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# WATT'S GOING ON?

**An illuminating review from Interboro Education Foundation**

# Congrats to Our Graduating Board Reps!




**The Interboro Education Foundation is both grateful and honored that Kendra and Andrew chose to serve as Student Members of our Board of Directors. Despite very busy personal schedules, they have rarely missed a Board meeting. In addition, they met with Board members at the high school to work on student-related IEF initiatives. We join many others who congratulate them as they move on to the next phase of their lives. Kendra and Andrew represent the true meaning of BUC PRIDE!**

## Kendra Hopkins

Kendra is a Student Representative on the Interboro Education Foundation (IEF) Board and a dedicated leader at Interboro High School. She serves as Student Council President, Class Congress Vice President, and Overall Chair of Bucs-A-Thon, helping raise money for pediatric care. Kendra also is a part of the Medical Careers at Delaware County Technical Schools (DCTS).

Kendra plans to attend Moravian University to pursue a dual major in Health Sciences Pre-Occupational Therapy and Public Health. Kendra hopes to become a pediatric occupational therapist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and stay involved in the Interboro community. Eventually she plans on retiring from clinical work to either pursue teaching at a technical school or dive into research!

## Andrew Hoopes

Andrew Hoopes is a senior at Interboro High School who takes pride in being an active and supportive member of his school community. Throughout his time at Interboro, he has remained committed to helping others and creating a positive, inclusive environment for his classmates. As Senior Class President, he has worked closely with students and staff to plan meaningful events that bring people together and celebrate the spirit of Interboro. He also serves as a student representative on the Interboro School Board and the Interboro Education Foundation, where he helps elevate student voices and strengthen the connection between students and district leadership.

In addition to his work in student government, he is a member of the Bucs-a-Thon leadership team, raising funds and awareness for families supported by CHOP. This fall, he will attend Moravian University, where he plans to major in Early Childhood Education and Special Education, with a passion for making a positive impact in the lives of young children and individuals with special needs.

**The Interboro Soapbox Speech Contest was held on April 10, 2025. Prize money was provided by IEF for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place contest winners and by IEA for the 1st place winner. IEF board member Linda West was honored to serve as one of the judges. Kudos to these students for their participation in this public speaking competition:**



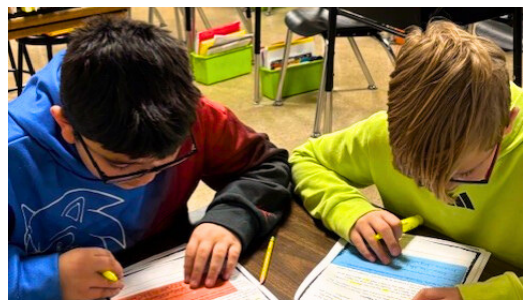

Molly Nestor, Gianna Pendleton, Nour Arhroud, Addison Monaghan, Rayan Ouaquerrouch, Jessica Kim, Mounneat Keo, Caileigh Salvatore Augustine Swaray, Matthew Weiss, Gabby Reese, Lily Shaffer, Cianna Estrada, Christian Hooper, Finn Bense, Payten Severna, Avery Kok, Abigail Malloy, Anyla Moore, Leah Wilkin.

**National Junior Honor Society inductees represent the values of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship. IEF was honored to support the district's Induction Ceremony on May 8, 2025. Congratulations to all of the 7th and 8th grade students who represented their community schools proudly.**

# HIGHLIGHTING 2024-2025 MINI GRANT RECIPIENTS

### Tools for Reading Support
### Judith Tilles, Jennifer Dalton, Allison Price, and Cynthia Rost-Frick - Tinicum School





Reading support tools are designed to increase the student's ability to sustain reading. Research indicates that dyslexia, reading disabilities, ADHD, and convergence insufficiency or other vision related issues due to over-use of video and virtual screen time may interfere with a child's ability to sustain eye movement on text or auditory focus. Curriculum materials assume that students have basic skills mastered but many do not. Losing track of text negatively impacts reading success, so the Mini-Grant awardees are now able to support their students' learning with Whisper Phones, Finger Trackers, and Colored Acetate Bookmarks–fun strategies designed to engage the student to interact with the text more consistently.

### Games for Social Skills Gains
### Christine Bryan - Kindergarten Academy





Ms. Bryan was looking to utilize board games to enhance her students' educational experiences, specifically in the areas of social emotional growth. Board games encourage so much in the areas of social growth, language development and reciprocal conversation. Many young students never have anyone who plays games with them and thus it is harder for them to learn the basic social skills of sharing, turn taking, following directions, waiting your turn and being a good sport. Additionally, many students who may be reluctant to talk or open up, are more likely to do so through play-based activities. It can make students feel more at ease and is developmentally appropriate.

Since receiving the Mini-Grant award, Ms. Bryan says that she has seen growth in her students–groups practicing turn-taking and friendly game play. She is able to use games with students who need practice in reciprocal social language and can facilitate more effective one-on-one sessions with students by allowing them to choose new games which they would like to play during meetings. Ms. Bryan says that she is looking forward to using these new games for many years to come!

## CONTRIBUTE TO OUR MISSION

We're energized by the support we've received, but there is still more to light up!

**Let's brighten the path for Interboro's learners together!**

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## FOLLOW FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

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## GET INVOLVED!

**Attend a board meeting**
Tinicum Memorial Public Library
2nd Wednesday each month @ 6 pm

**Reach out to us via email**
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