

Student Recognition

David Gonzalez was the valedictorian and will be attending the University of Illinois at Chicago to study biology. Michaela Dean was the salutatorian and will be attending NIU to study medical laboratory science. Both also graduated with their associates' degrees from Rock Valley College. This was the first year we had students graduate through the Running Start program. Five NBHS students received their associates' degrees from RVC.

David Gonzalez - Associates of Science

Michaela Dean - Associates of Science

Mitchel Griffis - Associates of Science - Engineering

Faylaa O'Donnell - Associates of Science

Jordan Smith - Associates of Science - Engineering

A sixth student, Clayton Smith '14, completed one year towards his Associates of Science degree.

Graduation and Promotion

The NBHS graduation ceremony was really well done and I thought the student speakers were particularly good. The NBMS promotion ceremony was also well executed. NBHS students earned about \$45,600 in local scholarships and over \$732,000 in other scholarships as of May 27, 2014. I am extremely proud of our graduating class. I look forward to good things from them in the future.

**College Plans**

Since I have been in North Boone, we have been participating in the My College Options Survey through IASA. The complete survey results are generally received in the early fall, but the initial returns show the number of our students planning to attend four years of college is rising, up from 96.8% last year to 97.3% this year. Part of this increase may be tied to the OverGrad program that we are involving all of our NBHS students in to help them find college matches and understand the criteria necessary to get into the programs and career fields of their choice. Northern Illinois and Illinois State are the most popular college selections among our current underclassmen. Currently we have 356 students enrolled in OverGrad (we didn't include the Class of 2014), 79% of them have enabled the feature to allow colleges and universities to search their data in order to send them information.

Staff Recognition and Retirement

The staff recognition and retirement reception was held on June 4 at PGE. We had four retirees honored; Mrs. Istad, Mrs. Key, Mr. Vickery and Mrs. Wallace. The following employees were also recognized for their continued service to the district.

- 10 years: Kristi Crawford, Kristin Hayden, Rita Lee, Molly Lilja, Wendy Munro, Jim Novak, Renee Roen, Jodie Rogers, Evangelina Rutiaga
- 15 years: Christine Babcock, Lynn Brody, Vicki Brooks, Catherine Excell, Kristi Garman, Lori Graciana, Sandy Kellogg Hooker, Sandy Kleckler, Evelyn Rivera, Barb Sager, Aaron Sullivan

20 years: Maria Nino, George O'Malley, Lisa Zimmer
25 years: Wanda Grover, Joan Smaha
30 years: Bill Razim

Capron's Reading Challenge

Dr. Belcastro wagered with Ms. Stout's class at Capron that they couldn't read 20,000 minutes before Memorial Day. She told them, if they did, she would spend the last night before the last day of school on the Capron roof. Well, they exceeded their goal, so Dr. Belcastro read to the students from the roof top on June 5. We received some great positive news coverage of the event. We have worked really hard to put together a great many positive stories this year. Dr. Belcastro was featured at least four times on Channel 13 and on Channel 23 at least twice.



Business Manager

Jeff Carr will be starting on June 16 to make his transition to North Boone from Crystal Lake.

Social Studies Scope and Sequence

Attached is a revised draft of the scope and sequence for K-12 social studies going forward. We will work to revise it over the summer and begin implementation in the fall. One of the goals was to broaden the scope to be more inclusive of all social studies content and not simply focus on history and some geography. We are also going to work to more explicitly identify the scope of content. This also removes much of the unnecessary duplication in the current scope and sequence. Please let me know if you have any input.

Capital Development Board

Kelly Holsker and Jim Novak continue to work with our previous architects and the Capital Development Board to finalize the funding we are authorized. We are still trying to dig up old records of bids, etc.