
MEMO—OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Date: February 3, 2022
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler
From: Mr. Tom Rogers
Re: Board Presentation for Tradition of Excellence Award



I want to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to present to the Board of Education students whose accomplishments and contributions to Geneva High School exemplify the Tradition of Excellence Award. On Monday, February 28, 2022, we will present to the Board of Education the following students.

A. **ILMEA All-State Music Festival Participants:**

Brendan Coller – ILMEA Award Winner for Music Composition
John Henderson – ILMEA Future Music Educators Seminar Participant
Charlie Hood – ILMEA All-State Band
Christine Kelly – ILMEA Honors Choir
Steven Meyer – ILMEA Award Winner for Music Composition
Helen Olechowski – ILMEA All-State Band
Gabby Ost – ILMEA All-State Choir
Hannah Thill – ILMEA Honors Orchestra

These students were chosen to represent Geneva High School at the **ILMEA – Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Conference & Festival** held in Peoria, Illinois January 26 – 28, 2022. The GHS Music Directors are **Jessica Palmisano, Pat Frederick, Krista Halvorson, and Neal Shipton.**

B. **Dance Team State Qualifiers:**

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| Brennan Anson | Meena Gosain | Emily Mundry |
| Brooke Baurer | Brenna Heth | Regan Pairitz |
| Allison Chaffee | Madeline Hughes | Victoria Preston |
| Larkin Cohrs | AnnMarie Japlon | Rebecca Sharratt |
| Avery Cook | Lilly Japlon | Carolyn Silverman |
| Tatem Doll | Mia Kerl | |
| Emma Fuller | Lillian Kott | |

The GHS Varsity Dance Team placed 2nd in state at the IHSA State Dance Finals held at Grossinger Motor Arena in Bloomington January 28-29, 2022. The varsity dance team is coached by **Amy VanWagenen, head coach and Bri Dowell, assistant coach.**

C. **Scholastic Art Gold Key Recipients:**

Noah Balicki – Photography

Scout Fortun – Printmaking

Jolie Geier – Photography

Vivian Johnsen – Drawing & Illustration (2 Gold Keys)

Sophia Lobdell – Painting

Juliana Marsh – Ceramics & Glass (2 Gold Keys)

Emese Ori – Photography

Alexander Ruedel – Mixed Media and Art Portfolio (2 Gold Keys)

This year in our Suburban Chicago Art Region 948 students, 186 educators, and 46 schools participated in the competition. 2351 entries were adjudicated across 15 media categories. Students from 43 different schools won awards. 657 works of art were honored with awards.

All winners had their work showcased in an exhibition at Downers Grove North High School on January 30th from 1-4pm. All students who received a GOLD KEY will have their artwork move on to the national adjudication, which will get announced in March. The GHS Art educators for these students **are Ariel Beverly, Danica Fahmy and Megan Kelly.**

Together, these students distinguished themselves, our school, and Geneva District #304. Thank you for this opportunity.