the day of the pictures. They are also happily window shopping for props and costumes to make our production a success. We hope to continue this fundraiser next year and open it up to more students and children, possibly younger siblings.



Good job!

Tyler Bruce, Graphic Design I & II, Digital Media, and Yearbook - “Bringing Graphic Design to Life”

The equipment and resources provided through this instructional grant allowed my graphic design and digital media students to work on real-world design projects throughout the year. Students created posters and promotional materials for teachers, designed items for local businesses, and gained hands-on experience seeing their ideas move from concept to finished product. This opportunity helped them better understand the creative process, develop practical design skills, and experience how graphic design can make a real impact both in the school and the community. Huge thanks to the Education Foundation for all they have done for us and continue to do for our district!

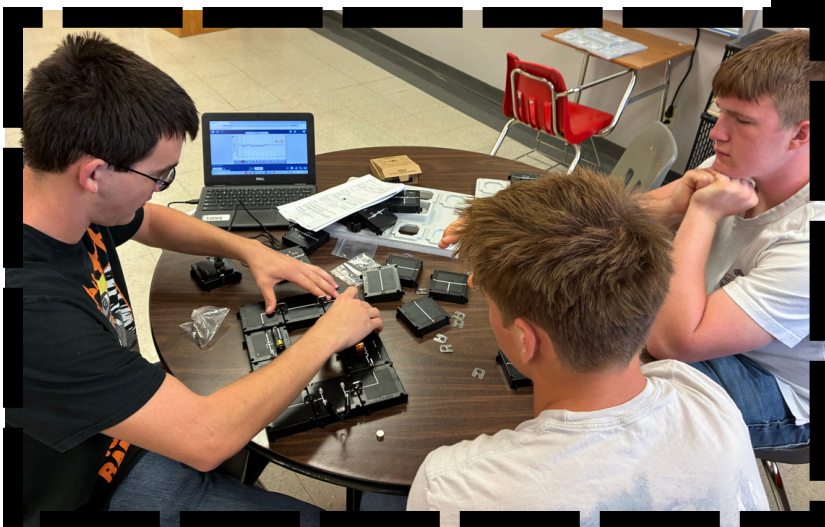


Top: **Addison L '28, Clara B '28, and Shelbie H '27**
Bottom: **Vivian B '27, Shelbie '27, Ari M '28,
Rileigh S '28, and Avy M '28**

iPC and Physics teacher, Deanna Miller

The instructional grant “Powering Possibilities” allowed science to come alive in my classroom, thanks to the MISD Education Foundation. Students were able to get hands-on experience using circuit kits. The kits included a variety of circuit components for us to test, and the connected software allowed us to see changes in current and voltage that occur when manipulating a circuit.

Clay L '27, Collin O '27, and Joseph R '27



**Rose Barnhill, HS Biology teacher -
"Powering Possibilities"**

When it comes to teaching science, models are an essential tool for helping students grasp concepts that are difficult to visualize. Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) is one of those concepts. For students to truly understand its structure, how it functions, and how it is used to make proteins in our bodies, hands-on manipulatives make all the difference.

These magnetic DNA manipulatives gave my students the opportunity to actively model DNA structure and the processes involved in protein synthesis instead of simply sitting at their desks watching a PowerPoint presentation. The hands-on experience increased student engagement and deepened their understanding of a complex scientific concept.

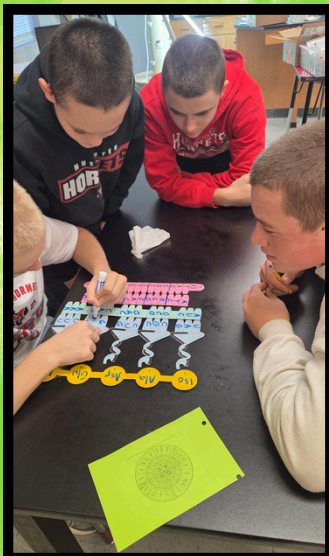
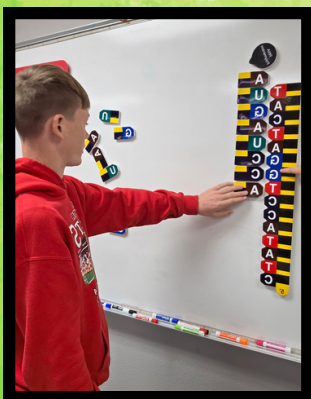
I am incredibly grateful to the MISD Education Foundation for providing my students with this wonderful resource. Your generosity has made a meaningful impact on science learning in my classroom!

**Kevin Ralston, 5th grade Music teacher & 6th
through 12th grade Band Director**

The Muenster ISD Band program is very thankful for the generous grant gifted by the Education Foundation. This amazing grant allowed us to jumpstart the program with some much-needed gear and have a very successful first year! Instead of worrying about equipment needs, we could focus on the musical growth of the students. The students achieved so much in their first year as a program. We were able to form a drumline full of students with no prior experience and perform at football games. The students even had the opportunity to perform at the state football game.

With the grant, multiple concert percussion instruments were purchased as well. These include our vibraphone, tambourine, and triangle. These are all very standard pieces of percussion equipment that we did not have at first. Not having these would have severely limited the music we would be able to play with both the percussion ensemble and the concert bands. We were very thankful to acquire all of these items.

After the football season was over, the students began preparing for the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest. With the items from the grant, the students had many more options to choose from and selected the piece *Mi Milagro* by Ralph Hicks. **The group received a Division I rating on that performance!**



*Competing at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest
AND earning a Division I rating were:*

***Collin G '28, Nathan S '29, Nevaeh F '27, Ella
W '30, Addison M '29, Sage R '29, Liam S '27,
Tristan F '31, and Kevin Ralston - Band Director.***

***CONGRATULATIONS on this amazing
accomplishment!***



Our 6th-grade beginner band also greatly benefited from the grant. We were able to purchase a method book for every student to use in class. These were used every day to assist in the students' learning. They also used the tambourine and triangle for their song at the spring concert!

The 5th-grade music class was also given some much-needed equipment through the grant. We were able to purchase 5-gallon buckets for students to use as drums and a pair of drumsticks for every 5th grader to use. The students had a great time using these in class, and they will continue to be a part of the curriculum for many years. The 5th graders also received a class set of recorders, which they used to play three songs at our spring concert!

The grant from the Education Foundation had a massive impact on jumpstarting the music program at Muenster ISD. We are very thankful for all the support we have received from the community so far. We could not have grown this quickly without it. We are looking forward to presenting the 2026 Hornet Drumline at the first football game!



Adding to the excitement of the 2025 Football State Championship game (Muenster vs. Shiner) at AT&T Stadium was the MHS Drumline!



*Front Row: **Nathan S. '29, Addison M '29, Sage R '29, Nevaeh F '27, Ella W '30, and Band Director, Kevin Ralston**
Back Row: **Dylan O. '29 and Collin G. '28***



The 5th graders were the opening act of the Spring Band Concert in May. What a wonderful job they did!



Putting on an outstanding performance at the Christmas Band Concert were the JH & HS Band students.

"I was blown away by all the performances at the Spring Concert! MISD is blessed with many dedicated and talented musicians. Their Final piece was "Mahna Mahna," the Muppets' song. Everyone left with a smile on their face! Thank you, Mr. Ralston, for working your musical "magic!"

- Lou Dyer Heers '80

RECAP of THIS PAST SCHOOL YEAR'S FUNDRAISERS:

North Texas Giving Day – September 18, 2025: This was the Foundation's second time to participate in this online giving platform. The Foundation made \$1,400 from donations.

Trivia Night 2025: The 7th Annual Trivia Night was such a fun evening of fellowship, food, and friendly "trivia" competition! Many thanks to our award winning MISD BBQ team for preparing the meat and beans and to our FCCLA program for providing the sides! There are two individuals who deserve a huge pat on the back, Susan Hermes, who graciously emceed, and Jeff Presnall, who worked his technology magic to make sure that this night went off without a hitch!

This event brought in \$8,108.55.

"Board" Participation: Thanks to everyone who purchased a square!

TX/OU Football 2025 = \$4,000

College Football National Championship 2026 = \$4,000

NCAA Men's Basketball Championship 2026 = \$4,000

GermanFest 2026:

The Education Foundation and Sacred Heart Robotics Program partnered up in securing gate workers for this community event. We would like to thank everyone who graciously volunteered to work a shift or two at the entrance gates to GermanFest. Because of your help and support, the Education Foundation earned \$7,740 for the general fund.

1st Annual Andy Serna Memorial Golf Tournament:

We were beyond excited to keep **Andy Serna's '76** name alive by putting on this golf tournament that proved to be quite successful. The weather was beautiful, the golfers came and enjoyed the day, and the MISD Education Foundation brought in \$14,322.97. We are looking forward to the "2nd Annual" scheduled for May 14, 2027.

Besides these fundraisers, we would also like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts to those who annually donate to the foundation or give to the foundation in honor or in memory of a loved one. We could not do what we are doing for our teachers and students without you!

The MISD Education Foundation is grateful for your generosity and support!



"TRIVIA NIGHT 2026"

SAVE the DATE! The 8th Annual Trivia Night is set for Friday, October 2, at the VFW Hall, 136 S. Ash Street. Get a jumpstart now by recruiting your team of six! Doors open at 6 p.m. for a delicious meal prepared by our MISD BBQ Team and FCCLA students, and trivia begins at 7 p.m. Tickets will go on sale in early August at the MISD Administration Office --- \$50 per person or \$250 for a table of six. If you are interested in sponsoring a team or donating a door prize, please contact Lou Heers or email foundation@muensterisd.org. Visit the Muenster ISD Education Foundation page on Facebook for the most current information.



**MISD Education Foundation
Presents its 8th Annual**

TRIVIA NIGHT

**Like a challenge? Join us for our annual
trivia night and show off your knowledge!**

**Friday Oct 2, 2026
Muenster VFW**

**Dinner at 6 PM
Trivia at 7 PM**

**\$50 Per Person OR
\$250 for a Table of 6**

**Contact Lou Heers
940.727.1980
OR
Tickets Available 8/3 @
MISD Admin Office**

MHS Homecoming 2026



September 25, 2026, is HOMECOMING at Muenster High School! This year we will be recognizing alumni from the classes of 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, 2016, and 2026. The Muenster Hornets will welcome Fort Worth Christian to Hornet Stadium. Kickoff at Hornet Stadium is at 7 p.m. During halftime, the 2026 Homecoming Queen will be crowned, and past graduates will be honored. After the game, alumni and Hornet fans (past and present) are welcome to gather at the KC Hall, 403 N. Oak Street, for a chance to reminisce on old times! Finger foods will be provided. Don't pass up this opportunity to reconnect with a friend! GO BIG RED!!



Lucina Rose 'LuRose' Henscheid Schumacher Darile '55
October 7, 1937 - January 7, 2026

Henry Gilbert Weinzapfel '52
October 19, 1933 - February 6, 2026

Linda Louise Hess Grewing Luttmer '73
January 14, 1957 - March 18, 2026

Royce Dean Rennels '62
January 25, 1944 - March 28, 2026

Margaret Ann Flusche Martin Clement '59
September 17, 1941 - April 8, 2026

Natalie Alexis Valliere '10
September 28, 1991 - April 21, 2026

Rodney Knabe '90
May 26, 1972 - May 4, 2026

Debbie Fette Klement Marino '65
July 18, 1947 - May 14, 2026

Ronnie Bayer '88
January 20, 1969 - June 2, 2026

Dale Klement '66
April 24, 1948 - August 4, 2026

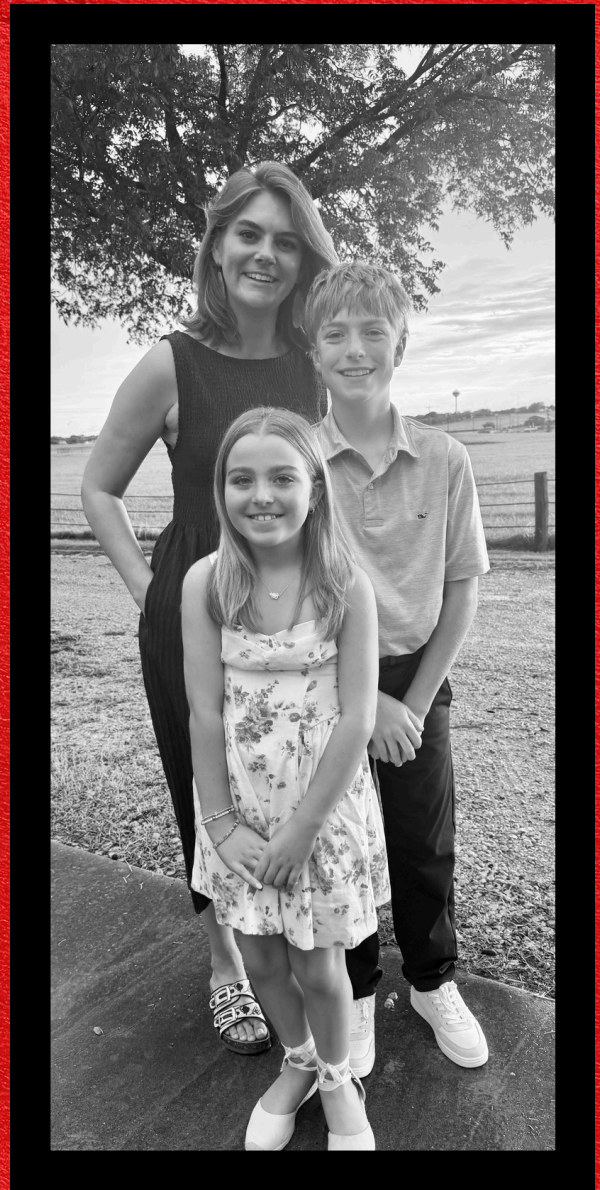
In Loving Memory of

Since earning my J.D., I've practiced law for almost 20 years, starting in law firms where I learned my craft well, and then moving in-house to join internal legal teams within companies. I'm currently based in Austin, Texas, as Managing Counsel for Tesla, where I negotiate complex commercial real estate leasing and development deals for properties located throughout the U.S. and Canada in support of the company's business operations and goals in North America. What I have learned about the real estate development, construction, and legal industries as a commercial real estate attorney, combined with watching my dad build his custom cabinetry and construction businesses and benefiting from his remodeling expertise, also helped me to start investing in real estate myself as the owner and manager of several residential properties in Texas.

When not lawyering or landlord-ing, I enjoy family time watching my nephew play select baseball and swimming laps with my niece. They, too, have attended and enjoyed MISD's elementary school, which helped launch their early educations and will no doubt continue to propel countless other kids in the community to continued success in school, sports, work, and life, in keeping with MISD's track record. Thank you to MISD for the fantastic education, and I look forward to watching future generations continue in the school's tradition of success!



Just like everyone else, I cherish time away from work --- time that I can spend with my nephew and niece or time that I can spend on the slopes.



The Teacher You Never Forget

Written by Brian Ketcham

*Some teachers teach subjects.
Others teach you who you can become.
Rodney Hess did both.*

There are teachers you remember. And then there are teachers you carry with you forever. The difference matters. I know this because in the fall of 1996, when I walked into Fossil Hill Middle School as a confused seventh grader from Minnesota, I was not exactly thriving. To say I had a rough transition to Texas is probably underselling it.

First, there was the heat. Good Lord, the heat. In Minnesota, summer was something you enjoyed. In Texas, it felt like punishment. Every afternoon seemed to be 104 degrees with a side of humidity and athletic practice.

Second, there was the Alamo. See, somewhere along the way, nobody had properly explained Texas history to me. So when I got here and learned that Texas LOST the Alamo, I remember thinking: Wait... then why are we celebrating this so much?

And third, worst of all, I was in middle school. Which is hard enough when you already know who you are.



We were not a bad school. Fossil Hill was full of good kids and good teachers. But our principal had this rule where everyone had to tuck in their shirts every day. I never knew if they were looking for drugs, weapons, gang activity, or if they

Author - Brian Ketcham

simply wanted us to look presentable for future disappointment.

Middle school is awkward because everyone is trying to invent themselves at the same time. You're too old to be a kid and too young to know anything useful. You spend most days wondering if everybody else secretly understands the rules of life better than you do.

And then one day, you walk into a classroom where someone makes you feel normal again. Enter Rodney Hess. Twenty-nine years old. Red-haired mullet. Big presence.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: RODNEY HESS '85

Already somehow looking like a Civil War reenactor even before the uniforms fully started. You didn't ask too many questions. Look at him, would you want to?

Mr. Hess had taken the long road into teaching. He started college in 1985, worked jobs along the way to pay tuition, flirted briefly with the idea of becoming a physical therapist, and eventually discovered what everybody around him probably already knew:

He was born to teach history.

His favorite professor at University of North Texas was Dr. Mike Campbell. Now let me pause here and tell you something important:

Dr. Campbell was the real deal.

Anybody who took his classes knows exactly what I mean. He could walk into a lecture hall with no notes, lean against a desk, and transport you through time with nothing but stories and details and passion.

You could hear Campbell in Hess. Not imitation, inheritance. History passed down like jazz. (Now that is a slogan!)



Mike Campbell

After graduating in 1992, Hess student taught under legendary educator Kaye Blevins. Her daughter got married during his student teaching semester, which meant Hess got thrown into the deep end almost immediately. When he finished, she gave him a portfolio/poster holder as a gift.

He still has it. Of course he still has it. That tells you everything you need to know about Rodney Hess. Now here's the funny thing.

If you know Mr. Hess today, the uniforms, the jackets, the kepis, the props, the whole museum-on-two-legs presentation, you probably assume he always taught that way.

Nope.

That first year, he mostly wore shirt and tie combinations because, as he would say, "I'm a professional."

The uniforms evolved gradually.

A jacket here. A military coat there. Eventually the whole thing became legendary.



Rodney Hess, 1996

I remember Abby Bousquet joking once about one of his long historical jackets and asking where he got it.

Without missing a beat, Hess replied:

"Hey now, this is historically accurate... and my mother sewed it for me."

That was Hess too. Completely sincere. Completely hilarious.



Now my original schedule only had me in his class briefly. I started school a few days late because my family had been on vacation, and I was also taking Spanish during fifth period. This was not going well.

A week into school, Coach Q, all 4'7" of her pulled me into the hallway and said something along the lines of:

"Brian... I don't think Spanish is working out for us."

US?

Well, honestly, she was right. This poor kid from Minnesota was barely hanging onto English. So they started rearranging my schedule.

But there was one problem. I went home and told my mom:

"I'll switch anything... but I have to keep Mr. Hess."

I had only been in his class seven days. Seven. That's all it took.

The counselor eventually found a solution, though it required me taking Honors English with Mrs. Thornton.

Honors English. Gross.

But sacrifices had to be made. If soldiers could survive Valley Forge, I could make it thru Honor's English. And so the schedule changed. And I got to stay with Hess.

Now here's the important part: Anybody can dress up in uniform. That's not what made him special.

What made him special was this:

They didn't even have textbooks yet when school started. So he simply started teaching. Story after story. Lecture after lecture.

He called them "Today's Saga."

Everything was researched.

Everything was true.

Everything mattered.

The stories bounced around history timelines and connected events and people and motivations in ways middle school textbooks never could. About a week later, the textbooks finally arrived. He handed them out immediately. And we never used them again.

Freddy Ortega, my first friend in Texas, and in Mr. Hess's 1st class reminded me that while waiting for textbooks, he handed out one map for us to color and label.

If I remember right, the department head suggested that was a good idea. After that, we never did another map.

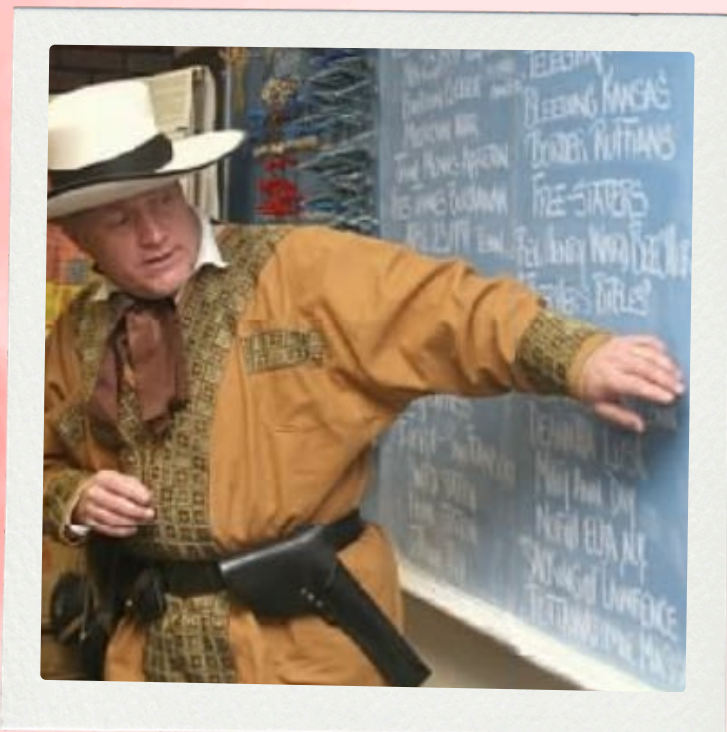
I believe his quote was "How are you going to learn US history by coloring a map."

Instead, he taught us American history from Columbus through the Civil War through storytelling.

Pure storytelling.

I can still picture the blue chalkboard. Everything written in ALL CAPS.

Classic Hess.

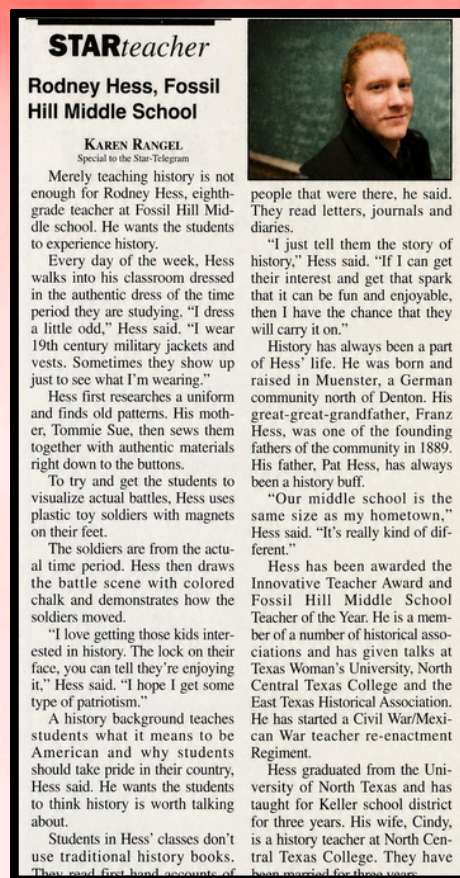


Sometimes he'd put a little checkmark next to the last lecture point so he'd know exactly where to pick up the next day.

We never had free time. Not once.

He taught bell to bell every day and nobody complained because nobody wanted him to stop talking.

That's the thing people outside education sometimes miss: Kids know when someone cares. They always know.



And Mr. Hess cared at a level that almost felt unreasonable.

His stories became lunch conversation. Dinner conversation. Weekend conversation.

"Mom, did you know the Star Spangled banner is set to the tune of a British Beer Drinking song"

Day after day.

At Fossil Hill there were kids who had Mr. Hess..... and kids who didn't. You could tell the difference.

One day I asked him some follow-up historical question after class.

If all these Presidents were born in a log cabin, or their house, who was the first President born in a hospital?

Instead of pretending he knew the answer, he said, "You know Brian, I'm not sure. But I'll look it up."

This was before Google. Before smartphones. Before "let me just check Wikipedia."

The next Monday he walked into class and said, *"Brian, I found the answer to your question. I went to the library this weekend."* Jimmy Carter, 1924.

Another time I followed up with, "How big was the wheel of cheese at Jackson's inauguration?"

Next day, he said, *"I checked with Dr. Campbell last night, and he said it was a 1,400-pound block of cheddar, and it was given to him by a New York dairy farmer named Meacham."*

Who does that?

Hess did.

Mr. Hess never mentioned it once all year. Finally one day he shrugged and said, "Oh by the way, you have the TAAS tomorrow. You'll be fine."

That was it. I made a 100.

I came back and proudly told him, "That was easy."

And he said: "Of course it was, the test doesn't matter, you do."



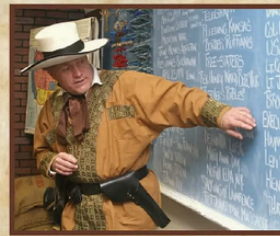
He handwrote all his tests too.

Yellow legal pads.

Pencil sharpened with a knife instead of a sharpener because apparently he was born in 1863.

Then he'd photocopy them. Sometimes there would be a random multiple-choice answer like Buzz Lightyear mixed into the options because he couldn't resist making himself laugh.

Back then we took the TAAS test. Before TAKS. Before STAAR. Before whatever fresh new educational nightmare comes next.



Rodney Hess, an American History teacher at Fossil Hill Middle School, helps his students envision the past by wearing period dress to class every day and by filling his room with artifacts. At right, Hess holds up an artillery broadsword, modified for safety. Below, he shows students a picture of radical abolitionist John Brown.

THE MANY FACES OF HISTORY



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Teacher's wardrobe, decor a blast from the past

SANDRA ENGELLAND
Teacher Rodney Hess wants the students in his eighth grade American history class at Fossil Hill Middle School to feel as though they have stepped back in time.

Behind the lectern, a small pot-bellied stove smolders with a simulated fire. An unlit oil lamp sits on the teacher's desk not far from a mochila, a replica of a Pony Express mailbag slung over a saddle.

In the back of the room, a mannequin dressed in the blue garb of a Minuteman soldier stands at attention next to a locked display case containing a Civil War bayonet, a 20-

pound artillery shell from Vicksburg, Miss., and assorted shrapnel.

While students find the artifacts interesting, Hess himself commands the most attention.

From the colonization of America and the Revolutionary War to the Civil War and the settlement of the western United States, Hess arrives at school every day in period dress. On a recent Friday he wore knee-high boots, a broad-brimmed Southern gentleman's hat, a brown silk cravat and an empty holster strapped around his waist. Hess was dressed as a Missouri "Border Ruffian" to discuss the pre-Civil War battles over

slavery in "Bleeding Kansas" circa 1855.

"I want to make them feel like they're in a different time, even if it's just for that 45-minute period," Hess said.

During his lecture, he shows off a telegraph device and an artillery broadsword (modified for safety) similar to one abolitionist John Brown may have used in an attack on pro-slavery settlers.

Hess goes to great lengths to grab students' attention because kids often do not understand why they need to learn about history.

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One time I got overly excited during a review game, because history nerds are apparently born early, and he sent me into the hallway for ten minutes. I remember being devastated. Not because I got in trouble. Because I disappointed Mr. Hess.

A few minutes later he came outside, smiled, and said: "Just calm down a bit." And that was the whole conversation. No humiliation. No power trip. Just understanding.

When we talked about Andrew Jackson, and his duel, the rubber band guns came out, and we all had a chance to pick a dueling opponent and our second.

The joy you could hear outside those classroom walls on that day.

Years later, when I got to high school, they asked for volunteers to take materials over to Fossil Hill. I volunteered immediately because it meant I got to go see Mr. Hess.

He told me: "When you get to UNT, email me. I'll show you around Denton and tell you which professors to take."

And he did. He took me and Abby Bousquet to the Texas Pick-Up and showed us around.

Quick aside: While grabbing lunch he asked if Abby or I, at age 18, had any significant others we might want to marry?

I jokingly said, "I don't think I've found the nice Catholic girl my mother would want me to marry." He replied, "Isn't Abby Catholic?" To which I replied, "I don't think she is what she had in mind."

To which, Abby punched me in the arm, and rightfully so. But the three of us and the waitress had a good laugh.

Where was I? Yes, after lunch, most importantly he introduced me to Dr. Campbell. The same Dr. Campbell whose classes I would eventually take eight different times because I never wanted the stories to end.

You could squint your eyes and see an older version of Rodney Hess standing there. Or maybe Rodney Hess was a younger version of Dr. Campbell. Either way, the line connected. My sister later went to UNT too. We made sure she got Dr. Campbell.

Sadly, Ben, my son, won't get that chance now. Dr. Campbell passed away a few years ago. But his fingerprints are still everywhere. That's what great teachers do. They outlive themselves.



Hess, Campbell, Ketcham

When it came time for me to student teach in 2005, UNT assigned me to Richardson ISD which was nowhere near where I lived. I called Keller ISD begging for a spot.

"No openings." No exceptions. I called Hess disappointed. He said, "Hang on. I know Van Hogle, the HR director." The next day I got an email welcoming me back to Keller ISD as a student teacher.

That's how Hess operated. Quietly opening doors for people.

So during the 2005-2006 school year, I student taught under the same man who changed my life nine years earlier. And everything was exactly how I remembered. Only bigger. More props. More stories. More details.

By then, he had fully evolved into Colonel Hess. The uniforms were daily. The room looked like a museum. The lectures somehow became even more alive.

I tried to help where I could. Typing things up. Adding photos to PowerPoints to bring in a little modernness to help enhance his story.

Helped him build a log cabin facade to his room. Small stuff. But honestly, mostly I was just trying not to mess up what he had built. Because here's the pressure nobody talks about when you student teach under a legend:

Those kids deserved Mr. Hess. And instead they got... you. That burden felt enormous.

I remember one day the power went out during class. Most teachers would stop. Not Hess.

Without missing a beat, he pulled out candles and matches and continued teaching by candlelight while casually incorporating a ghost story into the lecture.

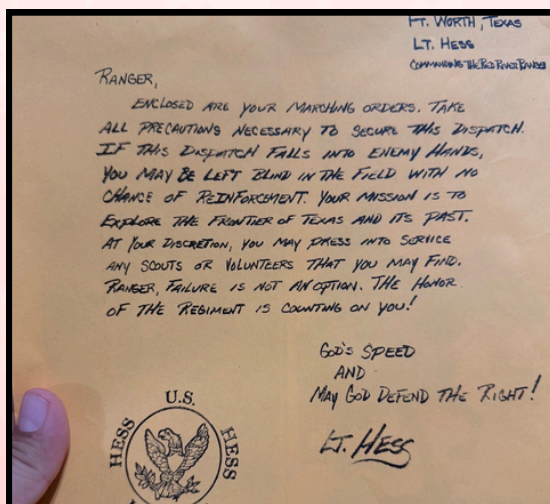
Because of course he did.

While student teaching, here is something else I noticed. Everybody seemed to like him. It didn't matter who you were: Black, White, Hispanic, rich kid, poor kid, athlete, band kid, theater kid, gay, straight, awkward, loud, autistic, carrying whatever baggage middle school kids carry around without knowing how to say it out loud yet.

Kids might walk into his room skeptical. But eventually they figured out the same thing: Mr. Hess cared about them.

Really cared. He listened to kids. He remembered things about them. He noticed when somebody was off. He treated middle schoolers like people whose thoughts mattered. And when kids feel that from a teacher, they will run through a wall for you.

By the early 2000s, he had also created the Red River Rangers.



Kids wore coonskin caps.

Wooden rifles.

He taught them Civil War marching drills and took them on voluntary trips to Muenster where they learned history by living inside it.

Kids would give up their Saturday to go march in Muenster or hang out at the log cabin village because.....Hess.

At one point we were cleaning seeds out of gourds to make canteens for the kids and tossed the seeds into the grass outside Fossil Hill. By spring there were gourds growing outside the school, which honestly feels like the perfect metaphor for Rodney Hess.

Plant something small. Watch it grow for decades. What struck me most during student teaching was watching who he valued. Yes, he loved history. Yes, he loved teaching. But he especially loved people. He adored Principal David Hadley. He loved the office staff Pam Bousquet and Susan Allen, and visited them every day.

He had close teacher friends. But I also noticed something else. Not everybody loved Mr. Hess. And I think I understand why. Because it's exhausting not being the favorite.

"Mr. Hess's class got to do this..." "Why don't we do what Mr. Hess does?"

Comparison is tiring. But great teaching has always made people uncomfortable. Because truly great teachers remind everyone else what's possible.



Mr. Hess was so popular, he had his own Mr. Hess Action Figure.

Yep.



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Fossil Hill Middle School American history teacher Rodney Hess, holds an action figure called Col. Hess, which represents him. Every day he wears a historical outfit instead of regular clothing.

Multiple people have mentioned remembering the smell of Mr. Hess's classroom. And yes, middle school classrooms can certainly leave an impression for all the wrong reasons, but Hess's room truly smelled different.

He burned campfire incense so the classroom felt like a military camp before the Battle of New Orleans. Like everything else he did, it was another little detail meant to pull you into the story and make history feel real.

When I finished student teaching, Hadley apparently left instructions for the AP, Mr. Baker, to hire me. (Mr. Baker was also the AP that later made Mr. Hess take down his log cabin facade we put up outside his room.)

Mr. Phil Baker didn't hire me. Said I lacked coaching experience. At the time, I thought it was devastating. Turns out it was one of the best things that ever happened to me.

I ended up at Hillwood Middle School instead, where Mike Stitt hired me largely because his wife told him, "He studied under Hess."

That was enough.

When Mike worked at Fossil Hill, he would go into Hess's classroom and take notes so he could be a better teacher. And me starting at Hillwood was the best thing that could have happened to me.

Because eventually every student becomes their own teacher. Not a copy. Not a clone. Just someone carrying pieces of the people who shaped them.

Hess stayed at Fossil Hill around eighteen years. Eighteen years is forever in middle school time. Especially commuting back and forth from Denton. But he believed those kids needed him. Even when he was sick, he'd record lectures on VHS tapes from home so learning wouldn't stop.

Who does that?

Hess.



SCHOOLS History in action



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Fossil Hill Middle School students Natalie Ewelt, left, and Matt Baxley, both 13, listen to American history teacher Rodney Hess.

Teacher puts Davy Crockett toy to educational use

By JESSAMY BROWN
STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

Teacher Rodney Hess—or at least one of the imaginative personas that he presents to his classes—has become something of a collector's item.

He has his own action figure, and students and teachers at Fossil Hill Middle School are snapping them up. The figure sports a coonskin cap and tan jacket that look just like one of the history instructor's famous period costumes.

Every day, Hess wears a different outfit to class. He has about 40 uniforms, including ones from the Revolutionary, Mexican, Indian and Civil wars.

"My students have never seen me in regular clothes," said Hess, 38. "I'm competing against computers. I have to be out there and interesting, a little on the edge."

Art teacher Jennifer Stitt spotted the action figure at a

Watauga children's bookstore. The toy is actually a Davy Crockett figure, but it looked a lot like Hess, she said. She showed the figure to the teacher, and the pair decided to repackaging it. The figures sell for \$5 each.

"I thought the kids would get a kick out of it and that would be the end of it. And now they're everywhere," Stitt said.

Only about a dozen of the 100 action figures Hess received in September are left, he said.

Eighth-grader Alex Washington is taking Hess' history class this year. The action figure will be a good memento, but he has to be sure not to fiddle with it while he is at school, he said.

"It's pretty detailed. He's bendable and flexible," said Washington, 13. "Maybe five years from now you'll see it and remember all the things he taught you."

Funds raised from the toy



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sales help pay for the Keller school district campus's Red River Rangers, a history organization led by Hess. Its 60 members learn about the

tactics of soldiers in the 1800 and visit historical sites.

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Eventually, he moved to Denton Ryan High School and spent the final twelve years of his career teaching alongside his wife, Dr. Cindy Hess, yes, the PhD of the family.

Together they raised Boone and Jaxon. Named after Daniel Boone and Andrew Jackson, naturally. One joined the Air Force. One became an actor. Both grew up around history and storytelling and stage lights and passion. Seems about right.

The awards piled up over the years:

- Three-time Teacher of the Year at Fossil Hill.
- District Teacher of the Year in Keller ISD.
- Teacher of the Year at Denton Ryan.
- DAR State Award winner.
- Outstanding Alumni recognition from UNT's history department.

The list keeps going.



Rodney Hess, an eighth-grade history teacher at Fossil Hill Middle School, was recently named Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Capt. Nathaniel Mills Chapter. Hess, who has taught at the school for 12 years, often goes to his classroom dressed in period costume, decorating the room with period artifacts. Winners of the group's essay contest on "Jamestown Set-

But honestly? The awards are not the point. The point is this:

Thirty years later, former students and co-workers still talk about him like family.

My sister, Kayla, remembers the care he put into every lesson, every day. She remembers being absent, coming in after school, and him helping her get caught up like it was the most natural thing in the world.

I remember the care he put into each lesson and

and each day. He was always prepared and even filmed himself teaching from home when his wife had a baby. - Kayla Gilmore

She also remembers the classroom feeling alive. The Hunley. The articles. The stories. The slang of history.

One time, he was talking about a term or slang from a time period we were studying and he asked for some examples that we used. I quickly shouted out, "yo, wuz up my homie g up in this hood!"

To which everyone laughed and he said, "Coming from the whitest girl in class." - Kayla Gilmore

That was Hess, too. History and humor. Substance and timing. A classroom that could shift from the Civil War to a roast in half a second.

David Hadley, his principal for many years, said it best:

"I love Rodney Hess! Each of my children loved Rodney Hess as their teacher! That says it all. They each love history as a result of the experiences they had in Rodney's class. He put his heart and soul into every lesson. Such a good man with a true caring heart." - David Hadley



Dressed in a Civil War uniform, history teacher Rodney Hess displays Civil War bullets at his home in Denton.

Fossil Hill teacher wins Keller secondary award

By JUNE NAYLOR RODRIGUEZ
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

Rodney Hess, 32, might have thought Superintendent Charles Bradberry had simply shown up at his classroom in May to see what costume Hess was wearing that day.

Turns out, of course, Bradberry was coming to deliver great news. Although he was a finalist for two consecutive years, Hess was shocked nevertheless when the superintendent told him he was teacher of the year.

Nobody else could be surprised, however, that a teacher who captivates his eighth-grade students day after day would win such an award. He starts the process with every class by wearing a different authentic military uniform to school each day.

"Every day, I wear some form of uniform, from the War of 1812 to the Mexican War and Civil War," said Hess, who has 12 uniforms and whose mother is making three more.

Teaching without textbooks, Hess leads his students through U.S. history to 1877 with stories. The more outrageous, the better.

"I love teaching eighth-graders. They have no real knowledge of what history is yet — the slate is clean and it's kinda neat to be one who writes on it," Hess

FYI
for your information
Keller Secondary Teacher of the Year

- Rodney Hess
- Fossil Hill Middle School
- Education: University of North Texas, bachelor's degree in U.S. history; graduate studies
- Years teaching: three
- Years at Fossil Hill Middle: three
- Resides: Denton
- Family: First addition arrived April 27, a boy named Boone (for Daniel)

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said. "Of course, the bloodier the better. Anybody in history getting shot and with blood and guts, they love that."

Hess — a native of Muenster, near Gainesville — begins each class lesson with an Indian proverb, which usually deals with right and wrong. When he isn't collecting Civil War bullets, musket and cannon balls from various battlefields, he participates in reenactments, such as those hosted in Weatherford and Granbury.

Fossil Hill principal Carol Rankin is not only "thrilled" that Hess was named

Fossil grades were calculated, report cards sent home, academic awards presented at ceremonies, seniors graduated and teachers of the year selected.

In wrapping up the school year 1998-99, teacher of the year award nominations were made by peers on the school level. Once named, the teacher of the year from each school answered essay questions that were submitted to districts.

At the district level, committees chose teachers of the year for the districts.

HomeTown Star salutes the district teachers of the year.

for this annual honor, but she's proud that she hired him and is his first principal.

"He is so innovative. When I'm doing appraisals I get lost in his lessons, they're so amazing," Rankin said. "His classroom is like a museum, and the kids love him. When he does reviews before a test, the kids flock in. It's the highest amount of voluntary participation for anything we have here at school."



But her most important line was this:

"Mr. Hess was the teacher who made me fall in love with American History." -Chelsea Kelly

Because that was his gift.

He didn't just teach history. He made people care about it for the rest of their lives. Chelsea said because of Mr. Hess, she now takes her own children to battlefields across America so they can feel the weight of the stories too.

Look at him, a teacher shaping how families experience the world decades later.

As Mr. Hess is wrapping up his last few days, I think of the legacy he left and I think of a line Mr. Hess wrote when he signed my yearbook in 1997:

And here's your fun fact:

If the principal of a school makes sure every one of his own kids gets a certain teacher, that tells you everything you need to know.

Paul Raska remembered him as "the single greatest history teacher I ever had."

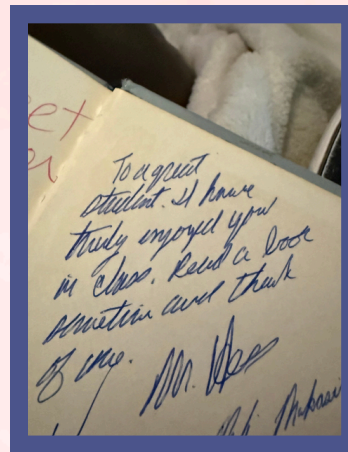
He remembered Hess showing up dressed for the time period they were studying. He remembered the custom little army men set up in battle formations before lectures. He remembered the notes. The lectures. The composition book he still has.

And Paul made a point that I love, because it runs counter to every educational trend that comes along every few years promising to reinvent the wheel.

It was all lectures and note taking, and it really does punch holes in the theories of think/pair/share and group based learning. I still remember lectures and have my composition book with all the notes from my class." -Paul Raska

I think that may be the highest compliment you could give Rodney Hess. Because yes, Hess lectured. But they were not lectures the way people say "lectures" when they mean "boring." They were performances. They were stories. They were evidence. They were memory.

Chelsea Kelly remembered the display cases packed with memorabilia, watching Last of the Mohicans in class, and feeling like you were standing inside history itself.



"To a Great Student. I have truly enjoyed you in class. Read a book and think of me."

And that's the thing. I do think of him. All the time. When I'm teaching. When I'm telling stories. When I'm standing in front of students or a tour group trying to make history feel alive.

When I'm trying to create a classroom where one awkward middle school or high school kid from somewhere else might finally feel accepted for one hour of the day.

Because that's what Mr. Hess gave me. Not just history. Belonging.

And I think that's the real secret behind great teachers. Students rarely remember worksheets. They rarely remember standards. They rarely remember objectives written on the board. They remember how you made them feel.

And in the fall of 1996, for one hour every day at Fossil Hill Middle School, Rodney Hess made me feel like I mattered and he did that for 30 years with thousands of other kids. Never underestimate the power of one good teacher.

Congrats on your retirement, Mr. Hess.

2026 MISD Retirees

*Thank you for the impact you had on
on our youth! Wishing you the very best!*



Amy Anderle

Amy Anderle is retiring after 27 years in education, spending the majority of her career serving students at Muenster ISD. A lifelong resident of Muenster, Mrs. Anderle graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1990 before attending Texas Woman's University, where she earned a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a minor in Reading. She began her teaching career at Gainesville ISD, teaching fourth grade for one year before moving to a first-grade position at Muenster ISD the following year. Soon after, she accepted a third-grade teaching position, where she remained for the next 25 years, impacting countless students and families in the community.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Anderle served in many roles beyond the classroom, including Elementary Student Council sponsor, GT Coordinator, UIL Spelling coach, and bus driver for more than 21 years. During her time at Muenster ISD, she had the unique privilege of teaching not only many local students, but also some of her own children, along with nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In retirement, Mrs. Anderle plans to focus on family and spend more time caring for her three grandchildren. She says she will always treasure her years as an educator and the many lives she was blessed to be a part of while working with the students of Muenster ISD.



Brenda Gann

Brenda Gann is retiring after 48 years in education, including service since August 2001 as a paraprofessional at Muenster ISD. Known for her dedication and warm presence, Mrs. Gann found joy in helping students, especially teaching them to read, and supporting staff wherever needed. She hopes to continue helping students in retirement by subbing, volunteering, and tutoring.

Before joining Muenster ISD, she taught at a private school at Central Baptist Church in Gainesville. A 1970 graduate of Gainesville High School, Mrs. Gann later attended NCTC and ultimately chose to continue in a role she loved, supporting students without pursuing a full-time teaching position.

Mrs. Gann and her husband, Wayne, have been married for 56 years. They have two children, Kevin and his wife, Melissa, of Muenster, and Heather and her husband, Mike, of Mansfield. They have four grandchildren: Ryder (Muenster), Emily (Washington State), Kaitlyn (Stephenville), and Luke (Mansfield).

An active member of Central Baptist Church in Gainesville, Mrs. Gann serves as financial secretary, plays the organ, and sings solos. In retirement, she plans to stay involved in education through substitute teaching, volunteering, and tutoring. She also enjoys gardening, diamond painting, and puzzles.

She says she will miss the daily interactions with coworkers and students, especially the hugs that made each day special.



Barbie Walterscheid Barnhill '79

After nearly three decades of dedicated service to Muenster ISD, **Barbie Barnhill '79** is retiring, leaving behind a legacy of commitment, kindness, and care that has touched generations of students and staff.

A lifelong member of the Muenster community, Barbie grew up in Muenster and began her education at Sacred Heart School, attending from first through third grade. She later attended Muenster ISD from fourth through twelfth grade and graduated with the Class of 1979. Following high school, she attended North Central Texas College, where she earned a certification in office management.

Barbie devoted the past 29 years to serving Muenster ISD. She began her career with the district as a special education aide, spending three years supporting students and teachers in the classroom. She then transitioned into the role of library aide, where she faithfully served for the next 26 years. During her time in the library, she became a familiar and welcoming presence to countless students, always ready with a helping hand or a friendly smile.

In addition to her work in the library, Barbie has also served as a bus driver for Muenster ISD for 26 years, safely transporting students and becoming an important part of their daily routine.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, family has always been at the center of Barbie's life. She was married to her husband, Gary Barnhill, for 29 years before his passing in 2018. Together they raised two children, Noah and Noel, and she is the proud grandmother of Brayson Sublet and Kason and Kannon Barnhill.

As she begins retirement, Barbie looks forward to enjoying more time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also plans to spend time traveling, reading, quilting, and working on puzzles and diamond art projects.



Dianne Pagel Endres '93

After nearly three decades in the classroom, **Dianne Endres '93** is retiring from Muenster Elementary, bringing to a close a teaching career that has touched the lives of countless students and families in the Muenster community.

A 1993 graduate of Muenster ISD, Endres continued her education at the University of North Texas, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Education degree in 1997. Shortly after graduating, she returned home to begin her teaching career as a 3rd grade teacher at Muenster Elementary, a position she has proudly held for the past 29 years.

Throughout her career, Endres became known not only for her dedication in the classroom, but also for her commitment to extracurricular academic programs. For approximately 20 years, she served as the Elementary UIL Coordinator and coached multiple UIL events, encouraging students to challenge themselves and develop confidence both academically and personally. Over the years, Endres has taught generations of Muenster students, many of whom remember her classroom as a place filled with encouragement, learning, and laughter. She says the relationships built with students, families, and coworkers have been the most rewarding part of her career.

Outside of school, Dianne has been married to her husband, Jason Endres, for 28 years. Together they have built a strong family rooted in the same community she has faithfully served throughout her teaching career.

The Endres family includes two children: Colby, a computer science graduate from Texas A&M University, and Erica, who is currently pursuing a degree in engineering at Texas A&M.

As she begins retirement, Endres says she is looking forward to spending more time with family and friends, traveling, and enjoying a slower pace after many rewarding years in education.

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Amy Anderle



Tracie Bohl

2025-2026

Teachers of the Year

Amy Anderle with Elementary Principal, Debra Sicking, & Superintendent, Matthew Quick

Tracie Bohl with High School Principal, Dr. John Underwood, and Superintendent, Matthew Quick



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YEARS OF SERVICE AT MISD

25 Years: Amy Otto Binder '94
15 Years: Terri Barrett
10 Years: Tracie Bohl, Sandra Busby, and Josh Wheeler
5 Years: Megan Dangelmayr Hennigan '06, Leah Styles, and Karen Davis

Secondary Spotlight.....*Stephanie Bierschenk Krebs '99*

I am **Stephanie (Bierschenk) Krebs** class of '99. Born and raised in Muenster, I attended MISD all throughout school. After graduation, I attended Texas A&M University. It wasn't until about two years into college that I realized I wanted to enter education. I graduated in 2003 with a Journalism degree, but then I immediately enrolled in the Teacher Preparation Program through the Region 11 Service Center. I was very fortunate to receive an offer to start work in my hometown in August 2003, and I haven't looked back since!

Over the years, I have held many different roles within the district, but most of my 23 years have been spent teaching 7-12 English and math through special education. I have also served as the yearbook sponsor, 7-8 English teacher, Student Council sponsor, and JH and HS UIL Coordinator. One thing that has not changed though is serving as the Journalism coach for the last 23 years.



For the last two years, I have served as the ARD (Admission Review Dismissal) manager. I realized just how much I missed getting to interact daily with students, so I am blessed to be returning to the classroom full time next year. This is where I find the most joy - celebrating student successes! The biggest perk working in special education is truly getting to know each of my students and their families over six years. When we reach each student's senior year, celebrating college acceptance, military commitment, or workforce entry are highlights of my year. I love seeing my former students find their success stories.

I am also back to being a co-advisor for both the junior high and high school Student Councils. Getting our students involved in service projects and student-centered activities both within and outside of the school has been a major goal of mine.

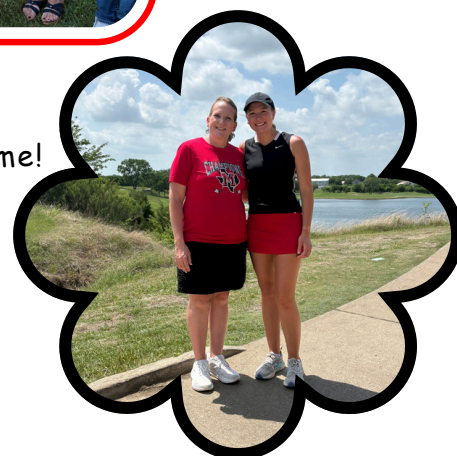
But my most passionate extra-curricular has been UIL, both as a coach and a coordinator. UIL was a huge part of my education, and I want to continue to share that love of UIL with current students. I love seeing students work hard to achieve their goals through competition. UIL has given me some of the most memorable moments, especially fountain pictures with state champs!

My husband Brent and I have three children. **Emma** class of '26 just graduated and will attend Texas A&M University this fall. **Ryan** '28 will be a junior and **Jacob** '32 will start 7th grade. Most of my free time is spent enjoying watching all of their sports. When I'm not watching a cross country race, track meet, or a football game, I love baking and cooking for my family. I hope that this coming year I get to spend some time back in Aggieland visiting Emma!



Emma graduates as Valedictorian!
The Krebs Family:
Ryan '28, Brent,
Emma '26,
Stephanie '99,
and Jacob '32

Enjoying some mother/daughter time!



Elementary Teacher Spotlight... Lisa Robison Hoepfner '90

Once a Hornet, always a Hornet...how true this phrase has proven to be throughout my life. I began my educational journey at Muenster Elementary in Florence Williams' kindergarten class. My love for learning was sparked and continued to grow as I was privileged to be taught by wonderful teachers such as **Janie Hellman Weinzapfel '54**, Gerri Colwell Eckart, **JoAnn Fisher Pagel '62**, **Joni Wilde Sturm '70**, Martha Koesler, and so many others. I graduated from Muenster ISD in 1990, but little did I know at the time that I would one day return.

I graduated from the University of North Texas in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a specialization in Reading Instruction. I then taught third grade at Whitesboro ISD for eight years. When I received a phone call from my former first grade teacher, then Muenster Elementary Principal Gwen Trubenbach, informing me that a third grade position was available, I jumped at the opportunity to teach at the school that I loved so much. What a wonderful decision that has turned out to be as I have just completed my 24th year at Muenster Elementary, most of those years teaching second grade. Throughout these years I have worked alongside some amazing educators and have taught some very special students who have made a lasting imprint on my heart.

Another lifelong passion that began as a Muenster Elementary student was a love for cheerleading. I can still remember watching **Lou Dyer Heers '80** on stage during a pep rally and wanting to be just like her. (How fortunate I was years later when she served as my principal). I was able to continue my love for the sport when I coached both Muenster Varsity and Junior High cheer for thirteen years. Some of the very

best memories were made during this time that I will treasure forever.

Although I have retired from coaching cheer, I still enjoy coaching UIL Academic teams. I have coached Second Grade Creative Writing for 23 years at Muenster Elementary. I am also currently coaching Third and Fourth Grade Ready Writing and Second and Third Grade Storytelling. I can still vividly remember the UIL events I participated in throughout my school career and love passing on my enthusiasm for these academic competitions and watching my students excel.

In my time outside of school, I love to spend time with my family. I am married to Clint Hoepfner and have one daughter **Macie Pagel '17** and stepsons **Ryan Hoepfner '15**, his fiancé **Kimber Walterscheid '16**, and **Blake Hoepfner '17** all Muenster High School graduates, with Macie being a third generation Muenster ISD grad. We enjoy traveling and spending time with the family dog, Carlito.

I look forward to continuing my journey at Muenster Elementary and furthering the tradition of success to new generations of Muenster Hornets.

Mrs. Hoepfner's passion for teaching comes shining through!



Lisa with her husband, Clint, to the left, and with daughter, Macie, to the right.



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Pre-K



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JH/HS Teacher/
Head Golf Coach



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Special Ed Aide
Elem/JH&HS



Michelle Lutkenhaus
Elementary
Instructionl Aide



Megan Rohmer Millender '18
3rd Grade



Denise Roland
4th Grade



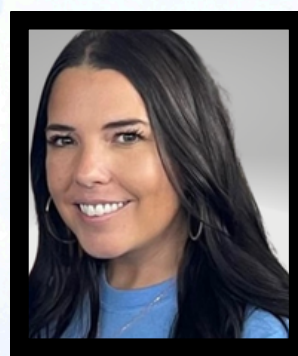
Rachel Sharp
Pre-K



Kristi Underwood
ARD Facilitator
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Codi Walker
Elementary
Instructionl Aide



Peyton Walterscheid
3rd Grade



Danielle West
Special Ed Aide
Elem/JH&HS

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Barbie Walterscheid Barnhill '79 - Bus Driver

Rose Barnhill - HS Science

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Megan Bayer - Elementary Instructional Aide

Brooke Beall - Family Consumer Science

Quentin Berend - JH/HS Teacher/Head Powerlifting Coach

Rebecca Berend - Agriculture Science

Chris Bevers - Elementary Math, Reading/ELA,
JH & HS OAP

Amy Otto Binder '94 - Spanish/Head Girls Basketball Coach

Tamara Blythe - JH ELA/ JH & HS OAP

Tracie Bohl - HS English

Haley Bowen - HS Math/Coach

Macaully Bowen - JH Science/Coach

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Sarah Grayson - Special Education Director & District Diagnostician

Mark Grewing '81 - Child Nutrition Staff

Leslie Hartman - Business Manager

Megan Dangelmayr Hennigan '06 - First Grade

Michelle Hennigan '93 - Elementary Math & Reading/ELA

Michelle Hess - Pre-K

Lisa Robison Hoepfner '90 - Second Grade

Jason Hofbauer - Maintenance Director

Tonia Hofbauer - District PEIMS Coordinator/JH & HS OAP

Peyton Hoffman - JH/HS Teacher/Head Golf Coach

Dyan Fisher Huchton '92 - Fifth & Sixth Grade Math/Elementary UIL Director/
Elementary Student Council

Rachel Impastato - Elem/JH & HS Instructional Aide

Wes Johnson - JH Social Studies/Head Softball Coach

Brennan Kendall - First Grade

Mark Klement '79 - Bus Driver

Stephanie Bierschenk Krebs '99 - JH/HS Teacher/JH UIL Director &
HS UIL Co-Director/JH & HS StuCo Co-Sponsor

Amanda Lee - JH & HS Instructional Aide

Jenni Luke Lemmons '09 - HS Math

Marshal Lewin - Bus Driver

Daniel Lindenborn - JH/HS History Teacher/Head Cross Country Coach/
Head Girls Track & Field Coach

Michelle Lutkenhaus - Elementary Instructional Aide

Cody Martindale - Agricultural Science

Jinna Maughan - JH & HS Instructional Aide

Khara Meyers - Elem/JH & HS BASE/Behavior Specialist

Megan Rohmer Millender '18 - Third Grade

Deanna Miller - HS Science/HS TMSCA Director

LeAnn Mollenkopf - Elementary Instructional Aide

Holly Mullins '97 - Elementary Art/PTO President

Tanda Nasche - HS ELA/National Honor Society Sponsor

Bernadette Otto - Fifth & Sixth Science/JH TMSCA Director

Lisa Felderhoff Phillips '03 - HS Math/HS UIL Co-Director

Jeff Presnall - Technology Director

Melinda Pryor - Elem/JH & HS Life Skills

Matthew Quick - Superintendent

Kevin Ralston - Music/Drumline/Band/Director/
Instructional Aide

Kynzie Ratliff '20 - JH Math/HS Cheer Coach

Jackie Klement Reynolds '10 - JH & HS Counselor/
JH Cheer Coach

Brandi Grewing Richardson '94 - District Nurse

Denise Roland - Fourth Grade

Beth Saucer - Dyslexia Therapist

Rachel Sharp - Pre-K

Leah Styles - Elementary Computer

Rebecca Grewing Thomas '08 - Kindergarten

Dr. John Underwood - JH/HS Principal

Kristi Underwood - District ARD Facilitator

Kourtney Vogel - Cafeteria Manager/Child Nutrition Staff

Paige Herr Voth '13 - Kindergarten

Codi Walker - Elementary Instructional Aide

Jennifer Walterscheid - Fifth/Sixth Reading & ELA/
Elementary StuCo Co-Sponsor

Peyton Walterscheid - Third Grade

Danielle West - Elem/JH & HS Instructional Aide

Josh Wheeler - Elementary PE/Head Baseball Coach

Taylor Williams - Fourth Grade



School Board:

Place 1 - Rusty Richardson

Place 2 - **Candise Abney Kubis** '94, Secretary

Place 3 - **Casey Walterscheid** '00

Place 4 - **Craig Hartman** '00, President

Place 5 - John Leidel

Place 6 - **Jake Luke** '97

Place 7 - **Jeff Flusche** '96, Vice President



'25-'26 Lady Hornet Basketball



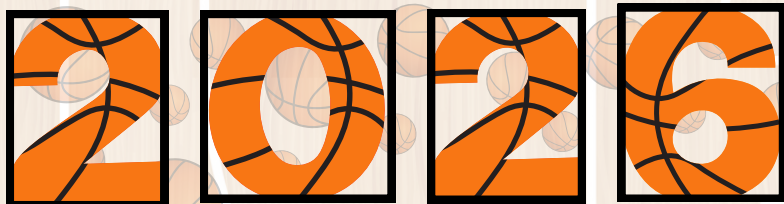
(Front Row) Coach Lindenborn, Coach Bowen, Karli C '30, Kashlyn R '31, Addison H '29, Avynn B '29, Anna Kay H '26, Emma D '26, Ady C '27, Ella W '26, Emma G '26, Ari M '28, Lynzie F '28, and Brailynn C '28. (Back Row) Skyler R '27, Ava H '27, Carly M '27, Hayes F '29, Della W '27, and Coach Amy Otto Binder '94

**Bi-District Champions
Area Champions
Regional Semifinalists**



Accolades

- Avynn B '29
 - New Comer of the Year
 - Academic All-District
- Ady C '27
 - Second Team All-District
 - Academic All-District
- Emma D '26
 - Honorable Mention
 - Academic All-District
 - TABC Academic All-State
- Emma G '26
 - Second Team All-District
 - Academic All-District
 - TABC Academic All-State
 - TGCA Academic All-State
- Ava H '27
 - Honorable Mention
 - Academic All-District
- Anna Kay H '26
 - Offensive MVP
 - Academic All-District
 - TABC All-Region
 - TABC Academic All-State
 - TGCA All-State
 - TGCA Academic All-State
- Ari M '28
 - Sixth Man of the Year
 - Academic All-District
- Carly M '27
 - Honorable Mention
 - Academic All-District
- Ella W '26
 - First Team All-District
 - Academic All-District
 - TABC All-Region
 - TABC Academic All-State
 - TGCA Academic All-State



BASKETBALL

All-District Awards

Defensive Player of the Year

Sege R '26

1st Team All-District

Casen C '26

2nd Team All-District

Garrett H '26, Jeremiah F '27

Honorable Mention

Deegan N '28, Clayton C '27

Academic All-District

**Casen C '26, Garret H '26, Seger R '26,
Brady W '26, Maverick B '27, Clayton C
'27, Tyler S '27, Deegan N '28**

TABC Academic All-State

Sege R '26

Brady W '26

TABC All-Region

Sege R '26



Coach Tyler McDaniel, Maverick B '27, Tyler S '27, Deegan N '28, Clayton C '27, Brady W '26, Jeremiah F '27, Casen C '26, Seger R '26, Mason S '28, Garrett H '26, Student Trainer Kaiden M '27, and Coach Kyle Cavitt

LADY HORNET POWERLIFTING TEAM



These talented young ladies competed on March 18 in Edinburg at the State Powerlifting Meet. Thanks to Coach Berend (Coach of the Year) and Coach Bowen for leading these amazing Lady Hornets to win the State Title. We are so proud of their dedication, hard work, and awesome strength!

(Left to Right) Coach Bowen, Jaycee B '27, Addison L '28, Ari M '28, Anna W '26, Brynlee B '26, Anna Kay H '26, Allie S '26, and Coach Berend

STATE ACCOLADES

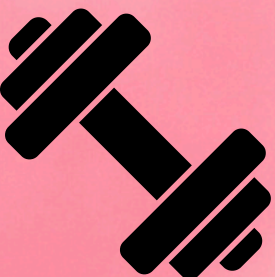
Brynlee B '27 - THSWPA 1st Team, THSWPA Academic All-State, 2nd Place at State, State Record w/285 lbs.

Anna Kay H '27 - THSWPA Elite Team, THSWPA Academic All-State, 3rd Place at State

Addison L '28 - 10th Place at State

Ari M '28 - 2nd Place at State

Anna W '27 - 1st Place (State Champion), State Record w/1060 lbs.



2026

POWERLIFTING



State Silver Medalist

Kyle L '26

**THSWPA Academic All-State
1st Team**



Regional Qualifiers

Mason S '29

Dalton M '28

Vyson G '28

Cooper H '27

Carter M '28

Zadok S '27

Braxton B '29

Colton L '28

Wade S '26

Kyle L '26

Chris H '28

Hayden S '27

Mason B '28

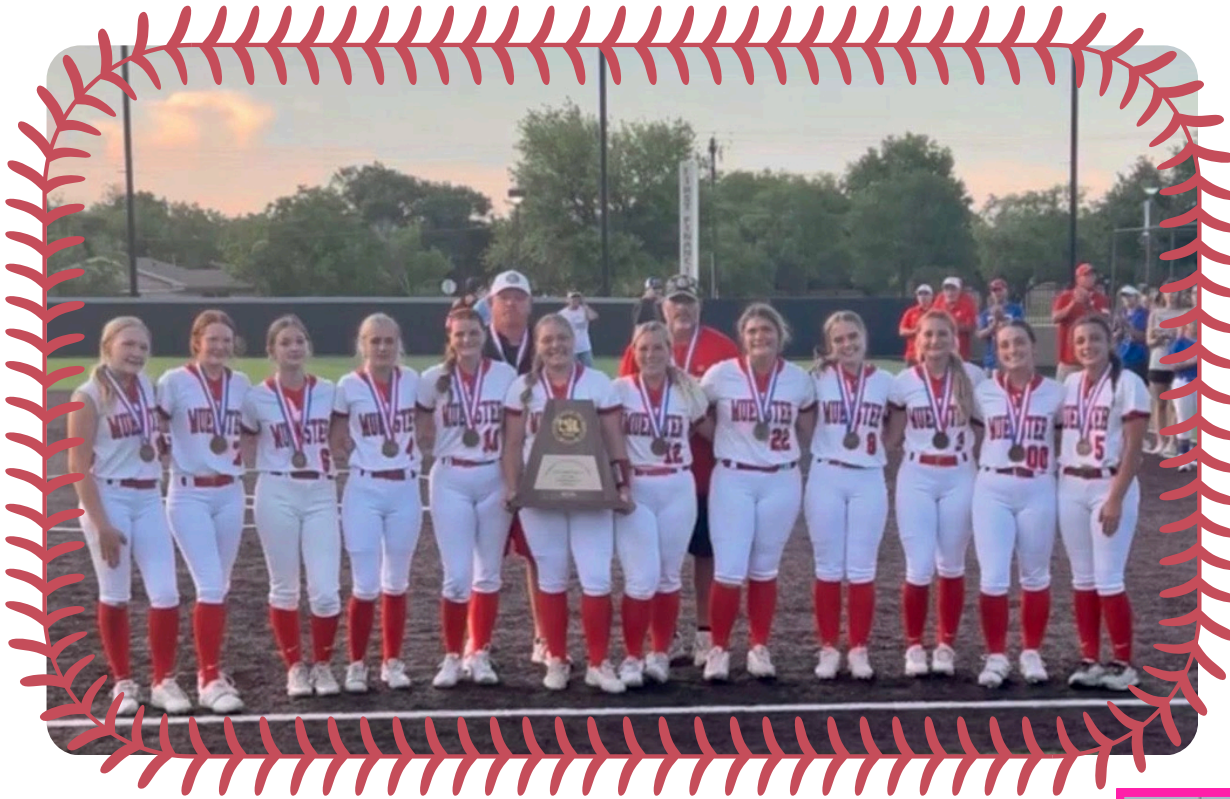
Colt W '27



(left to right) Kyle L '26, Cooper H '27, Mason S '29, Carter M '28, Dalton M '28, Mason B '28, Vyson G '28, Colton L '28, Colt W '27, Chris H '28, Hayden S '27, Braxton B '29, Zadok S '27, and Wade S '26

2026 LADY HORNET SOFTBALL

State Semi-finalists



(Front Row) Hayes F '29, Addison H '29, Addison L '28, Avynn B '29, Anna Kay H '26, Brynlee B '26, Anna W '26, Sydney M '26, Emma D '26, Adysen C '27, and Lilly J '27.
(Back Row) Coach Quentin Berend and Coach Wes Johnson



- Brynlee B. '26** - Utility Player of the Year, Academic All-District, THSCA Academic All-State, TSWA 3rd Team All-State
Avynn B '29 - 2nd Team All-District, Academic All-District
Adysen C '27 - 1st Team All-District, Academic All-District, THSCA State All-Tournament Team
Emma D '26 - 2nd Team All-District, Academic All-District
Hayes F '29 - Honorable Mention All-District, Academic All-District
Addison H '29 - 2nd Team All-District, Academic All-District
Anna Kay H '26 - Defensive Player of the Year, Academic All-District, THSCA Academic All-State
Lilly J '27 - Catcher of the Years, TGCA All-State, TSWA Honorable Mention All-State
Sydney M '27 - 1st Team All-District, Academic All-District, THSCA Academic All-State
Skyler R '27 - District MVP, Academic All-District, THSCA All-State, THSCA Super Elite Team, TSWA Honorable Mention All-State
Anna W '26 - 1st Team All-District, THSCA Academic All-State

2026 BASEBALL



District Honors

District MVP - Simon J '26

Pitcher of the Year - Deegan N '28

Offensive POY - Clayton C '27

Newcomer of the Year - Asher H '29

First Team Catcher - Nolan P '26

First Team Outfield - Jake W '26

First Team Outfield - Casen C '26

First Team Utility - Wyatt Y '26

Second Team Outfield - Seger R '26

Second Team Utility - Maverick B '27

Academic All District: Seger R, Nolan P, Simon J,
Jake W, Wyatt Y, Carter H, Casen C, Asher H

THSBCA All-State

Clayton C '27

Asher H '29

Academic All-State Baseball

Honorable Mention

Nolan P '26

Simon J '26

Seger R '26



REGIONAL SEMIFINAL CHAMPIONS
MUENSTER HORNET BASEBALL

(front) Clayton C '27, Jake W '26, Maverick B '27, Carter H '27, Simon J '26, Titan B '29, Asher H '29,
Casen C '26, Deegan N '28, Coach Macaully Bowen (back) Coach Josh Wheeler, Nolan P '26, Brody B '28,
Braxton B '29, Peyton G '28, Carson K '28, Seger R '26, Wyatt Y '26, Zechariah S '29, Reed R '29, Cooper G '27

HORNET & LADY HORNET TRACK & FIELD



**State Discuss
Silver Medalist**



Anna Kay H '26



Seger R '26 and Emma D '26

Regional Qualifiers

Allie S - 4 x 400

Emma D - 4 x 400

Ava H - 4 x 400

Kiley E - 4 x 400

Carly M - 800 m

Ava H - 100 H

Emma D - 300 H

Anna Kay H - Discus

Carly M - Discus

Ari M - Discus

Anna Kay H - Shot Put

Ava H - High Jump

Casen C - 300 H

Seger R - High Jump

Seger R - 110 H

James F - 4 x 400

Dustyn C - 4 x 400

Ivan M - 4 x 400

Mason M - 4 x 400



GOLF



**Ava H '27, Emma K '26, Baylie B '26,
Clara B '28, Allie S '26, Coach Tyler
Anderle '12**

**Muenster Lady Hornet Golfers
District Champions
11th Overall - Regional Tournament**

**Hornet Golfers
District
White Team
3rd Place
Red Team
6th Place**

**Front row: Mason S '29, Kinsler K '29, Dylan L '29, Bowen W '29. Back row: Nate G '29, Carson P '26,
Collin O '27, Brody C '27, Carter Q '27, Cooper H '27, Branson V '27, and Caden H '29.**



2026 TENNIS

MUNSTER TENNIS REGIONAL QUALIFIERS



*Congratulations
Ava & Emma!*

Ava H '27 and Emma D '26
District - 2nd Place

MUENSTER FFA



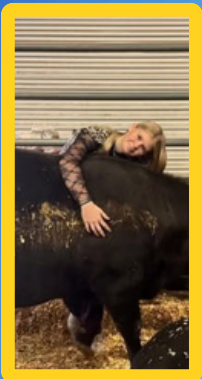
**Kariann B '29, Claire G '30,
Sage L '29 & Eden Q '30**



The FFA Wildlife Team represented us well at the Region 5 contest in Glen Rose: **Preston J '27, Andrew B '29, Grayson P '30, and Kariann B '29**



The FFA Cotton Team crushed their goal by placing 22nd in the State, surpassing previous rankings! Each team member scored a personal best: **Clayton C '27, Jaycee B '27, Lauren G '26, and Claire G '30**



Sage L '29



In May, the Muenster FFA students attended the Area 5 Convention in Anna. Pictured are: (front) **Kariann B '29, Sage L '29, Maci C '30, Cylar K '30, Eden Q '30, and Claire G '30;** (back) Sponsor-Rebecca Berend, **Jaycee B '27, Kora B '27, Ayden S '28, Colton L '28, Preston J '27, Grayson P '30, and Sponsor-Cody Martindale**



Karaline C '33



Kyan C '31



Heath H '34 & Hank H '32



Jack R '27



Brynlee B '26 & Bristol B '31

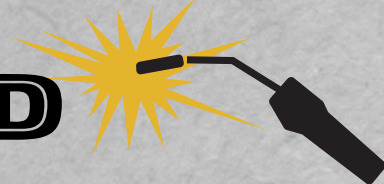


Clair G '30 & Kwynn C '35



Muenster Ag students competed at the Graford CDE! The Cotton team placed 4th overall, with **Lauren G '26** earning 2nd High Individual honors! The Livestock team placed 7th, and the Wildlife team placed 6th. Great job to all competitors for their hard work and dedication!

WELDING AT MISD



On April 19, these four senior boys - **Carson P '26, Kyle L, '26, Brady W, '26, and Wade S '26,** headed to Lubbock for the State Welding Competition. After this two day competition, the MHS Welding Team placed 4th! Let's hear it for the BOYS!!



In November, the MHS Welding Team competed at the Regional Meet in Celina and earned an impressive Top 5 finish out of 20 teams! They had just 4 hours to design & build their project and they nailed it! Congratulations to this team of amazing welders: Kyle L '26, Wade S '26, Brady W '26, and Carson P '26 for representing Muenster ISD with their incredible welding talent!



Day 1 of State Welding Competition in Lubbock, TX!

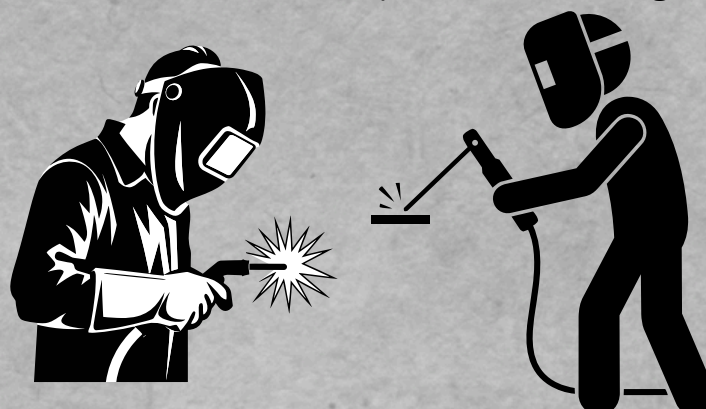


Under the outstanding leadership of Mr. Cody Martindale, his Ag Mechanics classes reached an incredible milestone in mid-May by completing 35 industry-based certifications! Even more impressive, these students are now AWS (American Welding Society) certified, setting them up with valuable, real-world skills for their future careers.

We are beyond proud of these dedicated students and for Mr. Martindale's passion for teaching!



A huge thank you to TCL, Superior, PHI, David Peters, and Stephalicious Treats for making this trip possible!



FCCLA



In April, these young ladies competed at the State FCCLA Convention in Dallas:
(front) **Tennyson B '30, Jasmine F '29, Baylie B '26, Lucy K '27, Taylor S '27, and Ava H '27**
(back) **Caroline C '28, Karlie C '30, Avery B '30, Darcy G '28, Lillian W '26, and Della W '27**



Lucy K '27, Taylor S '27, and Ava H '27
National Programs In Action , Level 3



Lillian W '26 and Baylie B '26
Nutrition & Wellness, Level 3



Competing at the FCCLA Region II Conference in Waco were: (front) **Christine K '29, Darcy G '28, Tennyson B '30, Lucy K '27, Jasmine F '29, and Baylie B '26.** (back) **Addison M '29, Caroline C '28, Karlie C '30, Avery B '30, Ava H '27, Taylor S '27, Lillian W '26, and Della W '27**



Karli C '30, Tennyson B '30 and Avery B '30
Food Innovations, Level 1



Jasmine F '29
Career Investigation, Level 1



Avery B '30, Tennyson B '30 & Karli C '30



Darcy G '28 & Caroline C '28



Jasmine F '29



Ava H '27, Lucy K '27 & Taylor S '27



Lillian W '26 & Baylie B '26



Della W '27



Christine K '29 & Addison M '29

MHS One ACT PLAY



Front Row: Brailynn C '28, Darcy G '28, Kariann B '29, Rileigh S '28, Avy M '28, Caitlyn M '27, Preston J '27, Christine K '29, Madison F '29, and Kiley E '29

Middle Row: Kelani S '27, Ayden S '28, Holly K '29, Shelbie H '27, Sydney M '26, Clara B '28, Ava H '27, Audrey H '28, Addison L '28, Vyson G '28, Mason B '28, and Ethan B '26

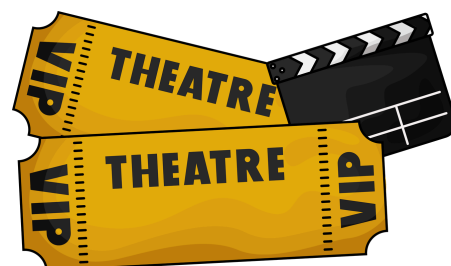
Back Row: Zadok S '27 and Emma K '26.

Not Pictured: OAP Directors - Mrs. Tonia Hofbauer and Mr. Chris Bevers



DISTRICT OAP ACCOLADES

- Ethan B '26 - Best Technical
- Addison L '28 - Honorable Mention All Star Cast
- Sydney M '26 - All Star Cast

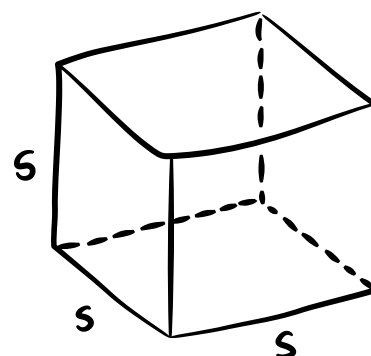


Texas Math & Science Coaches Association

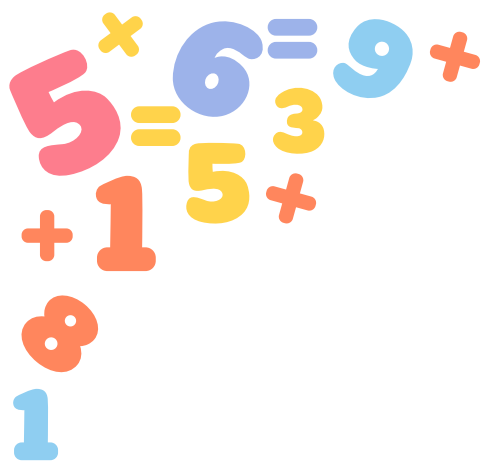


STATE RESULTS

- **Dalton M '28** - 3rd in Number Sense, 4th in Calculator, 7th in Math, and 6th in Science
- **Ivan M '26** - 8th in Number Sense and 2nd in Science, while also competing in Calculator and Math
 - **Ivan** was also awarded Top Physics Student and received a scholarship for placing 6th overall among all seniors!
- **Clay L '27** - 3rd in Science, while also competing in Math
- The Science Team - **Ivan, Dalton, and Clay** - brought home 3rd place overall.



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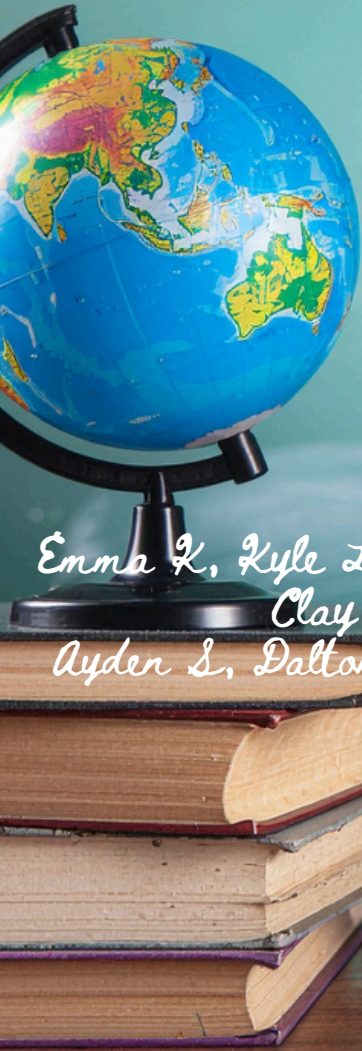
STATE RESULTS:

- Number Sense – 9th Place Team
- Calculator – 11th Place Team
- Math – 5th Place Team (**Luke H '32, Emery M '32, Caroline E '32, Jayden L '30**)
- Science – 5th Place Team (**Will L '30, Jayden L '30, Declan S '30, Tristan F '31**)

Individual Results: **Jayden L '30** - 13th in Science, 17th in Math and 19th in Number Sense; **Will L '30** - 11th Place in Science; **Tristan F '31** - 17th in Science; **Declan S '30** - 10th in Science; **Emery M '32** - 4th in Math and 10th in Number Sense; **Luke H '32** - 1st in Math, 2nd in Number Sense, 9th in Science, and 10th in Calculator; **Caroline E '32** - 8th in Math; and **Chloe J '32** - 13th in Science



Muenster ISD UIL Academics



District High School UIL

*Emma K, Kyle L, Ethan B, Sydney M, Baylie B, Lauren G, Ivan M '26
Clay L, Carter Q, Tyler S, Della W, Caitlyn M '27
Ayden S, Dalton M, Ari M '28 Holly K, Dylan L, William S, Christine K '29*

Regional qualifiers

Computer Science: Ivan M, Ethan B, Kyle L

Number Sense: Dalton M, Sydney M, Carter Q, Ivan M

Science: Dalton M, Ivan M, Tyler S, Dylan L

Spelling: Sydney M, Emma K, Baylie B, Lauren G

Mathematics: Dalton M, Sydney M, Clay L, Ivan M

Copy Editing Holly K

LD Debate- Della W

Feature Writing- Ayden S



State Competitors in Science
Dylan L '29, Clay L '27, Tyler S '27, & Dalton M '28

State competitor in Spelling
Sydney M '26



MUENSTER ISD BBQ TEAMS COMPETE AT NATIONALS



The "Chain Smokers" Team: **Kevin Gann '03** - Coach, **Blake R '26**, **Kyle L '26**, **Wade S '26**, **Carter Q '27**, and **Cody Martindale** - Coach



The "Tastebuds" Team: **Luke W '29**, **Daniel W '29**, **Jaxon B '29**, **Kariann B '29** (left), and **Nate G '29** (not pictured)



Congratulations to the Muenster High School BBQ teams on their performance at Nationals!

Tastebuds

National Champions - Grilled Cheese

13th Place - Upside-Down Cake

15th Place - Ribeye Steak

10th Place Overall

Chain Smokers

19th Place - Grilled Cheese

19th Place - Cake

20th Place - Chicken

20th Place - Pulled Pork

27th Place - Steak

25th Place - Ribs

JH Rack & Roll

5th Place - Pulled Pork

8th Place - Chicken

12th Place - Ribs

12th Place - Grilled Cheese

16th Place - Steak

16th Place - Cake

15th Place Overall

Muenster ISD BBQ Teams



National BBQ participants were:

Carter Q '27, **Kyle L '26**, **Blake R '26**, **Wade S '26**, **Daniel W '29**, **Luke W '29**, **Nate G '29**, **Jaxon B '29**, **Kariann B '29**, **Will L '30**, **Maci C '30**, **Jayden L '30**, **Sam W '30**, and **Kyler R '30**



MUENSTER VARSITY & JH CHEERLEADERS



VARSITY CHEER



Front Row: Ady C '27,
head cheerleader-Lucy K '27, Ava H '27,

Taylor S '27, and

co-captain-Ava H '27

Middle Row: Karli C '30,

Hayes F '29, Kiley E '29,

Madison F '29, and

Tenny B '30

Back Row: Cylar K '30,

Clara B '28, Lynzie F '28,

and Braely H '30

Not Pictured: Cheer Coach,

Kynzie Ratliff '20



JUNIOR HIGH CHEER



Front Row: Cora E '32,

Brystol B '31, Emery M '32,

Zayley S '31, and Kyan C '31

Back Row: Alayna R '32,

Sutton B '31, Karli K '31,

Cabella K '32, and Alexis S '31

Not Pictured: Cheer Coach

Jackie Klement Reynolds '10



MISD Graduates 2026

Jackson Becker

Army National Guard/North Central Texas College, Criminal Justice

Brynlee Berend

Texas Tech University, Finance

Ethan Bevers

North Central Texas College, Computer Science

Legend Bound

Texas Tech University, Business

Nikole Bowen

North Central Texas College, Paleontology

Katilyn Burkhardt

North Central Texas College, Art

Baylie Busby

North Central Texas College, Psychology

Casen Carney

Hardin Simmons University, Business

Demetrius Cole

United States Army

Will Cox

Tarleton State University, Business

Emma Deckard

North Central Texas College, Cosmetology

Grayson Fisher

North Central Texas College, Nursing

Ryder Gann

North Central Texas College, Digital Media

Gregory Giles

North Central Texas College, Lawyer

Emma Grewing

Oklahoma State University, Nursing

Lauren Grosser

Stetson University, Political Science

Ellie Hacker

North Central Texas College, Nursing

Colt Haverkamp

North Central Texas College, Computer Science

Anna Kay Hennigan

Texas Tech University, Animal Science

Brendan Hess

North Central Texas College, Welding

Garrett Hess

Workforce: PenTex Energy

Megan Hess

North Central Texas College, Interior Design

Simon Johnson

Texas Tech University, Biology

Emma Krebs

Texas A&M, Kinesiology

Kyle Leidel

Texas Tech University, Mechanical Engineering

Desiree Lutkenhaus

North Central Texas College, Radiology

Ivan McCoy

Texas A&M, Undecided

Sydney Miller

University of Oklahoma, Psychology

Mason Mills

North Central Texas College, Business

Danni Paulin

North Central Texas College, Business

Nolan Peel

Texas A&M, Exercise Science and Kinesiology

Carson Peters

United States Navy

Paityn Price

North Central Texas College, Cosmetology

Seeger Richardson

EMT School and Tarrant County College, Fire Science

Levi Rodriguez

Joining the Family Business

Blake Rosewell

Tyler Junior College, HVAC

Wade Schad

North Central Texas College, Welding

Allie Stoffels

Roosevelt College, Radiology

Brady Walterscheid

Texas Tech University, Mechanical Engineering

Ella Walterscheid

Oklahoma State University, Health Science

Rhett Walterscheid

Oklahoma State University, Fire Science

Anna Warren

North Central Texas College, Nursing

Jake Wheeler

North Central Texas College, Fire Science

Lillian Wimmer

North Central Texas College, Marketing

Lilian Winnett

Workforce in Scotland, Graphic Designer

Pason Wylie

Baylor University, Neuroscience

Wyatt Yarbrough

Tarleton State University, Business

2026 Muenster High School
Valedictorian



Emma, the daughter of Brent and Stephanie Bierschenk Krebs '99 will begin her semester at Texas A&M University in the fall where she will major in Kinesiology with plans of becoming a Physician's Assistant.

Muenster High School Class of 2026 valedictorian is Miss Emma Krebs. Emma has held several leadership positions, as she has been as a representative of the student council all four years, serving as the vice president her junior year and president her senior year. She was also inducted into the National Honor Society her sophomore year, where she served as secretary her junior year and vice president her senior year. Emma was very active in UIL Academic Events. She participated in Spelling & Vocabulary, Headline Writing, Copy Editing, Editorial Writing, Ready Writing, Literary Criticism, and One-Act Play. In the UIL Spelling & Vocabulary competition, she has competed at the State level her freshman and sophomore years where she helped her team place 2nd in 2023 and win the state competition in 2024.

Emma has excelled in academics, and graduated with an overall weighted GPA of 5.07 on a 5.0 scale and with 33 college credit hours. She has also demonstrated her talents and work ethic through a variety of sports as she has competed and found success in basketball and softball her freshman year and track and cross country all four years. She qualified for the state cross country meet her freshman and sophomore years individually and with her team, where she had an 8th place finish her freshman year, helping her team tie for 3rd that year, and as a sophomore 4th.

2026 Muenster High School
Salutatorian



Sydney, the daughter of Eric '97 and Deanna Miller, will be attending the University of Oklahoma to further her academic career and major in psychology to pursue a career as an occupational therapist.

The Muenster High School Class of 2026 salutatorian is Miss Sydney Miller. Sydney has taken honors and dual-credit classes, completing 33 hours of college credit. She participated in TMSCA and UIL events. In UIL spelling and vocabulary, she qualified for state every year and placed fifth at state her junior year. Sydney has been a member of Muenster's one act play since freshman year where she received an award for every performance. These include honorable mention and all-star cast. Throughout high school, Sydney participated in student organizations that enhanced her leadership skills. She was the president of the National Honor Society and the vice president of the student council during her senior year. These organizations allowed her to complete many service hours and projects that aided the school and community. Along with her academics and leadership, she was very involved in Muenster Athletics. She participated in track, softball, and cross country all four years. In softball, she helped her team to make it to the state semifinals her junior year and received all-district third baseman. As a cross-country runner, she ran on the state qualifying team her freshman and sophomore year and was an individual regional qualifier her freshman year.

Muenster High School Class of 2026



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