
MEMO—OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Date: February 3, 2025
To: Dr. Andy Barrett
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 10, 2025, we will present to the Board of Education the following students.

A. IHSA Girls Dance Team:

- The GHS Varsity Dance Team placed 1st at the IHSA State Dance Finals held at Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington January 31- February 1, 2025. This is their 6th State Championship in program history. The varsity dance team is coached by **Amy VanWagenen, Cassie Sneed, and Bri Dowell.**
 - **Brennan Anson, Larkin Cohrs, Avery Cook, Mila Costello, Reese Doll, Tatem Doll, Elise Frick, Sara Fuerst, Melanie Goodfellow, Brookelyn Graham, Stella Henley, Emily Johnson, Ava Kerl, Yaslin Lopez, Miranda Meyer, Maisy Mocchi, Tatum Mocchi, Regan Pairitz, Avery Pruis, Rachael Wade**

B. ILMEA Conference Participants:

- Five GHS All-State musicians attended the Illinois Music Education Conference (IMEC). The conference took place in Peoria, IL from January 30th - Saturday, February 1st, 2025. These students are led by the following music directors: **Neal Shipton, Riley Carter, Krista Halvorson, and Jessica Heinrich.**
 - **James Lusk** – All-State Honors Band
 - **Quinn Beier** – All-State Choir
 - **Griffin Egan** – All-State Orchestra, Compositions (Instrumental Small Ensemble – 1st place, Keyboard Solo – 3rd place)
 - **Vitaly Starkov** – All-State Honors Orchestra
 - **Annaleise Rothaar** – Composition Honorable Mention Senior Vocal Ensemble

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