



LOGAN HIGH SCHOOL PARENT

# NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019



## Administration

**Principal**  
*Wally Gnewikow*

**Associate Principal**  
*Tony DePaolo*

**Dean of Students**  
*Beth Forde*

**Activities Director**  
*Jordan Gilge*



### **Mandatory**

### **Commencement**

### **Practice**

**May 23 10 a.m.**

### **Commencement**

**May 25 5:30 p.m.**

**Lacrosse Center**

Logan Family,

As I write this, we are one week away from the Senior Finals Window. That is hard to believe. I have been in many classrooms these last few weeks; and, to be honest with you, that is the best part of my day. I love seeing different styles of teachers, getting to attend a wide variety of classes with a great range of curriculums, and see our bright young minds in action.

I want to highlight a few important dates and our schedule down the stretch. We are holding EL days on Monday, May 20, and Tuesday, May 21, to end the Senior Finals Window. We then finish out that week with three 8-period days. We have mandatory senior graduation practice at 10 a.m. in the theater on Thursday, May 23, for any senior who would like to attend the graduation ceremony. The ceremony will then be held at the La Crosse Center at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 25. All are welcome and no tickets are needed.

We will hold three 8-period days Tuesday – Thursday, May 28-30 heading into underclassmen finals. Friday, May 31, will be the first day of underclassmen finals, followed by Day 2 of finals on Monday, June 3, and Day 3 on Tuesday, June 4. (See our Logan HS website for the schedule.) Summer school will then start on June 6 for original credit classes and recovery courses. Contact your school counselor for questions regarding summer school.

It has been a big year for me in both my professional career and my personal life. This was my 27<sup>th</sup> year serving in public education and the first as the principal of Logan HS. I have made mistakes along the way; but each day I come to work, I try to make the best decisions for the safety and academic needs of the students of Logan HS. I am blessed with an outstanding staff who are welcoming, knowledgeable, and passionate regarding public education. It was a great first year for our administrative team of Mr. DePaolo, Ms. Forde, and Mr. Gilge (and I would include Officer Graves in this mix).

Family is very important to me, as it is to most of you. I stay close to my mother and brothers and share important experiences throughout the year with my stepchildren and six grandchildren. And in January, my wife and I welcomed a baby girl to our family. The last eighteen weeks with my daughter have been crazy, exhausting, and wonderful. When I make a decision at school, I always try to look at that decision through many lenses--as a parent, educator, and leader of the school.

Once we get summer school off and running, I will take a deep breath and then reflect on what is working, what we can tweak, and what things we can look at making changes to. I am looking forward to recharging and getting ready to go for the 19-20 school year.

I hope your summer is outstanding!

It Is A Great Day To Be A Ranger!

Wally Gnewikow

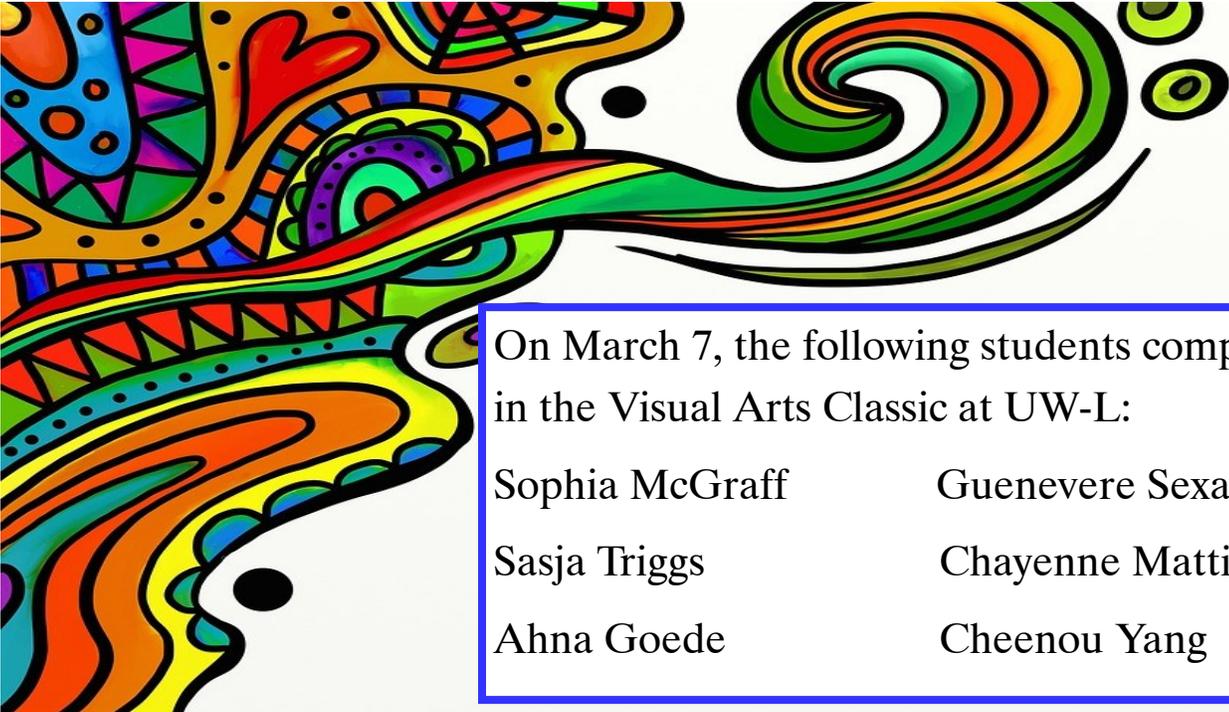


### New Uniform Campaign

Our very own Logan High School Band, known as the "Pride of the North Side," has begun a capital campaign to replace the current marching band uniforms which were purchased in 1994. The uniforms have been cared for extremely well but are beginning to show signs of age with emergency repairs being needed every time the students dress for a performance. The band plans to retire the current uniform set after the 2019-20 school year and unveil the new uniforms in the fall of 2020. The typical lifespan of a marching band uniform is around 20 years and by the end of the 2019-20 school year, the uniforms will have provided 25 years of service to our students.

As you can imagine, the cost to replace an entire set of marching band uniforms is not cheap. At today's standards, each uniform will cost approximately \$500 to replace. With an order of around 130 uniforms, the approximate replacement cost will be \$65,000. While this seems like an enormous amount of money, remember that generations of our students will be able to proudly represent Logan High School for 20+ years.

The Logan Band Parent Association has been working hard fundraising for this effort. Besides the Logan Antique Show, which the LBPA has been hosting for the past 19 years, our parents and students have been getting donations by helping the Chamber of Commerce, and Ashley for the Arts. They have also started a GO FUND ME campaign. You can donate at the following link: <https://www.gofundme.com/logan-high-school-marching-band-uniforms> We are reaching out to everyone, including community members and alumni, to get the word out. Please join us for this most worthwhile campaign to put the "Pride of the North Side" into new uniforms.



On March 7, the following students competed in the Visual Arts Classic at UW-L:

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Sophia McGraff | Guenevere Sexauer |
| Sasja Triggs   | Chayenne Mattie   |
| Ahna Goede     | Cheenou Yang      |



coulee region  
compassion alliance

COMPASSION & KINDNESS START WITH YOU!

Coulee Region Compassion Alliance is an area organization that strives to eliminate bullying and cultivate compassion, kindness, and empathy. It is a collaboration between area school districts, medical facilities, non-profits, media outlets, and other community individuals. Their most recent endeavor has been to create a social media presence to provide uplifting thoughts and to highlight acts of compassion and kindness within the schools and throughout the Coulee Region.



Follow them @crcompassionalliance

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 10: Yearbook Day

May 15-21: Senior Finals

May 19: Spring Orchestra and Band Concerts

May 22: Athletic Awards 7 p.m. , Fieldhouse

May 23: Graduation Practice 10 a.m.

May 25: Graduation 5:30 p.m.

May 27: NO SCHOOL

May 31-June 4: Finals (9th, 10th, 11th)

(See detailed schedule of finals elsewhere in this issue.)



## END OF SCHOOL CLEARANCE SALE

The Logan HS School Store is having an end of the year clearance sale from March 1 - May 31. We need to make room for new apparel next fall.

Please come in and take a look around! Store hours are

Monday - Friday 11 - 1.



## 2018-2019 Winter Letter Winners & MVC All Academic Team

\* Indicates MCV All Academic Team - 3.5 GPA & Above

### Boys Basketball

Malik Brown  
\*Julian Erickson – 1<sup>st</sup> BBK  
Jhakai Funches  
\*Jackson Hamilton  
\*Lucas Johnson – 1<sup>st</sup> BBK  
Calvin Mavin  
Jack McHugh-Sake – 1<sup>st</sup> BBK  
Devin Moran  
Antonio Siegel – 1<sup>st</sup> BBK  
\*Jasmine Siegel-Mgr – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
Floyd Thomas  
Maguire Werner

### Boys Hockey

\*Ben Fowler

### Boys Swim

\*Catherine Axness-Mgr  
\*Will Hoeth  
Avery Schams  
\*Zach Slevin

### Curling

\*James Duffrin – 1<sup>st</sup> CURL  
\*Ian Hofland – 1<sup>st</sup> CURL  
\*Thomas Lenz – 1<sup>st</sup> CURL  
\*Joel Stevens – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
\*Max Roswall – 1<sup>st</sup> CURL

### Dance Team

\*Morgan Fuchs  
Cassie Johnson  
\*Ngoc Le – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
\*Claire Pahl – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
\*Mia Rodriguez – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
\*Mai Xiong – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter

### Girls Basketball

\*Sydnie Adams  
\*Claire Borsheim  
Jenna Davis  
Jordanna Davis – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
\*MeShell Eid  
\*Allison Erickson  
\*Allison Geszvain  
\*Nicole Hartleip-Mgr - 1<sup>st</sup> GBK  
Clara Havlik – 1<sup>st</sup> GBK  
\*Ellie Johnson  
Kyasha Kendrick – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
Brianna Korn – 1<sup>st</sup> GBK  
\*Emily Sagen  
\*Makenzie Sheard – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
\*Brionna Surprenant-Mgr – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
\*Leah Surprenant  
Avery Werner

### Gymnastics

\*Emme Bennett – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
Gabby Geszvain  
\*Samara Sherin – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter

### Powerlifting

Brandon Borreson – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
Clara Harter – 1<sup>st</sup> PWR  
Ella Monahan – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
\*Mason Sather – 1<sup>st</sup> PWR  
Charles Thao – 1<sup>st</sup> PWR  
\*Caleb Trussoni – 1<sup>st</sup> PWR  
\*Aurora Waite

### Ski/Snowboarding

\*Sam Christenson  
\*Brady Endres – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
\*Alivia Kind – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
\*Ian Scott  
\*Kai Young – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter

### Wrestling

Alex Gavrilos  
Dakota Gruen  
\*Max Harcey – 1<sup>st</sup> WR  
\*Harper Jankowski – 1<sup>st</sup> WR  
Dallas Kapanke  
David Krause  
Jeremiah Nagel  
Austin Sather  
Emma Snodgrass-Mgr  
Robert Snodgrass  
Donavin Wylie – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter



**CONGRATULATIONS to all of our letter winners!!!**

**Logan High School  
2018-2019 Winter Sports  
MVC All Conference Awards**



**First Team All Conference**

Dallas Kapanke - Wrestling  
Trent Prew - ASL Floor Hockey

**Second Team All Conference**

Jeremiah Nagel - Wrestling  
Claire Borsheim - Girls Basketball  
Ben Fowler - Boys Hockey  
Calvin Mavin - Boys Basketball  
Malakai Conner - ASL Floor Hockey  
Sterling Solberg - ASL Floor Hockey

**Honorable Mention All Conference**

Robert Snodgrass - Wrestling  
Jenna Davis - Girls Basketball  
Leah Surprenant - Girls Basketball  
Maguire Werner - Boys Basketball  
Floyd Thomas - Boys Basketball  
Gabby Geszvain - Gymnastics (Vault)  
Mallory Allen - ASL Floor Hockey  
Haley Fanning - ASL Floor Hockey

**Sportsmanship Team All Conference**

Austin Sather - Wrestling  
Sydney Adams - Girls Basketball  
Malik Brown - Boys Basketball  
Saige Cerda-Reyes - ASL Floor Hockey

**ATHLETES  
OF THE MONTH**

February

Avery Schams: Boys' Swimming  
Caleb Trussoni: Powerlifting  
Claire Borsheim: Girls' Basketball  
Samara Garcia: Dance  
Emilia Bennett: Gymnastics  
Jack McHugh-Sake: Boys' Basketball  
Jeremiah Nagel: Wrestling  
Saige Cerda-Reyes: ASL

March

Aleeya Witzke: Softball  
Ethan Hanewall: Baseball  
Greta Trapp: Girls' Track & Field  
Ian Hofland: Boys' Tennis  
Jacksun Hamilton: Boys' Track &  
Field  
Sophia Harlin: Girls' Soccer

April

Caden Boge: Baseball  
Anya Hirsch: Girls' Track & Field  
Alivia Kind: Girls' Soccer  
Garrett Simmons: Boys' Tennis  
Kaleb Lycke: Boys' Golf  
Nicole Hartleip: Softball  
Tyler Harris: Boys' Track & Field  
Killian Harding: ASL Indoor Baseball

## 2018-2019 Forensics Team

Fourteen Logan students traveled to the State Forensics Tournament at UW-Madison on Friday, April 12.

These students who ranged from freshman to seniors and novices to veterans included four foreign exchange students. This award-winning state team was comprised of seniors Anne Schulz and Christopher Donahue, juniors Bennett Ryan, Max Roswall, Dangelo Criscione and Abie Sprain, sophomores Blake Bilyeu, Julianna Bruemmer and Cassandra Funmaker, and freshman Sydney Roswall; special senior students were Virginia Sarrocco from Italy, Sora Umeda from Japan, Xiaotong Meng from China, and Sanjina Kumari from Pakistan.

This year's team proved itself to be outstanding not just for the number of participants but also for the incredible performances of each team member. Well done Logan Forensics!

### Gold Medal Winners

Xiaotong Meng–Informative Speech

Sydney Roswall–Special Occasion Speech

Blake Bilyeu and Cassandra Funmaker–Play-Acting

Bennett Ryan–Moments in History Speech

Abie Sprain–Moments in History Speech

Christopher Donahue–Radio Speaking

Anne Schulz–Prose

### Silver Medal Winners

Max Roswall–Informative Speech

Sanjina Kumari–Poetry

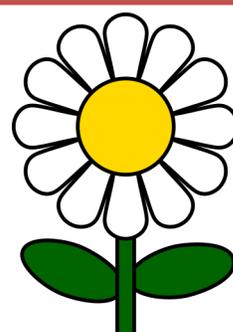
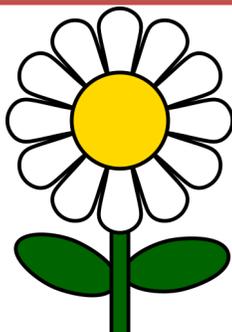
Julianna Bruemmer–Solo Acting Humorous

### Bronze Medal Winners

Virginia Sarrocco–Prose,

Sora Umeda–Poetry

D'angelo Criscione–Oratory Speech



# March 2019 Students of the Month



Brandi Kobernick 9



Jacob Yanske 9



Blake Bilyeu 10



Daniel Baggett 10



Samantha Gotz 11



Caleb Trussoni 11



Anya Hirsch 12



Jenna Miller 12



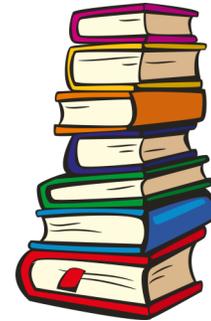
Kejuan Davis

LaXRoads



Halle Ellis

LaXRoads



# April 2019 Students of the Month



Samuel Green 9



Carter Peterson 9



Colby Olson 10



Muriel Severson 10



Victoria Witcraft 11



Claire Borsheim 11



Ethan Hanewell 12



Charles Lenser 12



Noah Peterson

LaXRoads



Lashawna Osterhout

LaXRoads

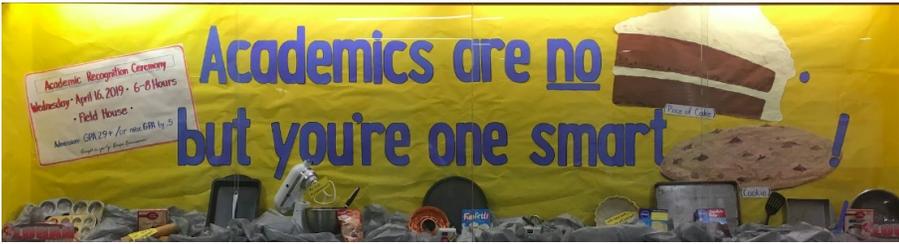


**End-of-Year Athletic**

**Awards Banquet**

**May 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Fieldhouse**



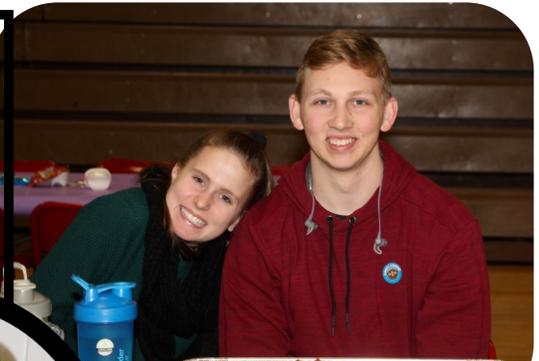
## Second Annual Academic Recognition Celebration

(brought to you by Ranger Renaissance)

This year's Academic Recognition Celebration was held on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 17. The theme was **"Academics are no piece of cake, but you're one smart cookie!"** 535 Logan High School students were recognized and rewarded for their hard work and dedication in numerous academic areas. Ranger Renaissance provided cake & cookies, and 27 local businesses donated a wide variety of food samples. What a great example of the way our community supports academics! There was also awesome student entertainment, and Student Of The Year awards were presented. A good time was had by all!

Thank you to our generous sponsors!

- Marge's Restaurant
- Caribou Coffee
- Craig's Meats
- Neuie's Vogue
- International Bake Shop
- Carlos O'Kelly's
- Starbucks
- Rudy's
- Moka
- Sweet Shop
- Festival Foods
- T-Jo's
- Thao's Thai Restaurant & Deli
- Super Buffet
- Perkins
- Famous Dave's
- North Country Steak Buffet
- PickeRrman's
- Tom Sawyer's
- Digger's Sting/Reinhart
- Burrachos
- B.A. Burritos
- Panera
- Hmong's Golden Egg Roll
- Kaddy's Kafe
- Cafe Logan
- Pepsi



## 2ND SEMESTER FINALS INFORMATION

### Senior Final Exam Window

May 15 - May 21

### 9th, 10th & 11th Finals

**May 31**

**Periods 1, 2 and 8**

Period 1: 8 - 9:35

Period 2: 9:50 - 11:25

Lunch 11:25 - Noon

Period 8: Noon - 1:35

**June 3**

**Periods 3, 4 and 5**

Period 3: 8 - 9:35

Period 4: 9:50 - 11:25

Lunch 11:25 - Noon

Period 5: Noon - 1:35

**June 4**

**Periods 6, 7 and Make Ups**

Period 6: 8 - 9:35

Period 7: 9:50 - 11:25

Lunch on your own

Make-Up Tests: Noon - 3



### Semester Exam Guidelines

1. Second semester final tests will be given in all classes.
2. All test periods will be 95 minutes. NO classes will be dismissed early. There will be 15 minutes passing time between classes.
3. On test days, students must report to school during those hours that they have tests scheduled. Students do not have to report to school during the hours that they do not have a test scheduled.
4. School lunch will be served on May 31 and June 3 but will NOT be served on June 4. Breakfast will be served until 8:15 on May 31, June 3, and June 4.
5. NO student will be allowed to take tests early without specific permission from Mr. DePaolo (Grades 11 & 12) or Ms. Forde (Grades 9 & 10).

**ALL STUDENTS MUST TAKE FINAL EXAMS!**

## Gene Luen Yang Visit to LHS



On April 10, Gene Luen Yang was at the LHS LMC to show students how to draw as well as tell them how a graphic novel develops from an idea to an actual book that can be found in a library or a bookstore.

To see a list of his books, to learn more about GLY, or to subscribe to his Twitter feed, access his website at: <http://geneyang.com/>



# LOGAN WALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I nominate the following person:

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

## Biography of Nominee

*The biography should contain the schools attended and education; chronological history of events and contributions that have been accomplished; work record; marriage record and children; service to community, organizations, hobbies, and service record, if applicable.*

*Do your best at introducing your nominee—include a resume, magazine articles, and current photo.*

*The Wall of Fame Committee would like to thank you for your nomination for the Logan High School Wall of Fame.*



Completed nomination forms can be dropped off at the Student Services office to the attention of Beth Hoff.



Thank you to the following people for their help with the Spring Craft Fair:

Allison Erickson, Clara Harter, Ellie Solberg, Sheryl Solberg, Cheyanne Mattie, Abie Sprain, Bill Beck, Keoni Young, Alex Yang, Seth Peterson, Anna Koblitz, Brianna Sanderson, Erin Flottmeyer, Megan Olson, Molly Arttus, Joel Stevens, Xiaotong Meng, Jacob Arttus, Sophia McGaff, Guenevere Sexauer, Morgan Schillinger, Nora Hofland, Ian Hofland, Zach Slevin, Enya Szymanski, Chris Hofland, and Michael Slevin

Thank you to Dawn Comeau for the delicious food that kept our vendors happy and fed.

Thank you to the SEA Club for the mouth-watering egg rolls that always attract many customers.

A huge thank you to the custodial staff, especially Tim Flock and Bob Prise for helping with last minute requests and problems.

Thanks to Sue Hartleip for copying. Thank you to Principal Gnewikow and Marty Eichenberg for their support in getting NHS students to volunteer. Thanks to Jordan Gilge for help with scheduling.

Interested in helping in the future? The Fall Craft Show will be held on Saturday, October 19.

Erin Hofland and Brenda Leahy

Co-Coordiators

### **End-of-the-Year Laptop Turn-In**



#### **SENIORS**

Seniors will turn in their laptops and chargers on their last day of finals .

All senior laptops not turned in by May 17 will be locked on May 20.

#### **GRADES 9-11**

All students must turn in their laptop and charger on June 4 (the last day of finals).

All laptops that have not been turned in will be locked on June 5 .

Any laptop that is not turned in over the summer will be taken on September 3 for routine maintenance and updates. Students can expect to be without laptops, then, for two weeks to start next school year.

#### **PRICES FOR LOST/RUINED/UNINSURED/STOLEN LAPTOPS AND ACCESSORIES**

Laptop	\$ 800	Power Adapter	\$ 80
Screen	400	Case	14
Duckhead	10		

**ALL ITEMS RETURNED MUST BE AUTHENTIC APPLE PRODUCTS.**



### Chinatown Visit

On April 6, on a lovely sunny Saturday, 35 Chinese class students and their friends went to Chicago Chinatown and Millennium Park. Although it was a more than 10 hours' journey back and forth, we were very excited and happy.

We walked through the whole Chinatown covering big streets and small alleys.



Students took pictures at different landmark buildings. We are amazed by various Chinese architecture styles which are quite different from our homes. Some homes were like temples with upturned eaves. All students had lots of fun interacting with local Chinese people who were either doing exotic grocery/snack shopping or devouring a tradi-

tional delicious oriental lunch. Souvenir shops were stuffed with Chinese culture items such as good luck charms and Chinese style clothing. Another striking culture difference we couldn't even avoid touching upon was the robust and lively atmosphere there. People were walking around everywhere. We were a bit overwhelmed by the crowds in the eateries and in the streets.



Afterwards, we went to Millennium Park. Students took pictures in front of the all those impressive statues and buildings. It was fantastic to see the real blue skyline of Chicago instead of looking at it from a poster. It was also quite a delight to walk along Michigan Avenue to see all the fancy upscale shops and various Chicago culture venues. Some students

walked around Lake Michigan to appreciate its glistening beauty in the afternoon sunshine.



During the trip and after the trip, all students were so eager to share what they encountered on this trip. Tired as we were on that weekend, we had a beautiful exciting memory. We are sure this memory is going to be with us for a very, very long time.

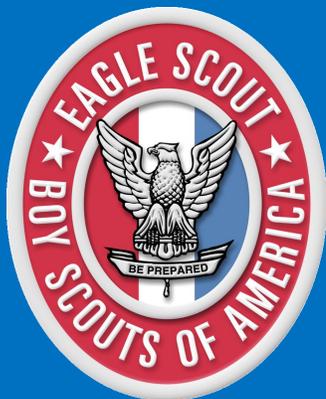




## Logan Visit to UW-L Spanish Class



Students in the level V Spanish classes had the opportunity to visit UW-L and attend a college level Spanish course. Logan students were matched up with a university student and participated in mini conversations, lecture, and even learned a new dance! After class, students went on a campus tour, worked in the language resource center, and had an opportunity to converse with the university's director of World Languages. Students then put their Spanish skills to the test while we enjoyed Mexican cuisine at Señor Villas.



### Logan High School Seniors

James Bartsch      Christopher Donahue

James Duffrin      Johnathan Marcou

Have earned the Eagle Scout rank  
and were pinned on Sunday, April 28

Congratulations!

# **Jump Start Your FUTURE CAREER in the Youth Apprenticeship Program**



The Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship program integrates school-based and work-based learning.

- Earn a recognized skills certificate of occupational proficiency from the State of Wisconsin
- Build a resume for your career portfolio, and/or college scholarship applications
- Receive paid on-the-job training while earning high school credits

## **YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE IN:**

- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
  - Architecture and Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology and Communications
  - **Finance**  
**(Logan HS on-site opportunity)**
    - **Health Science**  
**(HSA students!)**
  - Hospitality, Tourism and Lodging
    - Information Technology
    - Manufacturing
    - Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)
  - Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

**Contact your guidance counselor or Logan's Y.A. Coordinator, Angela Enright, at [aenright@lacrossesd.org](mailto:aenright@lacrossesd.org) before the end of the school year to get registered!**



## 2019 Student of the Year Awards

<b>SCIENCE AWARDS</b>	
Biology	Caitlin Coffey
Chemistry	Keoni Young
Environmental Science	Ethan Hanewall
Physics	Abie "A-Pain" Sprain
HSA	Molly Arttus & Tyler Harris
<b>TECH ED</b>	
Computers & Electronics	Paige Treakle
Graphic Arts	Brady Endres
Building Construction	Sam Christenson
Welding & Automotive	Logan Huntington
<b>ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS</b>	
Achievement Award	Chad Witt
Perseverance Award	Alyssa Brown & Ariana Cordova

<b>FAMILY &amp; CONSUMER ED</b>	
Award	Aurora Waite
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	
Social Studies	Madeline Ickes
<b>ART</b>	
Art	Cheenou Yang & Cheyanne Mattie
<b>LA CROSSE ROADS</b>	
La Crosse Roads	Will be announced on May 15

<b>MATH</b>		
Math	Keoni Young	Sophie Baggett
<b>ENGLISH</b>		
English	Christopher Donahue	
<b>BUSINESS</b>		
Business	NA	
<b>MARKETING</b>		
Marketing & DECA	NA	

<b>MUSIC</b>		
Music	Alex Yang	
<b>WORLD LANGUAGE</b>		
Chinese	Orion Lee	
French	Ashley Dever	
German	Keoni Young	
Spanish	Morgan Schillinger	Hannah Dull & Anna Logan
World Language	Elizabeth Miller	
<b>PE/HEALTH</b>		
PE	Leah Surprenant	Sterling Roper
Health	NA	



## Grant Provides Students Opportunity for Outdoor Adventure

The La Crosse Public Education Foundation (LPEF) awarded a grant to the Logan High School Special Education Department to give students an “experiential learning” opportunity in the outdoors at Camp Decorah. On Friday, May 3, students spent an entire day participating in activities and games that taught students teamwork, self-efficacy, hands on learning, and an appreciation of the environment and getting outdoors.

The day started with students split into groups to build camaraderie and trust by playing field games such as the “name game,” “human knot,” “tank wars,” and “minefield.” “I really enjoyed hiking through the woods doing the team building activities,” said Freshman Fred Tetzlaff. Students walked from station to station participating in a COPE course designed to provide various social and emotional learning opportunities which include following directions, problem solving, developing leadership skills and self-awareness. For many students, the highlight of the day was a giant 250+ foot zipline! “When I stood on that platform and looked down, I was totally freaked out, but after I made the jump it was so much fun!” said Freshman Lindsay Newman. Students were reminded throughout the day to push themselves out of their comfort zone, and overcoming fear on the zip line definitely pushed them to new limits!

At the end of the day, all the groups reconvened at the beautiful Russel G. Cleary Firebowl Amphitheatre. Students and staff worked together to start a fire and roast s’mores while talking about the best experiences they had that day, all while overlooking an awe-inspiring view of the Black River. Jeff Nylander, a longtime volunteer at Camp Decorah, capped off the action-packed day by telling inspiring stories, leading a reflection, and tying together everything learned into how they could carry it forward into their lives. Student responses were so positive that we’re looking to expand this to an annual event, with possibly even an overnight campout in the future.





