

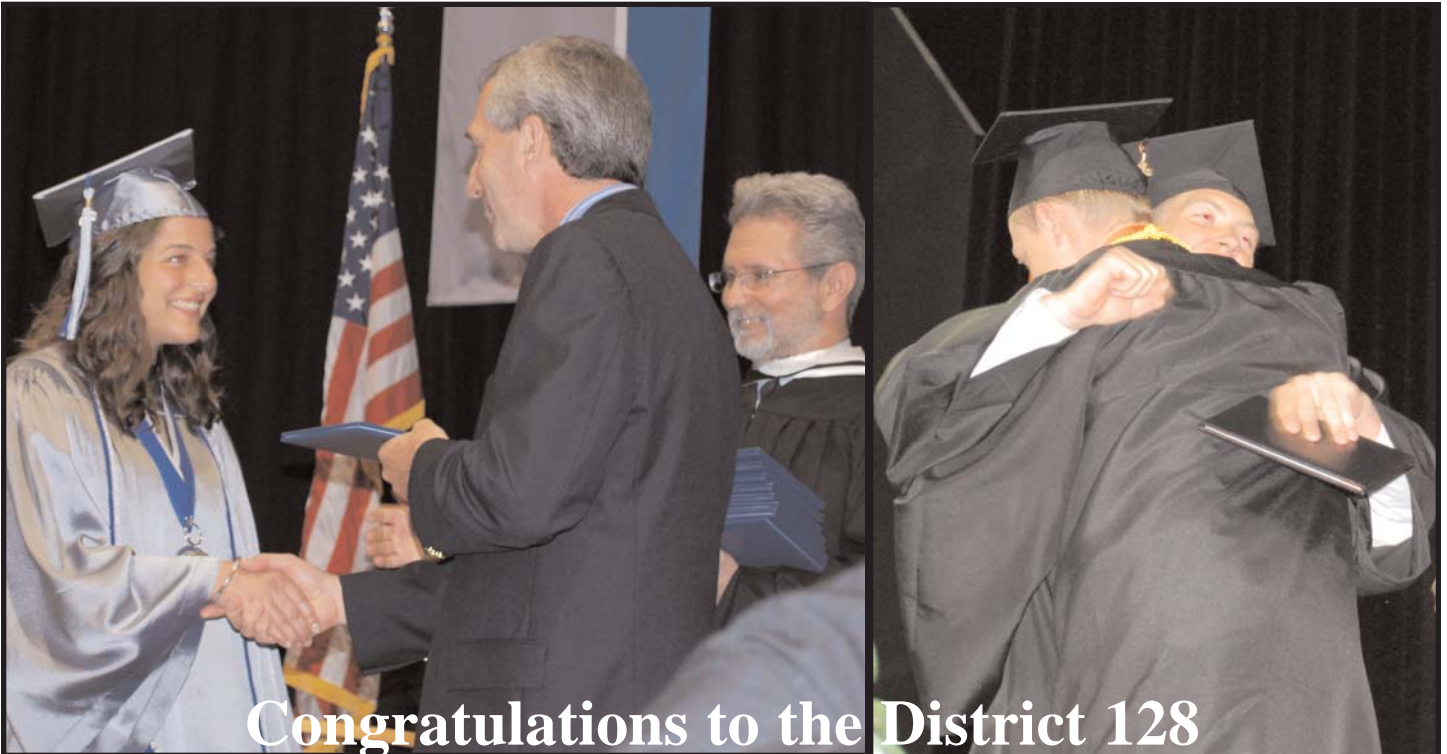


Paw Prints



*News and Information from
Community High School District 128*

Summer 2010



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Superintendent's Message

Reflections on the 2009-2010 School Year



Where has the time gone? Libertyville and Vernon Hills High School graduations and final examinations always signal the close of the school year; however, it is always hard to believe that another school year has passed and that we are busily preparing to open a new school year. Time really does fly!

As I assess and reflect upon the 2009-2010 school year, it was a GREAT! I am once again honored and humbled by the outstanding achievements and accomplishments of our students and our two world-class high schools. In addition, I am very excited that we continue to focus on, and hold ourselves accountable for, ensuring that ALL students are achieving at higher levels. The concept of continual improvement is the heart and soul of the D128 mission, and we take that mission very seriously. The success of our students this year in academics, the fine arts, activities, athletics and community service demonstrates once again that we are building upon the legacy of excellence at District 128, LHS and VHHS.

With that said, on behalf of the Board of Education, our administrators, teachers and support staff, **thank you** for your partnership with us and for your support of our efforts to ensure that all students achieve at higher levels. Working together, we will continue to take D128, LHS and VHHS to even higher levels of success!

2009-2010 Achievement and Accomplishment Highlights

- *U.S. News & World Report* again ranked LHS and VHHS among the best high schools in the nation for raising the achievement of our entire student population and our most at-risk students.
- *Newsweek* ranked LHS and VHHS among the top 1% of all U.S. high schools based on the number and diversity of students taking Advanced Placement classes.
- D128 was one of only 81 Illinois school districts (out of 868 districts) to be named recipient of the SchoolSearch Bright Red Apple Award for educational excellence, for educational excellence which is based on: academic achievement, pupil/teacher ratio, per pupil expenditure, teacher educational levels, and average teacher salary.
- LHS, VHHS, and D128 are among the few remaining Illinois high schools and districts that continue to make the substantially increasing NCLB Adequate Yearly Progress targets.
- D128 was awarded the highest category recognition possible by the Illinois State Board of Education for our school district financial profile.
- Six D128 students earned perfect ACT scores.
- Five D128 students were selected as candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program.
- The VHHS WYSE Team earned its second consecutive state championship.
- The VHHS Poms Team earned its third consecutive state championship.
- 26 D128 students earned IMEA All-State Musician honors.
- 206 D128 students were named Illinois State Scholars.
- Two D128 students were named to the *Daily Herald* Leadership Team.
- Six LHS Chemistry and Physics students earned national and regional recognition in rigorous content competition.

I look forward to seeing you in the new school year. Enjoy the rest of summer!

Prentiss G. Lea
Superintendent

All Incoming Freshmen Must Show Proof of Residency

All incoming freshmen are required to prove residency within District 128 in person between June 28 and July 29, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Extended hours will also be available:

Monday, July 12	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 14	6:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 20	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 22	6:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Class schedules will not be mailed until proof of residency is complete.

Proof of Residency Process

The person with whom the student lives in the District and who claims custody of the student must document residency in person using three original documents as listed below:

Category I

One (1) of the following documents showing proper name and address:

- Most recent real estate tax bill
- Mortgage statement
- Blue assessment card from Lake County Assessor's Office
- Closing statement for purchase of residence
- Signed current lease plus proof of last two (2) rent payments (cancelled checks or landlord's receipts) Lease must list all school age children living in premises or a notarized letter from the landlord must accompany the lease.
- Landlord's name, address and phone number must be on the lease.

Category II

Two (2) of the following documents showing proper name and address:

- Gas, electric or water bill in the last 60 days (limit 1 utility bill)
- Telephone bill dated within the last 60 days (land line only/no cell phones)
- Car insurance or car registration
- Voter Registration card
- Public Aid card

Reminder to Drivers:

Cell Phones May Not be Used While Driving in a School Zone

Most parents are aware of the cell phone ban for Illinois drivers that went into effect in January. This law states, "A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send, or read an electronic message." What many parents may not be aware of is the "Vehicular Phone Use in School Zones" law that also took effect on Jan 1, 2010. According to the new law, "A person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone." The only exceptions are for a person engaged in highway construction or maintenance, emergencies and when the phone is in voice-activated mode.

Parents, students and other visitors need to be aware of this law when driving at either D128 campus. Violators of the law face fines.

Foundation for Learning Update

by Anne Landgraf, Foundation Chairperson



DISTRICT 128

FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

Libertyville High School - Vernon Hills High School

The District 128 Foundation for Learning is finishing its third year of existence as a not-for-profit organization committed to obtaining resources to enhance and enrich the instructional program for students at Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools. The Foundation raised over \$36,000 in the 2009-2010 school year. Almost \$7,000 of that amount was from parents of our students who generously donated during registration. The Foundation's Endowment Fund received \$20,000 of these contributions to be invested for the future to supply a money stream to the Foundation without touching the principal. We hope to grow this amount in the coming years to fund additional projects and grants.

During the past year, the Foundation for Learning financed eight innovation grants. These grants were given to various staff members to fund technology, materials, cultural speakers, and curriculum development, among other enhancements. Selection of grant winners is done by a blind application process with Foundation, staff and community members evaluating the requests. In addition, through the Foundation and the generous support of Ace Hardware in Libertyville, funding was provided to the VHHS Career Expo that was held in October 2009 to stimulate career exploration by the juniors and seniors. We wish to fund many more grants and projects in the coming year with your support.

The members of the Foundation Board of Trustees are all volunteers. At the end of this school year we will be saying good-bye to board member **Jeff Marnoch**, who will be moving out of state, and to board member, **Bill Skeens**, who is finishing his term. We are welcoming new board members **Cindy Hebda** and **Jeff Harte**, and hope to install a few more board members by the end of the summer. The Foundation Board of Trustees continues to meet and plan over the summer and is looking forward to another great year supporting the education of the students of District 128. To find out more about the District 128 Foundation for Learning visit our website d128foundation.org

District Presents Second "School Finance 101" Class for Residents



District 128 Board of Education Member **Alex Delli Paoli Jr.** illustrates a point in his presentation to community members on June 14 at the District 128 Administration Center. This was the second time Delli Paoli and Assistant Superintendent for Finance **Yasmine Dada** have presented "School Finance 101." The class, which includes an overview of Illinois school funding and the District 128 long range financial plan, will be offered again in the coming school year. Watch the District 128 website for dates, times and locations.
(photo by **M. Todoric**)

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Board Thanks Outgoing Student Reps and Welcomes Incoming Reps



At its May 24 meeting, the District 128 Board of Education thanked outgoing student board representatives from both schools for their service to the Board. Pictured above at left are Superintendent **Prentiss Lea**, VHHS Alternate Representative, VHHS Representative, LHS Representative, LHS Alternate Representative, and Board President **Pat Groody**.

At the same meeting, the Board was pleased to welcome the incoming student representatives for the 2010-11 school year. Pictured above at the right are Superintendent **Prentiss Lea**, LHS Co-Representative, VHHS Alternate Representative, VHHS Representative, and Board President **Pat Groody**. (photos by **M. Todoric**)

District 128 Board Member and Staff Member Receive Service Awards



District 128 Board of Education Vice President **Judy Sugarman** and LHS Principal's Secretary **Sandra Kruckman** were recently named Award of Merit recipients in the annual Distinguished Service Awards program sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA.) The Distinguished Service Awards program honors board members, administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, students and team efforts who work to enhance the image of education in their districts, and/or foster understanding through engagement or communication efforts. Judy was honored in the Board Member category and Sandra was honored in the Support Staff category at an honors breakfast held in May. Pictured at the awards breakfast (above left) are Associate Superintendent **Dr. Al Fleming**, LHS Assistant Principal **Eric Maroscher**, **Sandra Kruckman**, LHS Principal **Dr. Marina Scott**, and Superintendent **Prentiss Lea**. **Judy Sugarman** was unable to attend the awards breakfast, but was recognized for her honor at the May Board of Education meeting. She is pictured above (at right) with Board of Education President **Pat Groody** and Superintendent **Prentiss Lea**. (photos by **M. Todoric**)

7 Reasons to Leave the Party

by Lisa Hartman, LHS SAP Coordinator and Margaret Pither, VHHS SAP Coordinator

SAP partnered with the Illinois Judges Association to sponsor a powerful presentation entitled "7 Reasons to Leave the Party." Lake County judges, the Honorable **Daniel Shanes** and the Honorable **Nancy Waites**, lead a compelling presentation to D128 parents and community members on March 18. They spoke about the personal and legal consequences that teens face if they attend parties where alcohol and drugs are present.

The evening also featured a junior and senior student panel titled, "What Really Happens at Parties." The panel showcased Libertyville and Vernon Hills High School students sharing



tips for parents on how to be or not to be a "cool" parent. The students also created a brochure providing information about local Social Host ordinances and helping define "cool parents" as those who support students in being drug and alcohol free. The student panel, pictured above with Judge Shanes, included **Chris Jarrett**, **Caitlin Maldonado** and **Mary Milius** from LHS and **Laura Borgula**, **Laura Emery**, **Cole Moffat** and **Dana Pine** from VHHS. (photo courtesy of VHHS)

Vernon Hills Gets "Sticker Shocked"

by Jim Koch, VHHS School Resource Officer and Margaret Pither, VHHS SAP Coordinator



Project Sticker Shock is a statewide event designed to raise awareness about the underage drinking problem. VHHS students participated in this prevention activity, along with School Resource Officer **Jim Koch** and SAP Coordinator **Margaret Pither**, on March 25. Participating students were seniors **Michelle Sanchez**, **Laura Emery**, **Laura Borgula**, **Cole Moffat**, and **Rory Klema**. The students were armed with warning stickers, window decals, posters, and proof of age signs that were created by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission. The goal of this program is to educate adults about the law that prohibits the furnishing of alcohol to minors, as the vast majority of alcohol consumed by underage drinkers is purchased by someone over the legal drinking age.

The timing of this project could not have been better, since students began Spring Break the following day. Also, April was designated as Alcohol Awareness Month, and prom and graduation were quickly approaching. The Vernon Hills Police Department and VHHS thank the student volunteers and the participating businesses for their support in helping keep our community safe. Participating businesses were: **Peacock Mobil**, **Ernie's Shell and Food Mart**, **Dominick's Finer Foods**, **7-Eleven**, **Manny's Mini Mart**, and **Mobil Gas & Food**.

Partying? My Kid?

D128 Partners with Local Schools for Town Hall Meeting

On May 11, District 128 partnered with Stevenson and Buffalo Grove high schools to present a community symposium on drug use titled, "Partying? My Kid?" at Stevenson High School. The goal of the town hall style meeting was to educate the public on the dangers of teenage substance use and abuse. Representatives from local mental health and treatment agencies provided informational resources for all attendees. Presentations from law enforcement officials, treatment specialists, the Illinois Judges Association, and members of the recovery community covered the following topics:

- * Information about the use of alcohol, marijuana and heroin as well as the inappropriate use of prescription and over-the-counter medicines by teenagers.
 - * Negative effects of alcohol and drug use.
 - * Signs and symptoms that parents and others can look for to recognize substance use and what treatment options are available.
 - * Legal consequences for parents or other adults who provide drugs and alcohol to students.
- SAP Coordinators from all four schools facilitated the evening. If anyone would like additional information please contact **Magaret Pither** (VHHS) at 847-932-2158 or the LHS SAP Coordinator at 847-327-7030.

Pre-Prom Assembly Challenges Students to Make Wise Decisions

by Margaret Pither and Jim Koch



VHHS students participated in the Pre-Prom Crash re-enactment held May 14. Pictured above are two student actors who have returned to the scene of the fictitious accident to leave flowers in memory of the student who was killed. The male actor is portraying a student who became wheelchair-bound as a result of the accident. (photo by **M. Todoric**)

On Friday, May 14, Vernon Hills High School juniors and seniors observed the pre-prom crash re-enactment that demonstrated what could happen when a person under the influence of alcohol or other drugs gets behind the wheel of a car. The assembly (presented alternate years at each District 128 school) was a powerful illustration of the most visible and tragic consequence of underage drinking or drug use. Students were encouraged to make healthy choices as they celebrate prom, graduation, the end of the school year, and beyond.

The assembly was presented through the cooperative efforts of the Vernon Hills Police Department, Countryside Fire Protection District, Libertyville Fire Department, the Lake County Coroner, Condell Medical Center and the VHHS students and staff. Student participants included **Jake Counselbaum, Juliana McLain, Cole Moffat, Alex Porter, Meghan Wilgus** and **Andrew Wood**. Judge **Daniel Shanes** spoke to the students about the legal consequences of underage drinking and how those who engage in underage drinking can lose their driver's license for a period of time even if they aren't driving a vehicle. **Linda Hegg** spoke about the death of her son due to a drunken driving accident and how it could have been avoided.

Although student surveys and personal contacts demonstrate that the majority of VHHS students are alcohol and drug-free, this assembly stressed the fact that students might find themselves in a situation where those around them are participating in risky behavior, and provided them with ways to avoid these situations. Thank you to all of our community partners for your efforts on behalf of our students.

Community Partnership for Healthy Youth (CPHY)

by Lisa Hartman LHS SAP Coordinator and Margaret Pither, VHHS SAP Coordinator



District 128 SAP Coordinators **Margaret Pither** and **Lisa Hartman** thank **David Stuart** of Improv Playhouse and **Michael Sledz** of Brunswick Zone for their efforts in hosting safe events for students in the 2009-10 school year. (photo by **M. Todoric**)

Throughout the spring, the Community Partnership for Healthy Youth (CPHY) continued to host late night events to provide alternative activities for area youth. A Cosmic Bowling night was held at Brunswick Zone on April 9. On May 22, Improv Playhouse Black Box Theater partnered with CPHY for Improv-A-Palooza, and on June 2, the Wishing Star Theatre hosted our final Band Jam of the year! In addition to our wonderful hosts for these events, we want to give special recognition to Chipotle who has helped provide food for most of our events.

All of the programs were well attended and student feedback was exceptionally positive. Students reported they were grateful for the opportunities to attend district wide events and for the variety of venues offered.

On May 28, members and partners of CPHY met for the end of the year breakfast to plan for the 2010-2011 school year and to award plaques to local businesses for their commitment to providing safe and drug free events for D128 students.

More SAP News on page 9!

Summer Readiness and Campus Visits

Scott Birtman, VHHS College Counselor

Seniors, it seems as if only yesterday you walked through the doors as freshmen! Where did the time go? Are you ready for the next step? Summer is a great time to focus your attention on the college search process. Your summer "to do" list should include: campus visits, refining your personal statement, reviewing essay questions and college applications online, and making your summer count. If you have the opportunity to participate in any unique and rewarding summer experiences, don't miss the chance.



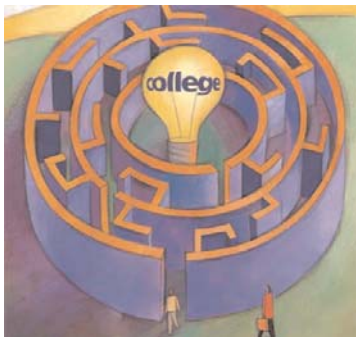
District 128 community and determined it was the place you wanted to live and raise your family. You drove around, looked at houses, read about important data and finally moved. You must use the same lens for your child's college. It is so very important that they get a feel for the campus and a sense that it is the right place for them.

The college campus visit continues to be a source of parental anxiety and questionable student benefit. A parent often asks, "Is it really worthwhile to drive all the way there? Can't we get the same information from the website?" The answer is a resounding, "No!" There is no better way to determine a "fit" with an institution than to visit the campus. A student can investigate residence halls, dining options, work-out facilities, student organizations, research opportunities, the stadium and the community. As a parent, you researched the

As the process of college admissions gets more competitive, here is a little trick of the trade: "demonstrated interest" is a term used more and more by colleges nationwide. It means that a student has visited the campus and/or e-mailed/telephoned the college representative or admissions office. Colleges are tracking this information in students' files. That certainly doesn't assure admission, but many colleges have suggested if all things are equal, they will admit the student who has shown more interest in the school. Keep this in mind as you randomly send a text to the rep. Watch what you say and how you say it. They may be keeping a record!

What Admissions Directors Really Look for in Students

by Scott Birtman, VHHS College Counselor



As a college counselor, I am often asked by parents what the most important factor in the college admission is. If one were to survey the more than 3,700 colleges and universities, one would find the most important factor in college admissions is not a standardized test score. It has been, and will continue to be, a student's overall performance, including GPA and the strength of schedule.

Parents need to know that more colleges now review applicants through a holistic lens. They are not simply looking at a test score and a GPA to determine admissions. They look to admit a class that is reflective of society as a whole. They want students who will "bring" something to their campuses. They look for intelligence, leadership, diversity, uniqueness, integrity and determination to learn. The Director of Admission at Smith College wrote, "Recognizing potential

across a range of dimensions ensures that we will continue to admit the exceptional..." They do not focus solely on a single score earned on a four-hour test taken on a Saturday. Still, there are parents who believe a 30+ on the ACT or a 1340 SAT is a ticket for admission. The reality is, this is simply not the case.

VHHS does offer a test prep program which runs February-March. Last year's cost for the program was \$160. More than 133 students participated in the class (over 39% of the class) and the average score gain was 1.5 points on the ACT taken in April.

There are many options that VHHS students may consider for test prep. Programs in this growth industry range greatly in terms of cost (sometimes into the thousands of dollars) and often focus on the fear associated with a low ACT/SAT score. I strongly encourage students who are looking for a test prep program to consider the program offered at VHHS.

AP Art Show Includes Preview of New LHS Art Gallery



A small number of LHS parents and students recently received a sneak peek of the school's new Art Gallery. On May 18, AP Art students and their parents attended "Openings," a show of work by the AP Art Classes. The Gallery, which is a joint effort between the Libertyville Wildcat Fine Arts Foundation and District 128, will officially open in the fall. The Gallery is pictured above at left during the set-up for the AP Show. Attendees of the AP show are pictured at the Gallery on the right. (photos by *M. Todoric* and *J. Johnson*)

High School Art Show News

Vernon Hills High School **Luke Nedza** was awarded 3rd place for his oil painting and **Jessica Kim** was awarded second place for her oil/acrylic painting at the 10th District Congressional Art Show. The two paintings will be displayed for the next year in Congressman **Mark Kirk's** Washington office. This is the second year in a row that VHHS students achieved this honor.

The "Best of the Best" show was held on Sunday, May 16 at Chicago's Thompson Center. Libertyville High School student **Ellie Boquist** won 2nd place and \$500 for her hand made metal book, and **Ally Muskat** won 1st place for the monogram she designed using Adobe Illustrator. LHS students competed against 27 other schools and more than 600 pieces of artwork from the city of Chicago and surrounding areas.

VHHS art students received the following honors in the prestigious annual 4x5 Show at Fremd High School: Honorable Mention, Drawing, **Tina Chen**; Honorable Mention, Relief Sculpture, **Jessie Shen**; Second place, Relief Sculpture, **Sonya Peterson**; Second place, Painting, **Evelina Choma**; First place, Printmaking, **Maggie Sharapan**; First place, Painting and Best in Show, **Rachel Clatch**. This is the 2nd

year in a row and 4th time overall that a VHHS art student has taken home top honors at this prestigious show. Rachel's painting won Best in Show competing against 43 schools and 1300 pieces of art. Rachel joins Best in Show recipients **Domina Chan** (2005), **Natalia Bulsza** (2006) and last year's winner, **Maggie Sharapan** (2009).

Congratulations to the LHS winners at the LISA Show held on April 6 at the Great Frame Up in Vernon Hills. The following students will go on to the Regional Show at the Botanic Gardens in May: **Ellie Boquist**, 3D; **Ally Muskat**, Graphic Communication; **Lily Makela**, Drawing; **Marissa Hollingsworth**, Photo; and **Ali Heimert**, Painting.

During the last week of April, outstanding work by VHHS art students was on display during the LISA show at the Great Frame up in Vernon Hills. At the reception on April 28, five students received white ribbons for outstanding achievement. The recipients were: **Maya Wolf** - painting; **Maggie Sharapan** - Drawing; **Joel Bissell** - Photography; **Avsar Modi** - Graphics; **Lindsey Gallagher** - 3D. These 5 pieces qualified for the "Best of the Best Show" at the Thompson Center in Chicago.

VHHS Musicians Perform at Allerton Chamber Music Symposium



Vernon Hills High School students participated in the Allerton Chamber Music Symposium sponsored by University of Illinois. Four VHHS chamber groups were selected for the symposium.

Viola Quintet (above left)

String Quartet (above right)

Piano Quintet (at right, center)

Brass Quintet (at right, bottom)

(photos courtesy of VHHS Fine Arts)



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Seniors Learn During Lunches

This spring, the Libertyville High School SAP coordinator, social workers, and the CRC partnered to host three lunch-and-learns for the senior class. Over 300 seniors took advantage of the sessions. In March, **Andelys Boeder** from Marian University spoke about dealing with college roommates. During April, **Bob Quane** from Southern Illinois University gave students skills to manage their finances during college. Finally, **Kari Garcia** from Northern Michigan University and Libertyville Fire Captain **Ken Komers** taught seniors how to keep themselves and their property safe at college.

D128 VIP Clubs Join Forces

The VIP clubs from both LHS and VHHS presented prevention skits to the Hawthorn Middle Schools this spring. At Middle South, presentations on bullying, cliques, substance use and responsible decision making were presented to all 7th graders. In addition to these topics, 8th graders also saw skits about transitioning to high school and had questions answered by a VIP panel. VHHS students also went to Hawthorn North and performed for 8th graders. The VIP students enjoyed sharing their perspectives and experiences with the students to help them prepare for the transition to high school. The middle school students were actively engaged, commenting on the skits and the myths and realities of high school.

From the Principal's Desk . . .

by Dr. Marina Scott

In preparing my remarks for the 2010 Libertyville High School Commencement Ceremony, I realized that our seniors have experienced much change and growth in the short time I have known them. Like the rest of the faculty and staff, I have enjoyed many special moments with our seniors and I encourage them to look forward to the moments yet to unfold. Anticipating the end of World War II, **Winston Churchill** said, "Give us the tools and we will finish the job." As we anticipate our graduates beginning life after high school, we hope we have given them the tools they will need to achieve their dreams and goals. Like a tool box packed with hefty gear, this school year was packed with significant events:

- Seniors marched in on Day One with OX prominently displayed on their chests, confident in their ability to provide great leadership for the entire student body.
- Worsening economic conditions caused many to question the sense of security we had all taken for granted and to realize that we will all need to be prepared and responsive to a continually changing world.
- The noise and dust that accompanied the emergence of our magnificent new LHS Art Gallery proved that economic realities would not stifle fundraising efforts nor deter the community's generosity.
- In addition to teams that qualified for state in wrestling, cheerleading, poms, physics, math, WYSE, and debate, we produced individual state contenders in nearly every sport and competitive activity.
- We enjoyed the talents of all-state musicians, actors and actresses, and we were enthralled with performances like *Beauty and the Beast*.
- We experienced difficult losses: beloved teacher **Barb Gwinn** and classmates **Simon McCormack**, **Alex Kobitter**, and **John Herres**.
- We welcomed over 15 new teachers, a new principal, and said good-bye to one of Libertyville's finest teachers, Band Director **Don Shupe**, under whose tutelage multiple generations of Wildcats flourished.
- We invigorated an amazing school spirit that included roller coasters, haus-cut shirts, orange man, tailgating and the annual march to Carmel High School, a.k.a. "We Stop Traffic."

In the end, a spirit for winning was accompanied by a spirit for giving that brought record numbers of donations to our Adopt-A-Family project, canned food drive, Haiti relief effort, Relay for Life fundraiser and others.

Through all of these memorable events, our seniors helped us to maintain a strong sense of community that is a hallmark of LHS. The actions of our students reflect the wisdom of the ancient Greek statesman, Pericles, who said, "What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." Our seniors, though finished with their job at LHS, have left us with the tools to carry on. As we bid our graduates a fond farewell and wish them luck, we are inspired by the example of their leadership and grateful for the tradition they honored.

Go Cats!
Dr. Scott

April Students of the Month



May Students of the Month



Libertyville High School 2010 Senior Honors

Military Awards

Appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point
Scott Ratzler

American Legion Post 329 Award
Kyle Licocci & Kylie Jones

VFW Post 8741 Auxiliary Americanism Award for Female Students
Katie Ahlgrim

VFW Post 8741 Americanism Award for Male Students
Sam Shay

DAR Award
Sara Fitzgerald

SAR Award
Eric Andrews

Open Scholarships/Awards

Amy Cummins Dental Award
Danielle Tasiopoulos

Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship
Brandon Clarke

Coca-Cola Corporate Scholarship
Danielle Tasiopoulos

College of Lake County Superintendent's Scholarship
Andres Alvarez

Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship
Weitao Qiang

Domino's Pizza Libertyville Scholarship
Ryan Kakenmaster

Donald R. Brunstrum Memorial Award
Michael McQuillen

Evelyn Van Zandt Bairstow Memorial Award
Katelynn Jennings

Gary Graham Scholarship
Melissa Bruebach

GOAL- Gossett's Outstanding Attitude Toward Learning
Eleanor Feely & Anthony Lawless

Harris Bank Libertyville Scholarship
Kendra Witkewicz

Harry Croon Memorial Scholarship
Greg Gough

Herff Jones Principals Leadership Award
Maggie Boling

Illinois General Assembly 51st District Scholarship
Kristi Krumtinger

Irene Werner Scholarship
Christopher Marr

John M. Cunnea Business Scholarship
Ryan Kakenmaster

John Phillip Sousa Award
Christopher Garren

Kim Muno Scholarship
Allison Schafernak

Lady Cats Scholarship Award
Ellen Houser

Libertyville Jr. Women's Club 2010 Outstanding Female Student
Leah Kruckman

Libertyville Lions Club Scholarship
Hannah Diamond

Libertyville Sunrise Rotary Club Scholarship
Amanda Vogg

Libertyville Sunrises Rotary Club Scholarship
Dan Keefe

MacLean-Fogg Company Scholarship
Weitao Qiang

Peter Phillips Fellowship of Christian Athletes Award
Sarah Farish, Mackenzie Haws, Matt Bystol, Joshua Ok

T. Michael Snow Scholarship
Elizabeth Oldenburg

Tim Wetzel Memorial Scholarship
Bryan Dickson

Wingate Or Computer Scholarship

Keith Breckenridge

Jessica Marder

Wingate Or General Scholarship

Caroline Huse

Sarah Richards

Sara Fitzgerald

Department Scholarships/Awards

Applied Technology Award
Matt Rades

Barb Gwin Slant of Light Award
Katie Hanson

Bernard Automotive Scholarship
Dan Keefe

CAT-TV Senior Award

Madeline Rose

Victor Jacobo

Dr. Joe Wojtena Student of the Month Scholarship

Tim Heller

Drops of Ink Award

Melissa Ryder

Erica Morozin

Family and Consumer Sciences Award

Ann Majewski

German Award for Academic Achievement

Katja Weitekammer &

Lewis Wheeler

Henry Underbrink Loyalty and Dedication Award

Subil Thomas

Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics Award

Chris Schweitzer

Illinois Science Teachers Award

Weitao Qiang &

Anish Raman

Jean C. Langworthy Senior English Award

Val Michelotti

Kathy Mauer Memorial Art Scholarship

Karen Mooney

Libertyville Countryside Homeowners Association

Scholarship
Ellie Ganz

Libertyville High School ESP Scholarship
Claudia Serb

Libertyville High School Federation of Teachers Scholarship
Amanda Vogg

Mathematics Team Scholarship
Emil Jose, Ryan Patterson

National Honor Society Award
Farhan Shahab, Subil

Thomas, Richard Li,

Danielle Tasiopoulos,

Elizabeth Oldenburg

Nautilus Award

Eric Andrew

Michele McCracken

Newsom Award

Maggie Boling

Matt Bystol

Outstanding Latin Senior Award

Sarah Farish

Sam Robinson

Anne Sledd

Paul Storbeck Award for Excellence in Social Studies Award

Farhan Shahab

Principal's Scholarship Award

Elizabeth Oldenburg

Production Service Award

Chris Bryant

Rob Calahan Memorial French Scholarship

Maria Faillaci

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Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship **Mandy Vogg**
 Ross Shellenberg Art Award **Kristen King**
 Sharon Bernard Art Scholarship **Bin He (Michael) Zhang**
 Spanish Scholarship **Kristina Nennig**
Tara Jensen,
Maksim Perchak,
Subil Thomas
Michele Morse
Weitao Qiang, &
Aleksandra Vidovich
 Student Council Service Award **Bridget Loucks**
Michael Tanner
Victor Jacobo
 Walter C. Hornberger Spirit Award **James Stolbom**

College Scholarships/Awards

Auburn University
James Parker - Academic Charter Scholarship

Augustana College
Alyssa Dahlke - Founders Scholarship
Sara Fitzgerald - Music & Presidential Scholarship
Dan Michniuk - Biology Scholarship

Ave Marie University
Eileen Marie Lee - Tennis Scholarship

Beloit College
Leah Kruckman - Presidential Scholarship

Bethel University
Timothy P. Anderson - President's Scholarship

Bradley University
Jessica Marder - Presidential Scholarship

Butler University
Shannon Campe - Hampton & Theatre Award

Carroll University
Alexandra Voelker - Charles Carroll Scholar & Leadership
Ryan Burke - Charles Carroll Scholar & Leadership

Carthage College
Julie Gembra - Faculty Scholarship
Shannon Weakley - Carthage Endowed & Founders Scholarship

DePaul University
Kyle Gustafson - DePaul Scholars Award
Kyle Licocci - School of Music - Trumpet

Eckerd College
David M. Jones - Presidential Academic Achievement Scholarship

Elmhurst College
Brent Austin - Founders Scholarship

Hope College
Kathryn Ahlgrim - Distinguished Scholar Award
Alex Kouzoukas - Alumni Honors Scholarship

Illinois Wesleyan University
Erik Bergstrom - Alumni Scholarship
Athena Cocallas - Alumni Scholarship
Megan Rogers - Alumni Scholarship & Jennings Award for Music
Connor Shanks - Alumni Scholarship

University of Illinois
Lucas Budden - Freshman Recognition Award
Austin Gearing - Engineering International Scholarship

Indiana University
Matthew Charles Brunstrum - IU Prestige Scholarship

University of Iowa
Wallis Ann Higley - National Scholars Award & Old Gold Scholarship
Katherine Stewart - National Scholars Award & Old Gold Scholarship
Kristen Sulkowski - National Scholars Award

Judson University
Brandon Fowkes - Scholarship for Men's Basketball

Lake Forest College
Caroline Huse - Illinois Guaranteed Scholarship & Reid Music

Lawrence University
Willson Oppedahl - Trustee Conservatory Scholarship & Tuition Exchange & NFAA Young Arts Award

Lewis University
Emiliano Cordova, Jr. - Bishop Bernard Shell Scholarship

Loyola University Chicago
Derek Kappes - Rambler Award for Leadership
Erika Teitz - Director's Scholarship & Loyola's Merit

Marquette University
Molly Coffey - Ignatius Academic Distinction Scholarship
Shawn Jacob - Ignatius Magis Award
Kaitlin Moon - Ignatius Magis Award
Mona Syed - Ignatius Magis Award
Kelsey Welch - Ignatius Academic Award & William J. Katz Distinguished Engineering

Miami University - Ohio
Amanda Beckman - Merit Scholarship Package & Direct Admit to Farmer School of Business
Amber Staines - James D. & Dorothy C. Dilorio Chicago Area Scholarship/Wild Memorial/Miami Non-Resident

University of Minnesota
Mackenzie Haws - Gold National Scholarship

Student Activities Update

by Jennifer Paul, Student Activities Coordinator

Student Activities

A huge thank you and congratulations to **Anne Malecki** for organizing our first book fair. Summer reading selections were available for students, and proceeds went to LHS Writers' Week.

Illinois Directors of Student Activities

LHS junior **Jenny Prochotsky** and VHHS junior **Jessica Echales** have been selected as winners of 2010 IDSA Leadership Scholarships. They will both attend the Illinois Teen Institute Summer Leadership Conference in July.

Operation Click

Congratulations to LHS students **Jenna Kaplan** and **Michael Cypher**, and VHHS student **Michelle Sanchez** on being selected as Operation Click winners. **Michael Cypher** was the winner of a car from the Wauconda Chapter. **Michelle Sanchez** was named Student of the Year for Operation Click.



Interact-Advisors Jennifer Paul and Jessica Plack

Interact students were busy this spring with fundraising and preparing for next year's Adopt-a-Family program. The students also organized May Day baskets that were delivered to Winchester House.

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Mike Opthof - Maroon National Scholarship

Monmouth College

Kaylah Henderson - Achievement & Music & Theatre Scholarship

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Alexander D. Carlino - Ruth Leverton Scholarship

Northern Arizona University

Marie Sophie Michelle Zitzmann - President's Tuition Scholarship for Non Residents

Northern Illinois University

Emilee Fannon - Leaders & Scholars Program

Ohio Wesleyan University

Eleanor Feely - Dean's Scholarship/Legacy/Meek Community Service & Leadership

Purdue University

John Cody Olsen - Alumni General Scholarship
Christopher Schweitzer - Presidential Scholarship

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Marcus Zagorniak - Rensselaer Leadership Award

Rhodes College

Erica Morozin - Merit Award

Roosevelt University

Charles Klepac - Chicago College of Performing Arts

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Reid Ceba - Rose-Hulman Merit Scholarship & Rose-Hulman Catapult Scholarship

Saint Louis University

Ashley Beres - Vice President's Scholarship
Anna Mroz - Dean's Scholarship/Legacy/Meek Community Service & Leadership
Shivani Parikh - Provost Scholarship

Savannah College of Art & Design

Killian Ann Hlava - Artistic Honors Scholarship

University of South Carolina

Ellie Houser - Woodrow Scholars Award

Katja Lynn Weitekammer - Woodrow Scholars Award

St. Mary's College

Courtney Kennedy - Bertrand Award

St. Norbert College

Melissa Bruebach - Presidential Scholarship

Lindsey Gill - John F. Kenney Scholarship

St. Olaf College

Katie Hanson - Buntrock Scholarship

Texas State University

Timothy Heller - Patti Harrison Musical Theatre Scholarship

University of Arizona

Payton Frances Carty - Arizona Excellence Award

MacKenzie Jaroch - Arizona Excellence Award

University of Dayton

Margaret Murnane - Dean's Merit Scholarship & Women's Soccer Scholarship

University of Southern California

Michael Garrett - Music Scholarship

University of St. Thomas

Jenna Coffey - St. Thomas Award

University of Tampa

Anna Elizabeth Mayworm - Performing Arts & Spartan Scholarship

William Penn University

Alanna Connors - Athletic Scholarship Volleyball

Wofford College - South Carolina

James Zotto - Full Athletic Scholarship

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A "great job!" goes out to **Lauren Muender, Anna Benson** and **Maia Cocallas** for their continued leadership in this club!

Anime/Library Club-Advisor **Jodi McPhillips**

Anime/ Library Club had a fantastic 2009-2010 membership. President **Kyle VanderVeen** provided great leadership to the following active members: Vice President **Kristen Clay**, Treasurer **Natalie Salton**, Secretary **Sarah Baquiran, Mitch Cianci, Richard LaMarre, Kylie Sharon, Noah Harned, Trevor Liberman, Laura Andrew, Daniel Hartung**; and **Kevin Lu**. Club members organized each week's agenda to ensure a variety of activities from viewing Anime DVDs, organizing cos-play events and having pizza parties. Although another year ends, and **Kyle VanderVeen's** leadership will be missed, the club looks forward to next year.

Latin Club-Advisor **Jaime Reuben**

The National Latin Exam is a comprehensive test assessing the student's familiarity with Latin grammar and syntax, Roman history, culture, and mythology, as well as Latin expressions and derivatives used in English. Over 150,000 students from all 50 states and 13 foreign countries took the test this year. The Latin students at LHS performed remarkably well. This year, 15 medals were awarded to students for outstanding merit on the exam, including seven gold and one silver medal.

The first Classics Awards night was held on May 18, 2010 for Latin students (all levels) and their parents. The Latin students were honored with a variety of academic and achievement awards, and participated in a photo story presentation highlighting all of their Latin events of the year.

LEAF-Advisors **Dave Lapish** and **Sandra Kruckman**



LEAF was awarded an \$848.50 check from Jewel Foods for the "5 Cents for the Future" reusable bag program. Jewel donated reusable shopping bags to give to patrons. Members are pictured above at the check presentation, along with Libertyville Mayor **Terry Weppeler**.

Carbon Free Day was May 20, and students and staff were encouraged to bike or walk to school. Students participated in a

Des Plaines River cleanup which was a statewide event. They also participated in an EPA Butler Lake Cleanup-with NHS. Some Leaf students also helped with native plant restoration on the banks of Bull Creek. The group donated money to the World Wildlife Fund, Nature Conservancy and the Flint Creek Animal Rehabilitation Center. Presidents **Adam Hefter** and **Megan Rogers** will be graduating. Both have done a great job leading this group. President **Katrina Ramirez** will be returning and leading the group. Check out their Facebook page to learn more!

Cats Against Cancer-Advisors **Cam Traut** and **Nancy Dick** LHS students were outstanding in their support and participation in the Relay for Life of GLMV Youth and its partnership with the American Cancer Society, Lake County Region on April 24. Students helped raise an amazing \$90,000 for the fight against cancer! Congratulations to **Colleen Althoff** who led her peers in this endeavor.

CAT-TV -- Advisor **Paul Slominski**

What sets this year apart in regard to CAT-TV is the presence that has taken hold of LHS campus. Having doubled in size and gaining the interest of many upcoming students with the impressive display at the 8th Grade Orientation, members now enjoy additional responsibilities and face challenges that may baffle one, but merely bemuse the collaborative force of our proud numbers. The transportation of equipment to an off-campus location to record hockey games; the successful attempt to capture the complexities of baseball; the opportunity to stretch our more artistic phalanges with the band jam; our final performance in assisting with graduation: all are unforgettable for those both behind and in front of the cameras. While the baseball and hockey tapings were the first in the 20 plus year history of CAT-TV, they surely will not be the last, given the smooth set up and admirable job done in spite of the many stipulations that came with the territory of shooting out of one's comfort zone. As we strove to make an impact, we touched on the brilliance of some of our own role models with a trip to NBC and by interviewing professional football players **Johnny Knox, Steve McMichael**, and **Shaun Gayle**. Serving as both a friendly pat on the back and a forum for some of our more creative ideas, the club was blown away by the inspiring videos shown, as well as receiving 2nd and 3rd in the sports division, at the 2010 Chicagoland Television Educators' Council Award ceremony. CAT-TV students look forward to a summer working on outside of the box projects and preparing for an even more promising school year.

Skills USA-Advisor **Jeremy Gerlach**

Congratulations to the Skills USA students who competed at the state conference in Springfield. Six students competed against the top students from other schools across the state. Congratulations goes to **Matt Rades** who placed 2nd in state in Graphic Communications, **Erik Aksland** who placed 3rd in state in Graphic Communications, and **Anthony Milazzo** who placed 5th in Culinary Arts.

TOP CATS-Advisors **Audrey Glenn** and **Josie DiMarco**

Since the inception of The Topcats in 1996, LHS had partnered with of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lake County, where our high school students were matched in the "Student to Student"

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program. Our students rode the bus every week to Green Bay School in North Chicago and met with their specific kids on a one-to-one basis throughout the course of every year.

This year, when Big Brothers Big Sisters lost its funding for this program, we decided to reach out to other schools that may have a need for high school mentors in a big brother/big sister type capacity. We were very excited to find 21st Century Stars, which is a program that is in existence in a number of schools in Lake County, one of which is Clearview Elementary School in Waukegan. This program is an after school club for "at risk" students and has a formulated structure that we were welcomed to enhance with our enthusiastic and skilled high school mentors.

This year, we rode the bus to Clearview School every Wednesday and from the first day, our students were thrilled to be a part of this program. All we heard on the return trip to LHS was, "we love this program, we love this school, we love these kids!!" As club advisors, we thought we'd wait to see how it went before we got too excited. But, our students held fast to their love and conviction for these kids. By the end of this year, they purported to prefer this kind of "group mentoring." It gave them the freedom to more naturally gravitate to certain students (with elementary students doing the same), while modeling for the students how to include everyone. The Topcats unanimously prefer this structured environment and love the support and friendliness of Clearview Elementary School. We hope to be back next year.

Athletes Committed to Excellence - Advisors **Sean Ferrell** and **Nancy Dick**

ACE, SPARK, and VIP joined forces to promote a safe and drug free prom weekend. They began with pledges signed by students to be drug and alcohol free during the prom weekend, signing the ACE banner to send the message that you can count on those students to make good choices, and wrapped it up with a Not So Silent Protest. Students from both ACE and SPARK made signs promoting "good choice making" and "being safe" at the entrance of the school.

ACE members sent "Thank You" notes to some their coaches to recognize them for the impact they have on their players. ACE continues to clean up its Adopt-A-Highway on Midlothian Road.

As part of a "giving back" theme, ACE welcomed others to join them for "Celebrate the Seniors" on the last full day of school. ACE rolled out the red carpet to celebrate and wish the graduating seniors the best of everything.

Gay-Straight Alliance-Advisor **Jennifer Rocque**

The 2009-10 GSA supported, informed, and engaged the LHS student body. Our two largest projects, Ally Week and National Day of Silence, impacted the entire student body. During Ally Week, over 100 students and staff members signed pledge cards to end discrimination and hateful language. Over 80 students took part in the National Day of Silence. Participants bought t-shirts and wore ribbons in addition to remaining silent for the day in order to show their support. In addition to the larger projects, the GSA also created a display for October's Gay and Lesbian History month, wrote letters to senators, painted a win-

dow for homecoming, started a "Use Another Word" campaign, hosted a speaker on LGBTQ rights and politics, and raised money for the Halsted Center. Members also engaged themselves by reading articles and discussing current topics in the LGBTQ community.

Peer Mediation - Advisors **Sarah Kelly** and **Sharon Stevens** Peer Mediation had a great year! Our members have completed numerous mediations this year and the interventions are working because there have been no further consequences from the mediations. We held our Peer Idol Contest again this year. Each class voted at our website for the peer that they think is consistently a good listener, helps others to resolve conflict peacefully, and is someone that students feel they can go to for helpful advice. Freshman class winner was **Stephanie Marder**. The sophomores chose **Michael Milius**. We had a tie for the junior class this year, and awarded mall gift cards to each of our winners. Our tie winners for the junior class were **Kelsey Hamilton** and **Lee Starovich** and our senior winner was **Shannon Campe**. Congratulations Peer Idols!

Math Team-Coaches Rick Brenner, Amanda Warfield and Ben Snyder

The Math Team finished in 16th place in Division 4AA at the ICTM State math contest in Champaign on May 1 at U of I. The freshmen Algebra I team placed 9th in state and the team's top score was attained by **Alex Wang** who placed 28th in state. Other team members included **Richard Pan, Nishad Phadke, Kevin Lu, Claire Sheong,** and **Daniel Hartung**. The sophomore Geometry Team of **Jovana and Nina Andrejevic, Derick Carnazzola, Sandeep Balasubramanian,** and freshman **Noah Marcus** and **Tejas Joshi** also placed 9th in state. The top scorer for the team was **Tejas Joshi** who placed 33rd in state. The Junior/Senior relay team of **WeiQiao Huang, Teddy Amdur, Chris Schweitzer,** and **Alex Politakis** tied for 6th place in state. After finishing in 27th place in 2009, the math team earned the "Richard Rhoad Most Improved Award" for 2010.

The Math Team placed first in Lake County in Illinois Math League and 12th in state. Also, **Alex Wang** received All Conference honors at the North Suburban Mathematics League coaches meeting in May, and **Richard Pan** received an Honorable Mention.

Future Business Leaders of America-Coaches Kristen Connolly and Billy Pitcher

Congratulations to the following FBLA members who placed in their event at the 61st annual Future Business Leaders of America Conference in Decatur, IL on March 26-27: **Nick Gerjol** - 3rd place Accounting II*; **Puja Mehra, Zach Michelsen & Paige Schlesinger** - 2nd place Business Plan; **Sammi Chow & Sharon Guan** - 10th place Business Presentation; **Jay Russo** - 5th place Client Service; **Manny Bardina** - 1st place Computer Problem Solving*; **Nishad Phadke** - 4th place Desktop Application Programming; **Roserry Yu** - 1st place Digital Video Production*; **Jon Gunter & Adam Ahmad** - 7th place E-Business; **Shivani Parikh & Diana DeVries** - 1st place Emerging Business Issues*; **Victor Jacobo** - 5th place Impromptu Speaking; **Naveen Rajadhyaksha, Austin Gearing &**

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Michael Zhang - 1st place Management Decision Making*;
Sarah Fahey - 3rd place Public Speaking I. (*denotes qualified to national competition in Nashville, TN on July 14-17.)

Bass Fishing Team-Coaches **David Widzisz** and **Bill Reichert**
 The LHS Bass Fishing Team finished 7th out of 33 boats at the Lakes Invitational Bass Fishing Tournament held May 11 on the Fox Chain O' Lakes. Contributing to the strong performance were anglers **Nico Fontana** and **Matt Gilbert**.

Physics Bowl-Coach **Mike Bush**

All AP Physics B and AP Physics C students take the American Association of Physics Teachers Physics Bowl test in April. The test is a 40 question, multiple-choice exam. The top five scores in the school comprise the school score. Almost 4500 students from over 200 schools in the United States and Canada (as well as schools in China and the Republic of Korea) took the exam this year. On the 2010 test, our Physics B students, who compete in Division I (1st year students), received first place in the region. They also tied for the fourth highest score among all schools. In addition, Junior **Teddy Amdur** received the highest individual score in our region and tied with four other students for the third highest score overall. The Physics C students, who compete in Division II (2nd year students), received first place in our region and tied for the seventh highest score among all schools. In addition, seniors **Alex Politakis** and **Weitao Qiang** earned the highest and second highest scores respectively in our region for Division II.

The five students who contributed to the school score in each division were: Division I: **Teddy Amdur, May Yang, Tom August, Scott Cooper,** and **Margret (Meg) Matias**
 Division II: **Alex Politakis, Weitao Qiang, Ryan Patterson, Hadallia Bergeron,** and **Mitch Neubauer**

Physics Team-Coach **Mike Bush**

Each year, our AP Physics C students take the qualifying exams for the United States Physics Team. Typically, over 4,000 students take the exam nationwide. Based on the results of this preliminary exam, approximately 300 students nationwide were selected as semifinalists. With a score of 21.25 out of 25 (a quarter-point guessing penalty system is used on the test), senior **Alex Politakis** was selected as a semifinalist this year. His performance places him in approximately the top 10% of students taking the exam nationwide.

On March 15, Alex took two, 90-minute exams. These exams, in conjunction with scores on the previous exams, were used to determine the 20 members of the U.S. Physics Team.

Unfortunately, faced with a highly talented group of semifinalists from which to choose, AAPT did not select Alex for the team. All quarterfinalists and semifinalists receive an award packet consisting of a certificate and other items.

WYSE-Worldwide Youth and Science in Engineering-Coach **Pete Dawson**

Congratulations to the WYSE team for their results in the national JETS engineering competition. The sophomore team finished 4th in the nation in the 9th-10th grade division. The junior team finished 24th in the nation in the 11th-12th grade division and the senior team finished 7th in the nation in the 11th-12th grade division. Members of the team are: Seniors: **Hadallia Bergeron, Matt Jenkins, Emil Jose, Ryan Patterson, Alex Politakis,**



Attention LHS Class of 2014

Mark your calendars for Freshman Orientation

Tuesday, August 10, 2010
9:15 a.m. to Noon

More information regarding Freshman
Orientation will follow in the
August mailing.
Questions? Call 847.327.7000

Weitao Qiang, Anish Raman, Chris Schweitzer; Juniors:
Teddy Amdur, Thomas August, Mitch Boynton, Scott Cooper, Jason LeBlanc, Roger Michaelides, Eric Pulick, May Yang; Sophomores: **Sandeep Balasubramanian, Derick Carnazzola, Osman Jamil, Matthew King, Gokul Krishnan, Natalie LaPlant, Elizabeth Ulanday, Nathan Wolf.**

The team finished in 8th place at the Illinois Academic Challenge State Finals. The team was lead by individual medalists **May Yang** (5th in Chemistry), **Alex Politakis** (4th in Physics), and **Weitao Qiang** who earned a \$1000 scholarship for finishing 2nd in the state in Biology. Other members of the team were **Hadallia Bergeron, Reid Cepa, Alan Fan, Wendi Guo, Weiqiao Huang, Matt Jenkins, Emil Jose, Roger Michaelides, Ryan Patterson, Anish Raman,** and **Chris Schweitzer.**

FCCLA-Coached by **Monica Patterson, Katie Hyla, Kristin Tarrant** and **Loretta Wasielewski**

Congratulations to the following students who competed at state: **Robyn Connolly & Hayley Sesterhenn,** Preschool Storytelling - gold medal; **Brittany Donovan & Caitlin Hauerwas,** Preschool Lesson - gold medal; **Brooke Donovan,** Cookie Decorating - gold medal; **Carly Strecker,** Apparel Construction - gold medal; **Goli Parvinian,** Apparel Construction - gold medal and Most Outstanding; **Ellie Feely,** Apparel Construction - silver medal; **Ann Majewski,** Cookie Decorating - silver medal; **Julie Ahlgrim,** Cookie Decorating - bronze medal.

Accounting

Results for LHS from the annual Lake County Accounting Competition at CLC: Accounting I Team 3rd place overall; **Ryan Kakenmaster** 4th place overall; Accounting II Team 3rd place overall; **Nate Yordy & Malcolm Benion** tied for 10th place overall.

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News from the Hills

Principal's Report

by Dr. Ellen Cwick

The 2009-10 school year proved to be very exciting and successful. "Seniors 2010" graduated in a dignified and respectful manner, enjoying three major events at the end of the school year: Senior Breakfast and Honors Day Assembly on May 27, Graduation on June 3, and Senior Party on June 4. For graduation, **Brad Gresik** gave the keynote student speech. **Pat Nora** and **Josh Ravenscraft** were the teachers selected to read the names of the graduates.

We all will miss the Class of 2010 and wish them the best.

We certainly have enjoyed each one of them being a part of school life here at VHHS. During the month of May, it strongly hits us that the time is drawing near for us to have to let our seniors go. It has simply been amazing watching their growth over the past four years.

Lastly, don't forget two important dates: Freshman Orientation, Tuesday, Aug. 10 and the first day of school for students, a half day on Wednesday, Aug. 18. The 2010-11 school year will be here before we know it!

Vernon Hills High School 2010 Senior Honors

Awards of Excellence in Department 1

Applied Technology Award
Business Education Award
Family and Consumer Science Award

Benjamin Ehlert
Benjamin Chacko
Paige Lehman

Awards for Excellence in English

Bill Weber English Scholar Award
English as a Foreign Language Award

Samuel Rong
Leena Chung

Awards for Excellence in Fine Arts

Art Award
Band Award
Choral Award

Cheng Chen
Edward Rumzis
Luke Hanson
Cole Moffat
Jason Song
Danie Feld

Orchestra Award
Theater Award

Awards for Excellence in International Language

French Award
German Award
Spanish Award

Ewelina Choma
Jamie Yuen
Samuel Rong

Award for Excellence in Mathematics

Jessica Block

Award for Excellence in Physical Welfare

Sara Doerhoefer
Spencer Raak

Award for Excellence in Science

Sean Hogan

The Bob Levy Award for Excellence in Social Studies

Steven Sprieser

Continuum Yearbook Award

David Valentino

Production Services Award

David Valentino

TV Club Award

Jessica Jurado
Eunice Lee

Orchesis Award

Paige Lehman

The CAST Fine Arts Awards

Luke Hanson
Emily Paul
David Valentino

Teachers' Choice Award for Mathematics

Sara Doerhoefer

Illinois Science Teachers' Association Award

Jessica Block

Illinois State Scholars

Anisha Arora, Jessica Block, Stephanie Camello, Angela Cao, Eunice Cho, Amy Choi, Tiffany Chua, Alana Coy, Lindsey Davis, Patrica Do, Paige Dobbertin, Sara Doerhoefer, Michael Dolson, Jacob Dudek, Shane Elms, Laura Emery, Alexander Erchinger, Mitchell Evett, Jessica Feece, Danie Feld, Venetia Ginakakis, Kristoffer Groth, Paola Guzman, Matthew Hlavacek, Sean Hogan, Lavanya Iyer, Paul Juhn, Parin Kadakia, Sara Kasten, Mansi Kathuria, Mason Kessler, Zachary Kisley, Alexander Lang, Edward Lannan, Kyung Lee, Natalie Lee, Judith Legorreta, Paige Lehman, Jonathan Lowe, Bryan Maldonado, Hannah Marks, Milinda Mawley, Juliana McLain, Kyle Miller, Cole Moffat, Christina Oberrieder, Eric Oberwise, Ryan O'Donnell, Karissa Olsen, Sang Jin Park, Dana Pine, Jacqueline Preston, Spencer Raak, Killian Rayl, Joseph Reinert, Michael Robinson, Samuel Rong, Melanie Rowland, Edward Rumzis, Garrett Sawyer, Jonas Sileika, Dillon Skeeahan, Nora Snyder, Candice Song, Jason Song, Briana Spinell, Steven Sprieser, Daniel Stiles, Patrick Stone, Andrew Thompson, David Valentino, Michael Wagner, Andrew Welter, Jamie Yuen

Outstanding First Class Leader Award

Lavanya Iyer
Steven Sprieser

National Honor Society Scholarship Award

Megan Keller
Steven Sprieser

Student Council Outstanding Service Award

Mansi Kathuria
Steven Sprieser

Cougar Pride Coaches' Award

Chloe Hough
Spencer Raak

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Student Activities Update

by Deb Beagle, VHHS Student Activities Director

Anime

All of us otaku (Japanese for "fans") jammed out to anime music videos, hosted by our own club DJ, **Ashley Hamilton**. We slurped Ramen noodles while watching "Spice and Wolf," then we laughed at humorous abbreviated anime versions. We ended another great year at our annual Dance Dance Revolution party. Good luck to club president **Joy Kalantzis** as she heads off to college. Next year's president is **Eileen Guo**. (Advisor: Monica Tolva)

Book Club

Bibliophiles united in our efforts to celebrate National Library Week. Club members invited teachers to read aloud on the foyer stairs. It was a childhood throwback, as students munched cookies and listened to the next chapter each day. We continued the storytime theme by reading books to preschoolers at the CDW@Play child care center. Next year, our club will live up to its new name of "Bibliophiles" while we read and discuss great new teen and adult books. (Advisor: **Ellen Macias, Sonya Stevens** and **Monica Tolva**)

Cougar Cycling Pilot-Club

The Cougar Cycling Club was a huge success this past year. We hope to continue to increase numbers and events. The cycling club goes on various bike rides from 10-25 miles in length at a pace everyone can finish. We enjoy snacks and drinks along the way and, most importantly, we all have lots of fun!

We also learn how to fix our own bikes. Even if you do not have a bike, we have a couple of loaner bikes. This upcoming year we are looking for a couple of individuals to create and race a solar bicycle. Check out our website on the main VHHS website to find out more! (Advisor: **Adam Lueken**)

Cougar-TV (Television and Film Communications)

The Cougar-TV club has done an amazing job videotaping school events and competing in area contests. With an average of four students per shoot at four hours per shoot, we completed 57 programs which are currently airing on Cougar Tube and the local Vernon Hills Cable Access channel. The 57 programs equaled about 57 hours of programming which is a major accomplishment in the television industry. The students involved in Cougar-TV are committed, dedicated and hard working, and provide a great service to the school community.

During this past school year **Alex Sherman, Kurt Wickboldt, Will McCracken** and **Jason Jurado** created a video for the Countryside Fire Department You Tube Contest and were awarded 2nd place. Many TV class students and Cougar-TV students entered the CTEC competition. **Esy Jurado** won a second-place award for her program, "Cougar of the Week." **Mikey Harmon** and **Andy Eclov** received a gold award for their music video, "Uh Man Duh." **Eunice Lee** and **Alex Sherman** received silver awards for their directing of live events, "Winter Band Concert" and "Fall Orchestra Concert." **Eunice Lee, Sam Jacob** and **Esy**

Jurado have completed the senior video which includes a short narrative, a mosaic, a group sing-a-long, and random footage. All three spent most of their lunch periods and their study halls for an entire semester to produce, shoot and edit a fantastic video. Cougar TV had a very productive and creative year. (Advisor: **Sandy Martin**)

DECA

DECA, an international association of high school and college students studying marketing, management and entrepreneurship held its 2010 Annual International Career Development Conference from April 24 to April 27 in Louisville, Kentucky. Over 15,000 conference participants from around the country and the world attended this extraordinary four day conference experience. Over the four days, students' knowledge was tested in several categories, such as business administration and management, entrepreneurship, finance, marketing, travel and tourism, sports and entertainment, fashion merchandising and about 30 other areas. Some events required participants to present a business plan, or demonstrate how to promote a specific product.

During the school year, nearly 200,000 DECA students took part in DECA's Competitive Events Program at area, and state competitions built around real-life situations in marketing, management, and entrepreneurship to win awards and recognition. The top state winners then put their talents to the test during the program's final round of competition in Louisville. This year VHHS DECA had 15 students qualify to advance to the international competition by placing first, second or third at the state competition held March 4-6. The 15 members included sophomores **Erin Bolanowski, Lauren Groody, Ritesh Mishra, Jared Moor, Rohan Varshney**; juniors **Marco Filimon, Patrick Szczupak**; seniors **Joel Bissell, Robert Bryant, Mitch Bukhar, Ben Chacko, Brandon Curry, Erik Hencier, Alex Larsen** and **Eric Oberwise**.

The following VHHS DECA seniors will graduate with the Class of 2010: three-year members **Mitch Bukhar** (Indiana University), two-year International Competitor and Co-President; **Brandon Curry** (University of Kentucky), one-year International Competitor; **Erik Hencier** (Indiana University), two-year International Competitor; **Eric Oberwise** (Dayton Ohio), two-year International Competitor; two-year members: **Robert Bryant** (Indiana University), two-year International Competitor and Co-President; **Alex Larsen** (Miami of Ohio), two-year International Competitor; one-year members **Joel Bissell** (Ohio University), one-year International Competitor, and **Ben Chacko** (Indiana University), one-year International Competitor. Thanks for your dedication, hard work and we wish all of you good luck in college.

Congratulations to all of our VHHS DECA Business Club students! Developing academic and career skills, with a strong portfolio of business experiences gained through DECA, are sure ways students can continue to excel at

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VHHS and in college. A big thank you to everyone who has supported VHHS DECA this year!

(Advisors: **Sheryl Olson, Madeline Powell**)

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)

Congratulations to all FBLA members who competed at the state competition March 26 and 27. A record 26 students finished in top 10 positions in their respective events; nine of the students will advance to the national competition to be held in Nashville, TN on July 14. Students qualifying for competition at the national level include **Nitya Bhagavatula, Alex Guletsky, Kate Banks, Avsar Modi, Melody Chua, Sanchita Agrawal, Andy Clark, Matt Weinberg, and Nellie Rahimi**. Students who also finished within the top 10 of their respective events include **Peter Otoo, Tiffany Chua, Cathy Joo, Mark Juhn, Terry Park, David Alvaro, Hershel Bhat, Priyanka Mangtani, Sasi Pandravada, Tanaya Bhardwaj, Jason Song, Esther Lee, Joyce Zhai, Udit Nangia, Eunice Lee, AJ Mawley, and Zhenni Lin**.

(Advisors: **Amanda Carroll, Sean Crevier**)

FCCLA (Family Career & Community Leaders of America)



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members finished up another successful school year with several first-, second- and third-place medals at the

state conference in Springfield in April. Culinary Event medalists were **Lisa Davis, Tyler Coppney, Peter Lopez** and **Lindsey Block**. Apparel Event medalists were **Jessica Block, Abby Estrada, and Becca Blanton**. All students gained valuable interpersonal and technical skills while competing in their area of interest. FCCLA is open to all students who have been enrolled in a Family and Consumer Science class at VHHS.

(Advisors: **Kelley Whitescarver, Jeanne Wolff**)

Interact

Interact has been busy finishing off the year with a bang. The Multiple Sclerosis Walk was a huge success. It was hosted on April 25 at the pavilion within Century Park. Several Interact members helped run the event, including **Christine Chu, Laura Miller, Natalia Borkowska** and **James Baek**. The Walk helped raise money to fight Multiple Sclerosis.

Interact is gearing up for next year having held officer elections. For the first time, the roles of president and vice president have been replaced with a co-presidency.

Congratulations to new Co-Presidents **Christine Chu** and **Sharon Singh**. Next year, Interact plans on continuing many of the familiar programs central to Interact such as AJs, Reality, the Homework Club, as well as the Senior Prom.

(Advisors: **Sean Kelly, Kelley Whitescarver**)

Interact's Canine Companions for Independence Committee

The service dog committee sadly said goodbye to Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) puppies Mombo, Flash, and Arlington at a gathering after school on May 12. The puppies will leave soon for advanced training in Ohio for six to nine months. We wish them the best and hope that all of the hard work done by our students this year will help them pass this very tough course. We look forward to continuing our training activities next September with puppies Greeley and Rhine. Special thanks to CCI puppy raisers **Jane Barber, Jim Litchfield, Nick and Colleen Breheny, and Dean Nordin** for spending so much of your time with our students. (Advisor: **Nancy Skeffington**)

Math Team

Congratulations to Math Team for placing third at this year's state competition held at the University of Illinois. The Calculator Team took first place. Congratulations to **Rachel Wells, David Kim, Andrew Tung, Udit Nangia** and **Parin Kadakia**. Also winning first place was **Sean Hogan** who did an outstanding job in the individual pre-calculus senior test. Special congratulations to the Oralist Team of **Kenny Shaevel** and **Dennis Lee** who finished third- the highest place finish for an oralist in the history of VHHS.

The team also participates in the North Suburban Math League which awarded **Moya Chen** and **Sean Hogan** All-Conference recognition. The VHHS juniors placed 1st in the NSML division and second overall in the league.

(Advisors: **Cheryl Ballenger, Jessica Chapman, Steve Korney, Wilbert Stroeve**)

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National Honor Society

Please join the NHS Faculty Council in congratulating the following Cougar juniors who have been inducted into the VHHS NHS:

Sydney Achler, Christopher Argianas, Laura Bass, Meriam Ben Hadj Tahar, Molly Benton, Nitya Bhagavatula, Danielle Binder, Laura Brooks, Jennifer Camello, Rebecca Feld, Kelly Firnbach, Samuel Fisher, Michael Glover, Alexander Guletsky, Ailing Guo, Jennifer Ham, Joy Heady, Rebekah Jacobi, Liezl Jacobson, Brian Jozwiak, Daniel Kang, Evin Kim, Jongwan Kim, Alla Krashevsky, Shruti Kumar, Dennis Lee, Esther Lee, Jinyoung Lee, Marylena Lehocky, Anna Lim, Abigail Ling, Genaveve Lopez, Marc Madore, Neha Manchanda, Karen Mari, Maya McLain, Aaron Melcer, Samantha Neary, Allison Pardys, Brynan Qiu, Caitlin Ramsey, Jack Rieke, Elissar Saleh, Bryan Sanoshy, Kenneth Shaevel, Jae Shin, Ellie Silver, Sharonpreet Singh, Erin Steele, Matthew Tomback, Rachel Wells, Meghan Wilgus, Andrew Wood
(Advisors: **Wendy Meister-Louria, Kim Raciak**)

SPARK

During pre-prom week, Spark students took drug-free pledges from all students. On Wednesday, May 12, students were able to put their pledges on a brand new Camero (compliments of Libertyville Chevrolet) that was parked by the front door of the school. To further show their commitment to being alcohol and drug free, students bought and wore woven bracelets. Spark students continue to make and distribute comfort blankets for military families and families whose loved ones are suffering from a cancer diagnosis.

(Advisors: **Margaret Pither, Laura Tracy**)

VIP

VIP students performed prevention skits for the 5th grade students at three feeder schools. Throughout February and March, VIP went to Aspen Elementary, Elementary South and Elementary North. VIP students performed skits on exclusion, internet prevention, relationship rumors and talking behind someone's back. After the skits, the VIP students facilitated discussions in small groups with the students. During May, VIP performed for 7th and 8th graders at Hawthorn Middle South and for 8th graders at Hawthorn Middle School North. VIP stu-

dents performed skits on the myths and realities of high school and had an 8th grade panel for students.

(Advisors: **Margaret Pither, Rebecca Austin**)

WYSE: BACK-to-BACK STATE CHAMPIONS!



On April 21, the 14-member WYSE Team participated in the Academic Challenge, testing in seven subject areas and places were awarded for the top six students in each subject. Out of the 20 teams that participated and the more than 300 students individually taking the exams, the VHHS team took home at least one medal in each of the subjects. The following are the places for each subject: English 2nd, Math 3rd, 5th, and 6th, Biology 3rd, 6th (2 tied) and 1st, Chemistry 2nd, 3rd and 4th, Physics 1st, 2nd, and 4th (2 tied), Computer Science 3rd and 6th, and Engineering Graphics, 5th and 6th. The team's overall score was a 491.6 out of 500 possible points which secured the State Championship for the second consecutive year. The team members were **Jessica Block, Dillon Skeehan, Mike Wagner (Captain), Mansi Kathuria, Sean Hogan, Moya Chen, Brynan Qiu, David Kim, Bryan Palmero, Mason Kessler, Kris Groth, Andrew Welter, Kenny Shaevel and Mark Juhn.**

The WYSE team also had two varsity teams compete in the Junior Engineering Technical Society TEAMS test in March and both teams tied for 7th place in the nation out of 290 schools in our division. Out of the more than 900 schools that participate across every division, our teams tied for 43rd.

Overall, the year was full of great successes, from first place at the Science Opportunity Test hosted by the Milwaukee School of Engineering in November, to State Champions for the Academic Challenge two years in a row. The team will say goodbye to seven seniors, but we have a strong set of juniors and sophomores ready to step into their place.

(Advisor: **Josh Ravenscraft**)

VH20 (Environmental Club)

Congratulations goes out to the VH20 Enviro-thon team as they captured first place in Lake County in an area competition held Wednesday, April 14. Way to go!

(Advisor: **Karen Day**)

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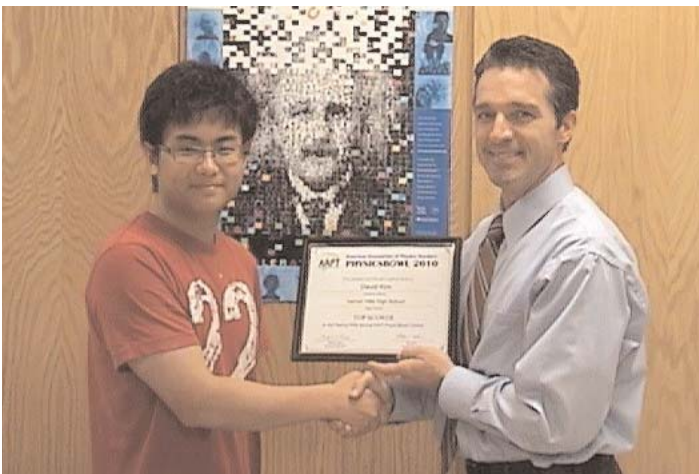
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Class News

Accounting Class

Congratulations to the Accounting Students who competed at the CLC Lake County Accounting Competition. Both Accounting I and Accounting II earned second place team honors. A special congratulations to the top individual finishers from VHHS: **Liezl Jacobson** and **Eric Niskanen** in Accounting I, and **Chris Argianas** and **Kyle Miller** in Accounting II. Great job to all that competed!
(Teacher: **Sean Crevier**)

AP Physics



A VHHS student accepts the 2010 VHHS PHYSICS BOWL Award from Physics Teacher **Jay Walgren**. (photo courtesy of

VHHS)

Congratulations to the VHHS AP Physics students who competed in the 2010 PHYSICS BOWL contest. Each year, thousands of students participate from schools across the United States and other countries. Students take a 40-question, timed, multiple-choice test based on physics topics and concepts. Awards are given to the top schools and students in each region/division. This year, VHHS won second place in both Division I and Division II of the region. VHHS junior **David Kim**, pictured below at left, was recognized for being one of the highest scoring students in the nation.
(Teacher: **Jay Walgren**)

Technology Campus - Skills USA Conference

Congratulations to **Julie Graham** and **Alyssa Nugent** for placing 2nd in the Health Knowledge Bowl at the Skills USA State Conference. Julie also placed 2nd in Quiz Bowl.

Yearbook - *Continuum*

The 2008-2009 VHHS yearbook, *Continuum*, was evaluated by two scholastic press associations. The Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) awarded "Why So Serious" a silver medal. The Northern Illinois Scholastic Press Association (NISPA) awarded the book its highest honor, the Golden Eagle Award, for "Best in Class." NISPA also gave the yearbook blue ribbons for photography, concept/theme, layout and design, and coverage. The editor in chief was **Amanda Baittie**. Staff members who produced the book were **Angela Cao**, **Jessika Ceja**, **Samantha Duros**, **Lexi Hernandez**, **Tatiana Loreda**, **Logan McWherter**, **Vanessa Nagel**, **Alyssa Nugent**, **Sam Rong**, **Carly Shless**, **Candice Song**, **David Valentino**, **Beisa Velasco**, and **Amanda Zusman**.

May Cougar Class Act Award Winners



Honors Day Assembly Salutes Senior Class of 2010



Among the many achievements celebrated at the 2010 VHHS Honors Day Assembly were the Class of 2010 Honors Graduates. The 36 Honors Graduates are pictured above after receiving their medals. (photo by *M. Todoric*)

CAB Earns Over \$35,000 in Annual Fundraiser

by *Janice Dickman, Chairperson*

The 10th Annual Cougar Athletic Boosters Winter Fundraiser was held on March 13, 2010. This year's event included a live auction, silent auction, raffles and games that raised a record-breaking \$35,000 for VHHS athletes. The event was sold out for the second year in a row, with 240+ parents, coaches, and administrators attending the sit-down dinner at White Deer Run Golf Club.

Donations were received from many local businesses including: **Chipotle, Brunswick Zone, Scott's Headquarters, Mario Tricoli, Men's Wearhouse, Gem Jam, VHCYAA, and White Deer Run.** Donations were also received from the **Chicago Bears, Cubs, Wolves, Sky and Red Stars.** Many of the donations, including a condo in Arizona, Bulls and Cubs tickets, were donated by VHHS parents. Donations also included gift baskets from VHHS teams at every level, as well as donations from VHHS including senior parking passes, prom tickets and athletic camp passes.



We would like to thank all those that helped to make this year's CAB Winter Fundraiser a huge success for the athletes at VHHS. A special thanks to the fundraiser committee members pictured above: (front row-kneeling) **Bonnie Roussel, Kathy Peterson,** (second row-seated) **Jacki Hallendorff, Laurie Manso, Dena Mahrenholz, Janice Dickman** (Chairperson), **Barb Rosenstock, Denise Pierce, Debbie Baittie** (third row-standing) **Susie Saliba, Diana Quinn, Cindy Hutson, Kelli Levy, Michele Comitor, Jill Silbar, Kelly McNamara, Lynne Feece, Sara Meline, Kathy Henson, Debbie Lehman, Sharon Krue,** (Back Row) **Kathryn Swanson, Susan Germain, Debbie Kubacki, Debbie Reihm, Anne Foley.** Not Pictured: **Marci Baruch, Paula Guletsky, Claudia Lannan, Jennifer Steininger, Kendra Turley** (photo by *T. Draper*)

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Senior Scholar-Athlete Award	Laura Emery Alexander Lang	James R. Whittington Principal's Leadership Award Mansi Kathuria
The Al Janulis Outstanding Senior Athlete Award	Melanie Rowland Christopher Morgan	National Merit Scholars Commended Lindsey Davis, Laura Emery, Sara Kasten, Alexander Lang, Jason Song, Daniel Stiles
Daughters of the American Revolution	Venetia Ginakakis	Semi-finalist Jacob Dudek
Sons of the American Revolution	Steven Sprieser	National Merit Scholarship Finalists Angela Cao, Matthew Hlavacek, Sean Hogan, Juliana McLain, Cole Moffat, Jonas Sileika, Dillon Skeeahan, Nora Snyder, Michael Wagner, Andrew Welter
<i>Daily Herald</i> 2009-2010 Leadership Team	Samuel Rong	Honor Graduates Anisha Arora, Jessica Block, Angela Cao, Cheng Chen, Tiffany Chua, Lindsey Davis, Laura Emery, Mitchell Evett, Venetia Ginakakis, Kristoffer Groth, Paola Guzman, Luke Hanson, Matthew Hlavacek, Sean Hogan, Paul Juhn, Parin Kadakia, Sara Kasten, Mansi Kathuria, Alexander Lang, Edward Lannan, Judith Legorreta, Jonathan Lowe, Bryan Maldonado, Milinda Mawley, Juliana McLain, Cole Moffat, Spencer Raak, Samuel Rong, Melanie Rowland, Jonas Sileika, Dillon Skeeahan, Nora Snyder, Jason Song, Daniel Stiles, Michael Wagner, Andrew Welter
Baxter Credit Union Scholarship	Erik Hencier	
CLC Superintendent's Scholarship	Natasha Kompanets Mayra Machain	
CLC-The Latino Alliance Scholarship	Karen Lopez Mayra Machain	
Erwin Einhorn Student Council Award	Steven Sprieser	
IHSA All-State Academic Team	Sean Hogan	
Jane Anne Schuster Memorial Scholarship	Paul Juhn	
Jesse Goldsmith Memorial Scholarship	Megan Escanilla	
MacLean-Fogg Company Scholarship	Matthew Hlavacek	
Martin & Associates Scholarship	Kali Cotteleer	
Mundelein/Vernon Hills Rotary Club Scholarship	Steven Sprieser	
National Merit Scholarship Corporation	Angela Cao	
Robert C. Byrd Scholarship	Michael Wagner	
Robert N. Molitor, Lions Club Memorial Scholarship	Jessica Block	
VFW Post 8741 Americanism Award	Cole Moffat	
Perfect Attendance Award	Jacqueline Preston Spencer Raak Jason Song	
Student Assistance Program Scholarship	Michelle Sanchez	
District 128 Federation of Teachers Scholarship	Laura Emery	
VHHS ESP Social Committee Scholarship	Oscar Flores Khushbu Mehta	
Joyce Kolton Scholarship Award	Mansi Kathuria	



Attention VHHS Class of 2014 Mark your calendars for Freshman Orientation

Tuesday, August 10, 2010
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

(Buses will be provided)

Presentation Entertainment Tours
More information regarding Freshman
Orientation will follow in the August mailing.

Questions? Call **Marla Pierce** at 847.932.2002

Athletic Director's Corner

by Briant Kelly, LHS Athletic Director

Libertyville High School athletic paperwork has been mailed home to all incoming freshmen students and any returning athletes. This paperwork must be on file in the Athletic Office prior to any tryouts or practices. The paperwork includes the Athletic Participation Card and the Consent to the IHSA Steroid Testing Policy. The Athletic Participation Card includes:

- ✍ Student Information
- ✍ Adult Contact Information
- ✍ Insurance Waiver
- ✍ Medical Consent
- ✍ Physician Examination Information

There is also a signature line that must be signed by both the parents and athlete, indicating that they have read and reviewed the District 128 Code of Conduct. Please take the time as a family to discuss the importance of the Athletic Code of Conduct. All of the athletic paperwork and information can also be found at the Libertyville High School Athletic webpage.

2010 - 2011 Important Athletic Dates

Freshman Parent Athletic Orientation

Friday, August 20, 2010 6:00 p.m. - Auditorium - All Freshmen and Parents

Practice Starting Dates

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010	All Fall Sports
Monday, Oct. 25, 2010	Boys' Bowling
Monday, Nov. 1, 2010	Girls' Basketball
Monday, Nov. 8, 2010	Boys' Basketball, Wrestling, Girls' Gymnastics, Girls' Bowling
Monday, Nov. 22, 2010	Boys' Swimming and Diving
Monday, Feb. 14, 2011	Boys' Gymnastics
Monday, Feb. 28, 2011	All Spring Sports (except Boys' Volleyball)
Monday, March 7, 2011	Boys' Volleyball

Picture Dates

Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010	Football, Cheerleading, Poms
Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010	All other Fall Sports
Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010	Winter Sports
Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010	Boys' and Girls' Bowling
Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010	Boys' Swimming and Diving
Saturday, March 5, 2011	Track, Boys' Gymnastics
Tuesday, March 8, 2011	Water Polo
Saturday, March 12, 2011	All other Spring Sports

Awards Banquets

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010	7:00 p.m. - Fall Athletic Awards Night - Main Gym
Wednesday, March 16, 2011	7:00 p.m. - Winter Athletic Awards Night - Main Gym
Tuesday, May 24, 2011	7:00 p.m. - Spring Athletic Awards Night - Main Gym

Please see p. 27 for more specific details regarding the times and locations of fall sport practices.

Wildcat Profiles:

2010 Newsom Award Winners Maggie Boling and Matt Bystol

Maggie Boling

During Maggie's four years at Libertyville High School, she competed in swimming, water polo and track. She participated in seven athletic seasons, during which time she received varsity awards for all four swimming seasons.

Her accomplishments as an individual and team member in swimming are outstanding. The team accomplishments over her four years include three IHSA Sectional Championships. As an individual, she qualified for the IHSA State Swim meet in the 100 yard Breaststroke as a freshman and sophomore. As a junior, she was the IHSA Sectional Champion in the 100 yard Breaststroke and qualified again for the IHSA State Swim Meet in the 100 yard Breaststroke. She was also part of the 200 yard Medley Relay that qualified for state. Her 9th place finish in 100 yard Breaststroke garnered her honors as an IHSA State Medalist. During her senior year, she was the NSC Conference Champion and IHSA Sectional Champion in the 100 yard Breaststroke. She also has the distinction of setting the school record in the breaststroke. Again, she qualified for IHSA State Swim Meet in the 100 yard Breaststroke and the 200 yard Medley Relay. Although her results in the finals were not what she wanted, her attitude and composure at the state meet was that of a champion.

In addition to being a successful swimmer, Coach **Erik Rogers** comments, "Maggie was an outstanding leader. She would write inspirational quotes on the board before practice to help focus and motivate the team. She truly had a desire to see her teammates improve." This is part of the reason that she was voted MVP in both her junior and senior years.

Coach **Greg Herman** adds, "Maggie is one of the most reliable, caring, sweetest athletes I have ever coached, but she also has that 'eye of the tiger' when she gets ready to compete."

Matt Bystol

During Matt's four years at Libertyville High School, he competed in soccer and wrestling. He participated in seven athletic seasons while he attended LHS, during which time he received varsity awards for all four seasons of wrestling.

Matt's accomplishments as an individual and team member in wrestling are outstanding. The team accomplishments over his four years include three NSC Lake Division Championships, two NSC Conference Championships, four IHSA Regional Championships, two IHSA Dual Team State Appearances and a 4th Place in the 2008 IHSA Dual Team State. As a sophomore, he won 43 matches, won the Conference Tournament, won the Regional Tournament, and placed 3rd in the Sectionals at 103 lbs to qualify for the IHSA State Tournament. During his junior year, he won 45 matches, won the Conference Tournament, won the Regional Tournament, and won the Sectional Tournament at 112 lbs to qualify for the IHSA State Tournament. He received All-State Honors at 112 lbs by finishing in 3rd place in the IHSA State Tournament. During his senior year, he won 43 matches, won the Conference Tournament and the Regional Tournament for the third straight year. Again, he won the Sectional Tournament at 125 lbs to qualify for the IHSA State Tournament. He received All-State Honors at 125 lbs by finishing in 5th place in the IHSA State Tournament. Over his four years at LHS, Matt finished with a combined record of 135 victories and 24 losses.

In addition to being a successful wrestler, Coach **Dale Eggert** comments "Matt is one in a million in terms of character. He has always been well liked and respected by all of his teammates throughout his four years in the wrestling program. Someone has to mop the mats before each practice and Matt would do it at least 4 out of the 5 days." Assistant Coach **Roy Seeger** adds, "He is the type of person who cares equally about all of his teammates. He recognizes that each member of the team plays an important role in the overall success of the program." His ability to accept and meet the challenges of athletics, academics, and life challenges makes him an excellent role model for younger athletes. As Coach Eggert states, "Whether winning or losing, he presents himself in a manner that other athletes should emulate."

2010 Spring Sports Accomplishments

Team Accomplishments

Girls' Track and Field

NSC Lake Division Champs

Individual Accomplishments

Three Sport Athletes

Freshmen: Isabela Alesna, Michael Arendt, Haley Becker, Megan Becker, Patrick Bennett, Joseph Brundza, Jason Buss, Kevin Calamari, Nicholas Carlino, Julianna Cervino, Melissa Collins, Nathaniel Cote, Andrew Cummins, Victoria Deering, Jack Deichl, Michael Delismon, Nicholas Draths, Reed Griffiths, Margaret Haws, Peter Henderson, Megan Hiscox, Haley Hoeksel, Brandon Isaacson, Nicole Jaffke, Scott Johns, Joshua Kamami, Kathryn Keefe, Zoe Kharasch, Drew Krinitsky, Jeremy Kucera, Dana Kym, Stefan Markovic, Samantha Marsh, Taylor Matheson, Sloane Matthews, Olivia Mayer, Robert Miller, Ryan Morabito, Joseph Nield, Michael Rogers, John Ryan, Samuel Schmidt, Jacob Seneczko, Mary Shanahan, Samantha Shoellhorn, Emily Sickert, Jessica Speck, Brandon Stanfel, Matthew Varner, Michael Webb, Austin Williams, Jonathan Wong, Ginger Yen

Sophomores: Michael Babowice, Christian Bako, Sean Boyle, Donya Buglio, Abigail Cauble, Samantha Chon-Briggs, Sebastian Clavijo, Clay Cusek, Austin Deardorff, Robert Delismon, David Edstrom, Nicole Faber, Sarah Fahey, Patrick Fitzgerald, Demetra Frangos, Cameron Gillen, Hutch Herchenbach, Anna King, Nicole Kruckman, Mary Kathryn Lee, Weston Lewis, Matthew Majewski, Jeffrey Martin, Steven Milazzo, Molly Moon, Michael Mudd, James Neiweem, Connor O'Donnell, Michael Parker, Griffin Pils, Shane Reilly, Daniel Ryan, Mallory Seitz, Kevin Serkowski, Kelly Sloan, Robert St. Claire, Rashi Taneja, Cameron Taylor, Suzanne Vachula, Samantha Voelker, Patrick Wlodarski

Juniors: Sayad Banifazl, Jessica Beresford, Jeremy Birck, Lindsay Bodeman, Craig Breckenridge, Chelsea Cole, Lisa Cooper, Erika Danckers, Erin Jaffke, Katherine McLinden, Patrick Regan, Katarina Savatic, Paige Schlesinger, Kevin Tavakoli, Richard Vachula, Katherine Watson, Olivia Wilcox, Kaitlin Woodyard, Nathaniel Yordy, Nicholas Young

Seniors: Jorge Arreola-Munoz, Sara Fitzgerald, Heath Herchenbach, Leah Kruckman, Eileen Lee, Christopher Marr, Joshua Ok, Christopher Ruffolo, Brittany Schick, Amber Staines, Alexandra Voelker, Samantha Zoellick

Twelve Sport Athletes

Sara Fitzgerald, Leah Kruckman, Eileen Lee, Brittany Schick, Amber Staines

NSC All-Academic Athletes

Baseball:

Joseph Eichmann, Trevor Freberg, Nickolas Glass, Michael McQuillen, Chad Uhler, Michael Whartnaby

Boys' Gymnastics:

Brent Austin, Craig Breckenridge, Lucas Budden

Boys' Lacrosse: Ryan Kakenmaster, Matthew Molitor, Nicholas Schuler, Connor Shanks

Girls' Lacrosse: Rebecca Goldberg, Alison Heimert, Margaret McKiernan, Kate Muender, Elizabeth Oldenburg, Nicole Panega, Maggie Pistella, Amber Staines, Meghann Stelzner, Molly Toohey

Softball: Athena Cocallas, Lisa Cooper, Danielle Kaczmar, Leah Kruckman, Brittany Schick, Erika Teitz, Amanda Vogg

Girls' Soccer: Payton Carty, Claire Kakenmaster, Haley Pike, Katarina Savatic, Christina Sickert, Katherine Swift, Valerie VanRoeyen, Grace Vente

Boys' Tennis: Ajay Koya, Ryan Patterson, Daniel Pozen, Anish Raman, Bradley Williams

Boys' Track: Erik Aksland, Erik Bergstrom, Jeremy Birck, Christopher Marr, Roger Michaelides, Mitchel Neubauer, Scott Ratzler, Kevin Tavakoli, Lewis Wheeler, Nathaniel Yordy

Girls' Track: Erika Danckers, Sarah Farish, Sara Fitzgerald, Erin Jaffke, Kylie Jones, Bridget Loucks, Sarah McCullough, Taylor Primrose, Megan Ryan, Katja Weitekammer

Boys' Volleyball: Aaron Banduch, Eric Banduch, Scott Cooper, Eric Handrich, Daniel Nield, Marcus Zagorniak

Boys' Water Polo: Mitchell Boynton, Patrick Hughes, Ian Kinsella, Joshua Ok, Michiel Opthof

Girls' Water Polo: Kathryn Ahlgrim, Kaitlin Amedio, Sophia Chen, Samantha Chow, Kristen King, Anna Mroz, Rose O'Connor

NSC Honorable Mention Athletes

Baseball: Brandon Fowkes

Boys' Lacrosse: Miller Carroll, John Luehrsen, Matthew Molitor

Girls' Lacrosse: Alison Heimert, Katie Piazza, Maggie Pistella

Softball: Nicole Kruckman, Mandy Vogg

Girls' Soccer: Claire Kakenmaster, Valerie Van Roeyen

Boys' Volleyball: Bryan Bonamarte

NSC All-Conference Athletes

Baseball:

Nate Clark, Brad Martin, Tyler Schweigert, Darwin Townsend, Chad Uhler

Boys' Lacrosse: Ty Benson, Bryan Dickson, Jim Kiewicz, Connor Shanks, Ian Smith

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Girls' Lacrosse: Eileen Lee, Hope Nishimoto, Kelsey Rupsch, Meghann Stelzner, Molly Toohey

Softball: Danielle Kaczmar, Toni Kintzel, Olivia Wilcox

Girls' Soccer: Mackenzie Jaroch, Michele McCracken Haley Pike, Katherine Swift

Boys' Volleyball: Marcus Zagorniak

Boys' Water Polo: Mitch Boynton, Michiel Ophof

Girls' Water Polo: Annie Mroz, Rosie O'Connor

NSC Conference Medal Winners

Boys' Gymnastics: Craig Breckenridge

Boys' Tennis: John Cordan, Alex Leventis, Ryan

Patterson, Daniel Pozen, Anish Raman, Rokas Shkolnikov, Jack Springate

Boys' Track and Field: Erik Bergstrom, Jeremy Birck, Sam Littlefield, Tyler Loesch, Chris Marr, Mitch Neubauer, Kevin Tavakoli

Girls' Track and Field: Jennifer Angster, Haley Becker, Erika Danckers, Sarah Farish, Ellie Feely, Marissa Hollingsworth, Megan Janezic, Kylie Jones, Bridget Loucks, Carly Stewart, Ginger Yen, Samantha Zoellick

IHSA State Qualifiers

Boys' Gymnastics: Craig Breckenridge

Boys' Tennis: Griffin Pils

Boys' Track and Field: Jeremy Birck, Christian Cacciatore, Mitch Neubauer

Girls' Track and Field: Jennifer Angster, Sarah Farish, Taylor Primrose, Carly Stewart, Samantha Zoellick

Fall Sports Starting Date Information

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Boys' X-Country	All	8/11	7:30 a.m.	Track	Mark Buesing, mark.buesing@d128.org
Girls' X-Country	All	8/11	7:00 a.m.	Track	Joe Roth, joseph.roth@d128.org
Football	So, V	8/11	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Report to game field Team Meeting	Randy Kuceyeski, randy.kuceyeski@d128.org
	Frosh	8/10	2:00 - 4:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Practice Studio Theater	
		8/11	8:00 a.m.	(organizational meeting; parents do not attend) Field by Lake (Be ready to practice by 8:00)	
Boys' Golf	All	8/10	8:00 a.m.	Cafeteria (meeting)	Sean Matthews, sean.matthews@d128.org
		8/11	6:00 a.m.	Village Green GC	
Girls' Golf	All	8/11	2:00 p.m.	Sports Complex	Greg Pedersen, greg.pedersen@d128.org
Boys' Soccer	Frosh	8/11	8:30-10:30 a.m.	Rte 176 & Dymond	Andy Bitta, andrew.bitta@d128.org
	Soph		10:30 - Noon 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Rte 176 & Dymond	
Jr/Sr		9:00-10:30 a.m. 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Dymond Field		
Girls' Swimming & Diving	All	8/11	8:00 a.m.	Pool	Erik Rogers, erik.rogers@d128.org
Girls' Tennis	All	8/11	9:00 a.m.	Tennis Courts	Dan Kiernan, dan@club-net.com
Girls' Volleyball	All	8/11	8:00-10:00 a.m.- Frosh 10:00-12:30 p.m.- Soph 12:00-2:30 p.m.- JV/V	Main Gym	Greg Loika, greg.loika@d128.org

From the Cougar Den

by Brian McDonald, Athletic Director

The Cougars had another great spring season. Our team accomplishments this spring include:

- Boys' Volleyball - NSC Championship
Undeclared in Conference for 2nd year
IHSA Regional Champions
- Boys' Tennis - Prairie Division Champions
- Girls' Soccer - IHSA Regional Champions
- Girls' Track & Field -
IHSA Sectional Champions

The Cougars also had a number of individual accomplishments this spring.

Baseball

- Scott Kempel** All-NSC Selection
- Zach Kisley** All-NSC Selection
All-Area Selection, *Daily Herald*
- Chris Marras** All-NSC Selection
- Cesar Gallegos** All-NSC Selection
All-Area Selection, *Daily Herald*
- Brian Palmer** All-NSC Honorable Mention

Girls' Lacrosse

- Nicole Amari** North Suburban Girls' Lacrosse Conference,
2nd Team
- Jihee Choi** North Suburban Girls' Lacrosse Conference,
1st Team
- Christie Currie** North Suburban Girls' Lacrosse Conference,
1st Team
- Lauren Garstka** North Suburban Girls' Lacrosse Conference,
2nd Team
- Stacey Garstka** North Suburban Girls' Lacrosse Conference,
2nd Team
- Sarah Lehman** North Suburban All-Sportsman Team
- Jamie Michel** North Suburban Girls' Lacrosse Conference,
2nd Team
- Nikki Nathanson** North Suburban Girls' Lacrosse Conference,
1st Team
- Briana Spinell** North Suburban Girls' Lacrosse Conference,
2nd Team
- Erin Steele** North Suburban Girls' Lacrosse Conference,
1st Team

Girls' Soccer

- Jessica Feece** All-NSC Selection; All-Area Selection, *Daily Herald*; IHSA All-Sectional Honorable Mention
- Iris Ostrovsky** All-NSC Selection; All-Area Honorable Mention Selection, *Daily Herald*
- Kathryn Redig** All-NSC Selection; All-Area Honorable Mention Selection, *Daily Herald*
- Courtney Corrado**
All-NSC Honorable Mention; All-Area Honorable Mention Selection, *Daily Herald*
- Heidi VanderBloomer**
All-NSC Honorable Mention

Girls' Water Polo

- Dana Andrea** All-NSC Selection; IHSA All-Sectional,
2nd Team
- Gena Lopez** All-NSC Honorable Mention
- Ellie Silver** All-NSC Honorable Mention; IHSA
All-Sectional Honorable Mention

Boys' Water Polo

- Kevin Lenz** IHSA All-Sectional Honorable Mention
- Dan Stiles** All-NSC Honorable Mention; IHSA All-
Sectional, 2nd Team
- Vinh Tran** All-NSC Honorable Mention

Boys' Volleyball

- Garrett Kubacki** All-NSC Selection; All-Area Honorable
Mention Selection, *Daily Herald*
- Justin Opitz** All-NSC Selection; All-Area Selection,
Daily Herald
- Spencer Raak** All-NSC Selection; All-Area Selection,
Daily Herald
- Michael Robinson**
All-NSC Selection; Player of the Year and All-
Area Selection, *Daily Herald*; All-Area/All-
State 2nd Team, *Chicago Sun-Times*
- Patrick Stone** All-NSC Selection; All-Area Selection,
Daily Herald
- Thomas Robinson**
All-NSC Honorable Mention; All-Area
Honorable Mention Selection, *Daily Herald*

Girls' Track & Field

- Fallon Faia** IHSA Sectional Champion (4 x 200 Relay);
IHSA Sectional 3rd Place Medalist (4 x 100
Relay); IHSA Sectional 3rd Place Medalist
(100M Dash); IHSA Sectional 4th Place
Finalist (Long Jump)
- Kelley Gallagher** All-North Suburban Conference 5th Place
Medalist (1600M Run); All-NSC 6th Place
Medalist (4 x 800 Relay); IHSA Sectional
Champion (4 x 800 Relay); IHSA Sectional
4th Place Finalist (1600M Run); IHSA All-
State 9th Place Medalist (1600M Run)
- Taylor Krue** IHSA Sectional Champion (4 x 200 Relay);
IHSA Sectional Champion (4 x 400 Relay);
IHSA Sectional 2nd Place Medalist
(400M Dash)
- Abbie Letts** All-NSC 6th Place Medalist (4 x 800 Relay)
IHSA Sectional Champion (4 x 800 Relay)
- Rachel Lira** IHSA Sectional 3rd Place Medalist
(4 x 100 Relay)
- Ali Marks** All-NSC 6th Place Medalist (3200M Run);
IHSA Sectional 4th Place Finalist
(3200M Run)
- Shannon Nugent** All-NSC 2nd Place Medalist (High Jump);
IHSA Sectional 3rd Place Medalist (High
Jump); IHSA All-State 7th Place Medalist
(High Jump)

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- Ali Peacock** All-NSC 3rd Place Medalist (300M Hurdles);
IHSA Sectional Champion (4 x 200 Relay);
IHSA Sectional Champion (4 x 400 Relay);
IHSA Sectional 2nd Place Medalist
(300M Hurdles);
IHSA Sectional 3rd Place Medalist
(4 x 100 Relay)
- Tara Rooney** All-NSC 6th Place Medalist (4 x 800 Relay)
IHSA Sectional Champion (4 x 800 Relay)
- Stacy Rowland** IHSA Sectional 3rd Place Medalist
(4 x 100 Relay)
- Alli Tran** All-NSC 5th Place Medalist (Long Jump);
All-NSC 6th Place Medalist (100M Hurdles);
IHSA Sectional Champion (4 x 200 Relay);
IHSA Sectional Champion (4 x 400 Relay);
IHSA Sectional Champion (Long Jump);
IHSA Sectional 2nd Place Medalist
(100M Hurdles)
- Carley Umphress** All-NSC 6th Place Medalist (4 x 800 Relay);
IHSA Sectional Champion (4 x 400 Relay);
IHSA Sectional Champion (4 x 800 Relay)

Boys' Track & Field

- Marcus Bradford** All-NSC 6th Place Medalist (4 x 200 Relay)
- Gabe Cotton** All-NSC 5th Place Medalist (4 x 100 Relay);
All-NSC 6th Place Medalist (4 x 200 Relay)
- Camden Levy** All-NSC 6th Place Medalist (4 x 200 Relay)
- Adnan Meskic** All-NSC 5th Place Medalist (4 x 100 Relay)
- Mac Morehead** All-NSC 5th Place Medalist (4 x 100 Relay);
All-NSC 6th Place Medalist (4 x 200 Relay)
- Evan Spencer** All-NSC 5th Place Medalist (4 x 100 Relay);
All-NSC 5th Place Medalist (100M Dash);
IHSA Sectional 2nd Place Medalist
(100M Dash) - State Qualifier
- Andrew Thompson**
All-NSC 2nd Place Medalist (1600M Run);
IHSA Sectional 4th Place Medalist
(1600M Run) - State Qualifier

Softball

- Megan Meline** All-NSC Selection
- Anya Mollenhauer**
All-NSC Selection
- Lauren Yacullo** All-NSC Selection
- Paige Kahalnik** All-NSC Honorable Mention

Boys' Tennis

- David Alvaro** All-NSC 5th Place Medalist (1st Doubles)
- Ismail Kadyrov** All-NSC 4th Place Medalist (1st Singles)
- Sam Rong** All-NSC 5th Place Medalist (1st Doubles)

Cougars Sign to Compete in College

Ryan Steeno will continue his volleyball career at Missouri Valley State while studying sports marketing. Ryan is pictured above at his signing with his parents, Patrick and Beth Steeno (seated), Principal **Dr. Ellen Cwick** and Volleyball Coach **Chris Curry**. Ryan's mom wishes the school was closer, but she really likes the program there. Ryan's dad likes the fact that Ryan will get a chance to play right away. Ryan's sister is really happy because she gets Ryan's room.

Nicole Sanhamel will continue her bowling career at Valparaiso University. Nicole is pictured above with her parents **Stephen and Monica Sanhamel** (seated), Coach **Andra Hjelm**, her brother, **Scott**, and Coach **Jim Cogar**. Nicole's mom is really excited for Nicole and thinks that Valparaiso is a good fit for Nicole. **Andra Hjelm**, Nicole's coach, is very happy for Nicole. Nicole started her bowling career as a freshman with a 130 pin average and worked hard to become a collegiate bowler.

Cougar Senior Athletic Awards

Six outstanding seniors were honored with our Scholar Athlete Award, Cougar Pride Coaches Award, and the Alan R. Janulis Outstanding Athlete Award. The recipients are listed below:

Scholar Athlete Award



Cougar Pride Coaches Award



Alan R. Janulis Outstanding Athlete Award



At the time I am writing this article, our summer sports camps are getting ready to start. Championship teams are made in the summer, and we hope that all current and future Cougar athletes are taking advantage of the opportunities to improve by participating in summer camps, summer leagues and summer weight training.

Many people ask me what I do over the summer when there are no sports in season. The answer is, a lot! **Mrs. Catanzaro, Mr.**

Curry and I prepare for the upcoming sport seasons and work on projects that we don't have time to do during the school year when day-to-day operations take up most of our time. If you have a good idea on how we can improve the things we do in the Athletic Department, I'd love to hear from you.

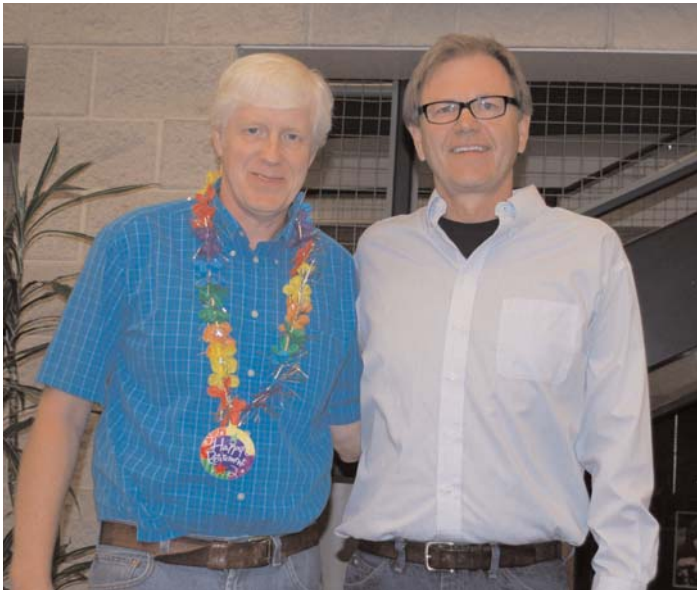
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District 128 Says Good-Bye to Retiring Staff Members



District 128 staff honored this year's retiring staff members at a brunch held June 4 at Vernon Hills High School. The 2010 retirees pictured above at the brunch are **Don Shupe** and **Larry Kraft**. Staff members also retiring but not pictured are VHHS Study Hall Monitors **Jackie Ferguson** and **Lou Calamus**. The District thanks them for their many years of service to the students of LHS and VHHS, and wishes them all the best as they begin a new chapter in their lives. (photo by **M. Todoric**)

LHS Student Activities

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Debate-Coached by **Amy Wiggins** and **Craig Schmidt**
 The debate team enjoyed great success at the IHSA Varsity State Debate Tournament at Illinois Wesleyan University. With an 8-2 record, **Gokul Krishnan** broke into the Saturday finals. He placed in the quarterfinals in Lincoln-Douglas debate, and was named to the All-State Debate Team with a 3rd place win in speaker points. With a 9-1 record, **Mitch Boynton** and **Teddy Amdur** broke into the Saturday finals. They placed in the octafinals in Public Forum debate. **Osman Jamil, Hannah Oswald, and Andy Lee** also attended the tournament and competed well.

The Debate Team was also very successful at the ISTA Novice/JV State Debate Tournament! **Richard Pan** - 2nd Place in State in Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate; **Alex Wang** - quarterfinalist in Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate; **Rahul Kanianchalil** and **Nishad Phadke** - semifinalists in Novice Public Forum Debate; **Max Allen** and **Sam Goldberg** - quarterfinalists in Novice Public Forum Debate; **Teddy Amdur** and **Andrew Hombach** - quarterfinalists in JV Public Forum Debate. The members of the All-State Debate Team, based on speaker points, were **Richard Pan** - 4th Place in Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate; **Alex Wang** - 9th Place in Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate; **Nishad Phadke** - 6th Place in Novice Public Forum Debate; and **Osman Jamil** - 7th Place in JV Public Forum Debate. Other participants were **Hiba Ahmed, Connor Webb, Eric Boynton, Nick Gerjol, Andy Lee, Gokul Krishnan, and Jessica Yin**.

Front Cover: A VHHS graduate receives her diploma from Board President **Pat Groody**; Two LHS graduates share a congratulatory embrace on stage after receiving their diplomas; A VHHS graduation speaker addresses his class; The LHS senior class president continues the tradition of passing the ivy to the junior class as she hands the ivy to the president of the Class of 2011. For more photos from the LHS and VHHS graduations, visit the Community High School District 128 Facebook fan page. A Facebook account is not required to visit the fan page. (photos by **M. Todoric**)