

Over the Fence

CELEBRATING THE CLASS *of* 2021

For the first time in more than a year, all 302 members of the Fraser High School Class of 2021 were together, celebrating the culmination of their high school careers.

On a clear Saturday morning in June, the 91st commencement of Fraser High School returned to the stadium, with graduates on the field as their families and friends filled the stands or watched the livestream from home.

Graduates were led onto the field by Principal Ryan Sines as the FHS bands played "Pomp and Circumstance." Once the graduates were seated, the Fraser Color Guard presented the colors, then the Saxophone Quartet – made up of graduates Stella Authier, Sean Edghill, Jose Ochoa and Natalie Stahl – played the national anthem.

The Fraser Singers and A Capella choirs performed two selections – "Ocean and Stars" and "I'll Remember You."

Co-Valedictorians Elijah DiCerbo and Samantha Gusmano addressed their classmates and reflected on the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.



"These three things – adaptability, resilience and compassion – are so important for us as people," Elijah said. "We needed to be able to adapt to the ever-changing life that was occurring during this pandemic. We needed to persevere through some dark times and make some tough calls that we would have never been asked to make in a normal year. We needed – most importantly

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fraser Families,



I hope you are all enjoying your summer so far and taking this time to relax and recharge. As difficult as this last year was, there is still much to celebrate. This newsletter celebrates the amazing accomplishments of our students and staff in a most unprecedented school year.

The COVID-19 pandemic challenged nearly every aspect of what we are used to – from band performances to graduation, from musicals to sending off our sixth-grade students to their next adventure in middle school. But despite all the challenges, the strength of our staff and students shined through.

We had a picture-perfect day to celebrate the 302 members of the Fraser High School Class of 2021. The commencement ceremony on our football field was the first time all our students were able to be together as one group in more than a year. It was a truly special occasion and day to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. This issue of *Over the Fence* reflects the truly amazing determination, excellence and perseverance of our students.

We are working hard to prepare for the upcoming school year. September 7 will be here before we know it. As I have shared previously, our intention for the fall is to return to a normal school environment and routine for the 2021-2022 school year. We have and will continue to work closely with our local Macomb County Health Department. This is a fluid situation and we will adjust accordingly, if needed.

We have created a **Back to School page** on our website that compiles all the important information you need. This page will be updated often, so be sure to save that link. This is your best resource for up-to-date and accurate information.

I am so proud and thankful to be your superintendent. You don't have to look too hard to realize Fraser is truly a remarkable school district. I am looking forward to the upcoming school year and seeing the smiling faces of our students.

With Fraser Pride,
Ms. Wozniak



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– to be compassionate and understanding of the fact that everybody had so many concerns on their mind: their health, their family, their business or education.”

“As we go into life after high school, may we charge head-on. Or fall down the stairs like we all probably will. Hopefully we will achieve all that we aspire to be,” Samantha said. “Work hard for what you want, don’t bend your morals for anyone, and try to live up to the person you expect you to be, and not what others expect you to be.”

Then Principal Sines addressed the students, encouraging them to embrace the changes they were facing.

“Go explore. Go meet new people. Go make new memories and experiences. Go make our world a better place. I ask you to connect. Connect with people and build relationships, grow your professional and personal network. I also request that you ask. Ask for help or ask someone if they need help. Everyone you meet will have a story and a lesson; sometimes you just have to ask. If you do these things, you will begin to create your legacy,” he said.

Next, Superintendent Carrie Wozniak spoke. She also reflected on the impact the pandemic would have on the students.

“We have all heard these words and phrases time and time again throughout this school year. You have heard these words from your parents, teachers, administrators,

families and friends. Now is the time to celebrate these words. Resiliency, kindness, flexibility and understanding. These are your words and the qualities that you have shown as the Class of 2021,” Ms. Wozniak said.

Finally, Board of Education President Jim Birko addressed the graduates and encouraged them to make their mark on their community.

“I encourage you to find a way to get involved in your community. Find your voice and make a difference. The rewards that you’ll reap will far outweigh your efforts,” he said.

Each graduate then received their diploma from a board member before receiving a sunflower and having their official picture taken. Class President Natalie Stahl then led the class in the tassel turn.

“For the past year we’ve been uncertain of what this day would look like. But we’re together today, in person, to celebrate our accomplishments and be united as a class one last time,” she said. “We are the ones who have the power to make a difference... However we cannot do anything if we are not united. We must continue to spread love, be kind and fight for what is right. For no matter who you are or what you’re doing, you have the power to make an impact.”

You can view the full ceremony on our **YouTube channel**. We also have a **one-minute recap** of the event.

CLASS of 2021 STATS

GRADUATES

302

CLASS FLOWER

Sunflower

CLASS SONG

“Good Old Days”
by Macklemore
featuring Kesha

CLASS COLORS

Black and White

CLASS SPONSORS

Jennie Ebeling and
John Forlini

CLASS MOTTO

“It is what it is.”

Senior Parade

On an unseasonably cold and rainy Friday in May, when the high temperature only reached 58 degrees, the Class of 2021 spent their last day at Fraser High School. After picking up their caps and gowns, they donned plastic ponchos and gathered in the auditorium and Fra Café.



At the urging of Principal Ryan Sines to leave their caps inside so the board would not get wet, they followed the marching band outside and took a victory lap of sorts around the track. Their parents, friends and family huddled under umbrellas from the driving rain and cheered as the parade of seniors made its way past the stands.



BEST OF THE BEST 2021



ELIJAH DICERBO
Valedictorian

Parents

John DiCerbo and
Loraine DiCerbo

College Plans

Wayne State University

Future Field of Study

Actuarial Science/
Statistics



SAMANTHA GUSMANO
Valedictorian

Parents

Sarah and Neil
Gusmano

College Plans

Wayne State University

Future Field of Study

Nursing



DELANEY BULAS
Salutarian

Parents

Julie Bulas and
Marvin Bulas

College Plans

Arizona State University

Future Field of Study

Chemical Engineering



ANGELINA DAUD
Salutarian

Parents

Zina Daoud and
Donald Daoud

College Plans

Michigan State
University

Future Field of Study

Computer Science



ADAM MEYER
Salutarian

Parents

Kevin Meyer and
Bonnie Meyer

College Plans

University of Michigan
College of Engineering

Future Field of Study

Aerospace and
Mechanical Engineering

2021 TOP SCHOLARS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Max Ahee
Stella Authier
Michael Bacol
Mackenzie Bisdorf
Gabriella Brown
Aidan Byrne
Waincey Chan
Ella Conner
Sean Edghill
Leslie Fantin
Lia Goodell
Lindsey Grammatico
Ava Hall
Pamela Hallman
Adriana Kelley
Jacob Keuning
Megan Ley
Melanie Ley
Emily Martin

Caitlyn Meeks
Ethan Miller
Elise Rhodenizer
Daniel-Antonio Sanchez
Isabel Sanchez
Haley Shepard
Olivia Skomial
Natalie Stahl
Gabriella Stickney
Cassidy Victor
Abigail Wallace
Cosette Wojciechowski
Ethan Wu
Faith Ziegenfelder

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Jennifer Allison
Steven Apel
Allison Argiri
Nathan Boundy

Wyatt Buckbee
Faith Chang
Isabella Dyer
Nolan Ellis
Sarah Ferguson
Jessica Grant
Marissa Krajewski
Jose Ochoa
Parris Paige
Samantha Paszek
Dominic Quaglia
Tayla Robinson
Kayla Smigielski
John Vorgitch

CUM LAUDE

Jacob Agrusa
Joseph Arnone
Ashlyn Baker
Emily Cairney

Adamelenda Cerrito
Bradley Cross
Victoria Decker
Summer DeMaria
Hunter Donovan
Nicholas Felcyn
William Felcyn
Jason Grimes
Ethan Gross
Joseph Hedge
Kaylee Kaszubski
Ethan Gross
Joseph Hedge
Kaylee Kaszubski
Benjamin Kristofice
Jazzebel Lee
Megan Lemmon
Sydney Lenn
Alexandria Maes
Margaret Marchioni
Emily Marlowe
Tamia Moultry
Alana Muro

Christopher Neiborg
Mya Parchert
Alaina Parker
Jayme Pescari
Olivia Pesti
Erica Pettyes
Isaac Plouff
Pantaree Prathongkham
Donika Preni
Angelnae Randalle
Averie Reiter
Erik Steepe
Parnadit Toma
Stavros Tsakos
Noah Vaughn
Sarah Willey
Jaylinn Willis
Mackenzie Witherspoon
Garrett Yakey



STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Each year the departments at Fraser High School select one student to represent them as the Student of the Year. These students are chosen based on courses completed and dedication. They are recognized at Board of Education meetings throughout the winter and spring months. Congratulations to the following students:

Abigail Spear, *Art*

Noah Vaughn, *Business*

Mackenzie Bisdorf, *English*

Emily Marlowe, *Family and Consumer Science*

Cassidy Victor, *Industrial Technology*

Natalie Stahl, *Instrumental Music*

Gabriella Stickney, *Mathematics*

Emily Cairney, *Physical Education*

John Vorgitch, *Science*

Lindsey Grammatico, *Social Studies*

Cameron Ochoa, *Vocal Music*

Olivia Rehman, *World Language – French*

Emily Martin, *World Language – Spanish*

STUDENT ATHLETES CONTINUING CAREERS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to the nine members of the Fraser High School Class of 2021 who will be continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level:

JAIDEN LARA

Softball, University of Detroit Mercy

JENNA SPENCE-ALESSANDRINI

Softball, Macomb Community College

HALEY SHEPARD

Golf, Madonna University

CHRIS NEIBORG

Football, Adrian College

ELIJAH DICERBO

Cross Country/Track, Wayne State University

MADISON GRACE

Volleyball, Morgan State University

ERICA GREGORY

Volleyball, Thiel College

CASSIDY VICTOR

Volleyball, Trine University

EMMA WILSON

Cheerleading, Rochester University
(not pictured)

2021 RETIREES

Congratulations to the following staff members who retired during the 2020-21 school year. The 23 retirees were recognized at a Board of Education meeting in June. Combined, they served Fraser Public Schools for more than 500 years! Thank you for your service and dedication, and we wish you well in your retirement.

Donna Anderson, *Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction*, 9 years

Marian Ballard, *Food Service*, 14 years

Kevin Dib, *Teacher*, 30 years

Kolleen Fileccia, *Aide*, 22 years

Barbara Geck, *Teacher*, 27 years

Christine Greenough, *Teacher*, 25 years

Kerry Hitchings, *Teacher*, 21 years

David Kuppe, *Teacher*, 26 years

Lenore Kuras, *Media Center*, 27 years

Teresa Maiorano, *Media Center*, 28 years

Denis Metty, Jr., *Director of Special Education*, 13 years

Patricia Palmer, *Aide*, 35 years

Sheryl Reneski, *Bus Driver*, 30 years

Kristen Robinson, *RMS Assistant Principal*, 24 years

Mary Anne Santarossa, *Administrative Assistant*, 27 years

Katrina Sinistaj, *Custodian*, 4 years

Judith Southard, *Administrative Assistant*, 26 years

Cheryl Swanson, *Food Service*, 5 years

Kenneth Trudelle, *Custodian*, 38 years

Kathryn Verslype, *Teacher*, 34 years

Laurie Videtta, *Business Manager*, 16 years

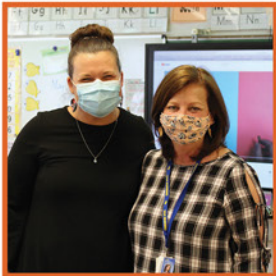
Beverly Zabik, *Teacher*, 26 years

Donna Zobel, *Food Service*, 6 years

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR HONORED

The three Fraser Outstanding Teachers of the Year were recognized at a virtual celebration hosted by the Macomb Intermediate School District. Tracey Bell, Monica Orlando and Karen Davis each received a gift and certificate and gave a brief speech for the prerecorded event that also recognized the outstanding teachers from all of Macomb County's public school districts.

The ceremony is available [here](#), and recognition for Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Orlando and Mrs. Davis begins at 32:30.



MEIJER GIVES FOUNDATION DONATES GIFT CARDS FOR STAFF

Earlier this year, Meijer reached out to the district wanting to provide gift cards to give back to the teachers and staff through their Meijer Gives campaign. A total of 20 gift cards worth \$1,500 were given to the district to award to staff members. Each school or building received two gift cards, one worth \$50 and the other worth \$100. Building leaders randomly drew two names during a staff meeting to award the gift cards.



"As your teachers and staff members continue to navigate uncharted waters, diligently working to creatively find ways to educate your students...we wanted to support, recognize and show our appreciation for everything you are doing," stated a letter from Community Partnerships and Giving Senior Director Catherine Cooper.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBERS

DOOLEY CENTER

Brooke Chapman, *ECSE Aide*
Keristein Lawandy, *Daycare Aide*

DISNEY ELEMENTARY

Shannon Love
Kristen Nordstrom

EDISON ELEMENTARY

Alyssa McNamara
Cathy Vultaggio

EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY

Judy Cichowski, *Teacher*
Toni Gruenwald, *Food Service*

EMERSON ELEMENTARY

Ryan McCoy, *Teacher*
Renee Lenn, *Intervention Specialist*

SALK ELEMENTARY

Gary Mainhardt, *Maintenance*
Lisa Gueffroy, *Interventionist*

TWAIN ELEMENTARY

Shanon Dunn, *Lunch Aide*
Donna Zobel, *Food Service*

RICHARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lea Coyle
Laura Denton

FRASER HIGH SCHOOL

Shari Miller, *Administrative Assistant*
Amanda Quantz, *Teacher*

ADMINISTRATION/ TRANSPORTATION/O&M

Cheri Bushman, *Bus Driver*
Jennifer Bell, *Bus Driver*

BOARD VICE PRESIDENT EARNS STATEWIDE AWARDS

Board of Education Vice President Scott Wallace earned the Certified Boardmember Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards. The award designates that Mr. Wallace completed all 100-level courses, which offer a way to develop new skills, stay up to date on educational issues, and earn professional development as a school board member.

Mr. Wallace completed the courses during the 2020 calendar year and was recognized this year by the MASB. He also received an Award of Merit. Congratulations, Mr. Wallace!



SOCIAL STUDIES OLYMPIAD

The 2021 Social Studies Olympiad theme focused on "2020: A Current Event to Remember." Students could submit projects in several areas that related to the theme. Congratulations to the following Edison Elementary students:

Maddie Mumma – Gold Medal, Monologue, Elementary Division

Emily Lentine – Gold Medal, Primary Document Journal, Intermediate Division

EMERSON STUDENTS RISE TO CHALLENGE OF VIRTUAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Emerson Elementary students' hard work paid off in Science Olympiad – finishing in fifth place as a team out of 13 teams in Macomb County. Congratulations to the following students:

A is for Anatomy

4th Place – Amber Jensen and Olivia Rhodenizer

Amazing Arthropods

6th Place – Rynn Kapanka and Vera Temnyk

Bridging the Gap

3rd Place – Rynn Kapanka and Charlotte Meller

Charged Up

4th Place – Charlotte Meller and Rocco Rastelli

Code Warriors

3rd Place – Rocco Rastelli

Crash Car Eggspert

7th Place – Aiyana Henry and Samantha Lenn

Crime Busters

7th Place – Amber Jensen and Olivia Rhodenizer

Precision Ping Pong Propulsion

5th Place – Mylie Nielson and Lexi Owens

Rock Hound

4th Place – Gabriella Wooten

Starry, Starry Night

5th Place – Jamie Rector and Vera Temnyk

Water Rockets

2nd Place – Parker Courtney and Zach Courtney

Weather or Not

6th Place – Gabriella Wooten

Zowie Estimation

9th Place – Parker Courtney and Zach Courtney

Students Participate Virtually in History Day Competition

Nearly 30 students representing three schools in our district competed virtually in the Michigan History Day competition. The events focused on the theme “Communication in History: The Key to Understanding.” Students completed projects that related to the theme. They could focus on any geographic area, historical period, event, group or individual.

MICHIGAN HISTORY DAY RESULTS

Katelyn Frazier, Nicolas Durnell, Madison Bushon and Aneko Nichol – *Edison Elementary*

- First Place for their exhibit, “Berry Gordy – Ain’t No Mountain High Enough”

Zackary Howey – *Richards Middle School*

- First Place for his documentary, “Black Angels: Breaking Down Barriers and Fighting for the Right To Be Marines”
- Special Award – Best Use of Oral History

Kirk Wohlfield and Lanie Shrum – *Richards Middle School*

- Second Place for their exhibit, “Pioneering the Prevention of Polio: Breaking Barriers of Modern Medicine”

Yostena Akladyous, Kamryn Peppers-McCoy, Marik Muskovin, Emma Maurin and Remi Flanz – *Richards Middle School*

- Third Place for their performance, “The 1960s: A Decade of Change”

Jack Schwab – *Richards Middle School*

- Special Award – Best Project Showcasing Naval History

Nolan Pieprzyk and Shannon McMenamin – *Fraser High School*

- First Place for their performance, “Breaking Barriers Toward Fair Labor: General Motors and the Flint Sit-Down Strike”

Faith Aloia, Vanessa Ellis, Alisha Gentz and Francesca Palazzolo – *Fraser High School*

- First Place for their exhibit, “The Flint Sit-Down Strike: Breaking Bargaining Barriers”
- Special Award – Best Use of Oral History

Taylor Frazier – *Fraser High School*

- Third Place for her exhibit, “Heroes Aren’t Born, They’re Made: How Stan Lee Broke Barriers”

Mercedes Cross – *Fraser High School*

- Third Place for her website, “The Barrier That Couldn’t Be Broken: The Navajo Code”

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY RESULTS

Brent Wohlfield – *Edison Elementary*

- Honorable Mention for his Junior Individual Website: “The Flying Messengers of World War I: How Using Carrier Pigeons to Communicate in Battle Saved Countless Lives”

Tamberlyn Masinick and Olivia Palazzolo – *Richards Middle School*

- Honorable Mention for their Junior Group Exhibit: “How Helen Keller Changed the World, One Sign at a Time”

Faith Aloia, Vanessa Ellis, Alisha Gentz and Francesca Palazzolo – *Fraser High School*

- Senior Group Exhibit: “Soldiers, Censorship and the Second World War”

Gabriella Tonn and Natalie Watson – *Fraser High School*

- Senior Group Performance: “Maligned Stars: The Abuse of the Golden Age of Hollywood and the Effect It Had on America’s Culture.”

CAREER TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT FRASER HIGH SCHOOL

Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are a required element for each of the state-approved Career and Technical Education programs at Fraser High School. These groups unite like-minded Ramblers to help them understand the leadership that is necessary to thrive in the career path of their choosing. During the past year, advisors have worked tirelessly to generate meaningful engagements for CTSO participants, despite the challenges that COVID presented. Below you will find the results of their hard work and the achievements of our Ramblers.



CYBERPATRIOTS

Advisor Mrs. Christina Vrzovski

Fourteen computer science students enjoyed the return of CyberPatriots, thanks to the U.S. Air Force. Students had to meet face-to-face to compete, since this competition focuses on actively defending and attacking infrastructure elements on a simulation in the Cyber Lab at FHS. They were forced to forfeit the regional round due to the in-person learning pause last November, but students were able to participate in many meaningful ways as time progressed with the help of Microsoft TEALS volunteer Mr. Tom Darga.

- **1st Place Silver Tier and 3rd Place Gold Tier Team Members:** Charles Clark, Ethan DuBay and Stefan Latshaw

DECA

Advisor Mr. John Forlini

DECA competed in a virtual format this year to support the learning of 17 Ramblers in the business department. We achieved the highest number of medalists in each competition that we went to, including sending our first competitor to the International Career Development Conference, who finished with a Top 10 medal. While participation numbers were down due to COVID-19, the dedication to DECA was higher than ever by the students involved. Returning students for next year are excited and ready to get to work on the road to Atlanta!

Regional Results:

- **Adam Meyer** – Sports and Entertainment Marketing (Role Play Medal, Test Medal, State Finalist)
- **Noah Vaughn** – Automotive Marketing (Role Play Medal, Regional Finalist)
- **Victoria Decker** – Restaurant and Food Service (Role Play Medal, Regional Finalist)
- **Ramil Patel** – Business Finance (Regional Finalist)
- **Aziana Stewart** – Business Services Marketing (Regional Finalist)
- **Olivia Holley** – Food Marketing (Regional Finalist)
- **Ivy Hammond** – Principles of Hospitality (Regional Finalist)
- **Alexis Allen** – Retail Merchandising (Regional Finalist)
- **Emily Jarjour/Erin Pesti** – Team Marketing Management (Regional Finalists)

State Results:

- **Adam Meyer** – Sports and Entertainment Marketing (State Champion and \$22,500 Scholarship Winner)
- **Victoria Decker** – Restaurant and Food Service (State Finalist Top 7)
- **Ramil Patel** – Business Finance (State Finalist Top 7)
- **Reagan Tarver/Alexandra Nichol** – Leadership and Teamwork (State Finalist)
- **Reagan Tarver** – Test Medal

International Career Development Conference:

- **Adam Meyer** – Sports and Entertainment Marketing (Top 10 Test Medal)



FIRST ROBOTICS

Advisors Mr. Steven Justice and Mr. John Molloy

Nine industrial technology students competed virtually in the FIRST Robotics game design and skills challenges. Mr. Justice secured more than \$20,000 in grant and private funding to support this effort. Both virtual and face-to-face students designed game pieces using CAD software and then collaborated with each other to refine the pieces and consolidated them into one game. They also began two new robotics competitions through the Square One Education Network. Students competed virtually in their Underwater ROV Innovative Vehicle Design (IVD) and the Autonomous IVD Challenges. The FHS team won two awards for the Underwater competition, and they are still awaiting results of the F2F Autonomous IVD challenge.

Regionals Results:

- **Brenden Duhaime, Daniel Grimes, Ethan Miller, Jacob Meddings, Cameron Ochoa, Kameron Linington, Cassidy Victor, John McIntosh and Zakery Pierzynowski**

HOSA FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Advisors Mrs. Marti Van I and Mrs. Susan Garman

Despite the year of virtual meetings, Fraser HOSA-Future Health Professionals boasted its highest organization membership of 91 Ramblers; was able to participate in several community service projects; and participated in Regional, State and International Leadership Conferences. Highlights for the year included making and donating more than 40 fleece blankets, continuing with the annual Rake and Run, and earning six medals at the Virtual Regional Leadership Conference. Waincey Chan and Leslie Fantin earned a bronze medal in Forensic Science at the Virtual State Leadership Conference and competed at the international level in late June.

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Regionals:

- **CPR/First Aid** – Rosemary Mieczkowski and Arianna Vallecoccia (Finalists)
- **Extemporaneous Writing** – Jenna Bullis (Gold)
- **Creative Problem Solving** – Heather McMenamin, Emily Plouff, Mya Baranski (Silver)
- **Forensic Science** – Leslie Fantin and Waincey Chan (Silver)
- **Health Career Display** – Kayleigh Nordstrom and Adrianna Barney (Finalists)

State:

- **Forensic Science** – Leslie Fantin and Waincey Chan (Bronze)

Internationals:

- **Forensic Science** – Leslie Fantin and Waincey Chan (TBD)

NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisors Mrs. Staci Yokhana and Mrs. Christina Vrzovski

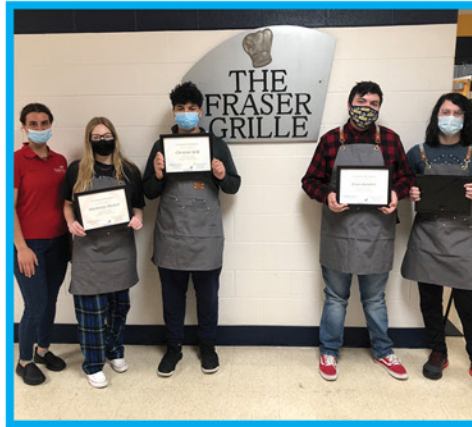
This year we held our first Virtual Induction Ceremony with a record count of 38 members. Students improvised as they tried to find ways to support the community by writing Valentine's Day cards to St. Jude patients and donating canned goods for our local pantries. Members also had an opportunity to update their portfolio with a session on building a resume, life after high school, managing student loans and letters of recommendation.

SKILLSUSA CULINARY

Advisor Ms. Vita Maria LoDuca

We held our own local culinary competition due to the scheduling difficulties related to COVID-19. The students were eager to learn and worked very hard during the short amount of time they had to practice. All in all, the students had a lot of fun learning new skills, putting them to use, and being able to participate in this competition.

- **Culinary** – Christian Serb (Gold), Evan Sanders (Silver) and Owen Franklyn (Bronze)
- **Baking** – Mackenzie Bisdorf (Gold) and Kaitlyn McCormick (Silver)



SKILLSUSA FASHION, FCS AND FUTURE TEACHER

Advisor Mrs. Staci Yokhana

This past year, the competition was held at FHS due to COVID restrictions. Students were able to be flexible and patient during the unfamiliarity of it all and constant changes. Overall, the eight students who competed had a great time! This opportunity pushed them to try something new and have a great sense of accomplishment.

Local Results:

- **Job Skills Demo** – Alaina Parker (Gold)
- **Job Skills Demo A** – Ella Scally (Gold), Olivia Rehman (Silver) and Ale Langolf (Bronze)
- **Pin Design** – Angelina VanBibber (Gold)
- **T-shirt Design** – Emily Marlowe (Gold), McKayla Peck (Silver) and Ava Smith (Bronze)



SKILLSUSA WELDING

Advisor Mr. Austin Sellers

Our SkillsUSA welding team of six Ramblers competed locally at FHS since there was no regional competition offered. Staff made prints for each competitor to follow as they completed their weldment. Depending on how well they followed the print, weld callouts and the number of defects in their welds determined how well a student performed.

Local Results:

- **Gas Tungsten Arc Welding** – Savannah Kerby (Gold) and Margeret "Maggie" Marchioni (Silver)
- **Gas Metal Arc Welding** – Michael Boguslaw (Gold) and John Sant (Silver)
- **Shielded Metal Arc Welding** – Hunter Francis (Gold) and Dominic Bonello (Silver)

BOILERMAKERS WELDING COMPETITION

Advisor Mr. Austin Sellers

Every year, the Boilermaker Local 169 training facility hosts an invitational that allows high school students to challenge themselves to complete in producing an industry-relevant weldment. Judges inspect every step of the process until completion before a destructive bend testing process. Students execute each step of the process, perform on a 100-question multiple choice safety/welding test, and submit their specimen to see how it holds up during the destructive bend test. This year, students performed the work locally.

Senior Participants:

- Mya Parchert
- John Sant
- Seth Thornton



FRASER PARAPROFESSIONAL WINS STATE FARM GRANT

Paraprofessional Melanie Motto knows that sensory bins can help students stay focused when they are struggling. But with the COVID-19 pandemic, students were unable to share items between the two Resource Rooms at Edison Elementary and the items were stored.

That's why when she saw a Facebook post about the State Farm Teacher Assist Grant, she quickly applied. The grant was only open to the first 200 applications, and of those, 40 would win \$2,500 to fund their project.

The grant asked how educators were adapting their teaching methods during the pandemic. Ms. Motto proposed making individual sensory bins for each of the students who may need them. She was notified in the spring that she was one of the 40 winners.

"By using individual sensory bins, we were able to once again allow our students to use fidgets and other sensory items to help them focus on their tasks and to also use them as positive behavior intervention supports," Ms. Motto said.

Art Students Earn Regional, National Recognition

SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS

Thumb Region Results

More than 30 works of art from 13 Fraser High School students were among a select group of award winners in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Thumb Region. FHS student Parisse Paige was one of five students who earned the American Vision Nominee, the highest honor in the regional show, for her mixed media piece, "America: Still Lynching, Not Learning."

The show received more than 1,000 works of art from students in Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Sanilac and St. Clair counties. Of those, only 337 pieces were chosen for the exhibition.

Chelsea Achatz – Silver Key and Honorable Mention

Morgan Anders – Honorable Mention

Brooke Caruso – Honorable Mention

Victoria Decker – Two Silver Keys

Abigail Finch – Gold Key, Silver Key and three Honorable Mentions

Jacob Flachsmann – Media Gold Key

Viktoria Isallari – Two Silver Keys and Honorable Mention

David Klink – Gold Key

Sydney Lenn – Three Gold Keys, Two Silver Keys and Five Honorable Mentions

Emily Martin – Honorable Mention

Parisse Paige – American Vision Nominee, Three Gold Keys, Silver Key and Two Honorable Mentions

Sarah Robling – Silver Key

Ace Welch – Silver Key



"America: Still Lynching, Not Learning" by Parisse Paige



"Curiosity" by Abigail Finch

National Results

All regional Gold Key works of art were entered into the national Scholastics competition. More than 25,000 pieces were submitted, with only 1,500 earning national awards. Two Fraser artists were among them, bringing Fraser's number of national winners to 17 since 2010.

Parisse Paige – National American Vision Award for her mixed media piece, "America: Still Lynching, Not Learning"

Abigail Finch – National Silver Medal for her photograph, "Curiosity"

CONGRESSIONAL ART SHOW

Four FHS students had artwork selected by Congressman Andy Levin to be part of his congressional show. Avery Townsend, Rylee Pickoff, Allyson Feerer and Chelsea Achatz were selected to be part of the show, and Avery's photograph "Personal Contrast" earned second place. It will hang in Congressman Levin's district office.



MUSIC STUDENTS COMPETE IN VIRTUAL COMPETITIONS

As with many events this last school year, the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble events were held virtually. The students had only one chance to record their virtual submission for a rating. Ratings were emailed back several weeks later. A First Division rating is equivalent to a Superior performance and an overall grade of "A." A Second Division rating is equivalent to an Excellent performance and an overall grade of "B."

RICHARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following Richards Middle School students for their performances in the District 16 Solo and Ensemble Festival:

First Division Ratings:

- **Noah Pashby** – Tenor Saxophone Solo
- **Jude Johnston** – Snare Solo
- **Jacob Paradowski** – Trumpet Solo
- **Clara Lund** – Alto Saxophone Solo
- **Matthew Cobus** – Baritone Solo
- **Matthew Butzu** – Trumpet Solo
- **Kayleigh Nichol** – French Horn Solo
- **Olivia Deir** – Alto Saxophone Solo

Second Division Ratings:

- **Katelyn Frazier** – Trombone Solo
- **Maja Sienkowski** – Flute Solo

FRASER HIGH SCHOOL

Instrumental Music

At Fraser High School, two ensembles received the designation of Outstanding Ensemble from the MSBOA. The Saxophone Quartet consisted of Natalie Stahl, Stella Authier, Sean Edghill and Jose Ochoa. The Flute Quintet consisted of Elise Rhodenizer, Ashlynn Moler, Jacqueline Mukavec, Anna Colley and Gabriella Tonn.

Jazz All-Star Ensemble

Additionally, two FHS students were members of the Jazz All-Star ensemble for the state of Michigan. Jacob Agrusa and Breanna Jacobs were both selected to be a part of this all-star group. The ensemble is made up of students who are nominated by their band director, and typically they would meet several times throughout the year and perform at a concert in the spring.

FHS Band Director Mr. James Rodgers is the chairperson for this ensemble, and he worked with Mr. Kris Johnson to produce a virtual performance since meeting in person was not possible.

The performance is available online by [clicking here](#).

Vocal Music

The Michigan School Vocal Music Association District 16 Solo and Ensemble Festival was also held virtually this year, and all four Fraser High School students who participated earned First Division ratings. Congratulations to the following students:

- **William Felcyn**
- **Summer Rose Schohl**
- **Rebecca St.Onge**
- **Natalie Watson**

TWO STUDENTS WIN LEADERSHIP CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Two Fraser High School students were among a select group to win competitive scholarships to attend the Michigan Association of Student Councils and Honor Societies' Summer Leadership Camp. The SET SEG Foundation awarded the scholarships.

Joshua Crook and Piper Morrison will join about 130 other high school students from across the state at the three-day camp.

The Foundation received hundreds of scholarship applications this year demonstrating the high demand for the camp and the life-changing opportunities it creates. At camp, students from different high schools join with a goal of improving their schools, communities and themselves. Working with their peers and experienced leadership educators, students further develop skills including communication, organization and goal setting.

RICHARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL GOES VIRTUAL

Our teachers always ensure that all students are engaged in their learning and have access to extracurricular activities. So when Mr. Mike Perkins had a fully virtual choir class, he went outside the box for them to have an opportunity to participate in a musical.

After many months and countless hours of rehearsing, recording and editing, he created a virtual performance of "Annie, Jr." Students worked on the scenes from their homes, using whatever props they had nearby.

The production is available to view online by [clicking here](#).