

Durand Area High School

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TOP TEN GRADUATES ANNOUNCED!

Congratulations to the following students who earned a place in the Class of 2025 Top Ten! This is an extremely high achieving group of students who have worked very hard to get to where they are. We look forward to honoring them further in May. They were surprised in the PAC with personalized cookies! The students are, in no particular order, Timothy Halleaux, Logan Schubart, Brayden Joslin, Amanda Goodman, Brayden Kelley, Wynn Carpenter, Joseph Maciak, Sebastian Wells, Hayli Pugh, and Whitley Byrd.



DOAC Students of the Month - Congratulations to Austin Nelson and Aaliyah Carsten for being selected as DOAC Students of the Month for April!

Outstanding CTE Students of the Year

The Shiawassee RESD hosted a banquet to honor outstanding CTE students from around the county. Noah Roat received an award for woodworking, while Josie Bellman received an award for agriscience. Congratulations to both of these hard-working students!



Robotics Participates in Kettering Competition

While our students encountered some struggles with their robot at the Kettering competition, they persevered and made it through the competition with a plan to make adjustments that will improve their future performance. The practice they get with not only the robot, but with teamwork and collaboration, is priceless when it comes to preparing the students for future challenges.



Madrigals Performs at District 3 Solo and Ensemble

Durand Madrigals performed at District 3 Solo and Ensemble at Mt. Morris High School and received an Excellent rating. They will continue to the state competition in April. Also continuing on to the state competition are soloists Jaedyn Karbassi and Linnaea Griffith, the Madrigal Treble Ensemble, the Madrigal Trio, and the Madrigal Tenor/Bass Ensemble, which received a rare PERFECT score. We look forward to seeing their success at the state competition!



FFA Competes at Regional Leadership Contests

FFA members traveled to the Regional Leadership Contests in Fowlerville. Malerie Freese received a gold award in Job Interview. The Parliamentary Procedure team of Josie Bellman, Lilly Benford, Molly Hull, Kirra Shepard, and Kaelynn Walworth received a silver award.



Scheduling and State Testing

Mrs. Chandler and Mr. Dallas have visited all students currently in 8th-11th grade to discuss scheduling options for next year. We are anxious to see the results of the course requests, especially for the new AP US History course!

School Improvement Update - Perception Day Results

The high school school improvement team (Dave Inman, Torey Birchmeier, Jeff Frasle, Karma Chandler, and Nicole Carpenter) reviewed the fall data from Perception Day. The results were great once again! Students, staff, and parents continue to have a positive perception of the high school.

Strengths included a safe, nurturing, and respectful environment, a well-respected staff and administration who believe in our students, well-behaved students, and supportive families.

While still scoring in the positive range, potential challenges included opportunities to increase communication between teachers and parents and to add rigor to our instructional standards and course offerings, which we are already working toward in our planning for next year. Overall, the results show that our stakeholders are very satisfied with everything that is happening at DHS!