

Dickinson High School Newsletter-April 2021



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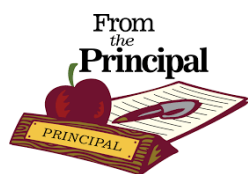
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Principal Notes



The Dickinson Public Schools Teacher/Staff Retirement and Recognition program would like to recognize

the following for all their hard work and years of service: Jay Schobinger 30 years, Thomas Gray 25 years, JoAnn Coates and Shonah Kinzel 20 years, David Bullinger, Jim Fahy, Elmer Krebs, and Marlene Novotny 15 years and Jennifer Semerad and Tina Whittington 10 years.

No School

Dickinson High School will not be in session on April 1 - 5 (Easter Break).

Dates to Remember

April 1- 5	No School; Easter Break
April 14	Pre-ACT for grades 9 & 10
April 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 21	State Science Assessment
April 30	Early out; 1:00

Graduation Date/time

Dickinson High School graduation is **Sunday, May 30, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Biesiot Activity Center. Subject to change if there is inclement weather. In the event the ceremony cannot be held outdoors, tickets will be given to families of our seniors for admittance into the DHS gym. More details to follow.

Senior Banquet

The senior banquet will be Friday, May 7, at 6:00 pm, at the Roosevelt Grand (Ramada) Hotel. More information to be sent mid-April to all seniors.

Testing Season

We are in full testing mode. On April 14 and 21, we will be fulfilling our state testing requirements. We are going to be using the PreACT as our assessment for the sophomores and freshmen. This will help our students prepare for the ACT their junior year. We will administer those tests on April 14. The state is also requiring all sophomores to take the ND State Assessment Science test. They will take that test on April 21.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The last conferences for the year are Wednesday, April 21 at Dickinson High School from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Summer School

Summer School will run from June 7 through June 30 for students choosing to take credit recovery courses at DHS. The classes will run from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Various classes will be offered if enough students register for any particular class. Informational/registration packets will be available both online and in the student affairs office. The Advanced Algebra I class will run from June 1 through July 2. The

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registration is due May 3. Late registrations will be allowed based on need.

Driver's Education

Driver's Education is offered through Dickinson Public Schools over the summer.

Informational/registration packets will be posted online, sent out via email, and in the Students Affairs office on April 6. This Registration is due by May 3. Various times and dates will be available to students. The classroom instruction has three options:

- June 1 - June 9 from 8:00am to 12:30
- June 1 - June 9 from 12:30pm to 5:30pm
- July 6 - July 14 from 8:00am to 12:30pm.

The cost is \$210.00 per student. Students who are required to retake Driver's Education because of loss of license will be required to pay full tuition. That cost will be \$360.00. Students who are retaking driver's education may want to contact a private provider.

Technology Student Association Convention Winners

Biotechnology Design

Alyssa Haider, Sophia Mettler, Carter Billman and Griffin Obrigewitch---1st Place

Prepared Presentation

Gus Zettel---1st Place

Jackson Sticka---3rd Place

Structural Design & Engineering

Shantae Rehbein and Ian Graves---3rd Place

Team Problem Solving #1

Brayden Jangula and Lucas Shilman---2nd Place

Technology Problem Solving

Alan Ash and Ian Graves---2nd Place

Technology Bowl Oral and Written

Carter Dolyniuk, Brandon Shutes and Jackson Sticka---1st Place

Carter Billman, Griffin Obrigewitch and Alyssa Haider---3rd Place

Technology Bowl Written

Alan Ash---1st Place

Gus Zettel ---3rd Place

Video Game Design

Gus Zettel, Lucas Shilman, Brandon Shutes, and Brayden Jangula---1st Place

2020-2021 TSA State Officers

Alyssa Haider-President

Carter Dolyniuk-Vice President

Gus Zettel-Vice President

2021-2022 newly elected TSA State Officers

Gus Zettel-President

Shantae Rehbein-Vice President

A huge thank you to the 2020-2021 TSA State Officers: Carter Dolyniuk and Gus Zettel for all their hard work and help planning the ND State TSA Convention.

Thank you to Alyssa Haider for serving as the 2020-2021 National TSA Sergeant-At-Arms. When elected to National TSA office, Alyssa was required to resign as the TSA State President.

Thanks to all who participated and made this year an extraordinary convention. First Place winners will have the opportunity compete in the first ever, virtual TSA national convention during the month of June.

Acalympics

DHS Acalympics team of Peyton Blair, Alyssa Haider, Aidynn Yoder, Truman Hamburger, Braxton Taff, and Agustin Zettel competed in

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the State Acalympic competition on March 30 in Bismarck. The team qualified for state by taking second in the WDA Acalympics. **The team took third at state in the Class A division. Congratulations!**

Science and Computer Science Achievements

DHS competed in the virtual Tech Wars Hackathon through Valley City State University. Gus Zettel and Abby Lange took 1st place in the advanced programming division. Lucas Shilman and Nate Fry took 1st in the beginner programming division. This is our second year participating and the second time winning!

We also competed in the virtual Science Olympiad event through DSU in March. Our team finished second overall and qualified for the state competition in April.

Good job everyone.

Teacher and Classified Staff of the Year

We would like to congratulate our DHS 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, Desirae Tibor and Classified Staff of the Year, Connie Keller. DHS teachers nominate staff members and then vote on all nominees. Here are the nomination comments for our winners:

TOY - Desirae Tibor - Desirae is a teacher who is willing to jump in and give 150% for whatever task we have. She is always willing to add input to any idea. She is very energetic and helps kids to see their potential. She is not afraid to be goofy and have fun in front of a group of kids. She is a great coach and our local FFA chapter leader.

COY - Connie Keller- Connie is a true picture of what SMORE is. Always on time, always helping, always working with students to get

them to where they need to be academically. She works with some of the stubbornness students, yet gets them to do their work. She is one hundred percent behind student success and supporting students. Connie works beyond her workday as she assists students online. She is also able to connect with kids in most need of attention. Connie also supports teachers in the classroom and increases morale with her famous holiday cookie deliveries! A true dedicated professional.

Staff in Action!

The winners of this month's drawing were:

Kim Goodall, Laura Tangen, Lauren Roemmich, and Arweena Smalls.

Name of the Staff Member in Action	Describe what the staff member is doing to raise the bar at DHS!
Mark Breen	Mark was very helpful to me one day in class when I had a student have a medical issue. I was very happy to have Mark there to help when it was needed!
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Hayes does a great job connecting with kids on an individual basis. He is always teaching his kids on how they can be better humans! I also had a student with a medical issue one day. Mr. Hayes was so helpful in the situation. I was very glad he was there!
Sara Rhode	Sara is a wonderful teacher who cares about students. She is excellent at bringing in speakers and incorporating innovative projects to help students apply learned content.

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Kim Goodall	Kim is great at making all students feel included and cared about. When I help with the suicide prevention lesson in Life Skills, I ask the students who they would talk to if they were thinking about suicide. Kim's name comes up almost every quarter. Thank you Kim for creating trusting relationships with so many DHS students!
Randy Cranston	Randy's consistency and communication back to the teachers helps create a consistent framework for appropriate behavior here at DHS.
Tammy Sadowsky	Tammy is always available and happy to assist students with math. She is kind to the child and is very knowledgeable in whatever mathematics that walks in her door. Tammy is amazing. She is helping online students virtually, online students in her room, and face-to-face students. Tammy has gone above and beyond over and over again this year. THANK YOU!!!!
Susan Moberg	Susan has taken the initiative to create five minute book videos to share with our students. Thank you for the great resource.
Dena Venneman	Dena consistently gives of her time for the bettering of DHS. There isn't a day that goes by that at least part of her prep is used for meeting with administration, other teachers, or current and former students using her time. Dena always sees the positive in life and at school and I'm lucky to have her in our department.

Lisa Townsend	As a new teacher, Lisa brings new approaches and perspectives to teaching in our department. She also volunteered to take minutes for our PLC. Thanks.
Leslie Wilkie	Leslie shows the passion for her subject whenever we talk. That translates into great interaction with her students. She shows them respect and creates a caring environment for a subject that many students find challenging.
Tina Whittington	Tina has led our PLC with professionalism and grace, especially when we deal with contentious issues.
Dave Bullinger	What a diligent custodian! Dave pays attention to detail and is much appreciated by the 600 pod.
Jamie Blankenship	Jamie is a great partner in the classroom. She keeps students working appropriately and provides great support to me as well.
Arweena Smalls	Arweena goes above and beyond to help her students be successful. She works with so many students, including those not on her caseload, to insure they are getting the help and guidance they need. She always has a positive greeting and smile for everyone she passes. I know I am so grateful for everything she does here at DHS!
Dean Venneman	Mrs. Venneman is a creative teacher that is continually looking for ways to engage her students. The Wellness Project & Children's Book adaptations she has done has made those

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	activities more dynamic, creative, and engaging.
Sheila Hlibichuk	No matter the situation with a student, or anything in general, Sheila is always positive. She goes out of her way to make everyone feel valued.
Laura Tangen	Laura goes above and beyond to advocate for her students and her department. In these last couple weeks of school, she has taken it upon herself to help her co-teachers out with strengthening our ideas and lessons we teacher. She does an amazing job with running the preschool with her students. Laura shows true grit, courage, and leadership!
Pete Dobitz	Pete refuses to be the 'Old Man River' of the Science department. He has continued to evolve as a teacher, attempting to teaching strategies and even tackling new technology. I can count on Pete to provide great insight into how we could do better for our students. I appreciate his commitment to change, even when its hard.
Cherie Mack	Cherie is planning our Spring CTE Advisor Meeting. We will be updated on a lot of important information for students.
Arweena Smalls	Arweena does a tremendous job juggling her caseload. She makes sure the students have the tools to be as successful as they can be in their classes as well as their emotional wellbeing. She is a great leader, I feel like I learn from her all the time how to better help the students and effectively collaborate to make sure the students needs are being met. I am grateful everyday that we have her in our

	school and that I get to work with her.
Leslie Wilkie	Leslie has stepped up to the plate this year creating new and innovating classes for students to take for communication purposes. She continues to be there for students in the classroom, but also outside the class after they graduate. She inspires confidence in the students even when they struggle to get up in front of others. She encourages all students to be the best they can be in and out of school.
Sheila Hlibichuk	Sheila stepped up this last semester to co-chair the ELA department. She is a positive force within the department, but also to all the staff. She is always looking for some way to inspire confidence in others. Her students feel comfortable going to her for advice and so do many other staff members. I am always amazed at how she connects with even the hardest students.
Jim Fahy and Dena Venneman	They have been great academy leads this year. They work well together and reach out to people in the academy if they need help. They also lead without demanding. The meetings are productive and on task. Everyone in this academy respects them as leaders, which is hard to do sometimes.
Nikki Privratsky	Nikki has been a tremendous resource throughout the school year. She has answered many questions and continues to deal with various issues in relation to the continual and ongoing changes at DHS. Her patience and positive attitude are greatly

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	appreciated, and make DHS a better place!
English Department	Organizing and helping our students with ACT Prep during OP.
Taylor Peters	I appreciate that Taylor has made himself available to help with various transition activities, in addition to his regular duties as SRO. His great sense of humor makes his involvement with these activities more enjoyable for students, as well as staff that he is working with!
Amy Schye	Almost every time I see Amy, she is smiling. She has a wonderful rapport with students and staff, and is great about helping with questions. I appreciate her ability to connect with and help students in making important decisions for their future!
Angela Main	I have seen Angela "go the extra mile" to help staff and students on multiple occasions. Her willingness to jump in when she sees a need (without being asked) is something many students and staff have benefitted from. She makes the lives of many much easier at DHS!
Bobbi Hennessy	Bobbi takes such good care of students on an IEP. She is on top of making sure accommodations are being met and is willing to make any modifications necessary to help student's succeed! Thank you Bobbi
Laura Tangen	Laura ALWAYS has her students' best interests at heart. She is always wanting to do

	things in a way that will best benefit them even if it makes extra work for her. The connections she makes with them are priceless.
Audrey Bergeron	Audrey works so hard to differentiate the mathematical learning for her students. Audrey works so hard preparing for prom. Audrey is on multiple committees advocating for staff throughout DHS.
Trevor Conrad	Trevor has been really organized in the leadership of the FA and makes sure we are heard and gets answers for our questions.
Lauren Roemmich	As the ONE social worker at DHS, Lauren does a remarkable job of touching base with students at risk. Whenever I've had a student who has shown an immediate need, Lauren makes time to see the student.