**SUMMER 2016** 

# **ELCO Communicator**

A Newsletter for the Residents of Eastern Lebanon County School District

## **ELCO HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT**

The fifty-third commencement ceremony for the Eastern Lebanon County School District was held in the New Beginnings Auditorium in Myerstown on Thursday, June 2, 2016.

Chandelle Keller delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The senior members of the ELCO High School Chorus sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and Amanda Axarlis welcomed family and friends to the ceremony. Macey Dundore and Linden Bennetch, student orators, presented their speeches, "The Aggregation of Decisions" and "Enjoy Your Journey" respectively. The ELCO High School Concert Choir presented the choral selection "For Good."

Mr. Richard Sweger, Jr., High School Assistant Principal, introduced Mr. Christopher Longstaff, High School English teacher, as the commencement speaker. Mr. Longstaff was selected by the senior class to give the commencement address at this year's ceremony. Dr. Terrie Stauffer, Assistant to the Superintendent, presented Mr. Longstaff with the 2016 Commencement Speaker Plaque.

Ms. Jennifer Haas, High School Principal, Mr. Jamie Cascarino, Principal of Fort Zeller and Jackson Elementary Schools, along with Mr. Sweger presented the departmental awards to the top scholastic students (over four years) in 13 curricular areas. The awarded students were as follows:

Agriculture Science: Jacob Kline

Art: Meredith Balsbaugh

**Business Education**: Matthew Wampler

English: Chandelle Keller

Family & Consumer Science: Sara Bentz

Mathematics: Cole Blatt Music: Aaron Zurick

**Physical Education:** (*Female*) Chandelle Keller / (*Male*) Nathanael Hostetter

Science: Macey Dundore Social Studies: Ethan Krall

Technology Education: Nathanael Hostetter World Language: Madison Harnish Lebanon County Career & Tech Center:

(Female) Kaitlin Frazier / (Male) Blaine Troutman

Superintendent, Dr. David Zuilkoski, presented the Valedictorian, Linden Bennetch, and the Salutatorian, Macey Dundore, with their awards. Mrs. Carrie Boyer delivered the Board of Education message.

Ms. Haas then introduced the Class of 2016 and congratulated the students on their accomplishments. School Board President Mrs. Carrie Boyer, assisted by Board Members, Jadell Souders and Jocelyn Stahl; and Middle School Principal, Mr. Michael

Highlights:

ELCO High School Commencement

Students of the 8-9 Month

Athletically 10-11 Speaking

School Calendar 13

Eastern Lebanon County School District's Mission Statement

The mission of the ELCO School District is to prepare ALL students, K-12, to be successful for THEIR futures.



#### ELCO HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT...Continued

Gerhart presented the diplomas to the graduates while Mr. Sweger read the class roll. Ms. Haas changed the graduates' tassels, symbolizing their graduation from ELCO High School.

Senior Class President, Madison Harnish, presented the senior class gift and Mallory Beard gave the farewell. The evening concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater.

## STUDENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

## CONGRATULATIONS!!





#### **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL:**

Women's Club Good Citizenship: Madison Becker, Joshua Blair, Nicole Books, Michael Books, Daulton Faust, Jonathan Fisher, Landon Leonard, Olivia Miller, Elijah Mohn, Victoria Plummer, Steven Rosado, Ellie Ruth, Pavel Sinyagin, Jackson Strickler, Brayden Ulrich, Ayla Zwally

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Senator Michael Folmer Good Citizenship Award: Alyx Royer & William Leedom
Representative Ryan Costello Good Citizenship Award: Sonia Fladd & Benjamin Horst
Representative Russ Diamond Leadership Award: Kaylee Hackman & Nikolas Harnish
Good Neighbor Award: Julia Badolato, Kylee Gainer, Kvone Eisenhour & Mitchell Gray
Woodmen of the World Award: Palak Maniani & Julia Macchione

#### HIGH SCHOOL:

#### **Departmental Awards**

Agriculture Science

DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment

Jacob Kline

<u> Art - Senior Portfolio Award</u>

2D Adam Fisher
3D Meredith Balsbaugh
Best Overall Emerson Brown

Business - FBLA

FBLA National Conference Award

FBLA Student of the Year

Jeremy Habowski & Christian Stahl
Savannah Barry & Amber Britto

Xerox Award for Innovation & Info. Technology

Trout, Ebersole & Groff, LLP Acct/Bookkeeping Award

Amanda Axarlis

English - SIGMA Awards

Editor-in-Chief Award

Editor Award

DVD Editor Award

Anna Enck, Austin Fuller

Meredith Balsbaugh, Haille Kern

Sarah Yermalovich

2016 Lebanon Daily News Student Journalism Award

Austin Fuller

## **ELCO COMMUNICATOR SUMMER 2016**

#### STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION...Continued

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

Outstanding Dramatic Actor Emily Schlegel
Patrick S. Gilmore Outstanding Instrumentalist Madison Harnish

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award James Bidelspach

John Phillips Sousa Outstanding Instrumentalist Award

Quincy Jones Musicianship Award

Benjamin Burkhart

Mallory Beard

Director's Award for Band

Director's Award for Chorus

Outstanding Accompanist Award

Victoria Hackman

Makayla Kimmel

Jessica Behm

Outstanding Brass Player Award
Outstanding Choral Award
Outstanding Percussionist Award
Outstanding Theater Technician
Outstanding Woodwind Award
Outstanding Woodwind Award

Nathanael Hostetter
Jessica Chekanov
Luke Seyfert
Aaron Zurick
Outstanding Woodwind Award
Stephanie Sheetz

L-L Music Educator's Assoc. Student Honors

Band Benjamin Burkhart
Chorus Jessica Chekanov
Classroom Music Nathanael Hostetter

JazzMallory BeardKeyboardJessica BehmOrchestraMadison HarnishShow ChoirMakayla KimmelStage TechnicianAaron Zurick

Science

Hatzel Zeplin Memorial Environmental Macey Dundore
Bausch & Lomb Science Award Collin Landis

Social Studies

Woodman of the World American History Award

Frederick Douglas & Susan B. Anthony Award

Kayla Light

CTC Awards

**Auto Body Technology** 

Most Improved Student Award in Auto Body

Tanner Martin

**Commercial Art & Design** 

Nat'l Tech Honor Society Member, Rotary Student of Mth,

Student of the Quarter

Rotary Student of the Month, Student of the Month

Nat'l Tech Honor Society Member, Student of the Quarter

Amanda Brown

Mitchell Ebersole

Sierra Sprouse

**Culinary Arts** 

Instructor's Award, Skills USA District Bronze Medalist,

Student of the Quarter Amber Dove

**Diesel Truck Technology** 

Outstanding Performance Ben Newmaster

**Electrical Technology** 

Rotary Student of the Month, Student of the Quarter Aaron Hartzell

**Electromechanical Technology** 

National Technical Honor Society Member Sean Pasquale

**Industrial Machine Technology** 

Rotary Student of the Month, Student of the Quarter Blaine Troutman

#### STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION...Continued

Law Enforcement

National Technical Honor Society Member Andrew Pasquale

**Media Communications Technology** 

Student of the Ouarter Zachary Lape

**Medical Assistant** 

Excellence in Education Honoree, HOSA Chapter Treasurer, Nat'l Technical Honor Society Member, Outstanding

Medical Assistant for Knowledge, Rotary Student of the Month, Student of the Quarter

Kaitlin Frazier

Outstanding Medical Assistant for Work Ethic and

Professionalism, Student of the Quarter Ashley Smith

Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning

CSST Gas Piping Installers Certification, OSHA 10

Construction Safety Certification Darren Burkhammer

CSST Gas Piping Installers Certification, OSHA 10

Construction Safety Certification Brendan Johns

CSST Gas Piping Installers Certification, EPA Section 608 Certification, OSHA 10 Construction Safety Cert,

Student Achievement Award in Plumbing Jerry Melnik

**Sports Therapy Sciences** 

National Technical Honor Society Member Regan Logdahl

Welding Technology

Outstanding Work Ethic Jared Gichner

Military/Enlisting in the Military

Army **Austin Cairns** Army Reserves Tyler Sheidy

Mason Clark, Carlos Romero Marines

U.S. Marines Scholastic Excellence Award Linden Bennetch, Macey Dundore Meredith Balsbaugh, Jacob Kline U.S. Marines Distinguished Athlete Award

U.S. Marines Semper Fidelis Award for Music Excellence Nathanael Hostetter

U.S. Army Scholar-Athlete Award Sara Bentz, Jeremy Habowski US Army GI Bill College Money Award Austin Cairns, Tyler Sheidy

US Army ROTC Scholarship

Character Education Program

Respect Nathanael Hostetter Responsibility Amanda Axarlis Caring Chandelle Keller Fairness Mallory Beard

Citizenship Christian Stahl

Trustworthiness Cole Blatt, Aaron Deitz, Cody Good, Kyle Rosengrant, Travis Zimmerman

Jeremy Habowski

Additional Scholarships/Awards

A. Landis Brackbill Nathanael Hostetter, Chandelle Keller

Abe Wagner Memorial Nathanael Hostetter Animal Health Care of Myerstown Samantha Henson Anna Zimmerman Reath Bethany Wiczalkowski

Bayer "Making Science Make Sense" Scholarship Christian Stahl

Carl "Gib" Gibble Memorial Scholarship Kaela Gettle

Congressman Costello's Good Citizenship Award Victoria Hackman, Blaine Troutman

Dr. Henry & Phyllis Levengood Wasserman Scholarship Linden Bennetch

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#### STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION...Continued

E. Jerry Brooks Academic Excellence Award

**ELCEA Scholarship** 

ELCO Cheerleading Booster's Scholarship

**ELCO Staff Scholarship** 

ELCO Volleyball Scholarship

Fackler-Hower Sportsmanship Award Fred Poorman Memorial Scholarship

French Club Award

Ft. Zeller PTF Scholarship

George Eastman Young Leaders Award

Harvey L. Nitrauer Scholarship Heidelberg Lioness Award

Henry Funk Memorial Scholarship Heritage Society Scholarship

Jackson Elementary PTO Scholarship

Jarrod "Willie" Ocker #65 Memorial Scholarship

Jason Dubble Memorial Scholarship

John H. & Clarissa Eisenhauer Family Scholarship

Joseph F. Kurjiaka Scholarship

Kiwanis Club of Lebanon Scholar Athlete

La Sociedad Honoria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society)

Lebanon County Educational Honor Society Book Scholarship

(Esther Papson Scholarship) Lebanon Valley Chamber Foundation

L-LMusic Educator's Association Student Honors Recognition Award

Band Chorus

Classroom Music

Jazz Keyboard Orchestra **Show Choir** Stage Technician

Lebanon Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Moyer-Longacre Scholarship Mrs. Weaver's Education Award

Myerstown Alumni Association Scholarship Myerstown-ELCO Rotary Club Award

Myerstown ELCO Rotary Club 4-Way Essay Contest

Myerstown Elementary PTO Scholarship Myerstown VFW Memorial Post 6076

Myrle Mann Kline and Richard Mann Kline Scholarship

Noel K. Hertzog Memorial Scholarship On-Fire Youth Ministry Scholarship

Amanda Axarlis, Chandelle Keller Amanda Axarlis, Meredith Balsbaugh,

Victoria Hackman, Abigail Musser

Savannah Barry

Mallory Beard, Jill Gattens, Kaitlyn Johnson, Abigail Musser, Sydney Nye,

Raisa Patrushev Alexis Rogers

Jared Harnish, Bethany Wiczalkowski Nathanael Hostetter, Colt Umberger

Madison Harnish, Bethany

Wiczalkowski

Amanda Axarlis, Kyle Rosengrant

Alyssa Keath Macey Dundore

Amanda Axarlis, Linden Bennetch,

Chandelle Keller Blaine Troutman **Dustin Axarlis** 

Jill Gattens, Jeremy Habowski

Nathanael Hostetter Chandelle Keller Raisa Patrushev Amanda Axarlis

Amanda Axarlis, Tucker Brown

Meredith Balsbaugh

Meredith Balsbaugh Chandelle Keller

Benjamin Burkhart Jessica Chekanov Nathanael Hostetter Mallory Beard Jessica Behm Madison Harnish Makayla Kimmel

Amber Britto, Kaela Gettle

Cassidy Krall Morgan Trella

Aaron Zurick

Kaela Gettle, Blaine Troutman Jessica Chekanov, Cody Good,

Raisa Petrushev Danika Boltz

Megan Gregorzek, Ashley Smith Cody Good, Madison Harnish

Ethan Krall

Meredith Balsbaugh

Ashley Smith

#### STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION...Continued

Outstanding Senior Award - Lebanon

County Bar Assoc. & WLBR/WQIC

Penn State Club Scholarship

Pop Kelcher Award

Principal's Choice Art Awards

2-D

3-D

Principal's Leadership Award

Richland Alumni Scholarship

Richland Post 880 of the American Legion

Clarence Spangler Award

Richland Post 880 American Legion Eagle Scout Award

Robert "Barney" Hoffman Alumni Soccer Scholarship

Robert Clauser Memorial Award

Stacey L. Seldomridge Memorial Scholarship

Travelers Protective Assoc. of America Altruism Award

Viva Watts Nursing Scholarship

WCTU Good Citizenship Award

Amanda Axarlis Sydney Nye

Chandelle Keller, Colton Lawrence

McKenna Michael

Lori Weaver

Erika Bopp

Sara Bentz, Luke Darkes

Jessica Chekanov, Cody Good, Victoria

Hackman, Ethan Krall

Matthew Cramer, Andrew Pasquale,

Sean Pasquale, Kyle Rosengrant

Tucker Brown, Ethan Krall,

Blaine Troutman

Carmelo (Tony) Rodriguez

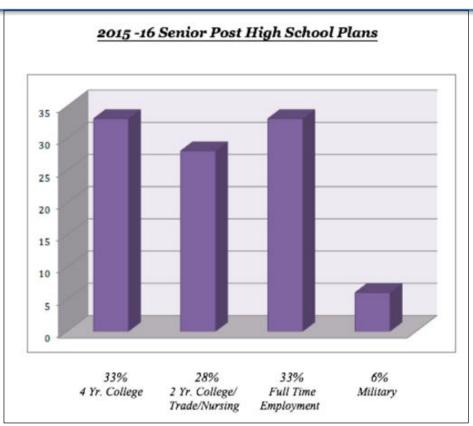
Makayla Kimmel

Bethany Wiczalkowski

Kaitlyn Johnson

Sara Bentz, Nathanael Hostetter

The preceding organizations 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) 866-7447 ext. 2005.



## **ELCO RETIREES – "OUR THANKS AND BEST WISHES!"**



Front Row, Left to Right: Donna Kurtz, Vicki Carpenter, Darlene Bender, Stephanie Hammer, Judy Ocker

Back Row, Left to Right: Joyce Wherley, Nickolas Hain, Rita Hickernell, Brian Trupp

Missing from the Photo: Mary Goonan, Marilyn Heisey, James Lantz

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION SERVICE AWARDS**

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

The joins wing Electronia		or men years of service.	
5 YEARS	Shaun Keath	Robert Miller	Paul Kline
Meg Auchenbach	Maggie Reichard	Sherri Newman	Amy Weddle
Alysha Burkholder	Paul Zook	Michelle Zurick	Jennifer Ziegler
Robin Anne Kimmy			
Denise Weaver	15 YEARS	20 YEARS	30 YEARS
Jenny Wolgemuth	Paul Dissinger	Gloria Hill	Marae Clauser
	Eileen Flick	Kirk Keppley	Wendy Kerst
10 YEARS	Lisa Fulton	Sylvia Turner	Elizabeth Knight
Juliette DeVore	Chris Heft	Chris Weidner	Linda Longenecker
Donna Fornwalt	Lindsey Hibshman	Tracey Weik	Terrie Moore
Holly Harnly	Rita Hickernell		
Gail Hopkins	Beth Kane	25 YEARS	35 YEARS
Laurabeth Kapp	Scott Laicha	Meg Arnold	Lynn Aponick
	Linda Layser	Wes Harpold	

## **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

February 2016

Jaron Garcia, son of Erin & Anthony Garcia



Dominic Thornton, son of Erin & Nicholas Thornton



March 2016

Leah Bradnick, daughter of Beth & Dave Faehling and Dave & Bridgette Bradnick



Paige Thomas, daughter of Megan & Derek Thomas



**April 2016** Olivia Heil, daughter

of Jessica & Thomas Heil



Taylor Stone, daughter of Tammy & Scott Stone



May 2016

Julia Bidelspach, daughter of Diane & Douglas Bidelspach



Moses Chekanov, son of Alexandra & Paul Chekanov



MIDDLE SCHOOL February 2016

Julia Badolato, daughter of Michelle Kaniuk & Christopher Badolato



William Leedom, son of Crystal & Corey Leedom



March 2016

Bridget Bozman, daughter of Theresa & Dean Bozman



Bryce Coletti, son of Pam & Craig Coletti



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH...Continued

**April 2016** 

Julia Gettler, daughter of Steffi & Evan Gettler



Trevor Goshert, son of Kristen & James Goshert



May 2016

Deziree Balthaser, daughter of Nicole & Chris Balthaser



Jude Anthony, son of Daniela & Andrew Anthony



**HIGH SCHOOL** 

February 2016
Macey Dundore, daughter
of Amy Kerper & Paul
Dundore



Christian Stahl, son of Jocelyn & Jeremy Stahl



March 2016
Mallory Beard, daughter of Suzanne Schaeffer & Scott



James Bidelspach, son of Douglas & Diane Bidelspach



April 2016

Madison Harnish, daughter of Brenda Harnish



Linden Bennetch, son of Melanie & Scott Bennetch



May 2016
Bethany Wiczalkowski,
daughter of Racquel & Todd
Wiczalkowski



Jeremy Habowski, son of Brenda & Steve Habowski



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## ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING

It is hard to believe that the 2015-2016 school year has concluded. The spring sports season was a very successful one for all of our programs.

#### Track & Field

Congratulations to the boys' program for completing the season with a 6-1 record and winning the Section 3 Championship. Top performers on the team were Blaine Troutman, Austin Eldridge, Ryan Rolon, Colton Lawrence, Ethan Anspach, Jared Harnish and Luke Darkes. Troutman, Eldridge, Rolon, and Lawrence were League Champions and qualified for the District III meet in the 4 x 400-meter relay. Ethan Anspach won a 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal at the District III Meet in the 200-meter dash and qualified for the PIAA meet. Jared Harnish also won a medal at the District III meet and qualified for the PIAA Championships in the 3200 meter run.

The girls' team finished the season with a 4-3 record. Top performers on this year's team were Jalissa Nolt in the hurdles, Alexis Thomas and Kaylynn Keppley in the throws, Hannah Williams in the sprints, and Emily Bidelspach in the pole vault. Chandelle Keller was outstanding on the track and in the jumps and continued her throws as she made her way to the District III Meet for the 100-meter High Hurdles.

The "Bob and Louise Trump Junior High Invitational" was, unfortunately, cancelled this year due to the bizarre five-inch snow storm in the second week of April.

#### **Baseball**

The baseball team completed a successful season with a 14-9 record. The team played an amazing eight games in a nine-day period. The Raiders won against Donegal, Cocalico, and Mannheim Central to force a first place tie with Manheim Central and have a one game playoff for the section championship. Unfortunately; Manheim Central won in the playoff to take the section title. The Raiders knocked off Section 1 Champion, Hempfield, in the first round of the league playoffs and lost to Solanco in the semifinals. The team lost to number two seed, Twin Valley in the District Playoffs to end their incredible season.

Cole Blatt, and Cole Miller were named Section 3 All Stars. Both were selected to the Lebanon Daily News All-Star Team. Travis Zimmerman, Tyler Price and Hunter Witters were second team all-star selections. Cole Miller was also the first All-League All-Star selection in over 20 years.

#### Softball

The softball team completed the season with a 7-12 record under the direction of first year head coach Randy Derr. Beth Wiczalkowski and Amaya Phillips were the team leaders in hitting. Sarah Yermalovich and Amaya Phillips were the pitching leaders.

#### **Boys Tennis**

The tennis team completed the season with a 7-7 record. Congratulations to Linden and Mason Bennetch for qualifying for the League and District Tournaments

The High School Awards Program was held on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Carmelo "Tony" Rodriguez received the Robert Clauser Memorial Award, Jared Harnish and Bethany Wiczalkowski won the PIAA District III Sportsmanship Award. Amanda Axarlis and Chandelle Keller were the winners of the District III Academic Excellence Award.

Colton Lawrence and Chandelle Keller 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 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Lebanon Days Inn.

Tucker Brown and Amanda Axarlis 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 12<sup>th</sup> in Lebanon.

The U.S. Army Scholar Athlete Award winners were Jeremy Habowski and Sara Bentz. Jacob Kline and Meredith Balsbaugh were selected as the U.S. Marine Distinguished Athlete Award winners.

## ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING ... Continued



Amanda Axarlis and Nate Hostetter 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 17<sup>th</sup> at the Eden Resort.

Coaches, parents, and the community are encouraged to follow our new sports schedule which can be found at <a href="www.arbiterlive.com">www.arbiterlive.com</a>. On this website, enter "Eastern Lebanon County", choose "Eastern Lebanon County High School" and the list of sports will appear. Junior High (JH) is noted as "7/8/9th" and Junior High Junior Varsity (JHJV) is noted as "7/8th".

You may also follow the ELCO Athletic Department on Twitter to get updates of scores, postponements, and other important information about the ELCO athletics @ dbohannon.

#### ART SHOW AWARDS

#### Primary

The "Emerging Artist" award at the Primary Art Level is presented by Mrs. Panza, ELCO K-2 Art Educator, to students who demonstrate creativity and continued success and excellence in the arts.

#### Fort Zeller Elementary:

#### Lilja Davis, Kindergarten Meredith Noll, 1st Grade Colin Turner, 1st Grade Brielle Martin, 1st Grade

#### **Jackson Elementary:**

Griffin Kreider, 1st Grade Vanessa Szerba, 1st Grade Taegan Young, Kindergarten Adryana Daniels, Kindergarten

#### **Intermediate School:**

The "Outstanding in Art" awards are presented by Mrs. Auchenbach, ELCO 3-5 Art Teacher, to students who not only display artistic talent, but also approach their artwork creatively, consistently try their best, and display a great attitude and work ethic.

Bryce Hoglund, 3rd grade – Dinosaur Stomp Painting

Carla Bross, 3rd grade-Painted Elephant

Victoria Sauter, 3rd grade-Painted Elephant

Zachary Horst, 4th grade- Rainforest Animal Batik

Meredith Newton, 4th grade – Spiderweb Painting

Hayden Ortiz, 5th grade - Russian Architecture Drawing

Samantha Nelson, 5th grade – Sea Creature Chalk Pastel

Emily Eisenhauer, 5th grade – Optical Illusion Art

Moses Chekanov, 5th grade – Hand Lettered Illustration

Tara Bewley, 5th grade – Stained Glass

Chloe Musser, 5th grade – Pumpkin Still Life

#### **High School:**

Adam Fisher - Best 2D Meredith Balsbaugh - Best 3D Emerson Brown - Best Overall

## PROFESSIONAL & SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



#### **Left to Right:**

Secondary: High School Mathematics Teacher, Mrs. Christina Watson

Support Staff: Intermediate School, Paraprofessional, Mrs. Gwen Wenger

Elementary: Intermediate School, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Mrs. Kathy Schappell



#### **LET'S MAKE AN IMPRESSION**

Collaboration, Connections, and Culture: these are the guiding tenets of the work between the French Honor Society and LEAP program (Learning Enrichment Acceleration Program) for 2016. At the heart of both the French program and the gifted program is the desire to challenge, support, and inspire our students to create and think in manners that promote intellectual, social, and personal growth. Thanks to a grant from the ELCO Foundation this year, a tremendous opportunity was given for teachers of those programs to extend the classroom beyond four walls while providing authentic opportunities for both the French and gifted students to share their passion for learning.

The theme for the year was "Let's Make an Impression," which was a win-win for all involved! The high school students were able to share their zeal for learning and the French language with the younger students, while developing their presentation and organizational skills. More importantly, the high school students were able to mentor the younger ones, helping those gifted students to: build relationships with high school role models, learn about world history through the study of French impressionist painters, build early language skills, and create their own keepsake art pieces following a model. Finally, all students involved were able to develop a greater awareness of their world beyond ELCO district walls through a travel experience to the city of Philadelphia for a day of touring the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

We trust that through this unique opportunity for sharing, creating and experiencing, we were able to "Make an Impression" on our students--one that instills a continued love for learning in future days.









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# ELCO SCHOOL CALENDAR & NEWSLETTERS



The ELCO School District calendar and the Communicator (newsletter) are posted on our website at <a href="www.elcosd.org">www.elcosd.org</a>. 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.

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## MYERSTOWN-ELCO ROTARY



#### "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

#### SERVICES PROVIDED BY ROTARY

- ELCO Student Sponsor:
  - · Scholarships for College-Bound Seniors
  - Student of the Month Breakfasts
  - . Rotary Youth Leadership Conference (RYLA)
  - Breakfast Recognition for First Responders, Enlisted in Military, Active Seniors
- Support Senior Citizens in the ELCO District by Providing Free Breakfast Prior to School Musical
- Support Given to: Local Libraries, Fire Companies, & Needy Families
- Donated 400 Thanksgiving Turkeys to Local Needy Families in Lebanon County
- Sponsor International Well Project in El Salvador
- Sponsor Three Children at the Mortel Foundation (Haiti)
- Participant and Sponsor in the Myerstown Parade/American Heart Walk