

The Sevastopol Class of 2023

Sevastopol High School Names Class of 2023 Valedictorians

BY SUSAN ANSCHUTZ, PUPIL SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT





(Left) Johanna Andreae, daughter of Chad and Christine Andreae. (Right) Claire Haberli, daughter of Steven and Christina Haberli.

Sevastopol High School Principal Troy Schaefer announced the Class of 2023 valedictorians as Johanna Andreae and Claire Haberli. Both students have achieved a 4.0 grade point average and reflect the Pioneer P.R.I.D.E. model of personal responsibility, respect, integrity, determination and personal

"In my first year as principal at Sevastopol, it has been an incredible honor getting to know Johanna, Claire and all our graduating seniors," Schaefer said. "I would like to acknowledge the entire class of 2023 for their hard work, commitment to character development, priding themselves on being responsible leaders and for their distinguished achievements academically."

Johanna Andreae is the daughter of Chad and Christine Andreae. She plans on attending Wisconsin Lutheran College to major in pre-med and biology. When she graduates from Wisconsin Lutheran, she would like to attend medical school and hopes to pursue a career in pediatrics or women's health.

Claire Haberli is the daughter of Steven and Christina Haberli. She plans on attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she will major in pre-pharmacy. After graduation, she would like to attend the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy.

According to Schaefer, 45 out of the 46 students on course to graduate this June have obtained college credits. In addition, nine of the 47 seniors have earned a cumulative 3.9 GPA or higher. This is no easy task, considering many of Sevastopol's students are taking several college-level courses that demand rigorous daily classroom instruction and work.

'The opportunities for the graduating class of 2023 are limitless," Schaefer said. "I hope that our graduating class applies their experiences at Sevastopol to go out and pioneer the next generation by taking personal responsibility for their lives where they are always respectful, epitomizing integrity in everything they do, attacking life's challenges with great determination and having great pride in living a life of excellence."

Sevastopol High School Class of 2023 will have a graduation ceremony on June 4 in the elementary gym beginning at 2 p.m.

2023 Scholarships

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Johanna Andreae

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Notes from the District Administrator

Spring at a school can become extremely busy with many annual events such as spring sports, band and choir concerts, award nights and graduations. The challenge for our teachers is to keep our students focused on their academics. At Sevastopol, academics truly come

Recently, our junior class took the American College Test (ACT). Of the 34 students, six students had a score of 30 or greater. One student achieved the top score of 36. This was the second time in the 99-year history of our school that one of our students obtained this achievement.

Our graduating Class of 2023 will average having obtained 15 college credits while attending our high school. This will save our students about a semester of college expenses in the future. The beauty is some of these students are bound for four-year schools and some for two-year schools. The job market for these young adults is remarkable. The education they received here will give them a jump on their plans.

Public education remains the foundation from which our students build their future. Here at Sevastopol, we are grateful for the community support our district receives from our residents. Our successful 2020 non-recurring operating cost referendum provides the base for our students. At this time, we do not know what the state budget or inflation has in store. We are thankful to our local constituents for supporting our school and students.

Thank you.

If you have any questions about our district, please contact me at (920) 743-6080 or kluedtke@sevastopol.12.wi.us

Yours in education,

Kyle Luedtke, Superintendent



Coming Soon! Sevastopol Online Registration

Available for the 2023-2024 School Year

Current Sevastopol School Families

Sevastopol School will be introducing online registration for current families to enroll beginning July 15.

More information will be emailed to families prior to this date.

New Families (Including all 4K Students) Enrolling at Sevastopol

In-person registration is necessary for all students enrolling for the first time (including 4K) at school on: Tuesday, August 1, 2023* 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m. Carl Scholz Pioneer

School staff will be available to answer questions and be available to assist current school families with the online registration

*A back-up, in-person, registration date of August 16 is planned.

Pioneer Spotlight: Steven Tucholski, Technology Director

BY JUSTIN SKIBA, 3RD GRADE TEACHER

We hear it now more than ever - the world is ever-changing. Technology is at the forefront of that sentiment and with it is the education of our future. Sevastopol's technology director and IT coordinator, Steven Tucholski, plays an integral role in both.

The 35-year-old Sevastopol alum's journey was all but a straightforward one. In fact, what began as a general interest in computers and video games has turned into a full-time career. While most are aware of the rise in technology use in schools and the workplace during the last several decades, not all understand the behind the scenes work required to deliver sufficient technology support for staff and students in the school systems.

Tucholski is no stranger to Sevastopol. He moved here from Dousman, WI, with his parents, Mike and Karen, and brother, Brian, when Tucholski was in first grade. As a child, Tucholski and his brother spent time playing video games and using the family computer, a Christmas present he received when he was 8, that had a Windows 3.1 operating system. Unknown to him at the time, this set a foundation for his future career.

"This was pre-internet, so you had to learn everything by trying new things," he recalls. "We had several games that involved turning on the computer and rebooting it into DOS mode just to get them to work. That created a lot of troubleshooting and problem solving at a young age. If something didn't work, we'd need to figure it out or give up."

In his freshman year, he met Sarah Quella and the two later began dating as juniors. They remained Pioneers at Sevastopol until graduating in 2005 before both becoming UW-Platteville Pioneers. It was there that Tucholski earned his BA in Instrumental Music Education, opting not to pursue a computer science degree for the reason that he did not want his hobby to turn into work. Regardless of the direction he chose, Tucholski was fully supported by his family.

"My family was a huge influence and motivator," he said. "My parents were both always supportive. My brother was older, so he tended to grasp concepts faster and pass along the information to me."

Music education positions in the early 2010s were limited, so Tucholski began substitute teaching in 2010 while also working at Culver's until 2014, a job he had since 2003. He officially joined the Sevastopol staff as a special education aide in 2011 where he remained until 2018 when he accepted his cur-

BY HEATHER SPETZ, NHS ADVISOR

On March 30 the Sevastopol chapter of

the National Honor Society (NHS) hosted

the second annual NHS Pancake Supper

Fundraiser from 4:30-7:30 PM in the high

school cafeteria. NHS students prepared and

served pancakes, sausages, bacon and apple-

sauce to over 500 people. The NHS raised

over \$2,000 from donations, which will be

used for scholarships for graduating seniors.

Besides enjoying a pancake dinner, commu-

nity members were entertained by the Sev-

astopol Fine Arts Fair. The National Honor

Society would like to extend a special thank

you to the businesses and individuals who

donated food items. Door Karma Farms do-

nated 50 pounds of sausages, Jen Spude do-

nated two gallons of Jorns Sugar Bush Pure

rent position as technology director.

At the time, Sevastopol's technology role was handled as a part-time staff role in cooperation with an outside contracted technology business. In the summer of 2018, the school district hired Tucholski as the sole, full-time IT Coordinator of the district.

"I hesitated on applying as I didn't have the official background," he said. "However, I did know the systems used in the building, and my teaching background meant I knew how to teach others after working through a problem. The job was very much an iceberg. I'd figure one thing out and find another three things to learn in the process."

His initial tasks included planning for 'big picture technology' such as servers, firewalls, and access points while also creating a staff device refresh cycle. New devices were being purchased on an as-needed basis, which created gaps in device quality and unbalanced yearly costs. He had also begun managing the district's phone system.

No later than 18 months into his new position, the COVID-19 pandemic drastically altered educational institutions across the world with little time for IT teams to prepare. For Tucholski, it was a team of one. A role that once involved ensuring internet connectivity in the school, providing devices for staff and students, and troubleshooting became even more multifaceted with the enormous task of now delivering remote learning throughout the county.

"I was driving back from a conference when it was announced we were going into lockdown," he remembers. "While we were one-to-one (student to laptop ratio) for 9-12th grade, we didn't want the middle school to fall behind. That gave me two days to collect any classroom cart Chromebooks and get them to students. We had enough devices to send home for the 7th and 8th graders. It was a very hectic two days which ended in a lunch time Chromebook assignment line. Thankfully, we were mostly prepared."

To add more to the already tumultuous time, Sevastopol was in the process of a \$25.1 million referendum to dismantle the 1924 and 1946 sections of the school while building a new elementary school and revamping the technology access within the school. If there was ever a time for Tucholski to showcase his talents and technology problem solving skills, this was it.

"Having the old building up and running made a lot of the move much easier as we had

Maple Syrup, Marchant Meats donated \$25

in bacon, and Fellner Orchards donated the

apples for the applesauce. The NHS would

also like to thank adult volunteers Roxanne

Schopf and Patty Webber, who worked hap-

pily through the evening with the students.

We would also like to thank administrators

Kyle Luedtke and Troy Schaefer who assisted

with cooking and serving as well as the secre-

taries and kitchen staff who helped organize

the event. If you would like to donate to next

year's pancake dinner, please contact Heather

Spetz at (920-743-6282 or hspetz@sevasto-

National Honor Society Pancake Supper



a solid base of operations," Tucholski said. "It went well overall, though we ran into a few bumps during construction.'

During the construction phases, Tucholski helped to repurpose the already owned server hardware that involved taking down from the old building and putting it into the new building. The move condensed four data closets from the 1924 section into three in the new building. Additionally, the clock, intercom and security systems were refreshed for the first time in well over a decade.

Not only did Tucholski handle the challenges before him, he developed a strong reputation at school for his quick response and solutions to technology related problems. Traditionally, technology requests were submitted via email and handled when time was available in the next couple days. With Tucholski at the helm, he would receive a request and oftentimes, within minutes, would be found in the room troubleshooting and eventually solving the issue. The value of his quick action leads to fewer interruptions in classrooms and loss of learning time for stu-

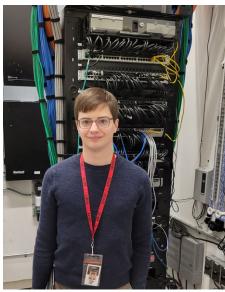
"Technology is great as you can try new things and if it breaks, you can undo the changes and try again," he said. "Most of the

Despite his work days being centered around technology, Tucholski spends much of his time with his wife, Sarah, and the family dogs - their basset hounds, Buford, Mabel and Sadie, a beagle mix.

"We'll be having our 10th wedding anniversary in June and will have been together 20 years this year," he said. "Sarah got into computers and gaming with me during college, which is something we still do today. She is also interested in technology and went back to school for some IT courses. She now works remotely as a business systems analyst, and I'm super proud of her."

On the front line at the 2023 NHS Pancake Supper, Lindsay

Lautenbach, Libby Ash, Claire Haberli, Roxanne Schopf, Bailey



Tucholski became Sevastopol's full-time IT Coordinator in 2018. Here he stands in one of the school's new data closets.



Steven Tucholski at age 11 with his brother, Brian, 14, next to their Packard Bell computer in 1998.

participate in an online survey by School Perceptions designed to encourage individuals to share their opinions on the state of the district in various areas. One such area is technology. For three years running, the technology score has received a 99 percent approval rating. If you're wondering if it'll ever reach 100 percent, it won't. Why? Well, the survey results simply do not allow for anything higher than

Jolene Luedtke, Bea Dramm and Ms. Spetz cook and pan

community members who dined at the annual event. Jolene

Luedtke and Libby Ash controlled the cooking and serving

of the meat, which was essential for having enough to serve

sausage and bacon to keep up with the more than 500

Each spring, all school staff are invited to

Literacy Luau

BY DEBBIE HURST, DISTRICT READING SPECIALIST

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The Literacy Luau was an amazing event for all who attended on April 27, 2023! Teachers and students set up 13 stations involving multisensory ways to incorporate literacy skills into many different activities. In the "Library Lounge," many special guest readers shared their favorite books with children of all ages in English and Spanish. We showed children how important step-by-step directions can be with an introduction to the art of Polynesian hula dancing. The families had the opportunity to earn a guess at tongue twister task.

As families continued on their journey through Sevastopol, there was a "Buscar (Scavenger Hunt)," in the Spanish room, which was a bilingual challenge for all ages! The families had to follow a series of clues to find objects within the Spanish classroom; some were in English and others were in Espanol. They used teamwork by finding another family that could help them in the opposite language-lots of laughs were had by all! There was an "Eruption of Sound," in the choir room where families learned the "Palm Tree Pond" if they could master a how to play the ukulele. They used the basic 12 alphabet cords to try and master this unique instrument. We even had a pro give

us pointers-thank you Mr. Lama! There was an old fashion Hawaiian themed bingo game inspired by Polynensian culture, mazes and even handprints to complete a project like C is for coconut, F is for flamingo, P is for pineapple or even V is for volcano. These stops along the way were filled with smiles from both young and old.

On the final part of this amazing journey, families traveled to the "Island of Inspiration" where they were inspired by the positive messages of the Hawaiian Islands. The families created sticker scenes, Hawaiian stencil scenes and/or bracelets with the spirit of Hawaii in

Sevastopol (aside from the new building and

technology department wing) was seeing so

many former students who are current staff

members. Being greeted, welcomed back and

receiving hugs brought him great joy. He was

also surprised to be able to reconnect with

some teachers who were here back when he

While there are some things that are still

being used from when he was last here 22

years ago, there were no plasma cutters, la-

sers, 3-D printers and CNC machines. It's

given him a chance to learn something new.

Leonardson enjoys getting a chance to help

Leonardson wants any of his former stu-

dents to know that he hasn't punished the

current students very much with his "groan-

ers!" At least not yet. He summed up his ex-

perience so far by saying, "Sevastopol is an

mind. They used common Hawaiian sayings like Aloha (hello), Ohana (family), Mahalo (thank you), or even A hui hou (until we meet again)! In the gym, families participated in a variety of kinesthetic challenges like sight words, golf, tiki bean bag alphabet toss, limbo rhyming competitions and the hula hoop challenge using the mental imaging (orthographic knowledge) of words. We also coordinated with the Reading is Fundamental team to allow families to "Surf the Scholastic Book Fair" during literacy night. Every family that participated in this year's event enjoyed our school's obvious love of learning!

Hired 56 Years Ago, Tech. Ed. Teacher Mr. Leonardson Returns to Sevastopol

BY AARON HILTS, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



Leonardson returned as a short-term substitute tech. ed. teacher this spring, 56 years after first being hired at

When Sevastopol needed a long-term substitute teacher to cover the tech ed teacher's paternity leave, the school turned to a familiar face. Ray Leonardson, who was hired by Carl Scholz in 1967 and taught in the technology education department until 2001, was tapped for the position. He previously taught graphic arts and photography, metal working including machine shop, welding and foundry as well as 8th grade home maintenance. In 2001, when he made the tough decision to retire, he knew he would miss the students and his classroom. He wanted to spend time with his wife, travel the United States as well as foreign countries.

When the 79-year old Leonardson was contacted this spring about returning, his initial reaction was, "You've got to be kidding!" followed quickly by, "I'd love to!"

Leonardson brings the enthusiasm of a much younger teacher - always smiling, excited and eager to focus on kids' learning as

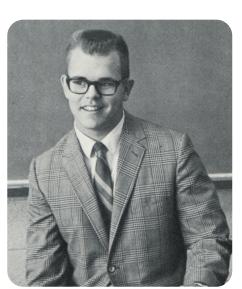
"The hearts of the kids are still the same, and I see such value and potential in each one of them," he said.

His biggest surprise upon returning to

awesome school!" We're glad you could come back Mr. Leonardson.

the students and Mr. Pahl.

was a full-time teacher.



Ray Leonardson in 1969 in his second year of teaching at

Sevastopol Summer Programming

BY MELISSA MARGGRAF, DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES



Mr. Skiba's Pioneer Camp at Heritage Village is one of the summer Burst programs being offered once again.

Can you believe it is almost summer? My hope is that students and staff are ready for a new and exciting summer session filled with fun and educationally impactful programming. Good things continue to happen at Sevastopol School.

Our traditional and summer enrichment programming is planned from June 12-29, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. here at Sevastopol and open to children in grades 4K-8. This summer, our students can expect a variety of classes that



Summer school runs in the mornings, Monday through Thursday, from June 12-29.

promote the arts, fitness, STEM and so much more. Academics are still very important and intervention programming will also be embedded within each morning's activities for students who will benefit from the additional

Those families who have registered will receive a confirmation letter by the end of May. The confirmation letter will also include all ians need to know for a successful summer

For the second consecutive year, we are also offering summer Burst programs. Burst classes are designed to be a short activity for a few hours or a few days and may or may not be held at school. This summer, students enrolled in Burst programs will be exploring pioneer life at Heritage Village, cooking and acting classes. These unique sessions require parent or guardian permission as well as transportation. Both choices have the very same goal. We want to engage as many young minds as we can while reinforcing how much fun learning can be!

Many thanks to our staff and families for their enthusiasm to extend learning opportunities for our Sevastopol students. The summer school enrollment period is closed. If there are any questions, please contact Melissa Marggraf in the Pupil Services at 920-

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Door County Champs Again in 2023!

BY TIM NEWTON, MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER

Congratulations to the Sevastopol Middle School Math Team. Four teams and 32 Sevastopol students competed in the 2023 Door County Math meet on March 14th. Sevastopol was able to take 1st and 2nd place at the meet. Team Calculators took 2nd place and the team Little Einsteins was able to keep the championship trophy at Sevastopol for the 8th straight year! Team members included Luke Filar, Savanna Kiehnau, Marcus Mann, Willa Kellan, Rachel Rock, Isaac Haszel, Paxton Linnan and Aaron Thomas. Sevastopol students recorded another great performance having 16 students within the top 20. Great job mathletes!



everyone throughout the night.

MathCounts Regional Meet

BY TIM NEWTON, MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER

Four students from the Sevastopol Middle School Math Team competed in the regional MathCounts meet at the Acuity building in Sheboygan on Feb. 4th. Team members were Aaron Thomas, Savanna Kiehnau, Rachel Rock and Luke Filar. There were 15 teams competing, and Sevastopol turned in the 5th highest team score. The top four teams advanced to state along with the top five individual scores of the remaining participants. Seventh grade student Aaron Thomas turned in a top five score and advanced to state and participated in the state meet on March 4th. Congratulations to Aaron and all the MathCounts participants. You represented Sevastopol well. Great

Fine Arts Night a Success

BY KLAYTON KINDT, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ART TEACHER, CARA KRUEGER, ELEMENTARY ART TEACHER,

AND SUSAN ANSCHUTZ, PUPIL SERVICES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SECRETARY

ton Kindt together with a team of other visionary staff welcomed the public to a Fine Arts Night at Sevastopol on Thursday, March 30. This fine art celebration of everything creative

Sevastopol art teachers Cara Krueger and Klay-

featured an elementary art show, a middle and high school art show, set designs by Sevastopol Destination Imagination teams, student musical ensembles and a gifted and talented program art display. Artwork was thoughtfully presented throughout many areas of the school. A pancake dinner and performances complemented this first-time community event.

"I wanted to make sure every artist feels both seen as well as celebrated," Krueger said. "It was a night to witness the many talents our students have and expose one another to a variety of different types of art."

According to Krueger, every single elementary student had two to four art pieces in the show. Middle school and high school student artists and musicians showcased what they had been working on all year. In addition to the showcase of student works, a special encore presentation of student artwork from past alumni was rein-

troduced as part of the Pioneer Legacy Gallery. This visual art collection represents works from one senior student selected each year over the past

"One aspect of the gallery that never changes is the incredible quality of the work," Kindt said. "Inspiration, subject matter and media pass in and out of favor over time, but the technical skills on display as part of the legacy gallery and at the fine arts show really define the strengths of our

The inspiration for the event came from Krueger's high school experience at New London. There was an event that started as a chili fundraiser for the school's art department. It grew into a weekend long community event that featured an arts and crafts fair, art show featuring both students and professionals and celebrated all art in the community.

"Why not start something like that here at Sevastopol?" Krueger asked herself.

With the support of school administration and staff, the school looks forward to future Sevastopol's Fine Arts Nights to flourish for years to









Athletic Update

BY BROOKE TANCK, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Spring sports in Wisconsin are always a gamble. With the WIAA season start dates placed in March, the number of contests played compared to what is scheduled is solely in the hands of Mother Nature. This spring, Sevastopol student-athletes and coaches experienced 34 cancelled, postponed, or rescheduled athletic events.

Spring sports participation numbers were great this year, and we were able to have full utilization of all of our home facilities. Sevastopol hosted three home track meets at our new facility and hosted five girls soccer matches. The Pioneer Athletic Booster Club has kept the cold and hungry fans well fed.

I'd like to compliment all of our spring coaches and coach volun-

teers for being flexible with scheduling and creative in keeping out athletes fresh!

Middle School Track: Annie Kapolnek, Bryan Kuehn, Matt Gosser

High School Track: Tanya Hasenjager, Chris Horvat, Demi Ploor

Softball: Brooke Bittorf, Heather Fellner-Spetz, Roxanne Schopf

Baseball: James Smasal, Elijah Reimer

Golf: John Miron

Soccer: Chad Andrae, Pedro Castillo, Madi Estes

Volunteer Coaches: Mike Asher, Sasha Laaksonen, Willie Schartner, Megan Lundahl

The softball team finished with

a three-way tie for second in the Packerland Conference with a 11-5 conference record (16-7 overall). The team competed in the Regional Championship game against #2 Almond-Brancroft and lost 11-4. Senior shortstop Bailey Rikkola has been named to the Wisconsin Softball Fastpitch Coaches Associations Senior All-Star team. Baseball finished the '22-'23 season with a 2-21 overall record with a sweep of Saint Thomas Aquinas. The Sevastopol/Gibraltar United soccer team finished regular season play with a 5-11-2. They grabbed the #9 seed for playoffs. Junior Ezra Linnan broke the school's steeplechase record with a time of 7:29:30 and advanced to sectionals in two events. Juniors Kylee Duessler (200 m), Bea Dramm (1600m and 3200m)

and Danica Werkheiser (high jump) all punched their ticket to the WIAA Division 3 State Track and Field Championship. The Pioneer golfers top finishes this year include two back to back fourth place finishes. Junior Frankie de Young has a great season recording a 43 as is best round of nine well senior Henry Bley's best was a 46.

Congratulations to our spring sport athletes for bringing home Packerland All-Conference honors:

Naomi Rikkola Sophomore First-Team Infielder

Jolene Luedtke First-Team Outfielder

Libby Ash First-Team Utility Kayla Ranly Sophomore Second Team Catcher Bailey Rikkola Second Team Infielder

Johanna Andreae Second Team Outfielder

Claire Haberli Honorable Mention Infielder

Danica Werkheiser Junior First-Team High Jump (Took 1st At Conference)

Bea Dramm Second Team 3200 Meet (Took 2nd At Conference)

Thank you to all community members for coming out and supporting our student-athletes during this cold, wet, and windy spring and to the many officials, bus drivers, maintenance staff, and event workers that made these events possible for our students!

GO PIONEERS!

Athletic Hall of Fame Update

BY BROOKE TANCK, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The Sevastopol High School Athletic Hall of Fame is now in its second year. Applications for the Class of 2023 were accepted between March 15-April 15. The Class of 2023 will be selected by May 30. All inductees, families and friends will be invited to the Hall of Fame Ceremony on Friday, September 15th. Recipients will receive formal invitations in June with RSVPs due July 15th. Athletes, coaches, volunteers and teams will be recognized for their achievements and contributions to Sevastopol High School athletics and will receive a plaque in the Hall of Fame displayed by the high school gymnasium. We look forward to celebrating the Pioneers of the past!

CATEGORIES & ELIGIBILITY

Male/Female Athlete: Athletes must be graduates of Sevastopol. Athletes must have demonstrated distinguished achievement in interscholastic athletic competition sponsored by Sevastopol as well as the core values of passion, hard work and integrity. Athletes become eligible 10 years after graduation. Nominees include school record holders, individual state champions, conference champions, conference player of the year, all-conference, all-state and/or three-year letter winner in the same sport.

Coaches: Coaches shall have been involved with the same sports program for a minimum of five years. Coaches must have demonstrated a high degree of success with-

in their sports program(s). Success is not to be measured solely on the basis of wins and losses. Coaches become eligible immediately after retirement from coaching at Sevastopol. Coach nominated was coach of a state championship team, conference coach of the year, conference championship team or regional/ sectional championship.

Team: Teams who have demonstrated high athletic achievement are eligible. A team may be eligible after five years following the most significant accomplishment. Team achievements include conference, regional, sectional, or state championships.

Volunteer or Sports Contributor: Eligible for nomination is an individual or group who has helped to develop and foster growth

of athletics in the Sevastopol community. Nominees may have contributed to the program in ways other than being an athlete (community support, administrator, business support, medical profession, etc.).

Class of 2022

Clayton "Junior" Haen – Male Athlete Michelle Bushman – Female Athlete

Dan Hein – Coach

Cassie Cibik-Moeller – Coach

Paula Symons – Sports Contributor

1955-56 Wrestling Team

1975-76 Boys Basketball Team



The Pioneer Legacy Collection

BY KLAYTON KINDT, HIGH SCHOOL ART TEACHER

The Pioneer Legacy Collection is a permanent assembly of artworks created by Sevastopol high school students that exemplify excellence in subject, media and talent. The collection began when high school art teacher Jim Rericha imagined a new tradition in which the incredible talent and hard work of the students in the fine visual arts program at our school would be prominently displayed for the greater Sevastopol community

is selected each academic year, typically created by a senior artist. The honor includes professional matting and framing, official recognition and a permanent fixture within the school's hallways.

to appreciate. A single artwork

The initial collection was started in conjunction with an arts merit award program called Artists-in-Education. Artworks were

added to the collection in this convention through the year 2009. Moving forward, each piece would be selected as a Superintendent

Purchase Award. High school art teacher Ashley LaVick added several new student pieces during her six-year tenure. Currently, high school art teacher Klayton Kindt has continued to expand the collection since the year 2016. This tradition has

Bianca Stanger. connected students, teachers and the community throughout the past and present, and has established a generational value that will continue to endure into the future.

The fall of 2021 once again marked the ending of one era and the beginning of another. This time, it was the grand opening of a new school building. With it came an opportunity to bring fresh life and new light to the noticeably aged collection. With the

The Pioneer Legacy Gallery in full panoramic view is located outside of the Carl Scholz Pioneer Room.

financial backing from Sturgeon Bay's Miller Art addi-Museum, funding tional from the generous Raibrook Foundation and contributing funds from the Jim Rericha estate, each piece was re-matted, reframed and hung with new gallery hardware in the highest trafficked hallway of our new school. It was then that the collection received its official title: The Pioneer Legacy Collection.



This is an unidentified piece from the 2013-2015 era that needs the artist's name for their due credit. Please contact kkindt@ sevastopolschool.com if you know who made this piece.

Congratulations and thank you to these

Sevastopol School employees who mark milestone employment anniversaries at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Your years of service are a testimony of your dedication to the Sevastopol School students.

15 YearsPeggy Bagnall - Custodian

Chris Horvat - High School Special Education Teacher

Theresa LaPlant - Food Service

Melissa Malcore - Middle School/High School Guidance Counselor Brooke Tanck - Gifted and Talented Teacher and Athletic

Director

10 Years

Kristen Alberston - 4K Teacher

Megan Horvat - Kindergarten Teacher

Ann Poor - 1st Grade Teacher

Holly Retzlaff - Elementary School Guidance Counselor

Erwin Smejkal - Bus Driver

Steven Tucholski - Information Technology Director

Jennifer Wiesner - Elementary Physical Education

Teacher 5 Years

5 Years
Kimberly Hayward - Food Service
Aaron Hilts - Elementary/Middle School Principal
Chris Irwin - Instructional Aide
Mary Jackson - Instructional Aide
Tiffany Kelsey - Instructional Aide
Laura Lempke - Instructional Aide
Julie Salisbury - Instructional Aide
Dina Sanders - English Language Learners Teacher

Kyle Schleis - High School Mathematics Teacher

Pioneers Bring Home Two Global Championships

BY MINDI VANDERHOOF, DESTINATION IMAGINATION TEAM MANAGER

Sevastopol School brought home two additional Global Destination Imagination championships, bringing their total to 15. Three teams represented Sevastopol School at the Global Destination Imagination competition in Kansas City, Missouri May 20-23.

The high school engineering team, The Ulitmate Miners, comprised of Evan Isaksen, Marcus Mann, Zoey Copiskey, Ben Martin, Finn Mathews, and Liam Schultz, coached by Nick Schultz and Jenny Hobart, won first place in their challenge "Thrill Ride". Sevastopol has built up a reputation in the engineering challenge as 13 out of its 15 championships have come from this category. When it was the Ultimate Miners turn to present their solution, the room was packed with spectators from around the world video taping their presentation.

Quote from Annie or Jerry

The engineering team also took home the DaVinci award for their bouncy mine cart ride, an accidental explosion, and a tumbling roller coaster that left the appraisers' heads spinning. According to appraisers, "This team really thrilled the appraisers with their entire presentation. The team's unique design used a single mouse trap to trigger a rotating drum powered by a counterweight. This team showed incredible creativity and attention to detail in every aspect of their solution, including a collapsing mine shaft with a 3d illusion and a bouncing mine cart. All in all, this solution was dynamite!"

This is the second consecutive global championship for the Miners.

Quote needed

The elementary scientific team, Da' Magix, comprised of Mayra Cordua Stenzel, Margaret Thomas, Jackson Toivonen, Silas Martin, Ryder Ortmayer, Will Ortmayer, and Shane Leist, coached by Mindi Vanderhoof and Shelley Stenzel, won first place in their challenge "Far Fetched". Da' Magix also won the highest Instant Challenge award. This is the second consecutive global championship and highest instant challenge award for this team.

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The elementary fine arts team, The 7 Musketeers, comprised of Jaya Lama, Henry Mathews, Madi Jarosh, Ali Czagas, Willa Raynier, Preston Surfus, and Grace Brandenburg, coached by Kim Lama and Susan Czagas, tied for 16th place in their challenge "Flip the Script".

Sevastopol Destination Imagination would like to thank everyone who helped send these teams to globals. It truely was a community effort. So, whether you came to the showcase event, donated money, bought flowers, ate at the Nightengale, ate at Culver's, patronized Starboard Brewing, bought raffle tickets, donated to the silent auction, wrote a story, shared our posts on facebook, or donated your time to help with these endeavors, thank you!

"From the beginning, I knew that this would be a story of a small community coming together to send these three teams to the global competition," team manager Vanderhoof said. "Our community came through for us in a huge way. It was a true testament to why our community is so special. To bring home two global championships is icing on the cake."

