

# HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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## **"ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES"**

**To:** Learners, Parents, and Guardians  
**From:** Mr. Travis Lee, High School Principal  
**Re:** HAHS School Update  
**Date:** May 6, 2022

Greetings HAHS Students, Parents, and Guardians,

The end of the school year is a busy time at HAHS. Please see below for updates, reminders, and special recognitions for various end of year activities. It's important to celebrate our accomplishments! Despite the busyness, we need our students to stay focused on completing their academic work on a positive note, being sure to adhere to assignment and teacher deadlines. We wish our students a successful end of the year!

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee,  
HAHS Principal

### **Special Events and Recognitions**

- **Academic**
  - **Keystone Exams**
    - The Keystone Exams are scheduled for Tuesday, May 17 (Algebra I), Wednesday, May 18 (Literature), and Thursday, May 19 (Biology)
    - Students in an Algebra I class, Grade 10 English, or Biology/Honors Biology are scheduled for the exams. Students that have yet to score a proficient level on the exams to meet Act 158 graduation requirements will also be taking the exams
    - Letters have been mailed to families detailing the specific exams that students are taking
  - **Tuesday, May 17 Flexible Instructional Day - (Non Alg. I Keystone Exam Test Takers)**
    - Only students taking the Algebra I exam should be in attendance at HAHS. There are additional details, though, mentioned in the memo sent to families on May 5
- **Recent Activities and Recognitions**
  - **CHAMP**
    - Huntingdon County's CHAMP event was held on Friday, April 22nd at Mount Union Area HS. Activities during the event included "Ships and Sailors", tug of war, a lip sync battle, and dancing. Pictures in the event are shared in the ADDENDUM
    - Our community, and our entire County, should be proud of the work by our committed students in **raising over \$90,000** for this year's CHAMP recipients. This is the largest total to date and a tremendous effort
    - We especially want to thank our HAHS CHAMP Captains for organizing fundraising activities and promoting the event throughout the year. Our captains were: Shelby Beaver, Lily Borger, Kendal Carlin, Kara Cisney, Landon Dunsmore, Eli Dunwoody, Jacob Everhart, Cynthia Fagan, Lily Fiscus, Savanna Fiscus, Jadalyn Grissinger, Caitlin Hahn, Henry Kyper, Sophie Lauer, Nathan Mathur, Carly McKellop, Ryan Sullivan, and Mary Tietjens

- **Quiz Bowl**
  - The HAHS Quiz Bowl team, under the direction of Mrs. Kurtz, participated in the National Academic Quiz Bowl Tournament in Chicago the weekend of Friday, 4/22
  - Our team, consisting of Finn Bailey, Ali Hemcher, Aiden Kelsey, and Alex Cassatt had a strong showing at the event. See a picture of our team in the ADDENDUM
- **Spring Thaw Art Show**
  - Congratulations to HAHS's winners from the Huntingdon County Arts Council's Spring Thaw Art Competition
    - 3rd Place Winners: Gracie Hobbs, Tessa Haffey, and Drew Wilson
    - 2nd Place Winner: Ada Stapleton
    - 1st Place Winners: Ada Stapleton and Olivia Weidel
  - Check out their work at the new Arts Council location at the former 12th Street United Methodist Church
- **Med Fair**
  - Students in Mrs. Bucynski's Medical 1 class presented their research projects at the Med Fair, held in the HAHS gym, on Friday, April 29
  - Each student presented an individual research project on topics such as PICA, neurolinguistics, Tommy John surgery, lymphoma, and many others. See pictures from the event in the ADDENDUM
- **HAHS Musical**
  - The HAHS performing arts department's rendition of "Little Women" under the direction of Mrs. Bilich was an outstanding show! See pictures of our performers in the ADDENDUM. Our performers dedicate an extraordinary amount of time to produce a high quality show. The show would also not be possible without our stage crew and the contributions by many community members to design the set. Their work is appreciated!
  - We know that our performers do a great job, but so do others. We are pleased to announce that we received 8 nominations for the Isaac Awards which will be held on Sunday, May 29 at the Mishler Theater, Altoona.
  - The nominations include:
    - Entire Cast
      - Best Musical/Production Number - The Weekly Volcano Press
      - Best Production - "Little Women"
    - Lead Actor in a Female Role: Lainey Albaugh
    - Best Supporting Actor in a Female Role - Elizabeth Emel
    - Best Supporting Actor in a Female Role - Catherine Weld
    - Best Featured Actor - Henry Kyper
    - Best Featured Actor - Sara Reed
    - Achievement in Design for Show - Olivia Weidel
- **SNAA Track Extravaganza**
  - The HAHS Life Skills department and the Huntingdon County Special Needs Athletic Association (SNAA) held a "Track Extravaganza" at War Veteran's Memorial Field on Thursday, May 5
  - Elementary, Middle, and High School students from across the county, as well as several adult organizations, got to participate in this meaningful event. The sense of joy and accomplishment by the students and their families was very evident!
  - A special thank you to HAHS paraeducator Diane Snare for organizing this very meaningful event and for our student helpers

- **Signing Day Event**
  - On Thursday, May 5, HAHS had four student athletes that signed their letters of intent to participate in collegiate athletics
  - We congratulate Alexis Troup (Basketball - Penn College), Greta Staley (Soccer - Marymount University), Mason Somers (Football - Grove City College), and Jacob Rigby (Basketball - Penn State Altoona) on this achievement. See pictures of their signing in the ADDENDUM
- **FFA Banquet**
  - The Standing Stone Chapter of the FFA held their annual awards banquet at the Smithfield Fire Hall on Thursday, May 5th, which included family members as well as guests from other local chapters and a state officer
  - Seniors Mason Somers (Treasurer), Kaitlynn Kester (President) and Sara Steeg were recognized for their contributions to the organization
  - Congratulations to the 22-23 FFA Officers: President - Abigayle Corbin, VP - Carly Hess, Secretary - Sabrina Kyper, Treasurer - Kara Shultz, Reporter/Historian - Emily Dysard
  - See the ADDENDUM for pictures from the event
- **Staff Recognitions**
  - In May we recognize the contributions that many individuals within our school make for the betterment of our school's educational program, atmosphere, and contributions to the community. Thanks to all individuals from these respective groups. You make a difference!
    - Administrative Professionals Day (4/27)
    - Teacher Appreciation Week (5/2 - 5/6)
    - School Cafeteria Worker Day (5/6)
    - School Nurse Day (5/11)
- **Upcoming Events**
  - May 7: Prom at Lake Raystown Resort and Convention Center - 6:00 PM
  - May 11: Spring Concert - 7:00 PM, Auditorium
  - May 18: Jazz Concert - 7:00 PM, Auditorium
  - May 24: Visual Arts and Graphic Design Product Fair
- **Senior Events**
  - May 9: Last Call for Fall
  - May 12: Senior Symposium
  - May 13: Decision Day
  - May 19: HCCTC Graduation - HAHS Auditorium
  - May 31: Baccalaureate - 7:00 PM, HAHS Auditorium
    - Senior Parade to follow the event
  - June 2: Commencement - 7:00 PM, War Veterans Memorial Field
    - Inclement Weather - HAHS Gymnasium

## ADDENDUM

### CHAMP

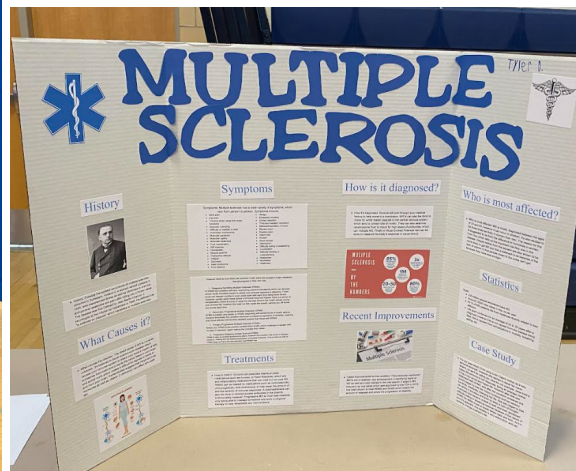
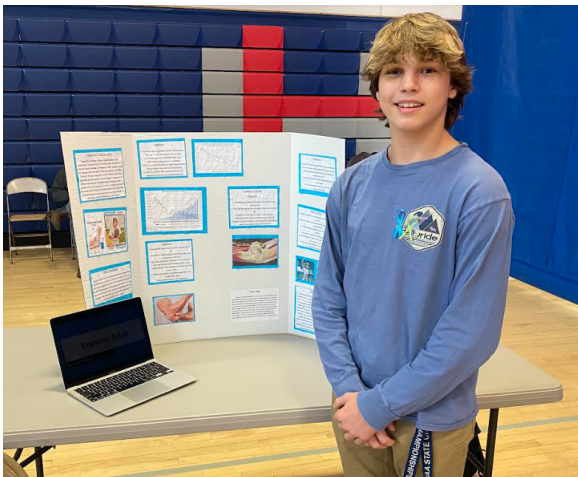
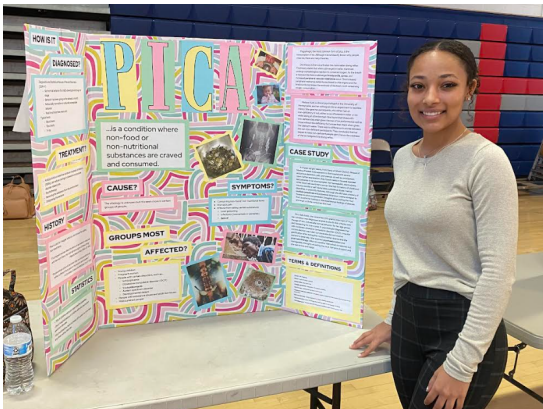




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