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## EASTERN LEBANON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MISSION STATEMENT

To provide quality educational opportunities for all students so that, as citizens, they can successfully meet the challenges and responsibilities of the future.

## ELCO HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The fifty-first commencement ceremony for the Eastern Lebanon County School District was held in the New Beginnings Auditorium in Myerstown on Thursday, June 5, 2014.

Joseph Naughton delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The senior members of the ELCO High School Chorus sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and Mindy Hill welcomed family and friends to the ceremony. Chad Hollinger and Philip Kline, student orators, presented their speeches, "Attitude Adjustment" and "Strive for Greatness" respectively. The ELCO High School Concert Choir presented the choral selection "Like an Eagle."

Mr. Richard Sweger, Jr., High School Assistant Principal, introduced Mr. James Weaver, who was selected by the senior class as the commencement speaker. Mr. Weaver taught Physical Education and Drivers' Education at the High School for 28 years and retired at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Dr. Terrie Stauffer, Assistant to the Superintendent, presented Mr. Weaver with the Distinguished Faculty Award.

Mrs. Laurie Bowersox, ELCO Intermediate School Principal, and Mr. Jamie Cascarino, Principal of Fort Zeller and Jackson Elementary Schools, presented the departmental awards to the top scholastic students (over four years) in 13 curricular areas. Each recognized student received a monetary award sponsored by the ELCO Renaissance Club. The departments and students were as follows:

**Agriculture Science:** Olivia Clelan

**Art:** Nicolas Wood

**Business Education:** Justin Gerhart

**English:** Margo Keller

**Family & Consumer Science:** Nicole Miller

**Mathematics:** Chad Hollinger

**Music:** Emily Sheaffer

**Physical Education:** Amber Hartranft & Steven Rhoades

**Science:** Margo Keller

**Social Studies:** Elizabeth Schomp

**Technology Education:** Nathaniel Flory

**World Language:** Margo Keller

**Lebanon County Career & Tech Center:** Carolyn Obregon & Brian Kegerreis



Superintendent, Dr. David Zuilkoski, presented the Valedictorian, Philip Kline, and Salutatorian, Chad Hollinger, with their awards. Rev. Leon Moll delivered the Board of Education message.

Ms. Jennifer Haas, High School Principal, introduced the Class of 2014 as having fulfilled all requirements for graduation and affirmed that the graduating students were eligible to receive their diplomas. School Board members Mr. Scott Houtz and Mr. R. Edward

**ELCO HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT...Continued**

Gardener presented the diplomas to the graduates while Mr. Richard Sweger read the class roll. Mr. Michael Gerhart, Middle School Principal, assisted in the diploma presentations and Ms. Jennifer Haas changed the graduates' tassels.

Senior Class President, Dayna Willhoyte, presented the class gift and Margo Keller gave the farewell speech. The evening concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater.

**STUDENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

CONGRATULATIONS!!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

**Senator Folmer Good Citizenship Award:** Gracie Iezzi & Trent Shott

**Representative Swanger Leadership Award:** Vivian Lattanze & Clark Lovell

**Good Neighbor Award:** Julianna Bowers, Jalissa Nolt, Tyler Shott & Clark Lovell

**Woodmen of the World Award:** Vivian Lattanze & Christian Spitler

**HIGH SCHOOL:****Departmental Awards****Agriculture Science**

DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award

NOCTI Award

**Art - Senior Portfolio Award**

2D

3D

Best Overall

**Business - FBLA**

FBLA Student of the Year

Xerox Award for Innovation & Info. Technology

Trout, Ebersole & Groff, LLP Acct/Bookkeeping Award

**English - SIGMA Awards**

Editor-in-Chief Award

Assistant Editor Award

DVD Editor Award

**Music**

Myerstown Sr. Women's Club - Music & Drama Division

Outstanding Dramatic Actor

Patrick S. Gilmore Outstanding Instrumentalist

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

John Phillips Sousa Outstanding Instrumentalist Award

Director's Award

Outstanding Accompanist Award

Outstanding Brass Player Award

Outstanding Choral Award

Outstanding Percussionist Award

Outstanding Theater Technician

Outstanding Woodwind Award

Olivia Clelan

Olivia Clelan

Elizabeth Schomp

Stephen Rhoades

Nicolas Wood

Leanne Superdock

Claire Shaak

Dylan Bennett

Autumn Chappel

Kendra Kineg, Cassandra Shimp, Emily Weaver

Lisa Koppenhaver

Hannah Baker

Rachel Ficco

Philip Kline

Jacob Bernat

Nicolas Wood

Emily Sheaffer

Joseph Naughton

Cassidy Hickernell

Travis Houtz

Drew Landuyt

Hannah Ficco

***STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION...Continued***

L-L Music Educator's Assoc. Student Honors

Band

Chorus

Jazz

Keyboard

Marching Band

Orchestra

Show Choir

Jacob Bernat

Joseph Naughton

Philip Kline

Emily Sheaffer

Hannah Ficco

Rachel Ficco

Travis Houtz

**Science**

Hatzel Zeplin Memorial Environmental

Lillian Gardener, Hannah Hentz,

Kasandra Stoudt, Nicolas Wood

Bausch &amp; Lomb Science Award

Laura Fiorini

American Chemical Society Outstanding HS Chem Student

Macey Dundore

**Social Studies**

Woodman of the World American History Award

Eric Smith

Frederick Douglas &amp; Susan B. Anthony Award

Micah Musser

**CTC Awards****Auto Body Technology**

Most Improved Student Award

Marcus Feliciano

NOCTI Advanced Certificate Recipient

Marcus Feliciano

Student of the Quarter

Marcus Feliciano

**Dental Assistant**

Excellence in Education Honoree

Carolyn Obregon

Myerstown Lions Club Award

Carolyn Obregon

National Technical Honor Society Member

Carolyn Obregon

Student of the Quarter

Brittany Lohnes &amp; Carolyn Obregon

Tech Centers That Work Educational Achievement Award

Carolyn Obregon

**Diesel Truck Technology**

NOCTI Competent Certificate Recipient

Clayton Wolfe

**Health Careers Technology**

NOCTI Advanced Certificate Recipient

Cheyenne Thorpe

**Industrial Machine Technology**

Student of the Quarter

Graham Martin

**Landscape Technology**

Lebanon County Builders Assoc. Award

Ian Bachleda

National Technical Honor Society Member

Ian Bachleda

SkillsUSA District Gold Medalist

Ian Bachleda

Student of the Quarter

Ian Bachleda &amp; Brian Kegerreis

**Medical Assistant**

Student of the Quarter

Lauren Fox, Brittany Hartman,

Deanna Kunder, Mackenzie Meginley,

Eleora Stevenson, Kaitlynn Strickler

Brittany Hartman &amp; Kaitlynn Strickler

Eleora Stevenson

Kaitlynn Strickler

Outstanding Medical Assistant-Work Ethic &amp; Professionalism

HOSA State Leadership Conference-Third Place Medalist

Tech Centers That Work Educational Achievement Award

**Network Technology**

Student of the Quarter

Matthew Finkey

**Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning**

CSST Gas Piping Installers Certification

Joseph Zimmerman

***STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION...Continued***

**Sports Therapy Sciences**

Myerstown Lions Club Award  
National Technical Honor Society Member  
Student of the Quarter

**Welding Technology**

Student of the Quarter

**Enlisting in the Military**

Air Force  
Air Force National Guard  
Army  
Army National Guard  
Navy

**Character Education Program**

Gratitude  
Respect  
Cyber Bullying

**Additional Scholarships/Awards**

A. Landis Brackbill  
Abe Wagner Memorial  
Animal Health Care of Myerstown  
Anna Zimmerman Reath  
Bayer "Making Science Make Sense"  
Carl "Gib" Gibble Memorial  
Congressman Gerlach's Good Citizenship Award  
DAR Good Citizen  
Dr. Henry & Phyllis Levengood Wasserman  
E. Jerry Brooks Academic Excellence Award  
ELCEA

ELCO Cheerleading Boosters  
ELCO Class of 1964 Scholarship  
ELCO Staff

ELCO Volleyball  
Fackler-Hower Award  
Family & Children's Services of Lebanon County  
Fred Poorman Memorial  
French Club Award  
Ft. Zeller PTF  
George Eastman Young Leaders Award  
Harvey L. Nitrauer  
Heidelberg Lioness Award  
In Honor of Ronald Hetrick  
Jackson Elementary PTO  
Jason Dubble Memorial  
Kiwanis Club of Lebanon Scholar Athlete  
La Sociedad Honoria Hispanica  
Lebanon County Educational Honor Society Book  
Lebanon County Federation of Women's Club

Avery Rohr  
Avery Rohr  
Avery Rohr

Daryl Hackman Jr.

Sabrina Yeagley  
Hannah Baker  
Dakota Ditzler  
Eric Smith  
Makayla Herb

Cody Horst  
Philip Kline & Lisa Koppenhaver  
Mindy Hill & Margo Keller

Philip Kline & Elizabeth Schomp  
Philip Kline & Chad Puglio  
Margo Keller  
Taylor Cairns  
Nicolas Wood  
Clayton Wolfe  
Chad Hollinger & Emily Sheaffer  
Christine Wolfe  
Margo Keller  
Margo Keller & Philip Kline  
Amber Hartranft, Mindy Hill, Cody Horst,  
Margo Keller, Nicolas Wood  
Savannah Belleman  
Bethany Beard & Philip Kline  
Bethany Beard, Alena Chekanov, Justin  
Gerhart, Kathleen Gilbertson, Philip Kline,  
Christine Wolfe  
Hannah Hentz  
Justine Eldridge & Marshall Witmer  
Deanna Kunder  
Philip Kline & Steven Rhoades  
Joseph Naughton  
Justin Gerhart & Chad Hollinger  
Hannah Kercher  
Lisa Koppenhaver  
Nathaniel Flory & Margo Keller  
Taylor Cairns  
Amber Hartranft & Joseph Naughton  
Margo Keller  
Amber Hartranft & Philip Kline  
Mindy Hill  
Joseph Naughton  
Rachel Schafebook

**STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION...Continued**

Lebanon Co. Fed. of Women's Club Student Nursing Grant  
 Lebanon County Home Economics Association Award  
 Lebanon Federal Credit Union  
 Lebanon Valley Chamber Foundation Technical College  
 Moyer-Longacre  
 Mrs. Weaver's Education Award  
 Myerstown Alumni  
 Myerstown Elementary PTO  
 Myerstown VFW Memorial Post 6076  
 Myerstown-ELCO Rotary Club Award

Noel K. Hertzog Memorial  
 Penn State Club  
 Pop Kelcher Award  
 President's Volunteer Service Award  
 Principal's Choice Art Award

Principal's Leadership Award  
 Richland Alumni  
 Richland Post 880/Clarence Spangler Award

Paul Whitman Memorial Award

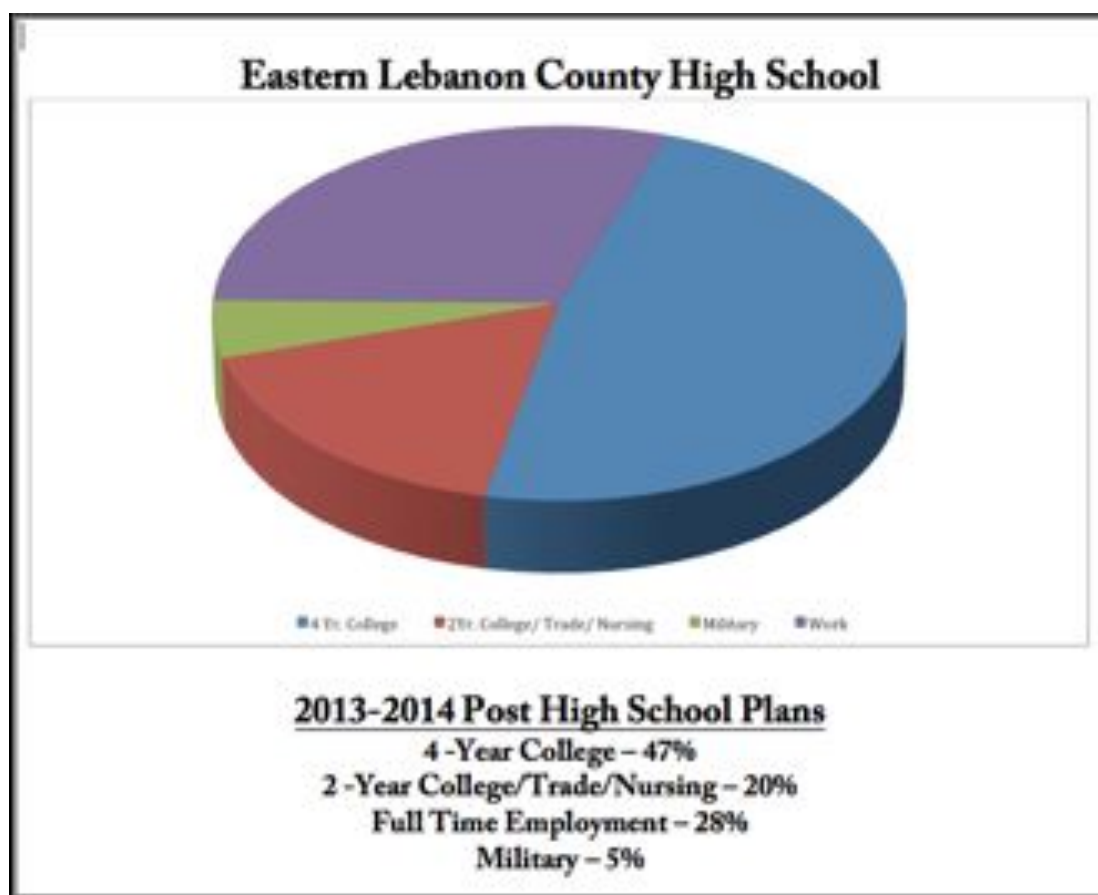
Robert "Barney" Hoffman Alumni Soccer  
 Robert Clauser Memorial Award  
 Robert R. Lengle Memorial  
 The Myrle Mann Kline & Richard Mann Kline  
 Travelers Protective Assoc. of America Altruism Award  
 U.S. Army Scholar-Athlete  
 U.S. Marine Distinguished Athlete Award  
 U.S. Marine Scholastic Excellence Award  
 U.S. Marine Semper Fidelis Award for Music Excellence  
 Viva Watts Nursing

Leah Nelson  
 Kasandra Stoudt  
 Deanna Kunder  
 Nathaniel Flory  
 Justine Eldridge  
 Megan Marsh  
 Cody Horst & Christine Wolfe  
 Derek Miller & Christine Wolfe  
 Bethany Beard & Clayton Wolfe  
 McKenna Achenbach, Justin Gerhart,  
   Mindy Hill, Philip Kline  
 Justin Gerhart  
 Hannah Hentz  
 Cheyanne Hassler & Steven Rhoades  
 Ian Bachleda  
 2D: Nicolas Wood  
 3D: Cassidy Hickernell  
 Lauren Newhouse  
 Justin Gerhart & Clayton Wolfe  
 Savannah Belleman, Justin Gerhart, Chad  
   Hollinger & Deanna Kunder  
 Cody Horst, Deanna Kunder, Philip Kline,  
   Leah Nelson & Dylan Ziegler  
 Collin Krall  
 Travis Houtz  
 Nicholas Knight  
 Elizabeth Schomp  
 Kasandra Stoudt  
 Margo Keller & Philip Kline  
 Delaney Houtz & Derek Miller  
 Margo Keller & Philip Kline  
 Jacob Bernat & Emily Sheaffer  
 Kathleen Gilbertson

The preceding organizations, together with the ELCO Renaissance program and ELCO Education Foundation have helped graduating students achieve their dreams through continuing education, by providing these scholarships. Please help support these organizations that offer so much to enrich the lives of our students and community.

For more information on how your company or organization can arrange a scholarship, please call the ELCO High School Guidance office for more information at (717) 866-7117 ext. 2005.





#### **SUMMER BANDAPALOOZA 2014**

Students of the ELCO instrumental music department in rising grades 5-9 will be presenting a band concert this July. This annual summer concert is called the ***“Summer Bandapalooza”***. It will be held in the Middle School cafeteria on **Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** The directors are Mr. Craig DeVore (Middle School Band Director) and Mr. Mike Stauffer (Intermediate School Band Director). The concert is free of charge, and is open to the public.

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

#### February 2014

Mackenzie Buck,  
daughter of George  
& Stacey Buck



Brandon Bernard,  
son of Brandon &  
Sherrie Bernard



#### March 2014

Grace Ginder,  
daughter of Daniel &  
Juliet Ginder



Logan Tice, son of  
Michael & Jennifer  
Tice



#### April 2014

Molly Gray, daughter  
of Ruthanne & Greg  
Gray



Colton Ocker, son of  
Orville & Danette  
Ocker



#### May 2014

Haley Thunberg,  
daughter of Scott &  
Faith Thunberg



Isaac Long, son of  
Kevin & Michelle  
Long



### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### February 2014

Heather Gettle,  
daughter of Kevin &  
Kristi Gettle



Ethan Gregorzek,  
son of David &  
Kellie Gregorzek



#### March 2014

Jalissa Nolt, daughter  
of Kaylin & Desaray  
Nolt



Mason Bennetch, son  
of Scott & Melanie  
Bennetch



**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH...Continued**

**April 2014**

Vanessa Buzey, daughter  
of Pavel & Inna Buzey



Cody Speicher, son of  
Mark & Annamarie  
Speicher



**May 2014**

Monica Arnold, daughter of  
Pat & Sharon Arnold



Seth Noll, son of Travis  
& Kim Noll




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**HIGH SCHOOL**

**January 2014**

Elizabeth Schomp,  
daughter of Tom Schomp  
& Wendy Newbegin



Chad Puglio, son of  
Michael & Tess Puglio



**February 2014**

Kayla Harnish, daughter  
of Bryan & Sharon  
Harnish



Seth Martin, son of Ivan  
& Rosene Martin



**March 2014**

Hannah Hentz, daughter  
of Scott & Suellen Hentz



Justin Gerhart, son of  
Roger & Amy Hehnlly



**April 2014**

Alena Chekanov, daughter  
of Leonid & Lyubov  
Chekanov



Cody Horst, son of Josef &  
Lori Horst





**ELCO RETIREES – “OUR THANKS AND BEST WISHES!”***Left to Right:*

**Donna Collins**–Custodian, **David Hull**–Teacher of the Gifted, **Stephanie Bicher**–3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, **Gwen Boltz**–Business Manager, **Betty Umberger**–Cafeteria, **James Weaver**–HS Health & Phys Ed Teacher, **Brian Klinger**–Intermediate School Choral Teacher

*Not Pictured:* **Joyce Warholic**–1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, **Roxann Heisey**–Custodian

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION SERVICE AWARDS**

*The following ELCO employees are being recognized for their years of service.*

**5 YEARS**

Kylie Bingaman  
Sara Faust  
Todd Gaffney  
Michael Gerhart  
Wyatt Hall  
Monica Hill  
Jennifer Martin  
Sean Miller  
Beth Quenzer  
Kristi Reichard  
Angela Rodriguez  
Holly Serio  
James Smith  
Christina Watson

**10 YEARS**

Linda Beck  
Scot Fasnacht  
Charles Gerberich  
Heather Gery  
Jennifer Haas  
Lucy Hollinger  
Erin Marquette  
Michael O'Neill  
Patricia Polynone  
Amy Shucker  
Christina Ulrey  
Mary Weigley

**15 YEARS**

Stephanie Bohannon  
Gwen Boltz

**15 YEARS.....continued**

Todd Dresch  
Mary Goonan  
Stephanie Hammer  
Kori Landis  
Elizabeth Weidner

**20 YEARS**

Georgie Beck  
Travis Bicher  
Sheri Davis  
Cynthia Gernert  
Joanne Houtz  
Michael Lucky  
Suzanne Lucky  
Jan Ogurcak  
Brian Trupp

**25 YEARS**

John Carley  
Donna Kurtz  
Glenda Ogurcak  
Patricia Swanger  
Joyce Warholic

**30 YEARS**

Brenda Miller  
Karen Mohn

**35 YEARS**

Brian Klinger

## PROFESSIONAL & SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



**Left to Right:** Holly Hartman, Jane Spangler, Susan Harper, and Sara Faust

### ELEMENTARY:

#### **Sara Faust**

Sara graduated from ELCO in 2003 and continued her education at Lebanon Valley College. In 2007, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with a certification in Special Education. She started her teaching career as a Learning Support teacher at Palmyra Area School District, and then in 2009 she became a Primary Learning Support teacher at Fort Zeller Elementary School. In 2012, she earned her Masters of Science in Education from Wilkes University. Currently, she is working toward earning her reading specialist certificate from Millersville University.

She resides in the ELCO School District with her husband Terry, her sons Trey (3 years old) and Tyler (2 years old), and her Standard Poodle named Sophie. She enjoys spending time with family and relaxing when she has a spare moment.

"I feel very blessed to be a teacher at Fort Zeller Elementary School and I enjoy going to work everyday. I love my job because of the wonderful people and students that I work with on a daily basis. I enjoy helping and watching my students progress and make academic gains." - Sara

### SECONDARY:

#### **Holly Hartman**

Holly graduated from William Allen High School in Allentown; then attended Shippensburg University where she played volleyball and competed with the track and field team. At Ship she earned a Bachelor's of Science in Business Education and later earned her Vocational Cooperative Education Certification from Temple University. In 2001, she earned a Master's Degree in Classroom Technology from Wilkes University. Holly began her teaching career at Reading High School where she taught for three years, then was hired by Wilson High School for two more years. For the past 16 years, Holly has been employed by ELCO where she teaches various business courses and oversees the cooperative work placement program. She has been an assistant track and field coach for those 16 years and coordinated the youth track program for 13 years. She recently volunteered as a volleyball coach and has been one of the supervisors for RaiderTHON, which helped the ELCO District raise over \$35,000 for the Four Diamonds Fund over the last five years.

Holly and her husband, Michael, reside in Myerstown with their children Brittany and Bradley. In their free time they like to exercise, farm, hunt, and relax with family and friends.

Holly feels it has been a blessing to teach at ELCO because of the great students she has had the opportunity to educate and coach over the years. She believes it is also a privilege to work with so many talented colleagues who dedicate their lives to helping students prepare for their future.

### SUPPORT STAFF:

#### **Jane Spangler and Susan Harper**

Jane and Susan were selected as Support Staff Members of the Year and are the Administrative Assistant team at the ELCO Middle School. Working with students, parents and staff, they help to keep the middle school running smoothly. Jane has been with the district for 21-years and Susan for 14-years.

## ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING

It is hard to believe that the 2013-2014 school year has concluded. The spring sports season was a very successful one for all of our programs.

### Track & Field

Congratulations to the girl's program for completing the season with a 6-1 record only losing one time to the eventual section champion. Top performers on the team were Margo Keller, Chandelle Keller, Elizabeth Schomp, Tabitha Litschi, and Justine Eldridge. Elizabeth Schomp set the school record in the pole vault with a jump of 10' 0". Congratulations to Elizabeth Schomp and Tabitha Litschi for qualifying for the District III AAA Track & Field meet.

The boy's team also had a successful season with a 6 - 1 record with their only defeat from the eventual section champion. Congratulations to Shawn Gordon who qualified for the District III AAA Track & Field meet. Gordon also set the school record in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.0 seconds.

The "Bob and Louise Trump Junior High Invitational" was successful again this past season. Special thanks to the Booster Club, athletes, and coaching staff for making this day successful. Bob and Louise Trump have been the major contributors to this event, which started 21 years ago.

### Baseball

The baseball team completed the season with an 11 - 9 record and missed qualifying for the district playoffs by one spot in the power rankings. The team was led by pitchers Grant Fisher and Jake Stager. Jack Mays, Tyler Starry, Cody Horst, Steven Rhoades, Travis Zimmerman, and John Gettle led the team at the plate. Special thanks to announcer, Keith DuBois and scorekeeper, Ryan Leppo for doing a great job at the home games. Special thanks to the baseball team for their support of the Wounded Warrior Project in their game against Donegal. It was not only a great day, but funds were raised to support this superb program. Congratulations to Cody Horst (1<sup>st</sup> team) and Travis Zimmerman (2<sup>nd</sup> team) for being named to the LLL Section III All-Star Team.

### Softball

The softball team completed the season with an 11 - 8 record and missed qualifying for the district playoffs by one spot in the power rankings. Claire Shaak had a superb year pitching and hitting for the Raiders. Star player Cheyenne Hassler unfortunately missed the entire season to an illness. Congratulations to Claire Shaak, Olivia Hess, and McKenna Achenbach for making the first team LLL All-Stars. Beth Hess and Courtney Hogeland were named Honorable Mention. Shaak also set school records with the most doubles in a season with twelve and the most strikeouts in a game with fifteen.

### Boys Tennis

The tennis team completed a tremendous season with a 13 - 6 record. The team was crowned co-champions with Cedar Crest for the County Championship, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Districts and qualified for the PIAA Tournament. Congratulations to Adam Bahney and Galen McNaughton who won the League Tournament in AA Doubles. Bahney finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the District III AA Singles Tournament and qualified for the PIAA Tournament losing in the quarterfinal round. Congratulations to Galen McNaughton and Austen Davis for qualifying for the District III AA Doubles Tournament. Also, congratulations to head coach, Zach Cook, who was selected as "*Coach of the Year*".

The High School Awards Program was held on Wednesday, May 28. Travis Houtz received the Robert Clauser Memorial Award. Marshall Witmer and Justine Eldridge won the PIAA District III Sportsmanship award. Phil Kline and Margo Keller were winners of the District III Academic Excellence award.

Stephen Rhoades and Cheyenne Hassler were ELCO's nominees for the Pop Kelchner Award. Every school in the county and surrounding areas nominate a female and male athlete to represent their school. These individuals were honored at a student-athlete recognition breakfast on Sunday, May 18 at the Lebanon Days Inn.



***ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING...Continued***

Amber Hartranft and Phil Kline were selected as the Lebanon Valley Kiwanis Scholar Athletes. This award goes to a male and female athlete that is both excellent in the classroom and athletic field. They were treated to a luncheon on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in Lebanon.

Elizabeth Schomp and Phil Kline were ELCO's selections for the A. Landis Brackbill Award. This award goes to the top male and female student-athlete in the Lancaster-Lebanon League. All applicants must have participated in a minimum of two sports and have a minimum 3.0 grade point average throughout their high school career. All the student-athletes nominated for this award in the Lancaster-Lebanon League were recognized at a Luncheon on Tuesday, May 20 at the Eden Resort.

Physicals for fall sports will be held on Tuesday, August 5 in the ELCO High School Cafeteria. Fall athletes should report at 5:30 p.m. **All athletes will be charged a fee of \$25 for their physical, which must be paid that night.**

Coaches, parents, and the community are encouraged to follow our sports schedule, which can be found on [www.schedulestar.com](http://www.schedulestar.com) (previously highschoolsports.net). From the website, enter "*Eastern Lebanon Co Sr HS or Eastern Lebanon County MS*". You can then choose to view by "*Season*" to get the individual sport schedules. A link to this site is on the ELCO athletic webpage on the upper right corner labeled "*Athletic Calendar*".

You may also choose to follow the ELCO Athletic Department on Twitter to get updates of scores, postponements, and other important information about ELCO athletics by following **@\_dbohannon**.

## GEORGE ROHR MEMORIAL PRESS BOX

George Rohr, former longtime Director of Buildings and Grounds for the ELCO School District passed away on April 5, 2012. The family set up a Memorial Fund in his name. In desperate need of repair, and with little money available in the school budget, the ELCO Stadium Press Box was deteriorating. It was decided by the school district and family that the stadium press box be named in memory of George Rohr with the funds being used to repair the structure. A dedication ceremony was held in October of 2012.



Stan Sicinski and Doug Bohannon spearheaded the project to repair and refurbish the George Rohr Memorial Press Box. Carrie Boyer, a member of the ELCO School Board and owner of Woodland Construction Co., was instrumental in obtaining and donating new windows, paneling, and countertops. Plain & Fancy Custom Cabinetry donated storage cabinets; and Tom Morrissey TV and Appliance and Martin Appliance donated air conditioning units. Leftover floor tiles from the newly built Intermediate School were used, and paint and other materials from Ace Hardware were obtained at a huge discount. New chairs and ceiling tiles were purchased from the memorial funds. The padded-designed chairs will also be used for indoor sports such as volleyball, basketball, and wrestling events in the high school throughout the school year.



The labor involved many additional helpers. John Carley, Industrial Technology teacher in the High School provided students from his classes and used the tools from the school to help dismantle the press box. Keldon Merkel spearheaded the students from Mr. Carley's class to remove the ceiling tiles, paneling, countertop, carpeting and dispose of the mess. A big "thank you" to TNT Sanitation who provided a huge dumpster at no charge. Stan Sicinski, Doug Bohannon, and Keith Miller installed the ceiling tiles, and Greg Fields installed the floor tiles. The press box doors were painted blue and gold by Stan Sicinski and Keith Miller with assistance from Dayna Willhoyte and Blaine Troutman who are members of the girls and boys soccer teams respectively. Special thanks to Doug Dresch, the Director of Building and Grounds and his staff for installing the air conditioning units and helping out with odds and ends of the renovation of the George Rohr Memorial Press Box.

The project is ongoing with tentative plans to decorate the east wall with a painting titled "Go Raiders". Our hope is to purchase shades to block out the sun for the workers inside the press box. If you would like to donate money or materials for this project, please contact Douglas Bohannon by contacting the school at 866-7447.

On behalf of the ELCO School District and the Rohr family we are thankful for the time, money, and services by so many people to renovate the George Rohr Memorial Press Box.

## ELCO's GENEROSITY

The staff, students and community of the ELCO School District continue to show their generosity and caring nature each and every year. It is difficult to capture all of the events that have been sponsored over the last year, but listed below are a sampling of some of the events sponsored by ELCO related organizations and the amount or items donated.

Alex's Lemonade Stand (Childhood Cancer) – Cross Country	\$770
Autism Awareness – District Wide	\$343
Blood Drive – Raider Pride Club	Fall=83 Units / Spring = 72 Units
Dutchway Money Savers/Ham Donation – National Jr. Honor Society	25,000 Points
Four Diamonds Fund-HS RaiderTHON Club	\$7500
Food Drive - National Jr. Honor Society	805 Food Items
Holding Hope – Lebanon County Education Council	\$746
Jump For Heart (American Heart Assoc.) – Elementary Phys Ed	\$13,531
Lebanon County Food Bank – Boy's Basketball	\$430
Make-A-Wish Foundation – Musical	\$200
MARSOC Foundation (Aid Wounded & Deceased Marines & Families) - District Wide	\$1,158
Pennies for Patients – Student Council	\$640
Sharing Cupboard – Elementary Phys Ed	Food Donations
Ten Days of Giving-HS National Honor Society	1500+ Food Items to Local Food Bank
Toys for Tots-HS Kiddie Korner Club, FCCLA & Family & Consumer Science Classes	58 Toys & \$806
Wounded Warrior Project – Baseball	\$1,500

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED!**

[WWW.ELCOSD.ORG](http://WWW.ELCOSD.ORG)

## ELCO EDUCATION FOUNDATION



### ONLINE SCHOOL STORE

Over the summer months, keep in mind that you can still purchase items from the online school store. The ELCO backpack is a great way to prepare for next school year!

To log on to the Web Store open the ELCO webpage, select "*Quick Links*" and choose "*Web Store*".



## SCIENCE FAIR

***Sponsored by a Donation from Bayer Corporation of Myerstown HIGH SCHOOL***



**Congratulations to Wade Mauger, Grand Champion and 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Physics/Engineering category in the 2014 ELCO High School Science Fair.**

### Additional ELCO High School winners were:

Physics/Engineering

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Paige Bechtel & Alyssa Feitzinger

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Marina Solomakhin

Chemistry/Biology

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Makayla Herb & Sabrina Yeagley

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Amanda Snook & Dakota Wimer

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Steven Rhoades & Jacob Stager

## MIDDLE SCHOOL



**Winners from the ELCO Middle School Science Fair were as follows:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Monica Arnold & Jalissa Nolt

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Garrett Noone

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Emily Bidelsbach & Katie Fields

**Congratulations!**

## DID YOU KNOW

- Congratulations are extended to Senior Jacob Bernat! He represented ELCO in the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association All-State Band Festival, which was held March 26-29 in Hershey. Jacob was one of only four tenor saxophone players in the All-State Concert Band. Way to go, Jacob!



## ELCO HIGH SCHOOL RENAISSANCE

On Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the ELCO Renaissance program provided an ice cream sundae bar (dished out by our fabulous volunteers), and prize drawings from Renaissance sponsoring businesses during the high school lawn lunch. Thank you to all of the businesses who have partnered with Renaissance either with donations or discounts to our students.

**Also, a special thank you to the volunteers who dished out ice cream, not only on this special day but also at the ice cream sundae bar that was held on the first Friday of each month for Renaissance cardholders. The students and staff greatly appreciate your time!!**

Renaissance cardholders, remember your card/validation sticker is valid during the summer months. Log on to the ELCO Website, under **"Our Schools"** select **ELCO High School** and under **"HS Quick Links"** choose **RENAISSANCE**.

Remember to look for the Renaissance sticker in the window of these businesses identifying them as a Renaissance sponsor, also!

### 2014 – 2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

**August 20, 2014:** First Day for All Staff  
**August 21, 2014:** Teacher In-Service  
**August 25, 2014:** First Day for Students  
**August 29 – September 1, 2014:** Labor Day Holiday – NO School  
**October 10, 2014:** In-Service – NO Students  
**October 13, 2014:** Columbus Day - NO School (Emergency Make-up Day)  
**October 30, 2014:** End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period  
**November 7, 2014:** Act 80 Day – NO Students  
**November 24-25, 2014:** Parent/Teacher Conferences – No Students  
**November 26, 2014:** In-Service (Exchange) – NO Students  
**November 27 – December 1, 2014:** Thanksgiving Break - NO School  
**December 24 – January 2, 2015:** Holiday Break - NO School  
**January 19, 2015:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - NO School (Emergency Make-up Day)  
**January 22, 2015:** End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period  
**February 13, 2015:** Act 80 Day – NO Students  
**February 16, 2015:** President's Day - NO SCHOOL  
**March 20, 2015:** Act 80 Day – NO Students  
**March 27, 2015:** End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period  
**April 3, 2015:** Spring Break – NO Students  
**April 6, 2015:** Spring Break – NO Students (Emergency Make-up Day)  
**May 22, 2015:** In-Service (Exchange) – NO Students  
**May 25, 2015:** Memorial Day - NO School  
**June 4, 2015:** Last Student Day (1/2 Day K-12) Graduation  
**June 5, 2015:** Records & Report Day



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## ELCO SCHOOL CALENDAR & NEWSLETTERS

The ELCO School District calendar and the Communicator (newsletter) are posted on our website at [www.elcosd.org](http://www.elcosd.org). The Communicator can be found under ***“District Information”***.

Athletic event information can be found under ***“Departments”*** on the main page of the website. Choose either the “Athletic Calendar” or select an individual sport and choose the specific schedule.

