

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOME OF THE HILLERS!



OCTOBER 2019

Congratulations!

AP Scholars of Distinction, AP Scholars with Honor, and AP Scholars



Pictured are Trinity's **Scholars of Distinction**, Alison Spadaro, Nancy Xiao, Ann Kozak, Christian Messmer, Jonathan Brodak, Elliott Salvatori, Carson White and Patrick Bryan with AP teachers Steve Polansky, Meghan Child, Katie O'Lare and Brandon Botzer. These students scored an average of 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and earned scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams.

In order to earn the status of **AP Scholar**, a student must score 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

Students who earned this distinction are Eizabeth Steele, Taylor Staub, Ben Kozak, Jacob Snyder, Avery Kern, Lucas Jones, Colton Vogel, Elizabeth Cowden, Mariah Ryan, Josh Sheppard, Colby Callas, Brent Clutter, Ty Kress and Noah Heffner. Not Pictured: Jeremy Hurd.



Graduates of Trinity's Class of 2019, Austin Aber, Julia Faust, and Jackson Mactaggart, earned the status of **National AP Scholar**. These students received an average score of at least 4 on all AP exams taken and scored 4 or higher on eight or more exams.

Nine members of the 2019 graduating class achieved the status of **Scholars of Distinction**. They were Austin Aber, Jack Beecham, Maria Cimino, Matt Day, Brianna Dinch, Julia Faust, Sam Halulko, Jackson Mactaggart and Rexanna Quedenfeld. The class also had eight members who were named **AP Scholars with Honor**, students who score an average of 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and earn scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more of these exams. Those students were Ian Anderson, Cailey Dahlquist, Ope Esan, Breea Gray, Amy Lin, Angela Pinkerton, Lauren Turturice and Logan Williams.

Eighteen members of the Class of 2019 were designated as **AP Scholars**; Isabella Armstrong, Alec Dufalla-Moye, Kenneth Ealy, Garrett Franco, Alysha Gerba, Quinten Harrison, Hannah Klepsky, Zemar Loper, Corie Miller, Zoe Miller, Ethan Newman, Danylle Painter, Anna Poach, Katharine Ross, Shane Spencer, Ashley Thompson, Carter Thompson and Drew VonScio.

The list of Advisors to the National Honor Society in the September edition inadvertently omitted

John McLaughlin.

The acknowledgement should have read:

Thanks to advisors Melanie Rush (Lead Faculty Advisor), Mary Ann

Berty, Malia Bennett, **John**

McLaughlin, Allison Migyanko,

Alexander Skroupa, and

Dr. Sammy Demian (Administrative Advisor)



Congratulations to three high school students who won the PA Department of Transportation's School Bus Safety Poster Contest!

1st place - Jacob Beecham

2nd place - Andrew Knight

3rd place - Christopher Yeager

These students traveled to Harrisburg where they were recognized during a rewards ceremony and toured the Governor's Residence.

Homecoming 2019



Congratulations to
Homecoming Queen
Christiana Bouvy and escort Jonah Spencer



and

Baylie Miles and escort Noah Johnson

Isadora Thompson and escort Colby Callas

Ann Kozak and escort Elliott Salvatori

Elizabeth Hernberger and escort Charlie McIlvaine



Members of the Trailblazers Team at Trax Farms for Community Based Instruction



Trinity Area would like to thank the Washington Financial Charitable Foundation for their generous \$20,000 donation. The funds will be used to expand robotics and engineering studies at each elementary school. Our community partners have helped us make Trinity Area a leader in STEAM education.



Once again, Trinity employees raised funds for the Greater Washington Area Food Bank. Participating employees contributed \$60 each for the opportunity to show their Trinity Pride by wearing Blue & White on designated Fridays throughout the school year. This year over \$17,000 was raised.

It's a great day to be a Hiller!

Trinity Pride!

Students from Trinity and Avella school districts worked in collaboration to harvest 1,260 pounds of potatoes which were donated to the Washington County Food Bank.

Thanks to Mrs. Durilla, Ms. Burchett, Dr. Snoke, and Avella and Trinity students!

A special thanks to the Snoke family for providing this amazing experience each year.



Ms. Cortese and Mr. Sherry's Honors English 8 classes traveled to the Greater Washington County Food Bank to learn about the operation of the food bank and hunger issues in our community. They sorted and packed food for distribution, assisted in the thrift shop, and learned about agricultural initiatives at the facility.

This field trip served as the kickoff to the Hunger Games Food Drive Competition, which benefits both Hiller Holiday Helpers and the Trinity Middle School Food Pantry and Care Closet.

Mrs. Bristor, Miss Hott, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. White served as chaperones and will be assisting students as they compete to collect food and supplies.



Members of the National Honor Society kicked off the month of October by working at the Houston Pumpkin Festival. The students also volunteered at the Fall Festivals held at Trinity East and Trinity South Elementary Schools.

Additionally, students had the opportunity to participate in the annual Make A Difference Day held at W&J College. Members of NHS joined students from Washington High School and helped pick up trash at the Twist Softball fields while others celebrated Halloween with younger children. National Honor Society students have also donated supplies such as food and hygiene essentials to the local domestic violence shelter throughout the month of October.



The Trinity Board of Education
welcomes seniors
Ann Kozak and **Talon Cain** as
Student Board Representatives for
2019-2020



Trinity North teachers and staff participated in a fundraiser at Dairy Queen by making and serving ice cream treats!. Participating were Mr. Henson, Mr. Crossley, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Rawlins, Mrs. Georgalas, Mrs. Quinn, Miss Hamilton, Mrs. Soltez, Mrs. Beattie, Officer Allen, Mrs. Judkins, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Karoleski, Mrs. Oros, and Principal Lauver.

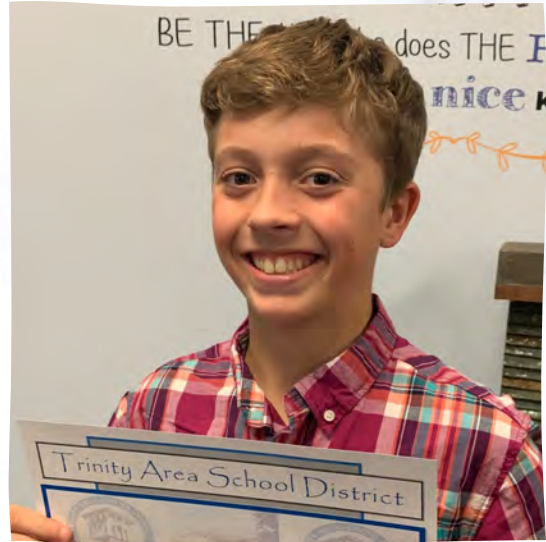
On Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019, Trinity Area participated in the 23rd annual Operation Safe Stop as part of National School Bus Safety Week. Operation Safe Stop is a public awareness and enforcement effort to educate the motoring public that passing a stopped school bus, when children are loading or unloading, is both dangerous and illegal.



Welcome!
Lindsey Osborne
Kindergarten Teacher,
Trinity West

Students of the Month

Congratulations to Jonathan Brodak, Trinity High School's October Student of the Month. Jonathan's teacher, Herr John McLaughlin, writes that Jonathan is a driven, motivated young man who is dedicated to becoming notably successful in the future. His achievements and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of humanism and reflect great credit upon himself, his parents and his teachers. Herr McLaughlin notes Jonathan's incomparable hours of service to Trinity Area High School and Washington County, Pennsylvania. He is an all-around quality student and citizen and a remarkable conversationalist on current topics of intellectual interest.



Congrats also to Middle School
October Students of the Month
Natalie Ewbank
and
Fletcher Beckett

Keep up with news and events at
the high school!
Follow the link to the student
newspaper, *The Hiller* here

FFA UPDATE

NEWS FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR ...



Brook Locy received first place in the Market Lamb Class

Courtney Dahlquist received first place Market Goat. She also received Reserve Champion Cross Bred Breeding Ewe



Kalvin Hrutkay won Champion Crossbred Heifer , as well as multiple grand and reserve division animals and multiple champion showmanship awards



Chloe Tamulinas with her Division IV Reserve Champion Market Goat



Angelina Cecchine placed first in Pony Poles and Pony Barrels and Grand Champion in Appaloosa Horse Club Halter and Standard Donkey

...AND FROM THE WEST ALEXANDER FAIR

Two teams from Trinity's FFA competed in the Washington County FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event Competition at the West Alexander Fair. Each individual judged a variety of livestock animal classes which included, market lambs, breeding sheep, market hogs, breeding doe goats, breeding heifers, and market steers. They also took a written test, were asked questions about the market hog class, and were required to give reasons for placement on market steers.

The Trinity Livestock Evaluation team has placed 1st for three consecutive years. Calvin Hrutkay placed second individual out of 36.



Members of the first place winning team, Mackenzie McClure (junior), Ensley Clark (junior), Chloe Tamulinas (junior), and Calvin Hrutkay (sophomore).



Trinity South students thank members of the FFA for judging their Produce Contest



Mrs. Robin Durila is pictured with the Fair Princess and Calvin Hrutkay and his Reserve Champion Market Lamb.



Financial Reality Fair



Over 400 juniors and seniors explored the budgeting process in unique fashion and engaged with over 50 professional financial experts who assisted in students' calculations of a monthly budget. CHROME Federal Credit Union partnered with Trinity High School to run the event, knowing that financial literacy and planning is at an all-time low: only 24% of millennials demonstrate basic financial literacy, according to a US News report, and that number is feared to be far worse for the iGen population, which would include current THS students.

Students utilized a pre-activity to select a professional career, the amount of training and education needed for it, and area of residence, and with those factors, were given a starting salary calculation. That information was processed by CHROME and generated into a budget workbook that factored in additional elements, including credit score, credit card balances, and student loans. Students took this workbook to various stations spread out across the gym, where financial experts representing different business, vendors, and life expenses, such as mortgage providers, auto loans, furniture stores, food, clothing, cell phone providers, internet providers, and insurance providers. The experts conversed with students on the necessity of their product/service, what it provided for them and didn't provide for them, and ultimately, whether or not they could afford it. After students rotated through each of the stations, they had to consult with a financial counselor as their check-out for the event. This consultation reviewed the monthly budget students were working with, analyzing their expenses and savings plans, and giving a financial opinion on whether or not the student's lifestyle was ultimately sustainable with this current budget, and if it wasn't, students received advice from the counselors, such as cutting in certain areas, rethinking expenses, getting a part-time job, and so on. With 62.3% of students in a pre-survey indicating that their future plans after leaving Trinity would be determined by potential income earnings, this activity illustrated the necessity of understanding how to manage finances.



Appreciation is extended to the Trinity High School staff, CHROME staff, and the volunteers from CHROME, PHELPE, Valley First FCU, Washington Area FCU, West-Aircomm, Parkview, USX, A&S FCU, State Farm, Comcast, Remax and Weltman, Weinberg, & Reis. This event would not have been possible without their support.





Members of the Student Advisory Committee recently met with Dr. Lucas, Mr. Samosky, Mr. Rich and Mrs. Miller. Trinity Area values student feedback to evaluate our programs. The information is used to enhance programs, plan events, improve instruction, or add courses. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch with our high school students. Thank you for the great ideas!

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**Trinity Area's K-9 Officer, Hiller,
earned first place in a major regional
K-9 competition!
Congratulations Officers Shaffer and Hiller!**



POWERING PITTSBURGH STEM COMPETITION

Trinity High School was well represented in the Powering Pittsburgh STEM Competition at Waynesburg University. Three teams advanced to the final competition to be held at Heinz Field in November.

Congratulations to students Alyssa Rager, Sydnie Garrett, Baylie Novak, Elijah Butler, Lily Fanase, Julian Burchett, Jacob Paez, Michael Koroly, Jax Banco, Caitlin Johnson, Mariah Ryan, Charlie McIlvaine, Jack Halulko, and Kristina Bozek



TRINITY ALUM MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Doctoral student Shane Coffield (Trinity Class of 2013) and a team of interdisciplinary scientists at the University of California, Irvine built a machine learning algorithm to predict wildfire sizes from the moment of ignition.

For more information, [click here](#)



Model UN is a club in which students simulate United Nations committees and act as delegates from countries assigned to them. Students are given discussion topics, and must present their country's opinion predetermined topics and come up with policy proposals based on their country's stance. On October 7, a team of Trinity students participated in model UN at Riverview High School. This team included Christian Messmer, Carson White, Brett Wrubleski, Rachel Chase, Emily Ewbank, and Marin Williamson. Carson and Emily both represented Bangladesh in a discussion on how the World Health Organization (WHO) should go about handling mass immunizations. Brett Wrubleski represented Sulayman Hafez, an Egyptian lawyer and politician, in a committee discussing the Suez Canal. Christiam Messmer represented Kuwait on the Security Council, one of the most active bodies of the UN, discussing middle eastern conflicts and climate change. Rachel Chase and Marin Williamson represented France on the Human Rights Council, in which they discussed possible solutions to worldwide human rights violations.

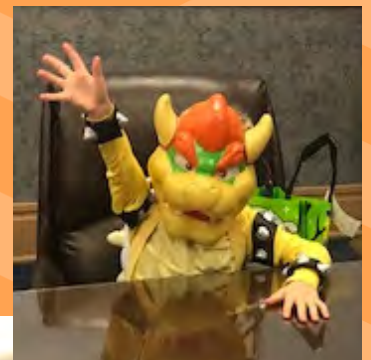
Mix it Up Lunch



Trinity Middle School joined thousands of schools around the country and "mixed it up" at lunch. The idea is simple: students were assigned to a random table in the cafeteria during their lunch period, and they sat and talked with classmates with whom they do not usually interact. Each table was provided with conversation starters, and students were given a bag of animal crackers as a special treat. This international initiative was launched in 2001 by Teaching Tolerance, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Thanks to the hard work of our TMS teachers, food service workers, and Student Council members, the lunch was a success! We hope that everyone had fun and was able to make a connection with someone new!



SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS WITH CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION



Dr. Lucas and Dr. Snoke are shown meeting with preschool students and members of Mrs. Aliveto's Child Development Class. The "committee" met to review the district's trick or treat policy and all agreed a Happy Halloween was had by all!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

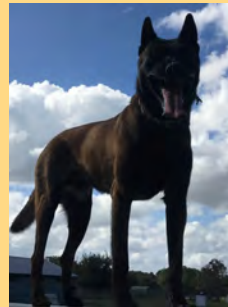


Parents/ Community Members

Would you like to give back to your school and earn some extra money at the same time? The

HR Department is looking for "Emergency Status" substitute teachers. No teaching degree necessary. If you have a four-year degree and are interested in working with our students, please click on the following link for more information:

<https://www.trinitypride.org/about/departments/item/796-human-resources>



Thanks!
Dr. Bob Mihalovich
– official
veterinarian of
Hiller!

*Steel Veterinary
Services*

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jwalz@trinityhillers.net

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or attached as a Word document.

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Corresponding pictures must be attached to the same email in .jpg format.

The newsletter is released at the end of each month -

September through June.

Articles are published pending review by the Superintendent.

DISTRICT FLYERS
available **HERE!**

To request that a flyer be posted on the website,
email:

jwalz@trinityhillers.net





IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES

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PARENT CONFERENCE DAY/ NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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END OF 1ST 9 WEEKS

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING/TRINITY HALL 6 P.M.

18-22

MEET ME IN MUSIC - ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING/TRINITY HALL 6 P.M.

21-24

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

27

**TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE FOR STUDENTS/ STAFF
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

28 - DECEMBER 2

FALL BREAK/NO SCHOOL

